U.S. Entry into WW I

Researched by Lynn Ball

Early in the war, America did not want to join WW I. However, on April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson went before a joint session of Congress to request a declaration of war against Germany. Wilson cited Germany’s violation of its pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, as well as its attempts to entice Mexico into an alliance against the United States, as his reasons for declaring war. These are the reasons most historians cite. The American people also became alarmed when a British nurse was captured by Germans and accused of spying. On April 4, 1917, the U.S. Senate voted in support of the measure to declare war on Germany. The House concurred two days later. The United States later declared war on German ally Austria-Hungary on December 7, 1917.

Germany’s resumption of submarine attacks on passenger and merchant ships in 1917 became the primary motivation behind Wilson’s decision to lead the United States into World War I. Following the

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Audie Leon Murphy: The Early Years

By Henry Boden, Historian

In March of 1933, Emmett and Josie Murphy and five of their children moved to Celeste, Texas, in which these next four years of Audie’s schooling and new friends would be the foundation of his happiest years. They left Kingston so the kids would have an opportunity to attend school. After I explored his birthplace and found the old home site where Audie was born, I traveled north about six miles up Hwy. 69 to Celeste, Texas which had a population of 750 when Audie arrived. As I mentioned in the last issue, the Murphys lived in an old converted railroad box car on the southern edge of town. Right before school began the family rented an old rundown house next to the John Cawthons. The Cawthons would become fast friends with the Murphys, and during the war Audie stayed in close contact through his letters to his new adopted family after the death of Audie’s beloved mother, Josie. Audie called Mr. Cawthon “Barber” (John was the town’s barber) and called Mrs. Cawthon “Mom.” The Cawthon’s two oldest sons, Johnny and Robert became the nucleus of a roving daredevil group of youths who hunted in the woods and got in many fist fights with other groups. These days were Audie’s happiest days of feeling a part of society. It took away the dreaded days of his earliest youth (age five) toiling in the cotton fields around his home. However, Audie always worked and remarked that “I don’t ever remember a time where I wasn’t working.”

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History of the Scholarship Foundation

By Joe Ball

In October 2004, Jim Tiezzi assumed the position of president of Society of the 3rd Infantry Division U.S. Army. Jim had previously appointed a committee of 5 top-notch members to study the feasibility of starting a Society scholarship program. These members did an outstanding job of developing a scholarship program. The Executive Committee approved the program at the national reunion meeting. Details of the program will appear in future issues of the Watch on the Rhine.

President Tiezzi said in December, “I am pleased that the scholarship foundation is in the final stages of completing its constitution, and it’s filing as a separate organization from the Society, under the I.R.S. 501 (c) 3 section as a not-for-profit foundation.” Jim announced that Lynn Ball would chair the foundation board of trustees and she has accepted responsibility to establish the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Lynn assembled a board of trustees, a webmaster, and a financial officer. She wrote the constitution, funded the legal fees, and established the foundation as a stand-alone corporation with a date of 11/19/04. She registered the foundation as a 501 (C) 3, not-for-profit charity with the I.R.S. on 1/19/05. The Foundation is incorporated in the State of Texas. The Foundation’s constitution establishes a corpus at $300,000. It is expected that donations and investment income will fund future legacy grants
Welcome to 2018. We are at beginning of many new initiatives in our Society and an exciting time is approaching. We will begin preparations for our 100th Anniversary year, elections and nominations are due, our membership roster in coming out and we are still working on our Centennial Legacy Book. The Marne Express never seems to slow down.

As you know we hosted the 2017 Soldiers Ball on Jekyll Island, Georgia this past November. I hope that you enjoy reading the report submitted in this edition on the Watch on the Rhine.

Every three years we publish a special edition of our membership roster. This publication is designed to help our members connect with each other and former “Battle Buddies” that may be members. This year I wanted this publication to also serve as our “Smart book” for the Society. We have put many items in the publication that will help our members, and especially our new members, understand what we do as a Society, what are the regulatory statutes that we have to follow, what are our programs and much more. I hope you enjoy reading it and please keep it is a safe place and refer to it if you want to know what or how we do something. Of course, you can always call, email or write me if you ever have a question. My contact info is on page 2.

One of our new initiatives is our Centennial Legacy book. It is my hope that this book becomes a repository of eyewitness accounts of the Soldiers and Veterans who were there when the division stood fast when the enemy was at the gates. I want this book to be a testimony to those Dogface Soldiers, regardless of when or how they served, and the experiences they had while in uniform. Please read the article in the December WOTR on how you can submit your story for publication in this book- ABSOLUTELY FREE! The publisher will send our brochures again, so please look for that in the mail. You can always find out more info on this by visiting our website: www.society3rdid.org

A hot topic of debate at last years reunion was the Scholarship Foundation and its financial state. In this edition, you will find the financial report of the foundation as posted on their website. As you can tell, it has a healthy amount in the fund, but with any scholarship foundation they always could use more. With only 4% of the total fund being distributed annually as scholarships, the rest is invested with the goal of achieving $300,000 in order to make the fund perpetual.

Our 2018 reunion will be held in Albuquerque, NM. The dates will be announced in the April edition of the WOTR along with the registration form. Medal of Honor recipient (and Society Life member) Hiroshi Miyamura will be our guest of honor. We will have some great tours planned and some really good food to eat. More information will be available in April. Until then, count on being there the end of September 2018.

I had the honor to attend the December meeting of Outpost 2 in Ft. Myers, Fl. I had a great time meeting the Outpost members who attended. Many of these members experienced damage to their homes during Hurricane Irma and many of them stayed put and “weathered” the storm. I am very grateful to the Outpost for hosting me at this meeting and I really enjoyed speaking with them about the Society programs and our new initiatives. Bob Gibson organized a really wonderful meeting and I extend my personal thanks to him and the Outpost President, Kathy Daddato.

The last order of business is our nominations. As you know, January through May is our nominations cycle. Nominations for awards, nominations for President and Vice-President(s) and submissions for Constitution and Bylaws changes.

Please nominate those in your Outpost you deem worthy of recognition for a Society Award. This is an under-utilized program and we need your help! If you would like to serve the Society in a National Leadership position, please make that known. We need people to “step-up” and lead! None of the national jobs are terribly time consuming, but are critical to the life of the Society. We especially need younger members to jump onto the Marne Express and help us out.

Last year in the February Edition I asked all members to help recruit just one new member. We did not meet that goal. Some of our members recruited numerous people into the Society. Society members Bob Rouse and Bill Driggers are just two examples of great recruiters. Together they have recruited more than twenty new members into the Society. Bill brings copies of the WOTR to Veterans in VA hospitals and other areas where Vets congregate. Bob hands out Society coins to those he meets who served in the division and then gives them a membership brochure. We thank both of these members for their great recruiting efforts!

Please help us recruit new members. This is the life-blood of the Society. We can never rest when it comes to recruitment.

Lastly, please keep our deployed Soldiers in your thoughts and prayers. Right now there are hundreds of Dogface Soldiers in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world in harms way including our Commanding General and Division CSM. We salute them and thank them for their service and we stand ready to support our division whenever and wherever they may need our assistance.

Rock of the Marne!

Toby Knight

Society President
sinking of an unarmed French boat, the Sussex, in the English Channel in March 1916, Wilson threatened to sever diplomatic relations with Germany unless the German Government refrained from attacking all passenger ships and allowed the crews of enemy merchant vessels to abandon their ships prior to any attack. On May 4, 1916, the German Government accepted these terms and conditions in what came to be known as the “Sussex pledge.”

By January 1917, however, the situation in Germany had changed. During a wartime conference that month, representatives from the German Navy convinced the military leadership and Kaiser Wilhelm II that a resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare could help defeat Great Britain within five months. German policymakers argued that they could violate the “Sussex pledge” since the United States could no longer be considered a neutral party after supplying munitions and financial assistance to the Allies. Germany also believed that the United States had jeopardized its neutrality by acquiescing to the Allied blockade of Germany.

German Chancellor Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg protested this decision, believing that resuming submarine warfare would draw the United States into the war on behalf of the Allies. This, he argued, would lead to the defeat of Germany. Despite these warnings, the German Government decided to resume unrestricted submarine attacks on all Allied and neutral shipping within prescribed war zones, reckoning that German submarines would end the war long before the first U.S. troops landed in Europe. Accordingly, on January 31, 1917, German Ambassador to the United States Count Johann von Bernstorff presented U.S. Secretary of State Robert Lansing a note declaring Germany’s intention to restart unrestricted submarine warfare the following day.

