First Indochina War
By Mike McClintock

The 3rd Infantry Division is not usually associated with Vietnam. It distinguished itself in the European theater during WWII with considerable action in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. The 3rd was the only U.S. unit to serve in all 10 campaigns of the war. In Korea, the 3rd earned eight battle stars. After leaving Korea in 1953, the division returned to Germany in 1958 as the Cold War started to get hot. I joined the division in June 1961 and volunteered for the division’s Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment in early 1962. The 3rd ID LRRP Detachment was noted for being the division’s only special operations unit, and for its wearing of distinctive German army camouflage uniforms.

This brings me to the unit’s connection to the First Indochina War. In 1962, Vietnam was still called Indochina and the defeat of the French by Ho Chi Minh’s guerrilla fighters was a matter of great interest to us, operating as we did on our own when in the field.

When World War II officially ended with the surrender of the Empire of Japan on September 2, 1945, the world did not automatically become a more peaceful place. This was particularly so in French Indochina (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia) where, after the Japanese occupation, the French expected to regain

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My Furry and Silent Warrior

By George Bjoatvedt

By summer 1952, the Korean Conflict had entered its second year of stalemate. The opposing forces had established two impregnable fortification lines that stretched 155 miles across the peninsula of Korea. The UN Forces designated their line as the Main Line of Resistance (MLR). Mobility was replaced by static warfare. Also beyond the UN line, there were strategically placed outposts for early detection of enemy movements. They were strongly defended by soldiers and marines all along the MLR. Historians dubbed this phase of the conflict as “The War of Hills.”

It soon became evident that I was to lead my first night patrol well into no-man's land. Lt. Street handed me the overlay which contained in painstakingly large print, “TOP SECRET.” I was to report back to the CP 30 minutes before departure to pick up my guide.

That had a nice ring to it. Back in the CP, I met my guide who was an American corporal, Sid Nason, who had sitting next

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3rd Infantry Division Commended
By Jeff Ashmen

The 3rd Infantry Division was commended on the floor of the Georgia State Capitol on March 9th 2017. Adopted in honor of the division, House Resolution 490 was read on the floor recognized the accomplishments of the division and declared 9 March 2017 as Third Infantry Division Day at the State Capital. MG

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On June 25th, 1950, the North Korean People’s Army, launched a violent and brutal attack that would mark the beginning of the Korean War. Their race to capture the rest of the Korean peninsula would almost succeed except for the determined, courageous, and heroic efforts of the American and South Korean Soldiers that were hastily sent to stop the rapid advance. Today, 67 years later, South Korea is the world’s 8th largest economy and is a pillar of democratic ideals in Asia. All this is attributable to the sacrifices of our Korean War Veterans, their South Korean and NATO Allies. This might be known as the “Forgotten War”, but we as Veterans do not forget the sacrifices and heroic deeds these men faced and we salute them. Thank you.

On May 8, 2017, I had the privilege of attending the Change of Command ceremony between outgoing Major General James Rainey and incoming Major General Leopoldo A. Quintas. We are very grateful to MG Rainey and his wife Tracey for their steadfast support and commitment to strengthening the relationship between our Society and the Active Duty Soldiers. Thank you, MG Rainey.

We are very proud to welcome back MG Quintas. He is no stranger to the Dogface Soldier world. We stand ready to support him and the Soldiers and Families of the Division, as always. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

We also wish to thank and Congratulate CSM Walter Tagalicud and his wife Carolyn. They have been selected by Department of the Army to serve as the next I Corps Senior Enlisted team at Fort Lewis, Washington. This is a wonderful promotion for them and signifies the retention of a great enlisted leader in the ranks of our active duty force. Thank you CSM Tag and Carolyn.

While at the Change of Command I was awe at the sight of thousands of Dogface Soldiers on parade! We stood proudly and sang the “Dogface Soldier” song and the Army Song. It made me wish I was back in uniform. Amazing.

June marks an important month for the Society. Many things are needed from our members during this time and it is critical that you help us.

First, dues notices are out. If you are a regular or associate member who pays dues annually, please pay your dues NO LATER THAN June 30th. Any later and you will be dropped from our roster and not receive the Watch on the Rhine. If you wish, you can pay your dues at our secure online website: www.society3rdid.org

Second, Constitution and Bylaws changes and Executive Committee Actions are voted on by you. As you know, each year C&BL changes are accepted from the membership and all EXCOM decisions must be approved by the membership. The membership is the governing body of the Society and your participation in the voting process is IMPERATIVE! Please do NOT ignore this ballot. In years past, many members did not participate in this vote and this is a travesty. PLEASE, PLEASE: cut out the ballot in this issue, vote however you feel is right for the Society, and send in your ballot. We need you to help us in this endeavor. Thank you!

Third, our 2017 raffle is currently underway. If you can, please buy your raffle tickets and help support the Society. Each year we need this revenue in order to maintain operations at the national level. The cash prizes are substantial and your donation is greatly appreciated.

Fourth, we are currently accepting registrations for our 2017 Society reunion to be held in San Antonio, Texas, from September 28 - October 1, 2017. The theme this year is “Octoberfest” and will include authentic German food, music and, of course, Beer. The President’s reception will be a river barge cruise with Mexican Cuisine on the San Antonio River. Don’t miss out on this opportunity as it will be a great. PROST.

Lastly, and very important, please welcome our new Committeemen. Since there was only one nominee to each office, there will be no ballot. Four of our current Committeemen will continue to serve, with two important additions: Gabe Guevarra of Outpost #3 and Richard Faulkner of Outpost #13 were both newly nominated/elected to the Eastern Region and Central Region Committeemen offices, respectively. We welcome them to the Executive Committee and thank them for their willingness to serve in these critical National positions. Congratulations.

Thank you to Joe Herron and Paul Grabert for their past service as Committeemen. We are very appreciative of your willingness to serve and for your commitment to our membership and Society. Job well done.

On May 29th we remembered our fallen during Memorial Day Observances. There are 207,637 U.S. war dead from WW1 and WW2 commemorated at American Battle Monuments Commission sites overseas; this includes 30,974 interments and 4,455 memorializations for World War I, and 93,218 interments and 78,990 memorializations for World War II.

Additionally, the names of 8,209 individuals listed as missing from the Korean War and 2,504 individuals from the Vietnam War are memorialized at ABMC’s Honolulu Memorial. ABMC also administers Mexico City National Cemetery, Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, and Clark Veterans Cemetery in

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Recommending

By Bill Driggers

[Bill Driggers has been very successful in recruiting new members to our Society so we asked him to give us some recruiting suggestions. Bill graciously submitted the following.]

I have been my experience that most veterans are proud of their service in the Army, and indeed, in whatever branch they served. When I am out in the public or visiting among associates I don’t know well, I try to pay attention to their conversations and learn what I can about their backgrounds. Also, when I see someone in uniform, I thank them for their service and inquire about where they served.

Our magazine, The Watch on the Rhine, is an excellent recruiting tool. Most of the veterans I have met have a smartphone and I tell them they can access the website and learn much about the Society.

When I go to Branson, which is fairly often, I wear my ball cap which has the 3rd I.D. logo on the front. That gives me the opportunity to meet other veterans and explore their service for a 3rd I.D. connection, or I tell them about the Society and explore their interest in becoming an Associate member. If my memory serves me well, I have signed up a couple of members after meeting them in Branson.

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A short time back, I was at a Walmart Super Center when I saw two GIs in their field uniforms. I approached them and thanked them for their service. It turned out that they were recruiters working out of the Little Rock office. As we visited, I learned that one had served with the 3rd I.D., but he didn’t know about the Society. I got the necessary information and sent the data to our very efficient secretary of Audie Murphy Outpost, who happens to be the editor of The

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We have received two raffle prizes donated recently. Pennie and Henry Burke donated a 3rd I.D. pillow that opens into a small quilt. Pennie made this pillow/quilt, and it is not only functional but also beautiful. Rod Stearns donated a wonderful 3rd I.D. cap with Patch in honor of his father Capt. H.F. Stearns who served with the 3ID/504th MP Battalion during WWII. Capt. Stearns participated in the invasion of Sicily and served at Anzio. He was awarded the Bronze Star. In fact, the 504th MP Battalion remains the most highly decorated MP Battalion in Army history. The directors of the Scholarship Foundation thank Pennie, Henry, and Rod for their thoughtful gifts for our raffle. We know that those who win these prizes will be very happy with them. The raffle drawing will occur on June 15th and prizes will be shipped immediately.

We look forward to receiving submissions from candidates seeking 2017 Scholarship Foundation grants. The deadline for submissions each year is June First. The grants are in the amount of $1,000.00 each and are paid to each recipient’s financial account at the institution of higher learning specified. Recipients may be attending colleges, trade or technical schools, and universities. In all cases, the Foundation must have the recipient’s student I.D. number as we need that number to pay into the recipient’s account. Payments are made at the end of June each year.

Recipients photographs and profiles will appear in the August Watch on the Rhine, and they will be announced at the Awards Banquet at the Society reunion in San Antonio on September 30, 2017. Photos and profiles will also be posted to our Foundation website following the reunion.

The Foundation staff and directors are already planning the 2018 Scholarship Grants Program.

Our Biennial Fundraising Raffle and interest on investments are our only sources of income aside from the donations sent by our supporters. The donations we receive are the largest portion of our income and we are very grateful to our supporters. It is the donations that make the difference between success and failure of our programs. Certainly, we are grateful for the support we receive from our donors.

Those who contributed monetary donations since the last Watch was published follow. Thanks, very much, to all of you.

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Also attending the ceremony were young soldiers from the division. During the ceremony, they were asked to stand, and received an overwhelming standing ovation for their service. Several leaders of the Hinesville community and supporters of the division were also present for the ceremony and to show their support.


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the Philippines. More than 15,000 members of the armed forces, Veterans, and others are interred in these sites. We honor these Soldiers that have given their last full measure of devotion to our country.

