Several years ago I was watching a Robert Edsel documentary about “Hunting Nazi Treasure” when he featured a 16th century Burgundian tapestry that once hung in the Eva Braun room at the Bavarian mountaintop Eagle’s Nest in Berchtesgaden. So last year on my annual tour to The Eagle’s Nest, I made sure I took a photo of the bare wall in the room where it once hung.

In 1938 in Munich, Konrad Bernheimer’s family’s art gallery sold the tapestry for about $10,000 US dollars, making it not a forced sale. The family thought their lives were safe until “Kristallnacht” in November of 1938. After “The Night of Broken Glass” family members were taken to concentration camps and the Nazis took over their gallery. After the war the family was able to restore their business. But what happened to the tapestry at the end of WWII?

Cathy Hinz’s father, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Paul Danahy took the tapestry after his 101st Airborne replaced the 3rd ID in Berchtesgaden. Danahy died

Thunder Run Into Baghdad

By Bob Burik – Part Two

The route to the Baghdad airport, known as Objective Lions, would be approximately 20 kms of German-built highway. Most of it would be north up Highway 8, and then turn west to the Objective Lions, which was captured earlier by TF 3-69. The task force column had to uncoil from Objective Saints and at first there was no real action as this took place. Overall, the column would cover about 3 kms after it uncoiled. Crews tried to keep 50 meters between tanks as they traveled 10-15 MPH. At times the column might speed up to 20-25 MPH during attacks. To start the thunder run, tank commanders mostly staid in what was known as open-protected position, in which the hatch

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President’s Message

Rock of the Marne! I had a great meeting with the new Commanding General and the Division Command Sergeant Major in the CG’s office on July 9th. They are committed to coupling with the Society and are excited to find new ways to strengthen our relationship. I expressed to them that the future of our Society lies with the division. I am honored to have met them and I look forward to expanding our opportunities together.

I still have the Society 100th Anniversary Coins available for purchase. This is the ONLY 100th anniversary memorabilia that will be made to our membership. So get yours before our limited supplies run out.

If you are an annual paying member, you should have paid your dues by June 30th. Members that don’t have their dues paid by July 1st, will not receive The “Watch-on-the-Rhine” in August. If your dues are not paid by October 1st, you’re status will changed to “inactive” on the Society Roster until they are received. Please send in your dues as soon as possible so our Roster Manager can update your status on the roster. Your membership is GREATLY appreciated.

Last year we instituted a new “Donations” card and it was a very successful program. You should be receiving yours in the mail this month. The card lists all of our funds and what they are for. You can simply check which fund to donate to, put it in an envelope with your check and mail it. Please consider donating, it is important to our Society that you support our funds. Thank you!

The results of the Constitution and Bylaws and Executive Committee actions were reported by the C&BL’s Committee chair, Amy McKenna. All items were approved by 2/3 majority vote of the votes received. Again this year we experienced low voter participation with only 1.6% of members voting. It is critical that as many members vote as possible. Please be more active in this regard. It is important.

On a sad note, I had the dissolve Outpost 2 in Florida. Both of the Officers retired from their positions after serving for a long time.

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and no members of that Outpost would step up to fill the vacancies. In accordance with the C&BL’s, ALL Outposts must have a minimum of two officers to maintain their charter. Current OP 2 members were transferred to the “At-Large” outpost and all new members living in Florida who join the Society will be assigned to Outpost Marne Association in Hinesville, GA.

Preparations are fast underway for our national reunion November 14-17, 2019. We have contracted with the Westin Jekyll Island hotel. This hotel is beautiful and is right on the beach and is only steps away from the convention center where we will attend the Soldiers Ball. If you decide to fly to the reunion, I recommend using Jacksonville, FL as your destination airport. It is actually closer to get to Jekyll Island from Jacksonville than Savannah. We will also have a complimentary shuttle service that will bring you to the hotel from the Jacksonville airport and return you after the reunion is over. Make sure you let the reunion brat know and they will make sure you are on the list for pick up and drop off. We will have a private suite available for the hospitality room and Gerry will be there, as always, to make sure everything goes smoothly. On Saturday, we will be hosted by the Division to visit and tour several facilities on Fort Stewart including the Museum and Warriors Walk. We will eat dinner at the Fort Stewart club along with many of the Leaders of the Division. It is going to be great. Make your plans early, as the hotel reservations will fill up fast!

Lastly, please keep all of our Soldiers deployed in harms way in your prayers.

ROTM!

Toby Knight

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in 1986 at the age of 71, and the tapestry then graced the wall of Hinz’s dining room. Growing up, Cathy Hinz and her five siblings would run up and down the stairs at their Minneapolis home. On a trip to Italy in 2000, Hinz struggled about keeping the 7’ by 7’ tapestry depicting a hunting scene. She realized that the honorable thing to do was to return it because it once belonged to others after all these years. But how? So Hinz gave it to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, and Robert Edsel being a board member knew it was time to find its rightful owners. Edsel first had to find if the original sale was a forced sale.

Edsel found out that the family of Konrad Bernheimer had sold the tapestry at full price and Konrad agreed that he had no legitimate claim to the tapestry, and it would be given to the Bavarian National Museum in Munich. Edsel, who founded the Dallas based Monuments Men Foundation in 2007, its mission is to find and return stolen artifacts to their rightful owners.

So on December 16, 2015, Cathy Hinz traveled to Munich to meet Robert Edsel for a ceremony to give the tapestry to the Munich Museum where it will stay. Edsel said “the return is a reminder to family members of WWII soldiers to be aware of what items might be found in their homes.” Edsel’s organization received a large donation and an offer to produce a series of television documentaries called “Hunting Nazi Treasure” that takes Robert and his film crew all over Europe chasing down leads to find and repatriate stolen artifacts and returning them.

It was then after watching this episode about the tapestry that was once in the Eagle’s Nest that I began researching Robert Edsel and his Foundation. As an avid art collector myself, I discovered that I had been to many of the same places in Europe that Robert and his investigators scan the countryside. My specialty is Paris and Munich, so I became very interested in...
Robert’s quest following in the footsteps of WWII’s original “Monument Men” who returned a staggering five million artifacts after the war. Paris was of special interest to me because each year my wife and I spend several days in Paris before the tour I lead each year begins. I have photographed many places where the “occupation and liberation of Paris” occurred. I will cover these sites with my photographs shortly after retracing some of Robert’s footsteps. At this time, I really wanted to reach Robert and interview him about his exploits. So I took a chance, and not expecting a reply, I e-mailed Robert’s Foundation in Dallas requesting an interview. I gave a little background about myself and once lived in Dallas myself and waited.

To my surprise, several days later I received a reply from Foundation member Anna Bottinelli (I just recently saw Anna on a European research trip with Robert tracing down a painting) that Robert wants me to contact him directly and set up a meeting in Dallas. So on May 21st. I met with Robert in the fashionable Arts District in downtown Dallas. When we sat down, Robert said “you have one hour” and I rapidly got my notes together with a rapid fire set of questions about his adventures which I found fascinating. With the interview over, I asked if I could take a photo of him and he then asked me to join him in a photo which we did. Robert was so gracious and I really enjoyed talking about Europe and showed him one of my favorite art photos. It was a watercolor that Adolph Hitler painted as a struggling artist in Munich. This painting was owned by Hitler’s personal photographer Heinrich.
Hoffmann, who made himself and Hitler very wealthy by putting Hitler’s image on everything. It was in Hoffmann’s studio where Hitler first met Hoffmann’s assistant – Eva Braun.

Several years ago I found the exact spot where Hitler stood and painted this courtyard, and I then took a “now” photograph of my wife and others posing in front of the courtyard subject. This courtyard is near Munich’s famed “Hofbrauhaus” beer hall. This exact photo is in Robert’s new book “Rescuing Da Vinci” which I have. Hitler painted this watercolor in 1914, and was seized by the US Army in 1945. It is considered “controversial art” and resides in the National Museum of the U.S. Army in D.C. I saw this painting brought out from a drawer when I was watching a “Sixty Minutes” segment last year, and was thrilled that I had found this exact courtyard in Munich.

Before I get into WWII’s Monuments Men, a little background about Robert and how he got involved in this passion of his. Robert’s exhaustive masterpiece book “The Monuments Men” was made into a movie by George Clooney, about this dedicated group of diverse men who found and preserved millions of stolen masterpieces looted by the Nazis from mostly prominent Jewish families, synagogues, churches, and museums. Robert was a nationally ranked tennis player before getting into the oil and gas exploration business in Dallas. He formed Gemini Exploration and pioneered the use of horizontal drilling throughout the early 1990’s. Robert told me he experimented drilling horizontally in his back yard. I have heard of many entrepreneurs beginning in their garage like Microsoft and Michael Dell in his dormitory room, but that’s a first in your back yard. Gemini grew from eight employees to almost one hundred, and by 1995, Gemini had become the second most active driller of horizontal wells in America. Robert then sold his assets to Union Pacific Resources Co. and shortly moved his family to Paris and then Florence, Italy.

