WWI Foot Soldier on the Western Front

Arthur G. Johnson served in Company K, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division on the Western Front from Reims to Verdun along the Argonne Forest.

By Henry Boddin, Society Historian

On August 22, 2016, I received an email from the Ross Childs family who offered some documents from WWI about Ross’s grandfather. Ross’s grandfather served in six campaigns and was cited three times during the final days of WWI. His grandfather, Arthur G. Johnson served in Company K, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division on the Western Front from Reims to Verdun along the Argonne Forest. I will try to piece together Art’s journey from the documents and photos supplied to me from the Ross Childs family album. These will become a permanent part of the Archives of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. Arthur Johnson’s daughter, Levia Jo, researched and preserved all the documents and photos, and we thank her for these very interesting WWI photos.

According to records of Art’s six 1918 campaigns, he first fought in the Aisne Defensive from June 1-5. From June 6-14, he was in the Chateau Thierry Sector. From July 15-18, he participated in the Champagne-Marne Defensive. Then from July 18-27, Art was in the Aisne-Marne Offensive. From August 4-9, Art fought in the Vesle Sector of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, and from

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The M1 Carbine

Part Two

By: Keith R. Schmidt

[Keith R. Schmidt is a sergeant and firearms instructor assigned to the training division of the Harris County Sheriff Department Reserves, Houston, Texas.]

Development: The M1 Carbine was very much a team effort by Winchester and the United States Ordnance Department shortly before World War II. Winchester hired David Marshall “Carbine” Williams to help with the design, which included a short-stroke gas piston. Williams was a mechanical wizard with a troubled past, who had spent time in a North Carolina prison. In 1952, they made the movie Carbine Williams starring James Stewart to tell Williams’ story. John Browning’s half-brother Ed also was involved in early design efforts shortly before his death.

Originally designed as a 15-shot semi-automatic weapon with a gas-operated bolt similar to the M1 Garand Rifle, Carbine ammunition used non-corrosive primer—the first major use in a military firearm. The carbine fires a straight-eased .30 caliber cartridge with a muzzle velocity of around 2,000 feet per second with its 110 grain full metal cased bullet. While there is no bottleneck, the case is slightly tapered towards the

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Honorary President

Marne 6 Sends

Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers – past, present—and Friends of the Marne Division.

As we celebrated Veteran’s Day last month, we reflected on the hard work and the sacrifices our Soldiers make to ensure the freedoms of our great Nation. To fight and win our Country’s conflicts, we focus on unit readiness; in order to maintain a high level of readiness we adhere to a high operational tempo to prepare Soldiers for our Nation’s conflicts. The Marne Division continued to demonstrate our competitive drive and readiness to win any fight during Marne Week in November as we celebrated our 99th anniversary with unit competitions, a Twilight Tattoo, and Award Ceremony. Marne Week culminated in the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers’ Ball, hosted by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. We cannot thank the Society enough for the generosity and support; the ball was a tremendous opportunity for Soldiers and families to enjoy a night of comradery and celebrate this great Division.

The last two months saw the culmination of a year of our hard work as we executed a Division-level Warfighter Exercise (WFX) with the Division HQ, the Division Artillery Brigade, the Combat Aviation Brigade, the Sustainment Brigade, and the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat team. This Warfighter tested the Division’s METL and had XVIII Airborne Corps, FORSCOM and Department of the Army oversight. The Division and Brigades prepared tirelessly to
A Foxhole Talk

This is a very busy time of year! Since our last “Foxhole talk” we have celebrated Labor Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and soon we will celebrate the most wonderful time of year, Christmas, Hanukkah, and the New Year. It is my sincere desire that all of our members stay healthy and enjoy the time they have with family and friends. Life is too precious so please make every moment count. This is also a hard time for some people. Please reach out to those in need, if you can.

We have also elected a new President and Commander in Chief. Regardless of your political affiliation, it is now time to move forward and close ranks as Americans. We have many enemies that would love to take away our freedoms.

I hope that on Veterans Day you honored your service in our great Division and that of our comrades. I spent my Veterans Day honoring Soldiers, including my Father, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, and performing a Veterans Day Concert with the Helotes, TX Community Band. We especially recognized the sacrifices of our tremendous “Green Berets” and it was great spending time with fellow Veterans. Please remember that “All gave some, but some gave all.” Thank you and your Family for your service. Our Service members and our Veterans are Honored Citizens in our country.

I recently received Outpost 22’s newsletter. I was thrilled to read about the “goings on” in that outpost. I especially like the jokes they published! They do some interesting things to harvest participation in their Outpost. They, monthly, have “mini-meetings” in different parts of California so that members get to participate in meetings closer to their homes. They also conduct meetings in conjunction with larger festivals or events such as air shows. Their November meeting was held under the wing of a DC-3 during the Veterans Day celebration and airshow.

The 2017 Reunion will be in San Antonio, Texas—my home town! The Executive Committee has decided the theme will be “Octoberfest” and we are working to have authentic German food and beer at our reunion.

Cool idea. They also have quarterly “Themes” they use to focus their outpost members and cultivate cohesion. For November and December it was “Celebrate Life. Live life, and make life worth living for a fellow human being. Don’t let the holidays get you down.” Great stuff Outpost 22. Bravo! If you would like to send me your Outpost newsletter, please do! I would love to read it.

It is with sadness that I report to you that Outpost #4 in Spokane Washington (Fort George Wright) has voted to relinquish their charter with the Society and dissolve upon the conclusion of their meeting on April 5, 2017. If there is anything you think can be done to assist them, please let me know. We are working with them to explore possibilities to avoid this. More to follow.

In this issue you will see the Call for Nominations for positions at the national level. Our National and Outpost officers serve in an exemplary manner, and I am honored to serve with them. Our National Officers, Staff, and Committee Chairs make up a top-notch team, on which I can depend to help keep the Society running smoothly. I especially wish to recognize our Secretary-Treasurer John Weis and our Koster Manager Sonya Frickey. They are “top-notch” and I lean on them frequently. They have NEVER let me down!

Our Public Relations Chair, Tom Maines, spearheaded the national PR campaign to advertise the Society and our involvement in the “2016 Soldiers Ball.” This was seen in 44 states and our website received thousands of visits from all over the world. This PR campaign produced real traction for the Society and I am grateful to Tom Maines for his efforts! Tom was the recipient of the 2016 Society’s prestigious Audie Murphy Achievement Award for his combat service and for his public relations work on behalf of the Society.

At this printing, I can’t give you full details of the events of the “2016 Soldiers Ball,” but at the time of this writing, we are doing outstandingly well. Some of the initiatives we did are as follows:

• We funneled all ticket sales through our website. This gave the Society great visibility because everyone who bought a ticket did so through our website. Along the way, they learned about us.

• Each attendee received a memento to take home in the form of a 23oz Pilsner glass with the Society logo on one side of it. Great advertisement for the Society.

• We purchased table centerpieces from a Veteran-owned business that depicted a Soldier standing on a rock with his rifle, under a flag with the Division Patch on it (this is the figure at the top of this article). They were paid for through ticket sales. We donated these to the Spouses’ Club on Fort Stewart who in turn, auctioned these at the ball. The proceeds went into the spouses’ club scholarship fund. Therefore all funds stayed in the community and went to spouses and children of Division Soldiers. They were VERY appreciative to the Society for this gesture.

• Jerry and Kathy Daddato established a membership table and spoke to Soldiers about the Society. They drove 7 hours up to Jekyll Island and spent hours recruiting people into the Society. Thank you Jerry and Kathy!

• We also facilitated the donation of a WWII artifact to the new museum on Fort Stewart that opened on November 15, 2016. We presented a WWII Nazi flag.
Raffle Underway: The 2016-17 Foundation Fundraising Raffle is now underway. Most members have received tickets, and we hope you will buy them to support the 2017 Scholarship Grant Program to provide educational financial aid to our Offspring, Soldiers, and Active Duty Spouses. To ensure that everyone has an equal chance of winning a prize, we agitate the tickets each time tickets are added to the Foundation’s ticket tumbler.

Applications to enter the Scholarship Grant competition are available on our Society Website at www.society3id.org or on our Scholarship Foundation Website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org or from Lynn Ball (contact information on page 2). We are accepting entries from now until the deadline, June 1, 2017.

The prizes listed were donated by our many supporters and we are grateful to them for their valuable and dedicated help. All of the prizes are very nice and several are collector’s items. Our Immediate Past Society President Joe Ball purchased the weapons and donated them. Dan and Cleo Callahan purchased and donated several of the books and DVDs about war, and Dan sent several books from Sgt. Robert Callahan’s estate. We miss Robert and are proud to include his books among our over 50 prizes. Yes, we are still accepting prizes and donations. Current prizes and prize donors are listed below.

Our directors and staff thank everyone who sent monetary gifts to the Scholarship Foundation since the last issue of the Watch. You have made the Scholarship Grant Program not only possible but also successful. A list of current donors follows. Our Directors are grateful for your help.

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- Gold: $500-$999
- Silver: $100-$499
- Bronze: $1-$99
Greetings: We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah, as well as a Happy New Year. We hope you have celebrations with your families and good health throughout the coming year. God Bless you and keep you safe.

Are you having difficulty accessing the Society Website? Technology moves at great speed. Our website is built on the latest technology. Unfortunately, the version of Internet Explorer that most people have is built on an earlier technology and has not been updated. You can identify the older browser because it has a gold arc around part of it. If this is the case, download a newer browser. They are free. I downloaded Google Chrome by going to the line at the top of my screen and typing in Google Chrome. Then I just followed the prompts.

Reunions: Much has happened since the publication of the last Watch on the Rhine. The reunion in Harrisburg/Gettysburg was quite successful. Adding to the success were the attendees from Fort Stewart: General and Mrs. Rainey, DCSM and Mrs. Tagalicud, “The Soldier of the Year;” The NCO of the Year,” and the Color Guard. Every one of them participated with excellence in our Awards Banquet. On a personal note, Mrs. Tagalicud gave me “her” Spouse pin (she had more than one). It is engraved with “Sergeant Major Spouses, Fort Stewart, Georgia.” I wear it both to honor all of our Soldiers and to honor my Soldier, Joe Ball. It has Sergeant Major stripes engraved on it. All-in-all, the Awards Banquet was a wonderful event. The October issue of the Watch has an article naming all of the awards presented and a summary of each recipient’s accomplishments. Joe Herron, Awards Chairman, did a great job. The awards were beautiful.

Our next reunion is in San Antonio, Texas. Already, Reunion Chair Toby Knight is busy planning events with an “Octoberfest” theme. Expect some German food. I hope it is good. Being of German descent, I am quite picky when it comes to German food. I am told that our Historian has been asked to develop a display for the event. Plans are definitely underway. We have stayed overnight in the area of our host hotel. It is within walking distance (a couple of blocks) from several very interesting sites and stores.

War Dog Memorial: In the October issue of the Watch on the Rhine, I included a short article on the Michigan War Dog Memorial. It offered a brief description of the wall being built to memorialize the War Dogs left behind when our troops left Vietnam. This is a $40K undertaking and funds are currently being raised in support of this effort. I was pleased to receive word that VFW Post 9914 held a fundraiser requesting a donation of $8.00 per person. All proceeds went to the Michigan War Dog Memorial. I hope other groups hold similar fundraisers. As I understand it, work on the wall has already begun. On October 29, 2016 the Michigan War Dog Law Enforcement K-9 Sampson was buried at the War Dog Memorial on October 29, 2016.

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Memorial buried Law Enforcement, K-9 Samson, with full ceremonial honors. It was sad to say “Good-Bye” to this well-trained K-9 that served with law enforcement for many years. For further information contact Phil Westlaut, mwdmk9@gmail.

