By Henry Bodden – Historian

Imagine you are a young infantryman in a situation where you are facing certain death within the hour. You are one of seventeen young men, thousands of miles from your family and home towards the end of WWII, when suddenly six German Type V Jagdpanther tanks leave the small town of Holtzwihr, France around 2:00 p.m. in a single column supported by 250 snow caped crack German winter troops from Norway to hold onto the Alsace-Lorraine region of France. Facing certain death when you will surely be overrun, a young Lt. from Texas orders you and the men back into the woods as this boyish looking officer began calling artillery on the tank column and infantrymen just one mile from your position.

Lt. Audie Murphy was ordered to “hold this road at all cost.” Lt. Murphy then jumps on a burning M-10 tank destroyer and mans a 50 cal. gun at the oncoming Germans.

I can imagine what thoughts these men must be thinking, “I am going to die and never see my family and friends, or have a family of my own.” But then this young officer who is killing scores of the German infantrymen and calling artillery at the same time on the approaching tanks atop a burning M-10 tank destroyer with five or six cases of ammo that could explode at any minute, remains shrouded within the smoke for one hour. Murphy killed 50-100 Germans that day who got within ten yards of him at one time.

One of Murphy’s famous quotes came when a concerned Lieutenant firing the artillery at

SSG Stevon Booker

He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003 and was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division. On 5 April 2003, while serving as a Tank Commander with Company A, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), Staff Sergeant Booker’s platoon led a task force in a movement to contact along Highway 8 towards Bagdad International Airport.

Two kilometers after the line of departure, the...
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Lots to talk about so let me dive right in.

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 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!

While attending the Soldiers Ball this year, the division surprised me by awarding me the “Marne Rock Star” award. This award is given to civilian personnel for “unrelenting support and service to the Soldiers and Families of the Division.” I am truly honored to be included in this club and I thank the Division Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major for this honor.

I extend a special happy birthday to Society Life Member Harold Nelson. Harold turned 104 years old in March and I had the honor of attending his birthday party at the American Legion in Denver, CO. Harold had on hand the helmet he wore during WWII. It had a bullet hole in it from when a sniper shot him. The bullet entered the helmet just to the left of his left eye, traveled over his left ear and exited the back and didn’t leave a scratch!! Amazing. Happy Birthday Harold!

This April marks two special one-year anniversaries in our Society. This month marks one year since we established OP16 in Southern Italy. Under the leadership of Luigi Settimi, this OP has become one of our most active OP’s in the Society. They are true supporters of our Soldiers and we are proud of their work.

The other one year anniversary is that of our Editor, Henry Bodden. Henry has done a magnificent job keeping our beloved WOTR the wonderful publication that it is. I receive laudatory comments from members all the time and I am truly grateful to Henry for his hard work and dedication. Thank you Henry!!

Don’t forget to nominate someone you believe deserving of one of our Awards. We are still accepting nominations for awards and so please don’t hesitate to nominate someone.

We are also accepting nominations for Society leadership positions. I have extended the deadline for nominations to May 5, 2019. Please see the announcement in the following pages for details on what positions are available and how you can nominate.

We would like to congratulate two former Division Command Sergeants Major for their recent promotions. CSM Walter Tagalicud recently assumed the duties as the top enlisted member on the Korean peninsula. As CSM of United States Forces Korea he is the senior enlisted advisor on the Peninsula for all US and United Nations Forces.

We also congratulate CSM Daniel Hendrex who recently led the Division as the top enlisted leader. He is now the senior enlisted advisor and CSM of III Corps and Fort Hood, TX. I had the opportunity to attend his assumption of command ceremony and I was extremely proud to see this amazing leader assume his role is such an important position.

Lastly, we need to welcome our new Society Honorary Vice-President and new Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Michael J. Coffey. CSM Coffey comes to the division with an enormous vitae of world-wide experience and we are honored to have him on the Marne express!

The Secretary of the Army recently approved the upgrading of the Silver Star to the Distinguished Service Cross for SSG Stevon Booker. SSG Booker was assigned to the 1 BN, 64 Armored.
On a recent road trip between 27 January and 16 February 2019, we had the opportunity to visit with Society members in several states. After crossing Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico over three days we stopped in Phoenix, Arizona on 30 January and had lunch with former Society President David Mills, who spends his winters in Phoenix away from his home in Middletown, Pennsylvania. We had lunch with David and another former Korean War POW from the 2nd Infantry Division, Arden Rowley. It was very nice catching up with them. David and his wife Shirley are doing very well.

The next day after visiting the Grand Canyon to greet the sun, we drove to Henderson, NV and met with Mr. Donald Han, another Society member. Donald was forced into service in the North Korean Army in October 1950 while attending medical school in Hamhung. His entire class of 176 was “volunteered” for officer training. They entrained in Hamhung and as the train approached the outskirts of Pyongyang they were ordered off the train to assume defensive positions as American forces were approaching the city. While they were occupying their position the USAF attacked them and 175 of them were KIA, with Mr. Han the only survivor. He attempted to surrender upon seeing the Americans approach but was shot by one of the leading US soldiers.

Wounded, he was sent to a POW holding area and then moved to Incheon where he and the other POWs were loaded onto a Japanese coal freighter and shipped around the peninsula over five days to Pusan. As the war progressed the POWs were moved to Kojedo. Mr. Han has shared harrowing tales of his POW experience on Kojedo. After initial mixups which placed him in the hard core Communist camp, he was moved into a non-communist camp where he served as a “battalion” commander working with US forces. He escaped in April 1953 when President Syngman Rhee released non-communist POWs in defiance of the Geneva Convention and almost scuttling the Armistice talks.

After the war Mr. Han worked with the Provost Marshal’s office in Seoul as an investigator and after 24 years he was offered a working visa to the United States. One of his former American colleagues was working in Las Vegas working for the sheriff’s office and he arranged for Donald to get a job there. After years working for the LVPD, he became a successful stockbroker, then moved over to the casinos where he rose to be a floor boss in the MGM Grand. His story is truly fascinating.

We visited Hoover Dam and Lake Mead with Mr. Han and did an evening drive through of neighboring Las Vegas. The next morning we drove almost the full length of Nevada to Carson City. The high desert was beautiful, even with the dust...
storms and high winds! En route we passed by Hawthorne Army Depot, a huge munitions storage depot and one of the most isolated Army facilities we have ever seen! It was the main ammunition depot in support of US Armed Forces in WWII and the Korean War.

Our next veteran visit was with Bob Dutil, 7th Infantry Regiment from October 1944 until the end of his service during the occupation in Germany late 1945. Bob will be 94 in April. He accompanied us to Europe on numerous trips since his initial trip with us for the dedication of the 3ID plaque on the Obersalzberg/Berchtesgaden in May 2008. We visited with Bob between 3 and 5 February in Williams, California, one hour north of Sacramento. Getting there was a grand adventure, as we opted to drive US 50 West from Carson City, Nevada over South Lake Tahoe to Sacramento during a serious winter storm.

After visiting with Bob we drove south and attended a family wedding in Santa Ana. While there we visited Marianne Stuart, widow of Nile Stuart, former Awards Committee Chairman for the Society and Korean War veteran of the 15th Infantry. Marianne is doing well and has decided to sign up as a Society member. She and Nile traveled to Korea with us in June 2013.

After the wedding we continued on to visit with Bob Baker, Korean War veteran and member of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association, outside of San Diego on 10 February. Bob accompanied us on a Korean War revisit in 2014. Bob had a serious fall last year and suffered a bad head injury but has recovered almost completely and is doing well. Many must remember he financed the excellent Outpost Harry “Hold at all Costs!” documentary several years ago.

