Retreat Ceremony

By Joe Ball

On Monday, 5/2/16, the Retreat Ceremony was held for departing Deputy Commander—Support, BG Doug Crissman. BG Crissman will assume the position of Deputy Commanding General of the United Kingdom’s 3rd Armored Infantry Division. The British unit is headquartered in England. The 3rd Armored Infantry Division was formed in 1809. Its nickname is “The Iron Division.” Its history is one of glory and valor. We are extremely proud that BG Crissman was chosen for this important position.

At the last minute, due to inclement weather, the ceremony, scheduled for Marne Garden, was moved indoors. Some did not receive the change of location notification. Central Region Committeeeman Paul Grabert drove to Fort Stewart from Houston, Texas. Unaware of the change in location, Paul missed the ceremony.

Training for Anakonda...

Soldiers from 1st Battalion 30th Infantry Regiment, 3 ID currently attached to Task Force 2-7 Infantry, 1ABCT, 3rd ID, trained on basic handling of the M320 Grenade Launcher and the AT-4 Anti-Tank Weapon April 22 at Grafenwoehr, Germany, to help prepare them for Exercise Anakonda 16 in Poland. Anakonda is a Polish training exercise that seeks to train, and integrate Polish national command and force structures into an Allied, joint, multinational environment. This further supports assurance and deterrence measures by demonstrating Allied defense capabilities to deploy mass sustain combat power.

Honorary President

Marne 6 Sends

Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers, Families, and Friends of the Marne Division. We hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. The leaders in this Division have been steadfast in their dedication to the training and preparation of their Soldiers and units. We continue to work tirelessly to maintain the high standards of the Marne Division.

The Division staff has been working diligently these past weeks to train together as a Headquarters. Our team participated in a Warfighter exercise at Fort Bragg, NC, and then headed up to Ft. Leavenworth, KS for additional training. These exercises are instrumental in setting conditions for multiple upcoming training events that involve the entire Division. We must maintain the cohesiveness of the staff in order to best support the Soldiers within our units.

The Dog Face Soldiers from the Raider Brigade are back in Europe for their third rotation as the Regionally Aligned Force for U.S. European Command. The Brigade hit the ground running by rapidly building-up combat power and immediately jumping on a gun line in Germany, Romania, Bulgaria and Poland to qualify tank and Bradley crews, sections and platoons. The Brigade continues to live up to the “Raiders First” motto by representing the Division in the Best Ranger and Best Sapper competitions in April, while distinguishing themselves at several tank competitions throughout May, to include the Sullivan’s Cup at Fort Benning, the Strong Europe

DO YOUR DUTY...

Mail-in ballots in this issue to change the C&BL and to elect our Society President for 2016-2018. Complete and mail your ballots before June 30, 2016

Presidential’s Message

Many times we are asked: “What is so special about the Society of the Third Infantry Division?” Most of us served in more than one unit during our service but continue to remain loyal and show pride in our service in the 3rd Infantry Division and the Society. The individual members, and their families, are what make our Society special. Many call or send messages asking for help or information. Our officers and staff will always help. The camaraderie and respect shown by the overwhelming majority of our members to each other is a model that other groups cannot emulate. What is so special about the Society of the Third Infantry Division? The answer is simple: Its members and the Active Division, mutual respect and the pride of those who have served, are presently serving, or will serve in the 3rd Infantry Division U.S. Army.

News of the Active Division is supplied by M.G. Rainey in the “Marne 6 Sends” report. Be sure to read about our active Dog Face Soldiers.

As we move through 2016, your Society faces challenges not unlike many fraternal military organizations. The ranks of Veterans of WWII and Korea are rapidly being reduced through the inevitable passing of time. Cold War and Peacetime Veterans, now more fully realize the importance of their efforts, which changed the destiny of the world. The Middle East conflicts are continuing with no end in sight. “Total victory” is a term that our fighting men and women have not heard for decades. The one thing that has not changed is the pride in service and particularly serving in The Third Infantry Division. The Division will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 2017. Between now and then would be an excellent time for each of us to recruit one or more new members into the Society. I think that you will agree when I say that service in The Third Infantry Division means much more to us today than it did during our actual period of service. We will always be Veterans, relatives, or friends of The Third Infantry Division U.S. Army.

Contained in this issue of The Watch on the Rhine™ are two very important ballots. The membership is the governing body of the Society so we need your participation. Please support the Society by mailing your ballot to the C&BL Chair at the address on the ballot. A second very important ballot is also in this issue. We have two nominees for Society President.

The elected members of the Executive Committee act when the governing body is not in session, but all decisions of the Executive Committee are referred to the membership for final approval. The proposed changes to the Society Constitution and By-laws must be approved by the membership per use of the mail-in ballot included in this issue. Article 5.1c (Constitution) states the requirement. Any other decisions of the Executive Committee must be approved by the membership by written ballot published in The Watch per Articles 5.1 and 5.1a (Constitution). This ballot is in this issue. Please support the Society by mailing your ballot to the C&BL Chair at the address on the ballot. A second very important ballot is also in this issue. We have two nominees for Society President. The election of the Society president will be by a majority of the votes received on the mail-in ballot. Only the original ballot, published in The Watch on the Rhine™ can be used. Individual ballots are sent to Bill Buntrock, at the address on the ballot.

A Soldier serving at Fort Stewart wrote: “the most dangerous words in the English language are ‘But we’ve always done it this way’.”

“Last Call” for June is quite lengthy. Do not be concerned. Some deceased members were not reported previously. Roster Manager Sonya Frickey is purging the active and inactive Rosters. It is very time-consuming to trace members about whom we have had no word in some time—in some cases, years. We thank and praise Sonya for this much needed work.

Dues notices were mailed in late April and are due before 6/30/16. Be sure to check our website at www.society3rid.org. Please, also join us on Facebook.

Yours in the 3rd. Joe Ball

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THE SOCIETY OF THE 3ID IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

The Society of the Third Infantry Division has existed for 97 years and is the oldest continuous Army Association.

Members receive a first-class publication six times a year. Members support a scholarship foundation. Members meet with local outposts at least once a year, and all members are invited to a national reunion held annually. Dues are minimal.

If you wore the Marne Patch or if you are a family member or friend of a Marne Soldier, you are invited to join the Society!

There is a membership application on p. 30. Join today!
Tank Challenge in Germany and the Nordic Tank Challenge in Denmark. The Brigade’s Soldiers continue to build interoperability with our NATO Allies by participating in company to battalion-sized multinational exercises, like Exercise Strike Back in Bulgaria, Combined Resolve in Germany, and Exercise Noble Partner in the Republic of Georgia. These exercises help ensure we are able to fight alongside our Allies and partners as a combined force while reassuring them of America’s continued commitment to the collective security of Europe.

Spartan Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team remain active on three continents. As the brigade regionally aligned to support US Africa Command and US Army Africa, the brigade has over 500 Soldiers deployed across 13 African countries, participating in a variety of missions and exercises. Also, Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment continue to train the Ukrainian army as part of Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine, at the International Peacekeeping and Security Center in Yavoriv, Ukraine. Domestically, training continues for 2nd Brigade troops in the United States, with a special emphasis on readiness. Companies A and B, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment attached to 2nd Brigade are preparing to assume their role as the Immediate Ready Company (IRC) for the Global Response Force. Soldiers are currently validating readiness for the IRC mission at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana. Additionally, 2nd Brigade has oversight of Task Force 1-28, a force of over 1,000 Soldiers selected from the recently inactivated 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Inactive battalions in 3rd Brigade Combat Team continued to consolidate and shut down facilities as they divested of personnel and equipment over the past several months. Task Force (TF) 1-28 conducted squad, platoon, and company live fires during their LION FOCUS training exercise. This exercise prepared the TF to execute the 3IBCT HAMMER FOCUS exercise at Fort Benning, and the MARNE FOCUS exercise at Fort Stewart in preparation for JRTC 16-07. Finally, the 3IBCT inactivated its headquarters on 15 April 2016 in compliance with the Army’s restructuring.

The big guns of 3rd Infantry Division Artillery roared to life during a Mass Fire Mission on Fort Stewart March 1. Division artillery teamed with Company E, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade who provided the services of the MQ-1C Gray Eagle unmanned aerial system. For the first time ever, Division Artillery teamed with the MQ-1C Gray Eagle unmanned aerial system which was utilized for a wide range of purposes including target identification, observing the rounds as they are fired, and assessing battle damage. DIVARTY units are currently supporting Regionally Aligned Forces missions in Europe which involves working side by side with our NATO allies to deter aggression in the region by demonstrating the ability to deploy, mass, and sustain combat power in the region. Other units are deployed in the Horn of Africa training as part of the Eastern African Response Force. Their presence helps to subside potential aggression as the political situation remains tense.

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade showed their support at the 120th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States at the Jewish Educational Alliance in Savannah March 15. The event was designed to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish War Veterans while honoring local Jewish veterans. The dog faced Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division shared their Marine spirit with the community in the 192nd St. Patrick’s Day Parade March 17 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.

It’s been a busy spring for the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade Providers. They have some new faces around, with a new Brigade Command Sergeant Major, and a new Commander and Command Sergeant Major at the Special Troops Battalion. They took an evening to reflect enjoy each other’s company at the Brigade Ball in March. But rest didn’t last long. The Providers just completed a two week field exercise, in which they set up a logistics hub to support Task Force 1-28 and other units during Marne Focus, while also training in fundamental expeditionary skills, like setting up base defenses, and moving equipment around the battlefield with trucks and helicopters. The brigade is planning an emergency deployment readiness exercise in early May, to make sure they’re ready to move if they get the call, as well as a convoy live-fire exercise and another field problem to further hone their fundamentals. The operational tempo is high, but the brigade is working hard to be the best sustainment unit in the US Army.