It was in Florence when Robert began interested and researching how countries tried to conceal their national treasures from the Nazis. It was also in Florence that the Brits almost destroyed Leonardo Da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” fresco. What a loss this would have been. By 2004, this became a full time effort by Robert and founded his research office in Dallas and with thousands of photographs and documents, he wrote his first book – “Rescuing Da Vinci.”

On June 6, 2007 (the 63rd anniversary of D-Day) he announced the creation of his Foundation to honor the original Monuments Men and continue their work. The Monuments Men Foundation was one of ten recipients of the 2007 National Humanities Medal presented by President George W. Bush in the East Room of the White House. Then in September of 2009, Edsel published his second book, the New York Times best selling book, “The Monuments Men.” This book has been translated into twenty five languages, and then in 2014 actor George Clooney wrote, directed, and starred in the movie.

The staff of the Third Reich’s Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR) created photo albums of their looted art facts from the occupied countries, especially France. The albums were put together for Hitler and high level Nazi officials to give Hitler a way to choose the art for his proposed art museum in his hometown of Linz, Austria after he wins WWII. A group of these items were given to Hitler on his birthday in 1943, and the ERR staff stated that nearly 100 such volumes were created during “The Rape of Europa.” Edsel and his staff found four large leather bound photographic albums which were in the possession of heirs to an American soldier stationed in Berchtesgaden. Albums 7 & 15 were significant discoveries by Edsel because they represented early thefts from 1940. Album 15 had photos of 41 pieces of furniture from the prominent Rothschild family. Three of these pieces were prominently displayed in an exhibit for Reichsmarshall Hermann Goring at the Jeu dePaume for him to take. The Jeu de Paume was the stolen art collection point in Paris for shipment by trains to Germany. This museum is just adjacent to Place de Concorde and the Meurice Hotel headquarters of Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz who defied Hitler’s order to totally level Paris. I became first interested in the occupation of Paris from that old black and white movie of the late sixties title “Is Paris Burning.” Goring had an insatiable appetite for luxury and paintings. He had one of the largest private paintings collection in the world, mostly stolen or forced sales, but he was careful not to upstage the Fuhrer and his collection. Hitler was wildly wealthy from royalties for “Mein Kamp” and with the help of his private photographer Heinrich Hoffman who put Hitler’s face on everything, greatly increasing his personal fortune. Not much is ever said as to how much Hitler was worth.

Rose Valland was a non-descript looking French lady who secretly spoke German without the Germans realizing it. Rose was the real heroine of recovering the vast amount of stolen art from France. She volunteered to work at the Jeu de Paume and secretly recorded every single piece of stolen art and where it was shipped out of France. She put the Monuments Men onto the breathtaking Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria where so much art was hidden, it took the Monuments Men five weeks to bring everything out. It was here in May of 1945 that 39 original ERR albums were found. They had been kept here by the Germans along with records that documented their thefts. These albums were taken to the Munich Central Collecting Point where they were used by the Monuments Men in their restitution process. In late 1945, these albums were used as evidence at the Nuremberg trials. This building was Hitler’s Munich headquarters and also where the Munich Peace Treaty was signed with British PM Neville Chamberlain, Mussolini, and Hitler. One year I tried to go onto the second floor where the Treaty was signed, but we were stopped immediately by security, but I did get a quick photo of the stairs leading up to the second floor. It is now a music building and the second floor room is not allowed to visit. Today the National Archives has custody of the original 39 albums plus the two
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albums (albums 6 & 8) Edsel donated in 2007. These two albums were picked up by a member of the 989th Field Artillery Battalion in Berchtesgaden. Edsel hopes other family members of the 989th will come forward after seeing their historic significance.

There is one painting still out there that has not been found as of yet. Edsel believes it will show up someday and surmises it may be in some private collection perhaps in the Bavarian area near the Berchtesgaden vicinity. This is Raphael’s “Portrait of a Young Man” which is thought to be a self portrait of Raphael himself. This portrait is worth well over 100 million dollars today. It would be an amazing discovery if it eventually showed up, and where it was. It was stolen from a prominent Polish collector who also had a Rembrandt and da Vinci. These two have been found, but the Raphael is the crown jewel of the missing masterpieces. A SS officer who lived in the evicted castle in Poland, eventually left for Bavaria and today Edsel believes it might be in the Bavarian area. And in the past few years, 1,400 valuable paintings were discovered in an ordinary looking apartment in Munich. So there are still thousands of missing stolen art not yet found. To put the looting of Europe in perspective, it was just as vast and consumed as much energy as the Holocaust, only the victims were art and not people, but still the Jews were the main victims having their paintings taken.

Edsel was paired with a member of the 989th Field Artillery Battalion in Berchtesgaden. Edsel hopes other family members of the 989th will come forward after seeing their historic significance. And finally, “The Monuments Men” were formed around 1943 when the world witnessed the destruction of the centuries old Monte Cassino monastery occupied by the Germans in WWII. Finally the monastery was bombed and damaged greatly, and the Germans weren’t even there. So the US Army formed this group to preserve the treasures of Europe en route to Berlin. At the end there were 345 men and women from thirteen nations made up of museum curators, historians, and educators that tracked, located, and returned five million cultural items stolen by the Nazis. After the war, many of the Monuments Men played vital roles in building some of our great cultural institutions in America. Once again I am so grateful to Robert Edsel for granting me this interview and shed light on his wonderful Monuments Men Foundation to preserve the legacy of these WWII heroes and continue their unfinished work to this day.

Information and photos compiled through Robert Edsel, Wikipedia, & Henry Bodden files.
can be placed in such a way as to sit horizontally over the head of the TC to prevent small arms and artillery bursts from hitting him while at the same time he could see outside the hatch. It still did not provide the same situational awareness as being in name-tape defilade, where the TC was up higher, but it was better than being fully closed up where the TC could only see out the periscopes.

As the column approached Objective Curly, one of three large spaghetti junctions on Highway 8, the enemy fire intensified. Alpha Company (Wildbunch) led the way. Wildbunch was commanded by Cpt Andy Hilmes. Charlie Rock was next (Cpt Burris’ company), then the engineer platoon commanded by Cpt David Hibner, known as the Dawgs of War. At the rear of the column was Charlie Company (Cobras) led by Cpt Jason Conroy. Incorporated into Charlie Company were the Bde vehicles with Col. Perkins and the Fox TV crew. Wildbunch punched through as did Charlie Rock and The Dawgs. But at about 0700, as Cpt Conroy’s company reached Objective Curly an RPG round struck the right rear portion of the C12 tank, named Cojone Eh. A lucky shot struck in the engine area and ruptured a fuel line. A fire started and the tank aborted after barely clearing the overpass. The automatic halon system aborted after barely clearing the overpass. The automatic halon system did not work. Tankers are constantly trained to "stay on the tank." No one wants to leave a highly valuable and important asset like the Abrams to the enemy. It is not taken lightly to leave a tank behind, but the command team ultimately had to decide to do so as the situation was holding up the column in a dangerous way. The enemy could easily concentrate its efforts on the stalled column which was now fully stretched out. This event was even playing out on live TV as the Fox TV crew broadcast the battle and had a perfect view of C12.

During this time the rest of the tanks and Bradleys scanned for targets. SSG Booker, who was the TC in an Alpha Company tank at the front of the column, took that time to cross-level ammunition. Two tanks parked side-by-side and crews trade ammunition so both tanks have a balanced load. As the gunners continued to scan for targets Booker’s turret snagged with his platoon-mate’s turret. The gunners continued to scan and the turrets pulled apart in a colossal bang as if they were struck by an enemy antitank round. In the process A13’s extended bustle rack exploded in a fury of dust and all of the crew’s personal gear spewed to the ground. There would be no time to recover the gear.

After suicide vehicles started to appear, and be destroyed, leadership ultimately decided C12 had to be abandoned. At one point Col. Perkins even had to dispatch a charging enemy soldier who was intent on coming after his M113 with an AK. The C12 crew went through the process of removing the machine guns and taking other sensitive materials with them. But where to go with limited room in the other vehicles? They piled some of their gear on the C11 tank commanded by Lt. Roger Gruneisen and the rest in the Charlie Company 1st Sgt M113. C12’s crew performed the procedures for abandoning the tank, including throwing thermite grenades inside the turret. The Fox TV coverage clearly showed one of the crew throwing a grenade inside as it passed by. For good measure the last tank in the column pumped a HEAT round into C-12 as it drove around the stricken Abrams.

