New York to Bremerhaven to the 3rd ID

Part II

By Mike McClintock

USNS Gen. Maurice Rose (T-AP-126): The Rose was named after Major General Maurice Rose who rose from the ranks to become an officer. During WWI, Rose served with the 333rd Infantry Regiment of the 84th Infantry Division. He commanded the 3rd Armored Division in France from September 1944 until he was killed in action in Germany in March 1945.

Like the Buckner and Patch, the Rose was also constructed in Alameda, CA. It was originally commissioned as the USS Admiral Hugh Rodman in July 1945. During WWII and the subsequent Occupation of Japan, the Rodman was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. After being assigned to the USAT, it was renamed as the Gen. Maurice Rose in August 1946. It was subsequently placed into service with the MSTS in March 1950 where it served in the European Occupation from 1953 to 1955. The Rose completed more than 150 round-trip voyages between New York and Bremerhaven carrying military dependents and European military personnel.

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I decided to try and locate some of Lucian’s family and hoped that they might attend the Reunion as guests of honor. Lucian was one of twelve children from a large Mexican-American family,

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Audie Leon Murphy: The Early Years

By Henry Bodden, Historian

This is the second in a series of biographical sketches of Audie Murphy.

Less than two years after Audie Murphy was born, much of the care of Audie was turned over to his oldest sister, Corinne, who was sixteen at the time. A close relationship existed between Audie and Corinne from the beginning. They were the only two of the twelve children to be born with blue eyes and to have fair complexion. Corinne recalled playing with Audie by the hour. “He was a happy child that laughed all the time, and when he laughed his eyes just sparkled.” This was the beginning of his future movie star looks. Corinne taught him nursery rhymes and his favorite one was, “Rosies on my shoulder, Shoeses on my feet, I am Mommy’s little darling. Don’t you think I’m sweet?” After reciting this particular verse, he would start laughing so hard that he often tumbled off of the box he was standing on and onto her arms. Audie would later transform into a poet and songwriter. [Excerpt from Harold B. Simpson’s “Audie Murphy: American Soldier.”]

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Audie Murphy at age four, on the right.

A Tribute to S/Sgt Lucian Adams

By Henry Bodden, Historian

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December marks a special time across our country—a time of peaceful celebration and thankfulness for those in our lives. Peace is a cherished jewel in our country, but many are not as lucky as us to live in it. General Douglas MacArthur said at his farewell address to West Point in May of 1962 “The Soldier above all other people pray for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.”

In September we had our annual reunion. For those of you who attended, thank you! This year’s reunion was really special because of the people who attended. Everyone really enjoyed the events that were planned like the great food, the wonderful hospitality room, the Quartermaster’s supply, our historian’s presentations, the comfortable hotel accommodations, the amazing tours, the effective meetings and the extraordinary banquet. We had the Daughter of 3rd ID Medal of Honor recipient Lucian Adams present to speak about her Dad’s exploits, our French Society member Jocelyne Papelard presented what she and her French allies do to take care of our Dogface Soldiers interred in France and a real-life Texas Ranger. If you missed out on this reunion, you missed a good one. Next year’s reunion will be in Albuquerque, NM.

Much has happened since our October edition. We have celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving and soon we will celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and the New Year. It is my sincere hope that you and your Family are blessed with health and happiness and that you share these joys with others.

One of our new initiatives is our Centennial Legacy book. It is my hope that this book becomes a repository of eyewitness accounts of the Soldiers and Veterans who were there when the division stood fast when the enemy was at the gates. I want this book to be a testimony to those Dogface Soldiers, regardless of when or how they served, and the experiences they had while in uniform. Please read the article later in this edition on how you can submit your story for publication in this book—ABSOLUTELY FREE!

This year, 2017, has been a great year for the Society. We have established some really good programs, strengthened others and are working on our future. I would like to especially thank the members of the Executive Committee and the Outpost Leaders. This is where the “rubber meets the road” as they say and this is where we find the people who make a difference in our Society. Without their work and sacrifice, we would not be the organization that we are today. A special thanks to our National Secretary-Treasurer John Weis. His tireless efforts are the “hinge pin” that all other programs revolve around.

