The Alamo

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By Lynn Ball

The 2017 Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Reunion to be held in San Antonio, Texas, will feature a tour of the Alamo. There is much to see there. While admission is free, there is a gift shop that stocks many interesting items so bring along your spare change to spend there. I can certainly vouch for the excellence of this tour as Joe and I have visited the Alamo many times, and I look forward to seeing it again. The Alamo was a former Spanish Mission but is remembered now as the pivotal event in the Texas Revolution. The battle at the Alamo

‘You Can’t Go Home Again’

By Regis Rocco

Thomas Wolfe nailed it when he wrote those words in 1940. Nostalgic people like me have a yearning to return to pleasant periods or places in our past and we expect them to be just as they were many years ago, even though we accept that we have changed markedly. Deep inside, I probably knew this but I decided to try anyway.

It was the summer of 2015 and a high school buddy and I had just completed the Band of Brothers Tour covering the progress of the US 101st Airborne Division from D-Day invasion at Normandy through the end of the war in Berchtesgaden. Because we were in Europe, we decided to take a couple of extra weeks and see some of the other WWII sites and cities. We both had places we wanted to visit, e.g. Nuremburg, Wurzberg, Cologne, Paris, and more. Recalling my pleasant Army experiences, I definitely had on my bucket list to return to Aschaffenburg, Germany, where I was stationed for the better part of two years.

I spent most of my tour in Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 41st Artillery
A Foxhole Talk

New Beginnings. That is what 2017 represents to me and to what is going on in the Society. Turning a new leaf is important to do in life. It gives one a renewed outlook, replenishes our motivation and strengthens our drive to succeed in anything we do. It is the time of year when we in the Society look for new nominations for officers, awards, Constitution and Bylaws changes, and for one of the most important programs we have, applications for our Society Scholarship Foundation.

With this new year, I would like all of you to help me recruit new members. Our numbers have been falling for a few years, and the challenges of recruiting new members are many. Younger Veterans are not joining Veterans organizations as much as in the past and this is a challenge not just for the Society, but for all Veterans’ organizations. The time to replenish our membership is NOW. In a few years it will be too late. This has been my number one priority since becoming your President, but I need your help. I would like all of us to recruit just ONE new member this year. If that happens we will double our membership. I am sure you have met a fellow Dogface Soldier who is not a member. Please ask them to join and become active in your Outpost. As you will read in the Soldiers Ball report, we recruited 25 NEW Life members in just one night! We welcome those new members.

We have established new bonds with the Soldiers, Families and Veterans of the Division. The Soldiers Ball was held on November 18, 2016 and we had 1,520 Soldiers and Family members attend! It was a phenomenal success and, I believe, the largest event the Society has undertaken in a long time. We demonstrated real relevance to the Division Soldiers about what the Society offers and the exposure this event afforded us is incalculable. Please read the article on the following pages for full details and pictures of this outstanding event.

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Please welcome Amy McKenna from Outpost 13 as our new Chairwoman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Amy served as a Captain in the Division and is a Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are very proud to have her onboard in this capacity and we thank her for graciously accepting these duties. Please send her your proposal for any changes. Thanks Amy, Hoohah!

The core strength of our Society lies in the 23 Outposts we have around the country. Some of our Outposts are experiencing a diminished participation from local members. If you have not attended a meeting lately, I would like you to renew your dedication to visiting with your fellow Outpost members. I guess I am a people person so that’s why I believe that is one of the reasons I enjoy attending and meeting fellow Veterans in my Outpost (#35), or at the National Reunion or when communicating with them on the telephone, email or in letters. Our members are incredible people who are living history and eyewitnesses to some of our Division’s greatest moments.

Please renew your commitment to attending your local Outpost meeting and, if you can, volunteer to help in a leadership role, on a special project or in any way you can.

We are now accepting nominations for our Awards. We have a robust awards program that recognizes the outstanding contributions of our “All-volunteer” Society. If you know of someone who has contributed in a significant way to your Outpost, the Society as a whole or accomplished some outstanding achievement, please consider nominating them for a Society award. It is important to recognize excellence.

Our Scholarship Foundation is one of the most powerful recruitment tools we have. It attracts members to the Society, keeps members in the Society and gives a positive opportunity for all of our members to help those who are working on their educations. As you may know, the cost of a college education has skyrocketed. Compounding this situation, the Army now drastically limits the amount of tuition assistance service members can use while on active duty. This has compelled our Soldiers, their families and Veterans to look for other means with which to finance their education. Please spread the word about our Scholarship Foundation to those you believe might benefit from one of the awards. The application deadline is approaching so please don’t wait.

In his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln stated “...let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nations wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans...” This promise is now the mission of the Veterans Administration. Although recently racked with numerous problems, we still have Veterans who rely on the services it provides. Several of our members frequently visit their local VA hospitals and some have standing committee’s that provide small care packages to those Veterans who are admitted for care. I salute all those who dedicate themselves to these endeavors. Thank you for caring about those Veterans and for giving your time and giving them a sense of support and camaraderie. I believe that our Veterans are our Nation’s “Honored Citizens” and if we don’t take care of our own, I don’t want to imagine what would happen.

In closing, keep warm, keep safe and take good care of yourself, your family and your fellow Veterans. I look forward to seeing or hearing from you at the Reunion in San Antonio and if you can’t attend, please don’t hesitate to email me, call or write a letter. Thanks for your service to our Nation and thanks for all you do. Rock of the Marne.
high level of proficiency while managing the Division’s mission command nodes in an austere environment. Select members of the Division staff and Mobile Command Post also participated in the Mission Command Node Summit at Fort Bliss, enabling the staff to share their lessons learned with teammates from other divisions throughout the Army.

The Raiders of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team recently completed their final rotation as the Regionally Allocated Force for U.S. European Command and immediately hit the ground running upon redeployment to Fort Stewart. They seized every opportunity to train, shooting various gunnery tables throughout December: tank crews and Bradley platoons qualified on gunnery tables; Sappers from 10th Brigade Engineer Battalion completed Engineer Qualification Tables; and 3rd Brigade Support Battalion conducted their machine gun tables, qualifying gun truck crews. In addition to platoon and company collective training, the brigade and battalion staffs executed a Leadership Training Program at the National Training Center (NTC) on Fort Irwin, California to establish effective and efficient staff processes. The iterative planned gunnery, maintenance operations, and staff exercises over the next few months will prepare the brigade for NTC this spring.

In this aerial drone image, an M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank crew from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team conducts Table VI Gunnery at Fort Stewart.

All Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team are now home after serving as the Regionally Aligned Force to U.S. Army Africa and providing training support to Ukrainian forces in support of U.S. Army Europe over the past year. The last of the Spartans to return home were the Mustangs of 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment. The Mustangs trained ground forces as part of Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine, reinforcing defensive skills in order to increase Ukraine’s capacity for self-defense. The Spartans also recently assumed responsibility of the XVIII Airborne Corps Immediate Ready Company (IRC), consisting of Soldiers from Alpha and Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. The IRC remains ready to deploy anywhere in the world as the Global Response Force.

On November 30, the Army announced that the Spartan Brigade will convert from an Infantry Brigade Combat Team to an Armor Brigade Combat Team beginning this summer. The conversion means that the brigade will once again be equipped with Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles to improve the Army’s ability to execute contingency plans in response to potential adversaries.

The Volunteers of 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team continue to prepare for their eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) exercise this summer by executing small arms weapons qualifications, platoon, and company training. In preparation for the XCTC, the Volunteers will participate in Marne Focus, a Division training exercise that involves all 3d Infantry Division brigades. On December 3, the brigade conducted a change of command ceremony, bidding farewell to Col. Reginald Neal and welcoming Col. Matthew Smith. Col. Neal established a path for success for the brigade and we look forward to working with Col. Smith to achieve a higher level of readiness.

The Falcons of 3d Combat Aviation Brigade supported the training and readiness of several units over the last few months. 3d Squadron, 17th Aviation regiment provided attack helicopter support to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. During the exercise, AH-64Ds executed live fire training missions with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers. The Squadron also conducted a Reconnaissance & Security Symposium with 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, gaining a deeper knowledge of joint reconnaissance capabilities. 4th Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment conducted Air Assault operations in support of 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment’s squad training exercises. The battalion also conducted key leadership training with the Raider Brigade planners to ensure efficient operations during the upcoming NTC rotation.

The Thunder Brigade celebrated the Patron Saint of Artillery during the St. Barbara’s Day Ball on December 1. The ball honored outstanding Soldiers and spouses within the artillery community as they enjoyed a night of camaraderie and tradition. Col (P) David Hamilton, 3d Infantry Division Deputy Commander for Support, spoke about how far DIVARTY has come, since its reactivation, early 2015, and its important role within the 3d Infantry Division team. DIVARTY also inducted 35 Soldiers into the Honororable Order of Saint Barbara and 13 spouses into the Honororable Order of Molly Pitcher. The DIVARTY ball provided a well-deserved night of celebration as the Thunder Brigade continues to play an integral role in supporting our units by providing tires for every major exercise.

The Providers of the 3d Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade have continued to support all of the Division’s sustainment needs over the past two months. The Pyramid Soldiers of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion executed Pyramid Focus in December in order to qualify on their assigned weapons and exercise their mission command systems in preparation for NTC 17-04 from February to March. Elements of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion also redeployed in January after a nine-month deployment to Kuwait. The Provider Brigade looks forward to supporting the Division as it continues to focus on readiness throughout the New Year.

Your Marine Division remains ready to fight and win our Nation’s wars. I ask you to remember all of our Soldiers currently deployed and the incredible sacrifices they and their families make in defense of our freedom. I also ask that we continue to honor all Gold Star Families and their service members who made the ultimate sacrifice by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

James E. Rainey, Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding
The Fundraising Raffle is going well. Please support this effort to pay for 2017 Scholarship Grants of $1000.00 per recipient. Tickets are $2.00 each or 12 tickets for $20.00. The raffle offers over 50 prizes, all very nice. All prizes that were on hand at the time of publication were listed in the December Watch on the Rhine. Since then, we have received a few more prizes donated by our members and we are very grateful for their support.

The deadline for submissions for 2017 grants is June 1, 2017. Please ask your offspring to get started assembling the items needed for their submissions. Instructions and an application are available on our website at www.3dscholarshipfoundation.org or by contacting Lynn Ball (contact information is on page 2). A sponsor’s letter is required: if your offspring is applying please state your relationship to the candidate (my daughter’s son, my son’s daughter) and include a brief statement concerning why you feel your candidate should receive a scholarship grant. Don’t forget to add your service to the 3rd Infantry Division or one of its support groups. Offspring must be either biological or adopted. Associate Member who have been members of the Society for three or more years are eligible to submit candidates.

We would like to tell our members about the achievements of our former recipients. If you have sponsored a successful candidate in the past, please write to let us know what he/she is doing today! I know that some of our former recipients have completed their educations and have good jobs. Some of our former winners are now married and some have children. We would like to know about all of them. Please send us updates.