The column started up again and at the head was Lt Bobby Ball in A11, Answer To This. His job was to get the column to the airport without getting lost, but that would not be so easy, considering the smoke and intensity of the combat. Highway 8 was taking the column into denser parts of the city and it was becoming difficult to assess exact locations based on the maps. A-10s and F-16s were flying above the column and warning the ALO team of threats ahead that could not be seen by 1-64. Those threats included anti-aircraft guns that could be leveled at the column. And thrown in the mix were civilian cars driving in the opposite direction on Highway 8.

At one of the spaghetti junctions, the smoke was so heavy that Lt. Ball could not see the highway signs and had to make a split second decision as to which ramp to take. He chose the wrong one and ended up taking the column into the city area instead of out towards the airport. After quickly ascertaining the situation, he got the column turned around by merely running over the guardrails in the middle of the road and going back in the other direction back up onto the highway. During this time combat was heavy. The
Bradleys and M113s were contributing to the fighting with their 25MM chain guns and .50 cal machine guns, respectively. As well, the soldiers in name-tape defilade in the rear of the M113s added to the fire with their small arms. The Bradleys, M113s, and infantry were invaluable in their support by being able to hit upper stories in the buildings so close to the road. At times the tanks were unable to raise their gun tubes high enough to the upper levels of structures that were so close to the road.

The training worked perfectly so that the column could push on without stopping as threats appeared. An Alpha Company tank would encounter a technical pick-up truck with enemy soldiers hiding in the bed with hopes of getting close-up shots on the column, as the technical rode along the side of the tanks only meters away. A tank would identify the target, engage it, and then pass it on to a following tank, who would then engage it as well. Typically at such short ranges the tanks could not use their main guns. They tended to use their co-axial MGs instead, which are machine guns mounted co-axially next to the main gun. The gunner can select to use the machine gun or the main gun to engage targets. The machine guns were much more effective in a knife fight like the April 5 Thunder Run. So many co-axial rounds were fired by the tank gunners that the hoppers designed to catch the spent shells clogged up and jammed the guns. Crews used plastic garbage bags (meant to defecate into) to scoop the shells into and toss up onto the turret roof. Joe Aiello, was the loader in A23. He fired 12-13 main gun rounds on that day, 90% of them being the new MPAT round, which was designed to be used on varied targets. It is very similar to a HEAT round but it has a selectable fuse option, depending on the target. For the thunder run they were perfect against buildings and bunkers. Aiello recalled firing two MPAT rounds into a building only 400-500 meters away, totally obliterating the enemy dismounts inside. But in comparison, he fired 4,000 co-ax rounds.

As 1-64 motored on, the ALO team was hard at work. The A-10s were warming of the threats ahead. Now the hard training in Kuwait and some prior opportunities for air support came to fruition this day. It was important to keep bombs off the road, but at the same time remove the AAA threats that were dug in next to the roads. AAA fire was so heavy the sky was black with flak. But still the A-10s staid on station. One A-10 was badly shot up had to limp back to the airbase. Jon Pinson, who was manning the radios in his M113, was communicating with the A-10s. Pinson and the A-10s were able to coordinate their efforts and take out the unseen threats ahead. The column would roll up to burning and destroyed defensive positions, having never seen how it happened. All-in-all, the ALO team and A-10s worked together to drop three tons of ordinance on April 5 to protect the task force.

But the enemy has a say too. There is an old saying in the military: “No plan survives contact with the enemy.” Nothing goes as plan. C12 going down was an example of that old axiom. But that event had a cascading effect. Due to the crew of C12 having to jump in other vehicles, people got bounced around. Folks were now in vehicles they weren’t originally assigned. The loader in Gruneisen’s tank, Donald Schafer, had to move to the 1st Sgt’s M113. Chris Shipley, the C12 driver also moved to the 1st Sgt’s M113. Shortly thereafter, Schafer and Shipley were hit by small arms fire while standing in the back hatch of the M113 firing on the enemy. Shipley was hit in the face and left arm, while Schafer was hit in the right arm and elbow. Both men fell into the vehicle. The assistant medic in the track immediately went to work and stopped the bleeding on both men’s wounds. They would have to wait until they reached Objective Lions for better treatment.

At about the same time Lt. Jeremy England of C21 was hit in the head. He thought he was seriously wounded, but when he took his hand away he was okay. The round hit his Kevlar CVC and saved his life. SSG Stevon Booker was in an Alpha Company tank, A13. He had decided to remain close enough was enough with staying in the open-protected mode in his TC hatch. He popped the hatch to get better situational awareness and to be able use his M-4 carbine to engage the enemy dismounts. In anticipation of more close-in fighting, tank crews were issued two AT-4 anti-tank shoulder-fired weapons, and an M-4 carbine. It is much easier to grab a personal weapon like an M-4 than to try and slew the TC’s cupola mounted .50 cal machine gun to a moving target only a few meters away. So, Booker decided to engage the enemy dismounts by getting up out of his hatch and taking on the enemy. The other tankers in Wildbunch saw this and they were inspired to get up out of their hatches and do the same.

Booker’s loader, Pvt. Joseph Gilliam, was trying to get him back down inside for his safety. But Booker would not have any of it. He became a man possessed and yelled at Gilliam to get back down. But despite surviving two previous RPG impacts, Booker’s luck ran out, and he was struck in the head. He fell back into the hatch and was unconscious. Despite the crew doing what they could for him, and the medevac band aid track arriving shortly after his wounding, Booker died from his wounds.

After Booker was moved to the band aid track, the column got moving again. Lt. Ball was approaching the airport and was starting to feel a sense of relief when he saw that the enemy had placed cement jersey-barriers across the road to block their path. But Ball, and the A12 tank both had a plow. Plows are designed to dig up buried mines and push them to the side. They can be used for a variety of other tasks too, and Lt. Ball realized he would be able to use his plow tank and A12’s to break up the barrier. He ordered the driver to speed up. His plow tank hit the barrier and immediately went airborne. The 68 ton tank landed heavily to the ground but kept going. Next up was Booker’s A13 tank now with a three man crew. They did the same as Ball, but they did not have a plow. The tank rolled over the barrier and ground it a little further to the ground. Then A12 came along and with its plow reduced it further. The rest of the task force had no issues pushing into Objective Lions.

After two hours and 10 minutes of intense fighting, TF 1-64 was able to reach Objective Lions and link up with 3-69 AR. They traversed 20 kms and destroyed over 1,000 enemy dismounts, one T-72 tank, 1 BMP, 30 trucks, and multiple AAA guns. The task force suffered 4 WIA and 1 KIA. Ultimately, with the same distance covered, in three weeks of combat the 3rd ID moved faster than General Patton’s forces did in three months of fighting in WWII. In demonstrating its combat power and testing the defenses of Baghdad, TF 1-64 was able to change to course of the war and help the leadership team determine that the capital city could be taken with one more push, the thunder run of April 7, thus shortening the war and saving countless civilian lives as well as coalition lives.
Nominations and Elections will be held at the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting. Other locations for future Outpost 1 Meetings will be discussed at the Fall Outpost 1 Meeting.

Meal was then eaten. The meeting concluded with the singing of the original Dog Face Soldier, 3rd Infantry song. All were given a packet of information for various veteran and historical sites in the Dixon, Illinois area. The group then loaded up, crossed over the Veterans Memorial Bridge, drove by Dixon High School and American Legion Post 12 maintained Flagpole, and went to the Dixon Lee County Veterans Memorial Park. They were greeted by Veterans Memorial Park Commission members Keane Hudson, Al Wikoff and Dalton Nuttall who then proceeded to provide a tour of the Veterans Memorial Park with its many Veteran Related equipment and memorial sites.

The Fall Outpost 1 Meeting will be on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 am at Roberts Armory WWII Museum, 2090 Brush Grove Road, Rochelle, IL 61068. We will be seeing lots of World War II equipment that is currently being used in World War II reenactments. Check their website for list of equipment.

Luncheon Meeting will be at noon at Flight Deck Bar & Grill, 1207 West Gurler Road, Rochelle, IL 61068 (815) 561-3664, http://flightdeckbar.com. While enjoying our meal, we will be able to see sky divers doing skydiving and may be able to see where the parachutes are packed along with other equipment that is used in skydiving.

If you plan on attending, please indicate who will be coming and then either mail, email or phone back to me or John Spratt. In order to give a count to the restaurant and visiting site, please contact one or both of us at your earliest convenience.

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The spring meeting of Outpost 13 took place on Saturday 11 May 2019.

President Faulkner called the meeting to order at 12:10. After the pledge to the American and Michigan flags and he singing of “Dog Face Soldier,” the members took turns telling about their experiences in the 3rd and their life afterwards.

The guest speaker was then introduced. Mr. Henry Storm, Navy Lt. Commander (Retired) spoke of all the benefits to which veterans are entitled.