Numerous others are unaccounted for and their graves have the phrase “Here rests in Honored Glory, a Comrade in arms, known but to God.” These words are known as the saddest 13 words in the English language. We remember them always.

Rock of the Marne,

_Toby Knight_
Important Days: We hope that all of our mothers had a wonderful Mothers’ Day and that our fathers have a great Father’s Day. Easter with our family was wonderful. We hope all of you had a blessed day also. I always observe three hours on Good Friday to remember our Lord’s ordeal. While pickled eggs are a requirement at our house for Easter, it is not just a day of bunnies and eggs. It is a day to remember our Lord’s rising and be grateful for our blessings. Memorial Day was a great time to remember all of our precious soldiers of all wars who have passed away. Even though we remember them daily, it is nice to have a special day devoted to them. Of course, we can’t neglect to mention Poppy Day, started by the American Legion to remember our fallen soldiers of WWI and their families. The Friday before Memorial Day was designated as National Poppy Day.

Nominations of Committee: In April, I was quite busy helping Bill Buntrock, our Nominations/Elections Chair, with locating the candidates to run for Society Committee. This was not a difficult job as it only required that I call people who might be interested in supporting the Society by accepting a nomination to run for Committee. It was, however, quite time consuming. Each of the people I reached readily agreed to serve. Next was to locate people in their regions who would nominate them. This was not difficult, as each of the candidates is very well respected. There was again the time factor. Each nomination must come from someone in the same region as the candidate. Thankfully, each person contacted agreed to serve as nominator and each nominee readily accepted the nomination and agreed to serve. We have a wonderful group of people in our Society. We have an article in this issue which lists our 2017-2019 Committee and we thank them, in advance, for serving our members and our Society. We also have an article about the new Committee.

New Division Commander: We welcome and congratulate our new commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division, MG Leopoldo A. Quintas Jr., who assumed duties on May 8th. We are thankful to have a commander with such a proud record of service to our country. In advance of his command, MG Quintas has written this issue’s “Marne 6 Sends.” Certainly, we will miss MG James Rainey and his spouse, Tracey. They were wonderful leaders and both are loyal “dogface soldiers.” I have always thought that the spouse of a general has the hardest job in the Army. MG Rainey will move to Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff at the Pentagon. Our 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters Battalion is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. We don’t have a departure date at the present time. As soon as we know when this will occur, we will put a notice on Facebook.

There are Executive Committee Action Items in this issue which require your votes. Remember that it is the Membership that manages the Society. The Executive Committee merely follows the rulings of the Society Members so it is important that you vote.

Contact Information: Please send Sonya Frickey (page 2) your latest contact information. It is rather frustrating to have mail to our members returned for lack of a current address. We also need current phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Since dues are due by June 30, 2017, it is a good time to update your information. Send your dues and updates to Sonya.

First Class Mail: America, today, is
They wanted to offer their “C” rations to the dog. Their perception of the purpose of the scout dog had completely missed its mark.

At 0430 hours, we were given the order to return. I reported to Lt. Street who in turn reported to regiment that the patrol had returned safely with no casualties. It was then, I learned a company would provide ambush patrols for the regiment until pulled off the line. Those patrols would be repeated 22 more times. Only on two occasions did the dog alert. He would stand up, look straight ahead and drop his tail. From Cpl. Nason came, “Better alert your men, Lieutenant,” in a steady but low voice. Fortunately, whatever was out there passed us. We batted 100 percent that summer, no casualties and no hits on the enemy.

But there was one sad incident with the scout dog. The novelty of a German Shepherd appearing on the front line had been circulated among the Puerto Ricans manning the MLRs. Somehow several of them had congregated where the scout dog was expected to show up. They wanted to offer their “C” rations to the dog. Their perception of the purpose of the scout dog had completely missed its mark. I heard within the approaching trench a sudden, quick and loud two or three exploding rounds ahead. By the time we got to the impact area, three soldiers were dead. One soldier was sitting on the ground without his helmet cradling a dead man in his lap. He was rocking back and forth sobbing softly.

But by January 1953, promoted Sergeant Nason and his dog and I were reunited at 8th Army’s Headquarters in Seoul. We three were to brief the commands of the 8th Army, General Maxwell Taylor, on the use and deployment of scout dogs on patrols. The general was deeply moved by the dog’s intricate movements executed from observing Nason’s hand signals. General Taylor recommended to the Pentagon the activation of five additional scout dog platoons. But that spring, the deadlocked peace talks were broken and with an armistice pending the request was dropped.

Editor’s Note: The exact name of a scout dog was known and used only by his handler. After some 55 years, the author learned the identity of his scout dog. It came about in a discussion about the dog with veterans of the 26th platoon, when he mentioned that the dog alerted by dropping his tail. There was only one dog in the entire platoon that alerted in that fashion, and his name was “Stark.”

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Watch, and she signed up both of the young men—one as a Regular Member and one as an Associate Member.

I have to say that while I don’t think it would have been necessary, I did pay their first year’s dues. As a matter of fact, I always do that for those I recruit, even though I don’t think it is necessary. I know the active duty personnel are not living “high on the hog” so I count it a blessing and a privilege that I have the resources to pay the first year.

The bottom line, be alert to opportunities to gain members and do as well or better than the charge from our President that each of us should recruit one member for Society growth in 2017.
Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers, Families, and friends of the Marne Division, I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

My name is Major General Leopoldo (Lee) A. Quintas, Jr. and it is my distinct honor to command this exceptional and historic unit. My wife, Lori, and I are very fortunate to join the well-trained and combat ready team that Major General Jim Rainey and his wife Tracy have built. We owe them an unpayable debt of gratitude for their selfless service and dedication, and wish them the very best as they transition to Washington, DC and the Army Staff.

Lori and I are excited to return to coastal Georgia, and we look forward to continuing the close relationship the Marne Division enjoys with the surrounding community. As we approach the Division’s 100-year birthday, Dog Face Soldiers remain at the forefront of ensuring our Nation’s security. Since the Division’s inception, what has remained nearly constant for the Marne Division are our deployments to faraway lands, our hard and realistic training to prepare for future missions, and our leadership in building new capabilities for the Army.

The Division staff recently completed a key collective training event, Warfighter Exercise 17-04 at Fort Hood, Texas. The staff exceeded all expectations, honing their skills to integrate the Division’s warfighting capabilities to unprecedented levels. During the exercise I had the opportunity to visit the Division’s Forward Command Post where I witnessed firsthand the phenomenal Soldiers and leaders that contribute to the success of this great organization. Following the Warfighter, the Division Staff retained key tasks, recovered their equipment, and now prepare for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

The Raiders from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team recently completed their rotation at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California. During this rotation the brigade was tested in an extremely challenging and realistic training environment. They represented the Division exceptionally well, significantly improving upon their already high levels of readiness. Following the NTC rotation, the Raider Brigade conducted a significant transition, as several battalion commanders changed command. Additionally, the brigade held a Change of Command ceremony on 12 June, as they bid farewell to Colonel Phil Brooks and welcomed Colonel Michael Adams.

The Spartans of 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team have started divesting equipment to execute a conversion from an Infantry to an Armored Brigade Combat Team. The conversion remains the primary focus of the Spartan Brigade and they look forward to fielding new equipment to include Abrams Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and Paladin Howitzers in the fall of 2017. In addition to the conversion, the brigade will support the Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team during their eXportable Combat Training Center (XCTC) exercise in June.

From 5-25 June, the Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will execute their XCTC at Fort Stewart. Throughout the XCTC, we strengthen our partnership with the Volunteer Brigade and improve our ability to train Soldiers and units. The Volunteers, supported from units across the Division, will leverage this capstone-training event to set conditions for a successful rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center in May of 2018.

The Falcons of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (3 CAB), Thunder Soldiers from the Division Artillery Brigade, and Providers of 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade (3ID SB) build readiness throughout their formations while providing continuous support to the Division. Throughout WFX 17-04 and NTC Rotation 17-05, these three brigades built and sustained high levels of readiness while successfully facilitating first-class training. Additionally, we bid farewell to Colonel Jeffrey Becker (3 CAB) and Colonel Jered Helwig (3ID SB) and welcomed Colonel Mark Johnson and Colonel Jeffrey Britton.

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

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr.
Major General, U.S. Army Commanding
Phil Weifauf, president, Michigan War Dogs Memorial wrote: “K9 Veterans Day event on April 22 was a huge success. Over 200 people attended the event. It was our K9’s day as we honored our Military Dog, Law Enforcement Dog, Search & Rescue Dog, Service Dog, Therapy Dog, and our Companion Dog. Many people brought their dogs; there were all kinds, sizes and breeds. It was a great day. The MWDM thanks all those who took the time to come and honor our K9’s that serve and protect us.”

Rod Stearns said, in a recent e-mail, “I would like to donate a 3rd ID hat to the Scholarship Foundation raffle. Can I mail it to your address? Thanks; you perform a great service as editor of The Watch on the Rhine and do an excellent job.”

Richard Faulkner, during a phone conversation, complimented the Watch on the Rhine and said he enjoys the articles.

Gloria McClintock said she really enjoys the Watch and reads all of the articles. Gloria is Western Region Committee member Mike McClintock’s spouse.

David McPeake complimented the Watch on the Rhine and said it is a valuable asset of the Society.

Paul Desroches wrote: “Another great edition of “The Watch.” Your book review and the other stories were the best yet.”

Bob Barfield wrote: “Hi, Lynn: I read the book review in the April Watch, “The Eighty Dollar Horse,” and have to admit it tugged on my heart. My easy-to-cry wife, J.J., had tears running down her face after she read it. She immediately got her “nook” and sure enough it’s on there so she ordered it for $14.99 from Barnes & Noble. My wife and I think the review was very informative and well written. Keep up the great work as editor and give my best to Joe.”

Larry Kinard called about another issue and mentioned that he enjoys the Watch and likes the articles. He particularly liked the book review on Joe McRoberts’ book, Memoir of Korean War Veteran, in the February Watch on the Rhine.