Stunned by the news, President Wilson went before Congress on February 3 to announce that he had severed diplomatic relations with Germany. However, he refrained from asking for a declaration of war because he doubted that the U.S. public would support him unless he provided ample proof that Germany intended to attack U.S. ships without warning. Wilson left open the possibility of negotiating with Germany if its submarines refrained from attacking U.S. shipping. Nevertheless, throughout February and March 1917, German submarines targeted and sank several U.S. ships, resulting in the deaths of numerous U.S. seamen and citizens.

On February 26, Wilson asked Congress for the authority to arm U.S. merchant ships with U.S. naval personnel and equipment. While the measure would probably have passed in a vote, several anti-war Senators led a successful filibuster that consumed the remainder of the congressional session. As a result of this setback, President Wilson decided to arm U.S. merchant ships by executive order, citing an old anti-piracy law that gave him the authority to do so.

While Wilson weighed his options regarding the submarine issue, he also had to address the question of Germany’s attempts to cement a secret alliance with Mexico. On January 19, 1917, British naval intelligence intercepted and decrypted a telegram sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to the German Ambassador in Mexico City. The “Zimmermann Telegram” promised the Mexican Government that Germany would help Mexico recover the territory it had ceded to the United States following the Mexican-American War. In return for this assistance, Germany asked for Mexican support in the war.

The “Zimmermann Telegram”

Initially, the British had not shared the news of the Zimmermann Telegram with U.S. officials because they did not want the Germans to discover that British code breakers had cracked the German code. However, following Germany’s resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare in February, the British decided to use the note to help sway U.S. official and public opinion in favor of joining the war. The British finally forwarded the intercepted telegram to President Wilson on February 24. The U.S. press carried the story the following week.

Despite the shocking news of the Zimmermann Telegram, Wilson still hesitated asking for a declaration of war. He waited until March 20 before convening a Cabinet meeting to broach the matter—almost a month after he had first seen the telegram. The precise reasons for Wilson’s decision to choose war in 1917 remain the subject of debate among historians, especially in light of his efforts to avoid war in 1915 after the sinking of the British passenger liners Lusitania and Arabic, which had led to the deaths of 131 U.S. citizens.

However, by 1917, the continued submarine attacks on U.S. merchant and passenger ships, and the “Zimmermann Telegram’s” implied threat of a German attack on the United States, swayed U.S. public opinion in support of a declaration of war. Furthermore, international law stipulated that the placing of U.S. naval personnel on civilian ships to protect them from German submarines already constituted an act of war against Germany. Finally, the Germans, by their actions, had demonstrated that they had no interest in seeking a peaceful end to the conflict. These reasons all contributed to President Wilson’s decision to ask Congress for a declaration of war against Germany. They also encouraged Congress to grant Wilson’s request and formally declare war on Germany.

### Watch Schedule

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

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Most of the time the Murphy’s lived in Celeste from 1933-1937, they were on relief and depended on charity from the local Baptist and Methodist churches for food and clothing for the destitute family. This had to be hard on someone like Audie who was a very proud and hardworking youth. And after the war in typical Audie fashion, he returned to Celeste and personally showed his appreciation to a member of the Methodist Church who helped the family during the Depression.

From time to time during the 1930’s, Emmett Murphy would leave home for short periods of time leaving his family to fend for themselves and the family would become resigned to his absences. The family would depend a lot on the hunting skills of Audie to bring game home for the family to eat. His sister Nadine once told me they were so tired of eating rabbit and squirrel, but still grateful for something to eat. I would say this kind of dire poverty was not totally typical of life during the Great Depression, but it laid the foundation of “the greatest generation” going into WWII. I now understand the frugality and the “clean your plate” mentality I grew up in, although my father had a good paying career in the Merchant Marine during the Depression. But still my father hated any kind of waste as a result of living during the Depression.

Audie’s earnings and a small stipend of Federal aid was all Josie and her six children had to live on. Emmett loved his children, but still would leave the family with no money or contact of his whereabouts. During this time, Josie Bell was the glue that kept the family together. She was a beautiful lady in her youth, but after much child bearing, the stress, and drudgery of a spartan life, her beauty quickly faded. At age 35, Josie Bell looked like a woman of fifty years old, although her still surviving sisters when in their sixties and seventies were still attractive. To complicate matters, Josie did not have the strong will to survive like Audie had, and she endured lengthy illnesses throughout her life. When possible, she would work in the fields with her children to survive. It was a very hard and stressful life with not much happiness or entertainment. Her life was church and playing the piano at a gathering of friends for socializing. She would play gospel tunes in the local Baptist Church. It is said that “Men are what their mothers made them.” Josie greatly influenced the foundational life of Audie, and Audie worshipped his mother which was evident in deeds and his later writings after the war. She instilled in Audie to “be somebody.”

Narrative & photos source: Audie Murphy: American Soldier by Harold B. Simpson

...to be continued
Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers, Families, and friends of the Marne Division! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits as the Division celebrates its centennial anniversary. The Marne Division continues to serve as the armored fist of XVIII Airborne Corps, while conducting missions both domestically and abroad across 13 countries and territories.

In November, we recognized 100 years of excellence, achievement, valor, and victory by the men and women of the 3rd Infantry Division. The celebration kicked off with numerous activities during the Division’s annual Marne Week and will continue throughout the year. This year’s Marne Week included a Division Run, more than 15 competitive events, a Family Day, and the grand opening of the new 3ID Museum. Marne Week concluded with the Society of 3ID Soldiers Ball, with General David Perkins, the Training and Doctrine Commander, who commanded the 2nd Brigade, 3ID during the march to Baghdad in 2003 as our guest speaker.

The Division Headquarters has been on-ground in Afghanistan for six months in support of Operation Resolute Support as the U.S. Forces – Afghanistan (USFOR-A) Joint Headquarters. I am impressed every day by the Division Staff’s ability to address the many challenges presented to achieve mission success in today’s unique operating environment. Back home, Task Force Marne – the Division home station headquarters – continues to build and maintain readiness at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. In addition to the Division Headquarters, Task Force Marne now supports the Rear Detachments of both the Falcons of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) and the Providers of 3rd Sustainment Brigade (3SB), who also deployed to Afghanistan in November.

Over the past six months, the Raiders of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team have focused their training, equipment, and manning efforts on their upcoming deployment to the Korean Peninsula. In their culminating training event in October, 1ABCT successfully competed intense force-on-force and live-fire exercises at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. This training enabled the Brigade and Battalions to exercise and refine their planning, decision-making process, and tactical operations against a near-peer force.

In October, the Spartans of 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team became the U.S. Army’s 15 Armored Brigade Combat Team. 2ABCT conducted a ceremony highlighting their conversion from an Infantry to an Armored Brigade and the re-designation of two subordinate battalions: 1-30 Infantry Battalion re-designated as 2-69 Armor Battalion and 3-7 Infantry Battalion re-designated as 3-67 Armor Battalion. The Spartan Brigade continues its transition in the coming months, poised to serve the Nation as an Armor Brigade Combat Team.

Your Marne Division continues moving forward, always ready to fight and win our Nation’s wars. I ask you to remember all of our Soldiers currently deployed, and the sacrifices that they and their Families make. Please also remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice – I also ask that we honor all of our Gold Star Families and their Service Members, keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr., Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding

Call for Nominations for Society Officers

Nominations for the 2018-2020 Society President and three regional Vice-Presidents will be accepted from January 1, 2018 through April 5, 2018. Please send your nomination and the nominee’s letter of acceptance to the nominations/Elections Chair, Ed Conley, during this timeframe (email is authorized). Only regular members may be nominated to serve as President and Regular and Associate members may serve as Vice-President. The term of office is for two years, but the President is limited to only two terms. Vice-Presidents are not limited. Only members residing in a region are allowed to nominate and vote for the region Vice-President. If you are unsure of your Outpost’s regional location, please check the Outpost register on the last page. At-Large members can be nominated based on the region in which their state of residence is located.

All Society members in good standing will vote for the Society President. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Conley or any member on the Executive Committee for further information. All nominations must be submitted with a written letter of acceptance from the nominee and must be received by the Nominations Chair no later than midnight CST on April 5, 2018. These can be sent via email to Ed Conley whose contact information is on page 2.

Submitted by Ed Conley
Nominations/Elections Chair
and/or increase the amount of grants when the corpus has been reached.

The I.R.S. representative in Dallas recommended that the Foundation be registered as a 501(C ) 3, not-for-profit public charity. There are some advantages as a public charity as opposed to a private foundation. The operation remains unchanged.

In February 2005, president Tiezzi announced that the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation was operational. Jim stated that the Foundation is a stand-alone corporation, and the Society of the 3rd I.D. Infantry Division, U. S. Army has no responsibility for the Scholarship Foundation and the Scholarship Foundation has no responsibility for the Society, outside of the previously agreed upon, which follows. The Society accepts donations to “a pass-through account,” and forwards them to the Foundation on a regular basis. This is similar to dues and donations received and forwarded to the outposts. No member dues or Society donations are given to the Foundation. The Foundation appreciates this courtesy.