We want to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising raffle and those who have donated monetary gifts to the Foundation.

Tax-Certification letters have been sent to all donors. The names of those who donated to the Foundation since the last issue of the Watch on the Rhine are listed below. Again, on behalf of our directors and staff, I thank you.

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3rd Infantry Division 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin
By Toby Knight

As many of you know, on November 18, 2017 the 3rd Infantry Division will turn 100 years old. Our Society coin program has been very successful. I recently received a recommendation to design and establish a commemorative challenge coin in celebration of this auspicious occasion.

The idea would be to have a great design that represents the 100 years of our Division and to make only a limited number of them. Each would be numbered and enclosed in a special case.

It was also suggested to offer a “series” of limited challenge coins that represented the major conflicts the Division participated in to be offered as a “set” or individually. This set would be offered in a collectible case worthy of placement in any place on honor.

I would like your suggestions. Should we offer a single 100th anniversary coin, or the set? What should the design(s) have on it? What should they say? Any and all suggestion are welcome and you can email me, call me or write to me. Look for my contact information on page 2 of the WOTR. Room of the Marne!

Saint Barbara, the patron saint of artillerymen

Col. Todd R Wasmund shakes Master Sgt. Sharon Lewis’ hand after her induction into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Membership is Our Strength
It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.
This has been a busy two months for all of our members. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and Holiday Season, and we certainly wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Health Issues: Many of our members are battling health problems currently, and we pray for their speedy recovery. James Campbell is suffering with some eye problems. Lou Schindler fell and suffered several injuries including a broken hip. Following surgery, Lou was moved to Liberty Heights Rehab Center, 12105 Ambassador Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80921 for continued recovery. Marvin Morris has had several serious health issues but is currently improving, thanks to the prayers of many. I know there are many more members we could mention, but these are the members we have heard about. Our prayers are with all of our members, daily.

Letter from Audie Murphy: We received a letter written by Audie Murphy to Bob Callahan in December 1955. Bob recently passed away and his brother, Dan, sent the letter to us. We thought you might be interested: Murphy writes, “Dear Helen and Bob: Thanks, very much, for your nice letter telling me that you enjoyed ‘To Hell and Back.’ I have been receiving many letters from fine persons such as yourself, and I want you to know that it is extremely gratifying to me, both as a soldier and as an actor, to know that this picture is being received so well by the American public. I am certainly going to pass on your fine comments to Jesse Hibbs, the director; Aaron Rosenberg, the producer, and the other people who contributed so much to the film’s success. Again, my thanks, and kindest personal regards. Sincerely, Audie Murphy.”

This issue of the Watch includes a review of Joe McBride’s book, A Memoir of the Korean War. It is a worthwhile read. We have several articles, written by our members, in this issue, and there are Calls for Proposals, Society Award Nominations, and National Officers. These need the attention of all of our members.

Awards Nominations: One complaint I had when I was the Awards Chairman was that the same people were nominated every year. The Awards Committee that names the recipients of awards can only work with what is sent to them. I know that there are worthy members in every outpost that should be recognized so get busy and send in their names and the reasons why you think they should receive an award. These would include members who serve the outpost or Society, either as officers or as workers. They are eligible to be awarded recognition. Don’t forget your Associate Members. You probably have an Associate Member who works for the Society or the Outpost. The Regional Vice Presidents select the recipients of the Society Service Awards and the Outstanding Associate Member Award. The entire Executive Committee votes on the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. Please send your nominations to Joe Herron (see page 2). He will designate a category of recognition if you have not done so.

The Scholarship Foundation News article mentions the fundraising raffle and thanks those who have supported this worthwhile event. The deadline for 2017 applications from candidates for $1000.00 scholarship grants is June 1, 2017.

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Recruitment: It is very important that our members try to recruit new members to our Society. At the recent Soldier’s Ball, 25 new members were recruited. There is an opportunity for Active Duty Soldiers to purchase a Lifetime Membership for $100.00 during the period ending on December 1, 2017. If you are an Active Duty Soldier, you can upgrade your membership to Life for $100.00 if you do so before November 2017. These members receive their Watch on the Rhine electronically unless the issue contains a voters’ ballot. In that case, a hard copy of the journal is sent to them. These members are a wonderful addition to our Society family, but we need many more members to fill our ranks. Don’t hesitate to wear your hat or jacket denoting your service to our country. Often people will thank you for your service. You may even stumble upon a potential member. If you tell him/her how great our Society is, you may be able to sign a new member.

Chaplain’s Corner

My dear Fellow Veteran’s, Active Duty Soldiers and Families:

Your Chaplain has to tell you how excited I became when Kathy and I were asked to present Adolph Hitler’s flag that flew over Berchtesgaden, Germany, to the commanding General of Fort Stewart. The flag was given to me and my wife Kathy three years ago to hang in the museum, but it was under construction. I would not give it to just anyone. That was Adolf’s personal flag that flew over his Fort Berchtesgaden and I was responsible for it. How would I know if it got lost and what it was to be worth on the internet? The flag was given to us by a nice lady from Florida who had received it from her husband when he was on leave back in 1944 and she kept it in her home since then. Just how he got the flag is a story all by itself. Her husband took it from Berchtesgaden when he got there with the 7th Infantry Regiment. He fought all the way from Anzio to Berchtesgaden. He was lying in his sleeping bag and heard the Nazi flag blowing in the wind. He said to himself, “What the heck am I doing here? I will not sleep under no damn Nazi Flag.” He got up, took out his trusty bayonet, cut the rope, and down came the nasty dirty Nazi Flag. The first thing he did was jump all over that dirty thing for all the American boys who died in battle. He then folded it into his duffle bag and slept like an angel. He took that flag everywhere he went. Then on his first leave he took the flag to his lovely wife and she kept it safe and sound until he got home again.

We were asked by Toby Knight to go to the Soldier’s Ball at Jekyll Island off the coast of the city of Brunswick, Georgia, and to present it to the commanding general of Fort Stewart, James E. Rainey, at the Ball. The Ball was attended by 750 soldiers and their lovely wives, who were wearing the most beautiful gowns I have ever seen. I cannot forget the unmarried soldiers and their girlfriends who also were dressed in most beautiful gowns. They were seated at 152 tables with 10 people at a table. Boy o’ boy was that a sight and a great time to be with all of the military. Then my wife and I were called up to meet Major General James E. Rainey and to present him with Hitler’s flag. It is quite large: 16 ft. x 8 ft. It was taken from Berchtesgaden by Command Sergeant Major Chenek, and it will be hung on the wall under glass in the museum with CSM Chenek’s picture and name under it. It will not be taken down or removed under any circumstances and that is what as was requested of me by his widow. I conveyed her wishes to Gen. Rainey. If it is ever removed it will come back to Chaplain Jerry Daddato or Mrs. Kathy Daddato if the Chaplain is not here. Thank you, CSM Chenek, for saving this piece of history. When he came to America as a young boy with his parents from Czechoslovakia, he knew what Communism was all about and he said, “When I am old enough I will join the U.S. Army and protect my country so help me God,” and that is what he did. He served for 35 years in the United States Army and rose to the rank of Command Sergeant Major and that is the story. May God bless all of our military where ever they might be.

Until we meet again, I remain your Chaplain Jerry Daddato, ROTM

Call for C&BL Proposals

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by February 14, 2017. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 9/9/16 and can be found on the Society website at www.society3ID.org under “Content.” Please send proposals to Constitution and By-laws Chair Amy McKenna by e-mail (amesmckenna@gmail.com) or U.S.P.S: 303 Hanover Lane. Brighton MI 48114. Please also send a copy to the Society’s Secretary, John Weis. Contact information for John Weis is on page 2 of the Watch.

Please use the following three steps 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, 2017. These must be sent to Amy McKenna, Constitution and By-laws Chair. If you have difficulty finding the current C&BL send Amy a note. She will attach a copy to an e-mail and send the document to you.
I knew my way around when I was stationed there but the changes in the size and infrastructure of the city were amazing. It seems to have at least doubled in size and places that I remembered as wooded countryside were buildings, homes and factories. I could accept this. Progress is progress.

which was part of 3rd Infantry Division Artillery. However, when I arrived at the beginning of March, 1965, I was assigned to Headquarters Battery, Fire Direction Center. Being one of the “new men” there seemed to be no end to distasteful assignments involving cold weather, mud, and physical labor. This all changed during a morning formation when the First Sergeant asked if anyone could type. Cognizant of the old Army adage, “Don’t volunteer for anything,” I threw caution to the wind and raised my hand. As it happened, Bravo Battery’s clerk was approaching the end of his hitch and they needed to train a replacement. I had a brief interview with the Bravo First Sergeant and the Battery Commander and was accepted to fill the slot.

That transfer turned out to be one of the best moves of my Army career. Bravo Battery’s Orderly Room was anything but orderly, owing to the facts that the outgoing clerk had a serious drinking problem and the First Sergeant and Battery Commander did not get along. The First Sergeant rotated back to the States a couple of months after the clerk and my former First Sergeant from HQ Battery was assigned to straighten things. Though he was not particularly fond of me when I was in HQ Battery, he took a real liking to me as his clerk, and in short order we had the Orderly Room in great shape. It received the highest battery rating in an AG inspection. Shortly after that, in August, I was promoted to E-4. Things could not be better. The Orderly Room ran like a clock; I was ED (exempt from duty, meaning no guard, KP, and so on); I was basically on a 5½ day, no evenings-week.

I planned to be married in December and bring my wife back to Germany. We did so and found a beautiful apartment on the second floor of a German home. We brought our car over so we had the opportunity to explore a lot of Germany and other parts of Europe, consciously avoiding GI hangouts, and mixing with the local population. Our landlords were wonderful. My Battalion spent a lot of time in the field so they would look after Beverly, taking her to family outings and church. I mention all of this because this was the wonderful memory I had of Aschaffenburg as I anticipated returning in 2015.

Fiori Kaserne—the former home of 3 firing batteries: Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie.

but for some reason the locals did not want to talk to me. Thoroughly, disappointed with what I had seen and experienced, I was ready to get back on the road but I wanted to find the apartment that Bev and I had rented 50 years ago. There were a number of new streets in the area but I was able to get close enough so that we stopped in a coffee shop for coffee, a roll, and directions. I asked how to get to Umenhofstrasse and none of the employees or customers could or would help. I knew that we were near so we got into our car and found the street about two blocks away.

And I am glad I did! The house was beautiful, just as Georg had kept it when we lived there. I found a neighbor who would talk to me after I was able to convince her that I once lived there by knowing Georg, Karola, and their daughters, Monica and Doris. Sadly, both Georg and Karola had passed away and Monica now owned the house, but she was on vacation at the time. I took the only picture in Aschaffenburg that even resembled what I remembered. So, I guess I was okay to go to that particular home again.

The former home of Headquarters battery and Service battery.