The first is unique to Michigan. The Michigan Wood Carvers Association will make a personalized hand-carved cane for any Michigan veteran. It will show the name, units served, ranks, and recognitions. Applications for the canes were distributed. If you weren’t at the meeting and are interested in getting one of these handsome items, President Faulkner has applications. Dick displayed the cane that had been made for him.

Mr. Storm then promoted Veteran’s Coffees which he holds regularly. They take place from 7:00 to 9:00 AM at three locations. On Mondays they are at Great Lakes of Waterford, 5834 Highland Road in Waterford, MI 48327. Every Wednesday they take place at Americus Grill Milford, 167 S. Milford Rd. Milford, MI 48381. On Fridays the spot is Highland Grille 7265 Highland Rd. Waterford, MI 48327. These are just informal gatherings where information and comradeship is exchanged.

Medical care is an important benefit. You might be told you weren’t eligible when you ask for services but don’t hesitate to appeal. It may take years to appeal but payments, if any, go back to the day you appealed. If your claim is denied you have one year to appeal. It is more difficult if the appeal is filed after the veteran has died. Order all of your medical records as there might be something you have forgotten that will affect your case. Take your records to your regular doctor to see if anything you did in service made your condition worse. On line, VA.gov will help you in many areas.

Another benefit when travelling is most of the larger airports in the US have special waiting rooms for veterans. They have comfortable chairs and free refreshments. Be sure to take your vets card with you when you are flying even if your final destination is out of the country. There are opportunities to volunteer to help man the room here at the Detroit airport or the one in your area. You get free parking.

Secretary/Treasurer Amy McKenna sent in her report. She was busy chauffeuring her children to the games of their respective soccer teams. We had $1,241.81 in bank prior to paying for our lunches. We have 51 members (20 life, 26 annual, and 5 associate members.)

A 50/50 drawing was then held. Verland Loveland won the $65 prize. Verland had another one of his tickets drawn and he also won a hat. The second hat went to Gordon Draper.

Cake was then served for dessert followed by taps and a group picture.

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2019. The site is to be determined.

Submitted by Vice President Gordon W. Draper

The next outpost event will be participation as an entry in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade on Monday November 11th, with lunch and a meeting to follow. The outpost has captured third place in the Veterans Service Organization category four times, however it is the contribution of participation that has historically rewarding.

The details will be made available once the organizers send the requisite information and all interested parties are encouraged to join us for this experience which would include society members, family and friends. Mark your calendars!

Curtis Gentry, Secretary-treasurer
Arizona Renegade Outpost 15
OP-18 Sprint Meeting 2019
When: May 5, 2019
Time: 10:30am
Place: The Five Pillars Supper Club
        Hwy 57 & Cty Trunk Hwy K
        Random Lake, WI 53075
Attendance: 9 members and guests (5 veterans)
President Mike Bopray opened the meeting with the playing of the National Anthem.

Reports:
• Minutes from last meeting read by Bob Meganck, and approved.
• Election of new Vice President John Cseri.
• President Mike Bopray is looking forward to going on the upcoming Honor Flight to Washington DC from Upper Michigan on May 22nd.
• Carol Meganck reported on visiting with outgoing Post President Bill VanArk. He moved south recently and is keeping busy; he joined a military museum in Alabama as a volunteer.

My wife and I recently attended the yearly dedication of Korean War Memorial in Plover, WI.

The guest speaker was Jiman Kim, who is with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago.
• Discussion on encouraging new members to the group.

Finally, we held 2 raffles.
• John Cseri won a 3rd Division wooden plaque.
• Mike Bopray won a book “The Last Cavalryman”

Next meeting will be September 8th, 2019.
Meeting adjourned with playing of “Taps” following by buffet brunch.

Marvin Kostka, Treasurer - Secretary

John Cseri won this wooden plaque, while Mike Bopray won this book, “The Last Cavalryman”

Dear Society Members:

In May, 2019, OP #22 members celebrated Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day by saluting soldiers that gave their lives to support the USA, and we watched a new crop of young soldiers being sworn-in for their military service. We donated a 3rd ID wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery, to salute people who have served their country, and those who have passed away.

We saluted military spouses, Gold Star wives, holocaust survivors, Native American soldiers, military spouses, and active duty troops (from Fort Irwin, CA).

We celebrated Spring, and Summer by sharing food with friends, and family, by being involved with other military service groups, by hiking, bicycling, traveling, visiting museums, attending a Geneology Jamboree, attending the L.A. Lotus Blossom Festival, harvesting strawberries, and picking u-pick cherries. OP #22 held its annual meeting at the LBVAMC, during their annual 4th of July celebration, where we enjoyed good food, quality entertainment, and comradeship with others who served our country.

We thank, and salute those members who stepped forward to fill leadership positions in OP #22. OP #22 presented “Veteran Service Awards” to: BG Denton Knapp, Ronnie Catone, Susan Lytle, and James Val. Thank you for your service to veterans.

Giovinazzo-York
Milwaukee, WI

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Greetings to all the Dogface Soldiers, Families, and friends of the Marne Division, I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

I am Major General Tony Aguto Jr, and it is my distinct honor to serve this exceptional and historic Division. My wife, Melanie, and I are very fortunate to join this well-trained and combat ready team. I was commissioned as an Armor officer from West Point in 1988, and I was fortunate to command 2nd Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment when the Division was in Germany, many years ago. I have been fortunate to serve in a wide range of leadership and staff positions in Germany, Fort Knox, Fort Carson, Fort Irwin, and Fort Lewis. However, none of those positions can compare to the honor of being in command of this highly motivated and combat ready Division. We look forward to continuing the close relationship the Division shares with the surrounding community. As we approach the Division’s 102-year-old birthday, Dogface Soldiers remain at the forefront of ensuring our Nation’s security. Since the Division’s inception, what has remained nearly constant for the Marne Division are our deployments to faraway lands, our tough and battle ready Soldiers, our leadership in building new capabilities for the Army, and our families that support us in all that we do.

Your Division remains busy. With hurricane season now in effect, the Division is preparing to respond and provide support to our community. It is important that we all know what to expect during a storm, and how to reduce the risk to our Families and ourselves. The threat of severe weather to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community is real, and it warrants everyone’s utmost attention for preparation and action. Our staff is continuously striving to improve severe weather preparedness throughout the installation.

In regards to our other missions, the Division staff has completed several key collective training events over the past year honing their skills to integrate the Division’s warfighting capabilities to unprecedented levels and we will continue to hone our skills over the next few months. Elements of the staff known as Task Force Marne will support contingency operations later this year.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team “Raiders” held their Change of Command June 7, as they bid farewell to Col. Michael Adams and welcomed Col. Trent Upton. Col. Adams has joined us as the Chief of Staff for the Division. Col. Upton, known to his Brigade as Raider 6 has jumped right in and has his Brigade preparing for gunnery this summer. Additionally, the Brigade will continue to train as they prepare to go to the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California this winter.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team “Spartans” recently completed their rotation at NTC this spring. During the rotation, the brigade was tested in an extremely challenging and realistic training environment. They represented the Division exceptionally well, significantly improving upon their already high levels of readiness.

The 48th Infantry Brigade Combat “Volunteers” started their transition back from Afghanistan mid-June after their nine month deployment to the Middle East, where they fought hard and represented all of our Dog Faced soldiers.


The 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade “Providers” bid farewell to Col. Jeffrey Britton and welcomed Col. Steven Erickson June 27. The Providers continue to build readiness throughout their formations while providing continuous support to the Division, and our Army as they remain deployed throughout the world.

I would also like to thank all of you who came out to celebrate the 4th of July at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield recently. It was an incredible event, thanks to all the hard work of our garrison support agencies and our sponsors. Despite the brief periods of rain, it was a fantastic way to celebrate such a special day. We are also looking forward to meeting and supporting all of the 3rd Infantry Division veterans who will be coming on post to participate in events with our current 3rd Infantry Division soldiers in late November. Honoring our past is the best way to remind our current Soldiers of their heritage and the tremendous support they receive daily from our distinguished veterans. I can promise you it will be an event to remember and we are all honored by your service to the Division and our nation.

Your Marne Division remains ready to fight and win the Nation’s wars. I ask you to remember all our Soldiers deployed, and the sacrifices that they and their Families make in defense of our Freedom. Please remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice- I ask that we continually honor all Gold Star Families and their Service Members, to include keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! We are Dog Faced Soldiers! Army Strong!

Antonio A. Aguto Jr.
Major General, 3rd Infantry Division Commanding
To be held at the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel located at 110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527. Room rates are $122 per night, plus a $15 resort fee and taxes for an island view room. The hotel provides free parking to hotel guest. Call the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel at 1-888-627-8316 no later than October 14, 2019 to make your hotel reservations. Make sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate.