Since October 2004, there is space allocated in the Society publication and has proven to be an effective recruiting tool for the Society. The Foundation has a website, which can be found at http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org and a Facebook page.

Financial reports are prepared at or near the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and are posted to the Foundation website for a reasonable period of time.

Tax reports to the I.R.S. are completed and submitted annually. The State of Texas registration renewal is required every 4th year.

The Foundation is entirely funded by donations from Society members, outposts, active duty, legacies, corporations, the general public, and investment income. The Foundation is appreciated.

The Foundation staff and trustees are bonded.

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The Chair, trustees, and staff serve without pay, and are not reimbursed for most expenses.

The officers and staff serving at this time are: Lynn Ball, Chair; Trustees: Jeff Danby, Earl Killen, Jim Reeves, Justin Valle; Webmaster Justin Valle; and CFO, Joe Ball, as well as Trustee Emeritus Tom Maines.

The Foundation is proud to offer financial support on a competitive basis to qualified applicants who have obtained written qualification letters from a member of the Society. Legacy grants and sponsored grants for 2018 are provided by Tom Maines, Joe Ball, Dr. Bae Suk Lee, T.A. Smith, LTG William G. Webster(2), and the family of MG Maurice Kendall.

In even-numbered years the Foundation conducts a fundraising raffle of prizes donated by Society members. Winners of the prizes are selected in a random drawing. Prizes are then sent or mailed to the lucky winners.

Following are the grants funded for the 2018 program:
• “Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason” • “Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of M. G. Maurice Kendall”
• “Award Honoring LTG William G. Webster and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division,”
• “Award Honoring Kimberly Shawn Grugin Webster, former First Lady of the 3rd Infantry Division.”
• “Joe Ball Award honoring Lynn D. Ball, Chairman, Scholarship Foundation”
• “Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950”
• “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher”
• “Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division”
• “Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt”
• “The Michele and T.A. Smith award honoring the 184th Inf. (4th BCT, 3rdID) OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit.”
• “Memorial Award” honoring friends and relatives who have passed away and were memorialized through donations to the Scholarship Foundation.
• “Award in Honor and Memory of Abraham ‘Abe’ Friedman”
• “Award in Honor of Thomas R. Maines, Trustee Emeritus, Scholarship Foundation”

Also underway is the 2018 Scholarship Foundation fundraising raffle. All Society members will receive raffle tickets and a letter from the Foundation. We have over forty prizes and we will list them in the Watch on the Rhine.

The Third Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation was created to serve the members of the Society. We are humbled by the support, help, and donations of our Society members. The Foundation is proud of our work in assisting our young people in their efforts toward higher education. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Foundation’s success.
The 2017 scholarship grant program was completed on June 28th with notification letters sent to all recipients and checks of $1,000.00 sent to each recipient's specified institution of higher learning. In total, we awarded eight grants in 2017. In 2018, we have a few more sponsored grants, but we anticipate many more applicants. We still need your help to provide grants to more deserving applicants. The deadline for applications is June 1st. We must receive applications by that date. Please send applications to 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, Texas 75040. Donors are truly investing in the future of our country. Thanks very much. We hope our programs will bring more members to our Society. Please invite your friends to join us. Associate members are always welcome. If you need the application, call Lynn Ball at 972-495-1704.

Following are the Legacy grants and the sponsored grants we have at this date.

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We are currently planning our 2018 Scholarship Grants Program and are accepting donations. Please send donations and grant applications to the Foundation at 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, Texas 75040.

We also finalized our 2017 fundraising raffle. On June 15th, we drew 55 names for prizes. The winners and the prize donors were listed in the 2017 August Watch. The prizes were shipped to the winners and arrangements were made to transfer the target pistol to the winner of the prize. That has now been finalized and the winner is delighted with his prize. The 1911A weapon won by Bob Barfield was donated back to the Foundation for its next raffle. As you know our officers and staff are all volunteers so your donations go directly to the grant program. Following is a list of those who donated to the Foundation since our last Watch. Thanks very much.
Scholarship Applications
By Lynn Ball

Now is the time to urge your offspring to prepare their applications for scholarship grants. The application is on our website at http://www.3dscholarshipfoundation.org, or call Lynn Ball at 972 495-1704.

It is also time to send donations to the Foundation. Please send all donations to the Scholarship Foundation, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland, TX 75040. We want to provide grants to all deserving applicants. We can’t do that without your help.

We have funding for the following thirteen grants, but many more deserving applicants will apply.

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Thank you note from Katherine Spellmon: Dear Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation Thank you so much for your generous grant, and for your time invested to make this possible. This will assist me in completing my degree from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. Rock of the Marne! Katherine Spellmon.

Call for C&BL Proposals

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by March 14, 2018. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 2017 and can be found on the Society website at www.society3ID.org under “Content.” Please send proposals to the 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 March 14, 2018. 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.

—Submitted by Amy McKenna
March, 2018: Outpost #88 will celebrate Harold Nelson’s 103rd birthday. Contact Joe Annello for details.

March 24, 2018: Outpost #35 will hold its spring luncheon meeting at Sushi Japon in Austin, Texas.

April 18-21, 2018: Korean War Historical Seminar, Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, VA. Contact Monika Stoy. Contact information is on page 31.

April 29, 2018: Outpost #18 meeting same time; same place.

May 28, 2018: Outpost #7 will conduct wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns. We will first meet at the 3rd ID Monument at 2:30 pm and then proceed to the Tomb for a formal wreath laying ceremony at 3:45 pm.

July 4, 2018: Outpost #22 will meet at Tibor Rubin Medical Center, 5901 E. 7th Street, Long Beach. Lots to do and most events are free. Contact Ron Greenwood. Contact information is on page 31.

September 27-30, 2018: Society reunion in Albuquerque NM. Reunion forms will be in the April Watch. Please attend. It will be a great reunion.

September 19-22, 2018: WWII Historical Seminar on 3ID’s Italian, French, and German campaigns, Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, VA

October 17-20, 2018: Korean War Historical Seminar, Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, VA

‘The Soldier’

By Donna Contant of Tanawanda, N.Y. (circa Oct-Dec 1955, Jan-May 1956)

I saw a certain soldier,
And I wondered what to say,
As this soldier passed before me,
And continued on his way.

Many things I wished to tell him,
Thoughts I’d had for quite a spell,
Of many boys just like him,
Though their names be Jim or Mel.

But the mist enveloped the figure,
His step soon died away,
And in the darkness of the shadows,
Only the vision of him stayed.

That vision was a symbol
Of a soldier brave and true,
Of a young man born to greatness,
And of deeds that he did do.

Perhaps you’ve seen this soldier,
And you’ve wondered what to say,
As Audie passed before you
And continued on his way.
Call for Awards Nominations

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

Nominations must be received by August 10, 2018

Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: Sgttuba1@earthlink.net. So that effective evaluation of nominations and determination of recipients can be accomplished, nominations must include the following general information as well as the specific information mandated in the award criteria to which the nomination is directed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Submitted by Award Chairman SFC. Ken Drake

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A hero dedicated his book to two buddies – and here, for the first time, he tells why.

From a story in the American Weekly – October 31, 1954

As an infantryman in World War II, I know hundreds of soldiers, ranging from privates to generals. Among them, I found cowards as well as those courageous to the point of being foolhardy. The average infantryman simply carries out his orders, even though it means death.

War makes an uncommon person of a man who participates in it. There is a gulf between civilians and soldiers. I realized this shortly after returning from overseas. For several years, I brooded about the matter. Then I decided to tell the story, TO HELL AND BACK, in an attempt to explain the life of an infantryman. I am still sticking my neck out by playing myself in the film version of the book for Universal International.

When the book was completed, somebody suggested that it should have a dedication. I immediately thought of two friends: Joe Sieja and Lattie Tipton. Both were privates killed in the line of duty. I did not think of their rank. As far as I was concerned they could have been generals, so long as they were the men they were.

Since starting the picture, I have been asked who Lattie and Joe were, and why I dedicated my book to them. There are many reasons. Both were unusually good soldiers. Each had much to live for. But both gave up their lives in the name of a common cause.

Sieja was the company comic with unfailing humor. In his squat, gnarled figure was recorded years of heavy toil. Growing up on a farm in Poland, he had been in America only five years when we got into the war, but he fought fiercely for his adopted country. He had an uncanny instinct for the presence of the enemy. He used to say he could smell them when he couldn’t see them. Though a peaceful man by nature, he hated Germans passionately and killed every one he could.