Fast forward, now, some 50 years and my buddy and I are approaching Aschaffenburg. I knew my way around when I was stationed there but the changes in the size and infrastructure of the city were amazing. It seems to have at least doubled in size and places that I remembered as wooded countryside were buildings, homes and factories. I could accept this. Progress is progress. After a little searching, I found what used to be Fiori Barracks and I was astounded. What once was a “standing tall” Army base with not a cigarette butt or piece of paper on the ground was now low to middle income housing. Weeds, trash, clutter, garish colors on the buildings, overgrown brush, uncut grass, and more greeted me.

The next change I noted was in the people. They who had once been friendly and approachable were now distant and aloof. In the time since I had served, I had picked up a fair command of the German language which had worked well in Salzburg, Munich, Nuremberg, et al., Our apartment at 24 Umenhofstrasse today. We occupied the second floor.
Curtis Pilgrim wrote: “I can’t miss this opportunity to try to express my admiration and appreciation for all the planning and fine work you put into The Watch on the Rhine. Your skill and determination to do the best possible job is evident in every issue. I read every issue from cover-to-cover with great pleasure—and keep on file every issued received. We members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division owe you more thanks than we’ll ever be able convey to you. And Joe, I’m including you in the praise also. You two make quite a team. Many thanks to both of you.” [Curtis sent some excellent materials for future publication.]

Toby Knight wrote: “I received my December issue of the Watch. Once again I am amazed at the quality of the publication and the work that it takes to make it such a professional product for our Society. I can tell that this is a labor of love and it shows. I am grateful to you for serving as our Editor among the other concurrent duties you serve in both with the Society and outside of the Society. Thanks for making this publication excellent as always. I just don’t know how you do it!”

Ray Hesel wrote: “I went back to Korea in September 2016, to where I served with “B” Company 7th Infantry Regiment and that visit is something to remember the rest of my life. I would recommend the visit to any and all Vets; if they have the opportunity, don’t pass it up. I was able to go back to the old battlegrounds including PorkChop and Heartbreak, but most of all I joined how the country rebuilt since the Korean War. I also noted how beautiful the country and the people are. I would love to go back, but being 88 years old and having limited mobility, I will just have to remember the 2016 visit.

John Shirley wrote: “The December Watch arrived today full of good news and articles. It was nice to see all is fine as we take on a new president. It was great: Joe ended his presidency with a very strong, well-attended reunion with a good record in keeping our Society growing and functioning well. Our new President will be a good one. He is off to a good start. It was good to see the article and pictures from Anzio. I know the volunteers will be pleased to see the article. The 3rd Division Monument is being well cared for by our Anzio-Nettuno friends. The American Cemetery at Nettuno has not only 7,861 grave sites, but also a large room adjacent to the monument lists almost 10,000 Missing in Action names. I learned the cemetery is visited by 250,000 families and others each year. Six women, nurses killed on Anzio in the heat off battle, are buried there.”

Bob Barfield wrote: “Lynn, just finished my “Watch”; another great edition. Say “Hi” to Joe.” [Bob sent word that he and J.J. are the proud grandparents of twin baby boys.]

James Campbell wrote: “I am thanking whoever sent me the address labels….Thanks to both of you for all you do for the Society.”

Richard Guimond wrote: “You are doing a great job with the Watch on the Rhine newsletter.” In his note, Richard wrote that Ruth is having some health problems. Friends, please send Ruth a note of encouragement. 845 S. Yates Avenue, Kankakee IL. 60901-4548.

Toby Knight wrote: “2016 Soldiers’ Ball: On Friday November 18, 2016, the Society hosted 1,520 Soldiers and their families during the Soldiers’ Ball on Jekyll Island, Georgia. This was the culmination of the Marine Week festivities and marks the first time the Society has hosted an event on this scale. It was a total success and numerous new Lifetime, Regular, and Associate Members were recruited to join our Society. Society President, Toby Knight, personally attended and his full report is in this edition of the Watch on the Rhine.”

Roger Lockmann wrote to notify us of the death of one of his WWII comrades and a fellow Member of Outpost #3. Sadly, he mentioned that he has seen a couple I Company, 15th Inf. Regt. Men listed in our recent “Last Call.” He mused that the WWII men are getting thin. He ended his note with, “God Bless you for your work.” [We hate to see our Members pass away. They are all so wonderful, it is hard to give them up.]

Phil Weitlauf of the Michigan War Dog Memorial wrote: We achieved 90% of our 2016 goals, and we have set our 2017 goals: install the Viet Nam K-9 Memorial Wall, install a platform stage, stage the entire west side of the cemetery, plant 40 pine trees on the west side. (Eagle Scout project), and fence in the Memorial. A special thanks to those who donated funds and helped in other ways. Your gifts of time and money are truly appreciated.”

Watch Schedule

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took place from February 23 – March 6, 1836. During the 13-day siege, Mexican troops under President General Antonio López de Santa Anna launched an assault on the Alamo Mission near San Antonio de Béxar (modern day San Antonio), Texas, United States, killing all of the Texian defenders. Santa Anna’s cruelty during the battle inspired many Texas settlers and adventurers from the United States to join the Texian Army. Buoyed by a desire for revenge, the Texians defeated the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto, on April 21, 1836, ending the revolution.

Several months earlier, Texians had driven all Mexican troops out of Mexican Texas. About 100 Texians were then garrisoned at the Alamo. The Texian force grew slightly with the arrival of reinforcements led by eventual Alamo co-commanders James Bowie and William B. Travis. On February 23, approximately 1,500 Mexicans marched into San Antonio de Béxar as the first step in a campaign to retake Texas. For the next 10 days, the two armies engaged in several skirmishes with minimal casualties. Aware that his garrison could not withstand an attack by such a large force, Travis wrote multiple letters pleading for more men and supplies, but the Texians were reinforced by fewer than 100 men.

In the early morning hours of March 6, the Mexican Army advanced on the Alamo. After repelling two attacks, the Texians were unable to fend off a third attack. As Mexican soldiers scaled the walls, most of the Texian soldiers withdrew into interior buildings. Defenders unable to reach these points were slain by the Mexican cavalry as they attempted to escape. Between five and seven Texians may have surrendered; if so, they were quickly executed. Most eyewitness accounts reported between 182 and 257 Texans died, while most historians of the Alamo agree that around 600 Mexicans were killed or wounded. Several noncombatants were sent to Gonzales to spread word of the Texian defeat. The news sparked both a strong rush to join the Texian army and a panic, known as “The Runaway Scrape,” in which the Texian army, most settlers, and the new Republic of Texas government fled from the advancing Mexican Army.

Within Mexico, the battle has often been overshadowed by events from the Mexican–American War of 1846–48. In 19th-century Texas, the Alamo complex gradually became known as a battle site rather than a former mission. The Texas Legislature purchased the land and buildings in the early part of the 20th Century and designated the Alamo chapel as an official Texas State Shrine. The Alamo is now “the most popular tourist site in Texas.” The Alamo has been the subject of numerous non-fiction works beginning in 1843. Most Americans, however, are more familiar with the myths and legends spread by many of the movie and television adaptations, including the 1950s Disney miniseries Davy Crockett and John Wayne’s 1960 film “The Alamo.”

Additional Reunion tours in the planning will take us to the Conception and San Jose Missions along with the Alamo. We will stop for lunch (on our own) at the Mercado Market and then on to the Gunther House for a tour. We are also planning a river barge tour of the Riverwalk. It should be fun.
**Chitose**

*By Dale Geise*

For some reason, my Easy Company was sent to the Japanese island of Hokkaido in December 1951. The town closest to our camp on Hokkaido was named Chitose. There were no grocery stores, drugstores or cafes. There were bars, one-hundred or more, lining both sides of a main street.

I was pretty much a kid off the farm with a capital “N” on how naïve I was about many things. A diploma in worldliness was not needed to realize there were other activities associated with the bars.

Besides, skiing far out in the wasteland around us and freezing in a snowdrift all night left little enthusiasm for carousing. The “problem planners” at command headquarters, again, knew what they were doing.

Amazingly, I did play a little basketball on that desolate island. Our regimental team played in a decent field house. I smile when I think of it because one of the games produced a high water mark in what might be termed loosely as my “athletic career.” I had a good night scoring and rebounding. I did know how to rebound by getting “position” and shoving a body into an opponent who wanted the ball. I’d pick spots for my elbows, in his neck or ribs, and I could jump pretty well then.

Once, in a tournament in southwest Iowa, I found myself behind an opponent who also wanted the ball. I leaped, put my hand on his shoulder and vaulted higher, pulling down the rebound with one hand. I can laugh now remembering the cat calls, boos, and a few words commonly used by farmers were thrown my way, in addition to the whistle and foul. But I was a rebounder.

When I left the game in Hokkaido, there was a loud and prolonged cheer. Maybe some getsha girls had just walked in. I like to think it was for my performance that night. An Iowa farmer, no matter how far from home he plays the game, doesn’t get many ovations.

It wasn’t long on Hokkaido before I was back at company headquarters again asking to go back to Korea. My friend, Hicks, an American Indian, sat with me. Ski-training to nowhere gave us little hope of doing anything meaningful, and we both wanted to go back and help those who were struggling to get everybody a chance for safety and home.

The orders came through slowly until we were standing on a ferry moving between Hokkaido and Honshu. Little moments of life stick tight in one’s mind forever for unknown reasons. As Hicks and I waited in the forlorn Japanese street for the ferry, a little boy, in his padded and dirty winter clothes, decided, right there in the middle of the street with thirty onlookers, to relieve himself. Why do I remember him?

After the ferry, we took a train down Honshu to a replacement depot for the Third Infantry Division and waited to return to Korea.

*Editor’s Note: To put the island of Hokkaido into perspective: It is Japan’s second largest island after the main island of Honshu. Hokkaido is also the northernmost stretch of this Asian archipelago, sharing part of the Sea of Okhotsk with Russia.*

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**A Memory**

*By Craig North*

The article on the M1 Carbine in the December, 2016 issue of the *Watch* brought back a memory. I was a “cold warrior” stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany, in C-1-30 from 1961 to 1964. At that time, we were outfitted with the Korean War era T.O.&E., and almost all enlisted soldiers carried the M1 Rifle. Those with crew served weapons and Officers carried the M1911-A1 Pistol.

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There was one memorable exception to the norm, and that was MSGt. (E-8) Burton who carried an M2 Carbine. It was the only one I remember seeing during my entire tour in Germany. He filled the slot of Platoon Leader, normally occupied by a Second Lieutenant.

MSGt. Burton was a veteran of WW II, as were many of the senior N.C.O.s who were just a year or two away from retirement. MSGt. Burton was from Indiana, a small town where everyone knew everyone, including a buddy of mine who knew of MSGt. Burton but had never met him in civilian life, as MSGt. Burton was away overseas pursuing his military career. I have always been interested in tearmars and was once allowed to examine the carbine when I requested to do so.

When I was assigned to the 30th Infantry it was a Battle Group, commanded by a full Colonel, but about a year later it was reorganized as a Battalion, and thereafter was commanded by a Lt. Colonel.