From San Diego we began our return trip to the East, driving through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana over two days before stopping in Birmingham, Alabama to visit with Dr. Francis Tunnel Carter, a Rosie the Riveter in WWII and the widow of Dr. John Carter, an Airborne veteran of Operation Dragoon. Both Carters were regular participants in our annual Operation Dragoon historical seminars. Dr. Tunnel Carter will turn 97 this year and remains active with the Rosies. She is a wonderful person and shares fascinating stories of her time in the factories. We enjoyed a very nice Valentines Day lunch with Fran and her daughter Nell at Samford University where both Carters served on the faculty.

Driving Arizona 80 West out of Douglas, AZ we found a monument marking the location of and commemorating the surrender of Geronimo to LT Charles B. Gatewood on 6 September 1886 – out in the middle of nowhere! We also visited Fort Huachuca, AZ. The old post is very historic, with John J. Pershing’s quarters and the home of Alexander M. Patch still being used by senior commanders on post. There is a tie to the 3rd ID there – Iron Mike O’Daniel served there in the 1920s as a company commander with the 25th Infantry Regiment! His wife was from nearby Nogales, AZ.

Our visit in Birmingham completed we continued east. We stopped at Fort Gordon, GA outside of Augusta to visit the Signal Corps museum. We were happy to see the 3rd Infantry Division well-represented in the WWI exhibits, three Division patches on display!

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Murphy’s instructions finally asked, “How close are they to you? Murphy declared “If you’ll just hold the phone, I’ll let you talk to one of the bastards.” Finally, the German tanks see their infantry being depleted by Murphy’s deadly fire and retreat back towards Holtzwihr. A badly wounded Murphy then jumps off the M-10 and hobbles towards the woods when the M-10 blows up. Murphy’s “luck of the Irish” was with him once again. Instead of getting medical attention for his leg wounds, he organizes an attack chasing the Germans back to Holtzwihr.

Right there at that moment in the movie theater, I made up my mind I had to visit the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy. Two months later I was walking the grounds and found the two Niland brother’s gravesites, side by side. So in the opening scene of the movie, the elderly Ryan anxiously finds the grave of Capt. Miller, played by Tom Hanks, and pays his respects to the man who saved his life and then reflects on that terrible time facing sure death in Normandy, just as Pvt. Don Eckman faced the same fate in the Colmar Pocket of France in January of 1945. So again in the closing scene at the cemetery, the elderly Ryan weeps at the gravesite with his family huddled around him and consoling the man that was given a new lease on life to be married, have children, and grandchildren, and live a completed life. And then the elderly Ryan asks his family, “did I live a
good life, did I not waste my life provided to me by Capt. Miller?” And so this is the parallel between Private Ryan and Private Eckman, both were spared from certain death, and what they did with the rest of their life was important to both men. They did not want to waste their lives after giving a second chance by their officers. So Private Ryan owed his new lease on life to Capt. Miller, and Private Don Eckman owed his life to Lt. Audie Murphy.

**Private Don Eckman’s Story in His Own Words**

My life in the military began on March 9, 1944 with a physical exam in Detroit, Michigan. After completing my basic training in Camp Blanding in Florida. After basic training I was given a short furlough to return home before boarding a train to the East coast to be processed to go overseas. We were put on board the “Il de France” passenger liner sailing seven days from New York to Glasgow, Scotland. Bing Crosby was on board with us and sang “White Christmas” for us several times.

From Glasgow we boarded a train to Sudbury, England. Somewhere around the 25th of October of 1944, we boarded another train to Southampton, England where we boarded a ship to France. In France, several of us were picked up about November 20, 1944 from the replacement depot and transported by truck to the St. Die area on the western side of the Vosges Mountains.

This was my first encounter with Company B, 15th Infantry, 3rd Division. The “blue and white” shoulder patch were new to all of us who were strangers. (At the dedication of the 3rd Division monument at Arlington, we met a man who had been a replacement and had joined the 3rd the same day as myself.) On the afternoon of November 21, of 1944, our outfit was involved in “Task Force Whirlwind” which was to take the road from St. Die to Strasbourg. On the road we encountered a German road block ahead, my Sergeant told me that a G.I. had gone up ahead to scout and had not returned. He ordered me to see if I could find him. As I crawled through the brush in the dark, I crossed two Lieutenants who decided to cross the road when a machine gun burst dropped both in their tracks. This was my first taste of combat. We then continued towards Strasbourg and chased the Germans out of several towns on the way to Strasbourg.

Strasbourg was a very important port city on the Rhine and a key to the German defense west of the Rhine.

When we got to Strasbourg, the 15th took up defensive positions along the Rhine. We were fed a hot Thanksgiving dinner and Cognac and then headed south toward the Colmar Pocket area, which was an area of woods, small towns, and the wine and cheese route of the Alsace region. Just to the Northwest of us in Belgium, The Battle Of The Bulge had begun on December 16, 1944 during one of the worst winters in decades, and we faced the same bitter cold. It seems to me that these were the worst times, as we had to put up with cold wet feet all the time. We had to sleep with our boots on as we fought against trench foot with socks that never dried. This Colmar Pocket battle was very important to the Germans, as it was their last foothold in France west of the Rhine. On December 23, 1944, we encountered stiff resistance in several of the little villages and Lt. Col. Keith Ware (who would be awarded the Medal of Honor) decided something had to be done. Ware and a handful of men and a tank then attacked the German positions.

Then on Christmas Day the cooks had prepared a hot Christmas meal for us, but then could not deliver it because any movement brought fire from the Germans. While dueling with a sniper, I got hit in the leg and felt warm blood running down my leg. The medics then bandaged me up and sent me to Nancy, France to a Catholic hospital. Then on January 14, 1945, three of us were picked up and sent back to the front. It was dark when we arrived at a house in a walled courtyard when we were taken inside and met Lt. Audie Murphy who was sitting at a desk. “Boy, I am glad to see you guys, I only have six men in my platoon.” He asked only for our name and serial numbers and nothing else, because he did not want to make friends after losing so many from the beginning of combat in North Africa. Lt. Murphy really was an excellent leader, and his past times in combat sharpened his awareness way beyond imagination.

When one of our men was due to go home on points, Lt. Murphy ordered him to stay in the rear as we attacked a village. But the G.I. was killed by an artillery shell and Murphy and the men took it very hard. Murphy liked to go out at night on patrol because he could see and hear...
beyond belief. If one of his men hesitated to go, Murphy would say “You stay here, I will go.” There was heavy fighting in the days between January 20-25 northwest of Colmar. Then on January 25th we moved toward the area of Riedwihr Woods and encountered heavy resistance. Murphy was peppered with shrapnel from a mortar barrage and his left leg was bleeding badly, but he continued on. Dueling with a sniper who had Murphy pinned behind a tree, Murphy finally dropped him with one shot and then emptied his clip into him.

January 26, 1945 – The Battle of Holtzwihr

With less than twenty men, we moved to a clearing where a burning tank destroyer with some men still inside. Later we moved out of the clearing and into the woods and settled into the night. Then on the morning of January 26, 1945, Murphy was given command of B Company. Then during the night, two M-10 tank destroyers came up the road from the rear in several inches of snow as the temperature dropped to two below zero. Then around noon of the 26th of January, Murphy and several men assessed the situation, keeping an eye on the little village of about a mile from our position in the woods. Then about 2:00 p.m. we spotted pennants moving in the town and headed toward our position in the woods. Murphy ordered us back into our foxholes when suddenly the tanks opened fire on us. One German tank put two rounds into the turret of the first tank destroyer putting it out of commission while killing the three men inside the turret, while two other men escaped. As the six tanks and 250 infantrymen approached the woods, we were firing at them when Murphy began calling artillery on the Germans when the other tank destroyer slid into a ditch, rendering it useless. At this point Lt. Murphy saw where they would be overrun as he ordered his men into the woods.

