In Our Centennial Year of the Society, Another Great Reunion

By Henry Bodden – Editor

Our 102nd Anniversary Soldiers Ball, and the 100th Anniversary of the Society of the Third Infantry Division returned to Fort Stewart, Georgia to celebrate these two events. Most guests to the reunion stayed at the Westin Hotel on the beach at Jekyll Island. Although the weather was overcast and drizzling for the weekend, it was nice to be on the ocean for walks and sightseeing. It was nice to reunite with friends and new acquaintances as everyone checked in. On Thursday, November the 14th, registration began as members assembled in the Hospitality Room for snacks and fellowship. That night we all attended the President’s Reception Dinner with a welcome and stirring speech by Society President Toby Knight.

Unfortunately, on Friday of November 15th, a transportation glitch denied us a tour to the Mighty Eight Museum tour, so some visited the area while others congregated in the Hospitality Room while awaiting the much anticipated formal Soldiers Ball that night. So, at 5:00 p.m. there was a VIP reception which was followed by a social hour. As a non-veteran and my first Soldiers Ball, I was really impressed with all the dress uniforms of our Fort Stewart soldiers and all the beautiful ladies in their formal dress. It was a visit with Col. John Insani, USA (Ret)

On 1 January 2020 Monika and Tim Stoy and Monika’s mother and Society member Mrs. Haesook Choi, visited former OP 7 President COL, retired John L. Insani and his wife, Inge, at his home in Alexandria, Virginia to express traditional Korean New Year’s greetings. The Stoys and Mrs. Choi dressed in traditional Korean costume and bowed to COL and Mrs. Insani and wished them good health and good luck in the new year. We were also joined by one of their daughters, Maureen.

The Insani’s oldest daughter, Ingrid, a schoolteacher in California, was born in September 1950 shortly after then 1LT Insani deployed from Fort Devens, Massachusetts with the 7th Infantry Regiment for combat in Korea. He received a telegram while training in Japan informing him of her birth, but he didn’t see her until she was 18 months old!
Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe that our Society’s 100th year is now in the history books. It was a fantastic year and the culmination was our National Reunion. It was amazing. Our members thoroughly enjoyed attending the Soldiers Ball and the division Soldiers loved meeting our Veterans. It was so popular, the membership at the Generals Membership Meeting voted to hold our 2021 reunion in conjunction with the Soldiers Ball again in 2021.

Speaking of reunions. This year’s reunion (2020) will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. The dates and the registration information will be published in the April edition of the WOTR. If you have NOT attended a reunion in awhile or never, you need to start attending. They have become really great occasions and our members rave about the experiences they have. Don’t miss out.

The membership at the General Membership meeting also voted to keep the color version of our beloved WOTR. So get used to seeing it in color. We have modified the front page a little, but I think it still looks splendid.

I want to personally thank Major General (retired) Buford Blount and his wife, Anita, for attending this year reunion. MG Blount is the former Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division and led the division into Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was our guest speaking at the Stewart club on Saturday night and he told us about his experience as the CG during combat operations. He is an inspirational leader!

Now for some business items. Each year, in January and July, Outpost disbursements go out. If you are an OP Secretary-Treasurers please make sure you deposit this check within 90 days or the funds will be returned to national automatically by the bank and the check will be null and void.

Our donations cards initiative was spectacular. If you donated to this program, THANK YOU!!

I still have Society 100th Anniversary Coins left. Please see the ad later in the WOTR to see how you can order yours. There aren’t many left, so buy yours soon.

If you have moved or changed any information that needs to be on our roster, please contact our Roster Manager, Frank Ugolini, and update him. You can also do so yourself directly on our website. Simply create a new account, login and update. It’s that easy. His contact information is on page two.

If you are a Leader of an Outpost and know of members who have moved or otherwise changed their info, please send that to the Roster Manager as soon as you are aware. This job requires constant attention and having the help of the members and the OP leaders is critical to ensuring that we are able to keep our members abreast of all the latest news and Society pertinent information.

As you know, January through May is our nominations cycle. Nominations for Society awards, the three regional Vice-Presidents, the National President and submissions for Constitution and Bylaws changes are now open. Please consider serving at the National Level. It is a very rewarding experience and is critical to ensuring that our great Society will continue for another 100 years. If you are interested in any of these offices, please contact me directly.

I can NOT stress enough how important it is to help us recruit new members. I want our Society to be around for our 200th Anniversary, but that won’t happen if each of us doesn’t make recruiting a personal mission. Please recruit one person this year into the Society.

Lastly, please keep our deployed Soldiers in your prayers. Many are currently serving in harms way and our prayers for their safe return and the comfort of their families left behind are of utmost importance. Rock of the Marne!

Toby Knight
Society President

Raffle Winners

$100 Winners:
- Richard L. Rager
- Jude Grabert
- Raymond Bauer
- Reynaldo Sanchez

$250 Winner
- Bruce Mallick

$500 Winner
- Debbie Allyn

$1000 Winner
- Jim Van Delden

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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great experience for me as a “people watcher” as I snapped photos of all the goings on. Many posed for photos next to the large “Rocky” statue in the hallway. I snapped a photo of Gen. Blount and his wife Anita socializing with the troops. I also took several photos of soldiers in their Cavalry Stetsons, as I would be treated at the dinner being seated with Jeffrey Ashmen, CSM Ret., who serves as the Active Duty Liaison at Fort Stewart, and Luis Carreras of the Seventh Cavalry in his Stetson. I spotted soon to be 105 year old Harold Nelson and had a photo with him next to “Rocky” as many followed pursuit to this legendary WWII veteran. I will highlight these aforementioned warriors later. At 6:15 p.m. the doors opened in the massive ballroom as the “Call to Mess” began. Almost 900 people were seated, when at 6:40 p.m. the colorful “Posting of the Colors” began, followed by the Invocation and National Anthem. Then a long litany of “Toasts” began followed by a welcome by Society President Toby Knight who singled out Harold Nelson, who would achieve a well deserved “rock star” status for the remainder of the night as scores of soldiers flocked around him for photos and conversation.

I had never heard of the “Grog Bowl Ceremony” where a mixture of several drinks are mixed together and downed by several brave soldiers on stage, much to the cheering on by their fellow soldiers. This rite of passage was new to me, and I did try the small glass of “grog” placed at everyone’s table with no visible side effects at the time for this teetotaler. Then at 8:00 p.m. we were addressed by newly appointed MG Aguto, followed by our guest speaker who was Alex Kershaw. I really enjoyed listening to Alex who is a New York Times best-selling author of WWII stories. As an Oxford graduate, Alex worked for The Guardian and other British newspapers before moving to the US in 1994. Thereafter, the Retirement of the Colors proceeded and informal activities followed before the dance began. As mentioned before, Harold Nelson had on his table his replica of a helmet he wore in WWII that saved his life several times. Many soldiers gathered around Harold to talk to a living legend of “the greatest generation.” During the program, Jeffrey Ashmen was awarded the coveted “Audie Murphy Award” for excellence in leadership and other qualities displayed by the 3rd Infantry Division’s “gold standard” - Audie Murphy. I caught up with Jeffrey the next day at the Fort Stewart Museum to snap a photo of himself and the plaque. Many of us bought souvenirs inside at the gift shop Jeff is responsible for.

**General Buford Blount** – Major General Buford Blount was Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division that dashed from...
Kuwait to Baghdad in just two weeks. MG Blount, a native Texan and Mississippian retiree has much in common with a fellow Southerner, Nathan Bedford Forrest. Forrest was famous for lightning strikes with his division of mounted infantry that prompted his philosophy of “Git thar fustest with the mostest.” Germany’s “blitzkrieg” tactics in WWII brought them many victories. And our own Audie Murphy’s philosophy was that “audacity and surprise” is a valuable asset in battle. Murphy did this many times and took daredevil chances, but they were calculated chances. Not for everyone, but they do reap offensive benefits. Gen. Blount utilized these tactics in Iraq along with superior real-time information about enemy movements. Blount’s troops now hold the world’s record for the most rapid armored advance. Blount’s bold decisions to bypass opposition on the way to Baghdad, to grab Baghdad International Airport, to launch a “Thunder Run” through the capital and into the heart of the city. Iraqi military leaders had no idea U.S. forces were moving so fast. I remember being glued to the news when the buildup began. I was living in Round Rock, Texas and for weeks a convoy of tanks, jeeps, and armored vehicles journeyed down I-35 from Fort Hood to deployment to Kuwait. I watched intently on the news about our daily advance into Iraq, which failed to measure up to Saddam Hussein’s predicted “The Mother of all Battles” with Iraqi tanks versus ours. As I remember, there were thousands of body bags ordered in anticipation of many American deaths, but I think we only lost about 120 of our soldiers. It was such a lopsided and humiliating loss for Saddam Hussein that sent “The Butcher of Baghdad” into hiding as 3rd ID tanks rolled into Baghdad.  