So, imagine my surprise and perhaps disbelief when my buddy said that MSGt. Burton had ended WW II as a full Colonel. That certainly raised some questions in my mind, and usually being more inquisitive than shy, I asked MSGt. Burton if it was true. He produced a red I.D. Card that showed a reserve rank of

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Pipeline: Korea 1952

By George Bjostvedt, VMD

By July 1952, my class had completed its 14-week training course in military intelligence at Camp Palmer, Japan. Our small contingent of officers was transported back to Camp Drake to finalize the last portion of the ‘pipeline’ to Korea. We boarded the military sea transport ship (MSTS) Black at Yokohama. But this time, we were transported in comfort. There were only three officers per stateroom instead of twelve. The below deck compartments housed the army’s enlisted men; the three-day trip to Inchon, Korea, was in relatively calm waters.

Our first indication that Korea was near was the fetid odor that drifted out and over the water. The odor persisted along the narrow waterway to the harbor of Inchon. After a while, the odor induced nose fatigue. A junk with a large orange square sail passed us. It was an incongruous scene. I thought what the Hell kind of a war are we fighting? The Black docked in the center of the harbor alongside a floating but secured wooden platform. It wasn’t large, it could only accommodate about twenty men at a time. The dock was sandwiched between the Black’s hull and a Higgins landing craft (Landing Craft, Vehicle and Personnel). We boarded the craft by climbing a wide rope ladder attached to its side. From the dock, it was a short ride to the beach where there were several waiting 6-by-6 trucks.

The ride through the war-torn city of Inchon brought the realization that this is it. No going back. The pipeline’s sea and truck lanes ended at a replacement company situated south of Seoul in a former Japanese army facility. It was late evening when we arrived. A short, stocky master sergeant addressed our small group, “Gentlemen, there will be a movie at 1000 hours outside and breakfast and ammo at 0600.” Weird, but an essential combination. And, then as if it was an after thought, he pointed “your barracks are adjacent to the mess hall,” he said. The sleeping quarters were deplorable. The narrow steel framed, spring beds contained dirty pillows and mattresses. No pillow cases or sheets. I forgot, there is a war on.

“The Steel Helmet” was the movie that night. The film depicted the early and brutal days of the Korean War. The opening scenes showed American prisoners of war with their hands bound behind their backs and then being executed. A Sergeant escapes the massacre. He was helped to escape by a young Korean child who tags along with him. The Sergeant assembles a group of lost GIs. Behind enemy lines, the ragged group finds cover in an empty Buddhist Temple. The group directs artillery fire on the enemy who attack the temple but are repelled. The few survivors are finally relieved. Not a fun film.

After breakfast, we were herded into a military formation on the parade ground with our loquacious Sergeant and his assistant walking between the formed lines. The helmets were marked with chalk numbers either a 2, 3, or 24. When they finished, the Sergeant ascended a wooden platform, “those officers and men with 2 on their helmets, take your weapons, leave your duffel bags in place and load into the trucks,” he said. Once loaded, the trucks took off in a cloud of dust up to the front. The men would replace the casualties sustained the night before on “Old Baldy” part of the 2nd Division’s sector. A captain and I were the only officers with the 3rd designation. Within an hour, a jeep with driver and major from the 3rd Infantry Division appeared near the parade ground. Our transport had arrived.

The ride up to the division’s headquarters was pleasant enough on the main, gravel, dirt road. At a certain point, the major turned and faced us, “Those distant and high mountains are held by the Chinese,” he said. When sighting those mountains, I slowly and quietly advanced a round into my carbine’s chamber. But, the motion and sound was caught by the major’s quick glance.

The captain was to stay at the division’s headquarters. In my case, I overheard the major who was on a phone, the lieutenant appears to be a little nervous,” he said with a chuckle. The major had concluded his telephone conversation and turned to me. “your 201 file is very impressive Lieutenant, sort of a linguist,” he said with a smile. He handed my files back, and on the folder cover, he had penciled in 65th PR Regt. I slept that night in my summer sleeping bag on the major’s operational table. Later that night the monsoon came in with a vengeance soaking everything in the bunker including me.

The next day, my driver was amused by my wet and sticky fatigue. I had protected the barrel of my carbine. Regardless of my appearance, I was ready on the firing line. The ride up to the 65th Puerto Rican Regiment headquarters was uneventful. Once there, the driver gave me a quick salute and took off in the direction of the
Lt. Street was strictly all business. Not a very friendly chap. He was waiting for his battlefield promotion to captain. We two constituted the company’s full officer roster present for duty. He made me his executive officer and 1st platoon leader. The appointment, as exec, came with a .45 caliber pistol and holster. There was a loud crashing sound. Street and I raced down the trail. Out on the road Manuel had suffered a close hit by his jeep. There was an audible sound coming from the vehicle, madre, madre...then silence. I was prepared to walk out to the jeep, when Street yelled at me, "Get down, do you want to get killed?" There was nothing to do. Street would notify graves registration. I made my way to the 1st platoon's bunker. I took the pistol out of the holster and advanced a round into the chamber. I followed the trench to the platoon's bunker which was a short distance from the company's CP. Inside a soldier was sitting in the center of the mud floor with his helmet on and passing the beads of his Rosary, one-by-one through his fingers, uttering Ave Maria es...something else in Spanish. The other Puerto Rican was heating and stirring in his steel helmet a water concoction composed of sugar, dehydrated cocoa and coffee. The blend of the ingredients gave off a pleasant aroma. Illumination was provided by four strategically located candles.

At that moment, a brown rat ran across the top log of the bunker’s rear retaining wall. My reaction was instant, I pulled out my pistol which went off with a very loud bang. In the confusion of the night’s event, I had failed to put the safety on. When the smoke cleared, the bullet had penetrated the ground close to the where the soldier with the Rosary was sitting. If looks could kill, I would have been listed as a KIA that night.

After the shock, there was nothing I could do or say. My language proficiencies did not include Spanish. Therefore, there was no way that I could convey that I was very sorry. I stretch my sleeping bag on the mud floor in the far corner and retired for the night. The Rosary chap did rotate, at 4 AM, for Puerto Rico and home. My first night at the front was a disaster to put it mildly, but in the coming days I hoped they would be better.
The October 2013 issue of the "Watch" carried a story about SSGT Reckless, an amazing and heroic horse that served the 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in Korea. According to the article sent by William Paul, a second statue of Reckless was unveiled during a ceremony in October at Camp Pendleton, and it is placed in front of the base’s Pacific Views Events Center. This statue is identical to the monument installed at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. Both were done by the same artist, Jocelyn Russell. The statue stands about 12 feet high and cost $185,000. I wondered, in 2013 when the first statue of Reckless was unveiled, why the Marines did not place the statue at Pendleton where Reckless is buried. However, while the Marines are certainly a brave and heroic group, they are different so I never waste a lot of time trying to understand why they do what they do. I’m just glad that Reckless has a statue of herself nearby now.

The first story published in 2013 was very well-received and was admired by the “Chosin Few,” Veterans of the 1950 action at the Chosin Reservoir, in North Korea. They requested permission to reprint the story in their journal. For those who did not read the first article, I will reprint some excerpts. Reckless was so honored for her miraculous accomplishments that the Commandant of the Corps promoted her to Staff Sergeant. She was highly decorated. One of her many accomplishments occurred on one day of a five-day battle in March 1953, when Reckless made 51 solo trips carrying almost five tons of ammunition to the front lines while under heavy fire and brought wounded soldiers to the rear on her return trips. One Marine recalls, “I looked back to the eastern skyline through all the smoke and could hardly believe my eyes. The silhouette of a heavily laden horse come in and out of view along the ridge. It was Reckless, all alone, scrambling in the torn earth to keep her footing.”

SSGT Reckless was wounded twice, once in the forehead and once in the hindquarter. She later received two Purple Hearts along with many other military decorations. Horses are very smart—probably smarter than many humans. They also have amazing personalities and quite well-developed senses of humor. This was true of SSGT Reckless. She was chestnut colored with a blaze and three white stockings. Her date of birth and parentage are unconfirmed, but she was estimated to be around three or four years old when she was purchased by members of the United States Marine Corps, in October 1952, from a young Korean stable boy. Her original name was Ah Chim Hai, which translates to “Morning Flame” or “Flame-in-the-Morning,” reputed to be the name of her dam, a racehorse at the track in Seoul. The horse’s breeding was thought to be primarily Mongolian, though she did have some features (particularly the shape of her head) that were similar to horses of thoroughbred lineage. She was small, standing only 14 hands (56 inches) and weighing 900 pounds. Reckless quickly bonded with her Marine handlers, and they soon learned that Reckless needed little guidance on a route before she could make her trips to the front lines alone. She served with the Recoilless Rifle Platoon, Anti-Tank Company.

Korea is very hilly and recoilless and mortar ammunition is very heavy so (as we said earlier) Reckless carried the ammunition uphill to the front lines and brought wounded on her return trips. The Marines had taught her battlefield survival skills, such as how to avoid becoming entangled in barbed wire and to lie down when under fire. She learned to run for a bunker upon hearing the cry, “Incoming!” The platoon called it her “hoof training” and “hoof camp.” The horse was initially kept in a pasture near the encampment. Reckless had a gentle disposition and soon developed such a rapport with the Marines that she was allowed to roam freely about the camp and she entered tents at will, sometimes sleeping inside with the troops, and even lying down next to her primary trainer’s warm tent stove on cold nights.

She was fond of a wide variety of foodstuffs, entertaining the platoon by eating scrambled eggs and drinking Coca-Cola and other beverages. Food could not be left unattended around her. She was known to eat bacon, buttered toast, chocolate bars, hard candy, shredded wheat, peanut butter sandwiches, and mashed potatoes. Strict orders, from the Navy Corpsman who provided her medical care, were to limit her to two bottles of Coke a day.

Having received a battlefield promotion to Sergeant about a month before the war ended in 1953, she was retired and brought to the United States after the war. When she arrived to board the ship on which she was to journey to the U.S., the Captain didn’t want a horse on board his spotless ship, but under pressure, he relented. The first part of the trip was unpleasant for everyone because Reckless suffered seasickness and did “make a mess” on the ship.

Reckless was officially promoted to Staff Sergeant in 1959. She was aware of her honors and showed pride in them. Following the war, Reckless had a good life and was shown much attention and affection. She gave birth to four foals in America and died in May 1968. A plaque and photo were dedicated in her honor at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton stables.

Now, both Camp Pendleton and the National Museum of the Marine Corps have her likeness in bronze. I hope to see her statue someday and regret not knowing her personally.
My Chopper Ride

By Robert Barfield

Bob Barfield tells of his chopper ride to a hospital in Korea: “I was wounded by small arms fire 6/23/52 while on line with the 5th RCT. I was 17 years old. I was brought down from the hill by tram and loaded into an ambulance. The crosses on the ambulance were completely covered in mud. The medic told me they made too good of a target. I was taken to a helicopter pad somewhere and placed on the right side of the chopper on a stretcher. They covered me with an air proof blanket, and I presume a Plexiglas shield was placed over my head that I believe came down to my shoulders. As we were flying to the 11th Evac. Field Hospital in Wonju, South Korea, I remember twisting my head and looking back at the tail rotor. I remember thinking, “If that thing lets go and comes my way I’m a goner.” I never thought at the time that if that happened I’m a goner anyway. The weather was nice, the sun was out, and I actually enjoyed the flight to the evac site.