When Murphy exhausted his ammo from his carbine, he jumped on the burning tank destroyer and manned the deadly 50 cal. gun and began spraying the infantry and continuing to call artillery almost on his own position. The Germans could not figure where Murphy’s position was due to him being engulfed in smoke. After fighting them off for an hour, the tanks and infantry retreated back to Holtzwihr. The weather had cleared somewhat when two P-47 planes strafed the Germans also. Murphy jumped off the burning tank destroyer exhausted and bleeding when it suddenly exploded minutes after Murphy had jumped off. Miraculously, Murphy’s tenacity had fought off a German army saving everyone’s life. He later remarked “for the first time in three days, my feet were warm while on the tank destroyer.”

Later we had captured some Germans, and one was an older man who was wearing a pocket watch with a chain. I thought that would be a good souvenir and I took it. He began to cry and was really upset when Lt. Murphy came around and ordered me to “give him back his watch, we aren’t in the watch business.” On February 2, 1945, the Germans dropped several shells on us and killed three of our men while I was wounded in the right hand, left arm, and right leg. A piece of shrapnel had hit my helmet fracturing the metal. I thanked God for His mercy and prayed for those who lost their lives. They took several of us to a field hospital in Paris, and I do remember riding around
the Arc de Triomphe while being drugged up with morphine. Then I was loaded on a C-47 and flown to England and stayed there until May 1st until boarding a ship back to the U.S.A. Finally, on March 14, 1946 I was discharged. My only claim to fame is that I had the privilege to serve with Lt. Audie Murphy. I was awarded a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Cluster, among others.

Epilogue

Now that Private Eckman’s life was spared like Private Ryan, it is important to examine how Don Eckman lived a life that was extended to him. Don summarizes his life beautifully in this handwritten letter to me that I treasure to have, and to have communicated with him through telephone and by mail. Like Private Ryan, Private Eckman valued and made the most of the gift of an extended life afforded to him by Lt. Audie Murphy. No way he would tarnish or waste his gift of a completed life. I have visited many American Cemeteries in Europe and the Pacific, and the one sobering message I notice is the birth date, and their

In a January 3, 2012 letter to me, Don Eckman wrote to me in his own handwriting that I treasure. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Boden, Thank you for sending the photo. Sometimes I can’t remember a lot of things but I will never forget the day pictured in the drawing. I try to remember to thank God every day that I survived that day and have been able to enjoy a very good life. My wife and I have been married for 63 years with four children, grandchildren and now several great grandchildren. We have been able to travel to several places in the world – Central America, Indonesia, China, Australia, Europe and Holtzwihr.

On Nov. 11, 2010 – Veterans Day I was greatly honored to receive the Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French government at a ceremony at our church. I am very proud and humbled to have served with a unit such as the 3rd Infantry Division and to have been able to know and to serve with Audie Murphy. I thought you might be interested in the program for our Legion of Honor ceremony.

Best regards, Don Eckman."

EDITOR’S NOTE – Just like “Private Ryan”, Private Eckman did not take lightly his chance to live a completed life in a good way.

Don Eckman and his wife pose together after the war
date of death, mostly all teenagers and young men in their twenties who never had a chance of a completed life. So what did Private Eckman do with his life? He got married, had children, grandchildren, and worked as a postal carrier and farmer. Don was active in veteran groups and enjoyed traveling with family, always aware of his memories of Audie Murphy and proud to have been considered a friend, as Audie’s letters to Don acknowledge. Don has been back to Holtzwihr, France to the scene where he faced sure death.

On November 11, 2010, he was awarded the Knights Legion of Honor medal from France at his home in Lake Odessa, Michigan. And on June 21, 2014, Don ventured to Farmersville, Texas and served as the Grand Marshal of the Audie Murphy weekend ceremonies in Audie’s home-

Audie Murphy’s First Letter to PVT Donald Eckman

July 9, 1945

Dear Eck,

How is everything boy? Hope you are up and about. As for me they have been running the hell out of me. I had a letter from Sgt. Copling. Eck do you remember him? He is at Camp Carson, Colo. Well Eckman don’t know much to write but sure was glad to hear from you. So write often and I will try to write more next time. Hope you can read this as I have two busted knuckles. Had a little trouble with a civilian the other night.

Your Pal,
Murph

Audie stayed in touch with Don after the war with several letters. I found this amusing when Audie apologizes to Don about his writing with two busted knuckles. In typical Murphy battling, “he had a little trouble with a civilian the other night.”
town. A great honor paying tribute to the man he owed his life. And then on April 25, 2015 on his 90th birthday, Don posed with his daughter Debbie at the gravesite of “America’s Most Decorated Soldier of WWII.” Don is a member of VFW Post 4461 in Lake Odessa, Michigan, and walked in the parades well into his eighties. Don still tells his story to all to keep the memory alive of “the greatest generation” that saved all our lives from Japan and Nazi Germany. It is my great pleasure to tell Don’s story of his eyewitness to one of history’s most amazing individual acts of bravery. And I thank Don’s daughter Debbie for providing me with photos and the personal information about her father.
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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
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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.

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On The Lighter Side

Who Are Those Guys? "These Modern Day ‘Band Of Brothers.’

By Henry Bodden – “a people observer”

What manner of men are these guys, wearing these distinctive black military caps with R.O.M.E.O. proudly emblazoned on the fronts of their caps as they enter McDonald’s each morning with a subtle but unmistakable smug aura of prideful arrogance and swagger. Were they perhaps former commando’s that penetrated deep into enemy territory, or perhaps former Navy S.E.A.L.S.? Or maybe they belonged to an elite pilot’s organization that engaged in dogfights with the enemy. Maybe they were onetime covert C.I.A. operatives protecting our country from sinister dictatorships around the world.

Anyway, whoever these mysterious warriors are who meet daily for breakfast at McDonald’s here in Owasso as a private clique, they caught my attention as I have observed these guys for weeks who meet here daily.

So, each morning I have breakfast at McDonald’s in Owasso, and last week I decided to approach this elite and secretive group of diners who demand and are afforded their own private booth. As I enquired with great anticipation and trembling in awe which was palpable, I boldly asked: “WHO ARE YOU GUYS?” If you remember in the movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” with Paul Newman and Robert Redford, as the posse relentlessly chased them, they would ask each other, “Who are those guys?”.

So as I nervously awaited their answer to my question, and with my imagination running wild as to what group they might belong to, I got my notebook and pen out to take copious notes of their adventures of cheating death in their mythical heroics around the globe, my bubble was immediately burst when one of the men proudly proclaimed we are: “Retired Old Men Eating Out” aka R.O.M.E.O. Well, putting away my notebook, pen, and recorder in great disappointment, which was not exactly what I envisioned, I sat down with the guys and got to know them and found they are mostly veterans who like to meet daily and “just eat out.” I asked if I could take their picture and put in our next issue of the magazine. They agreed, and I did. The group informed me that just yesterday that former member Ronnie Black, Navy passed away. Also missing from the group were members John Kirt, Navy, and Harry Lossing. Anyway, a great bunch of guys, this R.O.M.E.O. clique.

EDITOR’S NOTE - Perhaps they can start their own Outpost McDonalds. Just a thought.


‘In The Footsteps Of Valor’

This hardcover coffee table book by author Henry Bodden details his travels to Europe and the Pacific photographing WWI & WWII battle sites, buildings, and members of “the greatest generation” interviewed by the author. Of interest to our readers of the 3rd Infantry Division is the twenty five color pages dedicated to Audie Murphy, whereas the author has researched Hunt & Collin Counties in Texas where Audie grew up before joining the Army, and trips to Holtzwihr, France where America’s most decorated soldier earned his Medal of Honor.