Editor’s Note: After attending a ceremony in Pittsburgh to honor 3rd ID’s Stevan Booker’s upgrade of his Silver Star to the Distinguished Service Cross, I covered extensively our “Thunder Run” operation which cost the life of Stevan Booker.  

Luis Carreras – As I had mentioned before, as a non-veteran I have not had much contact with active duty soldiers of any branch. So uniforms, patches, and medals are not my forte. So I was delighted when Luis Carreras was seated next to me at the banquet, all decked out in his 7th Cavalry dress uniform and distinct Cavalry Stetson.  

After talking with the Havana, Cuba born Luis, he told me he left Cuba and arrived in New York at the age of eight. He joined the Army as an enlisted private and worked himself up to a Warrant Officer. Later he became commissioned as a Lieutenant and again working himself up to a Major. When he told me he served with the 7th Cavalry in Vietnam. as a student of history my first thoughts went back to the massacre of Gen. George Custer and his 7th Cavalry unit at the Little Big Horn. The 7th Cavalry Regiment is a United States Army Cavalry unit whose lineage traces back to the mid-19th century after the Civil War. Then on June 25, 1876, Gen. Custer and the 7th Cavalry were ambushed by 1,500-2,500 warriors from the Lakota, Dakota, North Cheyenne, and Arapho tribes led by Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. In less than hour, the massacre
The Third Infantry Division Museum Gift Shop was started back in 2016 and is operated by volunteers of the Marne Chapter of the Society. We began offering our online services in 2018 and have helped many of our society members looking for items to proudly display their association with the Third Infantry Division.

During the annual reunion in November, society members stopped in and purchased items from the gift shop. We also had a vendors table at the Soldiers Ball showcasing some of the items we carry. For those of you who couldn’t make the trip this year, you can still get your hats, pins, flags, shirts, coins, and many other items through our online website. We strive to get orders completed and in the mail in just a few days. You can view our items online at https://squareup.com/store/3id-museum-gift-shop. If you don’t surf the net, just give us a call at 912-271-5861 and we’d be honored to help you find that special Marne item.
## Call for Nominations for Society Officers

Nominations for the 2020-2022 Society President and three regional Vice-Presidents will be accepted from January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019. Please send your nomination and the nominee’s letter of acceptance to the nominations/Elections Chair, Ed Conley, during this timeframe (email is authorized). Any regular or associate members may be nominated to serve except for office of the President. Only regular members may serve in this position. The term of office is for two years and each of those elected can be re-elected for one or more additional terms. Nominations for the Regional Vice-Presidents must be made by someone in that region. 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.

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 30, 2018. These can be sent via email to Ed Conley whose contact information is on page 2.

—submitted by Ed Conley
Nominations/Elections Chair

## 2020 Call for C&BL Changes

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your **proposed changes must be received by March 5, 2020.** The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 2018 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 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 5, 2020. 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

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The Watch on the Rhine
During our visit John related some of his experiences in the Korean War. Very interesting was his description of the training period in Japan and how his company was comprised of 2/3 KATUSAs when they landed at Wonsan in November 1950. He also related his experience as commander of the advanced party for Task Force Dog, the 3rd Infantry Division task force sent to assist the 1st Marine Division in its withdrawal from the Changjin Reservoir in December 1950.

John, at 94, remains deeply committed to the Society and has been a great supporter of OP International’s Korean War historical seminars conducted bi-annually and annual WWII historical seminar in Northern Virginia. He is also one of the Society’s senior WWII veteran members, having served with the 15th Infantry Regiment in the final campaign in Germany March to May 1945 and then on occupation duty in Salzburg, Austria and then in Germany. He also served in the Vietnam War as a Brigade Commander with the AMERICAL Division.

OP International will participate in the 75th anniversary commemorations in late January and early February in Colmar, Ostheim, and Horbourg-Wihr. The outpost will co-host a historical seminar and commemorative ceremony on 18 June 2020 with the Austrian Embassy to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Austria. A State wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery will be held at 1230 on 18 June. The Korean War historical seminars will be held 16-18 April 2020 and 22-24 October 2020, both in Northern Virginia. More details will be published later, but please mark these dates on your calendars and plan on joining us!

Society 100th Anniversary Challenge Coin

Buy your 100th Anniversary Society Challenge coin TODAY. These coins are spectacular! The overall design idea was to use the baseplate of an artillery shell as the main concept. As you can see it also looks familiar to the bottom of a rifle bullet with the primer in the middle being the 3rd ID patch. This design features our beloved “Rocky” the bulldog marching with the Stars and Stripes in the background on the back of the coin. The front features the Society logo embossed in a polished gold circular disc that has the Society dates on the ribbon on the bottom and the division mottos surrounding the logo.

Each coin is offered for $25 each and they come in their own custom “Marne” blue velvet jewelry box. These are truly amazing coins that will only be offered this year while supplies last. Order your coin by sending your check or money order to:

IN HONORED MEMORY...

The following members donated to the Society Memorial Fund in memory of a friend, relative or unit.

Grant Gauger in memory of SGT Herman K. Rainboldt
Patsy Scarpato in memory of General Richard E. Cavazos

We thank all of our donors and we honor the memory of their friends, relatives and units. The service and sacrifice these honored Americans who fought for our precious freedoms are never forgotten!
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. 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, 2020

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

By the time you have read our February issue of the Watch, I will have returned from Holtzwihr, France in observance of the 75th anniversary of Audie Murphy’s “One Man Stand at Holtzwihr” It is special to me also because it falls on January 26 which happens to be my birthday. I was celebrating my third birthday on January 26, 1945 when Murphy was beating back six German tanks and 250 snow clad uniformed German infantrymen for 55 minutes on a burning M10 Tank Destroyer. We will have a special family being there also as Toby Knight and Tim and Monika Stoy will also be there. A full report with many photos will be in our April issue.

Audie Murphy’s sister Nadine signed this print for me as did Don Eckman who was one of the 17 men who witnessed Murphy’s heroics.

Also, I have been doing a seven days a week face book posting of my travels and photos of Europe and the Pacific for the past four years, and will be starting a new four year series after I report about our trip to Holtzwihr. Face book can be good and in fact face book is how I became involved with the Society by people reading my fb postings. It has been my goal to post a non-political fb page and adhere to strictly a history page that only keeps stories and photos alive of our military heroes. I only post about places I have been to and people I have met and interviewed. If you are on face book, please send me a friend request and follow me on history.

My Face book page is: Henry Bodden Face Book and my website is www.inthefootstepsofvalor.com
November 16, 2019
Jekyll Island, Georgia

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Toby Knight. Executive Committee (EXCOM) members present were:
- Society President-Toby Knight
- Secretary-Treasurer-Russel Zeeb
- Eastern Region Committeewoman-Gabe Guevara
- Central Region Committeewoman-John Weis
- Central Region Committeeman-Richard Faulkner
- Western Region Committeeman-Lou Bravos

A quorum was established for the meeting. The Chair announced that the meeting would be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order. The Chair thanked everyone for serving on the executive committee.

Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

Old Business

The Chair called for Secretary-Treasurer to read the minutes from the 2018 Executive Committee meeting. John Weis moved to suspend with corrections, the Chair moved to approve the minutes as written and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The Chair asked the Executive Committee Members if there were any additions to the Agenda. Kathy Daddato requested that a discussion on limiting the terms of the President of the Society be added to agenda. Lou Bravos requested a discussion to rescind the requirement in By-Laws para 1.6. and 5.7 that requires the rotation of the Society national reunion between the three regions. John Weis requested that a discussion be added concerning the Outpost and various Federal and State laws that might apply to the Outpost.

New Business

The Chair moved to approved LTC David Beavers as the new Society Chaplain. The motion was seconded by John Weis. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Chair, along with the entire EXCOM thanked Jerry Daddato for his years of service as our Chaplain.