When we landed, I felt like a celebrity. People rushed up to the chopper and took pictures as we were being unloaded. I say “we” but I don’t remember whether or not someone was on the left side of the chopper. As I was being unloaded, a medic asked me how I was feeling, I said “Fine.” He told me “That’s because you are in shock.”

Call for Awards Nominations

This is a 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 30, 2017. 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 July 30, 2017

Mail all nominations to Joe Herron, Society Awards Chair, P.O. Box 179, Lakeville CT 06039-0179 or at email: jwherron73@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.

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- 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. Any Society member may receive this award only once. Previous recipients are listed on the Society S.O.P. on pages 38-41.

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

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

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

Nominations

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

Submitted by Award Chairman Joe Herron
By Toby Knight, Society President

On November 18, 2016, The Society of the Third Infantry Division hosted its first ever “Soldiers Ball” for Soldiers, Family members, Veterans and Friends of the Third Infantry Division at the Jekyll Island Convention Center, Georgia. This event was the culmination of the “Marne Week” festivities and also celebrated the Division’s 99th birthday.

It was a resounding success! Expectations were completely exceeded, the event was overwhelmingly supported, local business support was outstanding and the Society coordinated all aspects needed for this event in a superlative manner. It was a “Home-run” that has re-established critical ties to the Division leadership, its Soldiers, their families and the local community and businesses.

This event also formulated 21st Century capabilities for the Society which has served to modernize our capabilities is several areas. This “force modernization,” if you will, was a critical aspect to accomplish, given that recruiting younger members into the Society will demand these new techniques and procedures be available to them.

During the planning stage, several challenges were identified. One was the method to sell tickets. It was decided that tickets sales would be done via the Society website and the choosing of table assignments by the ticket purchaser would also be facilitated along with the choice of a vegetarian meal. This was accomplished via the purchasing and implementation of software that would easily be embedded into the current website that simultaneously used “Paypal” as the method to accept payment either with a credit/debit card or through Paypal itself. The website was also modified to accommodate VIP ticket purchase sales via the use of a username and password. Ticket prices were “tiered” in order to accommodate the sales of tickets to lower ranking Soldiers. Privates through Sergeants paid only $25 which is an unheard of price for a military ball.

Gold Star family members and Marne Rock Star inductees received complimentary tickets to the ball as a courtesy from the Society. There were 8 Gold Star families in attendance and one was the daughter of a fallen Soldier who was only three years old when her father was lost during combat actions with the enemy. The practice of providing complimentary tickets to Gold Star families was a great PR investment for the Society.

Outpost 2 received a Nazi flag that was captured by one of its members while he served as a Dogface Soldier in WWII. Upon his death, his family donated the flag to the Outpost with the stipulation that it be donated to the Division. Since the new Division museum has recently been constructed, it was decided that this was the perfect opportunity to donate this item to the new museum and to do so during the ball. Society Chaplain, Jerry Daddato, and his wife, Outpost 2 President, Kathy, drove up to Jekyll Island from Florida and personally presented this item on behalf of the entire Society to the Division Commanding General.

A membership table was established by membership Chair and Outpost 2 President Kathy Daddato and Society Chaplain Jerry Daddato. The table was stocked with bumber stickers, 50 extra copies of the “Watch on the Rhine,” 250 membership flyers, business cards, two baskets of candy, newsletters, a Third ID Flag and an 8” pop-up banner advertising membership to the Society. On the night of the event over 200 Soldiers approached the table and inquired about the Society and its programs. Left over pamphlets and WOTR magazines were taken to the Division HQ’s and placed at the entrance on a table for continued engagement with Division Soldiers.

The Society provided a 23oz Pilsner glass to each attendee as a memento with the Society logo imprinted on one side and the text “2016 Soldiers Ball” on the other side. This provided valuable advertisement for the Society.

Welcoming remarks were given by the Society of the Third Infantry Division President, Mr. Toby Knight, who welcomed all in attendance and thanked all those who supported the event. He further introduced the attendees to what the Society does on a regu-
lar basis and informed them of the need for new members due to the diminishing numbers presently being experienced because of the passing of older members. He also announced the reduction of the Lifetime membership fees to Active Duty that was recently approved by the Society Executive Committee. The membership fees for Active Duty Soldiers are reduced to $100 for the period of November 18, 2016 until December 1, 2017. This is in celebration of the Division’s 100th Birthday.

Overall Statistics:
Number of Attendees: ..............1,520
Location: ........... Jekyll Island Convention Center, Georgia
Number of Sponsors: ................. 22
Donations Raised: ............. $21,913.00
New Life members recruited: .......... 25

Society Website visits
(Oct 1 thru Nov 18): .............. 3,500
N.A.P.S. Article readership: ... 707,200
Total Revenue: .............. $118,030.00
Total Expenses: .............. $106,017.00

All parties involved with the funding, planning, and execution are extended a heartfelt “Thank You.” The implications for the Society are far reaching and critical. Important relationships were established with the Division leadership, local businesses, communities and most importantly, the Soldiers and Families of the Division. While many will not join the Society immediately, thousands of Soldiers and Families now know that the Society exists and it has value. Tangible results were witnessed by those in attendance of the Society’s programs and its relationship to the Division over our 97 year history. The Division stood like a “Rock on the Marne” in 1918 and now the Society stands “Like a rock” to support our Soldiers and the Division. This event proved to be an effective outreach tool to bring the Society into focus with our Division Soldiers and the results of which will benefit our Society for the foreseeable future.

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Kathy Daddato signs new members to the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.
John S. Cole  
Tampa, FL

Our fall meeting on November 12, 2016, at Al Capone’s Pizzeria, in Fort Myers, had four Society members present. We had a good time, but we regret that there were so few people present. We are open for suggestions for times and places to meet in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Daddato, Frank Ervin or me, if you have any suggestions. We send our good wishes to all our members. Rock of the Marse!

Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Fort George Wright  
Spokane, WA

Fort George Wright Outpost 4 will meet at the “Golden Corral,” 5 April 2017, 11:30 A.M., 7117 N. Division, Spokane, WA. This will be the final meeting before relinquishing the Charter to National. OP 4 members will have time to transfer their membership to other outposts before paying the new year dues. Remember to notify OP 4 Secretary and National Roster Manager, Sonya K. Frickey, (her address is on page 2 of the Watch). I wish all Members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army the best for the New Year.

—Submitted by Dale McGraw, Secretary-Treasurer

Washington, DC  
Washington, DC

Outpost #7 conducted a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, in Arlington National Cemetery on Veteran’s Day, 2016. Members and friends of OP #7 met at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument and conducted a short ceremony, which included presentation of an Appreciation Award to former OP #7 President, John Insanni, for his years of service to the 3rd Division, the Society, and Outpost 7. Those present then moved to the amphitheater, and on behalf of the entire Society, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. OP #7’s presenters included John Insanni, Parker Thompson, Raymond Hergenreder, and the Outpost President Pat Williamson. The presenters represented veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War. OP #5845 joined OP #7 at both ceremonies. In attendance were Pat, Alexandra, and Holly Williamson; Ken and Mark Young; Raymond Hergenreder; Cathy Bacon; John Insanni; Parker Thompson; EK Williams; Tim Stoy, and Dennis Barletta.

All Society members, as well as past and present members of the 3rd Infantry Division, are invited to join OP #7 on May 29, 2017, at 3:15 PM, for the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. For more information on OP 7 activities contact Pat Williamson or Dennis Barletta.

—Submitted by Dennis Barletta, Vice President

Arizona  
Phoenix, AZ

Over 50,000 spectators lined the streets of central Phoenix to view the 2016 Veterans Day Parade with Outpost #15 participating as an entrant for the fourth year. Outpost members that rode in the parade were President Bob Johnson, Vice-President Mike Grimes, and Secretary-Treasurer Curtis Gentry. In addition, outpost member, 102 year young Donitza Williams was able to view the parade from the sidelines and was pictured with Curtis Gentry’s wife, Margaret Gentry, waving to the outpost Jeep as it passed the reviewing stand. Following the parade, members were treated to a free meal at Applebee’s and a good time was had by all that attended. Also, the young sailor pictured with the group is Curtis’s grand-daughter, Hailey Bright, a future member. She rode with the outpost in the parade and found it quite a thrill. Mike Grimes provided the photos.

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer
The Annual OP #22 Meeting was called to order by Andrew Scullion, President, at 12:50 p.m. at the Fla Bob Airport, in Riverside, CA. The colors were posted, and the Pledge to the flag was led by Louis Bravos. Chaplain George Vogel gave the invocation and prayed for the 36 veterans who died at the Long Beach VA Medical Center during the past year. Ron Greenwood read the names of the OP #22 members that died during the last year. We observed a moment of silence as the Riverside Bagpipe and Drum Team performed “Amazing Grace.”

Andy Scullion introduced the honored guests, B.G. George Vogel and Western Region Committeeeman Louis Bravos.

Western Region Committeeeman’s Report: Louis Bravos reported that the 97th National Reunion, in Harrisburg, PA, was very successful, with quality meetings, award ceremony, quality dinners, entertainment, and “outstanding” tours to the Gettysburg Battlefield, and the Hershey Chocolate Plant. He reported that quality leadership has stepped up to assume key rolls, and that positive socialization was enjoyed by all.

Committeeeman and V.P. Bravos encouraged members to support the Society’s Scholarship Foundation, by buying raffle tickets: www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org. He encouraged members to make their end-of-the-year (tax-exempt) donations to OP #22, and the Society (national), to help provide programs for veterans. He also noted that, if we had more money, we would have the “opportunity” to donate money to send active duty troops to the U.S. Army’s 100th Anniversary Ball.

Louis distributed handmade Veteran’s Day cards from the Springs Charter School (Magnolia Street Center) to all of the Vets present. He will write a personal note of thanks to the Principal and students from that school.

President’s Report: Andy Scullion reported that Veteran Service Award certificates were presented to Mrs. Confidence Johnson, Principal, Foster Elementary School, in Lakewood, CA and Mrs. Sandra Trowbridge, PTA President, for providing a Veterans’ Day Celebration, on November 10, 2016, for 36 living service men, women, and veterans, who have children and/or grandchildren at the Stephan Foster (Blue Ribbon for Scholastic Excellence) school. Ron Greenwood thanked the teachers and staff for teaching patriotism, respect for the flag, and for “making history come alive” for their knowledge-hungry students.

On November 12, 2016, Veteran Service Awards were presented to OP #22 member Travis Gammill, committeeeman Jeff Perry, John Corona, and the restaurant chain Chic-Fil-A for their planning and support of the 2016 Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Fla Bob Airport, in Riverside, CA.