This Issue: here is no book review in this issue. We had too many required and promised articles. Please take note of the various Calls: C&BL Proposals, Nominations for Officers, and 2017 Society Awards. The Membership is our governing body so we need responses from all of you regarding these calls. The Scholarship News article has a current list of prizes to be awarded at the culmination of our 2016-2017 fundraising raffle in support of 2017 scholarship grants. There are also articles from our readers and Minutes of both the General Membership Business Meeting and the Executive Committee Meeting held at the 2016 Reunion. We hope you enjoy the content in this issue.

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ensure our unit was ready for this exercise. The Division staff’s systems and synchronization with subordinate staffs provided the foundation for success as the Division performed at a very high level and excelled throughout the exercise. The Marne Division’s training model has already been identified as a template for success, and we are sharing our lessons learned with teammates from other divisions as they prepare for their WFXs and ultimately combat operations. The Chief of Staff of the Army, General Milley, visited the Division during the final After Action Review. He congratulated the Division on our successful exercise and challenged us to maintain the superior level of readiness that we have achieved.

The Raiders of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team completed their mission in Europe as the Regionally Allocated Force for U.S. European Command. The Raiders served as the European rotational armored brigade since March 2015, which included two 3-month and one 6-month rotation, with the brigade conducting multinational exercises across 12 countries in Europe. The brigade supported Operation Atlantic Resolve, a U.S.-led effort in Eastern Europe that demonstrates the U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO and stability in the region. After returning home, Soldiers from the Raider Brigade took some well-deserved leave and participated in the Marine Week activities.

Spartans of 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team have returned home to Fort Stewart after a year as the regionally aligned brigade in support of U.S. Africa Command and the allocated force for U.S. Army Africa. Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment were the last to return after nine months as the East Africa Response Force (EAF) at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti under the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa. As Spartans return from Africa, the Mustangs of 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment in Ukraine continue to train Ukrainian forces at the International Peacekeeping and Security Center in Yavoriv. The Mustangs trained Ukrainian ground forces as part of Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine, and the training reinforced the defensive skills of Ukrainian troops in order to increase their capacity for self-defense. Standing by and ready to go are the infantrymen and tankers of Alpha and Bravo Companies, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. The companies together make up the Immediate Ready Company which will support the Global Response Force should it be called to action. Here at home station, Spartan Brigade is currently certifying companies and battalions in preparation for this spring Spartan Focus exercise and the summer Joint Readiness Training Center rotation at Fort Polk, LA.

The Marne Division is proud to be formally affiliated with the newest members of 3rd Infantry Division, the Volunteers of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from the Georgia Army National Guard. Exceeding expectations and living up to their phenomenal reputation, the Macon Volunteers deployed Soldiers to the coastal region of Georgia in response to Hurricane Matthew. Soldiers from across the state supported local and national Emergency Management Agencies in a vast array of Defense Support of Civilian Authorities operations. Additionally, SPC Joseph Broam competed in the 2015 Army Best Warrior Competition. He won the State, Region and National level competition on his way to representing the Army National Guard and Volunteer Brigade as one of ten Soldiers that competed in the 2015 Army Best Warrior Competition.

This year, the Marne Division celebrated its 99th anniversary and we were delighted to welcome veterans of the 3d Infantry Division to celebrate our history and traditions. was the Warfighter exercise on Fort Stewart. The brigades spent 10 days in the field before Hurricane Matthew threatened the low country. For the safety of the Soldiers and their Families, the exercise had a short pause before they were back out in the field, ready to continue the fight and complete the exercise. While the headquarters elements continued the exercise, the units moved out into the local community to assist those in need.

This year, the Marne Division celebrated its 99th anniversary and we were delighted to welcome veterans of the 3d Infantry Division to celebrate our history and traditions. With the Marne Centennial next year, we eagerly extend an early invite to our Veterans; we look forward to your participation in these events as we will officially open the 3d Infantry Division Museum and celebrate our fabled history through the Twilight Tattoo and another great Marne Ball.

Your Marne Division remains ready to fight and win our nations wars. The last two months proved that we are able to maintain readiness while playing a major role in the community when a crisis occurs. I am proud and honored to be a part of a unit that seamlessly transitioned their focus from training to supporting the coastal region in restoring a great community after the storm. Events like this remind us of the value of our community, and as we approach the holidays, I ask you to remember all of our Soldiers currently deployed and the incredible sacrifices Soldiers and their Families make in defense of our freedom. I also ask that we continue to honor all Gold Star Families and their service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

James E. Rainey, Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding
captured by a Dogface Soldier in Obersalzberg, Germany. This artifact will be on display at the museum.

We received some great support from our Outposts in the form of donations for the Soldiers Ball. Without their support, this event would have been too expensive for younger Soldiers. Outpost 2 donated $1000, Outpost 3-$800, Outpost 5-$500, Outpost #35-$1000 and Outpost 88-$250. We also received individual donations from members and from companies. Thanks to everyone for their support. Outstanding!!

The 2017 Reunion will be in San Antonio, Texas—my home town! The Executive Committee has decided the theme will be “Octoberfest” and we are working to have authentic German food and beer at our reunion. I am sure there will be some Polka music also! So come prepared to have a great time. Prost!

In closing, I hope that you and your family have a joyous holiday season that is filled with great health, happiness and togetherness. Please keep the Soldiers who are currently deployed in harm’s way in your prayers. May God bless you, your Family, and our great country!

—Rock of the Marne, Toby Knight

Chaplain’s Corner

Dear Fellow Veterans, Active Duty Soldiers and Families,

This is your Chaplain’s Report on our Reunion; it was a great one. I met so many good friends especially the Sodens who have always been so nice to me, not that they were the only ones. Everyone has been great. The Chaplain did not make the trip to Gettysburg or Hershey. I did not go to Hershey because it is full of chocolate, and I cannot have any. It sure would have tempted me. I stayed at the hotel and did a lot of swimming. That was fun. The President’s Reception and the banquet were great and the food was excellent.

The Awards Banquet Dinner was very impressive. I sat next to my good friends at both, and we had a lot to talk about. Especially, we talked about our next Reunion and how to get more members to join our fine Society. If anyone has any new ideas, please call me or talk to my wife Kathy Daddato. She is trying very hard to attract members to our Society. I talked to our new President Tony Knight; he sure is a fire cracker. He will lead us just like our Past President Joe Ball did—just forward, the only way.

We appreciated the presence of the Active Duty: MG and Mrs. James Rainey, DCSM and Mrs. Walter Tagaliud, the “Soldier of the Year,” SPC Tomas DeJesus Perez; the “NCO of the Year,” SGT Christopher Horstmeyer, and the Color Guard. They all participated in the Awards Banquet program and everyone was very pleased to meet all of them. I was fortunate to have my photograph taken with General Rainey. He is very gracious.

I talked to our members who went on the tour of Gettysburg from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. They said it was too long, but the tour was great. The Hershey tour was short and full of chocolate.

Then we had our Quartermaster’s Room that was run by Leonard Collins. He had a great display of everything a person might want. You name it, he had it. He has thousands of dollars tied up in his inventory and displays: we are glad to have him. Thank you, Leonard, for your fine selection.

Before I close my Chaplain’s Report, I want to thank the Awards Committee for the “Outstanding Associate Member Award” they presented to me this year. It really touched my heart, and I thank all of them.

ROTM, God Bless America.

—Until I see all of you at the San Antonio Reunion,
Chaplain Jerry Daddato

Call for Nominations for Society Officers

Nominations for 2017-2019 Society Committee Members and Society Secretary-Treasurer will be accepted from January 1, 2017 through April 5, 2017. Please send your nomination and the nominee’s Letter of Acceptance to the Nominations/Elections Chair, Bill Buntrock, during this timeframe. Any Regular or Associate Member can be nominated and serve. The term of office is two years, and each of those elected can be re-elected for one or more additional terms.

Nominations for Regional Committee Members must be for candidates determined by their regional affiliation. If you are unsure of your outpost’s regional location, please check page 31 of every issue of the Watch on the Rhine. At Large Members can be nominated based on the region in which their state of residence is located. Two Regional Committee Members will be elected to represent each region: Eastern, Central, and Western Regions. Associate Members can be nominated and serve, if elected, as Regional Committee Members.

The Secretary-Treasurer can be nominated by anyone in the Society, regardless of the region in which they reside. Everyone in the Society votes for the Secretary-Treasurer. Like the Committee members, the Secretary-Treasurer can be elected for one or more additional terms. There are no limitations on the number of terms the Committee Members and Secretary-Treasurer serve. If you have questions, call Bill Buntrock at 303-829-4047. All nominations must be submitted with a written Acceptance Letter from the nominee and must be received by the Nominations Chair by April 5, 2017. These can be sent via e-mail to Bill Buntrock’s contact information on Page 2 of The Watch on the Rhine™.

—Submitted by Bill Buntrock, Elections Chair

Membership is Our Strength

It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.
Reverend Tim Krumwied called to say the Watch is a quality publication. He reads it from cover-to-cover and learns a lot about the 3rd Infantry Division and the Society. He views the Society as an excellent organization and he is proud to be a member. He said our articles are always interesting and well-written. He thanked Joe and me for our efforts on behalf of the Society.

Remarks at Reunion: Several members praised the Watch on the Rhine at the reunion in Gettysburg. We were glad to hear that they like the content, variety, and the work we do on each publication. Members said they were pleased that Toby Knight appointed me to continue as editor.

Chaplain Daddato: praised the October Watch, and said we were doing a good job.

Bob Barfield wrote: “Thanks Lynn, Keep up the good work as Editor!”

Hal Anderson wrote: “Thank you so much [for sending the Watch]; the articles about Korea on pages 9 and 12 were locales where I was at the same time of the articles. My tank platoon was attached to the Greek battalion. I was honored to be made an honorary member of The Hellenic Forces in 1953. Thank you for all you do.”

Dale Gelbe wrote: “Always, thank you and Joe for all you do to support and build the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. I wear the striped tie pin proudly. Sincerely, Dale.”

George Bjotvedt wrote: “A short note, to express my deep appreciation for publishing my Korean War story in the October issue of The Watch on the Rhine. Our S-2 section was able to perform with maximum success in all patrolling activities with minimum casualties. At the time, our draftee replacements were mainly from rural America, babes in arms, who needed the best intelligence available. Thank you again and stay well.”

Richard Wren wrote: “Received the Watch on the Rhine today and enjoyed reading the 7th Infantry Regiment, the Cottonballers. I was with the 7th, Able Company, in Korea—1953 until the cease fire. I was the recipient of the C.I.B. and Purple Heart. I am interested in getting a photo of Audie Murphy’s one-man-stand on the M-10 Tank Destroyer as well as a photo of Hiroshi Miyamura.” [To my knowledge, no photo exists of Murphy’s engagement of the enemy from atop the Tank Destroyer. We have printed some photos of Hiroshi Miyamura and sent them to Richard.]

Donald Bettine wrote: “I want to compliment you on another great issue of the Watch on the Rhine and give you an update.” [Don has suffered some health problems and is now residing in an assisted-living facility. I know he would like to hear from his friends. His address is 1740 Condor Ln. Apt #102, Green Bay WI 54313. E-mail is donevieb@aol.com.]

Roger Lockmann wrote to report the death of George Howard Dittoe. George was a WWII Veteran of I Company, 15 Infantry Regiment, and he worked for Wenham Transportation as a truck driver throughout his civilian career. George is much missed by his friends and loving family. At the end of his message, Roger sent a note to the editor: “God Bless you for your work.” Roger also served with I Company, 15th Infantry during WWII.