The Chair moved to approve either Springfield, Illinois, Little Rock, Arkansas, Kansas City Missouri, or Las Vegas, Nevada for the 2020 Society National Reunion. The motion was seconded by John Weis. The floor was opened for discussion. The Chair noted that the 2020 reunion should be held in the central region in accordance with the C&BL’s. The chair closed the floor and called for a vote. Kansas City was selected for the 2020 Society reunion by unanimous vote.

The Chair noted that no vote for the 2021 reunion will take place since the membership at the General Membership Meeting moved to hold the reunion in the Fort Stewart/Hinesville, Georgia area in 2021 and that it be held in conjunction with the Soldiers Ball also.

The Chair moved to award grants of $200 to the Division Soldier and NCO of the Year. The Chair moved to table the motion pending verification that the Soldiers were still apart of the division. The motion to table was seconded by John Weis. The motion to table was approved by unanimous vote.

Kathy Daddato moved to suspend the Constitution para 5.2a.1 which restricts the Society President to two (2) year terms. The Chair moved to table pending further review of the C&BL’s. The motion to table was seconded by John Weis. The motion to table was approved by unanimous vote.

John Weis moved to establish an Executive Director position in the Society in order to run the day to day business operations of the Society. The motion was seconded by Kathy Daddato. The Chair moved to table the motion pending establishment of duties and responsibilities for this new position. The motion to table was seconded by Russel Zeeb and was approved by unanimous vote.

Lou Bravos moved to rescind the requirement in By-Laws para 1.6. and 5.7 that requires the rotation of the Society national reunion between the three regions. The Chair moved to table this motion pending specific wording and review of the C&BL’s. The motion to table was seconded by Kathy Daddato and was approved by unanimous vote.

John Weis moved to discuss the necessity of the Society Outpost’s to file their own state and federal taxes. The Chair moved to table the discussion pending consultation of a certified public accountant. The motion to table was seconded by Kathy Daddato and was approved by unanimous vote.

The Chair moved adjourn. The motion was seconded by Russel Zeeb and approved by unanimous vote.

—Submitted by Russel Zeeb, Secretary-Treasurer

Acknowledgments

Toby Knight recognized the Outpost officers in attendance. Major General (ret.) Buford Blount, former 3rd I.D. Commanding General was in attendance and was recognized by the chair.

National Officers Reports
Society President, Toby Knight – Toby reported that he judged the overall state of the Society as fair. He noted that membership is still the biggest challenge facing our Society. There was an overall drop of 23% of members between 2018 and 2019. There were numerous reasons for this drop that included member deaths, non-renewals, erroneous information on the roster and economic reasons. Toby implored members to serve as recruiters to help inject new members into our Society. Toby noted the loss of Outpost 2 in Florida due to the resignation of both of their leaders and a lack of volunteers to replace them. The Society C&BL’s stipulates that all Outposts need to have a minimum of two leaders to maintain their charter.

Toby noted that many Outposts are experiencing a lack of participation of among members to attend meetings. Some OP’s have large geographic areas to cover and he recommended that OP’s rotate their meeting locations to accommodate more members who live in their OP’s area of responsibility. He further noted that some OP’s are NOT cashing their Outpost disbursement checks. Once a check is sent to the OP Secretary-Treasurer or President, they have 90 days to deposit or cash the check or the funds are returned to national.

Due to decreasing funds, which is directly correlated to decreasing membership, the EXCOM has begun initiatives to expand the revenue streams that the Society currently has. One of these new initiatives is to expand the investment portfolio the Society maintains with our investment firm, Edward Jones. The EXCOM approved the investment of $40,000 more dollars to be place in the current investment account bringing the total cash investment to $94,441.00. These funds were placed in a moderate to low risk category in order to protect the funds from being eroded from turbulent economic conditions. Furthermore, the Society bank account was electronically connected to the investment account in order to facilitate the rapid transfer of funds from either account. This initiative was done without any costs associated, saving the Society money.

Eastern Region Vice-President, Dave Pope – No report
Central Region Vice-President, Lynn Ball – No report
Western Region Vice-President, Open Position – No report
National Secretary-Treasurer, Russel Zeeb - Russel thanked all those present for their support and also to President Toby Knight for his support and guidance. He expressed his amazement of the Soldiers Ball and was impressed by the ceremony and the reception that current Soldiers of the Division offered to our Society members. Lastly, he offered his assistance to every member that may need his services.

**Staff Reports**

- **Editor of the Watch on the Rhine, Henry Bodden** – Henry offered ideas to improve membership and informed the members present of his initiative to present extra copies of the WOTR to those who don’t know about the Society in order to help in our recruitment efforts. He also informed those present of the backlog of stories he currently has due to the large volume of submissions. He also included in his report future articles that he will include in the WOTR in order to keep the magazine full of engaging content for our members.
- **Active Duty Liaison, Jeff Ashmen** – No report.
- **Chaplain, Jerry Daddato** – Jerry reported that more than 70 members passed away in the previous year.
- **Historian, Henry Bodden** – No report
- **Judge Advocate, Harvey Sladkus** – No report
- **Auditor, John Weis** – John reported that the audit included a review of cash receipts and disbursements, bank deposits, bank statements and reconciliations, the general ledger entries and investment account activity and statements. Based on his review of this documentation he was not aware of any material changes that should be made to the documentation or the statements. It was his opinion that this information fairly represents the financial activity and condition of the Society for the year ending June 30th, 2019. John also noted that due to some calculation errors in the EXCEL document used to report Society financials, the report of receipts and disbursements would be reprinted in the December edition fo the WOTR. He also indicated that he submitted the Society tax forms to the Federal Government after review by the Society President.
- **Medical Officer, Dr. Van Delden** - No report

Quartermaster, Leonard Collins — Leonard reported that any WWII or Korean War veteran can receive a free ball cap when they visit his Quartermaster store located in the hotel.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Homme** – Frank reported that he drops off copies of the WOTR to the local VA hospital and speaks with Veterans about their service. When he discovers a Veteran that served in the 3rd ID he ensures they receive an application form.
- **Webmaster report** – The webmaster provided statistical report for the period Sep 2018 through Aug 2019. This information indicated the effectiveness the website has offered to the Society namely, the online housing of our membership roster, the online payment capability for annual paying members and much more.

Roster Manager, Frank Ugolini — The roster managers written report was included in the packet handed out to the attendees.

**Committee Reports**

- **Awards Chair, SFC Ken Drake** – SFC Ken Drake reports that this years awards nominations included a total of two nominations for the Audie Murphy Achievement Award, two for the Society Service Award and none for the Outstanding Associate Member Award and one nomination for the President’s Special Award. All nominations and awardees were vetted using the awards Protocol included in the Society SOP.
- **Constitution and By-laws Chair, Amy McKenna** – Amy McKenna’s reported that there were three Executive Committee Actions, three Constitution changes and three Bylaws changes that were on the ballot for membership approval in the June edition of the WOTR. All proposed changes and EC Actions were approved by a 2/3 majorly vote by the membership. She received a total of 22 ballots cast which his less that 1.6% of all members in good standing.
- **Membership Chair, OPEN** – This position is currently open. The Chair asked for any nominations from the floor. None were submitted.
- **Scholarship Chair, Lynn Ball** – No report submitted.
- **Nominations Chair, Ed Conley** – All nominations for this years positions were uncontested therefore no ballots were included in the June edition of the WOTR and all nominations were re-elected in accordance with the the C&BL’s.
- **Public Relations Chair, Maj. Heri Marrero** – No report
- **Reunion Chair, Toby Knight** – No report
- **Reunion Chair, Jeff Ashmen** - The Fundraising Committee is responsible for coalescing current fundraising activities of the Society with new initiatives. The Society raffle, the coin program, the Division
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

**Adjournment**

Jerry Daddato led the closing prayer.

**Closing Prayer**

Toby led the singing of the Dogface Soldier.

**Singing of the Dogface Soldier Song**

There were no new officers to install.

**Installation of Officers**

The Chair opened to the floor requesting items of new business.

Peter Grafner of Outpost 1 moved that the 2020 Soldiers Ball be held without any alcohol present for the attendees. No second to the motion was received therefore the motion was lost.

Paul Grabert moved to nominate Lake Tahoe as another location for the 2021 reunion. The motion was accepted as a secondary location for the 2021 reunion.