The book is 224 color pages and over 700 photographs printed on heavy glossy paper, because the author wanted to produce a quality and nominally priced book dedicated to our veterans and their families. The book is priced at $34.95 (includes shipping) and is available through the author’s website – www.inthefootstepsofvalor.com – It is also available directly through the author: Mail check or money order for $34.95 to Henry Bodden – 9610 N. Dover Pl. – Owasso, OK - 74055
In honor of Arlington

I wrote this poem in 2014 in honor of Memorial Day. The “Old Guard” referred to is the oldest active regiment in the U. S. Army, the 3rd Infantry Regiment. They have the sacred duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington, as well as other duties.

Arlington

By Bob Barfield

What a solemn sight to see
So many crosses row by row
Because of them we all are free
Heroes lie in the ground below

Unearthly quiet, the only sound
That breaks the stillness of the day
Taps resound through this hallowed ground
For a soldier died today

The Old Guard walks the Unknown’s Tomb
Throughout the day and night
Though weather fair or dark storms gloom
They keep the tomb in sight

The caisson rolls, the horses proud
Of the burden that they tow
A casket covered by a shroud
For a soldier died you know

A father sobs, a mother weeps
A flag clutched to her breast
A hero to his country
Their soldier’s laid to rest

So many men have gone before
And now at last we pray
No more to hear the sounds of war
Just rest, till judgment day

Reach Bob Barfield at rnj187@yahoo.com

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Lafayette Coney’s Keros dies at 87

Maryann Struman and Susan Selasky
Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

R estaurateur George Keros, who developed the proprietary chili and hot dog recipes that would define Detroit’s beloved Lafayette Coney Island, died Jan. 24 in Naperville, Illinois.

He was 87.

Keros, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, was born and raised in Detroit where his parents, Vasili and Anastasia, settled in 1910 after emigrating from Peloponnesus, Greece. Vasili “William” Keros opened Lafayette Coney Island at Lafayette and Griswold, following in the footsteps of his brother, Gust Keros, who earlier had opened American Coney Island. The two brothers operated their establishments side by side.

George Keros worked at his father’s restaurant throughout his youth.

Keros was promoted to night manager when he was just 10 years old.

Keros’ son, William, fondly remembers the stories about his dad working that night shift, that he would take the streetcar home at 4 a.m. holding a “brown paper bag with that night’s receipts to give to his father.”

He graduated from Cooley High School in 1949 and enrolled at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he majored in business administration and played on the football and baseball teams.

He served in the Korean War in the U.S. Army, assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. He fought in combat and received two Bronze Stars for valor.

Keros took over for his father in late 1970 upon his death. He operated the business until 1991, when he transferred ownership of the restaurant to its employees.

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The Watch on the Rhine
Henry, I received the copies of The Watch on the Marne this morning. Thank you very much! I have been reading it again this morning. You did an outstanding job - writing and stories are excellent. So interesting. They would have been thoroughly enjoyable even if was about people unknown to me. But my relation to Lt. Conner and Sgt. York makes it very special. Thank you again for your time and interest.

Give our regards to Jane.
Luther

P.S. Stay out of the mountains.

Hi Henry,

My wife had surgery or I’d have written sooner, she is doing fine.

So sorry to hear about Chaplin Thompson, never met him but we talked several times by phone. Really was a man of God if there ever was one!

Also enjoyed the informative articles about Lt. Conner and Sgt. Alvin York. Reminds me of a war movie I once saw. Jeff Chandler stated, “Where did our country ever get such men”? He was referring to men who were outstanding in combat, just like these two men.

Bob Barfield

Henry,

It doesn’t surprise me that you need more copies. You knocked it out of the park with this last issue. When I read your York piece I wished I could have joined you in your hike up that mountain, and I’m sure that a lot of other guys feel the same way.

John Weis

The President of the Society has begun to make needed changes and events ever since:

- 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom I
- 2005 Operation Iraqi Freedom III
- 2007 Operation Iraqi Freedom IV
- 2012 Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)
- 2015 Atlantic Resolve (European Rotational and NATO Response Force)
- 2017 Operation Freedom Sentinel (Afghanistan)

What was missed in a nearly two-decade period was the recruitment of Society of the Third Infantry Division members from the active duty soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The challenge from the President of the Society of the Third Infantry Division is to sustain the Society into its second hundred years of existence. The question becomes how do you do that with an “aging” core membership that is literally dying off with the passing of the remaining WWII and Korean War Veterans, and now the Cold War Veterans. The opportunity to sustain the ranks of the Society has been missed over the last 20 years. Attempts to reach-back and seek members from this group might yield some that are still interested in their Division, but overall it is an effort that is “too little, too late”.

During the Cold War period, from 1958 to 1996 the 3rd Infantry Division was tasked with supporting NATO. For the most part, garrisons were stable and “Maremland” provided a sense of identity in the portions of Germany where soldiers and families lived and worked. So much so that many of our German hosts also identified themselves as residents of “Maremland” and actively participated in the Division’s activities and events. Membership in the “Association” was a Command focal point.

The transition period from 1996 through 1999 witnessed the Division’s departure from Germany and the reflagging of the elements of the former 24th Infantry Division. Somewhere in the midst, the Marne Association transitioned to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, with some loss of continuity of members between organizations. In the course of reflagging, Marnemen and Marneland lost their identity (as did the Taro Leaf Association members) as the Division transitioned under the new force structure. One could ask what was the incentive for active duty Taro Leaf members to switch and suddenly become members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, and the answer to that question was a resounding “nothing”. Resentment or lack of command emphasis both might have played into the hiatus in retaining and recruiting new members to the Society of the Third Infantry Division. Added to a new geographic location, differing training requirements, and strategic focus, and beginning of the shift to real world deployments, the worth of the Society was shuffled aside.

Multiple and repeated real World Deployments shifted the focus of the Division beginning with Operation Joint Endeavor deployment to Bosnia and Croatia. And, with the War on Terrorism initiated after 9/11, it has been a continuum of deployments and events ever since:
active duty members of the 3rd Infantry Division. Soldiers will join the Society if they see their leaders participating in the Society. Perhaps either the Division Chief of Staff or the Division Command Sergeant Major should fill the position of Vice President of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, in order to strengthen the bond between the two organizations.

Encouragement to join the Society rests on the demonstration that the Society has something to offer the soldiers, now and in the future. As such, the Society should: standardize the dates of all future Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunions to coincide with the Division’s annual Marne Week and stabilize them in the Savannah area; seek out and encourage local community leaders, companies, and organizations (wherever elements of the 3rd Infantry Division are stationed) to join the Society of the Third Infantry Division; and finally, work to rebuild the sense of identity of “Marneland” among the soldiers, family members, and civilians associated with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The future of the Society lies with the soldiers in the Division today.

Rock of the Marne.

Dennis Barletta

The Drafting Of The Versailles Treaty

By Henry Bodden – Historian

Now that “The Great War” ended in 1918, where the Marine Corps distinguished themselves at “The Battle of Bellau Wood”, and the birth of the 3rd Infantry Division which distinguished themselves at the Battle of Chateau-Thierry which earned the “The Dogface Soldiers” the moniker “The Rock of the Marne” – the politicians and military gathered in Versailles to begin drafting “The Treaty of Versailles.” They met in “The Clemenceau Room” at the now Trianon Palace Hotel on the grounds of the opulent and massive Chateau Versailles outside Paris. After the cease fire of the Armistice ended hostilities between Germany and the Allies, although German never officially surrendered, the great task was how to deal with Germany as victors. President Woodrow Wilson wanted Germany treated fairly, but the other Allies desired a harsh treatment of Germany with reparations the Germans could not abide by. Ironically, just twenty one years later, the Treaty gave rise to WWI soldier and now the Fuhrer of Germany and the beginning of WWII when Adolph Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939.