Harvey Sladkus called for another reason but mentioned liking the October Watch on the Rhine. He said it was excellent and its content was terrific. He particularly liked the articles on the Korean War. He said he could relate to the information in them as he had similar experiences. He also said that his spouse, Fran, read it from cover-to-cover. [It is certainly an endorsement, when the spouse reads the journal. Thanks, Fran].

Joe Poggi wrote to alert the Watch to the fact that the 65th has been awarded a medal. The 65th was authorized to receive the Congressional Gold Medal in April of 2014 but did not receive it until 4/13/2016. The award was not in existence in 2014 and the design and fabrication was not completed until 2016. The Korea 65th Vets can receive a memorial coin signifying this grand tribute per Public Law #113-120. Possibly more information is available at: B.C.G.M. National Committee, P.O. Box 631, Washington DC 20044.

John Shirley wrote: “I look forward the next Watch and information about the reunion. I hated to miss it. I hope you can use the pictures from Anzio. The Factory members are pleased to see their pictures in the Watch. Thanks, John,”

Joe Poggi wrote: “Lynn & Joe. Thanks for the great e-mail about the ceremonies at Epinal Cemetery. I was a guest there when I was National President of the Society. The people of France, particularly the people of Ostheim and the surrounding towns really love our 3d ID and our country after all these years. Peace and love, Joe P. Rock of the Marne.” [He mentions the video we sent to several people https://youtu.be/1QKJ-S1ppQQ]

Bob Barfield wrote: “Hey guy’s, God bless the French people! The way they honor our veterans from WWII is outstanding. It’s too bad kids in our schools can’t see this video. It almost brought me to tears! I always tell my wife, “paratroopers don’t cry” She’ll say “I beg to differ with you” The reverent way those people folded our flag was something else, also the soldier reenactments, playing of taps and the singing of the Nat’l Anthem were beautiful. I couldn’t help but think of these no account [Jerks] taking a knee while our Anthem is played at sporting events. Too bad those [Jerks] couldn’t be made to watch this video. I assume that was Jocelyne Papelard that he helping with the flag. Please tell her for me how much we appreciate all they have done to honor our past veterans. I only wish that I could have been born a little sooner so I could have been a part of the forces who helped liberate France. Been nice to have served with the likes of Audie Murphy. Sending the video around now.” Bob Barfield. [Bob’s language was more colorful than my edits.]
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September 30-October 19, he participated in the bloody Meuse-Argonne Offensive. We do know Art received the Croix de Guerre medal from the French government, and he did suffer from a mustard gas attack somewhere along the line.

The Childs family was able to provide me with a complete roster of Art’s outfit and the battles engaged in by the 3rd.

Another interesting photo gives us a glimpse into the pay scale of a WWI Corporal and Sergeant a hundred years ago. In this photo titled “Grade to which promoted,” we can see the pay grade difference of a Class A and Class B Sergeant and net pay after deductions. Also visible is Sergeant Johnson’s signature, and having it witnessed.

Once more a civilian, Art began raising a family as he appears in this photo with son, Neil; daughter, Levia Jo; and his wife, Gladys.

Art, on the right with his 3rd ID patch visible, poses with an unknown friend.

With the above information about the whereabouts of Art’s service, before and after the deciding battle of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, we can only guess where all Art was in the following synopsis of this final battle that broke the back of the Germans and led to the Armistice of the 11th hour (Paris time), of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918. The fighting stopped when Germany accepted the harsh terms of the Versailles Treaty, which would contribute to WWII about twenty years later.

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive was a major part of the final Allied offensive of WWI that stretched along the entire Western front. This offensive was the largest in U.S. military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers at the cost of 28,000 German lives and 26,277 American lives under the command of Gen. John Pershing of the American Expeditionary Force. This was the deadliest battle in US history, yet it is largely forgotten in the U.S. The logistical plan was implemented by then Col. George C. Marshall who managed to move American units to the front after the battle of St. Mihiel in France. Art fought in this battle along with BG Douglas MacArthur and his eager tank commander, Lt. George S. Patton. Patton saved the day at St. Mihiel with his new-found tank offensive that broke the trench warfare stalemate and put the terrified Germans to flight. George

Roster of Company “K”
30th U.S. Infantry.

Battles the 3rd Division were in

Roster of Johnson’s outfit and the battles engaged in by the 3rd
Cited 3 Times and Awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Govt.

1. Aisne Defensive . . . . 1 June to 5 June, 1918
2. Chateau Thierry Sector . . . 6 June to 14 June, 1918
3. Champagne-Marne Defensive . 15 July to 18 July, 1918
4. Aisne-Marne Offensive . . 18 July to 27 July, 1918
5. Vesle Sector, Meuse-Argonne 4 Aug. to 9 Aug., 1918
6. Meuse-Argonne Offensive . . 30 Sept. to 19 Oct., 1918

Cited 6 Times and Awarded 6 Silver Battle Streamers.

Clockwise from top left: Citations awarded Johnson’s unit; Art was cited for his service in the occupation of Germany from 1918–1919; pay scale of a WWI Corporal and Sergeant a hundred years ago.

C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and George S. Patton all became future WWII icons. As a further anecdote, a young artillery commander, Harry S. Truman, became a future President who ended WWII with the painful decision to drop the Atom Bomb on Japan. On February 7, 1919, three months after the end of WWI, former Corporal Alvin York of Company G, 328th Infantry, of the 82nd Division returned to the exact site of Chateau Thierry in the Argonne Forest where he earned the Medal of Honor. On October 8, 1918, York killed about 28 Germans and captured 132 “Huns” single-handedly. He was later promoted to “Sergeant York” as we all know him. Did Sergeant Arthur G. Johnson ever cross paths with the legendary Sergeant York at Chateau Thierry or in other sectors? Perhaps so.

Alvin York, National Archives Photo

Call for C&BL Proposals

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by February 14, 2017. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 9/9/16 and can be found on the Society website at www.society3ID.org under “Content.” Please send proposals to the Constitution and By-laws Chair Joe Ball by e-mail (LDBALL1@ MSN.COM) or U.S.P.S: 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040. Please also send a copy to the Society’s Secretary, John Weis. Contact information for both Joe Ball and John Weis is on page 2 of the Watch.

Please use the following three steps when composing your proposals for change:
1. State the Article or Section to be changed and its present wording.
2. State the new, proposed wording.
3. State the reason for the proposed change.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee will consider all proposed changes, and a draft of the proposed changes will be voted upon by the Executive Committee. The draft approved by the Executive Committee will be presented in ballot form for membership approval. The mail-in ballot will be published in the June Watch on the Rhine. Remember that the deadline for receipt of proposals for change to the C&BL is February 14, 2017. These must be sent to Joe Ball, Constitution and By-laws Chair. If you have difficulty finding the current C&BL send Joe a note. He will attach a copy to an e-mail and send the document to you.
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mouth. It is a knock off of the .32 Winchester Self-Loading round of the early 1900s that became obsolete before World War II. There was not a whole lot of oomph to this carbine round, but more than the submachine guns of the period using pistol rounds. The weapon made a soldier’s day during a long march with its compact size, fast handling, and petite weight of less than five pounds.

In 1942, American Airborne troops began receiving the M1A1 carbine with a pistol grip and folding metal stock designed for paratroop operations. Toward the war’s end an M2 model provided both full and semiautomatic fire with a 30-round magazine giving more bang for the buck. A T3 model was an M1 or M2 carbine with a forward pistol grip to help handle the added bulk of an infrared night sight first used in combat by Army units during the battle for Okinawa. The lightweight carbine offset the big, bulky, and delicate infrared attachment. The carbine and night fighter corp were not worth much beyond 75 yards or so. The shooter also clung around a battery in a backpack.

However, this outfit gave infantry, particularly in the Okinawa battle, a way to handle night infiltration by Japanese soldiers. Throughout the war, U.S. troops desperately needed new technology to help fight at night—particularly in the Pacific. The infrared scope went through several variations, all bulky, and saw service again in the Korean War.

More than 6.5 million M1 Carbines of various models were manufactured, making it the most produced small arm for the U.S. military during the war. Inland Division of General Motors made more than two million. Other manufacturers included Winchester, Underwood, Saginaw, Standard Products, Rock-Ola (branching out from Juke Box manufacturing), Quality Hardware, National Postal Meter and Irwin-Pedersen. The number of manufacturers, variations, arsenals, rebuilds, and unique history make the carbine a favorite of the serious collector.

The M1/M2 carbines ranked as the most heavily produced family of U.S. military weapons for several decades. After World War II more than a million carbines went to South Korea and close to a million to South Vietnam. A large supply went to France where they soon became a front line weapon in its war that would become our Vietnam.

In Vietnam, the carbines were popular with U.S. forces until the M16 became widely issued in the early to mid-1960s. South Vietnamese forces used them in large numbers as did the Vietcong who quickly appropriated them whenever possible. You still see the M1 Carbine in the hands of military, police, and security forces in some corners of the world...often by people who can’t get their hands on an AK-47.

Shooting the M1 Carbine: M1 Carbine recoils very little—like shooting a semi-auto .22 with more “Pop” than “Bang.” You can carry the rifle all day without tiring and shoot it all day without discomfort. Light recoil allows quick acquisition of sights and target for fast, accurate semi-auto shots. For the WWII soldier in basic training, it must have been far easier for the rookie shooter to learn marksmanship basics on the carbine as opposed to the M1 Garand.

Inland Mfg., a Division of General Motors, made my par-

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ticular carbine in July 1944. I got my hands on it after about 20 years of storage. In fact, three magazines with it were filled with old military ball ammo. The carbine, in excellent condition, worked without any malfunction as did the magazines including its old ammo. However, the trigger is heavy and creepy. People with long arms may find the short stock a problem, but this does add to overall compactness. The butt cuff on my carbine holds two 15-round magazines on the rifle stock, which adds a bit of weight, but is offset by the readiness and ease with which reloads come to hand.

For me, I run the carbine through a sheriff’s department patrol rifle course designed for the AR15 style police patrol rifles most often used with some form of optic sight. The course employs reduced size silhouettes at 50, 25, and 15 yards with shooting/reloading stages timed and using standing, kneeling, and prone. The carbine felt right at home as its design leads to easy handling. Besides its historic military history, the carbine found its way into many police armories during the 1950’s through the 1970s.

It’s a joy to shoot and I easily keep rounds in the chest of a silhouette firing off-hand. Yes, just like Murphy’s accomplishment, the carbine can easily fire in one hand just like a pistol with close range accuracy.
At 100 yards, I consistently keep rounds in a group about the size of an open hand from a sandbag rest if I concentrate on overcoming that heavy, creepy trigger: sights on, slack up and slow squeeze to a surprise trigger break can do it each time.

**The M1 Carbine Today:** Used WW II carbines in varying conditions are easy to find, but prices reflect their increasing collector status. Some manufacturers have offered up the design again introducing a new generation of the carbine. One manufacturer even offers the carbine in a neat little .22 version.

Sharpe was right when he wrote the carbine is not a big game rifle. And, yes, in comparison to the M1 Garand Rifle, it lacks power and accuracy. However, I think some have judged the carbine too harshly. Given a choice in a perfect world one would choose more power and accuracy, but the compromises of the carbine in regards to weight and handling made it a tired infantryman’s friend. It’s superior in performance to a handgun, and it put serious offensive capability in the hands of a person not intended to be first line infantry in WW II and Korea.

It did what it was designed to do. For its time and place in history, it effectively answered a need. Today, the carbine with proper ammunition should not be looked down upon for home defense.