At the time of this printing, we did not have our Soldiers Ball report for you. This is a keystone event for our Society and the division. As you know, we host the Soldier’s Ball each year for the division and this year it was on Jekyll Island, Georgia on November 17th. In 2016 we had 1,500 Soldiers, Family members and Veterans attend this event and it was huge success. Last year during the ball, we recruited 25 new lifetime members! Plus, all of those who attended learned about our Society and were able to experience the real value that the Society brings to the division and its Soldiers and Families. This year also marks the 100th Anniversary of the Division and we celebrated this during Marné week at Fort Stewart. I look forward to submitting to you our report of the Marné week festivities in the February edition of the Watch on the Rhine.

Please keep those not so fortunate in your thoughts and prayers during this time of year. The US Army Green Berets motto is “De Oppressor Liber” which means “To free the Oppressed.” Our Men and Woman in uniform are working each and every day to bring freedom and liberty to those who are oppressed. But their toil comes at a price. We must remember that they serve on freedoms frontier bringing the lamp of hope to those who have lost hope. They also bring that light to us. So, lift your glass in their honor and remember that they are watching their sector vigilantly, challenging those who wish to rob us of our freedoms and stand resolutely to protect our country. Without them, our country would not enjoy the freedoms that today, many of our citizens take for granted. They are honored citizens. It is through their fortitude of duty and loyalty, mixed with their humble courage, that propel them to the heights of this honor.

I hope that all of you have a happy new year! The Society is facing challenges with membership and I would like to ask each of you to make a resolution along with me. Please resolve to recruit one new member into our Society. If you do, you will be doing a lot to help the Society survive the next few years. Please help us recruit new members!

Rock of the Marné!

Toby Knight

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**Watch Schedule**

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

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From the beginning, Audie liked dogs, a fondness that followed him through life. When about three, he was given a dog, and they became inseparable, even at bedtime. Corinne left home when Audie was five to live with grandparents in Farmersville, Texas, in the next county. She returned often to visit, and true to form, she would find Audie teasing the other siblings.

The Murphy’s lived in dire poverty through their dad Emmett’s sharecropping and tenant farming that plagued the south following the Civil War. Conditions improved somewhat during the “Roaring Twenties,” but “The Great Depression” really put the large family back on bottom. The family moved several times from Audie’s birthplace of Kingston to nearby Celeste and then to White Rock. After moving back to Celeste in 1933, with five of their children, the siblings attended school. For the first few months the family lived in a converted railroad box car. I have traveled, photographed, and researched the entire two counties, Hunt and Collin in winter and in the brutal heat of this part of Texas. Living in a boxcar and depending on church and community friends for help were forced to move into the abandoned box car with the cold winter approaching. Emmett Murphy was never a good provider and could barely write his name. “Big Pat” was short, heavy set, and always wearing black rubber boots. Audie had to quit school in the fifth grade to work full time to help support his family. His hunting skills with a .22 rifle often fed the family a steady diet of rabbit and squirrels. “Big Pat,” as Audie’s father was called, would sometimes hunt with Audie and work in the fields also. As a pre-teenager, Audie would toil in the Texas heat picking cotton all day for one dollar. It was here, working in the cotton patch under these brutal conditions, that Audie would listen to his two uncles, who served in “The Great War,” tell their war stories to pass the time. This instilled a desire to someday join the military and serve his country. His personal hero was Sgt. Alvin York who came from a similar background Audie was experiencing. Someday soon the military would be Audie’s ticket out of rural Texas and into fame and fortune.

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Lucian Adams in uniform

and I located his half-brother Roy Culver who still lives in the Port Arthur, Texas, area. I invited him to attend the banquet as our guest, but he declined for travel issues. However, Roy put me in touch with Grace Fawcett of San Antonio who is Lucian’s daughter and the spokes-woman for the family. I did get in touch with Grace and extended an invitation to her, her other sister Rose Adams, great-granddaughter Monica Adams, and great grandson Roy Adams. Lucian’s son, Lucian Adams Jr. could not make the banquet due to work obligations.