Joe had a small gasoline stove, which he carried on his belt, no matter how heavy his pack might be. It provided hot coffee whenever we had a break. Once, when we were in a tough fight, the stove, still on Joe’s belt, was caught in some bushes, holding him back when he should have been running. The Germans spotted him and began to shoot. It was a comical, if horrifying, situation, because Joe stood there loudly cursing the enemy, who were trying to kill him while he frantically tried to free himself and save that stove.

Joe asked little of life. As a civilian, he worked in a steel mill in America. But after the war, he hoped to save enough money to get married and buy a farm. He had a simple love for the land.

The shattering of his dreams was ironic, considering what he’d been through. I was not present, but Jim Fife, an Indian machine gunner with nerves of steel, told me how it happened after the war. I was in the hospital in Naples with a malaria attack when my division, the Third Infantry, invaded Anzio. At first, fighting was light, Joe and Him were drinking some coffee behind a house when an 88-millimeter shell dropped on them, blowing Sieja to bits and seriously wounding Fife. Joe was one of those fellows who never believed that he could be killed. It was such soldiers as Joe who bought freedom with their blood.

When I went into the army, I swore to myself that the war would never make me cry. But when Tipton died, I sat by his side and bawled like a baby. Unlike Joe, Lattie was not very talkative. But one could sense a quiet strength in his presence. Perhaps he got the quality from the Tennessee mountains from which he came. Lattie had no personal hatred for the Germans. But he was given a job to do, and this he did most efficiently. When Lattie was by my side, I felt safer.

On D-Day in northern France, my platoon got pinned down by heavy fire from a Germany strong-point on a wooded hill. In attempting to probe the spot, I managed to crawl up a gutter bordering a vineyard. The Germans discovered me and I began to duel with a carbine. Suddenly somebody was beside me. Thinking it was a German, I wheeled to fire and met the grinning face of Lattie.

He soon had part of an ear shot off and I used that as an excuse to send him to the rear for medical treatment. He only laughed at my arguments. “We’re supposed to go forward, not backward,” he said, tossing me one of his clips of carbine ammunition.

We could have retreated, but either Lattie or I would have been ashamed to make the suggestion to the other. Laying down a path of fire, we charged the hill to the first foxholes, where two Germans were cowering.

We shot the Germans and dived in on their bodies. Had we hesitated a second, almost certainly we would have been killed.

The hill was already rattling with fire. Some Germans yelled, “kamerad,” which I did not trust. In war, the shout of “surrender” is often used to get an opponent to stick his head up in the firing line. But Lattie was out to get that hill out of the way of our company’s progress.

“They’ve had it,” he said. “One of them is waving a white handkerchief.”

I urged him to stay down, but he crawled out of the foxhole to take the prisoners. Scarcely had Lattie got to his feet when a slash of German machine gun fire toppled him back on me. He just had time to mutter “Murph,” like a child that had done something wrong and thought I could do something to make things right.

Then he died.

Though I knew Lattie was dead, I pulled him out of the hole as if he needed fresh air. A machine gun cut loose on me. Jumping back in the hole, I threw a grenade that knocked out the gun crew without damaging the weapon. Using it to fire from the hip, I went back down to see Lattie. I took off his pack and made a pillow for his head. Then, I broke up.

When I dedicated TO HELL AND BACK to Lattie and Joe four years ago, I said “If there be glory in war, let it rest on men like these.” Today I see no reason to change it.
The day of the ball began at 8 am with all personnel arriving for the initial in-brief and assignment of duties. The society ensured that the Jekyll Island convention center had all tables prepared, stage platforms ready, audio visual contractor on-site and check-in support available. The day proved to be hectic, but very productive and by the time the doors opened at 1730, the ball room looked fantastic!

Once the doors opened the VIP room quickly filled up with the numerous Mayors, General Officers, Gold Star families, friends of the division and even former US Ambassador Jonathan Addleton who is a Society Member and his wonderful wife.

As the attendees arrived, the lobby area began to fill to capacity while they waited for mess call to be sounded and the doors to open. Once this happened they were attracted to the ball room my the majesty of the decorations, tables and sheer beauty of the room.

Once the official portion was announced toast were conducted and introductions made. Society President, Toby Knight, officially welcomed the attendees and informed them about the Society and its mission. A special video presentation was played along with Soldiers dressed in period uniforms from all major conflicts since WWI. Once dinner was served the attendees enjoyed a meal of fresh salad, delicious marinated chicken breast and prawns, with cheesecake as dessert. Complimentary wine was also provided.

Upon conclusion of dinner, General David Perkins was introduced as the guest speaker. Currently the Commanding General of Training and Doctrine Command, Gen. Perkins was a 3rd ID Brigade Commander during the initial invasion of Iraq and has a long history with the division. He spoke to the attendees about how the Third Infantry Division was not a “Rock Star” division, but a “Rock Solid” Division that has always been relied upon by the Army to carry the “heavy loads” during combat.

Upon completion of his remarks the Society presented Gen. Perkins with a commemorative 100th Anniversary Coin. Also recognized that evening was Outpost Marne Association President Jeff Ashmen who was presented the coveted “Marne Rock Star” award for his support of the division over his many years of service.

The evening ended with a night of dancing to the tunes of VIP Entertainment who provided DJ Services.

Overall the Centennial Soldiers Ball could not have been any better. The attendees to the ball thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the presentations. The mementos of a special 100th Anniversary Coin and glass were especially popular.

The Society has established strong ties with our division by hosting the Soldiers Ball. This has become the signature event that connects the Society with the Division and we are proud to support!

The Society would like to recognize the following businesses and organizations for their sponsorship of the 2017 Centennial Soldiers Ball:
• Georgia Southern University
• GEOVISTA Federal Credit Union
• Marne Association Outpost
• 3rd ID and Hunter AAF Sergeants Major Association

Editor’s note: Printed as received.
What is a veteran?

By Curtis Pilgrim

The dictionary describes a veteran as a person who has had experience and practice in any service, profession, industry or art – especially in military service.

Defining the word, “Veteran” is easy and, “Yes!”, it’s easy to identify veterans when they are in uniform or are wearing a cap or jacket marked with their branch of service. However, it is almost impossible to recognize a veteran only by looking. It requires careful observation to recognize the veterans among us.

America’s veterans come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and ages. The next time you watch a parade, notice that, as flags pass by, veterans are the first to rise to attention, salute or place their hands over their hearts (often with a few tears streaming down their cheeks), and they are the last to sit down again, for to the veteran who has suffered, fought, and bled in the defense of his country, Freedom, as represented by our American Flag, has an emotional impact others can only imagine.

Today, veteran’s collective experiences span World War Two, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Beirut, Granada, Panama, Bosnia, the Persian Gulf War, Desert Storm and Desert Shield, to the present War Against Terrorism in Iraq and Africa, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

America’s veterans have waded from landing barges onto islands of the Pacific and the beaches of Normandy, stopped the advancement of communism in the brutally cold mountains of Korea, fought the Viet Cong in the rice paddies and jungles of Southeast Asia, and battled Radical Muslim Terrorists in the blistering heat of deserts in the Middle East.

Regardless of differences in war experiences, race, genders, and physical make-up, all veterans share a common bond – a brotherhood of memories of a hard-won wisdom that helped define their characters. When their country was in serious trouble, and freedom was in danger of being compromised, some of America’s young men and women from each generation, put their individual freedoms and their personal lives on hold, stepped forward, and pledged their undivided loyalties, up to and even including their lives, to their beloved country.

We’ve all heard the term “Our Greatest Generation”, coined by NBC NIGHTLY NEWS journalist, Tom Brokaw, to describe those who defeated the Axis Powers in WWII. Undeniably, they were “Great”! However, in reality, our “Greatest Generations” began in 1776 and have continued throughout the 241-year history of our country. Patriots who loved their freedom enough to risk their lives to preserve it fought in the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, The War of Rebellion, the Spanish American War, World Wars One and Two, battled communist armies to a “Cease Fire” in Korea, fought heroically in Viet Nam and are still fighting for us right now in various countries of the world.

Today, despite everything that has been done to weaken our military, and the lowest morale among enlisted ranks in memory, you and I are fortunate to sleep soundly and safely in our beds each night only because of the young men and women (now a volunteer military force comprising less that 1% of our population) who stand between us Infidels – and those Radical Muslim Terrorists who would torture and kill us in their quest to destroy our American way of life.

Of all the citizens of a country, the veteran is most aware that every possible attempt should be made to avoid war. You won’t find any warmongers among veterans, for no one suffers more from war than those who fight it! They understand that war is a brutal profanity! However, at the same time, the veteran knows the only thing worse than war would be the loss of our American Way of life; that the loss of our precious freedoms is only one generation away; that “FREEDOM IS NOT FREE”!

A combat veteran never jokes about war; he’s been there, and endures a lifetime of hideous memories of the wounded, the dying, the pain, the blood, and the gore of the battlefield. Most veterans are people of peace, soft-spoken, slow to anger, but quick to recognize that those who talk most about the glory of war, are the most ignorant of wars’ horrors.