Thursday November 14th
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm – No Host Social Hour
6:00pm-8:00pm – President’s Reception Dinner

Friday November 15th
8:00am-3:00pm – Mighty Eighth Museum Tour
5:30pm-6:30pm – Soldiers Ball No Host Social Hour
6:30pm-9:00pm – Soldiers Ball Dinner
9:00pm-12:00am – Soldiers Ball

Saturday November 16th
8:30am-10:30am – General Membership Meeting
9:00am-10:30am – Ladies Breakfast
10:30am-12:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-8:00pm – Fort Stewart Tour & Regimental Dinner Fort Stewart Club

Sunday November 17th
8:00am-10:00am – Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

Tours
Mighty Eighth Museum & Lunch
Friday November 15th 8:00am-3:00pm Price $36.00
The Mighty Eighth Museum uses state-of-the-art graphics, memorabilia, vintage motion pictures and photographs and interactive “live-it-yourself” features. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is a work of art by itself. Divided into galleries, which effectively group the information presentation by either time or location, the museum begins with a concise retracing of the events leading to World War II in the Prelude to War, and then paints a bleak picture of Britain, seemingly alone, against the powerful German forces. Dramatic archival footage, some of which is rarely seen, recreates the life and death struggle that took place over the skies of Great Britain from 1940 until 1942. A lunch will be provided at the museum.

Fort Stewart Tour & Dinner at Fort Stewart Club
Saturday November 16th 1:30pm-8:00pm Price ~ $39.00
The Third Infantry Division will host the Society during a tour of Fort Stewart and will include a visit to the Fort Stewart Museum, the Warriors’ Walk Memorial and more events that are still in the planning stages. The day will be finished off with a Pot Roast Dinner at the Fort Stewart Club attended by officers and leaders of the division.

For More Information Contact:

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH ~ SOLDIERS BALL & DINNER X $35.00 =
SOLDIERS BALL DINNER WILL BE A DUO PLATE OF BEEF & CHICKEN

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Monika and Tim Stoy of OP International Represent Society at Bob Maxwell’s Funeral

Bob received full military honors provided by the Oregon Army National Guard. It was a wonderful service and fitting farewell to a truly wonderful member of the Greatest Generation.

The country’s oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, and the 3rd Infantry Division’s last living WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Robert Dale Maxwell, passed away on 11 May in Bend, Oregon aged 98. Bob served as a wireman in the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry from North Africa until his wounding on 7 September 1944 at Besancon, France.

In August 2011 Bob, his grandson Jason, and the Stoys participated in commemorations in Southern France – including a visit to Besancon to see his old battlefield for the first time since 7 September 1944! On 7 September 2018 the city of Besancon dedicated a commemorative tablet honoring Maxwell in a ceremony in which Bob participated by video teleconference from Bend.

Monika and Tim Stoy and Mrs Haesook Choi travelled to Bend, Oregon for Bob’s funeral which was held on 31 May. We attended the family viewing at the Funeral Home on 30 May and paid our respects to the family on behalf of the Society and ourselves. Despite the sadness at the loss of Bob, everyone shared wonderful memories of this great man who had such an positive impact on so many in his post-WWII activities as a teacher and a veterans’ advocate in his home state of Oregon.

The funeral service was held at 1200, 31 May in the events center of the Deschutes County Fair Grounds outside of Redmond, Oregon. About 900 persons attended the funeral, which was supported by the Oregon Army National Guard. Speakers included Bob’s congressman whom he had worked with on veterans’ affairs, the State VA secretary representing the governor, and the Mayor of Redmond. Reverend Charles Crane of Boise Bible College in Boise, Idaho, also spoke of his long relationship with Bob. Bob’s pastor in Bend also helped to officiate. Medal of Honor recipient CSM Gary Littrell represented the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and delivered moving comments on the impact Bob had as a mentor after Littrell received his medal as a 24-year old.

The funeral was followed by a long vehicle procession to the Pioneer Cemetery in Terrebonne, Oregon where Bob would be buried next to his wife, Bea. Bea grew up in Terrebonne, and the cemetery has a wonderful view of Smith Rock, a state park renowned for its geological formations and one of the country’s most popular rock-climbing locations. It was a beautiful, sunny day and Patriot Riders led the lengthy procession. Local veterans’ associations including the Bend Heroes Foundation were out in force, providing a 50 member American flag detail. Bob received full military honors provided by the Oregon Army National Guard. It was a wonderful service and fitting farewell to a truly wonderful member of the Greatest Generation. Bob will be sorely missed by his family, community, and his many friends across the country.

At the Event Center
Recently, Tomb Guards from the US Army’s 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) were presented with 4 ceremonial M17 pistols at Arlington National Cemetery. These works of art were created by SIG SAUER specifically for use by the Guards. This ceremony marks the first use of the M17, which will accompany the Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers as they stand guard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The unique distinguishing features for the M17 Tomb of the Unknown Pistols include:

- **Pistol Names:** each of the four pistols bears the name of Silence, Respect, Dignity, or Perseverance and is featured on the dust cover. Dignity and Perseverance represent “The Sentinel’s Creed,” and Silence and Respect represent the request to the public by Arlington National Cemetery when visiting the Tomb of the Unknown, and during the Changing of the Guard;

- **Custom Wood Grips:** in 1921 the chosen Unknown was transported to the United States of America aboard the USS Olympia. The custom wood grips are made with wood from the USS Olympia and include the crest of the 3rd Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge inset;

- **Cocking Serrations:** XXI cocking serrations are engraved on the slide to signify the twenty-one steps it takes for the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknowns and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute;

- **Sight Plate:** an engraved impression of the Greek Figures featured on the east panel of the Tomb – Peace, Victory, and Valor – are featured on the sight plate;

- **Sights:** a glass insert made with marble dust from the Tomb of the Unknown fills the sights of the ceremonial pistols;

- **Engraved Magazines:** the 21-round magazines feature an aluminum base plate engraved with the names of the Greek figures featured on the Tomb of the Unknown – Peace, Victory, and Valor – and include a name plate on the bottom of the magazine engraved with the Tomb Sentinel badge number.

- **Serial Numbers:** the pistols are serialized with a unique set of serial numbers that incorporate items of significance to the Old Guard: “LS” represents line six of the Sentinels’ Creed, “My standard will remain perfection; “02JUL37” to signify the first 24-hour guard posted at the Tomb of the Unknown on July 3, 1937; “21” to signify the 21 steps it takes the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknown, and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute.

The full series of M17 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Pistols serial numbers are LS02JUL37A21 (Silence), LS02JUL37B21 (Respect), LS02JUL37C21 (Dignity), LS02JUL37D21 (Perseverance)

“A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for any amount, up to and including his life.” Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier/sailor/marine/airman who died to protect it.
Thanks to our generous contributors, the Foundation awarded twelve grants of $1,000 each. Profiles of the recipients follow. All recipients displayed good GPA scores, excellent community service, team work, and leadership skills. The judges (Jeff Danby, Richard Faulkner, Jim Reeves, and Justin Valle) thought this year’s applicants were the best to date. We are proud to make these awards.

Cole Blanchard of Lilburn, Georgia was sponsored by his grandfather, Robert Barfield. He received the “Joe Ball honoring Lynn D. Ball, Chairman Scholarship Foundation.” In his essay, entitled “The Pride I Have As An American,” he talks about his grandfather’s heroic deeds and selflessness during the Korean War. “He fought to defend the freedoms of people he never knew in a country he had never been to. He would tell me of the adventures he had with amazing pride for his country. I believe his love of our country helped form the intense pride I have as a citizen of the U.S.A. “His grandfather was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star, and was nominated for the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. “He believes each of us is uniquely created by God with characteristics and abilities distinctive only to them. This belief will serve me well, as I continue my resolve to promote the amazing honor and privilege each U.S.A. citizen has to live free.”

Haley Blanchard also of Lilburn, Georgia was also sponsored by his grandfather, Robert Barfield. She received the “Award in Honor and Memory of MG Maurice Kendall.” Her essay entitled “The Legacy of Loyalty,” she remembers her grandfather’s display of military decorations, but was too young to know what those medals actually meant. “Those medals represent his relentless fighting in hand-to-hand combat, being deprived of sleep and proper nutrition, and the life-changing experience of witnessing his comrades and enemies dying all around him.” He constantly entered the trenches during battle to check on and direct his men. She believes he deserves the highest award for his heroism during that horrendous battle. He was, indeed, an inspiration to his men. “Loyalty is at the core of those who put to death the desires of flesh and strive to make the world a better place, as my grandfather taught me.”

Daniel Bohnemann of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, was sponsored by his father, Col. Edward T. Bohnemann. He received the “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher.” His essay was entitled “The Future.” The future will contain reports of the next great invention or innovation that will have a profound impact on the world. The future is something I want to help shape. He believes that science, business, and finance will play a large role in connecting people, by putting people into one shared network. “It will be a great place, and I want to be ready.”