Your 3d Infantry Division is constantly training and preparing Dog Face Soldiers in their warrior tasks and battle drills for whatever the nation calls us to do. I ask you to remember all the Service Members we have deployed and the incredible sacrifices they make in defense of our freedom. Lastly, I ask that we continue to honor the Gold Star Family Members and their Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong! James E. Rainey, Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding

An Expert Infantry Badge is pinned on a Soldier from 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division during a pinning ceremony April 1, 2016, at Arta, Djibouti. Only 18 of the original 119 candidates were successful in earning the EIB. The event last week included Soldiers from 3-15 Inf., 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, and the French Foreign Legion. The EIB signifies the most skilled infantry members, proving themselves masters of physical fitness, night and day land navigation, weapons, combat medical techniques, patrolling, a 12-mile road march, and the Objective.
Member Attention: There are ballots in this issue of the Watch. You must use the official ballots in the Watch to submit your votes. No other ballots may be used. If your ballot for voting for Society President is lost or destroyed, request a replacement from Bill Buntrock. If your ballot for C&BL voting is lost, request a replacement from Lynn Ball. Contact information for both chairs is on page 2 of the Watch. You may not request ballots for other people. Each person needing a ballot must request it himself/herself. Your votes are very important to us. There are profiles in this issue for those running for contested offices.

The uncontested offices now filled are as follows:
- Eastern Region Vice President: David H. Pope
- Central Region Vice President: Lynn Ball

There was no nominee for the office of Western Region Vice President. If there is no nominee brought forth at the General Membership Meeting, the next president will appoint someone to fill that office and the Western Region members will not make this choice.

We have provided brief bios elsewhere in this issue for those officers assuming duties for the 2016-2018 term, and each candidate for president has a short bio and photo in this issue. If you have any questions please contact me (972-495-1704). I will be glad to help in any way possible.

Mailing the Ballot: Cut out the ballot along the scissor line. This will not destroy your Watch. Be sure to print your name and sign your signature. Also ensure your dues for 2016-2017 are paid so you are a member in good standing.

We have a wonderful Society Website. Please access it at www.Society3rdid.org. You won’t be disappointed. Also new is our Society Facebook page. If you want something posted, please send it to me. I am the Facebook page administrator. My e-mail address is LDBall1@msn.com. You can also send items to me through the U.S. postal service, if that is easier.

This issue has a great many pages of required information, so there is no book review. I did read three books but none were eligible for review in the Watch, because they all contained information that could be considered political. Duty, a Memoir by Robert M. Gates, former Defense Secretary, was excellent. I also read two books by Donald Trump. Both were also very good, well written, and most informative. I have some excellent stories by members that I had to hold for the August issue. That issue will also contain the profiles of this year’s Scholarship Foundation grant recipients, and we have a wonderful story by Keith Schmidt about the M1 Carbine and Audie Murphy. Be sure to read it in the August edition.

As to my upcoming duties as Vice President of the Central Region, I plan to follow in the capable footsteps of Toby Knight who is leaving the office of Vice President to run for president of the Society. Toby has overviewed his planned programs for the coming year designed to bring in new members and much needed financial support to the Society. I plan to support those programs and develop a couple of my own.

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The Scholarship Foundation is currently processing applications for this year’s $1,000 grants to deserving students. During the first week in June, the Chairman will verify eligibility of each entry, and enrollment in an institution of higher learning, before sending the applications to the judges for selection of this year’s recipients. Our judges this year are Jeff Danby, Earl Killen, Thomas Maines, and James Reeves. As you know, we are all volunteers who receive neither pay for our time nor expenses incurred. We are grateful for our judges’ efforts in selecting our recipients. Each year, we get excellent submissions so it is difficult to select the best ones. Once the judges have reported their selections, grants will be paid to the institution of higher learning specified by each recipient. The money will be in their student accounts by July 1st. We must have their student account numbers to pay grants so make sure your offspring who are competing provide this vital information.

Awards this year will include the following: “Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason,” “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall,” “Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. ‘Rick’ Richenbacher,” “Col. and Mrs. Terrence A. Smith Award in Honor of the 184th Infantry (Air Assault), OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit,” “Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungham, North Korea, December 1950,” “Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Nick Ramba,” “Scholarship Award in Honor and Memory of Karen Carew Wold,” and “The Scholarship Foundation Award Honoring the Active Duty Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division.”

Other activities are focused on preparing for our biennial fundraising raffle. It is not too late to donate prizes to be awarded to winners of the raffle. We conduct a raffle every other year, and it is our major source of income besides member donations. Of course donations are the most important gifts we receive as they show our members’ support of our program. Please send your raffle gifts to the Foundation at 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040-3331. Any gift you would like to receive would be appropriate to donate. Remember, we issue Tax-Certification Letters for both monetary donations and gifts to be raffled so you can use the Certification Letter in support of your annual tax deductions.

Since our last report on prizes we have received two U. S. Korean War Memorial Coins, dated 1991, with Certificates of Authenticity: “Proof Silver Dollar containing 90% silver.” Based on silver content, these are worth $90.00 each and were donated by Curtis H. and Marjorie Halvorson.

We thank everyone who is supporting the raffle by donating prizes and/or buying tickets. We also thank our supporters who sent cash donations. These enabled the presentation of nine $1,000 grants to our 3rd Infantry Division offspring, in 2015. Raffle Tickets will be sent to all members in November.

Following is a list of those who have sent monetary donations to the Foundation since the April issue of the Watch on the Rhine™.
Proposed Changes to the Society Constitution and By-laws

Following are Proposed Changes to the Society Constitution and By-laws and Executive Committee Actions to be Approved by the Membership. Please vote on each of these amendments on the official mail-in ballot in this issue. Only the official mail-in ballot may be used to vote. Cut out the ballot along the scissor line. Removing the ballot won’t destroy your Watch.

Article II: Objectives
Renumber Article 2.5 to 2.6
Insert New Article 2.5
Present Reading 2.5: None

Article 2.5 Proposed Reading:
To provide entertainment, care, comfort, and assistance to hospitalized Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and their Families.
Reason: If our objectives showed an action word, like “provide,” we could find it easier to recruit members and demonstrate what we have in our hearts.

Article III Membership
Article 3.1a Present Reading: None.
Article 3.1a Proposed Addition:
Article 3.1a: Special conditions may restrict membership for a period of time as defined in the by-laws.
Reason: Update to agree with By-laws 3.6 and 3.7.

Article 3.9a Present Reading
3.9a. Members may be transferred to any outpost of their choice by making a request to the National Secretary or their outpost secretary. Outposts may not recruit a member known to be a member of another outpost.

Article 3.9a Proposed Reading
3.9a Members may be transferred to any outpost of their choice by making a request to the Roster Manager and to the Outpost Secretaries affected by the change. Outposts may not recruit a member known to be a member of another outpost.
Reason: Only the Roster Manager and the Outposts are affected by a member requesting a transfer.

Article 3.10
Present Reading: None.
Article 3.10 Proposed Addition
3.10 Members are to conduct themselves in an ethical and forthright manner. Members are prohibited from using the Society name, Society website, Society logo, Society intellectual property, or Society membership data for personal gain or profit.
Reason: To protect the Society name, logo, and membership from unauthorized use as listed in this proposal.

Article V: Management
Article 5.2b Present Reading
5.2b Appointed Officers: Appointed Officers by the President are: Editor of The Watch on the Rhine, Judge Advocate, Historian, Chaplain, Auditor, Active Duty Liaison, Medical Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Quartermaster, Website Liaison, and Roster Manager.

5.2b Proposed Reading
5.2b Appointed Staff. Appointed Staff by the President include the editor of The Watch on the Rhine, Judge Advocate, Historian, Chaplain, Auditor, Active Duty Liaison, Medical Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Quartermaster, Website Liaison, and Roster Manager.

Reason: These are Staff positions. Roster Manager and Website Liaison are two different jobs with two separate appointments.

Article V: Management
Article 5.3f: Present Reading: None.
Article 5.3f Proposed Addition
5.3f: If any election, motion, or approval results in an equal number of ballots cast to approve and disapprove, the motion, election, or approval fails.
Reason: To clearly state procedure when a tie vote is recorded.

Changes to Society By-laws
Section I: Reunions
Section 1.6: Present Reading: None.

Section 1.6 Proposed Reading
Section 1.6 Annual reunions will be held on a rotating schedule. A reunion will be scheduled in each region on a rotating three-year basis. The Reunion Committee or the professional planner will make a short presentation to the Executive Committee at the reunion with recommendations. The Executive Committee chooses the reunion city. Locations will be chosen two years in advance. Each region will host a reunion once each three-year period. Extenuating circumstances may cause the Executive Committee to alter the schedule. If a region is scheduled and is by-passed, that region will have the right of first refusal the following year.

Reason: To state the intention to allow reunions to be held in all three regions, once in each three-year period.

Section II: Annual Reunion-Convention
Section 2.3: Present Reading
Section 2.3 Voting. All voting for officers and Constitution and By-Law changes are conducted by mailed ballots. Voting at the membership meeting may be taken to determine the opinions and recommendations of members on issues to advise the Executive Committee.

Section 2.3 Proposed Reading
2.3 Voting. All voting for officers, Constitution and By-Law changes, and Executive Committee Actions are conducted by mail-in ballots. Voting at the membership meeting may be taken to determine the opinions and recommendations of members on issues to advise the Executive Committee.

Reason: Clearly states that the full membership will use mail-in ballots for key decisions.

Section II, 2.4
Section 2.4 Present Reading
2.4 Only mail-in ballots may be used for the election of national officers and amending the Constitution and By-laws. All members may use ballots. The Constitutional and By-Laws Chairperson and Nominations and Election Chairperson will have the official ballots published in The Watch in the Rhine at least 60 days before the annual
reunion and thirty days before any special meeting. Members using a ballot must legibly print their name, then sign and date the ballot attesting they are a member in good standing, and mail the completed ballot to the appropriate chairperson. That chair will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the meeting. Only ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine will be valid and may not be reproduced in any form except by the Chair who can upon request of the member, copy the ballot, certify the copied ballot as an official ballot, and mail it to the person making the request. The request for copied ballots must be justified, such as lost Watch, destroyed issue of The Watch or other situations necessitating the use of a copied ballot, which will be determined by the appropriate Chair. Ballots should be destroyed 90 days after publication of the results in The Watch on the Rhine.

Section 2.4 Proposed Reading

2.4 Only mail-in ballots may be used for the election of national officers, for amending the Constitution and By-laws, and for the approval of Executive Committee Actions. All members may use ballots. The Constitutional and By-laws Chairperson and Nominations and Election Chairperson will have the official ballots published in The Watch in the Rhine at least 60 days before the annual reunion and thirty days before any special meeting. Members using a ballot must legibly print their name, then sign and date the ballot attesting they are a member in good standing, and mail the completed ballot to the appropriate chairperson, that Chair will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the meeting. Only ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine will be valid and may not be reproduced in any form except by the Chair or the National Secretary-Treasurer who can upon request of the member, copy the ballot, certify the copied ballot as an official ballot, and mail it to the person making the request. The request for copied ballots must be justified, such as lost Watch, destroyed issue of The Watch or other situations necessitating the use of a copied ballot, which will be determined by the appropriate Chair. Ballots should be destroyed 90 days after publication of the results in The Watch on the Rhine.