Originally, my main purpose to visit the hotel was because I knew that this was the SHAEF headquarters of Allied Supreme Commander Dwight Eisenhower when “The Battle of the Bulge” suddenly broke out on December 16, 1944. It was from here at Versailles that Gen. Eisenhower called an emergency meeting with his staff of Gen. Patton, Gen. Omar Bradley, and our British counterparts to meet him at Verdun to discuss this surprise offensive by the Germans in the Ardennes. After returning to Versailles, there was a threat that German Commando Otto Skorzeny was planning to assassinate Eisenhower at Versailles. The threat was taken seriously because if anybody could do it, Otto Skorzeny was the one to pull it off. Eisenhower cooled his heels here through Christmas due to the threat. It was also here when Eisenhower was awarded his fifth star.

The author posing outside the Clemenceau Room below the historical marker noting that this is where the Treaty was drafted.

May 5th, 2019; Outpost #18 will meet at 10:30 AM at The Five Pillars Hwy 57 and CTH K, Random Lake, WI 53075.W

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Watch on the Rhine
Attention: The deadline for Scholarship Grant Applications is June 1, 2019. The Foundation must receive all entries by that date. Late entries are not accepted.

The trustees are Jeff Danby, Richard Faulkner, James Reeves, and Justin Valle. The chair is Lynn Ball with Justin Valle as webmaster and Joe Ball is the C. F. O. Tom Maines is Trustee Emeritus. We thank the trustees past and present for their efforts toward the success of the Foundation. Funding for the Foundation is completely from tax-free donations.

Our only mission is to serve the soldiers, spouses, and offspring of the brave soldiers who served in the 3rd Infantry Division or supporting units. The Foundation provides financial support in the form of cash grants to applicants' schools of higher education. Grants can be used for tuition, books or other academic purposes. The cost of a higher education has increased in recent years to the point that any financial help is needed and welcomed.

Applications for grants are being accepted at this time. The cut-off date to apply for 2019 awards is June 1st. Please platoon came under heavy small arms and rocket propelled grenade fire from an enemy element. He immediately communicated the situation to his chain of command, encouraged his crew, and returned fire with his tank mounted machine gun. When both his and his crew's machine guns malfunctioned, SSG Booker, with total disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself by lying in a prone position on top of the tank's turret and accurately engaged the enemy forces with his personal weapon. While exposed he effectively protected his platoon's flank and delivered accurate information to his command during a critical and vulnerable point of the battle. SSG Booker's fearless attitude and excitement over the communications network inspired his platoon to continue the attack and assured them and leadership that they would defeat the enemy and reach their objective safely.

As he remained exposed, SSG Booker identified an enemy troop carrier which was attempting to bypass his tank, but within seconds engaged the enemy vehicle and destroyed it prior to the enemy troops dismounting. Along the eight kilometer route he remained exposed and continued to engage the enemy with accurate rifle fire until he was mortally wounded.

SSG Booker was awarded the Silver Star for his actions on 5 April 2003. Following the completion of a year-long Military Decorations and Awards Review, former Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter, directed a comprehensive review of all Silver Stars and Distinguished Service Cross Awards issued during Iraqi Freedom to ensure Service Members were appropriately recognized for their combat valor. After giving careful consideration and reviewing the recommendations from the Senior Army Decorations Board, the Secretary of the Army made the determination that SSG Booker be awarded the Army Distinguished Service Cross. A ceremony will held in his honor at a future date.

Submitted by Maj Anthony Hoefler, 3rd I.D. Public Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Society President Toby Knight and I will be attending the ceremony in Pittsburg and will report in the June issue of the WOTR

### Scholarship Foundation News

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Call for Awards Nominations

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

Nominations must be received by August 10, 2019

Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: Sgltuba1@earthlink.net. So that effective evaluation of nominations and determination of recipients can be accomplished, nominations must include the following general information as well as the specific information mandated in the award criteria to which the nomination is directed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Submitted by Award Chairman SFC. Ken Drake

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One More For The Road In Korea

In Korea, November 1952 had seen the reversal of the fortunes of war for the 65th Puerto Rican Regiment. The regiment, part of the 3rd Infantry Division, had been pulled off the line for reorganization and retraining as the 65th Regiment. The Puerto Rican commanding Officer (CO), Colonel Juan Cesar Cordero, had been quietly relieved. He along with a few of his staff officers escorted the regiment’s colors back to their home island.

At Camp Casey, the reorganization proceeded fairly rapidly with Puerto Rican soldiers being transferred to other American divisions and the 65th receiving American GIs in exchange. It wasn’t orderly. The Puerto Ricans had trained together on their island. Now, they were being broken up and transferred to unfamiliar American infantry units. Many were crying openly.

High in the bleachers and away from the utter ground confusion, I sat and observed the new CO, Colonel Chester B. De Gavre, address the reassembled new regiment. He was a West Point graduate, class 1933, who had served with 82nd Airborne during WW II. He was determined to change the complex of the regiment and to reestablish acceptable standards of combat. He did not speak about the recent Puerto Rican soldier’s trauma of the slaughter inflicted on the lonely outpost dubbed Jackson Heights.

At the time, I was a platoon leader with the Heavy Mortar company of the regiment which was not part of the reorganization process. The company was normally deployed a thousand yards to the rear of the front. The role of mortars was to execute fire missions quickly and on target. The company had provided accurate fire for the regiment in its recent engagement on Jackson Heights.

Until the reorganization was completed, the mortars were in a stand down mode. While we waited, the company’s vehicles and trailers, ammunition and mortars were checked carefully. The platoons were ready and able to move out at a moment’s notice. It was in this laid back routine, that I was approached by the Executive Officer (XO), Captain Frank Lee, who was organizing a drive to the commonwealth’s NAAFI or Navy Army and Air Force Institutes. Captain Lee explained that the NAAFI was in some ways equivalent to the Army’s PX. Why not, I could use the break. The request to accompany him seemed innocent enough.

Captain Lee was my senior by some ten years. He had served in WW II in Europe with the 3rd Infantry Division. At the time of his discharge, he had signed the inactive reserve and subsequently was recalled to serve in the Korean conflict. Between wars, he had become a successful investment broker on Wall Street. He had a growing family of five children and still counting. He was accustomed to the finer things of life including the best Scotch available. The Korean war had placed a crimp in his procurement of the latter, but there were avenues. He had affectionately spoke about the virtues of a single malt Scotch. The smooth, sipping kind.

When he mentioned the NAAFI trip, there was a bright gleam in his eyes. For me, I was completely ignorant of the wares contained at the NAAFI establishment. Besides, I hadn’t foggist what the letters stood for. For the life of me, I knew there wasn’t any Scotch to be had anywhere near the front line.

The precise location of the NAAFI is long gone, but it was near the a big expanse of the Imjin river and near the town of Munsan. In the jeep, the drive was along varied and dusty roads, but we had the windshield in the upright position making the ride tolerable. I was somewhat suspicious about the trip to the British store for goods that maybe could been obtained in Seoul. But Lee was in charge, I sat back and endured the ride.

The low building that housed the store had a large adjacent parking lot. We parked the jeep close to the entrance. Once inside, I was struck by a long glass counter displaying expensive gift items. And, immediately behind the counter were high shelves displaying a diverse, upright variety of bottles of liquor, cordials and champagne. The bottles had labels literally from all over Europe.

Her Majesty’s canteen was contiguous to the store which included a bar. The clerks manning the store were Canadian soldiers who gave us a close up look from the boots to our helmets. The long drive in the open jeep had left tell tale marks. Our faces were as red as beets. Our fatigue and jackets were covered with a fine layer of brown dust without perceptible insignias of rank. Captain Lee had only his side arm whereas the driver and I had our carbines.