I believe Murphy sums up carbine use by most of the GI’s of the Greatest Generation when he wrote: “The terrain ahead is composed of barren, rolling hills and offers little cover. I check the field map to get my bearings. The sergeant is still worried.

“Taking nothing but a carbine, Lieutenant?”

“That’s all I need.”


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**The Story Continues:**

In nearly three years of active duty, Audie Murphy would endure the death or displacement of all but one member of his original 235-man Company B with which he first went to war. He would return home and go on to a Hollywood movie career. A humble man, a proponent of a strong national defense, and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, he spoke out concerning Post-Traumatic Stress and advocated treatment... particularly for returning Vietnam Veterans. His own fight against PTSD ended on a Virginia mountain top in 1971. His plane crashed on the way to a business meeting. He died at 46 and rests in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Murphy’s Carbine Today:** In a vault in Fort Stewart, Georgia, current base of the 3rd Infantry Division, rests an M1 Carbine made by Winchester in 1942: Serial Number 1108783.

This carbine has its own unique story. Murphy remembered the serial number of his “M1” that was quoted in a story of the time. Lynden Couvillion, then curator at the Army Central Warehouse at the Anniston Army Depot, ran the serial number during the early days of computer research. That research found the carbine crated in a giant Anniston warehouse.

But, when Murphy referred to an M1 did he remember the serial number correctly? And, did he mean carbine, Garand Rifle or Thompson Sub Machine gun...all were sometimes referred to as “M1’s.” Was this his “Lucky Carbine” mentioned in his autobiography that he turned over to a fellow infantryman after being wounded in an offensive in Germany, or one used later after he returned to service? Or, is this the one he used during action that earned his Congressional Medal of Honor?

“Murphy used many different military firearms including several carbines,” said Walter “Buck,” of Meeks III, director of the Fort Stewart Museum. “There is never 100 percent certainty, but based on the best evidence, this carbine is the most direct link we have to a weapon actually used by Murphy.”

When the carbine was discovered, it had been refurbished after WW II with a new buttstock and bayonet holder but has since been returned to its original configuration as Murphy would have remembered it.

The Fort Stewart Museum is currently closed for renovations but held a preliminary opening 11/15/16 with the Grand Opening scheduled for 11/18/17. Audie Murphy’s military career and this M1 carbine will be on display along with other key parts of the Division’s history.

For any 3rd ID Society member or anyone interested in military history, a trip to Fort Stewart and the museum should be on his/her travel itinerary.

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**2016 Society Raffle**

The Society’s 2016 raffle drawing was conducted at the President’s Reception, on September 22, 2016, at the Annual Reunion in Harrisburg/Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We thank Joe and Lynn Ball for performed the drawings of tickets. And we thank Secretary-Treasurer John Weis for announcing the winners. All prizes are in cash. Following is the list of prizes and the lucky winners’ names and current cities and states of residence. We congratulate the winners.

- **1st Prize** $1,000: Bertha Ann Topie, Milford, Ohio
- **2nd Prize** $500: Curtis H. Halvorson, Fort Collins, Colorado
- **3rd Prize** $250: E. M. Fennel, Emmas, Pennsylvania
- **4th Prize** $100: William E. Paul, La Masa, California
- **5th Prize** $100: Roy G. Lockhart, High Point, North Carolina
- **6th Prize** $100: Kenneth A. Young, Aldie, Virginia
- **7th Prize** $100: Peter G. Tsouras, Alexandria, Virginia

Society Secretary-Treasurer John Weis has mailed checks to each of the winners. We thank John and Maggie Weis for managing the 2016 raffle, and we thank everyone who participated in the raffle to raise funds to support the Society. We hope you will support the 2017 raffle. The annual raffle is our major source of income beyond the annual dues paid by our members.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2016, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Toby Knight. Executive Committee members present were Toby Knight, John Weis, Lynn Ball, Louis Bravos, Paul Grabert, Dave Pope, and Joe Herron. Chaplin Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

Toby discussed his goals as President of the Society, and the purpose and mission of the Society. Toby emphasized teamwork to move the Society forward.

Toby provided an update of the gift shop in the museum at Ft. Stewart. Jeff Ashmen and Outpost Marne Association will provide seed money and furnishings at the gift shop. The gift shop will sell Division and Society apparel and accessories. It will also provide an outlet for Society membership. The gift shop will be staffed by members of the Active Duty Spouses’ Club. The outpost will manage the daily activities including scheduling volunteers from the Spouses’ Club and control the agents that come to Ft. Stewart to provide supplies and inventory. It is anticipated that within three years the gift shop will be turned over to the Spouses’ Club or other non-profit entity on Ft. Stewart.

Toby mentioned that the reunion next year will be held in San Antonio from Thursday September 28th through Sunday, October 1st.

Dave Pope mentioned that he will represent the Society and Outpost #7 at the wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Dave mentioned that he will coordinate this with John Insani. Some members had been told that Outpost #7 President Williamson has been expelled from the Society. This is incorrect. Pat continues as a Society Member and Outpost #7 President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Toby announced that he has asked the following members to continue, or accept, the following committee chair and staff positions:

Joe Herron, Awards Chair; Joe Ball, C&BL Chair; Kathy Daddato, Membership Chair; Bill Buntrock, Nominations & Elections; Toby Knight, Reunion Chair; Harvey Sladkus, Judge Advocate; Lynn Ball, Editor of the WOTR; Jeff Ashmen, Active Duty Liaison; Jerry Daddato, Chaplain; Henry Bodden, Historian; Steve Sullivan, Auditor; Dr. James Van Delden, Medical Officer; Leonard Collins, Quartermaster; Ron Heitzenrater, Sergeant-At-Arms; Sonya Frickey, Rooster Manager; Justin Valle, Website Coordinator; (OPEN): Public Relations Chair.

Toby moved to approve the people listed above and by unanimous vote of the ExCom the motion was approved. Toby asked that members of the Executive Committee refer to him anyone interested in filling the vacant Public Relations Chair staff position.

Toby brought up the idea of having the Judge Advocate be involved prior to any actions taken against a Society member, and having Judge Advocate (JA) certify all elections. It is not intended that the JA act as an appellate for any member facing charges. The JA should be used exclusively by the ExCom in these matters. It is believed the JA acting in this manner will lend credibility to actions of the ExCom. This would be an addition to C&BL 3.5. The addition to the C&BL (as written as a note to the meeting agenda) was put to a vote and the motion was approved by the ExCom. The language of the addition to 3.5 will be forwarded to the C&BL chair for submission to the general membership. The committee also approved the addition of “Abuse of Power” language to C&BL 3.5 adding a 3.5. a.1 paragraph. This language was added in the notes portion of the ExCom agenda. A motion was approved to add the language with changes. The changes will be made and brought before the ExCom at a later date.

John Weis proposed a rewrite of Article III Membership, Article 3.6 due to an IRS change in March 2016 relaxing membership restrictions. John passed out copies of the rewrite and discussion followed. A motion to adopt the change was approved. Toby will send a copy to the C&BL Chair for Membership approval vote on the next mail-in ballot.

Toby brought up a proposal made by Jeff Ashmen to offer a “temporary special” life membership to active duty soldiers during the Divisions 100th anniversary (November 2016 to November 2017) for the reduced cost of $100. These members would receive only an electronic copy of the WOTR; however, they will receive a hard copy of the Watch if it contains a voting ballot.

Toby would like some of the ExCom members to attend the 100th anniversary events in November of 2017. Toby said that he will get back to us in an email.

Toby would like to have an Octoberfest theme for the San Antonio reunion. He would also like to invite Ms. Jocelyne Papelard from France to serve as invited guest speaker. Ms Papelard’s contribution to the Society is very well known. This would entail funding her travel if she agrees to come. The motion for approval passed. Toby Knight will follow up and keep the Executive Committee informed.

Toby brought up the location of the 2018 reunion which will be held in the Western Region. Much discussion followed. Suggestions received from the general membership meeting were Albuquerque NM, Las Vegas NV, Los Angeles CA, and Seattle WA. A show of hands resulted in a tie between Albuquerque and Las Vegas. It was decided to table this issue for now. Toby asked that the members of the ExCom gather input from members of their outpost regarding location. Toby will initiate an email to the ExCom to finalize the location.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

—Submitted Secretary-Treasurer John Weis

General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2016: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Joe Ball. Bart Viruso presented the colors and led the “Pledge of Allegiance,” Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

Joe Ball did the roll call of National Officers which included Joe Ball, John Weis, Joe Herron, Toby Knight, Paul Grabert, and Louis Bravos.

Joe Ball made the following acknowledgments: Active Division Commander Maj. Gen. James E. Rainey, Active Division DCSM Walter A. Tagalicud, Reunion Committee: Leonard Collins, Lynn Ball, Paul Grabert; Outpost Officers: Richard Faulker, OP #13; Louis Bravos, OP #22; Jeff Ashmen, OP Marne; and Joe and Lynn Ball, OP #35. John Weis and Bart Viruso conducted the count of outpost members attending the meeting as follows:

OP#1-6, OP#2-1, OP#3-2, OP#4-0, OP#5-8, OP#7-0, OP#11-1, OP#12-0, OP#13-1, OP#15-0, OP#17-2, OP#18-0, OP#22-1, OP#33-0, OP#35-7, OP#52-0, OP#53-0, OP#54+0, OP#57-2.
National Officers and Staff Reports

Roster Manager, Sonya Frickey – Sonya reported that as of 6/30/16 there were a total of 1,800 members which were made up of 762 regular life members, 68 associate life members, 781 regular annual members, 185 associate annual members, and 4 honorary members. Sonya stressed the importance of submitting changes of address when appropriate.

Watch on the Rhine, Lynn Ball – During the fiscal year, 6 issues of the Watch on the Rhine have been published every other month without incident. Lynn has received many favorable comments from members, and she is very grateful for members who contribute articles for the Watch. In 2015 a review of the publisher, Finisterre Publishing was conducted and the review showed unanimous approval for Jerry Wadley and Finisterre Publishing. As a supplement to the Watch on the Rhine, Lynn administers the Society Facebook page. Lynn has received favorable comments on the items posted on Facebook with over six thousand hits. The Website Coordinator Justin Valle receives items that are to go on the Society website. The website is a work in progress and we are now adding unit histories to the website.

Scholarship Foundation, Lynn Ball – The mission of Scholarship Foundation is to serve soldiers and their offspring, both past and present. It is a Not-for-Profit public charity. In 2016 the Scholarship Foundation awarded eight scholarships grants to deserving offspring of Society members. We have six grants already pledged for the 2017 scholarship program. The Foundation will kick-off it’s fund raising raffle in October. You should be receiving raffle tickets in the mail sometime next month.

John Weis asked for any additions or corrections to the 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes which were included in today’s meeting handout. With no additions or corrections John proclaimed that the minutes stand as written.

John Weis read the Executive Committee actions for the past year.

Joe Ball reported that Kathy Daddato has received many questions from people trying to find fellow soldiers and their addresses. Kathy referred them to the proper outpost and people. Kathy reported that as of February 2016 there were 1851 Society members. There are 1747 active, and 53 with inactive addresses. There were 147 deceased members.

Chaplain’s report, Jerry Daddato - Jerry was saddened by the 147 lost since last year’s reunion, but commented that it is the Lord’s way.

Active Duty Liaison, Jeff Ashmen – Jeff did not have anything to report.

Historian, Tim Stoy – Tim was not in attendance, but Joe mentioned that Tim has a great deal of information that is available regarding Division history.

Judge Advocate, Harvey Sladkus – Harvey was not in attendance, but Joe mentioned that Harvey has been of much help to him this past year. Joe mentioned that Harvey will be staying on as Judge Advocate next year.