Leonard Collins moved that the reunion locations alternate between the regions and Fort Stewart making the 2021 reunion be held in Fort Stewart, Georgia/Hinesville area, the motion was seconded by John Weis. The motion was carried by a vote of 13 for and 0 against.

John Weis moved to have the 2021 reunion in concert with the dates of the Soldiers Ball/Marne week. Russel Zeeb seconded the motion. The motion was amended to disburse Society members amongst the units. The Amendment was seconded by Paul Grabert. The motion was carried by a vote of 16 for and 1 against.

Henry Bodden moved to continue the color version of the WOTR as a permanent change to the Society magazine. Frank Homme seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 16 in favor and 1 against.

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—Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Russel Zeeb

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**Chaplain’s Corner**

**CH (LTC) David Beavers**

During a deployment to Iraq in 2007 our Detachment Commander decided it would be a good to have a series of athletic contests between Officers, NCOs, and our Junior Enlisted. When “tug of war month” rolled around, I was placed in charge of the officer team. We prepared, we developed a strategy, and we had our families mail us some cleats to give an added advantage. (Even Chaplains like to win.)

We were undefeated heading into the final heat when the unthinkable happened. As we were pulling and struggling to win, my feet started to slip out from under me. I knew that if I slipped, we would lose and I could sense our victory slipping away as I did indeed fall in what seemed like slow motion. What was amazing is that after I hit the ground, we didn’t lose. In fact, I was able to get back up, start pulling again and after 3 or so more minutes, we won.

I share this because of the important lesson I learned that day. We didn’t fail because I had other people pulling on the rope with me. I was not on my own and had the support of a great team. The question for all of us in our lives becomes: Who is pulling on the rope with you?

When we are on Active Duty, we have the daily interaction of our battle buddies and those around us who are constantly involved in our day-to-day lives so we have a pretty good support structure if we choose to use it. When we transition from Active service, it may be challenging to find those who are “on our team.” For people of faith, this team involves our faith and our fellow believers. For everyone, we must ensure that we find others who can and will give us support in life so we do not find ourselves alone when we face any challenge.

We all have access to numerous support agencies if we are willing to give them a chance. We can find support from the VA, the 3ID Society, Army OneSource, and even dropping me a line if you need. Remember, no Dog Faced Soldier should ever find themselves alone because we are all on the same team. Today, intentionally identify those folks who are willing to pull the rope with you and take a quick look around to see who needs your help with their rope.

Blessings,

CH (LTC) David K. Beavers

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**Last Call**

The following personnel were identified as deceased. All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

**In Memoriam**

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

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On The Lighter Side

Now there's a self-assured man who knows how to dress, but alas, sometimes a picture is not worth a thousand words

By Henry Bodden

I had not worn a tuxedo since High School and my mother dressed me then in my tuxedo. So when I heard the Soldier’s Ball was formal, I went to The Men’s Wearhouse to be fitted for a tux. I was quite overwhelmed how complicated everything was just to get in a tuxedo. So while being fitted by the lady taking my measurements from head to toe began telling me all these things to remember, it kind of went in one ear and out the other. So when my tux came in, my wife went over it with me and showed me how to snap the bow tie behind my neck and I couldn’t do it. Then I had a yellow vest that snapped in the back and again I couldn’t do it.

So it’s off to Jekyll Island and when the big night comes to put on my tux by myself I ran into immediate problems. First of all the slacks had no belt or suspenders, but two adjustable clips on each side. Well I couldn’t get them quite tight enough and then my shoes were very tight. The only easy part was tucking my shirt in, but the shirt had four fake black buttons which looked nice, but an adventure getting them into the buttonholes.

The cuff links were adventurous also. When it was time to put on the vest and snap behind me, I just couldn’t do it and wasted about twenty minutes trying. I finally decided not to wear the vest because I couldn’t get it on.

Then the bow tie really was frustrating and I struggled for another twenty minutes trying to snap behind me. Again I just couldn’t do it even looking behind me with a mirror. So after investing over an hour getting into my tux with loose pants and tight shoes, I decided to go to the front desk and ask for help.

A nice lady took me into a room behind the front desk and snapped my bow tie together in seconds. So as I began walking to the ballroom for the ten minute walk, my feet were killing me and my pants were beginning to droop. Putting on a brave front as I entered the hallway, I mingled and took photos of all the people.

Gabe Guevarra took this photo of me seemingly in a self-assured manner, but no one would have guessed what I had gone through just getting here.

As I went to my table I had to put both hands in my two pockets to keep them from falling down as they were really beginning to droop. Making it to my table I thought I was now safe for a couple of hours, but alas we began to stand up and back down for the colors, prayers, and the twelve or so toasts that began where it was up and down for each toast. Then the “grog” rite of passage began and each table had a glass of “grog” to drink. I don’t really drink but decided to drink my “grog” and it was a powerful mix of whiskey, bourbon, champagne, and who knows what else.

As I was leaving after the program and when the dance was beginning, I ran into Toby Knight and told him I was feeling “groggy” and going back to my room, not to mention how uncomfortable I was in my tux which was going south by the minute. Confused and disoriented by the effect of my “grog” drink taking its toll, I hopelessly wandered onto the dance floor by mistake as there was a dance contest going on.

Walking across the dance floor in a tortured and contorted manner, I vaguely remembered applause and laughter as I was walking across the dance floor. I finally made it outside and headed to my room, desperately holding my pants up by my hands in my pockets. Once in my room, I more or less ripped off my shirt over my head with cufflinks and fake buttons still on and collapsed on the bed. I could hardly stand with the tight shoes really blistering my feet.

I fell asleep immediately and slept soundly. At breakfast the next morning, several people came up to me and congratulated me on winning first place for “the most creative individual dance moves” category by an individual for the night. I told them I didn’t do anything but walk across the dance floor “grogged” and didn’t remember anything. Nevertheless, I was entitled to a trophy but they could not find me to present the trophy to me. So you see: “A PICTURE IS NOT ALWAYS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.”

Editor’s Note: Although the tuxedo escapade is 100% factual, the dance floor narrative is somewhat embellished.
News From The Outposts

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Site for Spring 2020 Outpost 1 Meeting with date and time to be announced in next issue.

Camp Grant Museum Restaurant Bursting with memorabilia as reported by a visitor.

Camp Grant Museum is housed in the building that was one of three fire stations and later the Induction and Muster Out Center for Camp Grant during the two World Wars. This is the only remaining building from the camp, but they have lots of photos to show how massive the site really was. We didn’t expect so much, and in 2 hours didn’t have time to see it all, so I will definitely be going back! There is no admission fee, just a donation box.

We did have lunch here too and the food was great. There was a steady stream of a half dozen or so other people coming and going just to eat while we were there. It’s very much a hometown diner. Breakfast is served all day, and they have hamburgers, chicken, grilled cheese and larger dinner plate items as well. My hamburger was great and my husband’s pancakes were perfect.

The restaurant fills the center of the room (maybe 10-15 tables) but the walls, hallways and every available nook and cranny are packed with WWI & WWII photos, clothing, personal stories, and other memorabilia. They also have a dozen or so binders and folders of information, newspaper clippings, regiment rosters, etc. we poured through those looking for information on my ancestor but ran out of time to go through them all. There is a side room dedicated to WWII, we didn’t get a chance to go in there at all.

There is a little gift shop section as well with t-shirts, a few toys and books. The owners are incredibly friendly and knowledgeable and gave me some tips for other genealogy resources to try. The address on the web worked great with my gps and they were easy to find, right by the railroad tracks. They also have a page on Facebook with their hours and the monthly restaurant specials: website; www.campgrantmuseum.org.; phone; 815-395-0679; address: 1004 Samuelson Road, Rockford, Illinois 61109 Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm or by appointment

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Veterans Day Weekend with Outpost 16 Italy

This year I spent a very memorable week just before Veterans Day 2019 Outpost 16 Mignano, Italy and a number of other prominent members who have visited the battlefields of “Mignano Gap”, where the 3rd Division Infantry fought in November and December 1943 along with other units of the US Fifth Army, as well as the British Commonwealth forces and Italian voluntary forces of the new constitution.

Our visits to the battlefield took us about 76 years sacred mountains ago, Monte Camino, Monte Lungo and Monte Rotondo whose heights were attacked by three regiments of infantry of the 3rd Infantry Division and where the valiant work of Dog Soldiers Face have been recognized by two Medals of Honor and many other silver and bronze stars.