Reason: To clarify the use of mail-in ballots.

Section III: Governance between Annual Meetings

Section 3.6: Present Reading: none.

Section 3.6 Proposed Reading:

Section 3.6: Any Society Member who is expelled from the Society for any reason shall be eligible to request consideration for membership after a period of three years from the date of expulsion. The former member will apply as a new member through the chair of the Executive Committee. If the Chair approves, the request will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and decision. Approval will be a majority of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. If the vote results in a tie, the request is denied. If the membership is approved, the member must serve an additional probationary period of two years before being consider for an Elective Office, Staff Position, or Committee Chair. The National Secretary/Treasurer will maintain the records.

Reason: Membership in the Society is a privilege but sometimes member-mistakes can occur. This will allow a member who has been expelled to apply for Membership at a later defined date. Officers should be held to a higher standard.

Section 3.7: Present Reading: none.

Section 3.7 Proposed Reading:

Section 3.7: any elected officer, who has been “removed for cause” will be prohibited from ever serving as an Elected Officer of the Society for his/her lifetime. Any elected Officer of the Society who is expelled from the Society may not ever be considered for membership.

Reason: Any Society elected officer that is “removed for cause” can never again be a member of the Society.

Section IV: Duties of Officers

Section 4.13 Present Reading

4.13 Quartermaster: The quartermaster is appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval. The Quartermaster will select and maintain an assortment of items for sale identified with the 3rd Infantry Division and attached units.

Proposed Reading

Section 4.13: The Quartermaster is appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval. There is only one official Quartermaster of the Society. The official quartermaster may be provided space to display merchandise at the Society Annual Reunion.

Reason: The Appointed Quartermaster is a private business owner who shares no proceeds from sales with the Society; therefore, the Society has no power to dictate what merchandise he can offer for sale. Good taste shall dictate item availability.

Section 4.13a Present Reading: None.

Section 4.13a Proposed Reading

4.13a The Quartermaster is an independent business and is not a part of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Reason: To clarify the position of the Quartermaster.

Section 4.14 Present Reading

4.14 DBA/Roster Manager: The Database/Roster Manager is appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. This position is responsible for maintaining an accurate database of Society members, assisting elected and appointed officers when requested, and providing Roster reports.

Section 4.14 Proposed Reading

4.14 Roster Manager: The Roster Manager is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The position is responsible for maintaining an accurate Roster of the Society Members, assisting elected officers and staff members when requested, and provides Roster reports.

Reason: The position involves the maintenance of the Roster.

Section 4.15 Webmaster

Proposed Change

Section 4.15: Change header to Website-Liaison

Section 4.15: Proposed Reading

Section 4.15: The Society shall have only one official website. The site can be assigned within the Society or can be built by a professional outside website builder. The Society President is responsible for the Society site. The site cannot promote any personal For-Profit businesses and will not accept paid advertising.
Reason: To protect the Society’s I.R.S. certification as a Not-For-Profit Veterans Organization.

4.15a Present Reading: None.

4.15a Proposed Reading
4.15a. The purpose of the site is to promote the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Reason: To clarify the purpose of the website.

4.15b Present Reading: None.

Section 4.15b Proposed Reading
4.15b. Any links to the site must be approved by the Executive Committee

Reason: The Society President will defer to the Executive Committee, on any added links.

Section V: Standing Committees

Section 5.2 Present Reading

Section 5.2 Constitution and By-Laws: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is not restricted in size, but a majority of the members shall not be members of the Executive Committee. The committee will submit a ballot of proposed changes to be published in The Watch on the Rhine at least 60 days before the Annual Reunion.

Section 5.2 Proposed Addition
Only official ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine can be used for voting.

Reason: To clarify that unofficial ballots will not be accepted.

Section 5.3b Present Reading
5.3b. The Committee will submit a ballot for publication in The Watch on the Rhine at least 60 days before the Annual Reunion. If there is only one nominee for an office, no ballot will be published for member vote.

Section 5.3b Proposed Addition
Only official ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine can be used for voting.

Reason: To clarify that unofficial ballots will not be accepted.

Section 5.4 Awards

Section 5.4b: Present Reading

Section 5.4b. The Awards Committee and the Executive Committee shall select award recipients in accordance with the Awards Protocol. The Awards Committee shall select the recipients of the Society Service Award and Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee shall select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award.

Section 5.4b Proposed Addition
No Society Member many be awarded the Audie Murphy Achievement Award more than once in their lifetime.

Reason: This decision was many by the Executive Committee several years ago but was never documented.

Section VII: Outposts

Section 7.1 Present Reading

Section 7.1 An outpost may be formed and a Charter issued by National Headquarters upon receipt of an application from ten (10) or more members in good standing in the area where the outpost is to be located. All outposts will adhere to and follow the governing rules of the Society. An outpost may be formed and a Charter issued by National Headquarters upon receipt of an application from ten (10) or more members in good standing in the area where the outpost is to be located. All outposts will adhere to and follow the governing rules of the Society.

Section 7.1 Proposed Reading

Section 7.1a Proposed Reading

Section 7.1a. Those remaining members will notify the Outpost Secretary/Treasurer AND the Database Manager if they want to be transferred into any outpost of their choice, or stay At Large

Section 7.1a Proposed Reading

Section 7.1a. Those remaining members will notify the Outpost Secretary/Treasurer AND the Roster Manager if they want to be transferred into any outpost of their choice.

Reason: To specify those who must be informed of changes.

Section X: Memorial Services

Section 10.1 Present Reading

Section 10.1 A Memorial Service honoring the Third Division war dead and other deceased comrades will be conducted during the Annual Reunion/Convention.

Section 10.1 Proposed Reading

Section 10.1 A Memorial Service will be conducted at each Annual Reunion to Honor our Deceased Comrades.

Reason: To allow some flexibility to the Society Chaplain in the gathering and reading of the names of those deceased since the last Reunion.

Section XI: Amendments to the By-laws

Section 11.2: Present Reading

All proposals for Constitution and By-law changes submitted by members of the Society through Outpost or Executive Committee route or by the initiative of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair will be sent to the Chair of the of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee with copies to the National Secretary. Once the Constitution and By Laws Committee considers the proposed changes and approves what should be presented to the membership, the draft of the proposed amendments will be sent to the Executive Committee for their consideration, approval or modification. This final document must be accepted by a majority vote of the quorum present before publication in The Watch on the Rhine. Proposals approved by the General Membership shall be published in The Watch on the Rhine as soon as possible after passage, but not later than the December issue.

Section 11.2: Proposed Change to last four lines

This final document must be accepted by a majority vote of the bal-
lots cast before publication in The Watch on the Rhine. Proposals approved by the General Membership shall be published in The Watch on the Rhine as soon as possible after passage, but not later than the December issue.

**Reason:** Decision is by a majority of the ballots cast with a quorum present.

**Following are the Actions taken by the Executive Committee for 2015-2016 and reported by Secretary-Treasurer John Weiss. Please vote on the Mail-in Ballot to approve these actions.**

1) 7/2/15 The Executive Committee revised Section 7.1 of the By-laws to allow outposts to be formed under special circumstances.

2) 9/14/15 The Executive Committee approved the Society Challenge Coin.

3) 11/3/15 The Executive Committee approved By-laws Section 1.6 to rotate reunions by region.

4) 11/18/15 The Executive Committee approved the Best Western Premier Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as the 2016 Society host hotel.

5) 1/15/16 After careful review, Society Member Richard W. Heller was expelled from the Society for abuse of office. He advertised and conducted his personal business and collected monetary fees for advertising from outsiders on the Society website. He accepted the expulsion and declined the appeals process. At this time, the Society is awaiting a decision from the I.R.S. His actions are in violation of the Not-For-Profit clause in the Society’s I.R.S. charter.

6) 1/26/16 The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Regis Rocco as Central Region Committeeman.

7) 2/14/16 The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Mike McClinton as Western Region Committeeman.

8) 3/5/16 The Executive Committee approved the payment of reunion expenses for Active Duty Attendees (Commanding General and spouse, CSM and spouse, “Soldier of the Year,” and “NCO of the Year”).

9) 4/28/16 The Executive Committee approved the C&BL Proposals to be submitted for Membership Ballot.

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**Vice Presidents for 2016-2018**

**Central Region Vice President Lynn D. Ball** has been an Associate Member of the Society for fourteen years. She is Secretary-Treasurer of Audie Murphy Outpost #35, having served in that capacity since 2002. She controls outpost finances, collects and distributes member dues, originates and mails outpost newsletters, schedules meetings (traveling as far as 700 miles round trip per meeting), produces and mails meeting minutes and other outpost correspondence.

Lynn served as Society Awards Chair for four years. She was instrumental in Outpost #35 hosting the 90th Annual Reunion in Springfield, Missouri, and served on the Reunion Committee for the 2015 Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, for which she acted as treasurer and did all of the paperwork connected with the reunion.

Lynn has been editor of the Watch on the Rhine since 2009. She founded and chairs the Board of Directors of the Society of the Third Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation was charted by the I.R.S. in 2002 and has provided scholarship grants, each year, to Soldiers and offspring of Soldiers who are serving or have served in the 3rd Infantry Division.

In 2007, Lynn received the Outstanding Associate Member award and in 2012, she was awarded the “Order of Saint Maurice: CIVIS” by the National Infantry Association for her work in support of Infantry. This is the highest civilian award that the Association presents. In 2014, she received the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. Over the years, she has received eight President’s Special Awards, one recruiting award (2006), a U.S. Army Certificate of Appreciation from General Robert Abrams (2011), and three Society Certificates of Appreciation.

Lynn holds degrees from Lamar University and Texas Christian University and she enjoyed a long career in R&D: telecommunications engineering and product development. She is married to Joe Ball and they have three children and four grandchildren. While past Central Region Vice President Toby Knight is a hard man to follow, Lynn has pledged to do her best to continue his efforts and to support the Society and its programs.

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**Vice President David H. Pope** looks forward to serving another term as the Society Vice President of the Eastern Region during the 2016-2018-term.