Joe McRoberts thanked us for the book review after talking with Larry Kinard who ordered his book. Joe said he reads the entire Watch and enjoys the articles. Joe had a fall recently; he called to check on his health. He is doing well but is still using a walker. He said he cancelled his plans to run in the upcoming marathon.

John Allen Collins wrote: “Was glad to receive the news of the Audie Murphy Outpost and the news and stories in the Watch on the Rhine.”

Bob Barfield wrote, “J.J. finished the story about “Snowman,” and I know she cried at least half a dozen times. She’d tell me what was happening—about Snowman winning the Triple Crown twice, Madison Square Garden, jumping over fences to come home with a tire still attached to him. About him dying of kidney disease, his owner falling, and so forth. Seems like it would make a good movie. [J.J. was a champion equestrian in her youth.]”

Looking for...

Troy Cox and James Carter are looking for Soldiers of Company A/15th Infantry Regiment, who served during WWII. If you served with A Company, contact Troy at 662-462-5169 or write to 246 County Road 8200, Rienzi MS 38865-9303.

L-R: James Carter and Troy Cox both served in A Company 15th during WWII.
Jocelyne developed a seven-page program (booklet) to give to those visiting Epinal American Cemetery between May 25 and May 31, 2017. The booklet contains information about the Soldiers and Airmen buried at Epinal. Jocelyne said it was hard to select the Soldiers to be memorialized in the program as she loves all of them and all deserve recognition. Ultimately, she chose Soldiers from the “big” divisions, those with the most KIAs in the cemetery, and those who represent all aspects of the military buried at Epinal. We could not publish the booklet in the Watch; however, Lynn Ball will send it to anyone who requests it. (Please include a small donation for reproduction and postage. Contact Information is on page 2.) The program was originally developed in French, but Jocelyne translated it into English.

The US Memory Grand Est France association bought 54 flags for the Memorial Day ceremonies at Epinal American Cemetery. There is one for each state, plus flags for DC, the POW/MIAs, Canada and a Commonwealth Flag—the latter honors Soldiers from the West Indies who are buried at Epinal American Cemetery.

All 54 flags were on display on Memorial Day at Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal Faces Poster

These adorned the cemetery on Memorial Day, and they will be on loan to EPAC by the Association each Memorial Day. All of our 5255 graves and 424 names on the Wall of the Missing were honored, Lest We Forget.

“This was made possible by the generosity of the people from the Association who donated money for this project. The people of the Vosges and east of France do not forget what they owe to our beloved boys. The primary purpose of the association is to enlist French locals to adopt the graves of our Soldièrs buried at Epinal, however, we are linked to several other organizations in promoting American/French relations.”

On 28 April, French Air Base 116 organized a beautiful ceremony on behalf of the 100th anniversary of the entry of WWI by the United States on the site of the very first La Fayette Squadron composed of American volunteers in Luxeuil Les Bains (April 1916).

The base commander, Colonel Le Saint, returned from a two-year tour at the Pentagon and decided to honor the sacrifices of our doughboys during WWI, especially the very first American pilots of the famous La Fayette Squadron. Some family members of the American pilots were present and flew from the U.S. for the occasion: they included the

Color Guard at cemetery where WWI KIAs are buried.

Jocelyne Papelard with color guard at WWI commemoration ceremony.

Lufray family. Raoul Lufray was an Ace of WWI and a pilot with the squadron. Lufray’s family migrated to the U.S. from France. He was KIA during the Great War near Pont a Mousson. Also present were two grandnieces, Sibyl and
Marcelle, of pilot Kiffin Rockwell, who is buried in the military plot of the Luxeuil Les Bains Cemetery. Kiffin and his brother Paul, fought as infantrymen in the trenches and were wounded. They asked to be pilots. Kiffin was one of the first who joined the La Fayette Squadron. He got his first German plane in early 1916 and was shot down in September of the same year. He is buried at Luxeuil Les Bains.

A military ceremony took place at Base 116 with many American guests; among them was the U.S. Military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. There was a flyover by a C130 from Ramstein U.S. Air Force Base. After the ceremony, lunch was served for the 200 guests of the Air Base. Among the guests was the American Color Guard that came from Stuttgart, Germany, and the NATO U.S. Band from Mons, Belgium.

"After lunch, we went to the cemetery to honor Kiffin Rockwell's grave where his nieces presented wreaths and released a flock of white doves, a symbol of peace.

In the evening, we attended a concert by a French military band from Epinal and also from SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) Military Band who dazzled us at the end when the two bands joined together for a magnificent rendition of 'In the Mood.' This presentation represented the bond of friendship between France and America—a friendship starting way back when the American rebels were fighting for their freedom. This bond has always been in existence and the American boys more than twice repaid France's help."

**Adopt A Grave Program:** "The small village of Quenoche adopted three soldiers of the 15th Infantry Regiment on May 1st at Epinal American Cemetery with the population of the village and the school children reading poems at the site of the graves; flowers were laid by Mayor Galand at the graves of Frank Traverini, Dickie Kramer, and John Harris. Breau Hormidas, also KIA in Quenoche, was adopted by Philippe Le Saint, the young son of the French base commander 116 in Luxeuil Les Bains. Additionally, two gentlemen from Quenoche adopted Jay Overton and Ned Thompson. All of these soldiers were KIA in Quenoche on September 10,

Good Conduct Medal, Hav-a-No

By Robert Barfield:

I guess I'd been the hospital close to three or four weeks recovering from my battle injury from small arms fire when two guys from my ward got a pass to go to town. I told them, "You lucky dogs." One of the fellows said, "Hey Barfield, we can get you a uniform." Ah Ha; there was a fence around the hospital manned by Japanese guards with shotguns.

My cohorts with passes were waiting on the outside of the fence at a spot that we had picked out earlier. The fence had several strands of barbed-wire on top and bottom. I had a little difficulty getting under the wire because of my wound and got hung up. The two fellows with me helped pull me through the wire. As I started to go under the wire the Japanese guard saw me and came running up shouting in English, "Halt! Halt!" I was almost free of the wire so I ignored him. We figured that the guards would not shoot Americans. If he had shot it would have been curtains for us.

We went to town, drank, and had a good time. We got back to the hospital about 2-3:00 AM. In Japan, at that time, Americans had to be off the streets by 12:00 AM. We couldn't find a decent spot to go under the wire so we decided to go over the fence. The other two had no trouble though the fence was about 7-8 ft. high. I was doing fine until I got to the damned barbed-wire then I got stuck! The two guys with me (already over the fence) were trying to help me when two MP'S came driving up in a jeep! They helped me off the fence, made the other two climb back over the fence and put us all in the jeep and took us back to the hospital.

The next morning around 8:00 AM, we had to appear before a 2nd Lt. and were told we were getting Summary Court Marshals. Myself and the other PFC with me were fined. My fine was $35.00 ($25.00 for being AWOL [absent without leave] and $10.00 for violating the curfew). Don't know why but the other PFC was fined $25.00 just for the curfew offense. The other fellow was a Corporal and was fined $50.00.

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98th ANNUAL REUNION
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To be held at The Holiday Inn Riverwalk Hotel located at 217 N. St. Mary’s Street San Antonio, Texas 78205. Room rates are $119 per night, plus tax. Parking at the hotel is $12 per night.

Thursday September 28th
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm ~ President’s Reception Dinner ~ River Barge Cruise

Friday September 29th
9:00am-4:00pm ~ San Antonio City Tour
TBD ~ 15th Regimental Dinner

Saturday September 30th
8:30am-10:30am ~ General Membership Meeting
9:00am-10:30am ~ Ladies Breakfast
10:30am-12:00pm ~ Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-4:30pm ~ Optional Tour Fort Sam Houston
6:00pm-7:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour ~ 7:00pm-10:00pm ~ Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

Sunday October 1st
8:00am-10:00am ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

★ Call the Holiday Inn Riverwalk at 210-224-2500 no later than August 28, 2017 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate of $119 plus tax per night.

Optional Tours
San Antonio Tour
Friday September 29th
9:00am - 4:00pm
Price $40.00
The first stop on the tour will be Mission San Jose, known as the queen of the missions, where you will learn the history of the Spanish missions in Texas and watch an award winning video about the first people of South Texas. Next we will travel to Mission Concepcion built in 1731. Mission Concepcion is considered the most beautiful of the missions and is the oldest un-restored Catholic Mission in the U.S. The next stop will be the Mercado, which is the largest Mexican market outside of Mexico. In reroute we will do a window tour which includes Main Plaza, San Fernando Cathedral and the Spanish Governor’s Palace. Lunch will be on your own at the Mercado Market. After lunch we will tour the Alamo, Guenther House and the Guenther Family owned Pioneer Flour Mill in King William District.

Fort Sam Houston Tour
Saturday September 30th
1:30pm - 4:30pm
Price $24.00
The Fort Sam Houston Museum collects, interprets, preserves and displays materials related to the history of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and of the United States Army in the San Antonio area from 1845 to the present. This includes the military units and organizations stationed there, the significant events which occurred there, the distinguished soldiers who served there, and the influence of Fort Sam Houston on the Army and the Nation. The Museum promotes stewardship of the 900 historic structures on this National Historic Landmark site.

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98th Annual Reunion
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San Antonio, Texas, September 28- October 1, 2017

Address ______________________ City __________ State __ Zip ________________
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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 ________

If You Are A Guest Fill Out This Section
Name ____________________________________ Preferred Name On Badge ________
Name ____________________________________ Preferred Name On Badge ________

Please List Any Special Needs:

In Case Of Emergency Notify:

Registration

☒ Required Registration Fee (Per Person) .......................................................... _____ X $39.00 = $ ______

☒ Thursday September 28th ~ President’s Reception Dinner River Cruise................................. _____ X $63.00 = $ ______

President’s Dinner Is Non- Refundable After July 25, 2017

☒ Saturday September 30th ~ Ladies Breakfast............................................................ _____ X $26.00 = $ ______

☒ Saturday September 30th ~ Banquet Dinner......................................................... _____ X $54.00 = $ ______

Banquet Meal Selection: Beer Brats & Sauerkraut _____ (or) Chicken Schnitzel ______

☒ Sunday October 1st ~ Memorial Breakfast............................................................. _____ X $27.00 = $ ______

Optional Tours

☒ Friday September 29th ~ San Antonio Tour............................................................... _____ X $40.00 = $ ______

☒ Saturday September 30th ~ Fort Sam Houston Museum ............................................ _____ X $24.00 = $ ______

Total Enclosed ........................................................................................................ $ ______

Required Information For Fort Sam Houston Museum Access.