A veteran is at once proud and humble: proud of the fact that, except in this age of “Muslim Extremist Terrorism”, no foreign enemy had set foot on American soil for nearly 200 years; and humble in the realization that many of his comrades who helped make this a reality never returned to their homes.

A veteran is a man or woman grown a little taller because of their selfless devotion to their country – persons who understand the awesome price of preserving life’s intangibles of freedom, justice, and democracy. But, be assured of this! If called upon to choose between servitude and conflict, veterans would once again, without hesitation, answer the call to duty.

So, in summary, a veteran is an ordinary and extraordinary human being – someone who, with selfless devotion, offered his life’s most vital years to the service of his country. With the blessings of God, he was a warrior, and a savior and sword, against the darkness which otherwise would have engulfed this United States of America with tyranny and slavery: NO Freedom of Religion – NO Freedom of Speech – NO Freedom of Enterprise – NO Freedom of the Press — NO Freedom of Assembly — NO Freedom from Want – NO Freedom from Fear – NO Voice in Government.

Veterans are former citizen soldiers of the free United States of America! They have earned your gratitude and respect! Revere them! Pray that, when they pass on, sufficient numbers of young, patriotic Americans will take their places and, once again, defeat enemy forces which threaten your lives – for FREEDOM WILL NEVER BE FREE!!

LET US PRAY:

Like all Americans, Oh Lord, we breathe in Freedom’s Air. The awesome wonder of this gift inspires our grateful prayer. We’re thankful for resources You abundantly provide so dreams can be encouraged, and needs can be supplied. We’re thankful for the blessing a peaceful neighborhood, for Pastors, Teachers, Workers who promote the common good. . . For Law and Education, and the opportunity to be successful and happy, from sea to shining sea. . . Give courage and protection, Lord, to those who help and serve. And Grant all “Friends of Liberty” the blessings they deserve.

Amen.

Thank you for your attention. May God always bless the United States of America, you, our active duty service members, and our honored veterans.
Desert Storm: 1st Armored Division

Editor’s Note: All members of the 1st AD who fought in Desert Storm were given a booklet in honor of their service. It is entitled Old Ironsides: Operation Desert Storm 24-28 Feb 1991. This pamphlet was sent to the editor by member Charles Shepard. Thanks Charles.

The following article was written by Commanding General Ronald H. Griffith.

Fellow Iron Soldiers:

This pamphlet stands as testimony to the personal sacrifice of all members of the Old Ironsides team, who deployed from Europe in support of Operation Desert Shield, and fought with valor and distinction, while defeating the “best” of the Iraqi army during Operation Desert Storm.

Our odyssey began on 8 November 1990, when President Bush ordered us to deploy to Southwest Asia. Through the weeks and months which followed, you persevered in the face of extraordinary challenges, overcame anxiety and fear and ultimately made the impossible seem routine. You met every challenge from shipping equipment and deploying to a foreign country, to learning the ways of the desert and dramatically winning on the battlefield on a scale unparalleled in the annals of modern warfare.

In the years to come, this pamphlet will remind you of your magnificent contributions in freeing the people of Kuwait from the tyranny and oppression of Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Army. I am exceptionally proud of each and every one of you – You have earned a place in the history of our great Division, and the U.S. Army and, the admiration of a grateful nation and the free world! I am honored to have lead you in this historic endeavor! “IRON SOLDIERS!”

Ronald H. Griffith
Major General, U.S. Army commanding

[Editor’s Note: You may wonder why an Armored Division is in the Watch. The 3rd Division 2nd Battalion 7th and 3rd B.C.T. served with the 1st. The cover of the Old Ironsides Pamphlet shows the 3rd I.D. Patch.]

Scholarship Foundation Fiscal 2016-2017 Report

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*One-time event
**I.R.S. and Foundation Corpus Goal is $300,000.

Current Investments (Bonds earning interest):

| $15K @ 3.25% | $10K @ 4.00% | $15K @ 3.75% | $25K @ 4.75% | $10K @ 4.75% | $15K @ 4.00% | $10K @ 4.75% | $15K @ 5.00% | $15K @ 3.00% | $10K @ 4.625% |

Notes:

• Cash Balance on 6/20/17: a municipal bond in the amount of $10,000.00 with a return rate of 3.12% was purchased on 8/10/17.
• The C.D. paying less than 1% was redeemed and a $30,000 Bond paying 3.052% was purchased on 9/22/17.
• The Foundation corpus of $300,000 was established in 2005, written into the Constitution and is part of our registration with the I.R. S. When the corpus is reached, this will assure the Foundation will exist in perpetuity. Investment bonds and the C.D. are shown at face value.
• Federal and State Tax Reports have been filed. Your help and support are appreciated.

—Submitted by Joe Ball, Chief Financial Officer
Quartermaster Leonard Collins wrote to say that he will give all WWII and Korea Vets a free ball cap. He may want you to pay postage. Check with Collins; contact information is on page 2.

Joe and Joan Anello wrote: Lynn, sorry to hear that you’ve been having some serious problems. Whatever they may be, Joan and I hope that you have a complete and speedy recovery!

Joe Herron wrote: “Hi Lynn, I hope whatever your illness is, you are on the mend and are feeling great again soon. You are always going way above and beyond the call of duty in all that you do! Take Care.”

George Bjotvedt wrote: “A short message to thank Lynn for a fine job on the two recent articles in The Watch. Her editing is most appreciated and appropriate for her readers.”

Bob Poydasheff called to say: He really liked the December Watch, and felt that I did a good job of editing. He particularly mentioned Mike McClintock’s article on the ships that transported our troops from New York to Bremerhaven, Germany, during the Cold War era. He also mentioned that all those ships were originally owned by the Army. Prior to their assignment to the Navy, the Army had the world’s largest fleet.

Robert Dalton wrote: “Lynn, October Watch is excellent. Best one this year in my opinion. Thanks”

Jack Heinze wrote:” Hi Lynn, in your last two issues of The Watch, I read with particular interest about the MSTS transport service - NY to Bremerhaven articles by Mike McClintock, but did not see an email to contact him, which I hope you are able to do. (To establish my roots with the 3rd ID, on my second overseas assignment, as a CPT, I proudly served in Wurzburg, Germany, from July 1964-August1966, during the Cold War, first as a Company Commander in the 3rd S&T Bn and later as O’Club Manager for Div CG- MG A. O. Conner.) Near the end of his second article, Mike mentions that there were possibly two additional MSTS transports that he could not find any definitive info on and asked for input from his readers of any knowledge. On my first overseas assignment to W. Germany in early 1958 I traveled on the MSTS troop ship “Randal,” which I didn’t see mentioned. I particularly remember that she was a single stacker and at Brooklyn Navy Yard someone mentioned that she was jinxed. Well that proved to be true as her single propeller shaft broke in mid-ocean and we floundered around helplessly in excess of a week, until it was repaired, and we got under way. The seas weren’t too rough but we had a lot of time to ourselves and the troops in my hold weren’t too sick. We watched a lot of old movies on deck at night and if I remember correctly her crew was from the Philippines. On my second trip in 1964, to the 3rd ID, I traveled on the “Buckin” Buckner and the trip was very rough and my troops in the hold were for the most part really sick. In Vietnam in 67-68, I observed the MSTS troop ship Geiger at Na Trang, where I was told she was transporting Korean soldiers. Very interesting articles that bring back some “fond” memories.”

Bob Barfield wrote: “Flash Alice was a pre-arranged artillery concentration. Chinese had been spotted using the area where the artillery would have been fired on. The area that I and my patrol and the other patrol that was “captured” had to traverse that night. “IF” Colonel Sobeiski had fired it that night, both of our patrols no doubt would have been wiped out and maybe some Chinese along with us. Can’t help but think about a divine interference !!”

Joe Annello wrote: “Wow... and I thought that all the Navy did was sit around, drink coffee and play cards all day... just kidding guys! This makes me very proud of our Navy! Non Sibi Sed Patriae.

*Editors note: Non Sibi Sed Patriae is the unofficial motto of the navy. It is Latin for “Not for self, but for country.”

Joe Poggi wrote:” Hi Lynn & Joe: Hope all is well. I just received my “Watch.” Great as ever.

I see there weren’t many in attendance. I remember we had about 600 at the reunion in Buffalo. I don’t hear from Earl Killian or Tom Maines, John Shirley, or Martin Markley. Were they there? My outpost 5 had the most in attendance. Boy, we are getting old. I don’t see Bill Wayne around anymore. I see John Stavola passed away. Stay well good people and have a blessed Christmas.”