I asked Grace who had Lucian’s Medal of Honor, and she replied that she is the keeper of his Medal of Honor and his Medal of Honor flag. I asked her if she could bring the medal to display and share with the guests at the banquet, and she did in fact bring these and several other items of Lucian’s. Society President Toby Knight then worked with Grace on including in our program an interview of Lucian by the History Channel. Grace then spoke to the audience about her father’s heroic actions and character issues he instilled to the family. He always preached God, Family, and Country to his family. Grace is very active in military events and has also attended Medal of Honor functions where she was able to meet other living Medal of Honor recipients from our wars. My wife, who is also from Port Arthur, and I were very honored for their family to attend the banquet with us, and it was quite an unexpected pleasurable addition for the Society members.
We are entering the holiday season. By the time you receive this writing the important events of Halloween, Veterans’ Day, and Thanksgiving will be only memories. We hope you all had wonderful holidays and were able to observe Veterans’ Day. We always participate in some Veterans’ Day service and Joe has spoken at past events. As we move toward the end of 2017, we want to wish our Jewish members a joyous and holy celebration of Hanukkah and all of our Christian members, a most blessed and glorious Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Whatever we do, we should remember to pray for our loved ones and all of our Soldiers serving in the military. Many are away from home this year so their families also need our prayers.

I have long been a fan of Father Phil Salois who recently won the $1,000 prize in the Society’s 2017 Raffle. Father Salois serves as Secretary and also as Chaplain for the 7th Infantry Regimental Association. I am a member of the Association so I receive The Cottonbaler. Father Salois’ Winter 2017 article in The Cottonbaler contained the following excerpt. I believe his words are inspirational.

“…for the second year in a row, I play Santa Claus at the local Elks’ Lodge for the annual “Coats for Kids” event. Every year, the Elks give brand new donated coats from Macy’s department store to all the children in my town who are disadvantaged and poor, to brave the very cold winters we experience here in Rhode Island. It was so much fun to see these little children come to sit on my lap. We gave out coats to 250 children this year. And then the Christmas Parties started for each of the Veterans’ organizations I belong to and am Chaplain of: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #11519; Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #12; Military Order of Foreign Wars—Rhode Island Commandery, and Vietnam Veterans of America—James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter #818. And for Christmas Eve, I will go to my cousins’ home for another fabulous meal. Come January and the diet starts again.

As we approach the New Year and are deciding what we will choose to be our New Year resolutions, I would ask each of you to consider as one of those resolutions to pray for our new Presidential administration. The world in the Middle East seems to be crumbling before our very eyes. What is happening in Aleppo, Syria, is beyond belief…some are comparing it to the Sarbenica massacre. In any event hearts cry our when we see innocent children and women getting slaughtered. How will we respond to such brutality with our new administration? We need to pray for peace and enlist the assistance of other world leaders who are both friendly and those not so friendly. Everyone needs to come to the table to negotiate a peaceful resolution to all this hatred and ethnic discord. Let us join our minds and hearts together to pray for peace and harmony in the Middle East.

I wish you all a Blessed, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. “Volens et Potens, Cottonbalers, By God, Damn Fine Soldiers.” Father Phil Salois, M.S., Association Chaplain.” (excerpt reprinted with permission.)

We want to thank everyone who attended the reunion in San Antonio, and we hope you will attend the 2018 reunion.

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in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Joe and I missed seeing all of our friends and meeting new ones this year, but we will attend in 2018. We have already made plans with others who will attend.

This issue of the Watch contains a call for nominations for Society awards. I know there are deserving members who should be nominated for an award. If anyone needs help with the nomination, please let us know. We are happy to help.

We want to extend a special thanks to Historian Henry Bodden. Henry invited the family of Medal of Honor Recipient S/SGT Lucian Adams to attend the reunion as his guests. This led to a wonderful display of artifacts associated with S/SGT Adams and to a well-received speech delivered by the keeper of his MOH ribbon and MOH flag, Grace Fawcett. Be sure to read Henry’s wonderful article, “A Tribute to S/SGT Lucian Adams,” in this issue.