If you have more than two people attending, please put information on separate sheet.

Legal Name (Last, First, Mi) ______________________ Dob (MM/DD/Year) ________
Driver’s License# _____________________________ State Issued ________________

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Payment Is Due No Later Than August 28, 2017

Please send payments, made payable to: The Reunion Brat, 16817 Mountainside Drive East, Greenwater, WA 98022.
• Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by September 4, 2017
• A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 15 days of the event will be non-refundable.
• Call the Holiday Inn at 210-224-2500 no later than August 28, 2017 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive your group rate of $119 plus tax per night, including double occupancy. Based on availability the group rate is available 3 days before and after the reunion.
My Dear Fellow Veterans, Active Duty Soldiers, and Families:

This is your Chaplain wishing everyone good health. As for me, I had an accident getting off my lawn tractor and fell into the cart I was towing. Four ribs are broken and five are cracked. I survive with rest and prayer. Sitting here and doing a lot of reading, I came across this article that I believe all of us should read.

A Special Note from God
With what is going on in the world these days, Heaven could end up a ghost town.
My name is God.
You hardly have time for Me.
I love you and will always bless you.
I am always with you.
I need you to spend 60 seconds of your time for Me today.
Don’t pray, just praise!
Today, I want to get this message out to everyone in the world; will you help Me to do this?
I will help you with something you need, even if it is just some quiet time.

Just dare Me! A blessing will come your way just as you read this.
Drop everything and get everyone to join in.
Why are prayers getting shorter; but bars and clubs are enlarging and expanding?
Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity but difficult to walk with Me?
Think about it; will you offer a prayer just now or are you going to ignore this because you don’t have time for Me?
I have said, if you deny Me before your friends I will deny you on Judgment Day!
What I say, I keep!
When one door closes, I open two more.
Take this message to your friends and bless them for Me.
Thanks, God.
Pretty strong advice.
Wishing you all God’s Blessings, ROTM, Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato.

Society Committeemen and National Secretary: 2017-2019

By Lynn Ball

Nomination/Elections Chair Bill Buntrock has verified the roster of Committeemen who will serve on the Society Executive Committee for the next two years. Bill’s roster of 2017-2019 Society Committeemen follows. Each of these committeemen have accepted their nominations and agreed to serve their upcoming terms. They will be sworn in at the reunion in San Antonio, Texas. We thank Bill Buntrock for his careful work as Nominations and Elections Chair. The nominees, two from each region, are unopposed so there is no elections ballot for membership vote. The requirement is two committeemen from each region. We thank those who stepped up to serve in these important offices.

Eastern Region Committeemen:
• Kathleen Daddato was nominated by Chaplain Jerry Daddato
• Gabby Guevara was nominated by Kathleen Daddato

Central Region Committeemen
• Regis Rocco was nominated by Joe Ball
• Richard Faulkner was nominated by Joe Ball

Western Region Committeemen
• Lou Bravos was nominated by Mike McClintock
• Mike McClintock was nominated by Lou Bravos

National Secretary-Treasurer

There was no nominee for Secretary-Treasurer for the 2017-2019 term. This will necessitate Society President Toby Knight filling this position by appointment.

Annual 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Third Infantry Division, the leadership of the 15th Infantry Regimental Association will host the Annual 15th Regimental Dinner in conjunction with Marne Week activities and the celebration of the Division’s 100th birthday at Fort Stewart, Georgia, the week of 13-17 November 2017.

That said, the Association will not be hosting their traditional dinner in conjunctions with the Society’s upcoming reunion in San Antonio, Texas. We are currently working with LTC Fran Marks, Commander 3-15 Infantry, to develop a very meaningful program for veterans of the 15th Infantry Regiment who are able to be with us for Marne Week, essentially 15-18 November.

Details are in the early planning stages, but the annual dinner (open to everyone) will be on Thursday, 16 November with the Division Ball on Friday, 17 November. Other activities will be planned at Fort Stewart and in the greater Savannah area. Details will be available on the Association website and in the next edition of the Watch on the Rhine. ROTM. Can Do.

—Submitted by Tad Davis, Vice President
**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 10, 2017:** Military Interment at 12:00 noon, Michigan War Dogs Memorial, 25805 Milford Road, South Lyon, Michigan, for MWD Spaulding-K419 SSD (Specialized Search Dog). Spaulding had two tours in Afghanistan with the 3rd & 7th Special Forces. For information, contact Phil Weitlauf at 248-685-8307.

**June 13, 2017:** The Marne Outpost will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart at 1:00 PM.

**June 17, 2017:** Audie Murphy Day is the 18th annual celebration in Farmersville, Texas, dedicated to honoring local Veterans and active military personnel along with hometown hero, Audie Murphy. Schedule: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM Veterans registration and refreshments, First Baptist Church, 124 S. Washington Street. 10:00 AM Commemorative Air Force flyover, followed by parade downtown. 10:45 AM Program at the Onion Shed. Noon to 1:00 PM, Lunch for Veterans and families at the church. In addition, the historic Bain-Honaker House Museum will be open for free tours and special military exhibits: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 108 College Street. For information, call 972-784-6846. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Special hours at Rike Library Audie Murphy exhibit at the library – 203 Orange Street.

**June 21, 2017:** Audie Murphy Outpost #35 will meet at Mamacita’s Restaurant in Fredericksburg, Texas, for its summer luncheon get together. Contact Joe or Lynn Ball for more information (972-495-1704). Plan also to visit Nimitz WWII Museum. Make reservations early as accommodations fill rapidly. The summer newsletter with meeting information was sent to outpost members one-month before the meeting.

**June 24, 2017:** at 12:00 noon: Dedication of the “Vietnam K9 Memorial Wall” at Michigan War Dogs Memorial. The Wall has over 4200 names and tattoo numbers of the War Dogs left behind at the end of the Viet Nam War. Keynote speakers will be Ron Alelo, US War Association and John Burnam, Founder of the National War Dog Monument located at Lackland AF Base. For information, contact Phil Weitlauf at 248-685-8307.

**July 22, 2017:** at 12:00 Noon: Ceremonial interment for K9 Murphy, Bernese Mountain Dog, Certified Therapy Dog at Michigan War Dogs Memorial. For information, contact Phil Weitlauf at 248-685-8307.

**July (Last Week), 2017:** 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Fort Benning Sand Hill-to-Swimerfurt, Germany, group is meeting at the Deer Ridge Resort, Hwy 321, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

**September 12, 2017:** The Marne Outpost will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart at 1:00 PM.

**September 14-16, 2017:** 9th Annual Historical Operation Dragoon Seminar and Commemoration will be held in Springfield, Virginia, and at Arlington National Cemetery. Contact Tim or Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or (702) 912-4218 for information.

**September 28-October 1, 2017:** Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 98th Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. See details in this issue of the Watch on the Rhine.

**October 11-14, 2017:** Korean War historical seminar and commemorative ceremony hosted by OP International at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA. Contact Tim and Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or (702) 912-4218 for details.

**October 14, 2017:** Outpost #13 will meet at Baker’s of Milford at noon. The restaurant is on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy I-96.

**October 29, 2017:** Outpost #18 will meet at 10:30 AM at Five Pillars Supper Club, Hwy 57 & Cty. Trunk Hwy K, Random Lake WI 53075.

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

**December 12, 2017:** The Marne Outpost will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart at 1:00 PM.
John S. Cole  
Tampa, FL

Our spring lunch meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Al Capone’s Pizzeria, in Fort Myers, had six Society members present: Pat Broderick, Bob Varone, two guests from Outpost 13: Jerry and Judy Hawkins, President, Kathy Daddato and Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Gibson.

We drank a toast to our absent friends and said a prayer for our active duty soldiers in harm’s way, but we forgot to sing the song “Dogface Soldier.”

We are open for suggestions for a time and a place to meet for our next meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Daddato, Frank Ervin or me, if you have some ideas.

We send our continued good wishes to all our members.

—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Audie L. Murphy

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 met at Golden Corral in Huntsville, Texas, on March 25th hosted by Rita Piper, the daughter of WWII Veteran Ben Elrod (now deceased). We had a smaller-than-usual gathering. Huntsville hosts a Texas prison so weekend hotel accommodations are scarce. That is when people come to Huntsville to visit inmates at the prison. Some members could not find rooms and had to cancel; participation in a 5K Run occupied two members, and recent surgery cancelled two more members’ plans to attend.

Following an excellent luncheon, Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM with a moment of silence in lieu of an Invocation. Rita Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the group sang “Dogface Soldier.” Our waitperson drew Bob Dalton’s name for an American Veterans lighted display (a wall hanging donated by Ron Heitzenrater). The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current report which follows Joe’s Reports and mentioned that all the following URL sites were printed on the agenda: they are Society website: www.society3rdid.org; Scholarship Foundation: www.3dscholarshipfoundation.org; and Facebook: Society of 3rd I.D. Members were urged to send submissions for the Society website (contact Justin Vallee, page 2 of the Watch) and the Facebook page (contact Lynn Ball). Rita Piper showed a photo of her father, Ben Elrod, and read some passages he wrote during WWII. She is going to provide those notes to Lynn Ball for inclusion in a future issue of the Watch on the Rhine. She also brought her father’s Army shirt in the hope of discovering what all of the insignias represent. Kayla Cain is researching those insignias and will provide information to Rita as it becomes available.