Secretary Treasurer’s Report: Ron Greenwood reported that, as of October 31, 2016, OP #22 had a total of $6,127.95 in our banking account ($3,085.81 in checking; and $3,042.14 in savings). If the proposed 2016-2017 budget is approved as written, OP #22 will need increased revenue to provide patient programs at the four VA hospitals.

We have not gotten any new members in over a year. Our newest members, Joe Aldama and Don Polny joined through the
Society’s new website. Minutes from the November 8, 2015, annual meeting was accepted.

Ron read the names of the OP #22 members who will have birthdays in December and January. This report was accepted/approved by majority vote.

Ron distributed copies of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget, for review, and discussion. Members thanked Ron for publishing the proposed budget in the Nov./Dec. OP #22 Newsletter. There was discussion on the “positive practice” of sending condolences and get well cards. Because of lack of funds we will not send birthday, or anniversary greetings. Publishing the OP #22 Newsletter is our greatest expense (printing and postage costs, and more). Members asked Ron to continue the Newsletter beyond the six he has already published. He agreed to publish two more issues.

Andy Scullion called for members to assume leadership roles in coordinating OP #22’s 2017 Summer Picnic and other posts. There was nobody interested in being the Picnic Chairman, the Hospital Chairman, assuming the Presidency, the Vice Presidency, the Secretary Treasurer’s position, or in editing the OP #22 Newsletter. George Vogel agreed to be our OP #22 Chaplain.

Ron thanked Travis Gammill for coordinating an outstanding Veteran’s Day Celebration that featured John Lynd’s stand-up comedy; the Dick Suhy swing and polka band; the Frank Bird and Andy Scullion duo (and solo songs); The Lindy Sisters trio; the Sozo Jazz Band; the Empire Rock Band; and the L.A. County Sheriff’s “Golden Star” Skydiving Team. Andy sang “I Did It My Way” and “It’s Impossible.”

BG Vogel gave the Benediction, and Louis Bravos retired the flags. Andy Scullion adjourned the meeting at 1353 hours by thanking all for their military service.

Please call Andy Scullion, if you wish to take on a leadership role in running OP #22. If you wish to report your travel, family fun, mini-meetings, museum visits, excursions, sports participation, or other recreational fun, please write to Ron (or RECON 1), at omaopoa31@gmail.com. We hope all of you had a happy holiday season, and we wish you good health, prosperity, and happiness in the New Year.

—Ron Greenwood, Secretary-Treasurer

Outpost Harry Veterans dedicated the Veterans Tribute Tower and Carillon in San Diego. Prominent local officials and military officiated at the ceremony with over 100 families and friends and the event was covered by two local TV stations. Former Society President Dave Mills was also in attendance.

—Submitted by Doug Jones, Secretary-Treasurer

Veterans Tribute Tower & Carillon dedicated in San Diego. (Photo by Brad Freeman)

54 Golden Gate
San Francisco, CA

L-R: WWII veteran John Shirley 15inf.; Reid Anderson, 3rd Sig. Co.; Ruee Fox, 7th Inf. Reg. All three veterans were wounded in battle. Reid is 97 years old and in excellent health, trim, and looks like a much younger man. He works out in the gym frequently and is very bright with a good memory. He does stain glass art works and makes several gifts for our raffles.

Outpost #54 members gather for meeting in San Francisco.
On March 4th, we will host a 102nd Birthday Party for Harold Nelson (our oldest and best looking member). More details will follow in the weeks to come. Joe Anello and I will be meeting in Castle Rock, Colorado, for breakfast on January 30th to work out details on Harold’s party and our upcoming Annual Meeting. [OP #88 Member Lou Schindler has suffered a fall. He is currently in a rehab center recovering from a broken hip and other injuries. Our prayers are with Lou.]

—Submitted by Bill Buntrock, Secretary

Outpost Member Brigadier General, French Army, Jacques Aragones, former French Military Attaché in Washington, DC, is now serving as Deputy Commander of the 3rd Division in Marseille. This division carries the heritage of the 3d Algerian Infantry Division of the 1st French Army which fought alongside the 3d US Infantry Division in the Southern France and Colmar campaigns. Jacques is organizing a staff ride and professional development seminar in early April in Provence to discuss Initial Entry Operations using Operation Dragoon as the scenario. He has invited the Stoys to participate in this great event. Jacques participated in our Operation Dragoon seminars while in Washington and delivered presentations on the French Army in Dragoon.

Outpost International will host its first Korean War historical seminar and commemorative ceremony between 20 and 22 April in Springfield, Virginia, entitled “Forgotten Battles and Units of the Forgotten War.” The purpose of the seminar is to educate participants on lesser known battles and units of the Korean War, honor our Korean War veterans, and carry on their legacies. 3d ID topics include the operations of 3d ID’s Task Force Dog, December 6-11, 1950, to extract the Marines from the Chosin (Chosin) Reservoir; the integration and operations of the 3d ID’s KATUSAs; the April and June 1953 Battles of Outpost Harry; the operations of the Belgian Battalion and Luxembourg Platoon during their attachment to the 3d ID; the operations of the 3d Ranger Company; and 3d ID TLO/KLO operations during the war. We have coordinated with both the Belgian and Luxembourg Embassies for their participation.

Other presentations will cover the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd ID combat actions in November 1950 (served as rear-guard for 2nd ID after the Chinese attack); the 2nd Infantry Division at Kunu ri; the operations of TF Faith east of the Chongjin Reservoir in November/December 1950; Army Unit 8240 operations – Korean Partisans; the Battle of the Korea Strait, 25 June 1950—the Korean War’s first ROK victory; and the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAT) prior to and during the war.

These topics will be addressed in seminars on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 April, in the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Virginia. There will be a commemorative ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery Saturday morning, 22 April, and a banquet that evening at the Hilton.

We would love to hear from our Society members who were involved in the operations mentioned, especially with Task Force Dog; the initial integration of the KATUSAs in Japan in Sept./Oct. 1950; operations with the Belgians and Luxembourgers while they were attached to 3d ID; and TLO/KLO operations in the 3d ID sector. Should any of you have pictures you are willing to share, we would be happy and honored to display them in our seminar spaces. Should you be interested in participating in what promises to be a very stimulating seminar, please contact Tim and Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or by mail at 6531 Milva Lane, Springfield VA 22150.

—Submitted by Tim Stoy, Secretary-Treasurer
News from France

September, October, November, and December were very busy months for the Association since our boys were KIA during the fall and winter months of 1944-1945. Many villages and towns have adopted our soldiers at EPAC (Epinal American Cemetery).

The town of Raon-l’Etape adopted Soldiers from the 100th Infantry Division along with some villages in that area. The town of Saint Die Des Vosges adopted 14 graves of soldiers from the 103rd Division along with local individuals who also adopted.

His body was later deterred and buried in the temporary US Cemetery of Chapagneul near Reims. Later, his body was deterred again and reinterred in EPAC when the American authorities consolidated their permanent cemeteries. Now Captain Schlegel has finally reached home and his family.

On December 17th, we had the adoption ceremony of Erich Esenwein, 3rd Infantry Division, 30th Regiment, by the small town of Le Thillot. Erich was a medic with the 30th, the toughest position one could have, I believe. He died the 28th of November 1944 trying to save his brothers’ lives. Erich was born in a small village not far from Stuttgart, and he was 5 years old when his parents who were very poor came to America for a better life. His wife’s brother was already a baker in Philadelphia and sponsored them. Eric followed in the footsteps of every American boy and was called by Uncle Sam in 1942. His brother, Otto, was born in the US.

Erich did his duty for the new country, and his mother never could recover from the loss of her eldest son. Saint John said, “There is no greater love than to give one’s life for his friends.” That is what Erich did. We honored Erich on that day and fortunately a man wearing the uniform and patch of the 3rd Infantry Division was attending. Erich will always be honored and remembered by the mayor and good people of Le Thillot.

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The Korea Conflict: Two Different Wars

By Joe Ball

It would appear that the conflict in Korea consisted of two very different wars. The first five months were very difficult as U.N. positions were constantly overrun by numerically superior Communist forces of the North Korean Army. U.S. Troop strength was very low at this time and did not reach peak strength of 325,250 until July 1953. The bulk of the 3rd Infantry Division arrived in the combat zone in November and immediately made its presence felt. The Division pushed the North Korean Army north very quickly.

We were on the move constantly. The weather was cold. We had shoe packs and parkas, but no other cold weather gear. A massive Chinese army entered the conflict on the North Korean side in late November and early December 1950. The U.N. line was overrun across the entire peninsula. The ground was frozen. The entrenching tool we carried was useless in this frozen environment. Anyone who served in North Korea has vivid memories, to this day, of the extreme cold, exposure to the elements, and no cover. No holes could be dug for protection from the enemy, the wind, and the blowing snow. The dead and seriously wounded froze very quickly and were stacked on jeep trailers and taken out as the Chinese drove U.N. Units in the east toward the Port of Hungnam. Units of the 7th and 15th Infantry Regiments were diverted to assist the Marines and 7th Division in the retreat from the Chosin Reservoir sector. The entire Division then moved to protect the beach as the remaining U.N. Units and many Korean civilians were evacuated by ship to Pusan.

The 3rd Division was evacuated from the Port of Hungnam on 12/24/50 by the U.S. Navy just before the port facilities were destroyed by engineers. Many of us can remember a group of Sailors moving through the compartments of the ship after the last Army Units were aboard. They were singing Christmas carols for us. That is something that will never be forgotten. God Bless those Sailors. I don’t know how many Soldiers were in each compartment. I do know that most had not had a shower of change of clothes since going on line about six weeks earlier. The odor did not seem to bother these fine Sailors.

The Division left Pusan and was resupplied before joining the push of the Chinese Army back north. Without going into detail, the large offensive by the Chinese, on April 22-30, 1951, overran the Division. The fight lasted eight days and resulted in 7,000 U.N. and 70,000 C.C.F. casualties. It is reported that on 4/25/51, “The 7th Infantry Regiment staged one of the most gallant fights of the entire war.” Your call. This was the last major battle won by the CCF. All offensive actions stopped when peace talks began later in 1951.

Of the 36,576 Americans killed during the war, 27,190 were lost in 1950-51. The deadliest day in Korea was 11/20/1950 when 802 were K.I.A., and the deadliest week was 11/26-12/2, 1950 when 3,625 Americans were K.I.A. Nearly 10% of the U.S. K.I.A.s for the entire conflict occurred in November 1950. All of the ten deadliest battles of the war were from July 1950 through October 1951. This was during the Fire and Movement period. The 2nd phase of the war was more stagnant involving more artillery, trenches, and bunkers. While no type of war is easy, the Korean War was actually two very different wars. [Source: Battle Casualties of the Army, 9/30/54; G-1 Dept. of the Army and other Sources.]
A Memoir of Korean War Veteran by Joseph McRoberts is very interesting. Unfortunately, the publisher used the unedited version when producing the book. Joe is very disappointed; however, the many minor errors do not impede understanding or speed of reading.