Auditor, Steve Sullivan – Steve reported that the audit for FY 2015 ending June 30, 2016 was completed on August 18, 2016. He further stated that it was a “clean” audit meaning that there were no issues. Steve went on to say that the full audit report will be in the October issue of the Watch.

Medical Officer, James Van Delden - James was not in attendance. He sent a note to Joe saying that he had nothing to report.

Quartermaster, Leonard Collins – Leonard had nothing to report, but mentioned that he plans to attend all the Society reunions. Leonard mentioned that he always tries to rotate his stock and that he is always open to suggestions regarding items that he might want to stock. His contact information is in the Watch.

Sergeant at Arms, Bart Vrusko – Bart stated that he had nothing to report.

Website Coordinator, Justin Valle – Justin was not in attendance. Joe mentioned that Justin had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Awards Chair, Joe Herron – Joe mentioned that he purchased 18 medals at a cost of $72.00 and 7 plaques at a cost of $521.95 for a total of $593.95.

Constitution and By-laws Chair, Lynn Ball - Lynn mentioned that she processes all proposed changes and revisions to the Constitution and By-laws that are submitted by the membership. Lynn then forwards the changes to the Executive Committee for approval. After approval Lynn prepares the information for publication in the Watch for membership vote. Lynn said membership approval rate was 94.5%. Joe Ball said that not one word in the Constitution and By-laws is changed without the approval of the General Membership.

Nominations Chair, Bill Buntrock – Bill was not in attendance so Joe mentioned that Bill compiles all names that have been put in nomination for Society offices and puts them in the June Watch along with a small bio for a vote by the membership. The ballots are returned to Bill and Bill reports the results of the election.

Public Relations Chair, Tom Maine – Tom was not in attendance so Joe mentioned that Tom has placed ads in Frontline at Ft. Stewart, various newspapers, the internet, and radio stations. Tom was also instrumental in signing up with the North American Precis Association to run non-paid ads in over 1300 newspapers throughout the country.

Reunion Chair, Leonard Collins - Leonard mentioned that after last year’s reunion a survey was sent out to members asking their preference for locations for the 2016 reunion and the 2017 reunion. The locations with the highest votes were Gettysburg and San Antonio. The location for next year’s reunion is San Antonio. Joe Ball added that the Constitution and By-laws have been changed so that the reunion location will rotate on a regional basis, Eastern, Central, and Western. Next year the reunion will be held in San Antonio in the Central Region. The 2018 reunion will be held in the Western Region. The Constitution and By-laws allow for a change to the regional rotation in unusual circumstances. Jeff Ashmen added that OP Marine Association will coordinate with 3rd ID personnel at Ft. Stewart concerning the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division to be held in November 2017.

Nominations for Western Region V.P – Joe Ball mentioned that we did not have a nominee for the Western Region Vice President. Joe asked Toby Knight to take nominations from the floor. Toby explained the duties of the regional vice president. Toby asked for nominations and did not receive any from the floor. Toby said that since there were no nominations he would appoint someone at a later date. Joe said that the Executive Committee must approve the appointment.

Discussion

Reunion 2017 – Joe mentioned that the 2017 reunion was set.

Reunion 2018 - Joe asked for comments concerning holding the reunion of 2018 in the Western Region. Toby mentioned that he had done an analysis of places to hold the reunion where the Society would expect to see the most participation at the reunion. Toby took address data provided by Sonya Frickey and input the data into Google maps to find out where
Call for Awards Nominations

This is the first call for nominations for annual awards. The Awards Committee, consisting of the three Regional Vice Presidents, will select the recipients of the Society Service Award and the Outstanding Associate Member Award. The Executive Committee will select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award from nominations submitted to the Awards Committee. These awards will be presented at the Reunion Banquet on September 30, 2017. The annual Society Awards Program recognizes and honors those members of the Society of the Third Infantry Division who have contributed their energy and creativity to further the Society’s objectives.

Nominations must be received by July 30, 2017

Mail all nominations to Joe Herron, Society Awards Chair, P.O. Box 179, Lakeville CT 06039-0179 or at email: jwherron73@gmail.com. So that effective evaluation of nominations and determination of recipients can be accomplished, nominations must include the following general information as well as the specific information mandated in the award criteria to which the nomination is directed.

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

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

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

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

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

Nominations

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

Submitted by Award Chairman Joe Herron
Post Reunion Report

The 2016 reunion in Harrisburg, PA was a resounding success. We had approximately 120 or so Society members and their spouses attend and it was fantastic to meet them and listen to their stories and build the bonds of friendship that make our Society so strong.

The registration went perfectly well and became the focal point of our members to meet each other and share experiences for the weekend. The hospitality room was always full of members meeting and re-establishing the bonds of friendship. It was like time had never passed and many stories, laughs, and experiences were shared.

The Commanding General of the Division, Major General James Rainey, and the Division Command Sergeant Major, Walter Tagalicud, were present during the General Membership meeting Saturday morning. They spoke with our members concerning the current operations of the division and its operating tempo. Their support was further solidified by their attendance during our Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

The CG and DCSM presented the Society awards to our members and to the Division Soldier and NCO of the Year and eloquently spoke about their Soldiers, the Division, and our future together. The Division Color Guard was present and did an outstanding job presenting and retiring the colors. Both the CG and DCSM are stalwarts of support for our Society and will do anything to make sure that we build a strong and lasting relationship.

At the conclusion of the banquet they stayed and took group pictures with our WWII, Korea, Cold War, Peacetime, Desert Shield/Storm and OIF/OEF Veterans. The WWII veterans each personally received the CG’s coin and his personal thanks for their service and sacrifice.

Chaplain Daddato conducted a very solemn and beautiful Memorial Breakfast where he read the 147 names of Society members that passed away this last year. Almost 60 members attended this event and we sang “God Bless America” and saluted our departed with the playing of “Echo Taps.” They are NOT forgotten.

We worked diligently to host the 3rd ID. Soldiers Ball this November 18, 2016. This event was held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center with over 1500 Soldiers and their families attending. Outpost 2 presented a captured WWII German flag donated by a member to the new Division museum. Also, at the event, we offered a special $100 lifetime membership to Active Duty Soldiers in celebration of the Division’s 100th Anniversary. Membership Chair Kathy Daddato established a membership table at the Ball to sign up new members to the Society and we awarded some free annual memberships to selected Ball attendees. We published a Ball flyer on our website at www.society3id.org or on our Facebook page at Society of the 3rd Infantry Division to show what we are doing and to advertise to the communities on Fort Stewart, Hinesville, and Savannah, Georgia.

Several Outposts pledged donations to support the event which has raised approximately $3,300.00 as of September-end and more in October. Webster University pledged $1000 and we worked to raise more money through sponsors. Available on the website are the sponsor categories that were used to approach businesses that may have wanted to assist and what we will do in return for them. All donations were TAX-EXEMPT.

The future of the Society is beginning to take shape. It is not guaranteed, but the actions we take now will determine the future of our Society. Last year we lost 147 members due to natural causes. We did not gain anywhere near that number in new members. We all must act as recruiters for our Society. Please spread the word. Your example can motivate those who are skeptical about joining the Society. Please share your experiences with them.

Many thanks for your service and support to the Society. We are the oldest continuously active military society in the United States and we want to keep it that way! So feed me ammunition, keep me in the Third Division! Rock of the Marne! 

Toby Knight, Society of the Third Infantry Division, President

Keynote Speaker

Scott E. Rutter

Our Keynote Speaker at the President’s Reception was retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter. His unit assaulted the Iraqi Special Republican Guard and secured the Baghdad International Airport in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For this daring maneuver, his unit was broadly recognized and Rutter was decorated with the Silver Star. During Operation Desert Storm, then Cpt. Rutter commanded C Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, “Rangers” in the 1st Infantry Division and was decorated with the Bronze Star for Valor in 1991. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rutter commanded the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry “Cottonbalers” in the 3rd Infantry Division and made the initial assault into Iraq all the way to Baghdad as part of the ‘Tip of the Spear.’ A soldier in his attached engineer unit, Sergeant First Class Paul Smith, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

He has been described by the media as someone who “likes to get close to the fight, so close that his soldiers sometimes worry about his safety. He insists on traveling with the lead company.” Michael Corkery, Providence Rhode Island Journal 2003

Scott retired from the U.S. Army after serving over 20 years in Air Assault, Light and Mechanized assignments in the Desert, the Pacific, and in the Continental United States. He served several years overseas and has deployed operationally to Saudi Arabia, Korea, Kuwait and Iraq. Scott also served as a Senior Intelligence Officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As a much sought after speaker, established writer, and experienced media analyst and reporter, his mission now is to raise the
Outpost #1 held its fall meeting on 28 September 2016 at Cooper’s Corner in Winfield, Illinois. Prior to the meeting, each person introduced him/herself. The meeting started at 11:15 AM. Philip Quarnstrom moved to have the outpost pay for lunch. It was seconded by Ed Dybala. It passed unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for outpost officers. Richard Longfellow will continue as president and John Spratt will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. There were no nominations for Vice President so that office remains open. Please let Richard know if you are interested in filling this office.

Cantigny Park Veterans’ Card: applications were distributed for those without Veterans’ Cards.

Toby Knight Phone Call to Outpost 1: Bio for Toby Knight was passed around for the membership to read. Society of 3rd ID sponsorship for the Soldiers’ Ball on 18 Nov. 2016 was discussed. Presented a photo of the Society’s coin and said that they are available on the Society website.

Following lunch several members made donations to offset the cost of the lunch. The donations totaled $105.00. The group discussed Cantigny Park and the 1st Infantry Division Museum. Applications were distributed by Secretary Treasurer John Spratt for the park’s Honor Club which grants free parking and discounts for military veterans.

Following the meeting we drove to Cantigny Park where we walked a self-guided tour. Veterans received a free hat pin thanking them for their service. Outpost 1 is in the process of setting up meetings for 2017 and 2018. We are currently looking at having a meal at a restaurant near some military-related parks or monuments. If you have any that you want to be considered, please let me know. I have found a few: Elks Veterans’ Memorial Park, Dixon Veterans Memorial Park, Chicago Veterans Memorial Park, Westmont Veterans Memorial Park, Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago, Freeport Veterans Memorial Park, McHenry Veterans Memorial Park, and Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial Marseilles to name a few possibilities. If you know of others that would be good to visit or if you have visited one, let me know what you think of it. Looking forward to hearing from you. If you know of a place near any of the memorials and/or monuments that would be good to have a lunch and hold our meeting, please let me know that too. Also, if you would like to be Vice President for Outpost 1, please let me know. My address, email, and phone are listed on the inside back page.

The deadline for this issue of The Watch on the Rhine occurred five days before our fall meeting. Please check the February Watch for a full report! We can empathize with our friends in Outpost 22 in Southern California. We have members in 56 cities in Florida, as well as some in Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina, and one in Spain.

We wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

The Special meeting, 7 Sept. 2016, was opened by President Don Schafer with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Reports of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Sec. McGraw moved to remove from the table the new business item of 5 April 2016.

There was a good discussion on “Relinquishing the OP 4 Charter,” a letter/ballot, dated June 24, 2016 was mailed to all members of OP 4. The returned results of nine (9) returned ballots Yes 7, No 2. There was a floor vote for two (2) members who had not returned a ballot by mail, bringing the tally to Yes 9, No 2.
A follow up letter, 1 Oct. 2016, was mailed to all OP 4 members with results of the mailed ballot and floor vote. The final business meeting will be 5 April 2017, at the (tentative location) Golden Corral 7117 N. Division, Spokane, WA. The Charter of Outpost 4 will be relinquished after the adjournment of the 5 April 2017 meeting. Members may transfer to another outpost of choice.