Don Bettine wrote: Wishing you and Joe a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Bob and JJ Barfield said: “Hope we all can make it through another year without too much turmoil! Lynn, Take care of yourself!! We need you and love you! “

Mike Kendall wrote: “Hi Lynn, Dad’s service last month was memorable and moving. The weather was perfect with the Old Guard providing the nation’s final honors to him for his lifetime of selfless service. I was aware of the following 3rd Division representatives at the service; there could have been others that I didn’t know their association with the Marne Division since over 100 people were present, including Tim Stoy, Monica Stoy, David Mills, Shirley Mills, and Hae Sook Choi.

I attached a couple pictures for you to use. If you want something different let me know. Dad loved the Association and its reunions; he will always be a Marne soldier.”

Toby Knight sent this to Henry Bodden: “Henry, I received this email from a French person who found the dog tag of a 3rd ID Soldier near his home in WWII. It’s pretty interesting. I want to get this submitted to Lynn to put in the December issue of the WOTR. Can you proofread this and submit it to her for me. I am bogged down with Soldier’s Ball tasks. Thank you!

Toby Knight Hi,

With John’s permission to post about this story, here is the message he’s sent to me:

‘My name is John F. Schmidt wrote: You have been in contact with my 2 daughters about my father’s dog tag. What an amazing discovery
over 70 years old! I am so grateful for all the time you must have spent tracking down my family. So, I will try to give you some history about Arthur, my dad. Seeing the document from the archives, it lists him as a private. He actually ended up being a 2nd lieutenant. He worked his way up through the ranks as a non-commissioned officer and was eventually promoted to lieutenant due to the deaths of all their company officers. Dad was one of only two men in his original company that first landed in Morocco north Africa that survived the entire war. That was out of nearly 150 men. He was in the 3rd Infantry Division, 30th infantry (the pride of the Marne). They made beach landings in north Africa, Sicily, Anzio 2 times, then up through Italy, Switzerland, France, and into Germany, ending the war in Belgium. His company had more time on the front lines that any other American unit during WW2. 535 days on the front line. After the war, he came back to Illinois, married and raised my sister and me. He stayed in the national guard until the Korean war started and fortunately was allowed to retire and not go to Korea. He was wounded 2 times, once, in Italy, the other, I believe was in France, but neither was life-threatening. Later in life, he was able to return to Europe and re-travel his war years journeys on a vacation through the countries he served in. He was a patriotic man, who loved his country, his family, the men he served with, and his God. He passed away at 86 years old. Basically, he just dropped over dead! A fitting end with no ill health throughout his life. He was fortunate to have been able to attend several reunions of his army unit and met many of his old buddies. He worked in metalworking and mechanical engineering his working life and loved his jobs.

I am trying to include a few photos of dad, but it doesn’t want to work so maybe I’ll have to start another email. I just want to say thank you for all you have done trying to locate us.

Sincerely,

Ron Greenwood wrote: Dear Lynn: Subject: Changes to Page 31, in the February 2018 issue of The Watch on the Rhine: As you know, Andy Scullion, Past President of OP #22, died in October 2017. His position as President should remain “Open”, until we can fill it from within the ranks of current members from OP #22. Louis Bravos did not show up for our “annual meeting” on November 11, 2017, to take care of family business in the San Francisco area. If he decides to move from Bakersfield (to an area in northern California), he will contact you before your January 5, 2018 publication deadline, with his change of address information. He currently holds the position as the Western Region (WR) Committeemann, the V.P. for OP #22, and he consistently serves as the Sergeant of Arms for OP #22 meetings. He was the only person from OP #22 to attend the outstanding reunion, in San Antonio, TX, in September 2017. So, we do not want to lose this valuable representative. When asked if Louis would take over the OP #22 Presidency, he suggested that OP #22 should combine with OP #54, to form one large outpost from California, Nevada, and members from five other states. If Joe were to be willing to find another OP #22 member to take over the OP #22 Vice Presidency, and/or the Secretary/Treasurers positions, I think that either Lou, or I would be willing to be the OP #22 President. I have talked to Charles Trout, Bruce Monkman, Ron Alsobrook, Marvin Albright, Travis Gammill, and other well qualified men, but none were interested in being our President. Most have major medical problems. I wrote to Mark Sneddon, and Ronnie Updike to request that they become our new Secretary/Treasurer, but they are busy trying to make a living. I will continue to make personal telephone contact with OP #22 members to see if they will take key leadership positions within our outpost. Ron Greenwood’s information is the “same”, as printed in your December 2017 issue of the Watch.

Joe Ball, and I, want to keep OP #22 intact and locate a new OP #22 President. At our Annual Meeting, in November 2017, most of the attendees were “new potential” members, who were not anxious to join an organization, and be thrust, or drafted, into the top leadership position. The general consensus was that they wanted to keep a Southern California outpost, and were not willing to travel to San Francisco, Colorado, or Albuquerque to attend a meeting, or reunion.

Concerning the e-mail from Tom Lasser, the article might give you inspiration for “The Watch On the Rhine”. Our readers may have “ideas” for improved weaponry, based upon their vast experience “in the field”. Some have experience working with “magnets” to send out “pulse” explosions, from tanks, or artillery platforms. Magnetic pulses can shut down entire communications systems, or make the world wide web non-functional. Other soldiers may have ideas on how “sound waves” can be used to kill, or disable the enemy. The US government has already done extensive experiments on “How to Control the Weather”, and “use the weather as a weapon”. Some of the U.S. researchers have been sworn to secrecy. Maybe it is time to give these former soldiers, and sailors, and researchers a chance to use their “imagination”, and the information that they have gained, to perfect better weapons that will preserve our way of life. Military veterans are more apt to develop ideas that will have military applications, rather than civilian inventors that refuse to patent ideas that can kill people.
To be held at the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel is located at 2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. Room rates are $109 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. Breakfast is included in the room rate. The hotel provides free parking and a complimentary airport shuttle. Call the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel at 888-625-4937 no later than August 27, 2018 to make your hotel reservations. Make sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate.

Thursday September 27th
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm No Host Social Hour
6:00pm-8:00pm President’s Reception Dinner

Friday September 28th
9:00am-4:30pm Optional Old Town/Lunch/Winery & Tasting
5:30pm-10:30pm Optional Sandia Casino

Saturday September 29th
8:30am-10:30am General Membership Meeting
9:00am-10:30am Ladies Breakfast
10:30am-12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-4:30pm Optional Tour National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
6:00pm-7:00pm No Host Social Hour
7:00pm-10:00pm Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

Sunday September 30th
8:00am-10:00am Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

Optional Tours

Old Town Winery Tour with Tasting
Friday September 28th 9:00am-4:30pm Price 38.00
Old Town today looks much like it did when it was built centuries ago. Stroll the Plaza, visit the museums, or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered. After lunch we will visit the Casa Rondel Winery for a tour and wine tasting.

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

National Museum of Nuclear Science History
Saturday September 29th 1:30pm-4:30pm Price 35.00
The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History was established in 1969 as an intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today’s peaceful uses of nuclear technology. Visitors can explore how nuclear science continues to influence our world. The museum strives to present, through permanent and changing exhibits and displays, the diverse applications of nuclear science in the past, present and future.

For More Information Contact:
Toby Knight 210-885-2137
Tobster16@gmail.com

The Reunion BRAT 360-663-2521
thereunionbrat@hotmail.com

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES
### 99th Annual Reunion
**Society Of The 3rd Infantry Division**
Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 27 – 30, 2018

**Address** __________________________________________________**City** ______________________**State** ____**Zip** _______________

**Phone** ______________________________________**Email** __________________________________________________________________

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### Registration

- **Required Registration Fee (Per Person)** ................................................................. X $39.00 = $ __________
- **Thursday September 27th ~ President’s Reception Dinner River Cruise**................................. X $45.00 = $ __________
- **Saturday September 29th ~ Ladies Breakfast** ............................................................ X $7.00 = $ __________
- **Saturday September 29th ~ Banquet Dinner** .............................................................. X $50.00 = $ __________

**Banquet Meal Selection:**  
- Beef ______ (or) Chicken _______ or) Vegetarian _______

- **Sunday October 1st ~ Memorial Breakfast (Please mark if you will attend.)** ....................... X NC = $ __________

#### Optional Tours

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

**Total Enclosed .................................................................$ __________

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**Payment Is Due No Later Than August 27, 2018**

- Please make payment payable to The Reunion Brat
- Send to: The Reunion Brat, 16817 Mountainside Drive East, Greenwater, WA 98022.
- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 27, 2018
- A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 15 days of the event will be non-refundable.
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- Room prices are available 3 days prior to and after your reunion depending on availability should you choose to extend your stay.