Joe was in Korea in 1952 and 1953. The first chapter tells of his experiences in San Francisco while awaiting deployment to Korea. There, he met his future wife, Eunice, who was quite a beauty. Eunice was from El Salvador, and she and her equally beautiful sister were in America to study English. I believe, for Joe, it was “love at first sight.” The chapter is quite interesting.

Subsequent chapters deal with Joe’s Korea experiences as an officer in various roles on Kelly Hill and White Horse Mountain. Joe was with the 15th Infantry Regiment but often found himself acting as Forward Observer firing a variety of ordinance. The 15th Infantry Regiment captured Kelly Hill, but was replaced by the 65th Regiment. The 65th lost Kelly Hill to the enemy. While they were supposed to recapture it, they failed to do so. Again, the 15th Infantry Regiment was sent in to replace them. Joe relates the difficulties he had due to lack of ammunition. The 65th was either out of ammunition or took it when they were replaced by the 15th.

Operations at White Horse Mountain had a variety of difficulties to overcome, not the least of which was defective maps. The maps they had were made from old Japanese maps. Joe’s descriptions of the situations are so well done that one feels a presence there at the time of the conflict.

Adding to the intrigue was the presence of President Eisenhower’s son who did not want to leave. He refused reassignment for a time but was finally persuaded to leave. He was too much of a prize and that fact presented a danger to the troops in his sector. Since he was President Eisenhower’s son, he more or less had a bounty on his head. Capturing him would give the enemy a good bit of leverage—or so they thought. In general, the troops felt that simply covering the 3rd I.D. insignia was not enough protection for the younger Eisenhower.

Joe found the war strange: “Can’t win, can’t lose, can’t stop.” He thought the “new elite class” taking over the country “seemed biased towards the Soviets and Communism in general”; “They always warned of a nuclear war or any hostilities at all.”

Finally, Joe was on his way home—first to Seoul, then by train to a ship to take him stateside and discharge from the Army. He knew that “for the grace of God, genetics, and good parents who provided the necessities of life along with a strong moral education provided by the nuns and priests in Springfield, Illinois, [he] very well could have been incapable of performing [his] duties.” Nevertheless, he was saddened to leave the men he left behind.

A Memoir of Korean War Veteran contains 162 pages with 23 photos. There are no captions accompanying the photos, much to Joe’s disappointment. It seems the publisher simply did not incorporate them.

The back cover of the book details Joe Roberts’ very impressive civilian career during which he served our country in several capacities. This book is a must read. It can be purchased from Joe McRoberts by contacting him at 195 Ringwood Drive, Winter Springs FL 32708-4046. His phone number is 407-699-9763.

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Colonel. The story developed that at the time of WW II he already had several years in the Army as an N.C.O., and as the war progressed he was promoted through the ranks to the rank of Colonel. At the end of the war he was given the option of being discharged or assuming the active duty rank of MSgt.

He elected to remain in the Army to finish out his career. Of average size, his appearance, bearing, and experience commanded the respect of all with whom he had dealings, including occasionally errant Second Lieutenants whom he was not hesitant to “chew out” as needed. Just a year after I met him he rotated stateside for retirement.

It was fascinating to think that if the massive war we were all expecting to happen in those days actually occurred, MSgt. Burton could well have suddenly found himself of equal rank to the Battalion Commander. Although his reserve rank was not common knowledge to most soldiers in the Company, I imagine that it was well known to those higher up the chain of command, and I believe that is why he was allowed to carry the weapon of his choice, the M2 Carbine.

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We also deposited our Christmas Wreaths for all the boys of EPAC, and we lit candles to remember their sacrifices.

Dearest friends, what is important for us is not to prance around in an officer’s suit among high ranking people and VIPS. What is really important for us is to do all we can for our PVTs, PFCs, SGTs, 2nd LTs and 1st LTs, and others, the ones that did the job, the humble and meek ones who abound in the cemetery and whose sacrifices we should never forget. Our Association does not work to be heard of or to be seen. The Association works for the ones to whom we owe so much.

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The Watch on the Rhine
NEW MEMBERS — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

9150 JAMES LINCE, RA, 123 SIG BN (Attached), Feb03-Apr03, CW3

LIFE MEMBER
9102 THOMAS CARROLL, 1-64 AR & Div HQ, Jun09-Oct13, MAJ

9118 ARTHUR HANSEN, 323 MI, 7854 MI, 519 MI, 525 MI, 302nd MI, (Norwegian Translating TM) 3rd ID G2, Light Air, Feb47-Mar52, S/Sgt. Referred by 3rd ID Website

9119 KENNETH DRAKE, 3rd ID Band, Sep14-Aug17, SFC, Referred by 3rd ID Website

9120 HERIBERTO MARRERO, DHHB, Sep14-Pres., MAJ, Referred by Toby Knight

9121 GREGORY WALKER, DHHB, HSC 3D, Mar12 Pres., COL, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9122 JESSICA STEPHENSUN, A/3-1/3 CAB, Dec15-Pres., CPT, Facebook Page

9123 MICHAEL McMURDY, 2BCT, 3rd ID, Nov16-Pres., CSM, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9124 TIMOTHY SAWYER, 3rd DCT, 3 ID DIV HQ, Jun10-Jun13, LTC, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9125 DONN HILL, DHHB, 3rd ID, Jul16-Pres., COL, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9126 JERED HIEWIG, 3rd ID Sustainment BDE, Jul15-Jul17, COL, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9127 DANIEL TRUST, C Co, 2-121, 48th IBCT, HHC 48th IBCT, 2013-Pres.SGT, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9128 GIAMPIETRO SEGARRA, 3-7 IN RGT, 2 IBCT, 3ID, 2013-Pres., 1L, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9129 ERNEST P WEST JR, 1ABCT, 3rd Div HQ, Jul14-Pres., MAJ, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9130 JOSEPH TRAYLOR, G2, Sergeant Major, 3rd ID, Jul15-Pres., CSM, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9131 IAN RIEHLE, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry, Jun14-Pres., SGT, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9135 STEPHEN WEHULT, Aug86-Sep89, PFC

9137 ILMAN MELNICH, B/2 CAV, B/8 CAV, B/7 CAV, Nov01-Pres., SGT

9138 OLIVER STOLLEY, 1-64 AR/3-2 ABCT/3 BSB, 1/-3 ABCT (3rd ID), Apr03-Pres., MAJ, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9139 JAMES COVINGTON, DHHB, 9 BDE/2 IBCT, Jun15-Pres., MAJ

9140 REGIMAND (REQ) NEAL, 3rd ID ROC, DISCOM, DIVARTY, 48th IBCT, Dec02-Oct03, MAJ, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9146 DERRK DOORNBOSS, 15th INF BN HQ, 1940-1945, SGT, Referred by daughter Carolyn Wilson

9147 ROBERT CONTRONE, 2-7 IN, 1ABCT, 3ID, DHHB, 3ID, 6-8 CAV, 4IBCT, 3ID, HQ 4IBCT, 3ID, Jul13-Pres., CSM, 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9151 JOHN RICHARDSON, HQ, 3ID, Nov16-Pres., BG, Referred by MG James Rainey

ASSOCIATE ANNUAL:
9112 JOE PARKER JR

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Korea: Cecil B. deMille and Pin-ups

George Bjotvedt, V.M.D.

My secret passion was to go west and see America. It was stirred by Hollywood’s make believe world and the expanse of the Pacific Ocean. Together they blended into a picture of beauty and prompted curiosity. Yet when faced with the reality of funding such an adventure it became a distant dream. However, when there is a will, something will make the impossible, possible. In the summer of 1949, I had just completed my ROTC summer camp at the Chemical Corps. Two cadets at the summer camp, from the University of Utah, offered to take me as far as Logan, Utah. There I was deposited on route 15, but soon I was successful in hitching a ride to LA.

In L.A., I contacted an old girlfriend from Brooklyn who, with her parents, had moved to the city two years before. Graciously, they put me up in their home in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles. I realized my visit was unexpected. I wasn’t at ease with my unannounced visit either. Also, I sensed a polite tolerance of my visit. Win or lose, I had to be seen as not interrupting their routine. That is, to be out of sight, and out of mind. To this end, I wrote a letter to Cecil B. deMille who had attended my college, Pennsylvania Military College (PMC), requesting an interview. At the time, I was a cub reporter on the college’s newspaper “The Dome.” It was a shot in the dark. But, it was worth a try.

Forty-eight hours after the mailing, I received a call from Mr. Phil Coury, Mr. deMille’s publicist, who stated that I could have the interview. In addition, he stated that the studio would send a car to pick me up and take me to Paramount studios. Mr. deMille’s office was contained in a building to the left of the massive iron gate entrance to Paramount studios. An elaborate carpeted corridor lead to his office. On the walls were glass enclosed spectacular film images of his past film accomplishments. Mr. Coury knocked at the door; a voice from inside said, “Come in.” Phil opened the door and left me. I was framed inside the open door and straight ahead was Mr. deMille who sat behind a massive, long mahogany desk. As a topper, Mr. deMille welcomed me in and introduced me to Mr.

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Charlton Heston who was about to leave. I was flabbergasted to put it mildly.

The interview was a success with the film producer expressing a wish to donate a trophy and an annual award for scholarship to the cadet who had shown his personal “conviction and devotion to the American ideal.”

The idea had its genesis during the interview. It was obvious, he had enjoyed his two years, 1896-98, at PMC before leaving to attend the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts in New York. Before I left the studio, I was given a tour of the back lots and an opportunity to watch some retakes of the film, “The Lemon Drop Kid,” starring Bob Hope.

But it was time to move on. I expressed my appreciation for the hospitality, but now I wanted to get back east with the big story. The story appeared in PMC’s newspaper in its October 20, 1949 issue. Besides getting a by-line in “The Dome,” the story even got me a promotion to an Associate Editor. The event in Tinseltown was beyond my expectations. For me, it had established a personal and lasting acquaintance with deMille who had extended a genuine courtesy to an impressionable kid from Brooklyn.

But that was not the end. In 1950, Mr. deMille was shooting some finishing scenes of his film, “The Greatest Show on Earth” in Philadelphia, PA. Here again the pen was mightier than the sword. I wrote a letter to him requesting the opportunity to watch the filming. In the return mail was a note “admit two cadets to the big top,” signed by Mr. deMille which got my cadet friend and me into seats close enough to observe the master film maker at work. It was a night to remember.

By July 1952, I along with most of my classmates, class of 1951, were fighting in America’s military in Korea. In my case, I had, in October, been transferred to the Heavy Mortar company of the 65th Puerto Rican Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. The mortar company’s officer complement were experienced WWII combat officers who had been recalled to serve in the Korean conflict. Off line, the conversation from the ‘old timers’ reverted to the comparisons of the two wars. They spoke fondly of Betty Grable’s photo with her alluring and gorgeous legs. Her 1943 bathing suit image looking back over her shoulder was not lost on the fighting service men of WW II. But there was no such preeminent pin-up photo to be found in Korea. No Hollywood female star to boost morale.