Transferring members shall notify OP Secretary/Treasurer and the Society Roster Manager.

Please note Society By-laws VII, 7.2a.

Outpost 4 members are in various locations within the country and those relatively close to Spokane have served in various positions and wish not to continue doing so. Of course age and medical problems are not unique to only OP 4, but they do affect those that would drive four-hundred miles round-trip to attend meetings. Rock of the Marne.

—Submitted by Dale McGraw, Secretary

Charles D. King
Michigan

The fall meeting of Outpost 13 was held on 8 October 2016 at Bakers of Milford. There were 23 members and guests present including three World War II veterans. President Richard Faulkner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to both the U.S. and Michigan flags. Immediate Past President George Knight prepared an opening prayer. The members introduced themselves and their guests, telling of their involvement with the 3rd. We then enjoyed the usual delicious meal chosen from an especially prepared menu provided by Bakers.

President Faulkner then brought us up to date on his efforts to get the Korean Peace Medal for qualified members. He has met some frustration in this effort but has been assured that they will come at the “soonest opportunity.” He has contacted Dr. Lee, who is very active in the Society, to see if he can expedite the situation.

Dick also informed the membership that the national website has been updated and can be seen at http://www.society3rdid.org. Much useful information can be found here.

Society President Toby Knight has asked that all chapters and members help sponsor the 3ID Ball that was held at Fort Stewart on 18 November 2016 which was the culmination of Marine Week. It was hoped that this would strengthen the ties between Society members and Soldiers still on active duty. Our Society cannot survive unless we attract younger members into our organization. Donations were used to help defray the cost of the event ensuring that the maximum number of Soldiers could attend. Donations were to be sent to Treasurer Amy McKenna who combined them all into one check to the National Society.

Members were reminded that the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation gives scholarship grants to help defray the educational expenses of our offspring (both biological and adopted). Grants are sent to the recipient’s financial account at the college, university or technical school specified. This year eight candidates were awarded $1,000 after showing excellent community service, academic ability, and the demonstration of leadership ability. Any member may sponsor a candidate for this award. This is another fine cause that is worthy of supporting.

Vice President Gordon Draper solicited contributions for this article and promised to have a Michigan flag at future meetings. Secretary/Treasurer Amy McKenna reported that the chapter had a balance of $1,290 in the treasury and a membership of 75. Jeff Norrup displayed the 3ID items which were available to members. The meeting closed with the 50/50 drawing and the playing of “Taps.” As usual, there was a group picture taken of members attending. The spring meeting will take place at noon on Saturday, 13 May 2017, again at Bakers’ of Milford.

—Submitted by Gordon Draper, Vice President

Giovinazzo-York
Milwaukee, WI

Outpost #18 held its fall meeting on October 9, 2016 at The Five Pillars Supper Club in Random Lake, Wisconsin. Twenty-one members and guests were in attendance including special guest Society Chaplain Jerry Daddato. President Vanark asked for officer reports: VP Mike Bopray (no report), Treasurer Marv Kostka stated that with no outstanding bills, the outpost balance is $554.21. Secretary Bob Meganek announced a supply of Outpost #18 shirts available for members. Historian Warren Fast has some early material on Outpost #18 given to him by Bob Meganek. Bill Vanark acknowledged an article in The Watch on the Rhine naming Jerry Daddato recipient of the “Outstanding Associate Member” award. After reading the article, members agreed it was a well-deserved award. Vanark also noted that Kathy Daddato is Society Membership Chair.

“Quilt of Valor”: Joann Ingram presented a “Quilt of Valor” made by the women in Ripon, Wisconsin. Joann explained the materials used in making the quilt and showed photos of other quilts made by the ladies. While each is of different design, all meet the guidelines established by the “Quilts of Valor Foundation.” Joan donated the quilt to the Outpost. A raffle was held and the quilt was won by President Bill Vanark. Mike Bopray moved to donated $50 to Joann’s group. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
Audie Murphy Outpost #35 met at Sushi Japon in Austin, Texas, on October 15th with the following members in attendance: Joe and Lynn Ball, Kayla Cain, Milt and Barbara Carr, Sean Carr, Curtis Carr, Justin and Jennie Carr and sons Maxwell and Patrick, Paul, Jude, and Jonathan Grabert, David and Harriet Houston, Toby Knight, Ed Lopez, Marco Montoya, and Jim and Linda Reeves. Following an excellent luncheon, Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Jim Reeves delivered the Invocation, David and Harriet Houston led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the group sang “Doughface Soldier.” Lynn Ball drew two names for an assortment of prizes: both Kayla Cain and David Houston chose the 3rd I.D. Flag. Joe asked all members to introduce themselves and tell a bit about their military and civilian careers. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current report which follows Joe’s Reports and mentioned that the following sites were printed on the agenda: Society website: www.society3rdid.org; Scholarship Foundation: www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org; and Facebook: Society of 3rd I.D.

Joe’s Reports: Joe recognized Howard Collins’ birthday: 11/1. [We have missed listing Howard in two previous publications: however, we now have our records corrected.] Happy Birthday, Howard. We wish you a wonderful day and many more healthy ones. Joe distributed information supplied by Tom Maines on the background of the “Doughface Soldier” song and on the “Star Spangled Banner.” Also included in the attendee’s packet was a brief history of the 3rd I.D. Memorial at Chateau Thierry, written by former Society Historian Tim Stoy. Joe provided photographs of the award presented to him at the recent Society reunion by incoming President Toby Knight. A maple shadow plaque with a photo of the monument applied as background and a rock from the Marne River mounted on one side of the plaque.

Associate Members: Joe spoke about the value of our Associate Members. Currently, Executive Committee Associate Members number 30% of the Executive body. Staff Associate Members number 73% of the total. Committee Chairs are represented by 33% Associate members. The total Associate Member percentage across the Society is 12%. We have reason to thank our Associate Members for stepping up to fill the important positions they hold.

Speaker: Society President Toby Knight spoke on a variety of topics. He overviewed plans for Outpost Marne to play a pivotal role in the origination and operation of a gift shop at the new Fort Stewart Museum where Division and Society items will be sold. He spoke about the “Soldiers’ Ball” held on November 18th. The Society is sponsoring the Ball. All donations of $1,000 or more will be posted at the “Ball.” In an effort to attract members of the Active Division to join the Society, the Society is offering life memberships for $100.00 during the Division’s one-hundredth year, from November 17, 2016 through November 17, 2017. These members will receive their...
copies of the Watch via e-mail except for the June issue when they will receive a hard copy if there is a voters’ ballot in that issue. Those attending the “Ball” will receive a Pilsner glass with “Soldier's Ball, 2016” engraved on one side and the Society Logo engraved on the opposite side. Donors will receive recognition at the Ball.

Motion: To promote the effort, Lynn Ball moved to donate $1,000.00 from Audie Murphy Outpost to the Society-held account for the “Ball.” Our newest member, Ed Lopez, seconded the motion as did Toby Knight. The motion was accepted and our check for $1,000.00 identified as “in support of the Ball” was sent to Society Secretary-Treasurer John Weis. David and Harriet Houston also donated $100.00 for the “Ball.” Thanks David and Harriet.

Spring Meeting: Our spring meeting will be held on March 25th in Huntsville, Texas, at the Golden Corral on 11th Street, hosted by Rita Piper. The spring “Newsletter,” sent one month in advance of the meeting, will contain an invitation, details, and a map.

Motion to Close: Milt Carr moved to close the meeting, seconded by Jim Reeves. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM. Our members and guests then retired for our group photo.

Following the meeting, Linda Reeves commented that moving the meeting around Texas is giving her an opportunity to see some places she has never toured.

The summer, June, Meeting may be in Farmersville, Texas, on “Audie Murphy Day.” There was considerable interest in visiting that location to participate in the celebrations. Lynn will research through the Farmersville Main Street organization to secure a room for the meeting following the free luncheon provided by the Main Street organization. Events start with breakfast and time to visit with other Veterans and guests attending. The 10:00 AM parade starts with a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force. Participating in the parade are many organizations and individuals displaying unique vehicles and floats. Following the parade there is a gathering at the Onion Shed for an interesting speaker and several other surprises. Then lunch is served to Veterans and their guest, free of charge. Joe and Lynn attend the event every year, if possible. It is always interesting and we meet new friends at each event. Farmersville is located 30 miles northeast of Dallas on route 78—a nice drive through the country.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report: Lynn discussed membership stats, new members, delinquent members, and recruitment. She reminded everyone of Joe’s Greeting Card Program. If you are not getting your birthday and anniversary cards, send Joe your information.

TAPS: During the past few months, we have lost James S. Roberts (7th Inf. Regt/CW), Paul Niervar (39th FA/C, WWII), Clifton Hall Jr. (7th Inf. Regt/A, Korea), and Gerald Wilcom (58th FA, Korea). We will miss these precious members.

Lynn reminded everyone that the 2017 Reunion will be in San Antonio, Texas, September 27-October 1. More information will be available in coming issues of the Watch. We hope to see many of you in San Antonio.

Stories for the Watch: Lynn mentioned that she is calling or keeping in touch with people who are shut-in due to health issues. This includes Donald Bettine who is now living in an assisted-living facility. She asked members to submit their stories to the Watch.

Scholarship Foundation Highlights: The Scholarship Foundation directors and staff have announced the 2016-2017 Foundation Fundraising Raffle. By now you will have received tickets and our letter. We hope you will purchase them to help fund the 2017 awards. Joe Ball recently purchased and donated a 1911, .45 cal. pistol so we have two weapons and a nice assortment of prizes numbering well over 50. We are also accepting applications for scholarship grants to be awarded in 2017. Make sure your eligible young folks are already busy compiling their applications. The application and instructions are available on our website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org or by contacting Lynn (see page 2 for contact information).

Treasurer’s Report: Currently, we have sufficient funds to continue outpost business as usual through June of 2017. We thank everyone who has sent donations to enable us to send mailings to all members of Outpost #35. In a perfect world, we like to send 10 communications per year (including anniversary and birthday cards).

—Submitted by Joe Ball, President
OP International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division, hosted historical seminars and a commemorative ceremony on Operation Dragoon and the 6th Army Group’s campaign in Europe between 15-17 September in Springfield, Virginia. This was the 8th year the outpost hosted the event. There were 70 participants this year, with the following WWII veterans participating: Doug Dillard, Dr. William Weinberg, Charles Condren, Donald Campbell, and Frank Cohn. Family members of WWII veterans included Stephen Gregg, son of Medal of Honor recipient Stephen Gregg of the 36th Infantry Division; Linda and Tonya Tanner, LTC Lee Yarborough, Bill Law, Geoff Schelhorn, LTC Allen Goshi, Stuart Hirai, Col. David Sacha, Joe Herron, LTC Wayne Carter, Dr. Fran Carter, Nell Branum, Dave Navarre, Eric Buchanan, and Capt. Joe Baker. Alain Leca, Maj. Bill Epley, and Stephen Couchman also participated.

The OP was honored to have four French participants for the event – Mayor and Mrs Jean-Michel and Monique Catelinois from the town of St. Paul Trois Chateaux in the Drome Department of Southern France, and Jean Claude Routart and Cecile Famur of the city of Grasse in Provence. St. Paul Trois Chateaux was liberated by the 3d Infantry Division 26 August 1944, and Grasse was liberated by soldiers of the 1st Allied Airborne Task Force in August 1944.