The recruitment award was presented to Bill Driggers for his excellent work in bringing members into the Society. Over the past three years, Bill has recruited more than 10 members. Since January 1, he has recruited five new members. He definitely deserves an award.

Joe started his reports with a photo sent by Member Joceline Papclard of a poster being used to advertise events at Epinal American Cemetery for Memorial Day. A photo of the Epinal Association Board of Directors and several Soldiers and Airmen appeared in the April Watch on the Rhine. It is quite impressive. In a second photo, Soldiers and Airmen buried at Epinal are displayed across the top of the photo of the cemetery. That photo is displayed in this issue if the Watch. All of the photos of Soldiers that the Association currently has were displayed at their graves at Epinal for Memorial Day.

Greeting Cards: Joe explained that there could be some months before his program to send members’ birthday and anniversary greetings from the White House is operational. There is always a delay when a new President comes to office.
Joe announced the departure of Major General James Rainey as our 3rd Infantry Division commander. MG Rainey will report to his new post at the Pentagon in May. MG Leopoldo A. Quintas Jr. assumed command of the 3rd on May 8th.

Lynn presented an extensive report on E-mail Security and gave everyone copies of the Power Point slides to take home and study. This report is available upon request.

Other reports included TriCare and VA Choice Programs, Regarding VA Gun Control, Scams Via Phone Calls, Internet Theft, and Dates of “Audie Murphy Days” in Texas. (Full reports are available upon request.)

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report: Lynn covered current membership, reported that final dues notices were sent to those who did not pay dues for 2016-17, and said she would include the current dues notices and member “keep-in-touch” letters with the mailing of Minutes. Other reports included New Members, Greeting Cards, TAPS, Society Reunions, Stories for the Watch, Scholarship Foundation Highlights and Treasurer’s Report (Full reports are available upon request.)

Outpost Summer Meeting: We discussed the summer meeting. Immediately someone mentioned Fredericksburg. We really like Fredericksburg; however, because weekend accommodations are difficult to find, we voted to hold the summer meeting on a Wednesday. The summer meeting will be on June 21st at Mamacita’s Restaurant in Fredericksburg.

Motion to Close: Bob Dalton moved to close the meeting at 2:00 PM, seconded by Rita Piper.

—Submitted by Joe Ball, President
About 50 people attended Harold Nelson’s 102nd birthday celebration, including members of our Miyamura Outpost, the Colorado Springs Dutch Nelsen Chapter of the KWVA, the Aurora Chapter 375 of the MOPH and many dignitaries from the local community, including members of all of the Armed Services. Harold’s relatives from Denver and Grand Junction came to help us celebrate the event. We had a great time and Harold was very appreciative of the outpost having the party in his honor.

—Submitted by Joe Annello, President

Outpost International of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division hosted its first Korean War historical seminar at the Hilton in Springfield, Virginia, between 19 and 22 April. Over 70 Korean War veterans, family members, and interested persons participated, sharing their experiences and learning about not just their own battles but also about lesser known units, battles, and aspects of the Korean War. Outpost President Monika Stoy, Secretary and Historian Tim Stoy, and member Al Goshi were the event organizers.

The seminar boasted a broad array of presentations and presenters, including several who traveled from Korea to participate in the seminar. Dennis Choi presented on the ROK Navy’s Battle of the Korea Strait on 25 June 1950; Dr. Cho of the ROK Military History Institute presented on Army Unit 8240, the Korean partisans; Choi, Ji San is filming a documentary and Chong, Koonock, another film-maker. COL Choi, Suck Ju, an Army War College student in Carlisle, PA, provided an overview of today’s ROK military.

The event received the full support of the ROK Defense Attaché’s office in Washington, with BG Pyo, Se Woo, Defense Attaché, opening the seminar on Thursday morning with his remarks, and participating in the commemorative ceremony and banquet on Saturday. ROK officers from each military service participated each day of the seminar.


The purpose of the seminar was to honor Korean War veterans and to educate a broader audience on some of the lesser known battles, units, and aspects of the war. Topics included: GEN Warner’s reminiscences from his service as a Platoon leader in the 21st Infantry Regiment in 1950-51; the Delgian United Nations Command with attached Luxembourg platoons; LTG Rowny’s (he turned 100 years old on 3 April) reminiscences of his service as plans officer for the Incheon Landing, service as X Corp Engineer and G-4, and from his time as Regimental Commander of the 38th Infantry Regiment; the 31st Regimental Combat Team East of Chosin December 1950; Task Force Dog and the extraction of the Marines from the Changjin Reservoir December 1950; 2nd Infantry Division Battles of the Eastern Corridor, Yongsan, and Kunuri; Army Unit 8240; Operation Aviary Partisan Airborne operations; the Red Cross in the Korean War; MOH recipient Ron Rosser’s reminiscences; MOH recipient Einar Ingman’s story; ROK Police Commander and National
Hero Cha, Il Hyuk; Airborne and Special Operations Museum; Reminiscences of a Korean War Chaplain with the 3d Infantry Division; General of the Army Douglas MacArthur; the Battle of Outpost Harry; US Army Medicine in the Korean War; Korean War Short Snorters; Atomic Cannons and Nuclear Weapons of the Korean War; Post-Armistice US Forces in Korea until Today; and North Korean Refugee Legacy, the views of a young Korean man whose grandparents escaped North Korea through Hungnam in December 1950.

Representatives from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency provided an update on the agency's progress in identifying already recovered remains and the status of future recovery missions in North Korea. On Thursday evening we showed the recently released film Operation Chromite. Friday evening we showed the documentary Mr. Baker sponsored on the Battle of Outpost Harry.

Due to rain we conducted the commemorative ceremony in the hotel. The US Army Brass Quintet provided outstanding musical support and the US Army Color Guard participated in the presentation of the colors. Paul McIlvaine, tenor, sang the Belgian, Luxembourg, and ROK national anthems and the Brass Quintet performed the National Anthem. Speakers were Outpost President and host Monika Stoy; BG Pyo: Consul Karl Lagatie from the Belgian Embassy; and LTG Edward Cardon, Director of the Office of Business Transformation for the US Army, representing GEN Milley, US Army Chief of Staff. Mr. David Mills, a former Korean War POW, narrated the POW-MIA ceremony. Tim Stoy served as master of ceremonies. Particularly moving was the lighting of 48 candles in honor of all the soldiers who were killed in the war, each candle representing a star on the American flag from the Korean War period.

The event culminated with a banquet. Outstanding entertainment was provided by two Miss D.C. pageant contestants—Meghan Cuddihy and Briana Kinsey, both granddaughters of Korean War veterans, who sang Korean War era songs which brought back memories for our veterans. It was a full program with BG Pyo speaking and later presenting Ambassador for Peace medals to the veterans present and to family members of Korean War veterans. Another highlight was a grog ceremony conducted by LTC, US Army (ret.) Allen Goshi, honoring the units and countries represented at the banquet, and involving veterans and dignitaries from those countries. A conclusion to the event was provided by another vocalist, soprano Dr. Park, Ji Eun.

The event was such a success all participants suggested another seminar, and the outpost is already coordinating for another seminar 11-14 October 2017, and the Korean Defense Attaché’s office has already signed on to support the event.

—Submitted by Tim Stoy. Secretary-Treasurer

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When I got back to my ward, the ward nurse in charge said, “OK Barfield, if you are able to go to town then you can walk to chow.” Up until that time, my food was bought to me. I was a bed patient, but no more after that. Small wonder.

I don’t remember the two Soldiers that were with me that night, but I do have a picture of them in my scrap book. Getting wounded and getting Court Martialed: How does the song go? “Those were the day’s, my friend.”
Basic training during WWII was a seventeen-week affair. It wasn’t until halfway through that our young soldiers really began to look like a smart outfit, like the earlier classes of recruits they observed and admired. It took a lot of work, grueling twenty-mile marches with 60-pound packs and endless time on the rifle range learning to shoot and become proficient as well as field stripping and cleaning our weapons, of which we even memorized the serial numbers.

What seemed like endless marches up and down Misery and Agony Hills, which are still at Fort Knox, constant discipline and lessons in the “art of war” were paying off in turning boys into physically hard men.

We learned to climb over a fence where we would present the least target to the enemy and we learned to crawl. The army has its own method of crawling and it’s tested on the obstacle course which is a hundred-yard tract that is all mud and draped in barbed wire. Additionally, there were observers in the guard towers at the periphery of the course who would set off explosive charges at the time the men had to turn on their backs to get under the wire resulting in mud raining down on their faces. The men would crawl through mud, heels flat, lifting wire with no gloves, all the while keeping the barrel of their M1 out of the mud while water cooled 30 caliber machine guns constantly fired live rounds with tracers just above the wire level. At the end of the act we had to fire three rounds. If our weapon was fouled, we cleaned it and repeated the course. About four men in fifty were so unnerved they would refuse the course. No one seemed to know what happened to them.

There was even fox hole training with the men digging holes in a straight line. There wasn’t instruction on depth until a tank that would straddle the holes started coming. To say that the men were all “a-holes and elbows,” trying to dig deep in a limited time before the tank ran over them in their holes, is an understatement.

A full five days was spent on the range learning to shoot the M1 at 300 and 600 yards by “old army” instructors. Seventy years ago, marksmanship counted and the men fired hundreds of rounds a day learning to shoot from four or five positions. Rain or shine, range time was never cancelled. My father remembers one rainy day when they broke for lunch. The cooks were serving under a tent, glopping ham, then mashed potatoes, corn and finally pineapple on top. Then back out in the storm to eat quickly so lunch didn’t get overly waterlogged. Each day on the range their shoulders got sore, they learned to shoot for speed and accuracy with the lowest acceptable score being marksman then sharpshooter and the elite few who made expert.

They also learned to shoot 30 and 50 caliber machine guns, carbines, bazookas, 45 pistols, and they had hand grenade training. Tankers did not get bayonet training as did the infantry.