Dave served in D Company, 2/15 Infantry Regiment from December 1994-August 1996. During his time on active duty, he was a member of the only platoon in USAEUR to earn the Distinguished Unit Award. In January 1996, D Company was attached to 2/67 Armor, 1st armored Division, and deployed to Ogdak, Bosnia, as part of Operation Joint Endeavor. After being discharged from active duty, he continued to serve in the Pennsylvania National Guard until 2001.

Dave graduated with a degree in Social Science Education from the University of South Florida in 2006 and from California University of Pennsylvania in 2012 with a Master of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education, and currently teaches 7th grade science at John B. Stetson Charter School in Philadelphia. David and his wife, Laura, reside in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, with their four children, Maren, 16; Emily, 13; Danielle, 11; and Benjamin, 7.
Dale McGraw wrote: “Good job Lynn, my Watch arrived today, I always look forward to receiving it. ROTM.

Harvey Sladkus called to say, “Another First Class issue of the Watch on the Rhine™.”

John Shirley wrote: “The Watch is excellent, as always. The Anzio article was very interesting, and it was good to see the Anzio Monument and helpers. The whole issue was full of good reading. I looked at the new website, and it is very good…[Joe] appointed a fine webmaster. All the best.”

Frank Elliott: “Dear Lynn: I read with interest your discussion of the Buffalo Soldiers in the last Watch. My first assignment, when I reported for active duty in May of 1951, was with the 509th Tank Battalion at Fort Polk. Across the street was the 510th Tank Battalion. Their history flowed from the 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments that you wrote about. They were some of the last units that had not been integrated by Harry Truman’s order. I was with them until I went to Korea in August of 1952. I did a little digging for their history later, and found more information about the 9th, and looked for it to send to you, but was unable to put my hands on it. I have seen it fairly recently, so when it appears again, I will send it on to you. In the 509th we used the regimental crest from the 9th, an Indian on horseback with the fort in Cuba as a background. The 510th used the crest from the 10th, which was, as I recall, a buffalo soldier. Thanks for the story and jogging my memory.

Gordon Draper wrote: “Thanks for all you do for the organization.”

Paul Desroches wrote: “Wow, two of my stories in the April issue of “The Watch”; thanks. I’m proud to have served with the 3rd Infantry Division and get a kick out of seeing my stories in print. Your article “Buffalo Soldier” was both interesting and informative—a good piece of work. Best regards.”

Dear Fellow Veterans, Active Duty soldiers, and Families:

This short message is to say that I hope everyone is well and enjoying God’s gift of life. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Brothers and Sisters in Arms who serve in harm’s way on foreign soil. We give thanks to all who serve the Flag at posts within our great country and beyond.

We ask for special blessings to our Veterans who served many years ago, many of whom have suffered with health issues that have exacerbated over time. The daughter of Outpost #13 Member Derk Doornbos wrote to say that the old trooper has suffered a setback and is now in assisted living. Derk is a WWII Veteran who celebrated his 96th birthday in April. He served in the 15th from Anzio to the war’s end. Write to him at Lakeshore Assisted Living, c/o Sorrell House, 16224 Mercury Drive, Grand Haven MI 49417. May God Bless him.

Don’t forget to wear your caps and jackets and to carry Society Membership Application forms when you go shopping or travel. You never know when you may run into a Veteran who is not familiar with the Society.

On Monday, May 2, a very solemn ceremony was held at Fort Stewart. At a “Change of Stole” Ceremony, Chaplain LTC William Killough passed the Stole to incoming Division Chaplain Col. Gregory Walker. The stole is a long, plain, black cloth that is worn around the neck. The Change of Stole is similar to a Change of Command Ceremony, but it is a change of responsibility and leadership of the ministry. Blessings to Chaplain Col. Walker.

I hope to see you at the reunion. God Bless all of you and God Bless our troops stationed throughout the world protecting our freedoms.

Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato
[Richard Longfellow has been on an extensive world tour. Here are some notes sent to all of us.]

Greetings, after three hot and humid days in Singapore, I saw lots, but have a long list of sites to see when I return to Singapore. The Merlion is a symbol for Singapore. Sentosa is a recreational park in Singapore. Later, Richard wrote: I have now traveled the Suez Canal, and Israel Caeraca National Park, Old Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Bahala’ Gardens. In Italy, seven of us rented a taxi for a trip to Pisa and Florence, Italy, from Liverno, Italy. Great time! Even had time for an Italian pizza and beer at an Irish Pub in Florence. In

Richard Longfellow in front of the Merlion in Singapore.

Richard Longfellow at Sentosa, a recreational park in Singapore.

Richard enjoying Maderia wine.

Spain: I was able to access free wifi at Cadiz. I walked around Cadiz and saw a cathedral, churches, Roman Theatre ruins from 1 BC, and old parts of Cadiz. It was raining off and on all day. Maderia Spain. Last stop before Ft. Lauderdale. Took hop on-hop off and got some photos. Tried Maderia wine. [Each message is signed “Santa Richard” and he is wearing his Santa hat in most photos.]

—Submitted by Richard Longfellow, President

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, at a joint meeting of Outpost 2 and Outpost 13 at Doc Ford’s on Fort Myers Beach, Florida, Kathy Daddato and Bob Gibson met with Jerry and Judy Hawkins. Two Cold War Veterans reminisced about active duty in 1953 through 1959 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Wurzburg, Germany. We all considered future meetings of our Outposts and the Society reunion in Harrisburg in September.

We remember many of our fallen warriors, and we are proud of the current active duty soldiers of today. We regret that many of our members are unable to travel to central places in the area of our large outpost, and hope that smaller groups can get together in local places.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions. Let us hear from you!

Rock of the Marne!

Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Outpost 3 members: Please check your calendars for this summer and early fall. We are planning to put together two interesting and enjoyable activities: first, a boat cruise around Lake Murray; second, a tour of Middleton Place in Charleston. The Outpost would defray costs for the tour and meals, the cost of hotel rooms for those of us who would have to come in the night before would be borne by attendees.

Are either of these activities of interest to you? If not, let me know what would entice you to take time away and renew friendships with old comrades. Please contact me via phone at 803-609-0048 or by email at cbtimmers@yahoo.com.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon and getting together here in the Palmetto State.

—Regards, Chris Timmers. Outpost #3 President

Outpost #4 met 6 April, 2016, at the Washington State Veterans Home in Spokane, Washington. President Don Schaffer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of United States of America. Minutes of the previous meeting and other reports were approved as presented. A small wall plaque of “Rocky” was donated to the Veterans Home. Due to illnesses there were only five attendees. Next meeting will be 7 Sept. 2016 at the Washington State Veterans Home in Spokane, Washington. There was a motion to adjourn at 1:00 P.M., the 2nd carried.

—Submitted by Dale McGrav, Secretary.
The next event for Outpost #15 is the fall meeting and participation in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, November 2016. More information to follow. We look forward to seeing anyone interested in this activity so please mark your calendars!

—Submitted by Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer

President Bill Vanark opened the Outpost #18 meeting at the Five Pillars Supper Club at 10:30 AM with the playing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and an opening prayer. Historian Warren Fast again asked the membership for any early history of our outpost. Warren was informed that the early history that he has is all that is available.

Bill Vanark continued to have each member give a report on his 3rd I.D. experiences. Bob Meganck reported on his experience as a field wireman in the 58FA/Hq Btry, supporting the 65th Infantry Regiment.

Marv Kostka gave the Treasurer’s Report. Our current balance is $607.06. Marv received a letter from National with four books of raffle tickets. A motion by Marv, then seconded by Bill Vanark, was to purchase two of these books for Outpost #18. The motion carried. Marv said his family will purchase the remaining two books.

A discussion was held on the use of Agent Orange in Korea. It was decided that it wasn’t used in Korea. Bill Vanark showed a plaque made to present to Past President Jerry Daddato, making him a Lifetime Member of Outpost #18. Bill sent the plaque to Jerry.

Marv Kostka was on the Honors Flight from Appleton, Wisconsin, last Wednesday. His son, Jeff, was his chaperon and told the group what a wonderful experience it was. Ed Koleske was also on the flight. On May 14, 2016, Jim Bartholomew was on the Honors Flight from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Bill Vanark reminded the group that there will be a service at the Korean War Memorial at Polver, Wisconsin, at 10:45 AM on Sunday June 5, 2016. Bill donated two 3rd Division I.D. medals to be raffled. They were won by Jim Bartholomew and Melvin Ingram. A bottle of whiskey was donated by Bob Meganck and won by Marv Kostka’s granddaughter, Annie. This donation generated $16.00 to our treasury. Our next meeting will be on October 9, 2016, at the same time and location. The meeting closed at 11:35AM with Bill Vanark playing Taps and a prayer.

—Submitted by Bob Meganck, Secretary

Lynn Ball has reminded us that we need to send our nominations for awards to Awards Chair Joe Herron. The deadline is August 5th, 2016. The awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet, during the national reunion in Harrisburg/Gettysburg, PA, September 22-25, 2016.

Please call me at (951) 492-0667, or ascotsgreys2@aol.com, to accept one of the following leadership positions in your outpost. The following Outpost #22 positions can be yours from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. They are: President; Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer; Mini-Meeting Coordinator; Newsletter Editor, Annual Picnic Planner; and Chaplain.

As of March 31, 2016, our OP #22 checking account balance was $3,661.60; our savings account balance was $3,040.36; for a total balance of $6,701.96. Thanks to Bill Rosensteel Jr.’s suggestion, and Ron Greenwood’s letter, the manager of our bank has waived the checking account “minimum balance fee” for our non-profit military service organization. Our biggest expense is publishing the every-other-month OP #22 Newsletter. We cannot afford to purchase another memorial stone for a cemetery. But, we could afford to start an annual picnic, if there is enough interest, and an OP #22 member is willing to be the Annual Picnic Coordinator. At last year’s annual meeting, in Riverside, a member suggested that we resume our outpost’s annual Picnic by combining it with a patient picnic (or Bar-B-Q) for hospitalized veterans at one of the local VA medical centers. We could provide food and entertainment for the patients, share food, and have a meeting following the patient activity. Our family members could also come as volunteers to help us serve the food and socialize with the veterans. Other annual picnic site suggestions included the Huntington State Beach (where there are fire rings, Bar-B-Q grills, volleyball nets, bicycle paths, running water, rest rooms, and a beautiful sandy beach). Someone else suggested that our picnic should be combined with free admission to the Knott’s Berry Farm and Old West Amusement Park (on any date between November 3 and November 21). And, another person felt that because we have outpost members in Nevada, we should have an annual picnic in Las Vegas, NV. I think that whoever coordinates an annual picnic should have the most say about the picnic site. We have enough money to cover the first couple picnics. What do you think? Please call Andy, or me, with your suggestions.