We also visited and laid wreaths in heroic attack sites and acts of the British Royal Guard on Monte Camino and the battalion of Sharpshooters of the Motorized Brigade on Monte Lungo.

To commemorate the mighty acts of the 3rd Infantry Division and provide a long-term path for others who will visit Luigi Seventh and his Outpost 16 Italian (supported by many other groups: Association of Veterans of the Italian liberation war, Sharpshooters Battalion “Montelungo 1943”, Pistoia Gothic Line Association, the Italian Section of the 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull”, the Association “Museum Historicus” of Cascoli, and Licata Memento Association) have erected a series of story-
boards at critical sites and created a map that accompanies for what they termed as “The Land of Medals”. It ‘been a privilege and an honor and a thrill to accompany this group, listening to the stories of military actions, as told by Luigi Seventh, and see visible signs of fighting these battles in the 76th anniversary.

Of note, our group has visited the places where the brave actions of Floyd Lindstrom (7th Infantry) and Maurice L. Britt (30th Infantry), where he later received the medals of honor. And we walked the earth between Monte Lungo and Monte Rotondo where the 15th regiment fought, including John B. Armstrong earned a silver star and where Audie Murphy led his small team to take a German position and spend the night in a cave.

The days were dark - rainy, wet and cold - probably just as our ancestors have lived, but our spirit was high from the opportunity to watch and relive these battle sites with details, records and anecdotes provided by Luigi and beautiful collections of uniforms of World War II, equipment, weapons and photos assembled in the two museums that we visited (Historicus Caspoli Museum and Cemetery Italian war Museum Monte Lungo). On the evening of November 9 we also enjoyed a special presentation on the history of World War II Tank Destroyer 601a of the Company and LT Thomas Welsh (a platoon commander) who fought with the 3rd Infantry Division in North Africa through Italy, France and Germany. Grandson of Welsh LT and author, USN Commander (Retired) Victor “Tory” Failmezger, the conduct of the presentation was based on his book “American Knights.” Despite being a ‘sailor’, Tory has fit right in with the group.

He was well known to all, a delight to have on the trip, a source of so much history of all (being a historian enthusiast who has written several books about World War II), and is an honorary member and loved ‘Outpost 16 Italy.

Finally, I must admit that the weekend was not only climbing and march with the creation of commemorations. Luigi assured us the hours and interspersed with delicious meals at the Hotel Rocca where we had our “base of operations”, and the “field” appropriately qualified with restaurants (of “high quality”) known as Farm and taverns for their genuine and tasty cuisine and excellent wine). Finally it was a great way to spend the weekend of Veterans Day with a group of Italian fans and a retired sailor, who have worked long and hard (and still do) to keep the memory of the sacrifice and service our soldiers abroad.

Submitted by MG (Ret) Gordon B. “Skip” Davis, Jr.

Outpost #22 President, Travis Gammill brought our, 2019-2020 Annual Meeting to order, on November 9, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., during the Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Flabob Airport, in Riverside, California. He wished all Society members his warmest holiday greetings, and shared his hopes for good health, wealth, and happiness in the New Year. Chaplain Charles Trout provided the benediction, and Louis Bravos posted the US Flag. Bianca Wanamaker led the Pledge to the Flag.

President/Chairman Gammill introduced Outpost #22’s leadership, and thanked our members for attending this meeting (under the wing of the DC-3 airplane). The OP #22 leaders are: OP #22 Chaplain/and former National Society President: Charles C. Trout. Louis Bravos: is the OP #22 Vice President/and National WR Committee. Ron Greenwood is the Secretary/Treasurer/ and Editor/Publisher of the “OP #22 Newsletter”. Lastly, He introduced himself, Travis Gammill: President of OP #22/and Co-Coordinator of the 2019 Veteran Day Celebration at this airport.

Mr. Gammill introduced our special guest, Thomas M. Ruck (Director of the West L.A. VA National Cemetery Administration). He thanked OP #22 members for placing the black granite 3rd Inf. Div. Memorial stone near the entrance of the West L.A. VA Cemetery; for attending the January 3, 2019 wreath laying ceremony; and for supporting him during the 2019 Memorial Day Bell Ringing ceremony (on May 27, 2019). He gave a brief summary of VA changes during the last year, and thanked all present for their military service.

An announcement by the Inland Empire Airborne Assn. was made by Jim Cano, who suggested that all veterans ride on the Hero’s Float (at 3:00 today) to be saluted by all of the civilians who came out to thank military veterans for serving the USA.


Old Business: Ron Greenwood complimented Travis Gammill, and Chuck Trout for being quality leaders who stepped forward to fill the leadership void when Past President Walter Mendoza died, and Past Chaplain, George Vogel retired. Others confirmed that we have four outstanding leaders serving OP #22, and the Society.

Mr. Greenwood announced that our OP #22 budget is “balanced”, and that “all expenditures were pre-approved” during the July 4th budget approval process. He reminded us to recruit new members, and that he will accept your end-of-the-year “tax donations” to support all national programs, and the OP #22 budget.

Louis Bravos complimented MG Antonio Aguto, Jr., Toby Knight, and the members of the EXCOM for providing an outstanding 100th National Reunion, the tours, and the Soldier’s Ball during the 3rd Infantry Division’s Marne Week celebration, in Georgia.

New Business: Ron Greenwood pointed out that OP #22’s 1919-20 annual budget is already approved. He has published the “OP #22 Newsletter” for the past four years. It is now time for a new Editor/Publisher to step forward to write the articles that inspire us, and keep us informed. If you are interested in being the Editor/Publisher of the “OP #22 Newsletter”, starting in January 2020, please call Travis (1-951-675-3173) or (951-686-6268), or Ron, at (1-562-804-2023). Please call either of them if you would consider being our Secretary/Treasurer, starting in either January 2020, or July 1, 2020.

Adjournment: Mr. Bravos retired the colors. Chairman Gammill asked if there was any new business, or any additional announcements. There being none, he declared this Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.
The group included organizer C. Monika Stoy, Tim Stoy, and Monika’s mother, Haesook Choi; Mr. Jeff Geraci and his son, Joseph; Dr. Roger Cirillo; SFC, retired, Donald Christiansen; Dr. Virginia Norton; and Mrs. Rhonda Gloodt with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Ayers.

Tim Stoy’s father is a Korean War veteran, having served with the 5th RCT in 1950 before being wounded and evacuated. Don Christiansen served with the 187th ARCT in 1952-1953. Dr. Norton’s husband, COL, ret. Charles Norton (dec.) graduated from the second Special Forces training course and worked with Korean partisans in Army Unit 8240 in 1953. He served with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3ID as a SSG in Germany on occupation duty in 1945-46. Rhonda Gloodt is the daughter of CPL Ronald Bradley, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3ID, who is still MIA from the second Battle of Outpost Harry in June 1953 and Laura is his granddaughter. Jeff Geraci’s father, John Geraci, served with the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3ID, 1950-1951.
receiving 2 Silver Star medals for his actions in combat, and Joe is his grandson. Monika Stoy’s father, Kyungjin Choi, served with the Korean partisans beginning in autumn 1950 and then in AU 8240 from its formation in 1951 until 1954. Dr. Cirillo, an eminent historian, escorted Don Christiansen.

The group arrived at Incheon International Airport late afternoon of 9 November and was greeted by staff of the tour company contracted by the MPV A and brought to its hotel, the Grand Ambassador associated with Pullman, in Seoul. After dinner the group retired to their rooms. The morning of 10 November the tour staff and representatives from the MPV A introduced themselves and gave a cursory overview of Korean culture centered on the Korean alphabet and traditional Korean dress, the Hanbok. Unfortunately, the staff missed the opportunity to give a more insightful overview of the over 4,300-year history of Korea. After lunch the revisit participants – who came from numerous Korean War troop contributing nations including Colombia, Ethiopia, South Africa, Canada, and the United States – moved to Seoul Station for transport via the KTX train (bullet train) to Busan. Arriving late in the afternoon the group was taken for a buffet dinner in Haeundae, the famous beach area of Busan, then moved to their hotel, the Westin Chosen Busan.