Just like in a western, we sauntered up, not in threatening fashion, to the counter and ordered two cases of a 12 year old single malt Scotch, six bottles of Hennessey cognac and six bottles of Moet champagne. The latter was my order. I wasn’t a snober, I just liked champagne. Besides, I wanted something to celebrate the New Year in style. The order startled the clerks as well as some Canadian soldiers who were enjoying a beer or two at the bar. You could cut the atmosphere with a knife. It wasn’t long before there came a pronouncement from the group, “you damn rich Americans, now you are over here in our sector!” There was a loud intimidating surly grumble from the group.

I took the lead, every minute we stayed another unruly remark could spark trouble or a fight. The driver and I loaded the booze without the assistance from the clerks. The driver stayed with the jeep. Lee was enjoying the scene drinking straight shots of Scotch. Physically, he was a dynamic person. The captain had been an amateur boxer in a previous life. He appeared to be in a devilish mood egging the small group to react to his slow bobbing head from side to side. The Canadians were moving closer to him. In a defiant gesture, he expanded his cheeks and blew out a big cloud of white smoke in their direction.

Not wanting any trouble, “captain, it’s time to go!” I said. Captain Lee turned and looked at me, “maybe your right kid” he said, as he threw a fist full of military pay certificates onto the counter top. With his right fist clinched, he turned to the clerks who had moved away from us, “buy all these gentlemen a drink or two.” With a quick step, we were out in the jeep and in a cloud of dust headed back to the American sector.
A steady northern Siberian wind made the trip back miserable, but I had a couple swigs of cognac which warmed my body and soul. There would be little time for me to sample any other of the goodies. After two days, my platoon was ordered back on line. We proceeded up and positioned in the mortars to support the move up by the 1st Battalion. After a long night the entire 65th Regiment was back on line. After the move up, I opened and enjoyed a bottle, maybe two, of my Moet in my snug underground bunker. The war was becoming a distant dream. In that dream, I remember saying: “BARTENDER, ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD!”

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The Watch on the Rhine

A Touching Dogface Soldier Story

The following was sent to me by Dana McCurdy who became lifelong friends with Society member and Dogface Soldier, Albert S. Brown who passed away recently.

“He found me in 2006, by running across my post on 3rd Division website. I won’t ever forget it. His first phone call “Hello, my name is Al Brown. I came across your post about your Grandfather. I think I can help you.” There it was, our journey, Me and my Grandpa Brown. From that day forward we became family. He said I was his Granddaughter Dana and he was my Grandpa Brown. I can’t begin to fully describe what we have done together concerning our Veterans. It was Grandpa Brown who gave me my passion for our beloved 3rd Division and made sure I understood, what it stood for. Rock of the Marne he would say. It was him who taught me the Dogface Soldier song, “The correct Soldier version”; he would say. And it was him who I sang it with for the very first time, while teaching me exactly what it meant and means to our soldiers. It is our greatest song ever. It was my Grandpa who helped me understand, as close as I possibly could, without being there, what they had to go through. He came for visits in Alabama and I went to visit him in Tampa Florida. I have sat and listened to his stories funny and sad. I watched his mischievous eyes twinkle when he was up to no good in them, and I watched them spill over like my creek after it rains, when they were filled with sorrow. I could talk for days on what he has done for me and with me through these years. I feel like I have had him my whole life. Never missing a moment. I imagined I would have him until my last day. Grandpa was never old to me, always young at heart, ready for the next adventure. He wasn’t pleased when he would try to prepare me for his leaving this earth, I wouldn’t hear of it. He would tell me “Granddaughter, old soldiers never die, they just fade away.” He will never fade from me. It is hard to describe the bond me and Grandpa had. He let me in as if I were an official Dogface Soldier myself. Took me under his wing and showed me what the American soldier truly is and what it stands for. I would never be able to thank him enough for loving me as if I were his very own. He was simply amazing and I will miss him more than I can bare. His sense of humor was endless, always giving laughs and making me smile. He was awarded the French Legion of Honor medal in Sept 2014. He said “Did you know that award establishes Knighthood? So he then requested I was to call him Sir Grandpa from now on. So much living and life advice he gave me through these years. Everything I will remember.

“Now Sgt. Mc Curdy,

You know that folks don’t live forever. Chin up, chest out, we will never get better. Be prepared to face what is inevitable. For me it may be close. For Grandma Jo, she has a very strong cardio vascular system and can be around for a few more years.

So what will be, will be. Old soldiers never die they just fade away. At 95yrs of age I think I fit that category.

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“boy”, my Dogface Soldier, my last Grandpa.

“Big dreams lead to bigger things than little dreams do. It is better to have dreamed and failed than to have never had a dream at all”.

When hurricane Irma was heading towards his home, he sent me this email note:

“Hi! Just want you to know what happened to IRMA.

Here she was heading straight toward us when I decided, “Enough is enough. I have to do something.”

So I got out my ROTM super cape from the closet, threw it over my shoulders and tied it securely in the front. Then I climbed up one of the roof drain pipes and got on the roof of our four-story building where I stood with legs apart and hands on hips staring old IRMA right in her big old eye and said, “If you want to get past me you are going to settle down a bit.”

When she saw me with my trusty ROTM super cape standing straight out behind me in the wind with the beautiful 3ID Insignia for all to see, IRMA was frightened and turned to the right and began calming down. Because she dodged to the right her weak side passed over us with the wind out of the north so that we did not even lose electric power. How’s that for a good After Action Report?

Love you,

Your Grandpa”

Albert Sidney Brown Dogface Soldier-
March 20 1924 - December 8 2018

NOUS RESTERONS LA! We shall remain here

Written by Dana McCurdy
Submitted by Toby Knight
The Spring Meeting for Outpost 1 will be held in Dixon, Illinois with visit to the President Ronald Reagan home, 810 S Hennepin Ave, Dixon, IL 61021 at 11:00 am. Lunch and meeting will follow at Mama Cimino’s, 114 N Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4448. We will then visit the Dixon Veterans Memorial Park, 668 Il Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021 after lunch and meeting. There are many other sites related to Presidents Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln in Dixon that may be visited depending on time and weather.

The Spring Meeting will be in May with date to be determined by Outpost 1 Members who will vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 or Thursday, May 23, 2019. IMPORTANT: Please indicate the day that you prefer when you contact me or John Spratt.

If you plan to attend the Spring Outpost 1 Luncheon, Meeting and site visitations. 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 sites, please contact one or both of us at your earliest convenience.

I am sad to report that Outpost 1 has had another member John Keller passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018. This was reported to me by his daughter Tina.

I have also been notified by an Outpost 1 Member Ted Canellos that his Uncle Ted Vlahos passed away November 5, 2018. The uncle was a Society of the 3rd Infantry Division member that served in the Korean War as a Captain in the 65th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division. The 65th Infantry Regiment was an all Puerto Rican unit except for the officers. He was a member of the Outpost Harry of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

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https://reaganhome.org/

Dixon Veterans Memorial Park
: http://honorourvets.org/index.htm

☐ Yes I will attend the Spring Outpost 1 Meeting
Name: ________________________________

Others attending with me: ________________

☐ I vote for Tuesday, May 21, 2019
☐ I vote for Thursday, May 23, 2019
☐ I will NOT be attending Spring Outpost 1 Meeting
Call for Nominations for Society Officers

Nominations for the 2019-2021 Society Committeemen and Society Secretary-Treasurer will be accepted from January 1, 2019 through May 5, 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. 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 Committeemen must be for candidates determined by their regional affiliation. 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.

Two regional committeemen will be elected to represent each region: Eastern, Central and Western regions. Associate members can be nominated and serve.

The Secretary-Treasurer can be nominated by anyone in the Society, regardless of the region in which they reside. Everyone in the Society votes for the Secretary-Treasurer. Like the Committeemen, the Secretary-Treasurer can be elected for one or more terms. There is no limit on the number of terms that Committeeman and the Secretary-Treasurer can serve.

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 May 5, 2019. These can be sent via email to Ed Conley whose contact information is on page 2.