The historical seminars were held at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield where Craig Singhaus displayed his extensive collection of WWII uniforms and equipment, adding period ambience to the seminar. A ceremony was held on 17 September in the Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery. The United States Army Color Guard presented the colors, and the United States Army Brass Quintet provided musical accompaniment for the ceremony. A group of Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy participated to honor our veterans. Monika Stoy, Outpost International President, welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker for the ceremony, Brigadier General Andrew P. Schafer, Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division. The 28th Infantry Division played an important role in the liberation of the city of Colmar in January/February 1944. Mayor Catelinois expressed his town’s deep appreciation of our veterans’ service in WWII, and Colonel Philippe de Montenon, Deputy Defense Attaché in the French Embassy spoke and presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Veterans present.

There were many outstanding presentations for this year’s semi-

Cold War veteran and author of the most recent biography of General Lucian K. Truscott, gave a presentation on General Truscott. Also of interest was a presentation on today’s German Army delivered by LTC Hans Perko, Assistant Army Attaché at the German Embassy in Washington.

The 3-day event concluded with a banquet at the American Legion and included a performance by the West Point Alumni Glee Club, which we were honored to have perform for our participants. The 9th annual historical seminar and commemoration will be held 14-16 September 2017 in Springfield, VA and at Arlington National Cemetery.

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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

GORDON V. CARPENTER, 15INF/E, KOREA, Oct52-Oct54, SGT, DOD September 24, 2016, Reported by Tom Heltzer

LAWRENCE E. DRISCOLL, 10FA, KOREA, Jan51-Sept52, CPT, DOD - August 13, 2016
Reported by his daughter Laura Driscoll

LEON H. GROVE, 30INF/B &DIV/HQ, WW2
DOD - December 4, 2013 Reported on the Internet

ANNUAL MEMBERS:

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Anzio Monument at Foglino Woods

From materials sent by Silvano Casaldi

During John Shirley’s recent visit to the Anzio area, he was reunited with his friend Silvano Casaldi. Casaldi is curator of the Museum of the Allied Landing, which opened in 1990 in Anzio/Nettuno. Casaldi, is also the author of three books about the landing at Anzio: Those Days in Nettuno, The Men of the Landing, and Nell’ inferno dello sbardo. The first two are written in English. Because of his full time job in the Museum, he as met hundreds of veterans of WWII who participated in the landing at Anzio in 1944. Among them is John Shirley, who helped organize the celebrations for the 1994 50th anniversary of the 1944 landings. At that time Shirley was president of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. Casaldi was proud to be associated with the Society.

Through the years, he has met with Shirley many times and has spent time with him and his friends visiting the site of the beachhead. Shirley’s last visit on the 12th of September was again fantastic. Before his arrival, Casaldi arranged with the volunteers to cut the grass by the monument of the 3rd Infantry Division in the Foglino Woods and they also secured two wreaths that Shirley laid by the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery (where 7,861 American soldiers are buried) and by the 3rd Infantry Division Monument in Foglino Woods, which honors Anzio Veterans. The volunteers also cleaned the brass plaque, painted the Patch, and added white stones to the flooring around the monument.

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division does not own this monument. It is being maintained by volunteers of an organization called “Factory ’44”; they are doing a very good job and we thank them. Actually, there are members of two associations caring for the monument: Maurizio Patrignani and Massimo Zano of “The Factory ’44” and Claudio Sitzia and Gino Marcocci of the “UNIMRI Roma Sud,” at the Visitor Center of the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery. Again, we are very grateful to these volunteers.
News from France

Quenoche Commemoration: Robert Taverni, son of Frank Taverni (15th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, buried in Epinal) came to visit his dad’s grave and the place where his father was killed. He was well received by the inhabitants of Quenoche and its mayor during a ceremony; a reception at the town hall was followed by lunch at the local restaurant with the people of the village and the French family who adopted Frank Taverni’s grave at Epinal. The French family had welcomed Bob and his family in their home.

A project for a plaque at the exact spot where Frank Taverni and his brothers in arms were killed is going to culminate and be inaugurated on the next trip of Robert Taverni to Quenoche and to his dad’s grave.

Bob said, “A part of my heart is in Quenoche, and in the Epinal American Cemetery.” Bob was four years old and his little brother was two when Frank Taverni was killed leaving two young orphans behind. Frank himself had been an orphan. His father died when he was six years old and his mom followed four months later. Frank was an orphan destined for an orphanage, but one of his uncles took him home. It was a sad story to start with and a very sad story to end up in an apple orchard on the side of the road, shot in the head by a German sniper.

The Mayor of Quenoche and the inhabitants have adopted three graves of Soldiers of the 15th Infantry Regiment during the liberation of their tiny village on the road from Besançon to Vesoul where the 15th Regiment was fighting.

Moselle River Commemoration: There was a ceremony and reenactment commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the crossing of the Moselle River (22 September 1944) by the soldiers of the 36th Infantry Division of Texas. It was a beautiful day, unlike the weather with which the 36th Division contended in 1944. Then the river had overflowed its banks and the temperature was frigid. The river was so high that the Soldiers needed ropes to hold each other. Some did not know how to swim and we lost many due to drownings and German fire.

Robert Taverni is honored in a ceremony by the Mayor and citizens of Quenoche, France, during his recent visit to the site where his father died during WWII.

Moselle River Crossing: Those wearing sashes are mayors of nearby villages also liberated by elements of the 3rd Infantry Division. There were 12 such mayors besides those pictured.

Information from Jocelyne Papelard

72nd Anniversary Ceremony commemorating the crossing of the Moselle River by the 36th Infantry Division on September 22, 1944. The men wearing baseball caps came from Texas to honor the 36th Infantry Division.

Raddon Commemoration:

True to his word, the mayor of Raddon. Joel Brice, this year celebrated again the anniversary of the battle of Raddon where Harold O. Messerschmidt, Medal of Honor recipient, lost his life along with William Ellis and their comrades in arms. The monument was built and inaugurated in 2011 in the presence of many members of the American families whose loved ones had fought and some died in Raddon. Also present were many personalities from the United States Army Europe including an Honor Guard, and the USAREUR Army Band.

Companies L and I of the 3rd Battalion liberated Raddon after a fierce fight against SS troops retreating on 17 September 1944. The positions of the US soldiers are still visible today and lots of remnants of ammunition (grenades and bullets) can still be found.

After the national anthems were sung by the local choir and allocations by the mayor and diverse personalities, in the presence of the 3rd infantry Division reenactors with the 3rd infantry Division flag, many local inhabitants gathered in the city hall for a cocktail and refreshments.

Jocelyne Papelard Receives Honors: The Association US Memory Grand Est France was honored in Scotland where its President Jocelyne Papelard-Brescia was invited and welcomed by Colonel Ken Walker and his officers on the Isle of Mull representing Highland Command where she received the rank of Honorary Colonel of the Scottish Regiment.

It was the regiment of Lord Kitchener and is now the regiment of the 5-Scots’ (Argyll and Sutherland) magnificent regiment that fought fiercely and bravely in all
Jocelyne Papelard poses with members of the Scottish Regiment that named her “Honorary Colonel” and praised her for her work at Epinal American Cemetery.

In wars in which the United Kingdom was involved. This invitation and recognition were done following the duty of memory actions done in France in the American Cemetery in Epinal by the association US Memory Grand Est France.

The 5-Scots (Argyll and Sutherland Regiment) has close ties with EPAC and the association US Memory Grand Est France. Some officers of the 5-Scots and Highland Command will be attending the Memorial Day Ceremony 2017 at EPAC.

POW/MIA Ceremony at Ft Stewart

By Jeff Ashmen

Fort Stewart hosted the annual POW/MIA Ceremony on 16 September at Marne Gardens just outside the Division Headquarters. The ceremony was presented by the local Chapter 789 Vietnam Veterans of America. The Master of Ceremonies was the Chapter Commander Sergeant Major retired Adna R. Chaffee.

Each year, POW/MIA ceremonies are conducted to remember and honor very special heroes who gave so much for their country. They recognize our nation’s former prisoners of war and those still missing and allow us as a nation to recommit ourselves to fulfilling our solemn pledge to never give up in our hopes and efforts as a nation until everyone is fully accounted for.

MG Rainey receives token of appreciation from Sergeant Major Adna R. Chaffee at POW/MIA Ceremony.

MG James E. Rainey was the guest speaker and the ceremony included music by the Third Infantry Division Band, a POW/MIA Table of Remembrance, the reading of Georgia’s POW/MIA’s, and the playing of “Taps.”

Ceremonies like these are conducted every year in September. Reach out to your local Veterans Organization for information about one taking place near you.

Dignitaries gather at the monument honoring MOH Recipient Sgt. Harold O. Messerschmidt for a ceremony emceed by Jocelyne Papelard commemorating the liberation of Raddon in 1944 and Sgt. Messerschmidt’s role in the success.

The Watch on the Rhine
The soldiers were waiting in a replacement compound behind a high wire fence. The sun was going down in the destroyed city, the capital of the country.

The soldiers found a place to sit, on boxes or against the walls or simply cross-legged on the ground. They smoked and stared into the street beyond the wire where aged papasans walked spryly shouldering huge bundles of sticks. There were tattered stalls where people bought and sold items. A few bicycles curved among the two-wheeled carts carrying forlorn remnants of a past life and home.

Down the street came a young girl, whirling and dancing in a world of her own. Her face was at times distant in the shafts of sunlight that shown through the dust of the street. Then she became a vague shadow in the haze only to emerge before the compound fence.

Suddenly she pulled at her hair and grasped handfuls of dust from the street. She threw her head back and hugged herself amid the rags of her clothing. The sounds of the street were muted as passers, in their white pajama-like clothes, paused to look at the girl. The cadre sergeant, who had been at the camp for months, took out a cigarette and lit it, turning to three soldiers sitting near. “Papa san says she’s crazy,” he said.

From the train, the devastated city faded away among the hills in the gloom of the late afternoon. The homeless and hungry people wandered. And the girl (was she only a part of a much larger crazy) was gone into the night.

The troop train lay for hours on a siding in Seoul surrounded by the ruins of the city. The soldiers sweat and gripped again about, “Hurry up and wait,” and the sun bore down through the dusty air.

Slowly, a line of children appeared along the tracks looking hopefully at the train windows. One of them half dragged a seemingly petrified fish with a flat head like a midwest catfish. The children studied the train searchingly in one place, then took a few steps and looked again at a different window. Their dark eyes, under the bill of black caps, were resigned and solemn.

Along the train cars, a slight jerk and cracking signaled a movement, but this had happened before and, after a few yards, the cars banged together and settled for another long wait. This time, the motion continued.

The train rolled forward slowly and arms appeared at the train windows. The first Cration cluttered on the rocks of the track embankment. As the children surged forward, more cans curved outward from the train windows and then the children were on their hands and knees among the rocks.

From the train, the soldiers were loaded on trucks that circled around deep gorges already darkened by mountain shadows in late afternoon. Finally they stopped on the crest of a hill and the soldiers stepped down among the grave stones of an ancient cemetery. They looked up at a water tower still standing on its single concrete pedestal despite the shell holes large and small where the water should have been.

“They say this used to be Yonchon, said one of the soldiers. “Look at that tower...like a Swiss cheese on a stick.”

There was little left of Yonchon except shell-blasted trees and broken bits of what once were walls or houses. Parts of the graveyard somehow had been spared and solemn stone Buddhas squatted among the common markers.

The shelter halves slowly became tents and the men, almost too tired to eat, squatted or sat to open C-ration and drink from their canteens. One soldier walked to the nearest Buddha and hung his cartridge belt around the stone neck. “Trying to get a little homey touch,” he grinned.

The low boom of artillery fire to the north became louder as the evening air cooled. A soldier lifted his C-ration can and pointed it north. “You’ll be taking your ‘home’ up there tomorrow, old buddy. I hope you’re good at decorating a hole in the ground.”