The following morning, 11 November, the veterans and families moved to the UN Memorial Cemetery for a memorial service at 1100, with the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, the Deputy UN Command Commander, and various Busan city officials participating. Especially meaningful for Rhonda and Laura was finding Ronald Bradley’s name on the memorial wall in the cemetery. Sadly, other participants on the tour missed the opportunity to see the names of their fallen Korean War family members as the MPVA hadn’t made any arrangements for them to do so and those people weren’t even aware of the memorial wall. Many school children from schools throughout Busan greeted veterans and family members upon their arrival at the cemetery. It was a somber ceremony, remembering the sacrifices of so many. It concluded with an impressive exhibition by the ROK Air Force precision flying team. After the ceremony everyone moved to the hotel for a thank you luncheon hosted by the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs during which veterans were awarded the ROK Ambassador for Peace medal.
by the MPVA minister. After the luncheon everyone moved to the train station and traveled back to Seoul. Unfortunately revisit participants were not afforded the opportunity to see any meaningful sites in Busan. It would be better were the MPVA to incorporate another full day in Busan to show veterans and family members Korea’s second largest city.

12 November everyone moved to the War Memorial of Korea for a wreath ceremony at the wall of the fallen and a tour of this very impressive museum. Due to the size of the group and difficulty hearing the guides numerous smaller groupings of visitors toured parts of the museum on their own. We met former 3ID Commander GEN Skip Sharp who was visiting the Memorial.

After lunch at the hotel participants were transported to Insadong, the artists’ street in downtown Seoul, to do souvenir shopping. That evening we attended a peace concert hosted by the MPVA in the concert hall of the 104 floor Lotte Tower in the Gangnam section of Seoul south of the Han River. It was an excellent concert.

Morning of 13 November the veterans participated in a memorial service at the National Cemetery in Seoul, with veterans placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and putting incense in the burner at the altar. We also had the opportunity to go inside the memorial vaults of the Tomb where far too many panels with names of the missing are located. Due to time constraints the planned tour of this impressive cemetery was cancelled, and the group returned to the hotel to change and then move to the Han River for lunch and a tour boat ride on the river. Sadly, the tour operator didn’t have a narrator working to point out the various locations and sites along the river, such as the National Assembly building, which would have been of interest to the group. It also began to rain as the boat ride ended. The tour then drove an hour to the DMZ and the Imjingak Peace Park at Freedom Bridge near Paju. We had an hour to visit the site in the pouring rain before heading back to the hotel for a final dinner in the hotel restaurant.

With all formal events concluded, everyone departed on 14 November, shuttled to the airport by buses from the tour operator. The Grand Ambassador Hotel staff provided outstanding and caring support throughout the visit. It was a very full program and tiring for the older veterans. Sadly, the MPVA’s revisit program will be ending after next year’s 70th anniversary commemorations. We have provided the MPVA a set of recommendations to make...
next year’s revisits even better. We have recommended a full day in Busan for veterans to see more of this city which was so important to UN efforts in the war; approved scripts for tour guides to use during the numerous extended bus rides to provide important information on Korean history and culture; moving to a hotel in the city center to enable participants to spend their open evenings downtown and seeing the famous statues and palaces located near city hall; visits to ROK military units to show how capable ROK forces have become; visiting one of the historic palaces as well as visiting the National Museum of Modern Korean history – the latter providing an excellent overview of Korea’s turbulent 20th century history; an ice-breaker reception at the beginning of the visit to allow participants to meet one another before the hectic schedule begins; holding an organized session for veterans to share their experiences with the entire group of participants; and dropping the Han River cruise and using that time to allow the museum and/or palace visit in city center.
The Watch on the Rhine

OP International, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, host-

ed its 5th Korean War historical seminar in Springfield, Virginia 16-19 October 2019 at the Holiday Inn Express. The three-day program included two days of seminars, a memorial service at the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery, and a concluding banquet at the hotel the evening of the 19th.

During the seminar and service 6 Korean War veterans participated – COL Gene Mechling, US Air Force, retired, who flew 100 fighter-bomber missions in North Korea 1951-1952; COL John L. Insani, US Army, retired, who served in Korea with the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division 1950-1951; MSgt George Schaudel, USMC, a veteran of the fighting at the Changjin Reservoir; Mr. Sam Fielder, USMC, who served with the artillery 1952-1953; SFC, US Army, retired, Don Christensen, who served with 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team 1952-1953; and Mr. David W. Mills, who served with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in March-April 1953 and was a POW for four months from April to August 1953. Each of these veterans shared their experiences with those who attended the seminar – everyone there was truly privileged to meet them.

The seminar featured a variety of excellent presentations and presenters. On Day One Mr. Paul McIlvaine briefed on President Truman and the many policy challenges he faced with the outbreak of the Korean War and the long-term implications of that war on American foreign policy; Dr. Kathleen McHale covered medical care and life-saving advances in the Korean War; COL Mechling shared his very interesting experiences flying in the Korean War; Tim Stoy gave an informative briefing on LTG John Wilson “Iron Mike” O’Daniel, the I Corps CG July 1951 to Aug 1952; Dr. Roger Cirillo presented an insightful briefing on the fighting on the Imjin River in April 1951; and COL Seong Kyun Lee from the Korean Defense Attaché’s Office gave a great overview of Korean Defense Forces and Defense Policy.

Day Two started with Monika Stoy speaking on Army Unit 8240 and the Korean Partisans and reporting on the Stoy’s recent trip to Korea during which they delivered a presentation on the history of the 3rd Infantry Division at the Korean Defense Language Institute whose director is COL Kieob Shin, former commander of the 3rd Independent Armored Brigade which hosted Korean veteran revisits in previous years. Mr. James Roberts gave a great briefing on the role of the American Red Cross in the Korean War; LtCol Aidan Shattock, the Military Attaché, Deputy Defense Attaché, and Defense Attaché Office Chief of Staff from New Zealand presented an excellent briefing on New Zealand’s Armed Forces in the Korean War; and Mr. Dan Baughman from the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency gave an outstanding update on recovery and identification efforts in Korea and Hawaii. Don Christensen, David Mills, and Sam Fielder completed the day and the seminar sharing their Korean War experiences.

The Outpost was deeply honored Chaplain (Major General) Thomas L. Solhjem, United States Army Chief of Chaplains, represented GEN James McConville, the US Army Chief of Staff, at the memorial service in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery. Chaplain Solhjem delivered moving comments, emphasizing freedom is not free and praising the Korean War veterans and their generation for their important combat service. Monika Stoy served as event host and delivered welcoming remarks while Tim Stoy served as event master of ceremonies. The US Army Brass Quintet provided outstanding musical support for the event, with great renditions of the Dogface Soldier, Arirang, the US National Anthem, and the March of the Soldiers of Robert the Bruce. David Mills, ex-POW, helped narrate the POW-MIA ceremony while LTC, US Army, retired Allen K. Goshi, pointed out the various items on the POW-MIA table. Mr. Jae Joon Lee sang the Korean National Anthem and Arirang while Reverend Dae Joon Roh delivered the invocation. Chaplain Solhjem delivered the benediction and then the group moved to the 3rd Infantry Division monument for a wreath ceremony. Observances in the cemetery concluded with a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, with Monika Stoy, Chaplain Solhjem, COL Lee, and COL, retired, Insani placing the wreath. After the ceremony the group visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall to see Sam Fielder’s picture.
The commemoration concluded with a wonderful banquet on Saturday evening. The program included the singing of the Korean and US national anthems by Mr. Paul McIlvaine; the invocation by Reverend Roh; introductions by all participants; the POW-MIA ceremony; a memorial service where all participants lit candles honoring Korean War veterans who had passed; award of the National Infantry Association’s Order of Saint Maurice, Peregrinus level to BG Pyo, Se Woo, Defense Attaché of the Republic of Korea in Washington, DC for his three years of excellent support of the Outpost’s efforts to honor Korean War veterans; a great punch ceremony conducted by LTC Al Goshi; a concert of fife music by SFC, US Army, retired Don Francisco; a delicious dinner catered by Pure Perfection; presentation of Ambassador of Peace Medals to Chaplain Solhjem for his father’s Korean War service; Dr. Virginia Parrish Norton in recognition of her father’s service in the Korean War; and MG, US Army, retired Bill Hix, recognizing his father’s service in the Korean War. Sam Fielder recited his poem “Arlington,” David Mills spoke about his POW experience and his appreciation for his fellow veterans; and Monika presented certificates of appreciation to seminar participants. Chaplain Solhjem concluded the evening with comments again thanking our veterans and then delivering the benediction.