We also want to thank our Watch Publisher, Jerry Wadley, for his wonderful support throughout 2017. He has met every request cheerfully and helped us turn out outstanding editions. We are very grateful for his dedication and support.

Yours in the 3rd, Lynn Ball

2017 Society Raffle Winners

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division raffle drawing for cash prizes was conducted on September 30, 2017, at the Society Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. John Weis administered the drawing and Jocelyne Papelard drew the winning tickets. Jocelyne is an Outpost #35 member who resides in France. She was also a featured speaker at the reunion. We praise Jocelyne for her work with the “Adopt a Grave” program whereby French citizens adopt the graves of our fallen World War II soldiers and airmen buried at Epinal American Cemetery in France. Through this program, adoptive parents place flowers on the fallen soldiers’ graves several times per year—even on the soldier’s birthday and on all holidays. This year’s Society Raffle prize winners follow:

- 1st Prize: $1,000.00: Father Philip Salois, North Smithfield RI
- 2nd Prize: $500.00: Charles Johnson, Shreveport LA
- 3rd Prize: $250.00: Chris Timmers (President OP#3, Columbia SC)
- 4th Prize: $100.00: William King, Croton on Hudson NY
- 4th Prize: $100.00: Family of Cecil Gilbert, Clinton Township MI
- 4th Prize: $100.00: Jack Siewert, York PA
- 4th Prize: $100.00: John Weis, Society S/T (donated to the Society)

We thank everyone who contributed to this important fundraiser. This event is vital to the financial health of the Society.

Call for C&BL Proposals

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by March 14, 2018. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 2017 and can be found on the Society website at www.society3ID.org under “Content.” Please send proposals to the Constitution and By-laws Chair Amy McKenna by e-mail (amesmckenna@gmail.com) or U.S.P.S.: 303 Hanover Lane, Brighton MI 48114. Please also send a copy to the Society’s Secretary, John Weis. Contact information for 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.

Remember that the deadline for receipt of proposals for change to the C&BL is March 14, 2018. These must be sent to Amy McKenna, Constitution and By-laws Chair. If you have difficulty finding the current C&BL send Amy a note. She will attach a copy to an e-mail and send the document to you.

—Submitted by Amy McKenna
The Scholarship Foundation has much to report. First and most important is that we have a change in our leadership. Thomas R. Maines retired from the Board of Directors due to health issues. Almost immediately, the Board named Tom Trustee Emeritus. His position on the Board was filled by Justin D. Valle who is also our webmaster. Both changes were approved by all Board Members. Thomas’s new title enables him to continue participating in Foundation business discussions. The appointment of Justin is really long overdue as he has supported the Foundation on a continuing basis for several years. In October, we also finalized our 2016-2017 Financial Records and completed all required filings, both state and federal. Our reports are on the Foundation website. We were able to reinvest all of our interest and raffle proceeds toward building our Foundation Corpus to ensure grants into perpetuity.

Second, we received some wonderful donations for future raffles. Tom Maines donated five Commemorative Korean War Silver Dollars and three commemorative weapons, all are Korean War Commemorative editions: a 1911A .45 pistol in a display case, a Thompson Submachine gun in a display case, and an M1 Garand rifle. These collector weapons are worth a great deal of money. The 1911A .45 pistol in its display case is worth over $2,000; the Submachine gun in its display case is worth over $3,500 and the M1 Garand is worth over $3,000. The coins are valued (currently) at about $62.00 each. Both the Thompson and the Garand have hard cases for easy transport to a range. While we have not yet scheduled our next raffle, we are delighted with the prizes, donated by our supporters, that we will have to offer.

Third, scholarship grant applications are now being accepted from offspring of our brave Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (past and present), and from the offspring of our support groups. Our Directors will select recipients in early June 2018 and grants will be paid in late June 2018, to the recipients’ accounts at the college, university, or technical school specified. To obtain an application and instructions, go to our website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org or contact Lynn Ball, Chairman, at 972-495-1704 or e-mail your request to LDBALL1@MSN.COM (Note the numeral 1).