They learned orienting at night with maps and a compass. Dad doesn’t remember how far they traveled from camp but they were dropped off at about 7 p.m. in the woods and didn’t make it back to base until three or four in the morning. He doesn’t recall ever having to shoot an azimuth with his compass the entire time in combat. By this time, they were sharp and disciplined and the swagger in their steps was catching the eyes of the new recruits.

These men were tankers though and infantry training shifted to mechanized training about half-way through basic. My father, who had never even driven a car, got his training on a two-ton truck that one had to double clutch. He started in an open field and the only real instruction he got was the diagram on the dashboard of the gear positions before his instructor said “let’s go.” By the end of the day with all the fits and starts and stalls, he could drive. The farm boys seemed to know all this already and many of them took to the physically demanding job of tank driver.

All facets of the training in a tank were graded and the men, though they were cross trained, were eventually settled into their jobs with the hierarchy from lowest to highest being bow-gunner or loader. Once in battle they became Privates or PFC’s earning $50 to $54 per month. A driver (good ones were intuitive and adept at maneuvering through terrain) became Corporal Technicians and gunners became Corporals in combat, both earning $64 per month. All positions were Buck Privates until they proved themselves in battle. Tank Commanders, which ranged from Buck Sergeant to 1st Lieutenant, were only chosen to command in the field, not in basic training.

After graduation, the men were typically given about seven days leave before reporting to their point of embarkation for Europe. They would spend about two weeks on a troop ship zig zagging across the Atlantic. Once they reached England they were transported by train to another ship to cross the Channel to France. Sometimes, within two days they were in combat replacing men who were casualties of war. They were often ignored by experienced Veterans until they proved themselves under fire.

These men were going into combat in a Sherman Tank. It would carry 70 to 80 shells with another 20 crammed in if they were going into battle. It carried four thousand rounds of 30 and 50 caliber ammunition and a case of grenades, as well as 160 gallons of high octane gasoline. It was lightly armored, small (34 tons compared to 50-ton German tanks) and had a high profile compared to the German Tigers and Panzers. The gun had a relatively short barrel and was of low velocity (75-millimeter) compared to the German’s high velocity 88 that would easily go right through the Sherman. The Sherman’s
top speed was 25 mph and had very narrow tracks resulting in poor flotation. Though the Sherman tank was an inferior weapon compared to the German tank, the U.S. made up for it in sheer numbers. America not only had spare tanks for their decimated crews, they also supplied the Allies with enormous numbers of tanks, other vehicles and war materiel.

What America lacked in its armored hardware, it made up for in the American Tanker. It was best summed up by Winston Churchill who said “It was men like Patton, who took those amateur citizen soldiers and turned them into an awesome, deadly, fast moving horde of predators.”

After surviving basic training my father’s comment was that it should have been tougher because it was a walk in the park compared to the horrors of war.

National Poppy Day

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem “In Flanders Fields.” The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarcely heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. Each year, members of The American Legion family, led by the American Legion Auxiliary, distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. This year, The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day. [Source: The American Legion | April 26, 2017]

Sand Hill to Schweinfurt FA Group’s 50th Anniversary

From notes by John Allen Collins

The group of Soldiers that started at Fort Benning (Sand Hill) and served together in Schweinfurt, Germany, have met in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the better part of one week each year. They served with the 10th and 39th Field Artillery units. This year, they will meet the last week in July.

Due to the fires that swept through Gatlinburg a few months ago, their customary meeting place burned so they are meeting at Deer Ridge Resort for their 50th Anniversary. This is a family get together. Through the years, each participant has brought all members of his family, and they have bonded, forming lasting relationships. Over the years, several members have passed away; nevertheless, those still active will bring their families including children and grandchildren so this year sixty are expected to attend.

Those active include John Allen Collins (10th FA), Statesville, North Carolina; Douglas McDonal (10 FA), Dunedin, Florida; Ron Vaughn (39FA), Huntsville, Alabama; Charles Holley (10th FA), Ronceverte, West Virginia; Herman Newton (39th FA), Mooresville, North Carolina; Garry Teague (39th FA), Granite Falls, North Carolina; Rob Caples (10th FA), Williamsburg, Virginia; Bill Hoffman (10th FA), Parkville, Maryland; Kenny Mills (39th FA), Connnersville, Indiana; Bob Bean (10th FA), Arlington, Texas; Bob Matuszczek Sr. (10th FA), Goshen, New York, and David Walker, Eustis, Nebraska. These faithful participants will remember those who have passed away: Clyde Skiles, Tommy Brewer, Art Dunaway, Will Lominac, Jimmie Butler, Sony Nash, and Vernon Sizemore.
The Dust of Kandahar: A Diplomat among Warriors in Afghanistan
Reviewed by Toby Knight

Released in November 2016 by Naval Institute Press, The Dust of Kandahar: A Diplomat among Warriors in Afghanistan by Jonathan S. Addleton provides a personal account of one diplomat’s year of service in America’s longest war. Ambassador Addleton movingly describes the everyday human drama of the American soldiers, local tribal dignitaries, government officials and religious leaders with whom he interacted and worked in southern Afghanistan, a year in which he was attached to the Third Infantry Division commanded by General Abrams.

Addleton’s writing is at its most vivid in his firsthand account of the April 2013 suicide bombing outside a Zabul school that killed his translator, a fellow Foreign Service officer and three American soldiers. The memory of this tragedy lingers over Addleton’s journal entries; his prose offering poignant glimpses into the interior life of an American diplomat stationed in harm’s way. It also offers a fascinating look at the Third Infantry Division in action in Afghanistan, as seen from a civilian’s perspective.

Ambassador Addleton is an Associate member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division and lives in Georgia, with his lovely wife, Fiona. We are proud to have him onboard and thank him for his service to our Country.

[The book is available on eBook or read online for $32.95]

★ ★ ★

Compiled by Lynn Ball

George Marshall, by Debi and Irwin Unger with Stanley Hirshon is an interesting, if controversial book. The authors ask “Where have all the great generals gone?” The United States has been at war since 2001 — its longest period of uninterrupted conflict — and for considerable stretches of the last half-century. Yet, they claim, during all those years the nation has produced no military commanders of undeniable greatness.

For models of generalship, historians and biographers reach further back, returning again- and-again to the likes of George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, and Dwight Eisenhower. But no American military leader has been so revered as George C. Marshall, the Army chief of staff during World War II and then secretary of state and secretary of defense. Contemporaries heaped praise on Marshall for organizing the enormous expansion of United States forces necessary to challenge the Axis powers, managing relations with America’s cantankerous allies, and playing a key role in devising the military strategies that ultimately won the war. Truman called Marshall “the greatest military man that this country ever produced — or any other country for that matter.” Time magazine, which twice named Marshall its man of the year, called him simply “the indispensable man” in 1944. Later commentators have mostly echoed these judgments, holding up Marshall as a model of all that’s lacking in American commanders ever since. The authors however take exception to that description.

They object to the heroic depiction in their biography, which pokes innumerable holes in Marshall’s reputation for leadership and raises intriguing questions about how such reputations get made. Marshall emerges not as the incarnation of greatness but as an ordinary, indecisive, “less than awe-inspiring” man who achieved an unexceptional mix of success and failure.

Why the discrepancy between the reputation and what George Marshall: A Biography claims is the reality? The answer, the Ungers assert, lies in “Americans’ yearning for a Platonic ideal of a triumphant military leader above politics, deceit, and selfish ambition.” In fact, they add, a man of “unremarkable powers” was protected from the criticism he deserved by his “sterling character” and an aloof, stern bearing that kept potential critics from looking too closely. “Only a very few keen observers saw beyond the conventional wisdom,” the book concludes.

Nevertheless, they credit Marshall with momentous accomplishments. He deserves praise, they note, for ceaselessly pushing against the nation’s pervasive isolationist mood in the months before the Pearl Harbor attack and demanding steps to prepare the nation for war.

They also laud Marshall’s determination, in the face of opposition from much of the American public, to prioritize the war in Europe over the fight against Japan and, over British objections, to make a major attack across the English Channel the focal point of Allied strategy rather than operations in the Mediterranean. Both choices were, the Ungers assert, pivotal to the ultimate Allied victory. Most of all, the book extols Marshall’s wisdom in insisting on unified Anglo-American commands and deftly managing relations between the two prideful militaries.

In other ways, though, Marshall comes across as nothing special. In the Ungers’ telling, Marshall’s ascent through the ranks owed as much to good timing as to any particular genius. The expansion of the military during World War I pulled him from obscurity, and the rise of fascism in the 1930s meant that his years as chief of staff would be endowed with epochal importance. More strikingly, the book questions Marshall on matters that have usually counted in his favor. The Ungers note that he...
presided over the stunning growth of the Army from 275,000 to more than eight million men. But they insist that the latter number was still dangerously low considering the challenges the Army faced in waging a two-front war. More damning still, they argue, Marshall failed to assure adequate training for American servicemen to fight effectively against highly skilled enemies. The consequences were unnecessary American casualties and numerous battlefield setbacks before sheer industrial prowess could compensate for the deficiencies of American troops.

Nor do the Uners affirm Marshall’s reputation as a good judge of subordinates. In fact, they reserve some of their strongest criticism for the men Marshall chose as his field commanders, including Douglas MacArthur in the Pacific, Joseph Stilwell in China and Mark Clark in Europe. Marshall’s protégés, the book suggests, “probably varied as much in leadership quality as any random selection among the list of available officers at the time of their assignments.”

The Uners focus little attention on Marshall’s postwar career, including his stints in Harry Truman’s cabinet during the crisis-filled years from 1947 to 1951. But here, too, their appraisal is mixed at best, even in connection with the achievement most closely associated with Marshall’s years as secretary of state, the $17 billion economic aid program to rebuild war-devastated Western Europe. The Marshall Plan was, in fact, the work of numerous officials, according to the Uners, and Marshall’s main contribution was simply to lend his name to the effort. Recognizing that Marshall’s stature would help win congressional approval of the program, the Truman administration was happy to let him take credit.