Amelia Brooks of Burke, Virginia, was sponsored by her father, Winston P. Brooks. She received the “Legacy Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason.” Her essay entitled “Patriotism” talks of the flag, of what its stars and stripes mean to her. To her, they represent what she has experienced throughout her life as a military service member. The flag represents my father serving his country, my mother being the backbone of our family, and all the fellow soldiers who didn’t make it back to their families. Being a dependent of a service member is very scary at times, but it has bittersweet moments. The greatest feeling occurs during the Welcome Home ceremonies when your soldier has accomplished his mission and is back in your arms. It’s important to me to always thank those veterans and family members who have served. I know they have given much to help pave the wave the way for me and my family. I think it’s our duty as Americans to show respect and patriotism, whether you agree with current political views and values or not. We live in the U.S.A., and we should have great pride in all that we have accomplished over the years, and still have yet to achieve. We are America, Land of the Free, and Home of the Brave. Be proud of who we are. I am.

Tyler Earnest of Sunnyvale, Texas, was sponsored by his father, Clay Earnest. He received the award honoring “LTG William G. Webster and the Men and Women of the 3rd Infantry Division.” His essay entitled “Loyalty,” “Loyalty to this nation. The first thing I write on my resume when I apply for a job is ‘loyal.’ Loyalty lets people trust you more, builds who you are, and sets up your life for success. “Since my father served in the military and taught me everything I know, I became loyal to our country and will never turn back. Loyalty is a trait of bondage, and if you carry that bondage, you will never break that. I
will take these skills at a young age and put them into the military. I want to join the military and prove to the ranking officers above and below me how loyal I am. “I will take these skills at a young age and put them into the military. I will be a leader to all, and show them my hard work ethics by going the lengths. He ends his essay with “The Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.”

Lawrence M. Eiden of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was sponsored by his father, Lawrence S. Eiden. He received “The Award in Honor and Memory of Sherman Pratt.” His untitled essay talks about the 3rd Infantry Division being created as a result of the United States entering into the 1st World War. 8 month later, the Division saw combat in France, fighting aggressively against the German threat. On July 14, 1918, the Division earned it’s nickname, “Rock of the Marne.” As the Germans approached Paris, the Division dug in to the banks of the Marne River. While other units retreated, they steadfastly stood their ground. Commander Major General Joseph T. Dickman stated, “We shall remain here!” He goes on the discuss the battle in detail. He ends with “Duty is fundamental in protecting the American way of life, and promoting life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness I strive for in my everyday life. It is an ideal embodied by the 3rd Infantry Division and by those who served in the unit.

Lauren P. Harrington of Middletown, Maryland, was sponsored by her father, Jason Harrington. She received the “Michelle and T.A. Smith award honoring the 184th Inf. (4th BCT, 3rd ID) OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit.” Her essay is entitled “Staff Sergeant Steven Booker.” Booker was a tank commander with A Company, 1st Battalion, 64 Armor. Booker received the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery during the unit’s “Thunder Run” on Baghdad at the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lauren learned about Booker and others while studying military science at the University of Maryland. Booker’s heroic acts in 2003 warrant enduring respect for his sacrificial sense of responsibility to his team and his mission. His service to the 3rd Infantry Division and the nation will live on through awarding him the nation’s second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross.

Michael D. Haggerty III of Fort Stewart, Georgia, was sponsored by his father, Michael D. Haggerty Jr. He received the “Memorial Award honoring friends and relatives who have passed away and were memorialized through donations to the Scholarship Foundation.” His essay is entitled “The Patriotism of Military Families.” In it, he talks about the everyday patriotism shown by military families. Whether it be through the support of their soldier, through making protecting America their own mission of through preserving trials and tribulations for their soldier’s sake, there is no greater example of a patriot and a soldier and his family.

Caroline E. Irving, of Columbus Georgia, was sponsored by her father, Harry A. Irving Jr. She received the “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.” Her essay, entitled “SLEDGEHAMMER” is a brief history from Kelly Hill to Iraq. Operation Iraqi Freedom found the 3rd Infantry Division one of the most deployed units in the United States Army. The Sledgehammer Brigade was deployed 4 times between 2003 and 2011 for a total of 4 months. Her essay provides a history of the Sledgehammer Brigade on Kelly Hill at Fort Benning, and the units 4 combat deployments to Iraq. The Sledgehammer’s motto is “Not fancy, just tough.” The unit was established FOB Hammer in April 2007 in an abandoned military complex called “Besmaya” on the east side of the Tigris River.

Sanaa Lucas, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, was sponsored by her mother Latoya Lucas. She received the “Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division.” Her essay is entitled “The Price of Freedom is Visible Here” talks about Freedom and democracy being words that are very meaningful to me. I understand that as an American, I am fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world. She discusses all of the many freedoms granted to us as Americans. She has been told by many of her friends that her family’s service and dedication has inspired them to become passionate and participatory in programs that are of interest to them. She hopes that her story will inspire new friends and colleagues to understand the importance of selfless service and being resilient during life challenges and setbacks. To understand this, they need not look further than to the veterans within their community. Then, they will be able to say “The Price of Freedom is Visible Here.”

Elizabeth Nussio, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sponsored by her father, Rick Nussio. She received the “Award Honoring Kimberly Shawn Grugin Webster, former First Lady of the 3rd Infantry Division.” Her essay, entitled “SSG Booker: The Epitome of the 3rd Infantry Division Soldier,” talks about her father going to Washington D.C. to a ceremony honoring a soldier he had served with in Iraq, who was Killed in Action. The Distinguished Service Cross was upgraded from the Silver Star for SSG Booker’s family for his heroism in combat. SSG Booker’s ultimate sacrifice made this Memorial Day more meaningful, as I reflected on the sacrifice of the 3rd Infantry Division’s combat heroes. Nussio continues by detailing other heroes from various
actions. Soldiers and Sailors memorial was a fitting venue for the ceremony. SSG Booker’s story is a perfect example of the acts that have contributed to the 3rd Infantry Division’s great reputation. They remind me that every American soldier that fights and defends this country is a hero that should be remembered. SSG Booker’s actions epitomize the continued courage of all Rock of the Marne soldiers.

Gillian MacNeil, of Dexter, NY, was sponsored by her father Gerald W. MacNeil. She received the “Award in Honor and Memory of Abraham ‘Abe’ Friedman.” Her essay is entitled “Through Thick and Thin.” Loyalty is an attribute that defines many successful people. Many people are defined by an absence thereof in relationships and friendships. One must remain dedicated to build trust between one another, however allegiance to one’s country and loyalty to one’s God are both based on one’s loyalty to something higher than one’s self. Loyalty is a very important quality to have. The lack of loyalty is a major cause of failure in many areas of life. Throughout life, one may face challenges in areas in which he or she is dedicated, but this dedication must never dissipate. Loyalty comes in various forms, but each is just as important as the others.

Chaplain’s Corner

God bless you and your family! I am still “on the mend” but I am getting better, just real slow. I hope all of you are in good health and are enjoying your summer. God’s grace is my strength and I know it can be for you too. Trust in Him. I will be at the reunion this year and I hope you will be too. It’s going to be a good one, let me tell ya. I hope you can make the memorial breakfast also. That will be my last one and I will introduce you to our new Society Chaplain at that time also. He is a good one!

I want to share with you “An Old Soldiers Prayer” written by Lewis Millet.

I have fought when others feared to serve.
I have gone where others failed to go.
I’ve lost friends in war and strife,
Who valued Duty more than love of life.
I have shared the comradeship of pain.
I have searched the lands for men that we have lost.
I have sons who served this land of liberty,
Who would fight to see that other stricken lands are free.
I have seen the weak forsake humanity.
I have heard the traitors praise our enemy.
I’ve seen challenged men become even bolder,
I’ve seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier.
Now I understand the meaning of our lives;
The loss of comrades not so very long ago.
So to you who have answered duties siren call,
May God bless you my son, may God bless you all.

From the Editor’s Desk...

We have covered some large stories in the past issues concerning Lt. Garlin Conner and Sgt. York, the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and the Versailles Treaty and recap of WWI in this issue, and the Sgt. Booker and Thunder Run articles and others.

Each issue I also have mandatory information that must be published. I have a backlog of stories I have been trying to get to and hope to catch up somewhat next issue. So, I thank you all for your submission patience because all your stories are important to me.

Henry Bodden

100th Anniversary Society 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.

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Society of the Third Infantry Division
5339 Osprey Oak
San Antonio, TX 78253

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Following new procedures put in place by the administration of Arlington National Cemetery, Outposts International and 7 participated in a mass wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns as part of the national Memorial Day commemoration on 27 May. Over 40 national veterans’ organizations placed their wreaths successively at the Tomb, a procedure which took well over an hour to complete. The Society was not initially included but through the efforts of OP 7 Vice President Dennis Barletta OP 7 was given a slot by another organization unable to participate.