On the not so happy note, Chaplain Jerry Daddatto announced, at the reunion, that the Foundation had received a $50,000 donation, and he even attached the name of a person he said gave the money. This was not true. We did not receive any such donation from anyone. I will not repeat the name stated, as that person is a good friend and he would be very hurt to know his name had been used to harm the Foundation. Chaplain Daddatto did not name the source of his misinformation.

At the Reunion Business Meeting, there was $1400 available for donation. Mr. Homme moved to give the money to the Scholarship Foundation, but Chaplain Daddatto made his announcement saying that the Foundation had plenty of money and did not need it because of the donation he reported. That motion failed. Committee member Richard Faulkner then moved to give one-half of the money to the Foundation. That too failed and the money was given to the Society’s Memorial Fund by attendees at the meeting. This is also a noble cause.

Our only mission is to serve the offspring of our brave 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers by providing financial assistance in the form of Scholarship grants to deserving offspring of the 3rd Infantry Division and its support groups. Was damage to the Foundation accomplished? Yes, it was. To counteract the damage done, I have taken some measures to expand the scope of the Foundation. The Foundation strictly complies with its I.R.S. Charter, Articles of Incorporation, and Foundation C&BL. The Foundation is not governed by any other entity; it is a separate entity—a standalone public charity charted under I.R.S. 501 (c) 3.

As Toby Knight stated in his February 2017 President’s Message, “Our Scholarship Foundation is one of the most powerful recruitment tools we have. It attracts members to the Society, keeps members in the Society, and gives a positive opportunity for all of our members to help those who are working on their educations. As you may know, the cost of a college education has skyrocketed. Compounding this situation, the Army now drastically limits the amount of tuition assistance service members can use while on active duty. This has compelled our Soldiers, their families, and Veterans to look for other means with which to finance their educations. Please spread the word about our Scholarship Foundation to those you believe might benefit from one of the awards. The application deadline is approaching so please don’t wait.”

A short history of the Scholarship Foundation will be completed soon and published. We are grateful to the honest and honorable members and officers of our Society who had the vision to recognize the need for a vehicle to assist our young people in their future pursuit of excellence. Two of our staff members, listed on page 2, have received benefits from the Foundation. In one case, over a period of three years, the staff member’s children received three Scholarship Grants. Executive Committee members serving in 2004 are deserving of our gratitude and respect. The Foundation was founded in
The final message for 2017 is to thank our fine Society Members for the support shown the Foundation, the Trustees, and all the recipients of Scholarship Grants. We continue to spread information about our Society, and the Foundation is a fine recruiting tool for the Society. Blessings to all who are serving, have served, or will serve in the 3rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. Our Board of Directors wish everyone health and happiness through the upcoming holidays and the new year. Volens et Potens.

Our directors thank all who have donated to the Foundation since the last edition of the Watch on the Rhine. Your donations make it possible to provide scholarship grants for offspring of the 3rd Infantry Division who are striving to build their careers supported by further education.

Call for Awards Nominations

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

Nominations must be received by August 10, 2018

Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: Sgttuba1@earthlink.net. So that effective evaluation of nominations and determination of recipients can be accomplished, nominations must include the following general information as well as the specific information mandated in the award criteria to which the nomination is directed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Submitted by Award Chairman SFC. Ken Drake

Carl Felton is looking for the following soldiers that were in the 3rd Infantry Division, 10th Engineers, Company E, Kitzingen, Germany, from 1959-1964. They are Donald Brooks, from Quenemo, Kansas; Vernon G. Driggers; Glen H. Everett; Joseph A. Freeman; Harry F. Johnson; Ronald J. Laws; Nicholas Milillo from North Bergen, New Jersey; Raymond Husveth from Bernardsville, New Jersey; William Purcell; Robert R. Schmitt; Herold Smith from St. Teague, Texas; Carlos Trujillo Jr.; John Wheeler from Bound Brook, New Jersey, and James D. Woodruff. Any information about these soldiers and how to locate them will be appreciated. Please contact Carl Felton, 3688 Newell Drive, Columbus OH, 43228-7047. Phone: 614-278-9221. E-mail using “3rd I.D. Found” in the subject line: LRAC1@aol.com or LRAC@wowway.com
A Fugitive from Spit and Polish in Korea
By George Bjoatvedt, V.M.D.