Still, it seems reasonable to believe that the challenges of raising an army and fighting monumental conflicts on two fronts were so great that Marshall, whatever his flaws, deserves the praise he has received. Could someone else have done better given the constraints that would have confronted any Army chief of staff—no just isolationist sentiment and poor military preparedness but also wobbly civilian leadership, fierce inter-service rivalries and a superabundance of headstrong subordinate officers?

To reckon seriously with this question would require a much broader examination of the United States at war than the Uners provide. And it is, of course, ultimately unanswerable. But greater attention to the wider context of Marshall’s leadership might show that mediocrity pervaded the American war effort across the board, not just the performance of one man.

The book is available from most book sellers and from several internet vendors for a variety of prices. The hardback book I read cost $35.00; however, Amazon advertises a hardback issue for $15.90 and a paperback issue for $11.19.

Will I Ever Walk on Asphalt again?

By Dan Wolfe

The sun had just dipped below a craggy wall on Korean mountains. A bumpy ten-minute ride from battalion headquarters brought me to Company L’s position on the MLR. The rain let up. My body, warming my wet fatigue, itched wherever the cloth chafed my skin.

Sgt. Springer, a WWII veteran, greeted me on the reverse slope of our position. I envied his dry, worn, soft, faded fatigue. My new, stiff, dark fatigue labeled me as a newcomer. He introduced himself as my squad leader. Like a calf following its mother, I followed him to my new home. The distant chatter of machine gun fire and burp gun fire accompanied us. Thoughts raced through my mind. What have I come to? Will I be out there, part of the noise? Will I ever walk on asphalt again? Should I squat as I walk through the trench? Springer isn’t squatting. I’ll need a friend and he seems like someone who would listen.

He pulled aside a limp and filthy blanket, the door to a hole in the ground called a bunker. On its roof, brittle pale reeds twisted among scattered rocks and soil. I entered onto a slick floor of earth tamped down from months of traffic. Jagged, earthen walls teamed up with the floor to radiate a chilling cold and dampness.

Before he left, Sgt. Springer introduced me to Jesse who was sitting in the bunker on three empty, stacked, grenade boxes.

Am I expected to live here? Will this be home? Until when? I had been raised in a humble home. I slept on a convertible in the living room whose piercing springs penetrated its thin fabric cover, over which Mom placed a blanket. This had been my mattress at home. But wrapped in my clammy fatigue, I was totally unprepared for a sleeping bag over a rolled-out poncho on a damp, slick floor.

Dan Wolfe in his bunker on the MLR.

“Jesse,” I said, “Don’t tell me you can sleep through the night in this miserable, damp box.”

“Through the night? No more of that. You’re not in the artillery. You’re not in the tanks. You’re a dogface. We take guard duty every two hours, when we’re not on a patrol or a raid.” Pointing to his unraveled sleeping bag, he said, this is my innerspring mattress.” Then he began to sing.

Rocks have been my pillow
Cold Ground’s been my bed
Blue sky’s been my blanket
And the moonlight’s been my spread.

These words resonated within me for a few days. Soon they became a way of life.

For the complete story of company L, read Cold Ground’s Been My Bed: A Korean War Memoir by Daniel Wolfe. daniel-wolfebooks@aol.com
New Regional Committeemen

By Lynn Ball

[New to the Executive Committee are Richard Faulkner and Gabriel “Gabe” Guervara, who will assume their duties as Committeemen at the reunion in San Antonio in late September. The Committeemen’s terms are for two years. This year none of the seats for Committeemen are contested so there is no ballot. Since Richard and Gabe are new to the Executive Committee, we thought you would like to know a little about them. Both Committeemen have proud backgrounds that will serve them well in their new posts. We are fortunate to welcome Richard and Gabe to our leadership panel. Following are photos and biographies of both gentlemen.]

Richard A. Faulkner

My name is Richard A. Faulkner and I will serve as “Central Region Committeeman” for the Society of the Third Infantry Division. I arrived in Korea April, 1954, immediately after completing Basic and Armor (Tank) training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. I was assigned to Tank Company, 7th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. A few days later our tank crew was directed to relieve a team on the DMZ.

Because I was only 17 years old when I entered the military, I hadn’t completed high school. Shortly after returning from the DMZ to base camp, I was approached by a Lieutenant who wanted to know if I would like to earn my high school diploma. I took a “GED Test” and received a military test report from the United States Armed Forces Institute, Japan, indicating I had passed. After an honorable discharge from the Army, I enrolled again in high school to complete subjects required by the State of Michigan and received my diploma. Utilizing the G.I. Bill I went on to earn Associate and Bachelor degrees.

In September/October, 1954, I was assigned, as many of us were, to pack up the 3rd and 25th Infantry Divisions to return to the United States. Since I had not completed my 16-month tour I was assigned to Tank Company, 31st Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

On February 18, 1955, I graduated from the I US CORPS Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. June 20, 1955, I was promoted to Sergeant (E-5). A month later I was informed I was no longer Sergeant but Specialist 5 (E-5), based on my “MOS” (Military Occupational Specialty).

After completing my tour in Korea, I served the last year of a three-year enlistment at the Old Guard, 3rd Infantry Regiment, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia, home of the Tomb of the Unknowns.

I am currently President of Michigan Outpost 13 of the Society of the Third Infantry Division where I have a Life membership. I am also a Life member of the Korean War Veterans Association. I hold memberships in American Legion Post MI 0032, VFW Post MI 9914, and American Veterans Post MI 2006 where I serve as a member of the Honor Guard Team.

I worked in public safety for 55 years: 30 years as a law enforcement officer and 25 years as a consultant in police and fire. I am married to Gladys (Jo) (2nd marriage). My first wife of 49 years died of a stroke. I have four children (one deceased), nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Gabriel “Gabe” Guervara

I was born at a US Naval Hospital inside the US Naval Base of Sangley Point, The Philippines. I am the older of the two children of Josefinia Guervara, licensed pharmacist, and Gabriel Guervara, US Navy. My primary, secondary, and college educations were completed in the Philippines.

After graduation, I got married and immigrated to the United States. I enlisted in the United States Army, served 20 years, and retired from Ft Bragg, NC. I entered the US Food and Drug Administration as an Inspector in Los Angeles, CA, was promoted to Consumer Safety Officer, and served as a Compliance Officer. I am currently serving as a Consumer Safety Officer in the field of Import Operations here in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina.

My wife, Percy, and I are blessed to have two sons and 4 beautiful grandchildren. I am the Secretary-Treasurer of Lattie Tipton Outpost #3 and am proud to serve the Society as an Eastern Region Committeeman for the upcoming term.

Constant Companions: Brother Rat

By Joe McRoberts

I don’t think our bunker rested over Chinese graves. More likely, it was just a good nesting place for the large rats that ran through the logs and sandbags, especially at night, just a few inches over our faces. It seems there were a number of them battling for turf up there as they ran, mumbled, and apparently fought just above us at night, waking us up with their nightly contests. We put Warfarin rat poison all over, even tore up the sandbags and pulled the logs apart to see if that would do any good in ridding us of them. To our surprise, one of the men on the work detail said they found a large snake inhabiting our abode. Maybe it dined on rats. If so, there certainly would be no reason to kill it. In fact, we should go out and find some more, as far as I was concerned. That was the only snake report I was aware of during my entire time in Korea. I had always heard that the Chinese ate rats and mice. Later, I learned they enjoyed snakes as well—back in their own country. I don’t know how much food the CCF provided their “volunteers,” although I would suspect the troops were probably short of anything we would call edible, so rats may have been welcome on their side of the front.
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.

CONSTITUTION

Article III Membership

Article 3.6: Present Reading
Eligibility for Associate Membership: Family of anyone eligible for regular membership and anyone with a special interest in, or affinity for, the Society.

Proposed Reading:
Eligibility for Associate Membership: Veterans or other services, spouses of veterans, and family members of veterans to include father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild. Under limited circumstances eligibility may also include anyone with a special interest in, or affinity for, the Society.

Reason for Change:
To update eligibility requirements based on current IRS regulations.

Article III Membership

Article 3.10a
Present Reading
None.

Proposed Reading
The Executive Committee may grant permission under special circumstances for the limited use of the Society marks.

Reason for Change: To allow the Executive Committee some discretion on requests for the limited use of the Society Trademarks. The official Society Quartermaster could be granted permission to use the Society name and logo on items for sale to the public. At this time, 3.10 does not allow exceptions.

Article 3.10b
Present Reading
None.

Proposed Reading
All Membership information is for Membership use only.

Reason for Change: All information about Society Members is confidential and is not to be made available or used by non-members.

BYLAWS

Section II: Annual Reunion-Convention

2.4 Present 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 Constitution and By-laws Chairperson and Nominations and Election Chairperson will have the official ballots published in The Watch on 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.

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 National Secretary-Treasurer will supply a list of Executive Committee Actions that require membership approval. The Constitution and Bylaws Chair will include these actions on the mail-in ballot for voting by the General Membership. The Constitution 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 chairperson. That chair will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the annual meeting. The Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee will report all votes to the Judge Advocate for certification. Any vote removed and/or struck from the ballot will be included with an explanation as to the reason for its removal and/or striking. If the Judge Advocate has determined that a fair and impartial election has NOT occurred, he/she will direct the Society President, the Executive Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee to conduct another ballot for said office. Once the Judge Advocate has certified the results of the election, he/she will return the ballots to the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee for publication in the "Watch on the Rhine" and announcement at the annual 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.

Reason for Change:
To delineate roles, responsibilities and procedures for reporting EXCOM actions and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. To insert the Judge Advocate into the elections process ensuring that fair and transparent elections are being conducted by the Society.