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| Raffle                                                 | $3,500.00 | $2,150.00 | $3,500.00 |
| Annual Dues Cards                                      | $500.00  | $1,562.14 | $1,000.00 |
| Plastic Cards/Membership                               | $300.00  | $50.00    | $150.00 |
| Roster Management Expense                              | $500.00  | $859.58   | $750.00 |
| Watch Editor Expense                                   | $400.00  | $1,954.85 | $600.00 |
| Membership & Advertising                               | $1,200.00 | $0.00     | $600.00 |
| Public Relations                                       | $1,000.00 | $0.00     | $1,000.00 |
| Awards                                                 | $600.00  | $432.52   | $500.00 |
| Historian                                              | $100.00  | $0.00     | $100.00 |
| Memorial Fund (Arlington Natl. Cemetery)              | $900.00  | $128.36   | $500.00 |
| Nominations & Elections                                | $0.00    | $0.00     | $0.00   |
| Website                                                | $500.00  | $270.00   | $500.00 |
| Dues & Donations to Outposts                           | $2,600.00 | $2,359.00 | $2,000.00 |
| Roster Printing, Postage & Escrow                      | $1,350.00 | $0.00     | $1,350.00 |
| Expense Allowance (Reunion)                            | $5,200.00 | $4,832.99 | $5,000.00 |
| Scholarship Foundation                                 | $500.00  | $1,106.00 | $500.00 |
| Challenge/Anniversary Coins                            | $2,500.00 | $6,617.74 | $1,000.00 |
| Society Calendar Printing & Postage                    | $8,000.00 | $6,282.54 | $0.00   |
| Monument Expense                                       | $0.00    | $0.00     | $1,000.00 |
| Surety Bond/Insurance                                  | $0.00    | $674.00   | $0.00   |
| President’s Discretionary Fund                         | $1,500.00 | $1,248.39 | $1,500.00 |
| Active Duty Travel/Reunion Emergency Fd.               | $500.00  | $0.00     | $500.00 |
| Bank Fees                                              | $450.00  | $58.80    | $100.00 |
| Misc.                                                  | $0.00    | $525.06   | $500.00 |
| **3rd Division Ball**                                  | **$80,000.00** | **$96,944.90** | **$85,000.00** |
| **Total**                                              | **$131,950.00** | **$148,405.36** | **$128,350.00** |

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The United States Army built America. From achieving our independence to our vast territorial expansion and to the development of the extensive infrastructure network which serves as the nation’s vascular system—the Army played a leading role in these areas and more which have made our country great. In a very real way, our country is a museum to the United States Army. Yet it may be difficult to believe but the United States Army does not have its own national museum! Many readers will say that isn’t possible, they have visited an Army museum. You very well may have, at any of our Army bases around the country such as Fort Benning. These are wonderful museums but they are not the National Army museum. Their mission is to use history to motivate our soldiers. The National Museum of the United States Army being erected in Fairfax Country, Virginia outside of Fort Belvoir has an entirely different mission—to educate the American public and other visitors about the Army’s tremendous contributions to the Nation, tell the stories of the Nation’s soldiers, and inspire Americans to support the Army. The museum will be easily accessible from Interstate 95 or US Route 1 via the Fairfax County Parkway and is appropriately located close to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, the Army’s first Commanding General! The museum will be easily accessible with no entrance gate.

The museum is expected to open in June 2020. It will exhibit artifacts from the Army’s extensive collection of historic items from the entire breadth of the Nation’s history. Children will have experiential learning opportunities, veterans a wonderful facility for reunions and meetings, and the public a fantastic resource for learning about its Army and the great men and women who served in it. Additionally the Military District of Washington will use the parade ground for ceremonies open to the American public throughout the year. A wonderful feature in the museum and on the foundation’s website is the Registry of the American Soldier. An Army veteran can fill out their registry entry online which can later be accessed online by interested persons and by visitors at one of the kiosks in the museum’s lobby. Tens of millions of Americans have served in the Army and every one of them deserves to have their story told.

The museum’s opening will be the culmination of many years of hard work. Congress initially authorized construction of a museum way back in 1814. The Army Historical Foundation was established in 1983 for the express purpose raising the necessary funds for the museum’s construction. Even with the opening of the museum in 2020 the Foundation will continue its crucial fund-raising role as it will be running the museum store, café, and the theater. The museum itself will be run by the Army as the owner of all the artifacts and each exhibit has been developed with oversight by the Army’s Center of Military History to most effectively tell the Army’s story.

For more information I recommend readers visit the Army Historical Foundation’s (AHF) website: www.armyhistory.org. Should you wish to support the museum you can become a member of AHF, buy a brick honoring your or a family member’s service, and/or donate. Our great Army deserves a great museum and deserves our support.
New Nears Completion

In front of Army Campaign Wall of Museum

SMA Ret. Ken Preston, Monika Stoy, BG Ret. Creighton Abrams with brick example
Recently, I visited with a friend of mine as we watched “The Lost Battalion” movie, about an epic WWI battle of survival in the Argonne Forest which turned the tide and forced Germany to end hostilities. After the movie, Tony Woconish, a Marine Corps Chaplain and Evangelist told me his grandfather served in “The Great War” and showed me his photo.

Cpl. Herbert M. Ziegman, like tens of thousands of “Doughboys” joined the effort to train and journey to foreign soil to fight the German war machine in France. Tony then showed me some letters, postcards, and a most amazing and impressive 16” x 11” heavy hard bound cover of etchings on parchment type pages of how WWI began, and also post WWI events like the Versailles Treaty and the occupation of Germany. This book was put together by the New York Times in 1919 and Cpl. Ziegman brought it back from post war Europe after the war. Although not too much is known about Cpl. Ziegman’s movements in the war, I thought it fitting to share this book which is a recap of the history of WWI to celebrate the end of “The War To End All Wars” one-hundred years later.

This masterpiece full of maps, photos, and history is very dear to me, because over the years I have visited and photographed these very same places. In fact, I went online and bought a 100 year old copy for myself. So I would like to share the contents of this book, accompanied with some of my photos and narrative of my travels retracing WWI. In reviewing the over 100 year old letters and postcards that Cpl. Ziegman sent home to his sweetheart and eventual wife, I was able to piece a little bit about the Corporal’s stint in France. Because he had a rare early 1900’s talent for typing, his skill was needed by his C/O near the front. The Corporal worked on an airfield near Paris with the 105th Aero Squadron of the A.E.F. He was able to visit Paris twice, and was quite the tourist taking advantage of seeing the sights in this most beautiful city. While looking through the many postcards he sent to his sweetheart, it brought joy to me because I have been to many of these sites. He told Margie to save all his postcards so he could go in depth with her the details when he returns home. He speaks of struggling riding the subways of 1918 Paris on the way to Notre Dame to sneak into a side door to attend Midnight Mass. In a January 28, 1919 letter to Margie, he states he is returning home soon and visits Paris once again and visiting the Hotel des Invalides Military Museum and also the Tomb of Napoleon. He mentions seeing Napoleon’s stuffed horse and dog which seemed so real. But one postcard that really jumped out to me was a postcard that showed the hearse and casket of Napoleon. I had never seen these photos, but I have visited the very ornate Tomb of Napoleon at des Invalides in a beautiful Cathedral. Napoleon was initially interred on Saint Helena, but King Louis Philippe arranged for his remains to be brought back to Paris in 1840. This beautiful and impressive tomb is made of red quartzite and resting on a green granite base.

This book is so exhaustive with maps, photographs, and history, that I will just highlight in a chronological journey the following photographic events that led up to WWI and its aftermath. Right before WWI began and in happier times in Fort Bliss, Texas in 1914, Mexican Gen. Obregon pictured here became President of Mexico.
of Mexico in 1920. “Pancho” Villa who later raided New Mexico killing several American citizens, and was himself assassinated in 1927. Gen. John J. Pershing then sent his brash young Lt. George S. Patton into Mexico to capture or kill Villa without success. Then on June 28, 1914 in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, Archduke Ferdinand and his wife Duchess Sophie of Austria is assassinated by nineteen year old Bosnian Gavrilo Princip. This was the beginning of WWI which eventually claimed sixteen million lives. Several years ago I visited the Museum in Vienna to view the 1910 Graf & Stift touring car that the Archduke and Duchess were assassinated in, and also viewed his bloodstained tunic uniform. Austria declared war on Serbia on July 28, 1914, while Germany declared war on Russia and France on August 2, 1914 in Munich’s Odeonplatz. Then on August 4, 1914, Britain declares war on Germany and on August 22, British troops arrive in France and see their first action at Mons. In this photo was a young destitute Austrian who was so excited about Germany’s declaration of war, that young Adolph Hitler joined the Bavarian Infantry and was sent to the Western front. Adolph Hitler is seen pictured with a group of his fellow soldiers. Germany then invaded Belgium, and on August 23, 1914, German troops entered France setting the stage for WWI. On September 6, 1914, “The First Battle of the Marne” begins near Paris, and for the first time we see British and French troops fighting together. As the Huns get within 23 miles of Paris, the city requisitions all available taxi cabs to rush French troops to the front. About 6,000 cabs, carrying five soldiers per cab brought immediate relief to the front to stave off the Germans from entering Paris. Among many displays I had seen in the museum at the des Invalides, I was thrilled to see this restored Renault cab from the war. This battle then led to the horrible trench warfare where the colossal losses on each side belied the fact that the positions of the opposing lines remained unchanged, sometimes these trenches were within fifty feet of each other. On November 18, 1916, the Battle of the Somme ends after almost five months with one million casualties. The bloodiest battle began on February 21, 1916 to December 18, 1916, the Battle of Verdun which claimed almost a million lives. The last two years I visited the gravesite of French soldier Noel Page, and last year I placed my Third ID cap on his tombstone. The Ossuary in the background is 150’ long with portals to view the unidentified skeleton parts of 130,000 German and French troops.