For the neophyte, spit and polish are important components of military organizations. It’s a prescribed ceremonial neatness for military units. In war though, the need for such ceremonial neatness is reserved for victory marches, but in Korea’s protracted stalemate, spit and polish became a subtle craze in many fighting units.

On the MLR, the men of the infantry and marines in dirty fatigues and helmets fought to hold the line. They blended with the topography and avoided becoming targets, the necessary ingredients in a shooting war. No one on line needed to tempt faith with obvious rank insignias on their fatigues or helmets.

In the summer of 1952, my tale began with the assignment to a rifle company of the 65th Puerto Rican Regiment, 3rd ID, on the line near the destroyed town of Chorwon. At the time of my assignment, the regiment was short four-two mortar platoon leaders. I had qualified as a gunner on the four-two mortar at ROTC summer camp. Commanding officer, Colonel Cordero, insisted that, since I was regular army, I needed to have front line experience. The discussion ended abruptly, I was assigned to A company of the 65th Puerto Rican Regiment. I knew that infantry platoon leaders were very expendable. It’s possible to survive in a rifle company, but it takes luck and effort, and an excellent and experienced platoon.

“Miserable” best described the sleeping accommodations. We slept in summer sleeping bags on the perpetually damp ground. I had learned early to place the safety on my sidearm. I was fortified with a firearm close at hand. Once asleep, I slept soundly. Candles seemed out of place in modern warfare, but they were essential sources of illumination for the living bunkers. They were highly sought after but short in supply. Water was used judicially on the line. All the men were equipped with canteens, but they remained inside the bunkers. Additional water, stored in ten-gallon army containers, was used to wash face and hands. The time on line amounted to six weeks, after which the regiment would be pulled off.

Three miles to the rear, at Camp Casey, the regiment would receive replacements and training before moving back. At the camp, mobile shower units would provide hot showers and clean fatigues. Here too, hot meals and coffee would be in an abundance.

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In the fall, I received orders assigning me to the Heavy Mortar Company which was off line and at Casey. The officers were seasoned men. All had seen combat in WWII. The non-commissioned officers and enlisted men were bilingual, mostly from New York City. 1st Lt. Lehe, executive officer, informed me that the company would have a full field equipment inspection in forty-eight hours, and I needed to check with my platoon sergeant. The designated inspection day arrived. I did not do well.

In the matter of several days, I had orders to report to the heavy weapons company to take command of the 81mm mortar platoon. As much attention as possible was paid by me in the operation of the platoon’s fire direction center, mortar concealment, and assigned concentrations. Despite an initial unfamiliarity with the 81s, their operation and role were similar to their larger cousin. The platoon was able to provide prompt, deadly, and accurate fire on the Chinese attacking the battalion’s Outpost Kelly.

I returned to the four-tows as a wiser officer offering evidence of leadership to counter my bad first performance. The deployment of the 81mm mortars in the Outpost Kelly engagement had provided valuable experience. The 81mm platoon demonstrated its ability to function superbly in any critical fire mission.

The reorganization of the regiment came with a new commanding officer of the heavy mortar company. Captain Burke was strictly business. All he expected from his officers was for them to carry out the company’s assigned fire missions and without mistakes. There would just be fire mission excellence. The living was better with upright bunkers with wooden bunks, a round aluminum wash basin, and three hot meals per day. I thought I had died and gone to heaven.

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

March 24, 2018: Outpost #35 will meet Sushi Japon in Austin, Texas, for its spring luncheon meeting. The restaurant is on Interstate #35 adjacent to Drury Inn. Outpost President Joe Ball has a very informative meeting planned.