I made a statement that I could probably procure some Hollywood photos of Paramount actresses. It was met with unanimous disbelief. Their reaction was predictable. I added to my credibility when I stated my acquaintance with Cecil B. deMille. They wondered what I had been drinking. I persisted, it became a challenge. I took the next bold step of composing a letter to deMille asking him if he could send some autographed pictures of Paramount actresses. I didn’t stop to think that the request could be an improper imposition. The sheer audacity to foist such a solicitation on a personality such as Mr. deMille took a lot of nerve. Who the Hell do you think you are? It was too late to retrieve the letter. My letter was impulsive and mixed with bravado. There was nothing to do but to wait and see.

Three weeks went by with no response from the other end. I figured that my request was probably considered somewhat insulting. And, probably it got tossed. But life can be full of pleasant surprises at strange times. There it was a manila envelope with Paramount Pictures Corporation’s logo in the upper left hand corner and straight down to the bottom corner Cecil B. deMille productions’ logo. I could not believe my good fortune. For the moment, I forgot the rashness of the request.
Inside the envelope, were 12 autographed pictures of Paramount actresses, such as Gene Tierney, Betty Hutton, Veronica Lake and Audrey Hepburn. There were enough pictures to go around for the officers and Headquarters personnel of the mortar company. Included was a personalized picture signed by deMille to me with the words, “with fond memories of Pennsylvania Military College.” Also, there was a letter addressed to me from Donald MacLean, Executive Assistant to Mr. deMille, who stated that Mr. deMille was very glad to send the autographed pictures. The letter closed with the words, “we hope you and all will be able to wind it up and hasten back to these shores.”

My fellow ‘old timers’ were impressed with the number of pin-up photos. Then and there, I was afforded a brief celebrity status. And for the time, a few soldiers in Korea had not been forgotten by Hollywood.

In retrospect, the desire to have our own favorite pin-up in the Korean War was a bit premature on our part. But on the horizon, there was an unemployed actress who, for a good fee, posed ‘tastefully’ nude on a red velvet spread for a Hollywood photographer. As they say, her photo went viral. Her image was a big hit. It was reverently and gently attached to the sand bags of bunkers all along the main line of resistance. The picture was a big hit.

The iconic photo of that young 22-year old was no other than Ms. Marilyn Monroe. With her photo, times had definitely changed for the fighting soldier. It heralded the loss of innocence.

When I was on R&R in Kyoto, Japan I purchased and mailed a Buddha figurine to Mr. deMille. It was my way of thanking him for the pin-ups. He mailed me a thank you note, “that the figurine had a prominent place on his desk to remind him of the thoughtfulness of a certain Lieutenant.” Mr. deMille wanted me to stop by his office when I returned from overseas. I turned him down. I wanted to get home. He was very understanding of my decision, but he stated that the gates of Paramount will be always open to me. Post Korea, I maintained my acquaintance with Mr. deMille until his death in January, 1959. He was a gentleman, with no pretenses in the extremes of the Hollywood scene.

**F Company Goes to War**

By John Ethen

Company F of the 15th Infantry Regiment moved from Fort Lewis, Washington, to Monterey Bay, California, where everything was wet from the Bay waters. This was our base when we moved inland 50 miles to the desert. In the briefing, we would send our cooks with the trucks loaded with water, and they would pick some trees that could give the best shade. They would make lots of Kool Aid. We would follow about noon and head for the Kool Aid. Once our thirst was quenched, we would look for our shelter for the night.

The next morning, we would go on hikes and the heat didn’t seem to bother us; we had gotten accustomed to it. Returning to our camp at Monterey Bay, some of us were told to form a cadre that would train a division (#70, in Texas); however, this was called off. Next, a cadre was sent to Portland Bay since, at that time, we were the most experienced unit in the country. Each unit would send two men to be trained in landing and return home to train their men. Suddenly, this activity was cancelled.

The railroads dug out a lot of their retired sleeping cars and, in the worst heat of the summer, they installed bunks five high where we loaded up for the East Coast. This was a secret move; however, at every station at which we stopped for refueling, we were greeted by hundreds of cheering people.

After arrival at our East Coast Naval Station, we finally got settled in our new quarters. Each day, for a week, we boarded naval vessels traveling south and learned to disembark and climb aboard again. On the last day, we went north into the National Capitol and loaded onto busses. We were treated to a scenic trip of the Washington Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and much more.

When we got up the next morning, I saw more ships than ever: battleships, destroyers, submarines, and even two tug boats. Half the time, the tugs were partly under water. Just watching them made me seasick. The two ships with which I was associated were American freighters carrying men, food, and supplies. Our Government Code Name was “USS Glue.”

With 2,200 men on board, our cooks had to make four meals in chain fashion so the last in line never knew what the those in front of the line were given to eat. Each unit had a barrage balloon, but the winds were so strong that most were blown loose before we finished our trip.

To keep the Germans off-guard concerning our presence, we stayed on the east side until we reached Argentina, then we swung north on the west side along Vichy French territory. We had to be careful as we checked the shores, because the British had made a surprise raid and killed many Germans before returning home. At the French Port of Belfour, the French party sank a battleship that was being constructed at the entrance to the port. Because of this obstruction, we could only make raids with small vessels. We got what we wanted and finished sinking the battleship before we left.

The German submarines caught up with some of our ships and sank 13 of them. Our two ships got ashore with supplies and orders to leave our barracks bags on shore before moving out. Because the Sailors on the ships that had been sunk had lost everything, they were told to take anything out of our bags that was owned by the government: they replaced their wet clothing with our shirts, pants, jackets and so forth.

Farther north, what was previously the French Congo, was still friendly to the British and Americans. There we made our temporary camp called “the Cork Forest.” 45 caliber slugs would sink into the bark on the trees, but it took a .30 caliber rifle shell to go through the trees. Half of our group was sent north to an area that was held by the Germans. The Germans in the Desert were under the command of a top ranking general. Our men were told to keep the Germans moving north. We moved up north on small French box cars called the “40&8”: 40 men or 8 horses. About two months later, we invaded Sicily and took it over before returning to Italy. To say the least, it was an interesting war.

[John Ethen will be 99 years old in March, and he is in good health. He has contributed several articles to the Watch on the Rhine. We hope he can write more stories in the future.]
March 25, 2017: Outpost #35 will hold its spring meeting at the Golden Corral, 2050 11th Street Huntsville, Texas 77340. We will gather at 11:00 AM. Details will be sent to all members one month in advance of the meeting.

April 5, 2017: Outpost #4 will meet at Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division Drive, Spokane, WA, at 11:30 AM.

April 20-22, 2017: Forgotten Units and Battles of the Korean War historical seminar and commemorative ceremony hosted by OP International at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA. Contact Tim and Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com for details.

April 23, 2017: Outpost #18 will meet at 10:30 AM at The Five Pillars Supper Club, Hwy 57 & Cty Truck Hwy. K. in Random Lake, Wisconsin.

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

May 29, 2017: Outpost #7 will conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Members will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at 3:15 PM for our wreath-laying ceremony. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Dennis M. Barletta (dennisbarletta@gmail.com) or Pat Williamson (army3div-tanker@gmail.com).

September 14-16, 2017: 9th Annual Historical Operation Dragoon Seminar and Commemoration will be held in Springfield, Virginia and at Arlington National Cemetery.


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

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

Lost Your DD-214?
To obtain a copy of your DD-214, go to http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm or consult your local V.A. office.

—Submitted by Joe Ball
Dogs Are Welcome

Adapted from an Article in ROA Bulletin

Charlotte may not know the difference between latex and oil-based paint, but she is eager to please the customer at the southwest Abilene Lowe's store. She dresses like most of the other employees, easily identifiable by the red-and-blue vest that everyone wears. She's shaggier than most employees, and sits around a lot. She doesn't say much. She has a nice smile. Oh, and those eyes that draw you in.

Charlotte, who was "hired" just this fall, is a 10-year-old golden retriever. She brings her pal, Clay Luthy, to work with her. Clay is an Air Force veteran, a former C-130 loadmaster, who officially was the one hired by Lowe's. He "blew out" not one but both knees, which since have required five surgeries. He cannot bend his left knee and can slowly work his way down on his right knee to get to items on lower shelves.

Tough stuff for an otherwise sturdy 35-year-old man, who has a wife and three kids to support. But Clay's story is not a sad one. He makes do, which is a theme at a home improvement center. Besides, who focuses on him? "Everyone loves Charlotte," he said of his constant companion, who's trained to help Clay get back on his feet should he fall prone to the floor. More often, she's the one sprawled on the floor.

When observed on December 6th, one could see some customers having to maneuver carts around Charlotte, which from their smiles did not seem to be a problem for them. "How cute," one woman said, slowing her trek through the store to see Charlotte. Also seen was Tinley Farmer, 4, with her parents. They were not in much of a rush, so Tinley got to spend quality time with Charlotte, who rolled over for some serious belly rubs. "Everybody loves Charlotte. This definitely was not part of the job description," Clay said.

When he was hired, no one thought that Charlotte would entertain kids in the tow of parents seeking for the right light bulb or considering a new appliance. And when a child is unhappy, it's Charlotte to the rescue. She calms them just by being Charlotte, the dog. It's a tough job that she's up to, though more slowly these days. She's 10, after all.

Clay can do several jobs, including filing in at the register. "I can do pretty much everything. We grew up with nothing, so we fixed things and did it ourselves," he said. He's a flex team member, meaning he roams the store in search of customers who need help. If he can't help them specifically, he finds someone who can. "That way people don't have to wait," he said.

Charlotte is not just tagging along to the store when Clay works. She is a service dog, and when she's on duty, she knows it's all business. But when she wears her Lowe's vest, made from an apron that employees used to wear, she knows it's OK to wander up to customers, wag her tail and look cute, which almost always induces customers to pet her.

Clay, who's from central California, shipped out for Air Force basic training Jan. 29, 2002. If you know your history, you know what had happened a few months before. "I joined because of 9/11," he said, another in his family to enter the military. He turned 21 during tech school. He was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base for three years but because of his bad knees, he could not re-enlist. When a job opened up at Lowe's he, and Charlotte, were hired. "Her paperwork as a service dog checked out," he said, smiling. Clay learned that Lowe's is fine with service dogs. In fact, customers who bring a dog on a leash or carry one are welcome. One reason is that Lowe's does not sell food or beverages, he said. But it just seems right to see dogs in a home improvement store.

[Source: Abilene Reporter-News | Greg Jaklewicz | December 6, 2016]
Purpose

The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, was founded in 1919 and incorporated in 1958 as a non-profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization and shall always remain non-profit and non-political. Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

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

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

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

General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive the Watch on the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2018.

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

Eligibility

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

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, brother, sister, children, grandparents, grandchildren of any person eligible for Regular Membership and any person with an interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the 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 addition fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outpost #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

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

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

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WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]
- Aisne
- St. Mihiel
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- 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 '53

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

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- Transition of Iraq
- Iraqi Governance
- National Resolution
- Iraqi Surge
- Iraqi Sovereignty
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