Section III: Governance Between Annual Meetings

3.5 Present Reading
3.5 Written complaints and/or charges against a Society member shall be referred to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for prompt consideration of the full Executive Committee. If the Society President is the object of the charges, the National Secretary Treasurer will serve as the Executive Committee Chair. At the same time, a copy of the complaint and/or charges shall be sent to the Society member so charged, along with the name of the complainant. After a fair and impartial study, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take whatever action is deemed necessary and warranted. The Decision of the Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority vote of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. This may include expulsion from the Society. The Membership of The Watch on the Rhine
the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending a final decision. Written notice of remedial action must be given to the member who may, within thirty (30) days, protest to the Committee in writing. If the protest is denied, the Committee decision will be subject to approval by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting, if the member requests this in writing to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The decision of the General Membership shall be by simple majority. Also, the Committee may “Remove for Cause” any officer of the Society who shall have failed to perform his Official duties as stated in these By-Laws or shall have abused the privilege of his office in a manner which the Committee deems to be detrimental to the Society. All “Remove for cause” actions shall be sent to the Executive Committee Chair with a copy to the officer being accused. “Remove for Cause” actions against the Society President shall be sent to the Secretary who will chair the removal procedure. The accused will not participate in discussions or voting on removal actions. Decisions on “Removal for Cause” must be by a 2/3 majority of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. The membership of the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending final disposition.

**Proposed Reading**

3.5 Written complaints and/or charges against a Society member shall be referred to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Upon receipt of the written complaint and/or charges the Chairman of the Executive Committee will consult with the Judge Advocate as to the legitimacy of the charges. The Judge Advocate will provide an opinion which will be attached to the charges/complaint. If the Society President is the object of the charges, the National Secretary/Treasurer will serve as the Executive Committee Chair. A copy of the complaint and/or charges along with the opinion of the Judge Advocate shall be sent to the Society member so charged, along with the name of the complainant. After a fair and impartial study, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take whatever action is deemed necessary and warranted. The Decision of the Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority vote of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. This may include expulsion from the Society. The Membership of the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending a final decision. Written notice of remedial action must be given to the member who may, within thirty (30) days, protest to the Committee in writing. If the protest is denied, the Committee decision will be subject to approval by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting, if the member requests this in writing to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The decision of the General Membership shall be by simple majority. Also, the Committee may “Remove for Cause” any officer of the Society who shall have failed to perform his Official duties as stated in these By-Laws or shall have abused the privilege of his office in a manner which the Committee deems to be detrimental to the Society. All “Remove for cause” actions shall be sent to the Executive Committee Chair with a copy to the officer being accused. “Remove for Cause” actions against the Society President shall be sent to the Secretary who will chair the removal procedure. The accused will not participate in discussions or voting on removal actions. Decisions on “Removal for Cause” must be by a 2/3 majority of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. The membership of the member charged shall remain active during the review and appeal process, except in cases of fraud or theft. In cases of fraud or theft, the membership is suspended pending final disposition.

**Reason for change**

The Judge Advocate acting in this manner will lend credibility to actions of the EXCOM.

**Section III: 3.5.1.a**

**3.5.1.a Present Reading**

None.

**Proposed Reading**

3.5 a.1 Abuse of Power, or Office is the act of using one’s Society membership, or Society office position in an abusive way. This can take many forms, such as the following:

1. Giving, or obtaining, access to Society information that is not required by the Society office holder or member, and not accessible to the general membership. This may include, but is not limited to membership information, accounting information, etc.

2. Using Society information for profit, or gain.

3. Using one’s Society office to influence membership, or EXCOM member voting.

4. Manipulating or threatening a member with the ability to punish or ridicule them if they don’t comply.

The above list is a guide, and not necessarily all inclusive. Actions that may be taken against a member or office holder for abuse of power or office shall include censure/reprimand, removal from office, or expulsion from the Society. If a member has doubts about a particular situation he/she should contact the Society president, or regional vice president (if applicable) who will in turn contact the Judge Advocate for guidance.

**Reason for Change:**

To delineate and define what abuse of power or office is in terms of our Society By-laws.

**Executive Committee Actions: 2016-2017**

1. 7/22/16: The protest filed by Pat Williamson on his removal from the Executive Committee was denied.

2. 8/26/16: Authorization for Leonard Collins to use of the Society logo on merchandise he sells was approved.

3. 9/24/16: The EXCOM approved a “temporary special” life membership to active duty soldiers during the division’s 100th anniversary (November 2016 to November 2017) for the reduced cost of $100, with the understanding that they would receive only an electronic copy of the Watch on the Rhine.

4. 9/24/16: The EXCOM approved the travel cost to invite Ms. Jocelyne Papelard from France to serve as guest speaker at the 2017 reunion in San Antonio.

5. 11/16/2016: The EXCOM approved providing liability insurance for Society members to conduct business on military installations.

6. 1/31/2017: The EXCOM voted to establish a Non-Corporate Resolution allowing the National Secretary/Treasurer to sell, assign, endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

7. 2/9/17: The EXCOM approved Albuquerque NM as the site for the 2018 annual Society reunion.

8. April 2017: EXCOM approved the C&BL proposals to be voted on by the membership.
OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT & INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

In accordance with the By-laws of the Society, contained herein is the mail-in ballot to amend the Society C&BL and approve EX-Com Actions. Only this official ballot is valid. Contact the C&BL Chair (*Watch page 2*) should the original *Watch* ballot be lost or destroyed. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Check ballot carefully, then print and sign your name.

OP# ___________________ Print Name ___________________________________________ Date ______________

Signature______________________________________________________________

Return your mail-in ballot by June 30, 2017 to the address on the back of this page.

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(Chair)

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Listed below are members who enrolled during March and April 2017.

REGULAR ANNUAL

9169, THOMAS L. ROGERS, HQ, 3ID, 1972-1975, SGT, Referred by William Driggers

9172, THADDEUS R. SOBIESKI, E & G Co, 2-7 IN SEP 1952-JUL 1953, 1LT

9173, ALAN, CHURCH, 2-60 AR A Co & D Co APR 2002-OCT 2008, SGT
Referred by 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9176, LEONARD JAMES, SSG OP 35-CR
Referred by current member

Referred by William “Bill” Driggers

9181, ANDREW COURTNEY, 946th Trans (attached to 3rd ID), 2003 (OIF), SGTR,
Referred by Robert J. Rouse, Rcvd 1 yr membership courtesy Bob Rouse

9183, DOUGLAS BAILEY, HQ & Co A, 703rd Maint. BN OP 5-ER
Kitzingen, Germany, Jan 1964-Jan 1967, SP4,
Former Member

LIFE

9174, MICHAEL OLDs, B Btry, 1-9th FA RGT, 2nd BCT, JUL 2009-MAY 2010, MAJ,
Referred by 3rd ID Website

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9179, ALLEN K. GOSHI, 4th BDE/3rd ID, Jun 94-Jul 95, MAJ, Referred by Monika Stoy

ASSOCIATE ANNUAL

9170, ALAIN J. LECA, French Army
Referred by Monika Stoy

9171, WILLIAM L. YARBOROUGH, Special Forces Unit, LTC, Referred by Monika Stoy

9175, JONATHAN ADDLETON
OP 60-ER

9178, RUDY CLAES, Belgium Grenadiers, May 79-Sep 79, PVT, Referred by Monika Stoy

9182, RHIANNON CROWSEY
Referred during 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

ASSOCIATE LIFE

9177, LOUIS P. DE CLEEN, 7th Rgt/Korean War, Jan 51-Nov 53, SGT, Referred by Monika Stoy

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Membership is Our Strength

It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.

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

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.

LIFE MEMBERS

GLENN W. KATCHER, 39FA/SV, WW2/Feb42-Oct45, CPL
DOD - February 25, 2017 Reported by Dale Katcher

JESSE D. BROWN, 39FA/KOREA
DOD - September 25, 2016 Reported by his son, Steve Brown

HENRY S. WADDELL, DIV/HQ 7CAV, CW, PFC
DOD - 2017 Reported by his wife to Amy McKenna

HERALD A. DEMAREE JR, 7INF/B, WW2, Aug44-May46, PFC
DOD - April 1, 2017, Reported by Toby Knight

JOSEPH T. STIPPICK JR, 15INF/A&K, KOREA, 1953-1954, SGT
DOD - July 4, 2016, Reported by returned raffle tickets by John Wells

JOHN N. SITES, 30INF/HQ/MP, WW2, May45-Nov48, CPL
DOD - March 14, 2017 Reported by his wife, Patricia

MATTHEW H. GRIFFITH, 7INF/G, WW2, PFC
DOD - March 5, 2017 Reported by Mrs. Geraldine Murray

ANNUAL MEMBERS:

ALFRED H. WEBER, 10FA/A, WW2, 1945-1948, CPL
DOD - December 30, 2016 Reported by his wife, Cora

GEORGE E. BLY, 7INF/L, WW2, 1942-1945, TSgt
DOD - April 10, 2017 Reported by his daughter, Georgia Sorensen

JOHN R. YAGER, 30INF/BN, CW, 1962-1963, PFC
DOD - March 10, 2017, Reported by his brother, Gary L. Yager

Non-Members Passing

Elva Moats, of Olympia, Washington, spouse of Dick Moats, passed away in March. The Moats were married for 71 years. Dick served with the 7th, 15th, and 30th Regiments from 1940-1945, rising to the rank of SSGT—Reported by Dick Moats.

John Franklin Thomas Sr, 82, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away on March 29, 2017. John served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea as an SFC. He was a past Commander of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 143, and he spoke at schools and community groups about the “Forgotten War”—Reported by Jay Lowden.

The Watch on the Rhine
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 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 have who have fallen to the Division and to the cause for which they fought.

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

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

General Information

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

Membership Application □ □ □ Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army

Date: ____________________________

Name

(Last)__________________________ (First)__________________________ (Middle Initial)__________________________

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

The Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army. Also, those who were members of supporting or attached units of the Third Infantry Division.

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, brother, sister, children, grandparents, grandchildren of any person eligible for Regular Membership and any person with an interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the 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

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Dues for Special Life Membership

Recipient of Medal of Honor………………… No charge

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