Submitted by Ed Conley
Nominations/Elections Chair

PRESIDENT from page 3

3rd I.D., during operation Iraqi Freedom and his heroic actions liberating Baghdad saved the lives of his platoon, but came at the cost of his own. Read more about it in the article in the following pages. The division will honor his family at a ceremony in Pittsburgh on April 5th.

The Society raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. Our raffle is an important source of income and helps to keep the Society financially solvent. There are some great cash prizes for you to win and we appreciate all the support we get from members who buy our raffle tickets.

If you are an annual paying member, you will receive your dues card in the mail this month. Please send in your dues as soon as possible so our Roster Manager can update your status on the roster. This past January we sent out over 150 reminder cards to members who forgot to renew last year. Your membership is GREATLY appreciated.

In conclusion, remember that we all need to help recruit new members. This is an ongoing endeavor and is an investment in the future of our Society. Please reach out to your friends and family and try to recruit just one person this year.

ROTM!

Toby Knight

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As the winter season comes to an end, the Marne Express continues at full steam as we roll into spring.

We marked the end of winter with the successful completion of Warfighter Exercise (WFX 19-03) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where we were fully engaged in the combat readiness certification process. WFX 19-03 measured the Division’s ability to manage, coordinate and synchronize across multiple brigades, and allowed us to train and improve our operational readiness and warfighting functions, the Army’s number one priority. More importantly, the exercise allowed the Division headquarters staff to go practice one more iteration of the military decision-making process.

Our 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, “Falcon,” responded to multiple Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions by increasing training opportunities. Simultaneously, the Falcon Brigade continued its preparation for sending an aviation task force to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana for a training rotation in May.

In addition to our training efforts, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, “Raider,” started the fielding of the Army’s newest combat vehicle, the Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV), in late January. Raider Brigade is the first Army unit to receive the vehicle, delivering the technology necessary for maintaining the Army’s competitive advantage against any adversary. The JLTV replaces the Humvee and provides enhanced protection, mobility and power to our Soldiers. The JLTV family of vehicles provides a leap ahead in protection, payload and performance to meet our current and future warfighting requirements.

Our Dog face Soldiers from 3rd Sustainment Brigade and the 3rd ID Band shared their Marne spirit with the community during the 194th St. Patrick’s Day Parade, March 16, in downtown Savannah. It has become a tradition for the Division and local military leaders to show their support to the community and help celebrate one of the largest parades of its kind in the country. The band remains a crowd favorite and as usual, they did not disappoint.

Finally the “Spartan” Brigade completed several field training exercises, live-fire exercises and maintained their mechanized platforms to hone their warfighting skills and fine-tune their standard operating procedures. At Fort Stewart the Brigade conducted “Spartan Focus”, a force-on-force exercise, to train and certify platoons, companies and battalions under simulated and live-fire conditions to help prepare for the brigade’s rotation to fielding the JLTV family of vehicles.

In the last issue of the Watch-on-the-Rhine, we published a picture on page 9 captioned “Soldiers Ball soldiers dressed in modern and WWI uniforms.” They were actually dressed in modern and WWII uniforms. Sorry if this caused confusion.

**Erratum**

The Army’s second highest military award, the Distinguished Service Cross, is scheduled to be presented to the family of Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker on April 5, 2019, at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

National Training Center (NTC) Fort Irwin, California. The “Spartans,” deploy to NTC in late spring. An NTC rotation consists of realistic ground combat operations training to certify a brigade-level combat team for future deployments.

The focus this spring continues to concentrate on readiness, training and modernization. A week-long Division-wide exercise, “Marne Focus,” will utilize a large portion of Fort Stewart’s world-class training area in mid-March. The training event will prepare our brigades for future deployments and train our Dog Face Soldiers in simulated combat scenarios.

The Marne Division continues to build upon its legacy of valor in combat. The Army’s second highest military award, the Distinguished Service Cross, is scheduled to be presented to the family of Staff Sgt. Stevon A. Booker on April 5, 2019, at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Staff Sgt. Booker was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division when he was killed in action during the Operation Iraqi Freedom battle commonly referred to as the “Thunder Run.” Booker was originally awarded the Silver Star for his actions that day. However, following a comprehensive review of all awards issued during Operation Iraqi Freedom, it was determined that Booker’s award would be upgraded.

We have covered immense ground these past few months and this spring the Marne Division will cover much more. We will continue to train and test ourselves as we will make Soldiers and units more lethal to win our nation’s wars.

Rock of the Marne!

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

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**Watch Schedule**

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

**Deadline to the Editor**

| January 5th | February |
| March 5th | April |
| May 5th | June |
| July 5th | August |
| September 5th | October |
| November 5th | December |

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**Honorary President**

Marne 6 Sends

**The Watch on the Rhine**
15 February we visited our good friend Henry Burke and his wife Pennie in Columbia, South Carolina. Henry is doing well and we enjoyed catching up with him. Henry was long-time membership chairman for the 15th Infantry Regimental Association. He, John Burke, and Nile Stuart served together in G Company, 15th Infantry in Korea. From there we drove to Southern Pines, North Carolina where we linked up with our good friends, Allen and Michelle Goshi and their daughter Rachel. Al served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany and is Tim’s West Point classmate. Al and Michelle have been great supporters the past three years for our historical seminars in Northern Virginia.

A week later we drove to Cincinnati, Ohio to visit Dr. and Mrs. Bae Suk Lee, former Society Medical Officer. Dr. Lee served as an interpreter with the 3rd MP Company in Hamhung, northern Korea in early December 1950 and then with 2-15 IN at Hungnam for the final defense and evacuation of the beachhead. He remained with 2-15 IN outside of Suwon until February 1951 when he was transferred to Xth Corps HQ. Mrs. Lee was 16 years old when she was evacuated from Hungnam on the last ship to leave, the Meredith Victory, which took her to Kojedo Island.

We are happy to report the Lee family is doing well with Dr. Lee to turn 90 this year.

We later traveled to Lockport, Illinois, outside of Chicago, to visit Tina Keller, daughter of long-time Society member the late John Keller, who served with L Company, 7th Infantry Regiment in WWII. John passed away in November 2018. Tina and John came with us several times for ceremonies in Germany, France, and Austria and attended many of our historical seminars in Northern Virginia. We are helping Tina arrange for John’s interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

We greatly enjoyed meeting these dear friends and Society members during our trip. The trip reinforced the importance of the Society and the friendships formed over the years based on shared service in the Army’s best division. We also enjoyed experiencing the vast spaces of our country, especially the huge states in the West – New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, and California. VA, MD, PA, OH, IN, and IL seem small in comparison. We are truly privileged to live in such a great country with a proud history! Rock of the Marne!
A Lifetime of Healing

An enjoyable part of running the Society raffle is notifying the winners. After the 2017 reunion in San Antonio I made a phone call to the grand prize winner who was very happy, and went on to tell me that he had never won anything like this in his life. Being somewhat curious I asked him what unit he was assigned to while a chaplain in the Army. He told me that he was not a chaplain but, an 11 Bravo (Infantry) with the 3rd/7th Infantry Brigade. What transpired led him to an even higher call.

Phil Salois recognized the dire situation six comrades faced near the village of Suoi Kiet. Their platoon was surrounded by the North Vietnamese Army, ducking fire from multiple directions. “We had walked right into a U-shaped ambush,” recalls Salois, who served in the Army’s 199th Light Infantry Brigade. “Six of our guys were separated from the rest of us by an open clearing. They were stranded. We were trying to return fire, but we were not very effective since we were shooting over our comrades’ heads, and we did not want to hit any of them.”

The fighting was intense for an hour, maybe longer. Salois grew angry and impatient. Why wasn’t anyone trying to rescue them? “I said a quick prayer to God,” he says. “I said, ‘You know, God, I’m going to go out there to try to rescue these guys. This is a crazy thing to do. If you get me out of this mess safe and sound without a scratch, I’ll do anything you want.’”