Voice of America - Korea covered the event – you can view the footage at https://www.voakorea.com/a/5130303.html. This piece is even viewable in North Korea!

It was a wonderful three-day commemoration with outstanding support from BG Pyo’s Defense Attaché’s Office. The Outpost is already planning for the next Korean War historical seminar in 2020! We pledge to continue honor our veterans, continue to preserve Korean War history, and educate younger generations of Americans and Koreans on the importance of the Korean War.
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Pretty heavy stuff to hit me with. His words were just audible but enough for me to realize it was over. I wanted to yell out loud, “hey guys, I am going home!” I just sat there motionless and silent without any facial expression of joy.

For now at least, I had survived the war. No more hacking up and down to the front line. And for me it meant no more pinning my hopes on the peace talks. Apparently, there was no end to the disillusionment for me of the improbable and endless peace talks. Now, it simply didn’t matter. The feeling was purely selfish.

There was no way I was going to extend my tour. “Sir, I respectfully refuse the offer,” I said with a sullen voice. I hadn’t considered the colonel’s need especially in regard to his military operation of the battalion. The colonel and I had become a work in progress in the conduct of the nightly patrols. I ordered the patrol leaders with the colonel’s approval to avoid fire fights in no-man’s land and return to the line quickly. They were to take appropriate action for the preservation of life of the patrol members. The intent of the withdrawal to the line would permit a quick and accurate fire mission for the 4.2 mortars.

Despite the deep trust I had earned from Colonel La Hatte, I had endured three close calls. And, I was not going to push my luck. Survival is a strong instinct in man and animals. I was no exception, it was time to go home - FIGMO. But the ‘old man’ had my total respect as a combat commander, I felt as if I had let him down. It was at that moment I said, “Sir, I will take my replacement up to the line and familiarize him the battalion’s position.” His response was immediate, “denied lieutenant, he can learn for himself!” His denial was abundantly clear and it conveyed a deep personal regard for my safety. I was totally humbled. I came away with a strange feeling of his military involvement in the war. He felt that an individual’s survival did matter. He had experienced combat in WWII. He knew the importance of not tempting chance.

My tour was over on 30 April, 1953. The long trip home was slow but steady. I didn’t experience any turbulence either on the water or in the air on the way back to good old Brooklyn and home.

George Bjotvedt, V.M.D.
73 45 E Cozy Camp Drive
Prescott Valley, AZ
Greetings to all Dogface Soldiers, Families and friends of the Marne Division, welcome back and Happy New Year! Your Marne Division has already hit the ground running and we have a busy 2020 ahead of us. We remain laser focused on maintaining the highest levels of readiness and continuing to provide credible and capable land power to win decisively whenever our Nation calls.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, “Raiders”, spent the better part of December and January planning, preparing and loading all their equipment onto trains headed for Fort Irwin, California, where they are currently the first unit in the Army to take the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle through a rotation at the National Training Center.

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, “Spartans”, have also been busy with planning, preparing and loading trains, but their equipment is headed to Europe for Defender-Europe 20 - the largest deployment of U.S.-based forces to Europe for an exercise in the last 25 years. Defender-Europe 20 is designed to test our ability to rapidly deploy a large combat-ready force and equipment from the United States to Europe to quickly respond to a potential crisis.

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, “Falcons”, remain busy in Europe, supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve. Last month I was able to visit them and observe them in action during Exercise Combined Resolve XIII, and I can tell you that the strong relationships they’ve built with our Allies and partners across Europe will be a key part of the success of the large-scale force movement associated with DEFENDER-Europe 20.

The 3rd Sustainment Brigade, “Providers”, 3rd Infantry Division Artillery Brigade, “Thunder”, and Task Force 1-28, “Black Lions”, also remain extremely busy with training and missions, working hand-in-hand with our forces and allies across the globe, and I could not be more proud of their sacrifices and contributions.

At the end of January we honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr with an observance on post. If you look around, you can see Dr. King’s legacy embedded in the culture and values of the Marne Division and our Army. Every day, courageous young men and women from different backgrounds and walks of life, raise their right hands and swear to protect and defend our nation. We owe them the opportunity to serve equally with their fellow Soldiers – to realize and embrace their unique potential.

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and is off to a wonderful start in 2020.

Rock of the Marne!

Maj. Gen. Tony Aguto
Dogface Soldier

Commemorative Bourbon

To help us commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the division and the Society, we worked with Boundary Oak Distillery in Radcliff, Kentucky to establish the Society of the Third Infantry Division’s commemorative Whiskey.

This is 100% Kentucky bourbon whiskey and features a commemorative bottle design that includes an M1 Abrams tank and an AH-64 Apache helicopter, plus the Society’s 100th Anniversary logo.

Sales of this whiskey are currently only being done in the Fort Stewart/Hinesville area, but sales are expected to go nationwide soon. Contact the distillery for more information about purchasing locations. Their telephone number is: 270-351-2013
The Colmar Pocket, ‘Then & Now’

By Henry Bodden

The Colmar Pocket was fought in the area held in central Alsace by the German 19th Army, their last foothold west of the Rhine River. When the French was incapable of pushing the Germans across the Rhine, the American 7th and 3rd Army was called in to help. The 3rd Infantry was under the command of the French as the Allies cleared the Colmar Pocket from November of 1944 to February of 1945. This battle was fought in the bitter cold of Europe’s worst storm in forty years, the same weather our troops faced in the nearby Battle of the Bulge as that epic fight had just ended.

I have several books from this series, but found this one of the bloody Colmar Pocket very interesting.

Two smiling French soldiers fill the hands of American soldiers with candy in Rouffach, France.

The French cemetery at Sigolsheim where 1,494 French soldiers perished during the battle of the Colmar Pocket.

American tanks advance as they close the Colmar Pocket.

The Colmar Pocket was going on just as the Battle of the Bulge was winding up, but the same bitter cold was plaguing the soldiers in the Alsace region of France.

Rouffach is liberated in the Colmar Pocket.

The U.S. Memorial at Sigolsheim on the battle of Hill 351.
Today there are many memorials to the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division in this section of Alsace.

Just last year we had lunch in the summer at this beautiful town of Kayersberg and its grape orchards high up the Vosges Mountains.

## Roll Call

**New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division**

Listed below are all new members who enrolled during since the last issue of *The Watch-on-The-Rhine*.

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wiped out all of Custer’s troops, 265 men and Custer himself. Indian losses vary from 31 to 136. Its official nickname is “Garryowen” in honor of the Irish drinking song “Garryowen” that was adopted as its march tune. In Gaelic, it means “Owen’s Garden” neighborhood in Limerick, Ireland. Lyrics…its pride, honor, glory, and undying fame.

It was Gen. Custer’s favorite song he learned while at West Point. By the way, Custer graduated last in his class and a goat is symbolized and given as a dubious honor to “last in the class.” When I visited Custer’s grave at West Point several years ago, his monument has a large goat head on his tombstone. It followed him to his grave.

But I was fascinated by Luis’s Cavalry Stetson with the 7th Cavalry pin. It brought back memories also of the great Mel Gibson movie “We were Soldiers” depicting the 7th Cavalry’s venture into the “Valley of Death” at Ia Drang in Vietnam. In 1954, the French first fought their final battle in then Indo-China against the Vietnamese. They were soundly beaten by Gen. Nguyen Hvu An’s fighters as the French were surrounded and massacred while on patrol. Gen. An ordered his men to “kill all they send, and they will stop coming.”

Eleven years later, Col. Hal Moore was ordered to go into the same Ia Drang “Valley of Death” to clear out an unknown amount of North Vietnamese fighters. Gen. Harry Kinnard had formed a new Cavalry unit concept called Airmobile Assault Cavalry which landed troops by helicopters to battle sites. Harry Kinnard manned a machine gun during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and then was with the 101st Airborne at Normandy, Operation Market Garden in Holland, the Battle of the Bulge, and Bong Son in Korea. During the Battle of the Bulge, he was with Gen. Anthony McAuliffe with the besieged and surrounded 101st Airborne at Bastogne. When Gen. McAuliffe answered “Aw Nuts” to the German demand to surrender, it was native Texan Kinnard who advised McAuliffe to use that defiant reply to the Germans. Kinnard was featured in the movie “We Were Soldiers” and employed this new concept of Airmobile assault troops by helicopter in this first battle with the North Vietnamese. Kinnard was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, two Distinguished Service Medals, and two Legion of Merit medals. When Col. Moore prepared to enter into “The Valley of Death” – he was haunted by what happened to Custer and his 7th Cavalry and the French in the same Ia Drang Valley. So Col. Moore first ordered that five landing zone sites be prepared as he would lead his 400 troops to meet this unknown amount of NVA. Unknown to Col. Moore, the NVA had 4,000 men in the mountain next to Ia Drang and he had reservations about being surprised and surrounded as Custer and the French were. Between November 14-18, 1965, the 7th Cavalry led by Col. Moore’s 400 troops landed and prepared for a search and destroy operation. His fears came true that resulted in a bloody hand to hand battle as his men were overrun by the NVA. Moore lost 235 of his 400 men, while killing 1,800 of the 4,000 NVA with the help of air strikes on the waves of NVA soldiers charging Moore’s positions. Despite the huge NVA losses, Ho Chi Minh became confident he could prevail in a long drawn out land war.