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**Cancellation Policy**

- By sending in this form, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy
- A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
- Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Cancellations can ONLY be requested over the phone at 360-663-2521. You will receive a cancellation number; no refund will be issued without this number. Please make sure to keep this number for verification of your cancellation.
On Saturday, December 9, 2017, Outpost 2 had the a visit from US Army Society of the Third Infantry Division President, Toby Knight. Nine members met for Lunch at the Twisted Vine Bistro in Fort Myers: Nazim and Shirley Ali, Jerry and Kathy Daddato, Daniel and Susan Silvia, Bob and Ann Varone, and Robert Gibson. Toby spoke of the plans for the Society for the marking of the 100 years of the establishment of the Third Infantry Division and the 100 years since the end of World War I. He also talked of the need for new members in the Society among active duty soldiers and recent veterans as we are slowly losing our World War II, Korean and Viet Nam veterans. Even Cold War veterans are not as spry as we used to be!

We startled the other diners in the restaurant as we ended our meeting with a rousing version of “Dog Faced Soldier.”

Perhaps the names and boundaries of Outposts should be changed from States to Cities in order that members can more easily get to local meeting places. Our current region is called Florida, but Florida is a long state. It is 357 miles from Pensacola to Jacksonville and 479 miles from Tallahassee to Miami. Twenty of our members live in states from California to Maine, and one lives in Spain.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please send them to President Kathy Daddato, Vice President Frank Ervin or to me. We are going to need some younger people to fill the offices before many more years pass by.

Please send news and pictures of any local gatherings that you may have attended. We like to hear what goes on among the members of Outpost 2 in our large area of Florida and beyond and we welcome visitors to Fort Myers.

Rock of the Marne!

Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer


We have $458.04 in our treasury.

Warren Fast is still looking at Watch on the Rhine publications and other publications.

With the help of Chaplain Daddato, Bill Vanark was able to get two different styles of beer glasses.

Secretary Bob Meganck attended the 2017 annual picnic of all “Vets Roll” veterans. There were about 1000 in attendance. There were several tables set up for each of the 10 busses that went on each trip. The food was great and the rock band was entertaining. Mark Finnegan was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. A good time had by all.

There were three raffles. The winners were 3rd Division Medal, Warren Fast; Korean War Medal, Jeff Kostka; Bottle of Vodka, Joann Ingram. The raffles generated $43 to our treasury.
President Bill Vanark acknowledged members Edward and Judy Kostka, who were silver donors to the Scholarship Foundation.

Rolie also won the book “Foxhole was My Home.” He will donate the book to the group when he finishes reading it.

Joann Ingram and her group, “Quilts of Honor” donated a quilt to OP #18. It was raffled and won by Marv Kostka. The next meeting will be held on April 29, 2018, same time; same place.

President Bill Vanark closed the meeting with the playing of “Taps” and a prayer. Lunch was served.

Submitted by Treasurer Marv Kostka

OP #22 members send all of our Society buddies our warm New Year greetings for good health, prosperity, and happiness.

Our New Year resolution is to recruit new members for the Society, and to celebrate the freedoms that our forefathers created for us.

We pledge to support those freedoms, with respect for our fellow veterans, through “service”, by participating in the programs that the VA provides for hospitalized veterans, and by acting to support the “pillars of service” that are described in the “purposes” that are described in our SOP, and IRS charter. We love to live in a free land, and respect the men and women that have sacrificed, (through their military service), to keep it free. Good Health, Happiness, a Long Life, and Prosperity in 2018! Thank you for your service.

OP #22 was privileged to provide a “Happy 100th Birthday Party” for member Donald H. Hubbs, with a “Veteran Service Award”, for upholding the “seven pillars of service” that are part of our Society’s “Purpose”. Happy Birthday Don. Thank you to those members, and new potential members, who attended our Veteran’s Day Annual Meeting.

OP #22’s next Annual Meeting will be at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 4, 2018, on the “main patio”, at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, 5901 E. Seventh Street, Long Beach, CA 90822. Free admission, free parking, and an outstanding 4th of July celebration, with a meeting, quality music, free food, a car show, game booths, and a Kid’s Zone for younger family members. There will be music stages on the main patio, and at the NHCU Nursing Home Care Unit, (bldg. 133, Community Living Center). Meet at 11:00 AM at the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division booth on the south end of the main patio, near the fountain. Bring your family, and your military service buddies. The free food includes: “Freedom hot dogs”, fried chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, vegetables, chips, ice cream, popcorn, pie and free beverages. If you want to show off your custom car, or military vehicle, call (562) 826-8000, ext. 25373, or 25400, or Becky at (562)-760-3078. To confirm your attendance, please call Ron at (562) 804-2023

We are sad to report the passing of WWII veteran Bruce Monkman (See page 17).

Submitted by Ron Greenfield, OP 22, Secretary-Treasurer

Outpost 35 held it’s spring meeting at Sushi Japon in Austin, TX. Report will be in the April 2018 Watch. All veterans and friends are welcome.

Outpost International Hosts 3ID 100th Birthday Commemoration

OP International hosted a 3ID 100th birthday commemoration on 28 November 2017 with a wreath ceremony at the 3ID monument in Arlington National Cemetery and a commorative luncheon in the Campaign Room of the Fort Myer Officers Club. The OP selected 28 November as the date for the commemoration because it was the 100th anniversary of MG Joseph T. Dickman’s, the first 3d Division Commander, taking over the division at Camp Greene, North Carolina. OP 7 President Pat Williamson, Shari Gidick with her son Andrew, Rich Miller, Ron and Mark Young, and John Insani participated. OP International was honored LTG “Mike” Murray, Army G-8 and former Marne 6, and his wife, Jane, joined us for the ceremony. MG Jeff Phillips, retired, a former Marne Division Rear Commander was also present.

Acting Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, Mr. Rob Dalessandro; Vice Chairman of the WWI Centennial Commemoration and ABMC counsel, Edwin Fountain; and ABMC Director of Historical Services Michael Knapp participated. COL Jason T. Garkey, who served two combat tours with the 3d ID and now Commander of the 3d Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard, joined us for the ceremony. COL, retired, Jim Boatner, an old Marne Man from Germany, whose father MG James G. Boatner, commanded B/1/15th Infantry in Korea and whose grandfather, MG Haydon L. Boatner, was Division Commander 1954-1955 at Fort Benning participated.

BG Creighton Abrams, Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation - veteran of two assignments with the 3d ID, life member of the Society, and brother of former Division Commander, GEN Bruce Abrams - participated in the ceremony. LTC de Lemartic and SGM Boye from the French Defense Attaché’s Office and COL Stefan Weber, the German Military Attaché, represented their countries while honoring the great 3d Infantry Division. Tenor Paul McIlvaine performed the National Anthems of Luxembourg, Greece,
Germany, France, Italy, and the United States for the ceremony. Dr. (COL), retired, Kathleen McHale, former Head of Orthopedic Surgery at Walter Reed Army Hospital, also participated. LTC, retired, Allen Goshi, an old Marne Man and Society Life Member and now President of the Japanese American Veterans Association, participated and rendered critical support for the event. LTC, retired, Lee Yarborough, whose father LTG William Yarborough commanded a Battle Group of the 3d ID in Bamberg in 1958-1959, also participated. Mrs. Haesook Choi, Society Life Associate Member, also took part.

OP President Monika Stoy welcomed the participants at the monument, and LTG Murray delivered comments in honor of the Division’s 100th birthday before the group placed the wreath at the monument in honor of all 3ID soldiers. At the conclusion of the simple ceremony the assembled group sang the Dog Face Soldier.

Following the ceremony Tim Stoy led the group on a walking tour of the graves of several prominent Marne Soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery – Audie Murphy and Captain Carl Swickerath (WWII veterans); MG U.S. Grant McAlexander (The Rock of the Marne from WWI); General of the Army George C. Marshall (5th Bde Commander 1936-1938); LTG Robert N. Young (ADC 1944-1945); SFC Paul Ray Smith (MOH, Iraq); MG Joseph T. Dickman (1st 3d Division Commander, 1917-1918), and LTG George P. Hays (3d Division’s 1st Medal of Honor Recipient for actions on 15 July 1918 on the Marne).

The group gathered later in the Campaign Room of the Fort Myer Officers Club for a luncheon. We were joined by Mr. Stan Myck, director of communications for the Luxembourg Embassy. OP International displayed numerous pictures from 3ID history and numerous books covering the entirety of the division’s history. Ken Young brought his father’s WWI items (Stanley Young, 7th INF Regt) for display including his helmet, canteen cup, mess kit, medals, and discharge. During the meal Acting Secretary Dalessandro gave a presentation on commemorative activities planned in France for next year. Tim Stoy gave two presentations – one on the various places where the 3d Division was permanently stationed (including pictures of the various headquarters buildings), beginning at Camp Greene, NC and ending with Fort Stewart - and the other on OP International’s Marne Trail II program of emplacing commemorative plaques honoring the 3d ID in France, Germany, and Austria. 100 plaques and monuments have been dedicated in the past 12 years!