With adrenaline pumping through his veins Salois ventured out to help his fellow soldiers. Herb Klug voluntarily accompanied him.

They found a huge boulder to hide behind and opened fire on the NVA’s right flank, providing cover for the trapped soldiers. Four of their comrades safely sprinted back to camp.

After they didn’t see any more movement, Salois and Klug agreed that the other two were either dead or too wounded to move. (Terrance Bowell was killed, but Michael Kamrat survived.) They decided to return, low crawling side by side.

“I made it back safely, and I turned around, and I said, ‘Where’s Herb?’” Salois recalls. “He didn’t come back with me. I looked back over the berm and he was halfway out, lying on his stomach. And without even thinking, I went out there and tried to drag him in.” It was too late. A sniper had picked off Klug.

Salois was one of only seven in his platoon who weren’t injured in the battle. He received the Silver Star for his actions on March 1, 1970. What transpired led him to an even higher calling, one that has given him the opportunity to minister to countless souls over the decades since Vietnam.

Salois served just over a year in Vietnam, then returned home to California and started working again for an insurance agency. A few years later, a newspaper article caught his attention and changed the course of his life.

“It said in 20 years there’s going to be a great shortage of priests, Catholic priests,” Salois says. “The prediction came true, because in 1990 a lot of the priests were leaving the church. And there were not that many going into the seminary.”

As a boy, Salois was raised in the church but considered himself a “Sunday Catholic” – he attended Mass but was not an altar boy. During his time in Vietnam, he read from his Bible daily – a French pocket version his aunt had given him. But he had never considered religion as a profession.

“I kept going back to that newspaper article,” he says. Salois began studying – the “first time in my life I really enjoyed studying” – and passed the test in 1972. A couple of years after joining the seminary, he was walking through the woods, praying the Rosary, when he had a flashback to the battlefield.

“I remember saying to God, ‘You know, God, I’m really happy here. I’m really glad you called me here,’” Salois says. “And I heard that inner voice say to me, ‘Well, do you remember that promise you made to me four years ago?’”

Of course he did: “If you get me out of this mess safe and sound without a scratch, I’ll do anything you want.”

In the woods, Salois heard God respond, “This is what I want for you.” Until that day, he had not thought about his vow during the firefight in Vietnam. But now it was an affirmation. “From then on, I knew

Phil in Vietnam
“We landed in Hanoi” Salois recalls. “There were soldiers at the airport with their pith helmets. Oh my God. They looked like NVA. And the heat and the smell of death returned. I thought I made a big mistake.

Salois decided to move back to New England to join the La Salette order. Eventually, he graduated from Providence College in Rhode Island, then completed theology studies at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., and was later ordained.

But before this, Salois had a demon to face. In 1983, an experience as a deacon at the White River Junction Vet Center in Vermont brought him back to the jungles of Vietnam. He was among clergy invited to a panel discussion of Vietnam War veterans who would talk about their spiritual needs. Salois looked forward to the meeting, thinking he would teach and mentor the others.

“The Vietnam veterans started telling their stories to clergymen from different denominations,” he says. “All of a sudden, I am reliving my Vietnam. I hadn’t thought about Vietnam since 1970. It’s starting to weigh on me. Then they showed a newsreel of actual footage, and I got butterflies in my stomach. I was churning all over the place. I just felt very uncomfortable. I just wanted to get out of there but didn’t want to make a scene.”

The panel leader was the only ordained clergyman who was a Vietnam veteran. He approached Salois afterward, asking if he was all right. Salois admitted that he wasn’t, and they agreed to talk the next morning in private. “I showed him some pictures to help me remember,” Salois says. “I remembered March 1 detail by detail. But everything else I couldn’t remember.”

The counseling sessions continued for six months, until Salois was ordained. As part of the healing process Salois visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and looked up Herb Klug. Salois was surprised to see another familiar name directly above Klug: Lt. Terrance Bowell. “I did a pencil rubbing of both names and said a quick prayer.” But something was still missing for Salois. The visit to the Wall had brought him comfort but not closure. He was still sad about Klug’s death. He was still angry at Vietnam. “As a priest, I can’t hate a race of people,” he says. “I went there to be healed and to forgive them and to have them forgive me. It was just very healing, and it was a very powerful image.

Inspired by his trip to Vietnam, Salois set out on another healing quest: Herb Klug’s grave. After locating Klug’s parents – Ray and Beulah – and getting their phone number, Salois contacted them in July 1991. Ray answered the phone. “I don’t want you to think this is a crank call,” Salois told him. “I just wanted you to know that I served with your son and that he died in my arms and what I wanted to do was write you a letter to tell you about it. And I would like to go to Dayton (Ohio) and visit his grave, but I would understand if you don’t want to meet with me.” Instead, they welcomed Salois, and plans were made for a visit to the Klugs’ home and Herb’s grave nearby.

With knees bent and a red rose extended, Salois poured out his heart at the gravesite. “Herb, here I am. I know it’s taken me 21 years to get here. I’m sorry, but you know you never left me. You’ve never been away from my heart and my soul. You’ve been with me in all the ministry I do for vets, and I want to thank you for the strength that you gave me and thanks for the sacrifice you made for us on March 1. I’ll never forget you.”

“For me, healing is activity,” says Salois, the Legion’s Department of Massachusetts chaplain since 1993. “It’s doing what to expect.

“We landed in Hanoi” Salois recalls. “There were soldiers at the airport with their pith helmets. Oh my God. They looked like NVA. And the heat and the smell of death returned. I thought I made a big mistake. The VA psychiatrist on the trip counseled Salois, assuring him that all returning veterans go through the same emotions. As Salois let his emotions out, he allowed the healing in.
something. It’s not a passive thing. I always tell vets if you want to be healed, you’ve got to do something. You can’t just sit on your butt; wait for God to heal you. If you know somebody who was killed, try to get a hold of the family. Try to go visit his grave. Try to bring some of your buddies together. That’s healing.”

Having obtained closure, Salois thrust himself into his work and joined veteran’s organizations, including The American Legion. Salois found himself counseling other veterans and their wives. “Wives didn’t understand why their husbands were behaving the way they were. And the guys weren’t talking to their wives, not explaining. They didn’t want to tell them anything about Vietnam because they didn’t want to hurt them, cause them pain, or have them think less of them.”

In 1993, Salois was promoted to chief of the chaplain service for the VA Boston Healthcare System, where he counseled veterans and provided other services. He was often called upon to counsel veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

For many years, Salois saw March 1 as doomsday. But now he takes a different view. “Now I have a celebration in honor of that day,” he says. “I got another buddy who lives nearby. He was in the 4th Infantry Division and that same week he had nine of his guys killed. We try to get together with some of the other guys and go to dinner, and we celebrate. We have a toast to them. I think and talk about it a lot, because it’s made me who I am today. If I hadn’t gone to Vietnam, I don’t know where I’d be.”

Father Phil retired in Feb. 2015 and now serves as Secretary and Chaplain to The 7th Infantry Regiment Association. “Cottonbalers by God”, Damn Fine Soldiers”

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

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

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

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

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

Members are also encouraged to order a copy of this one-of-a-kind book through the publisher for $59.95 (see contact information below). The deadline for biography submissions and book orders is June 30, 2019.

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

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

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

Over his long and varied career, he has worked as a city planner, airport planner, community college instructor, and Forest Ranger/Forest Protection Officer. He is proud of his service with the 3rd Infantry Division and contributes occasional articles to The Watch on the Rhine. He has also served as the editor of the U.S. Army Ranger Association’s (USARA) Ranger Register, and is the Unit Director for the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment within the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.
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.

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.

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- Tunisia
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