I would like to wish all OP #22 members who have a birthday in May, or June, a very Happy Birthday.

—Submitted by Ron Greenwood, Secretary-Treasurer
Outpost #35 held its spring meeting on April 9, 2016 hosted by Toby Knight and Jim Reeves at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, San Antonio, Texas. Those in attendance included Joe and Lynn Ball, Robert Dalton, Jude and Paul Grabert, Velkis and Toby Knight, Carolyn and Jerry Kraft, Linda and Jim Reeves, Keith Schmidt, Dixie and General Thomas Smith, James Timmens, and Jack Wold. It was a wonderful meeting with much camaraderie. Adding to the meeting was General Smith’s wonderful speech on the work being done by the Texas Veterans’ Commission where he serves on the Veterans Assistance Advisory Committee as Chair.

At 11:00 AM we gathered for a social hour, followed by lunch. Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Jim Reeves delivered the Invocation and Toby and Velkis Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; everyone sang “Dogface Soldier.” Velkis Knight drew Jerry Kraft and Keith Schmidt’s names for the prizes: the Society Challenge Coin went to Jerry Kraft and the Texas Veteran’s Commission Coin went to Keith Schmidt. The coins were donated by Jim Reeves and General Smith, respectively. Joe introduced everyone and provided a bit of background on each of us.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current Secretary-Treasurers Report which covered our current membership status and announced that the 2016-2017 dues notices would be included in the mailing of the meeting Minutes. We welcomed two new members to our outpost: Luke A Driggers of Van Buren, Arkansas. Luke is the grandson of William and Fay Driggers. We also welcomed Jude Grabert of Houston, Texas. Jude is the spouse of Central Region Committeeman Paul Grabert. Our recruitment program is still active. We really need to recruit members. We have lost many of our WWII Vets (and some Korea Vets) during the past year. Currently Bill Driggers is the front runner with six new members to our outpost. Thanks, Bill, and Congratulations. Joe continues to request birthday greetings from the White House for members 80 years of age and older or 70 years of age and older for Veterans, as well as for decade wedding anniversaries starting at 50. Additionally, Joe sends outpost personal greetings to members whose important dates he has.

TAPS: During the past few months, we have lost Abraham Friedman (DIV/Med/HQ, Korea) and Ernest Boyd (7th Inf/F). We will miss these precious members. Since the meeting, we have lost our dear friend Landell Pugh and Ben Sowards.

Discussion of the 2016 and 2017 Reunion was included, as was a summary of stories in the April Watch, and updates on the Scholarship Foundation. The Treasurer’s Report included thanks to all who have donated to the Outpost and Society’s general funds. It was determined that the summer meeting will be somewhere in the DFW Metroplex. Lynn is looking into Abilene for a future meeting.

Joe discussed the following topics: Challenge Coin: UPDATE: Toby Knight has placed his fourth order for coins so he can fill orders he is presently holding on back order. To get one or more of the Challenge Coins, send your order and check, made out to Society of 3rd I.D., to Toby Knight, 5339 Osprey Oak, San Antonio TX 78253-6380. The cost is a donation of $12.50 for one coin and $10.00 each for two or more coins. If you have questions, call Toby at 210-885-2137. Joe also presented reports on outpost members of the 3rd Medical Battalion who served in Korea (Joe had reported that Harvey Sladkus, 3rd Medical Battalion, retired from the Army as a Bird Colonel. That is incorrect. Harvey left the service at the end of his commitment and had a distinguished career as a trial attorney in New York City. Sorry Harvey.) Joe also presented an update on recent Stolen Valor rulings, an MOH update, and plans for more reviews of other medals awarded since 2001.

Of course, the highlight of our meeting was our Honored Speaker B.G. Tom Smith (Ret.). B.G. Smith has earned many awards and decorations during his service in both the Korea and Vietnam conflicts. General Tom is a Soldier’s General and proudly wears the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star w/V (4 Awards), Legion of Merit (3 Awards), Army Commendation Medal (6 Awards), Soldier’s Medal, and Air Medal (11 Awards). General Tom spoke about the work of the Texas Veterans’ Commission, for which he chairs the Advisory Committee. The summary of General’s speech is available upon request. The meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.

—Submitted by Lynn Ball, Secretary-Treasurer

Golden Gate
San Francisco, CA

On Saturday, April 30 over twenty members and guests got together for Outpost 54’s meeting at the Brass Door restaurant in San Ramon, California. All enjoyed the good food and conviviality. It was a great opportunity to swap stories, meet old friends and make new ones.

This meeting included our annual awarding of scholarships to outstanding cadets from the Jr ROTC programs at Lowell High School in San Francisco and Skyline High School in Oakland. The photo shows the scholarship table with MAJ Jerry Paramore from Lowell and LTC Jim Madison from Skyline (both standing) with scholarship recipients Cadet COL Crystal Chung (Lowell) and Cadet LTC Leon Moun (Skyline) and friends. It was a great pleasure to hear from the students about how much the Jr ROTC program meant to them and about their plans for the future.
After the meal and subsequent raffle to help support the scholarship fund, LTC Andrew Jones, commander of Camp Parks Garrison in Dublin, California and 3rd ID veteran, told us a bit about activities at Camp Parks, which trains around 40,000 soldiers every year. After the meeting, a group of us toured Camp Parks. Thanks to LTC Jones and staff for the opportunity to see the Camp first hand!

—Submitted by Robert Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

Abbot Song Mook and delegation after placing wreath at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument.

master of ceremonies. Society life member Mrs. Haesook Choi also participated. LTC Lee Yarborough, US Army, retired, was present for the ceremonies. His father, LTG William P. Yarborough, who was also a Korean War veteran, commanded the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion at Anzio while it was attached to the 3rd Infantry Division and later commanded the 1st Battle Group, 7th Infantry in Germany. Lee’s grandfather, Colonel Leroy W. Yarborough, served in the 3rd Division in the Interwar years.

The Venerable Song Mook Sunim, MG Spence, and Outpost President and ceremony co-host Captain, retired, Monika Stoy participated in a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Events concluded with a wreath ceremony at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument. It is the only Division monument inside the cemetery.

The 3rd Infantry Division fought in 8 campaigns in Korea from [September] 1950 until July 1953, suffering 2,160 KIA; 7,939 WIA;

Korean Delegation with 3ID Society members at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument.

and 292 MIA. It defended the Hungnam Beachhead and helped to extract UN forces from the Changjin Reservoir in late November and December 1950, entered Seoul as the first UN unit in March 1951, participated in the [battles] of the outposts in the Iron Triangle in 1952 and early 1953. [The Division] fought its final battles on Outpost Harry and in the Chorwon Valley in June and July 1953. It remained in [Korea] until October 1954.[ Editor's Note: Division Soldiers earned 13 Medals of Honor.]

It was a very memorable day, and the solemn Buddhist ceremonies honoring the war dead show how much all sectors of Korean society remain grateful to American [Soldiers] for the freedoms they enjoy today.

—Submitted by Tim Stoy, Secretary-Treasurer
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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2016

★ IF YOU SERVED IN THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★

NAME __________________________ PREferred NAME ON BADGE __________________________

UNIT SERVED IN _______________ OUTPOST _______ PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE: WWII KOREA
COLD WAR GULF WAR IRAQ WAR AFGHANISTAN PEACE TIME ACTIVE DUTY

★ IF YOU ARE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★

NAME __________________________ PREferred NAME ON BADGE __________________________

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: YES ______ OUTPOST _______

NAME __________________________ PREferred NAME ON BADGE __________________________

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: YES ______ OUTPOST _______

★ IF YOU ARE A GUEST FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★

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NAME __________________________ PREferred NAME ON BADGE __________________________

MEMBER ADDRESS __________________________

CITY __________________________ STATE ___________ ZIP ____________

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PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: __________________________

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: __________________________

REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (PER PERSON) ______ X $39.00 =

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND ~ PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION BUFFET DINNER ______ X $47.00 =

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH ~ LADIES BREAKFAST ______ X $21.00 =

LADIES BREAKFAST-SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH Diced HAM, PePPERS, ONIONS & CHEESE - BREAKFAST POTATOES, BACON AND FRUIT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH ~ BANQUET DINNER ______ X $49.00 =

★ BANQUET MEAL SELECTION:  BEEF ______ CHICKEN ______ SALMON ______

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH ~ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST ______ X $24.00 =

OPTIONAL TOURS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD ~ GETTYSBURG NATIONAL PARK TOUR ______ X $55.00 =

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH ~ HERSEY CHOCOLATE WORLD TOUR & TASTING ______ X $33.00 =

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ __________________________

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 22, 2016

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT
16817 MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE EAST
GREENWATER, WA 98022

- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 26, 2016
- A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.
- Call the Best Western at 717-561-2800 no later than August 22, 2016 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive your group rate of $119.95 plus tax per night, including double occupancy. Based on availability the group rate is available 3 days before and after the reunion.
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To be held at The Best Western Hotel located at 800 East Park Drive Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112. Room rates are $119.95 per night, plus tax. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the Harrisburg International Airport and Harrisburg Train and Bus Stations. Parking at the hotel is complimentary.

Thursday September 22nd
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
6:00pm-7:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00pm-10:00pm President's Reception Dinner and Program

Friday September 23rd
9:00am-5:00pm ~ Optional Gettysburg National Park Tour
6:00pm-9:00pm ~ 15th Regimental Dinner Buffet

Saturday September 24th
8:30am-10:30am ~ General Membership Meeting
9:00am-11:00am ~ Ladies Brunch and Program
10:30am-12:00pm ~ Executive Committee Meeting
12:00pm-3:00pm ~ Optional Hershey Chocolate Tour
6:00pm-7:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00pm-10:00pm ~ Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

Sunday September 25th
8:00am-10:00am ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

★ Call the Best Western at 717-561-2800 no later than August 22, 2016 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate of $119.95 plus tax per night.