On April 6, 1917, America finally enters the war. The last straw was a telegram intercepted by the British from German ambassador Arthur Zimmerman to his envoy in Mexico City. In order for Germany to keep America out of the war, this telegram offered to Mexico the return of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona to Mexico if they would revolt against America with aid from Germany. While I was touring the Imperial War Museum in London, lo and behold there was the original “Zimmermann Telegram.” “Wow.” On June 25th of 1917, the first American troops arrive in France. On October 19, 1917, the
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.

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.

**Memoriam**

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**Roll Call**

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**Military Quotes**

“It is a proud privilege to be a soldier – a good soldier with discipline, self-respect, pride in his unit and his country, a high sense of duty and obligation to comrades and to his superiors, and a self-confidence born of demonstrated ability.”

.................George S. Patton Jr.

“Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn’t even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back.”

.................Heraclitus

“The day the soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.”

.................Colin Powell
Just outside the gates of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield (FS/HAAF) are signs proudly displaying both installations multiple recognitions as an Army Community of Excellence (ACOE). The ACOE award is given out each year to installations that best demonstrate business process improvement, groundbreaking initiatives, and dedication to efficiency, effectiveness and customer care. It also includes the partnership with surrounding communities and the vast number of volunteers that directly impact the combined quality of support to soldiers, families, civilian employees and retirees on Army Installations.

This year marks the 7th time that the Garrisons of FS/HAAF earned top honors (Gold level). They previously earned the top award in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015. After FS/HAAF earned the award three years in a row during the period of 2004, 2005 and 2006 the rules were changed so an installation could not compete for three years after last winning the top honor. FS/HAAF waited out the three-year rule and took the top honor once again in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2019. They did earn the Bronze award in 2018.

The Division Commander, Major General Leopoldo A. Quintas hosted an Army Community of Excellence Ceremony on 28 May, and invited leaders from surrounding communities and organizations that contributed to the installations continued success.

During the ceremony, MG Quintas presented the Community of Excellence Trophy and Streamer to the Garrison Leadership of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. He also recognized local community leaders, Chambers of Commerce, Garrison Directorates, USO, The Landings Military Family Relief Fund and Hinesville Military Affairs Committee, for their contributions towards making our community the best of the best. “To be recognized for the seventh time is really a true mark of excellence,” MG Quintas said. “We are very proud of this achievement.”

The Garrison Commander, Colonel Jason Wolter also thanked all the attendees. He said “without your commitments, we could not be where we are today. There’s no place other than Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield our soldiers would rather call home. “

With the recognition as an ACOE for 2019, the installations also qualified to compete for the Commander in Chief’s Award. To win the Commander in Chief’s Award, installations compete on how well they achieve objectives in several areas of installation management, including mission support, energy conservation, quality of life and unit morale, environmental stewardship, real property management, health and safety, communications and public relations.

On 31 May, when the DOD list came out identifying each branch of services top installation, FS/HAAF was the Army Installation winner for 2019.

Both awards are a tremendous recognition of the installations and the surrounding community’s commitment to care for soldiers and their families.
Germans carry out their last Zeppelin raid against Britain. As a bit of trivia, German Count Zeppelin was an aide-de-camp to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War. In December of 1917, British Gen. Allenby liberates Jerusalem from the Turks after centuries of occupation by the Turks. I have a photo of the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem where Allenby entered Jerusalem. We also crossed the Allenby Bridge from Jordan over the Jordan River at Jericho into Israel. My wife’s e-mail is Allenby@Cox.net. In honor of Allenby, in mid-1918, the Marine Corps distinguish themselves in the battle of Belleau Wood, with the cry, “Retreat hell, we just got here.” This bitter and brutal hand to hand combat with the Germans showed the Germans that the Americans are here to fight when they drove the Huns out of Belleau Wood. This photo of some of our group in the now peaceful battlefield of Belleau Wood. Then on July 15, 1918, the French and our 3rd. Infantry Division earn themselves the moniker, “The Rock of the Marne” when they proclaim: “Nous Resterons La” to the retreating French.

Last year when visiting a museum in Chateau-Thierry on the site of the original monument to the 3rd Infantry, I had this photo taken with part of the engine of Quentin Roosevelt’s aircraft when he died in aerial combat on July 14, 1918 near Chamery, France. Quentin was the youngest son of former President Teddy Roosevelt and I was quite surprised to find this 3rd ID placard next to his engine. The widow of Teddy Roosevelt Jr. who earned the Medal of Honor at Utah Beach in Normandy and died one month later, had Quentin’s remains brought to Normandy to be buried side by side with his brother.

After the decisive battle in the Argonne Forest which featured “The Lost Battalion”, Sgt. Alvin York, George C. Marshall, Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Lt. George S. Patton, and Captain Harry S. Truman, the Germans signed an Armistice in the forest of Compiegne just north of Paris. The decisive battle of the Argonne forest claimed 26,000 American lives, the most in American history. Rail car 1486 was brought from Paris to Compiegne where the Germans met with Field Marshal Foch of France in the rail car destined for future history. After Hitler forced the French to surrender to him in the same rail car at Compiegne during WWII, the car was taken to Berlin and was blown up by the SS toward the end of WWII. So today when we visited Compiegne, a replacement car was made and put inside this museum. The Armistice was signed and went into effect at five a.m. Paris time.

So now with the Armistice signed, bloodshed escalated in the next five hours leading up to the eleven a.m. official end of war. The death toll in the next six hours...
exceeded all killed on both sides at Normandy. France mandated that the Germans vacate France in two weeks, but American and French commanders refused to call off their attacks. Commanders had their men keep fighting until the eleventh hour. This six hour delay cost the lives of 3,000 soldiers needlessly sacrificed to further punish the defeated Germans. However, one American soldier sought redemption in the very last minute of war. Henry Gunther was recorded as the last official American killed at the last minute of the war. He had been demoted to private and then his fiancée dropped him, and as a German-American who was viewed with suspicion, Henry sought redemption. Gunther charged two German machine gun squads ignoring the German orders for him to stop. When he didn’t stop with fixed bayonet, a five gun burst hit him in the temple killing him instantly. As he lay dead in the mud, the time was 10:59 a.m. Gen. Pershing officially recorded Gunther as the last American to die in WWI.

With “The Great War” now officially over, it produced 37,000,000 casualties, 10,000,000 military deaths, and 7,000,000 civilian deaths. On January 12, 1919, the Peace conference met in Paris. In the April issue, I posted a photo of myself in the Clemenceau room of the Petit Trianon Palace Hotel where the Treaty of Versailles was drafted and presented to the German delegation on May 7, 1919 in this same room before the signing. President Woodrow Wilson was wildly greeted by the throngs of admirers in the streets of Paris. Then on June 28, 1919, The Treaty of Versailles was signed in “The Hall of Mirrors” at Versailles Palace where the Treaty of Versailles was drafted and presented to the German delegation on May 7, 1919 in this same room before the signing. President Woodrow Wilson was wildly greeted by the throngs of admirers in the streets of Paris. Then on June 28, 1919, The Treaty of Versailles was signed in “The Hall of Mirrors” at Versailles by members of the 28 nations that fought in the war. The Treaty was very harsh to Germany, as riots broke out in Berlin when reparations were enforced that Germany could not abide by. French Gen. Foch uttered one of the most prophetic statements of all time: “This is not a peace. It is an Armistice for twenty years.”

Editor’s Note: Cpl. Ziegman found a prized German “Picklehaub spiked” helmet he wanted to bring home as a souvenir. But as a Corporal, he wasn’t allowed to. So a Sergeant said, “Give it to me and I will mail it to you when I get home.” One hundred years later, the family still anxiously awaits.
Purpose

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

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

Pledge

I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the goals for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades 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 2021.

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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

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

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