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 26, 2017:** Outpost #35 will hold its spring meeting at the Golden Corral, 2050 11th Street Huntsville, Texas 77340. We will gather at 11:00 AM. Details will be sent to all members one month in advance of the meeting.

**April 5, 2017:** Outpost #4 will meet at Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division Drive, Spokane, WA.

**April 23, 2017:** Outpost #18 will meet at 10:30 AM at Th Five Pillars Supper Club, Ily 57 & Cty Truck Ily, K. in Random Lake, Wisconsin.

**May 13, 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.

**May 29, 2017:** Outpost #7 will conduct Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Members will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at 3:15 PM for our wreath-laying ceremony. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Dennis M. Barletta (dennisbarletta@gmail.com) or Pat Williamson (army3rddivtaker@gmail.com).

**September 14-16, 2017:** 9th Annual Historical Operation Dragoon Seminar and Commemoration will be held in Springfield, Virginia and at Arlington National Cemetery.

**September 28-October 1, 2017:** Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 98th Reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

**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.

**November 2017** is the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division. There will be many activities at Fort Stewart. More to come.
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soldiers' voice in the news media. He has served as a FOX News Channel War Correspondent for several key events in Iraq, most notably during the Battle of Fallujah, Vice-Chairman for Vets for Victory and as President of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association.

After his stint with Fox News Channel, Scott spent the next phase of his career as an executive in the defense industry, where he served as the Senior Director, Mounted Maneuver Programs, U.S. Combat Systems for BAE Systems leading a 500 Million Dollar business area which included U.S. and international programs for over 30 foreign countries to include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Australia, Norway, Taiwan, and Pakistan.

Scott currently serves as the Founder/President of the Valor Network, Inc., a Service Disabled Veteran Owned telemedicine business with offices in New Jersey and New York. The Valor Network provides teleradiology to the hospitals in the Department of Defense (Army, Navy and Air Force) as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs that includes the VA Hospitals in Manhattan, the Bronx, and other facilities nationwide. Scott created this multi-million dollar business after identifying a gap in health care to our Service members, their families, and Veterans. Scott also remains connected to the Defense Industry by providing selected defense organizations with Subject Matter Expertise in market development, and program management.

Scott currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer for TAPS – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and donates much of his time and energy speaking to organizations and raising awareness about the compelling issues facing our Service members and Veterans. His passion has gained him national attention and has identified him as an expert in Veteran and Family Member issues exemplified by his selection to serve as the Chairman of the National Advisory Board- Veterans and Military Families for Governor Romney’s 2012 Presidential Campaign as well as his position as Senior Advisor to Secretary Clinton for her 2008 Presidential Campaign.

Scott is a graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, KS. In 2010, Scott was awarded the title of Distinguished Alumnus from Campbell University.
A Lucky Moment in the Korean War

By George Bjotvedt, V.M.D.

In late January 1953, I received orders to report to 8th Army's Headquarters in Seoul. My commanding officer, Lt. Colonel La Hatte, 1st Battalion, 65th Regiment, presented me with my orders with a smile, "looks like you are moving up in the war, Lieutenant."

The city of Seoul had become a safe zone from the war. For me it presented an unscheduled moment away from the front line. I couldn't believe my luck. I was going to savor every minute of my reprieve. However, it meant a ride of 30 miles in an open WWII jeep and in a temperature of minus 36 degrees Fahrenheit. We were somewhat prepared for the ride with our parkas and thermal foot wear affectionately referred to as "Mickey Mouse" boots. Our hasty but quiet departure was in dirty, encrusted fatigues and with our M-2 carbines. I was instructed to make an intermediate stop at 3rd Infantry Division's G-2. I could not fathom why. At this point of my tour, I had advanced to a 1st Lt. with 24 points. These attributes aside, my immediate concern was not to become a communist target while in transit. For me and my driver that was clear, "crystal clear."

Setting in an open jeep with the windshield down was hell on wheels. A full moon provided the necessary illumination for the driver. A large sign with an arrow directed us to the division's G-2 which was housed in a converted truck's trailer. The back of the semitrailer had a flight of stairs which lead up to a single door. Besides the door, there was plaque with the name of Lt. Colonel John Eisenhower, G-2, 3rd Infantry Division. The interior had wood paneling with situation maps adorning and attached to the panels, the office had three desks which backed up to a wooden railing delineating sleeping quarters. The interior was warm and well lighted. It was like a home on wheels. Such luxury, I hadn't realized that it could exist in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

I saluted the colonel. "Relax Lieutenant," which put me at ease. There was no mistaking the colonel. He was a dead ringer for his father. I stood erect; I listened intently while he gave me a summary of the enemy's recent action on the division's front. The various communist unit designations were a bit too much for me. As S-2, I had knowledge of who faced us on the line but they were simply the Chinese. Why such details of skirmishes by the enemy? There was no major frontal assault of the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) in our sector. It was relatively quiet. I nodded in the affirmative, but I thought the orientation was an overkill. Before I departed, a Red Cross representative who had an adjoining trailer presented me with two light canvas bags with toiletries. The war had its perks.

The weather hadn't changed. It seemed colder and drier. The driver and I embraced the situation, but there was little we could do to alter the conditions. But as we approached the outskirts of Seoul, there was an unbelievable sight ahead a low level building with a sign outside in the ground. It was the Air Force officer's club. The building had outside lights and a blue awning covering the walkway to the club's entrance. We parked the jeep, shook our stiff and tried bodies and proceeded with our carbines into this den of iniquity. For my driver, the club was off-limits. But, I was never one to deny any comfort to a deserving enlisted man. Besides, I gave him my personal assurance that I could side step any infractions. Fortunately, our parkas hid our ranks. Still my driver was nervous.

When I opened the door, we were startled and a bit shocked. Inside the smoked filled room were fighter pilots standing at a long, handsomely carved mahogany bar with a Korean bartender attired in a white jacket. We stood there motionless. Even I hesitated. Maybe, I was out of my element. The clatter of many voices subsided and then stopped. A pilot standing close to us turned and rang out in a clear voice for everyone to hear, "make room for two fighting men." Without missing a beat, I quickly ordered two Canadian Clubs on the rocks. Then I searched, desperately, in my trouser pocket. Eventually, I secured some of my tattered military pay certificates. The same pilot, looking straight into my face said in a loud but authoritative voice that my money wasn't any good here. Amid the newly established fellowship, our trip had found a place surrounded by sincerity, generosity and humanity in a war torn country.

Hopefully, the blend of whiskey and warmth would combine to mitigate the cold for the remainder of our trip. As we headed out the door, the pilots, as if on command, collectively saluted us with their glasses held high. That explicit gesture would remain with me forever as a cherished memory.

Outside, the night air hit us hard but it was tolerable. We were both a bit inebriated. Actually stoned. The moving bitter cold air was sobering. And in my condition, I was glad that I wasn't OD on line. We headed the jeep towards Seoul University which served as 8th Army's Headquarters. We hadn't gone far from the club, when a large white jeep with a canvas top came abreast of us. A white gloved hand from a portal in the passenger's front door panel signaled us to pull over. An impressive MP in winter clad parka with white helmet and white laced boots approached my driver. He stood tall with a flashlight in one hand which he used to survey our uniforms. Then he announced to us they were out of uniform. That remark did the job. It dissipated any residual booze. Sobriety set in quickly. With alacrity and a steady hand, I reached over my driver and handed the MP my orders.

There was an instant response. A sharp hand salute followed by, "follow us, we will escort you to headquarters, Sir." This accommodating MP assured our safe arrival at our final destination. We didn't want to become war casualties so far from the front. By this point in the war, the city of Seoul had become a two-point zone. Military decorum, similar to stateside posts, was maintained with class 'A' uniforms required at all times. The war was a distant activity and forgotten.

Once at headquarters, we were housed in separate facilities. Actually, they were university dorm rooms which had been equipped with beds that had clean mattresses, white sheets, OD blankets, and pillows with pillow cases. The accommodations were like being on a small rest and relaxation (R & R) break. The next day, I
had a shower and a shave which was followed by a hot breakfast and a trip to a fitting room. There I was measured for my class ‘A’ uniform. After which, I was told that evening I would be a part of a team to brief General Maxwell Taylor, Commanding General 8th Army, on the use of scout dogs on infantry patrols. Then, I realized the reason for my orders. The previous summer, I had conducted many patrols with the guidance of one of those splendid, silent warriors without any casualties.

At the time, there had been numerous letters written to President Eisenhower from mothers to keep their sons safe in Korea. The war was going nowhere. General Taylor, who had served with General Eisenhower in Europe during WWII, knew and shared the mothers’ desire to minimize soldier casualties. Scout dogs could be valuable assets for patrols.

The presentation went off without a hitch. It was held in the university’s auditorium complete with a stage. My contribution was flanked by my nervousness, but General Taylor was quick to inform me that I was among friends. There was loud laughter from the audience which mitigated my embarrassment. But, I was glad to leave the show for the dog handler and his dog. The handler demonstrated the dog’s repertoire of maneuvers which were executed by hand signals only. The scout dog performed the intricate movements flawlessly. Each successful completed maneuver was greeted with a thunderous applause.

The general was deeply moved by the scout dog’s performance. He could see the value of incorporating a scout dog platoon in each infantry division. He recommended such a plan to the Pentagon. But the renewed peace talks at Panmunjon and with an armistice agreement near, the request was dropped.

For the driver and me, the moment of reprieve had come to an ignominious end. But, there were some consolations inherent in our trip south to the capital city of South Korea. We took great solace in the four hot meals, a warm bed, new thermal underwear and fatigues. The return to war’s reality occurred shortly after dark without incident. And, the war went on.

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Twas the Night Before Christmas - A Soldier’s Story

Twas the Night Before Christmas, He Lived All Alone, In A One Bedroom House Made Of Plaster And Stone.
I Had Come Down The Chimney With Presents To Give, And To See Just Who In This Home Did Live.
I Looked All About, A Strange Sight I Did See, No Tinsel, No Presents, Not Even A Tree.
With Medals And Badges, Awards Of All Kinde, A Sober Thought Came Through My Mind.
For This House Was Different, It Was Dark And Dreary, I Found The Home Of A Soldier, Once I Could See Clearly.
The Soldier Lay Sleeping, Silent, Alone, Curled Up On The Floor In This One Bedroom Home.
The Face Was So Gentle, The Room In Such Disorder, Not How I Pictured A United States Soldier.
Was This The Hero Of Whom I’d Just Read? Curled Up On A Poncho, The Floor For A Bed?
I Realized The Families That I Saw This Night, Owed Their Lives To These Soldiers Who Were Willing To Fight.
Soon Round The World, The Children Would Play,


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

Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

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

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

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

General Information

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

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

Eligibility

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

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, brother, sister, children, grandparents, and grandchildren of any person eligible for Regular Membership and any person with an interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Life Membership: Available to both Regular and Associate Members.

Dues

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

Some Outposts charge an additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outpost #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

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Recipient of Medal of Honor: No charge

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Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate Members. Life Member dues can be paid in one lump sum or in four quarterly payments over a 12 month period.

For information, please contact The Society of the Third Infantry Division, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488.

Membership Application

Date: ___________________________

☐ New Regular Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

☐ New Associate Annual or Life Member (Circle Annual or Life)

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Unit(s) Served with: ___________________________ Served From ____________ To ____________ Rank: ____________

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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

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CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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

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

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

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

Rock of the Marne
- WWI 1917-1918
- Peacetime 1919-1941
- WWII 1941-1945
- Korea War 1950-1953
- Cold War 1945-1991
- Desert Storm 1990-1991
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