Optional Tours

Gettysburg National Park Tour
Friday September 23rd 9:00am - 5:00pm Price $55.00
We will arrive at Gettysburg visitor center and watch the movie "A New Birth of Freedom" narrated by Morgan Freeman, and featuring the voices of Sam Waterston and Marcia Gay Harden, the film "A New Birth of Freedom" places the monumental events of the Battle of Gettysburg into the larger context of the Civil War and American history. After the movie you will learn about Gettysburg and a Divided Nation at War in the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War. The museum offers visitors an experience that tells the story of the Battle of Gettysburg and its significance to our nation's history. Lunch will be on your own at the visitor center café. Next we will take a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with a Licensed Battlefield Guide who will give you a unique perspective of the battle fought at Gettysburg. Monuments to both Union and Confederate troops are visible on the battlefield. Gettysburg National Military Park preserves one of the world's largest collections of outdoor sculptures. Nearly 1,400 statues, sculptures, markers and tablets commemorate the men who fought at Gettysburg.

Hershey Chocolate World Tour & Tasting
Saturday September 24th 12:00pm-3:00pm Price $33.00
See, feel, hear and smell the delicious transformation from bean to Hershey's famous chocolate on the Hershey World Chocolate tour. After viewing the factory, there will be time for lunch on your own at the food court on site. Then you can immerse yourself in the flavorful world of chocolate in Hershey's tasting experience. Hershey tasting experts show you how to engage all senses to taste chocolates from milk to dark and varieties in between.

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COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!
Our member in France, Jocelyne Papelard, recently wrote, “Thank you for the beautiful article in the newsletter. I am super busy with ‘the boys’ [our Soldiers buried in Epinal American Cemetery]. We are making a CD of our ceremony on the 13th of December displaying the white candles. Its title is ‘Christmas Memories 1944.’ I will send you a CD. Thanks for the info on the B-15th Soldier KIA in Holtzwihr.

The 100th Anniversary ceremony of the Escadrille La Fayette in Marnes la Coquette was magnificent. This hallowed shrine contains in the crypt 67 bodies of American WWII pilots who volunteered to fight for France as early as 1914. The Escadrille La Fayette was created here in Luxeuil les Bains 21 April 1916. The American pilots had fought in the trenches prior to that creation. To retain their American citizenship they had to enroll in the French Foreign Legion.

The ceremony started at Air Base 116 in Luxeuil les Bains in the presence of many American VIPs and at the grave of Kiffin Rockwell, the only pilot not buried in the crypt with the other airmen.

He had told his family, if he was killed, he wanted to be buried on the spot where he fell.

He got his first kill among the other American pilots in summer of 1916; he was the second pilot to be downed by a German plane over the Alsace summits in September of 1916. His body fell almost into German lines and so the French decided to retrieve his body and the next best thing, to his wishes, was to bury him in the Luxeuil les Bains military plot where other pilots from the Commonwealth are buried.

The Air Base 116 has adopted Kiffin Rockwell’s grave through our US Memory Grand Est Association and they honor his grave regularly and each Memorial Day.

At the ceremony in Luxeuil, a professor who made a movie about Kiffin Rockwell, brought some soil from his home (Rockwell was from Tennessee) and tobacco because in his letters to his mother he always asked her to send tobacco from home. These were put on his grave. Actually the professor is from the same town as Kiffen.

The following day, I was invited to a huge ceremony at Marnes La Coquette, a memorial event, and there was a magnificent fly-over. Four French Mirages and four F22 U.S. Raptors and also a B52 coming from a South Dakota base.

President of the Oglala Sioux Nation, John Yellow Bird Steele, and Jocelyne Papelard.

Since the early La Fayette pilots had painted the head of a SIOUX chief on their planes, the President of the Oglala Sioux Nation, John Yellow Bird Steele, was present and his medicine man did the invocation in the Sioux language.

Also present were several Veterans of the famous Escadrille from Tuskegee Institute: the “Redtails” who fought gallantly in Italy escorting bomber planes in WWII.

There I met the grand-niece of Kiffin Rockwell who had come from North Carolina for the occasion. She is going to come next year with her family to visit her great uncle’s grave at Luxeuil and the spot where his plane fell.

I also have to work on making new adoptions of graves in Epinal, in Alsace.

The boys are taking up all my time, but it is worth it. On April 9th our general assembly (Adopt Grave Association) met. Many mayors of adoptive villages were present, and there was great attendance by our membership. We were pleased that the hall was full.

We placed pictures of Soldiers buried in Epinal on the stage for our members to see in the hope that these would prompt new adoptions. This strategy was successful. We are progressing daily.

We spoke about our goals and objectives, our financial situation, and we showed all the events and ceremonies we had organized in 2015. The roses and the Christmas candles were applauded. The attendees want us to do it again.
June, 2016: Outpost #35 will meet in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in June. Details will be sent to all members of the outpost 30 days in advance of the meeting.

June 3, 2016: OP 88 Hiroshi Miyamura will have our General Meeting on June 3, 2016 (Friday) at the Olive Garden, 7815 Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs CO 80920, Phone: 719-260-6677. The Olive Garden is located just about a block and a half past the Academy Hotel (where we held the last meeting) on the left hand side of the street. We will meet in a private room. Members can bring one guest. The outpost will cover the cost of the meal.

June 18, 2016: Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville, Texas, will celebrate the lives of hometown hero Audie Murphy and all Veterans. See article elsewhere in this issue. Following the program and other festivities, actor Patrick Duffy Hudson will present a one-man show, “Becoming Audie Murphy.”

September or October, 2016: At this time, the fall meeting will likely be at Coopers Corner, 27 W 150 Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, IL 60190 at www.cooperstopcorn.com in September or October with a trip after the meeting and lunch to visit and tour the 1st Infantry Division Museum, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL 60189, about one/two blocks from the restaurant (630-260-8185). http://www.firstdivisionmuseum.org/ Look in the August Watch on the Rhine edition for exact information. If you know of other places where you would like to have the meeting or sites to be visited, please contact Richard Longfellow, William E Byrnes or John Spratt at addresses on inside of last page of this newsletter.

September 7, 2016: The next meeting of Outpost #4 will be at the Washington State Veterans Home in Spokane, Washington.

September, 15-18: 6th Army Group in France, Germany, and Austria Historical Seminar and Commemorative Ceremony (Honoring veterans of Operation Dragoon, fighting in the Vosges, the Battle of the Colmar Pocket, the campaign in Germany, and the final liberation of Salzburg, Austria) Hosted by OP 5845 in Arlington, VA. POE: Monika Stoy.


October 8, 2016: Outpost #13 will meet at Bakers of Milford at noon. The restaurant is on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 of Hwy I-96.

October 9, 2016: Outpost #18 will meet at 10:30 AM at The Five Pillars Supper Club, Hwy 57 & Cty Truck Hwy. K. in Random Lake, Wisconsin. This meeting will not interfere with the Packers' schedule.

November 11, 2016: Outpost #7 will conduct Veterans' Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Members will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at 4:00 PM for our wreath-laying ceremony. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Dennis M. Barletta (dennisbarletta@gmail.com) or Pat Williamson (army3rddivtanker@gmail.com).

November 11, 2016: Outpost #15 will hold its next meeting in conjunction with its participation in the Phoenix Day Veterans Parade. A meeting will follow and details will be announced when firm.


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

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If you have questions, call 972-495-1704
We no longer list the addresses of our deceased members. This is being done to curtail predators and people who victimize our members’ survivors with schemes. If you need an address of one of the following, you can find it in your Roster or you can contact the editor, Lynn Ball. Contact information is on page 2 of the Watch.