It was a great day for celebrating the great 3rd Infantry Division.

From Secretary Dalessandro’s presentation, much of the country’s 100th anniversary of WWI commemorative activity will take place in and around Chateau-Thierry, Belleau, and the neighboring ABMC cemeteries – Aisne-Marne and Oise-Aisne - which was the 3d Division’s area of operations. A major highlight of ABMC’s commemorations in Chateau-Thierry between 25 and 28 May 2018 will be the dedication of a visitors’ center at the Chateau-Thierry American Monument on Hill 204 overlooking the town and the countryside where so much of the Second Battle of the Marne was fought! OP International plans to fully participate in those commemorative activities representing the Society and the Division.

—Submitted by C. Monika Stoy

Why Belong to the NIA?

- To support the work of the ONLY organization representing the entire Infantry and the Chief of Infantry. The combined strength of our membership ensures that the Infantry voice is heard by decision makers.
- To share the camaraderie of like minded soldiers and citizens who believe in maintaining the Infantry spirit, and to help recognize outstanding Infantrymen.
- To grow professionally through participation in Association activities, programs and publications.
- To support a new, expanded National Infantry Museum and the educational values associated with its contents.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION available securely on our website, or will be sent upon request.
Colonel Henry “Hank” Bodson, 39th FA in WWII and longtime Society member, celebrated his 100th birthday on 15 November. He celebrated with his family and closest friends during the 23 November Thanksgiving meal at Falcon’s Landing in Sterling, Virginia. Tim and Monika Stoy and Society member Haesook Choi paid their respects and gifted him a 3d ID tie for his birthday, as well as passing on to him a copy of the Frontline Newspaper from 3ID and Fort Stewart commemorating the Division’s 100th Birthday.

Visit Scholarship Foundation at http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org

Happy 100th Birthday!
During Jan-Feb 2018, the following personnel were identified as deceased. All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

**Last Call**

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**In Memoriam**

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

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**Roll Call**

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

Listed below are all new members who enrolled during November-December 2017.

**LIFETIME MEMBERS**

**9235 GWEN PETERS**

HHD ENG BDE,HHC 703rd,3 BSB 1ABCT

Aug ‘00- Pres CPT , Referred by 31D Museum

**9234 MARTIN PETERS**

HHD Eng BDE,2/7 INF,10th ENG,DHHB,31DNov ‘03-Pres 1SG , Referred by spouse

**9233 TIMOTHY DECKER**

2 IBCT,3 ID Jui ‘14-Jun ‘17 MAJ

Referred at 31D Soldiers Ball

**9232 JAMES DOOGHAN**

HQ,31D;2nd BDE,3 IDJun ‘15-Jun ‘18 COL

Referred at 31D Soldiers Ball

**9229 HARRY FOX**

B Co, 703rd BSB Oct ‘17-Oct ‘20 SFC

Referred at 31D Soldiers Ball

**9225 HEATHER WELLS**

DHHB, 31D SGM

**ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS**

**9239 SALLIE VAN MERKENSTEIJN**

5845-INT

Referred by Monika Stoy

**9238 WILLIAM L. CATHCART**

OPMA-ER

**ANNUAL MEMBERS**

**9237 LOGAN DEEN**

OPMA-ER

Referral by Bob Rouse

**9236 1SG JEAN D. MILICE**

OPMA-ER

Referred by Bob Rouse

**9231 PHIL MATTOX**

17-CR

HQ & C Co,1/64 AR,703d MSB,31D, HQ;

Ju’73-JUL ‘91 BG

**9230 JASON HARRINGTON**

OP 7-ER

31D G2 & TF Victory FWD (Kuwait)

Nov ‘89-Jun ‘92 MAJ

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Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Commemorative Legacy Book
An Invitation to Preserve Your Legacy of Service!

We are proud to announce that work is beginning on a new book to document the history of the “Rock of the Marne” and the men and women who have made this one of the most elite fighting forces in the world.

In addition to the Division’s colorful history, this exciting book will feature a special section showcasing biographies of 3rd Infantry Division veterans, with “then and now” photographs, and YOU are invited to participate. There will be no cost to have your 150-word bio included!

Our book will feature veterans from all eras, from WWI, WWII, Korea, the Cold War years, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terror. Note: all 3rd Infantry Division veterans are encouraged to participate, even those who were active in peacetime — all served with honor and distinction.

Widows, friends and family members are also encouraged to send in biographical portraits and materials for their loved ones now passed on—a perfect tribute to your veteran’s service to our nation. Gold Star Families will also be included.

The book will also include special after action reports, stories and photographs from the membership, tributes to our fallen brothers, and much more!

Members are also encouraged to order a copy of this one-of-a-kind book through the publisher for $59.95 (see contact information below). The deadline for biography submissions and book orders is JANUARY 30, 2018.

Detailed brochures with a sample biography and easy fill-in-the-blank form will be mailed to all members in December, and extra brochures are available through the publisher. Contact Acclaim Press at:

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SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY - Follow this sample in writing your own bio. Send with two photos (then and now) to Acclaim Press, and be part of OUR book!
MIKE (MCGEEK) MCCINTOCK served with the Division in W. Germany from June 1961 until mid-January 1964, following in the footsteps of his father, who served in the 3rd ID’s 9th Field Artillery Reg. at Ft. Lewis prior to WWII.

Assigned to D Company, 2nd Battle Group, 38th Infantry Regiment at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt. Mike served as a rifleman, was trained to drive the M-113 armored personnel carrier (APC), and fired the M60 machine gun on the Battle Group’s marksmanship detachment in preparation for NATO’s Prix LeClerc marksmanship competition. Mike volunteered for duty with the 3rd ID Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment billeted at Daley Barracks in Bad Kissingen. He joined the “Iurps” in March 1962 and never regretted his decision.

Although not on TDY status, all of the men of the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment were volunteers, but still remained assigned to their TO&E units. Mike was assigned to his original unit (D/2/38) until he was reassigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment in 1963. At the tender age of 19, Mike was promoted to SGT (E-5) and became a patrol leader. In mid-January 1964, he rotated home to San Diego, CA, where he served for a short time as a radio operator on a B Team with the Army Reserve’s 17th Special Forces Group (Abn) stationed at Fort Rosecrans. He is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare School’s Special Forces Extension Course.

Mike has been married for over 50 years and resides in Mount Vernon, WA with his wife Gloria. He has three children and four grandchildren.

Over his long and varied career, he has worked as a city planner, airport planner, community college instructor, and Forest Ranger/Forest Protection Officer. He is proud of his service with the 3rd Infantry Division and contributes occasional articles to the The Watch on the Rhine. He has also served as the editor of the U.S. Army Ranger Association’s (USARA) Ranger Register, and is the Unit Director for the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment within the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.
The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, was founded in 1919 and incorporated in 1958 as a non-profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization and shall always remain non-profit and non-political.

Specific objectives are:

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

**Pledge**

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

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

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

**General Information**

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

The Society of the Third Infantry Division 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 3rd Infantry Division.

**Life Membership:** Available to both Regular and Associate Members.

**Dues**

**Annual dues:**

- Regular, Active Duty, Associate Members: $20.00
- Overseas members: $24.00

Some Outposts charge an additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outposts #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

**Dues for Special Life Membership**

Recipient of Medal of Honor: No charge

**Dues for Other Life Memberships**

Are based on the following scales:

- **Age Group**
  - Up to age 39: $400.00
  - Ages 40-49: $350.00
  - Ages 50-59: $300.00
  - Ages 60-69: $250.00
  - Ages 70-79: $200.00
  - Ages 80 and over: $150.00
- **Domestic**
  - $1,280.00
  - $925.00
  - $685.00
  - $475.00
  - $310.00
  - $275.00
- **Overseas**
  - No charge

Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate Members. Life Member dues can be paid in one lump sum or in four quarterly payments over a 12 month period. For information, please contact the Society of the Third Infantry Division, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488.

**Membership Application**

Date: _____________________________ □ New Regular Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

☐ New Associate Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth __________________

(Last)                        (First)          (Middle Initial)               (Required for Life Members)

Phone No _______________ E-Mail Address __________________________

Home Address _____________________________________________________________________________

(Street)                        (City)          (State)          (Zip+4)

Unit(s) Served with: __________________________ Served From ______ To ______ Rank: __________

Current/Former Occupation __________________________ Spouse’s Name __________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________ Referred by ________

Please print clearly, detach, and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: The Society of Third Infantry Division, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488

Website: www.Society3rdID.org
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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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

WORLD WAR II [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
- Rhinelander
- Central Europe

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

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

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

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

3rd Infantry Division - 100 Years of Service