**LZ-X-Ray** - While having lunch on June 6, 2012 in Sainte-Mere-Eglise in Normandy, a beautiful young French lady approached our table and asked Bill if he was in Vietnam. Bill (on the right) was wearing a Vietnam cap with a helicopter on his cap (see photo) with the caption “Frequent Flyer.” Bill was ordered to find five landing zones for Col. Moore to land his airborne assault trips. So it was Bill who chose the LZ-X-Ray landing sites for the battle. Pretty amazing co-incidence for our group. Anyway, Bill’s cap caught the attention of an elderly French man (on the left) who spoke no English. He had sent his daughter to talk to Bill about Vietnam. When Bill told her he was
in Vietnam, she told us her father would like to meet him. It turns out this French gentleman fought for the French in Indo-China and was driven out in 1954 after six decades of French colonial rule. So the two spoke of their Vietnam experiences with the help of the daughter serving as their interpreter. This was my first and only time to meet a Frenchman who fought against the Vietnamese, and it was a very interesting encounter. In the photo above, a UH-1 Huey is shown landing troops at Ia Drang on the LZ-X-Ray landing site.

Major General Aguto – Gen. Aguto just assumed command of the 3rd ID on June 3 of 2019, and he addressed the banquet attendees at the Reunion. Prior to his arrival at Fort Stewart, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the US Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was commissioned an Armor Officer at West Point in 1988, and as a young officer he served as a Tank Platoon Leader in the 4th Squadron of the 8th Cavalry Regiment during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He also served in the European Theater in Bosnia, Herzegovina. So he is well travelled and experienced for his new post as he was welcomed to Fort Stewart.

Harold Nelson – I first met WWII veteran Harold Nelson at my first reunion in San Antonio, when he was a spry 102 year old. He was in Albuquerque last year also, so I was delighted when he showed up again at Jekyll Island at the Soldier’s Ball. When you read this he will be an amazing 105 years old and still looking good with all his hair. I was very honored to get an autographed print I had brought especially for Harold to sign. (see photo) Harold served in the U.S. Army during WWII from July 1941 to June 1945. As an infantryman, Harold was engaged in intense combat in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, (Operation Torch) and Sicily (Operation Husky) and then Italy, making two amphibious landings fighting the Germans and their Vichy French allies. Harold then landed at Salerno, Italy. While crossing the chest deep Volturno River, Harold was under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. After Salerno was the bloody landing at Anzio for a five month long battle. Harold said while in his foxhole a German tank just twenty feet away shot at him, but Harold called artillery on the tank and he took it out with a bazooka. On June 4, 1944 they liberated Rome. With Operation Dragoon looming (the invasion of Southern France) Harold had enough points and wounds to be shipped back statewide which he happily took while spending the rest of the war in Kentucky, New Mexico, Texas, and Kansas – where he was discharged in June of 1945.

At the Reunion, Harold displayed a replica of his helmet he wore for over three years on the banquet table. He threw the original one away because it would not hold water. His helmet was his toilet, wash bowl, and helped removed dirt from foxholes. As a helmet, Harold says it saved his life at least three times. A bullet went through the side just above his ear while crossing the Volturno River. The bullet mark in the back of the helmet was received in Sicily. The dent in the back of the helmet was received when the convoy truck he was riding towards Romula forces in Tunisia. Falling backwards on the side of the road, Harold hit his head on a rock and paralyzed his leg for about a week. Then finally, he and one of his squad leaders were in a foxhole when they took a direct hit which collapsed their foxhole. Once again his trusty helmet saved him Harold says that if not for his helmet, he would not have made it to 105 so far. Another amazing story of our “Dogface soldiers.”

A Tour of Fort Stewart – On Saturday, we all loaded up on the bus for an hour trip from Jekyll Island to Fort Stewart. I was quite surprised how large the base seemed to be. In fact it is the largest base east of the Mississippi, encompassing 280,000 acres. Fort Stewart is named after Revolutionary War hero BG Daniel Stewart. In 1943 Fort Stewart was used as a German and Italian POW camp for those captured during the N. African campaign. We toured this fine museum of the 3rd Infantry in its foreign wars. They had displays from WWI, and much about WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. After visiting its fine souvenir shop managed by Jeff Ashmen, several items particularly caught my eye. There was this WWII 3rd ID helmet in which I was given this exact WWII helmet. There was a signed painting of 3rd ID “Dogface” James Arness in his cowboy outfit. I have this same painting by Buck Taylor, a

The entrance to Fort Stewart

A UH-1 Huey is shown landing troops at Ia Drang on the LZ-X-Ray landing site.
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sidekick of Arness and an accomplished western artist. I also bought one Taylor did of “Festus” and “Doc” that adorn my wall. Arness was wounded during the battle of Anzio and he carried a noticeable limp even during his twenty year plus run of the popular Gunsmoke series. Next to the painting is a letter from the Commanding General of Fort Stewart of the 3rd ID inviting Arness to attend our 2004 reunion. Funny thing about the uniform on display of Lt. Garlin Conner, who was just upgraded to the

The Warrior’s Walk on Fort Stewart honoring our fallen soldiers

A cache of weapons taken from the deposed dictator Saddam Hussein

Photo of Lt. Garlin Conner receives the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroics at Houssen, France in WWI

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Above (l-R) A WWI 3rd ID helmet on display at the Fort Stewart Museum; An autographed painting of former “Dogface” soldier James Arness; An invite to James Arness to attend our 85th reunion in 2004 by the Commanding General of Fort Stewart

Above left. Garlin Conner’s WWII uniform on display. Right, The jacket uniform of Audie Murphy aside his trusty Carbine

WWII and Korean veteran Clint Clinton poses outside the Museum

A cache of weapons taken from the deposed dictator Saddam Hussein

Photo of Lt. Garlin Conner receives the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroics at Houssen, France in WWI
Medal of Honor status. As I entered the museum, I met the curator who said he had just missed me in Albany, Kentucky when he picked up Conner’s uniform from Luther Conner. Luther and I had just climbed the mountain in Pall Mall, Tennessee and found the exact spot that Alvin York sat and meditated for two days about fighting in WWI after being drafted. After we climbed the mountain, Luther said he had to get back to Albany and turn over Lt. Conner’s uniform to the curator of the museum at Fort Stewart. So another co-incidence of artifacts within the museum for me. Next the top uniform jacket and the Carbine of Audie Murphy was on display. Lt. Conner earned the DSC at Houssen, France just about three days before Audie Murphy earned his Medal of Honor at Holtzwihr which is just a few miles apart. Another point of interest was a fine display of weapons captured by the 3rd ID that belonged to Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Outside I took this photo of WWII and Korean vet Clint Clinton of the 3rd ID. Before attending the dinner at the banquet room at Fort Stewart, some visited the nearby “Warriors Walk” dedicated to those fallen soldiers of the 3rd ID. Then we all assembled for a dinner at a banquet room on base. Thus our tour concluded as we made our way back to the Westin at Jekyll Island and another great Reunion concluded.
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 war, the same devotion and service expected of us as members of its armed forces.

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

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

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

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. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2021.

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outposts #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.

**Annual dues: Regular, Active Duty, Associate Members $20.00**
**Annual dues: Overseas Members $35.00**

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Recipient of Medal of Honor No charge

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*For any AD Soldier currently on Active Duty
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For information, please visit our website: www.society3rdid.org.
February 2020

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

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

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★ Liberation of Iraq
★ Transition of Iraq
★ Iraqi Governance
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