**Last Call**

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**

**Life Members**

**EUGENE C. BOWERS**
7INF/2BN/G Korea/48-49 PFC
DOD - May 29, 2009 Reported on the Internet

**JOHN T. BURKE**
15INF/G KOREA/51-52 MAJ
DOD - March 23, 2016 Reported by Pennie Burke

**JAMES W. COOPER**
15INF/B/HQ WW2 2LT
DOD - September 17, 2009 Reported on the Internet

**GEORGE W. DOYLE**
15INF/HQ KOREA/PT
DOD - September 27, 2005 Reported on the Internet

**FRED C. GLEUBE**
30INF/WW2 CPL
DOD - January 9, 2009 Reported on the Internet

**EDWARD J. HAYES**
30INF/BN HQ WW2 CPT
DOD - October 18, 2007 in Germany/Reported on the Internet

**EDWARD W. HEBDA**
15INF/A WW2 SFC
DOD - May 8, 2012 Reported on the Internet

**DOUGLAS A HEIMSTEAD**
4INF/1 PT PVT
DOD - April 22, 2007 Reported on the Internet

**ODIS E. HICKMAN SR**
7INF/L KOREA SSgt
DOD - March 5, 2016 Reported by his wife Mary

**THOMAS M. JENKINS**
7INF/C 1BN/HQ WW2 T5
DOD - July 8, 2014 Reported by Lynn Ball

**RICHARD L. KIRK**
58FA/ KOREA/Jan50-Jan52 LTC
DOD - February 10, 2016 Reported by his wife Juliann

**JAMES J. LEATHEN SM**
DIV/9AF/BTRY A WW2/44-45 CPL
DOD - April 1, 2014 Reported on the Internet

**MARIO LUCIDO**
30INF/BN HQ WW2 SGT
DOD - January 3, 2016 Reported on the Internet

**ARTHUR G. MAGON**
10FA/A WW2/Oct39-Jan42 SGT
DOD - March 27, 2016 Reported on the Internet

**ELLSWORTH R. MARTEENY**
7INF/ WW2 SGT
DOD - September 17, 2010 Reported on the Internet

**RODOLFO MARTINEZ**
15INF/SERV CO KOREA/Oct51-Sep52 SGT
DOD - January 18, 2016 Reported by Diane Martinez

**MELVIN J. MATTY**
15INF/HQ KOREA MSGT
DOD - January 11, 2016 Reported on the Internet

**ROGER H. MURPHY**
15INF/HQ KOREA/51-52 SGT
DOD - August 27, 2015 Reported by USPS and Tom Heitzer

**RICHARD R. OLSOEN**
15INF/B WW2/41-45 MSGT
DOD - May 26, 2011 Reported on the Internet

**CHARLES R. SAMPLE**
15INF/F WW2 SGT
DOD - February 23, 2016 Reported on the Internet

**ANDREW SANCHEZ**
30INF/G WW2/Oct11/Oct45 SGT
DOD - August 30, 2015 Reported on the Internet

**ROY SPANOWER**
15INF/G CWS/COL
DOD - April 12, 2016 Reported by Joe Poggi

**JOSEPH E. SPENCER**
15INF/E KOREA SGT
DOD - 2015 Reported by grandson Jared Spencer

**RAYMOND M. SPRAZOFT**
15INF/E, 7RC/ A KOREA/Feb51-Feb52 CPL
DOD - February 23, 2016 Reported by Sprazoff Family

**REYNOLD VOISINE**
DIV/HQ CW/84-89 CSM
DOD - March 19, 2016 Reported by Veronica

**EDWARD R. WAJS**
7INF/E WW2 SSgt
DOD - June 7, 2010 Reported on the Internet

**VINCENT F. WARKALA**
10FA/ WW2 2LT
DOD - January 10, 2007 Reported on the Internet

**DONALD L. WELLING**
9FA/ WW2
DOD - November 17, 2015 Reported by his wife Ruth

**ROGER L. WHITLLE**
7INF/H WW2/Jan34-Aug45 PFC
DOD - March 13, 2016 Reported by USPS

**STANLEY L. WILDER**
30INF/ WW2 SGT
DOD - February 9, 2005 Reported on the Internet

**THEODORE S. WONG**
7INF/A WW2
DOD - September 17, 2015 Reported on the Internet

**SOL J. ZWERLING**
7INF/G KOREA SFC
DOD - September 25, 2002 Reported by returned Raffle tickets

**Annual Members**

**JOSEPH AIELLO**
15INF/EDT MSGT
DOD - Jan 8, 2016 Reported by Tim Stoy to Tom Heitzer

**HOWARD C. ALPHSON**
15INF/2BN KOREA/May51-Oct52 MAJ
DOD - August 12, 2015 Reported on the Internet

**DONALD E. BEHE**
7INF/C KOREA/Oct52-Jul54 CPL
DOD - February 28, 2016 Reported by his wife Dorothy

**ERNEST M. BOYD**
7INF/F PFC
DOD - February 1, 2016 Reported by daughter, Susan Simco

**S. BILL BUENI**
15INF/F WW2/42-45 SSgt
DOD - August 10, 2014 Reported on the Internet

**LEONARD V. CRAIGO**
7INF/A PFC
DOD - February 3, 2016 Reported by wife Mary
DONALD L. CURTIS
71NF/E KOREA/Apr52-Aug53 CPT
DOD - November 17, 2015 Reported by his wife Sydney

RICHARD H. DANA
71NF/2B HQ WW2/Dec41-Dec44 CPL
DOD - January 9, 2014 Reported on the Internet

ROBERT DE JONG
3ID CW/67-69
DOD - March 30, 2016 Reported by his wife Anna

ROBERT C. FARIA
30INF/K HQ WW2/40-44 PFC
DOD - March 4, 2016 Reported by his brother Richard Faria

J.T. FREEMAN
7INF/K WW2/Feb45-Jan45 PVT
DOD - October 11, 2015 Reported on the Internet

ROBERT L. KIMMEY
3RD SIGNAL UNIT CO WW2/42-45 TSgt
DOD - April 22, 2015 Reported on the Internet

STANLEY KRUPSKY
41FA/ WW2/Feb41-Aug45 T4
DOD - November 4, 2013 Reported on the Internet

LAUREN D. LAMBERT
41FA/HQ WW2/Mar42-Feb44 1LT
DOD - July 1, 2014 Reported on the Internet

HERBERT F. MONTAGUE JR
30INF/A WW2/Feb41-Jul45 1LT
DOD - September 25, 2013 Reported on the Internet

RICHARD R. MOORE
71NF/K KOREA PFC
DOD - August 7, 2015 Reported by his wife Mary

CHARLES M. MURRAY
DIV/G4/703/BB/DISCOM MGEn
DOD - February 29, 2016 Reported by John L. Insani

JOHN B. O'GRADY
30INF/K WW2 PFC
DOD - January 17, 2016 Reported on the Internet

LANDELL J. PUGH
53SIG/ PT SGT
DOD - April 4, 2016 Reported by his wife Darlene

THOMAS F. RAFFERTY
DIV/MED/B WW2/41-45
DOD - December 2, 2014 Reported on the Internet

CHARLES D. REIS
601TD/B WW2 CPL
DOD - April 20, 2015 Reported on the Internet

CLYDE E. RETTIG
5INF/H WW2/42-45 CPL
DOD - September 23, 2013 Reported on the Internet

PAUL SATTERTHWAITE
7INF/G WW2/44-46 CPL
DOD - February 11, 2016 Reported by his daughter Vicki Calkins

JOSEPH R. SCHUMANN
30INF/L WW2/Feb45-Apr45 PFC
DOD - November 10, 2013 Reported on the Internet

BEN B. SEWARD
30INF/K&3BN HQ WW2/Sep42-Dec44 CAPT
DOD - April 10, 2016 Reported on the Internet

JERRE F. SWINK
15INF/MED/L WW2/Oct42-Aug45 SGT
DOD - January 15, 2015 Reported on the Internet

TERRY L. TENNANT
7INF/HVTR SGT
DOD - February 1, 2016 Reported by Internet

GERALDO R. URMETTA
30INF/F WW2 PVT
DOD - August 3, 2015 Reported on the Internet

G. DON YOUNG
30INF/B WW2/Feb44-Dec45 PFC
DOD - April 2, 2016 Reported on the Internet

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So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Sonya K Frickey, Roster Manager (address, p.2) for listing in the “Last Call.”

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The Watch on the Rhine
Audie Murphy Day

By Lynn Ball

Audie Murphy Day will occur in Farmersville, Texas, on Saturday, June 18, 2016. This is the 16th year that Farmersville has staged this Main Street event to honor its hometown hero and all Veterans. The Texas Downtown Association named the Main Street Program, the “Best Promotional Event.” This year, there are some surprises as well as some much-requested repeats. This program is successful because many segments of Farmersville society become involved from the Boy and Girl Scouts to the Police and Firemen, and all the churches and societies in between.

Events begin (7:30 – 9:30 AM) with Veterans check-in at the First Baptist Church (124 S Main Street). This provides a time to have a free breakfast and visit with friends and new acquaintances. There are also several displays to visit and Veterans and Active Duty personnel are invited to bring military memorabilia or photographs they wish to display. There are lots of free items including, by popular request, several copies of The Watch on the Rhine, the official publication of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. Visit the Society on Facebook and at http://www.society3ridid.org. The Society supports members from every branch of service. There are also authors who bring their books to sign and sell. Lots of interesting “stuff.”

- At 10:00 AM, the annual parade begins with a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force. Again this year, Jim Foy will emcee the parade, which will feature historic military vehicles, classic cars, floats of every description carrying Vets being honored by the crowds, and more. The line up for this year’s parade is truly impressive. A Vietnam-era Huey helicopter will fly over prior to the parade and park near Farmersville Pkwy in order to give visitors a chance to view the static display.

- The Veterans Honor Program will begin at 10:30 AM in the Onion Shed pavilion with reserved seating for Veterans. This event includes a historical remembrance of Audie Murphy by a surprise speaker, the annual roll call of local vets, and the Missing Man table. Outside the pavilion, a large American Flag is flying on display.

- From 12:00 – 1:00 PM there will be a luncheon reception honoring Veterans. Bring your appetite. The food promises to be wonderful.

- From 1:30 – 2:00 PM Actor Patrick Duffy Hudson will be presenting a free one-man show, “Becoming Audie Murphy,” at the First Baptist Church.

Rike Library (203 Orange Street) has extended its hours from 9:00 – 4:00 PM in order to give visitors a chance to view the static display and the Audie Murphy display. The historic Bain-Honaker House (108 College Street) will be open from 12:00 – 3:00 PM for those wishing to tour and to see a special military display.

Don’t miss this gala event. We have attended for several years and have never been disappointed. I have Farmersville Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf and Publicity Chair Wyndi Veigel to thank for the information in this report.

WWII Pilot Made Historic Kill

World War II was the bloodiest conflict in the world, sending the greatest number of soldiers to a fight that ended with the greatest civilian and military casualties ever recorded. That’s saying a lot. There were probably hundreds of thousands of acts of heroism that we’ll never hear about and maybe even more miracles that went unnoticed. The story of Pilot Baggett is one of those stories.

Owen John Baggett was born in 1920 in Graham, Texas. By 1941 he graduated from college and went on to work on Wall Street, but by the following year, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps (now USAF) when the United States entered the war.

A studious man, he graduated from pilot training in just five months and was sent to Burma, flying a B-24 Liberator. What happened the following year is one of those stories we just described.

On March 31, 1943, Baggett and his squadron were sent on a mission to destroy a bridge of strategic importance. On their way, the B-24s was intercepted by Japanese Zeros that hit the squadron hard. Baggett’s plane was riddled with bullets to such an extent that the crew was forced to bail out.

While parachuting, a Japanese pilot decided that the plane wasn’t enough. He circled around and started shooting at the bailed out pilots, killing two of the crew. Seeing this, Baggett did the only thing he could. He played dead.

Not convinced Baggett was dead, the Zero pulled up to him at near stall speed, the pilot opening his canopy to check on his horrendous work. Not wasting any time and thinking on his feet (no pun intended), Baggett pulled out his pistol and shot the pilot in the head. This was considered the best shot by a Caliber .45 M1911 pistol of all time. The last thing he saw was the Zero spiraling toward earth.

When he landed, he and the other bailed out crew members were captured and sent to a POW camp where they remained until the end of the war. Once liberated by OSS agents (World War II version of the modern CIA), Baggett was recognized as the only person during the war to shoot down a Zero with a pistol.
TOBY P. KNIGHT  
CENTRAL REGION VICE PRESIDENT  
CANDIDATE FOR  
SOCIETY PRESIDENT 2016-2018

This year will mark the election of our Society President and our next President of the United States. Politics being what it is, our Society is above the quagmire that we are currently experiencing. American Soldiers detest the political mud-slinging because we know that lives are ruled by our elected officials. It is the content of character that matters to a Soldier, and above all else - Duty, Honor, Country.

I have been a Soldier for the past 26 years and I PROUDLY served in the 3rd Infantry Division between 2004-2006 and spent 12 months in Iraq as a Dogface Soldier. There is no finer group of Americans than our Dogface Soldiers and when the hard mission needs assignment, it is the 3rd I.D. that the Army has turned to. When the defense of the Marne River line was needed, when dislodging the entrenched German Wehrmacht in the Colmar pocket, fighting doggedly in the frozen Chosen reservoir, stiff-arming the communists behind the iron curtain or leading the thunder run to capture the primary objective in Baghdad, it was the 3rd I.D. that was called upon. It truly is America’s hammer!

It is with great honor and pride that I was nominated to be Society President for 2016-2018! I have served in the Executive Committee for the past two years as Central Region Vice President and I do NOT take this nomination lightly. I love the Society and believe its mission and the members that it serves. I spearheaded the Challenge Coin Program that has to date, sold over 400 coins adding desperately needed revenue to the Society for its programs. I will continue to positively add to the Society and will concentrate on adding new members and strengthening the outposts. Your ballot is in this month’s edition of the “Watch on the Rhine.” Please, please fill out this ballot and send it in. If I am blessed with your vote, I will endeavor to make you even prouder of your Society.

Rock of the Marne!

Toby P. Knight

TIM STOY  
SOCIETY HISTORIAN  
CANDIDATE FOR  
SOCIETY PRESIDENT 2016-2018

My name is Tim Stoy. I served in the Army from 1981 to 2012 as an Infantry Officer. I served six years in the 3rd Infantry Division. From May 1982 to December 1985 I served in Wildflecken with 2-15 IN and in Aschaffenburg with 1-4 IN. I returned in August 1993, serving two years in Wuerzburg as Division G-5 and a year in Schweinfurt with 1st Brigade Headquarters and 1-15 IN. As G-5 I represented the Division at numerous significant commemorative ceremonies - in the Colmar Pocket (50th anniversary), Southern France (50th anniversary), and on the Marne (76th anniversary).

As Society Historian I have helped veterans and families learn about their veteran’s service and the Division’s history. I have reviewed numerous publications connected to the Division’s and its subordinate units’ history, ensuring their story is always depicted accurately and prominently. As Outpost International Secretary I have participated in the Outpost’s efforts to honor our Division’s service in WWI, WWII, Korea, and the Cold War, including annual commemorative ceremonies and historical seminars in Arlington, VA. I received the Society’s Audie Murphy Award last year.

I am Past-President of the Society but was unable to complete my term due to deployment to Afghanistan. With the Division and the Society approaching their 100th birthdays I believe it is time for me to lead a major effort to reinvigorate the Society. We need to regain our lost feeling of camaraderie and collegiality. In a time of tight Army budgets we must find creative ways to strengthen the bonds with the active duty division to show membership in the Society still has something to offer today’s outstanding Marne soldiers. Only in this way will we be able to ensure the Society reaches its 100th birthday with a bright future to go along with its great past!

Tim Stoy

Looking for... Update

In the April issue, I asked about a reproduction of a patch sent by Bruce Monkman, which has an “A” in its center. I received several responses that indicated the “A” stands for Army of Occupation.

Robert Hyde sent the patches shown here and also some additional information: “The ‘A’ implies the 3rd Army which was the occupation Army in Germany after WWI. Since shoulder patches were new at the time, they were not standardized. Units that did occupation duty sometimes added the 3rd Army circular ‘A patch’ to the center of their patches. Shown below is the regular 3rd Army occupation patch centered on the 42nd, 7th, and Tank Corps patches. The 3rd Infantry Division was one of the primary occupation units following WWI.”
A Short Memoir

Children of ‘The Greatest Generation’

Author unknown

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the Silent Generation. We are the smallest number of children born since the early 1900s. We are the “last ones.”

We are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattle the structure of our daily lives for years.

We are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We hand mixed ‘white stuff’ with ‘yellow stuff’ to make fake butter. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren’t available. We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the “milk box” on the porch. [A friend’s mother delivered milk in a horse drawn cart.]

We are the last to hear Roosevelt’s radio assurances and to see Gold Stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors. We can also remember the parades on August 15, 1945; VJ Day. We saw the “boys” home from the war build their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

We are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead we imagined what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood “playing outside until the street lights came on.” We did play outside and we did play on our own. There was no little league. There was no city playground for kids. To play in the water, we turned the fire hydrants on and ran through the spray.

The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like. Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Telephones were one to a house, often shared and hung on the wall. Computers were called calculators and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ink. The ‘internet’ and ‘GOOGLE’ were words that didn’t exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. New highways would bring jobs and mobility. The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

In the late 40s and early 50’s the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class (which became known as ‘Baby Boomers’). The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands of stations. The telephone started to become a common method of communications and “Faxes” sent hard copy around the world.

Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined. We weren’t neglected but we weren’t today’s all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves ‘until the street lights came on.’ They were busy discovering the post war world.

Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and started to find out what the world was about. We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed. Based on our naive belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience. Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still a crippler. The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks. Russia built the “Iron Curtain” and China became Red China. Eisenhower sent the first ‘advisors’ to Vietnam and years later, Johnson invented a war there. Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no existential threats to our homeland. We came of age in the 40s and early 50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, Martin Luther King, civil rights, technological upheaval, “global warming,” and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only our generation can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We have lived through both. We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better; not worse.

We are the Silent Generation; ‘the last ones.’ The last of us was born in 1942, more than 99.9% of us are either retired or dead; and all of us believe we grew up in the best of times!
Story from a WWII Vet

By Roy A. Cockran

I received this story and an attachment from Roy Cockran of Southampton, England.

Personal interest stories, regarding war veterans, have always caught this reader’s attention and more of them should be recorded—as a tribute to those who bravely served and paid the price for freedom.

One true story concerns my uncle, Corporal Alton Cochran, who served in WWII in the U.S. Army as a truck repairman under the command of General George Patton and was in the second wave landing on Omaha Beach in 1944.

Later, Al served at the Battle of the Bulge and was ordered to guard a captured German field grade officer, who was a nasty piece of work and threw a large handful of dirt into the engine of a duc-an-a-half (2 ½ ton truck), which Al had been working on earlier.

Al angrily shouted at his prisoner, “I wish you hadn’t done that because I am going to make you detail strip this entire engine, clean every part, and reassemble it.”

My uncle Al instructed him what to do, while other German POWs (all enlisted men) looked on rather shocked.

A one point, the officer asked for a cigarette and Al took one out of his pocket and threw it into the field saying, “If you want it, fetch it. All the time, Al had the POW covered with his M1 Rifle. The officer shouted at Al, “If I fetch it, will you shoot me?” Al replied, “Fetch it and find out.”

The prisoner backed down and continued cleaning the various parts of the engine, until Al was relieved of his prisoner who was taken to headquarters for further interrogation.

This experience for the officer proved humiliating and degrading, because German officers and their men looked upon each other as members of a ‘super race.’

Finally, a furlough was granted to Al and he was happily on his way to London for some well-earned R&R. God bless him and others who served America well. I salute all of them!

I hope telling this little story will encourage other veterans to put pen-to-paper and tell of their experiences.

I am enclosing a copy of a v-mail letter Al wrote when he arrived in England, prior to the D-Day Invasion. These types of letters should bring memories to men, especially, WWII Veterans and their families.

The letter was written by Alton Cochran to his brother Ralph and family.

Dear Ralph and Family: I am in England now, as I suppose you know by this time. Have been here about a month. I know little about it as yet. What I have seen of it, I find England, in many ways, about 50 years behind the U.S.A. You see very few cars here. The ones you do see are a miniature model of our cars. The roads are very narrow. You know they drive on the left side of the road. Everyone rides a bicycle. You can see old ladies that look sixty years old riding them around. For me, I’ll take good old U.S.A.

The voyage here was lovely. I didn’t get one bit sick. There weren’t many that did. I thought before we got started that I would, but the weather was nice. The water wasn’t rough so everything was fine.

I have been in the hospital for a week (I am still in). Feeling pretty good now. I have had quite a cold ever since I got to England. Don’t think I will be here much longer now as I am up and around.

I never did thank you for all the nice things you folks sent me for Christmas and for the box I received from you in California. I did appreciate it very much.

This is not much of a letter, but I have no stationery with me. I hope you can make it out enough to read my address and write to me. Brother Alton.

15th Infantry Regimental Dinner

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association will once again host its annual Regimental Dinner on 23 September 2016 in conjunction with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Reunion at the Best Western Center City in Harrisburg, PA. The dinner is open to anyone who would like to attend, and we will provide a great evening of reflection on our history, entertainment, and reminiscences. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit with your old friends and buddies and to make new acquaintances as well.

Dinner will consist of a plentiful “Tour of Italy” Buffet. Cost will be $35.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity).

- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar)
- 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

You can go to our website http://www.15thinfantry.org to fill out the online reservation form and pay for attending the dinner or fill out and mail in the form below.

Reservation Form. 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner, 23 September 2016. Please fill out the reservation form below:

Reservations:

Name: __________________________
Guest: __________________________
Guest: __________________________
Guest: __________________________
Guest: __________________________

Mail check with total amount to Bart Viruso, 116 Harriett Road, North Babylon, NY 11703 Phone: 631-587-0587; cell 631-338-1400, email: viruso@verizon.net.

Reservations and payment should be made by 15 September 2016.
Purpose

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

Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the goals for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades 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 in the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2018.

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

Eligibility

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

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, children or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in, or an affinity for the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Life Membership: Available to both Regular and Associate Members.

Dues

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

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

Dues for Special Life Membership

Recipient of Medal of Honor ............ No charge

Dues for Other Life Memberships are based on the following scales:

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

Membership Application

Date: ____________________________

☐ New Regular Annual or Life Member

☐ New Associate Annual or Life Member

(Circle Annual or Life)

Name ____________________________ (Last) ____________________________ (First) ____________________________ (Middle Initial) ____________________________

Date of Birth ____________________________ (Required for Life Members)

Phone No ____________________________ E-Mail Address ____________________________

Home Address ____________________________ (Street) ____________________________ (City) ____________________________ (State) ____________________________ (Zip+4) ____________________________

Unit(s) Served with: ____________________________ Served From ____________________________ To ____________________________ Rank: ____________________________

Current/Former Occupation ____________________________ Spouse’s Name ____________________________

Amount Enclosed: ____________________________ Referred by ____________________________

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

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

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

WORLD WAR II [39 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardenne-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

KOREAN WAR [13 Medals of Honor]
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 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
- Middle East 2003-present

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

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