Spring 2018: Outpost #1 will meet at Coopers Corner, 27 W 150 Roosevelt Road, Winfield Illinois. The meeting will include a visit to the Museum in Cantigny Park. Details when available.

April 18-21, 2018: Korean War Historical Seminar in Springfield, Virginia. Contact Tim or Monika Stoy for details at timmoni15@yahoo.com or call 703-912-4218.

May 12, 2018: Outpost #13 will meet at Baker’s of Milford which is on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy I-96.

Fall 2018: Outpost #1 election of officers meeting in Marseilles IL. Details to follow.

September 2018: The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 2018 Reunion will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Details when available.

Visit Scholarship Foundation at http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org
Chaplain’s Corner

Jerry Daddato

Dear Fellow Veterans and Active Duty Personnel:

I hope you have prayed for our soldiers all over Europe and the Middle East and will continue to do so in the future. They need our prayers as do their spouses and families. The holidays are approaching, and they will be missing their relatives during this time. If you can help the families with clothing for the little ones (that grow like weeds) or with a friendly visit, these would be appreciated.

Our home is okay after the hurricane in Florida. We had some damage, but we have our health.

At the recent reunion, we saw Harold Nelson who is 102 years old and is looking forward to next year’s reunion when he will be 103. He comes to the reunion every year. His daughter and son-in-law, Carolee and Darryl Soden, have brought him to several past reunions. We enjoy their company so very much. We only wish more relatives would bring their loved ones to the reunions. I’m sure many would love to attend, but they don’t have the means to get there. In my opinion, this reunion topped all previous ones, bar none.

ROTM. Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato

The Balad Warriors Wall

Were you, or someone you know, wounded in the theater of operations after about August 2006 and then medically evacuated through the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) of the Combat Support Theater Hospital at Joint Base Balad, Iraq? If so, did you, or someone you know, sign the Warrior Walls in the patient lounge? Well then, we have some news for you. When the CASF was deactivated in 2011, providentially, the walls were saved. They were carefully dismantled and shipped to the United States where several small walls are on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio and the remaining larger walls are in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB. Over 30 members of 3rd Infantry Division signed the walls, and they likely don’t even know that the walls were saved.

These “Balad Walls” were originally imagined by retired SMSgt Karen Loalbo who, along with an exceptional team of medical personnel, had the honor and privilege of serving these warriors at the CASF. Their primary mission was to receive, reassess, stage, and ensure quality patient care while coordinating inter- and intra-theater aeromedical evacuation for critical and non-critical patients to a higher echelon of care and their final destination.

During her rotation in 2006, SMSgt Loalbo came up with a simple idea to reconfigure the existing “Patriot” lounge in order to allow better access for wheelchair-bound patients and to create a warm and welcome environment for those patients experiencing the emotional toll of being in a high stress war zone. Her idea was to provide a “canvas” where they could draw or write whatever came to mind on one whole wall of the lounge. So, with pen and markers available to them, the “Warrior Wall” was born. One wall, became two walls, and eventually spread throughout every wall and door in the lounge. Wherever they could seize space, their words spoke powerfully with inspirational quotes, honor of country, pride in uniform, a committed belief in mission, profound regret for having to leave their buddies on the battlefield and a deep expression of homage to those who fought and died beside them in combat. These unassuming walls became alive with thousands of written and drawn tributes.

Personnel who served with the CASF have begun a project to have these walls moved from storage and placed in a central location so that those who signed them, and all Americans, can experience these important pieces of American history.

Personnel who served with the CASF have begun a project to have these walls moved from storage and placed in a central location so that those who signed them, and all Americans, can experience these important pieces of American history. We are asking for The Society of the 3rd ID to support and contact other fellow military members, friends, family, and business associates to rally support so these walls may find a home that truly honors these warriors. Visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/baladwarriorwall/ for more information. Please Like and Share our page so we can get the word out. More than simply a list of names, the walls show the heart and soul of our wounded warriors and are a poignant reminder of the unwavering courage and sacrifice of our military members. Submitted by LT. Col. Michael Fellows (USAF) and SMSGT Karen Loalbo (USAF, Ret.)
refugees, as well as rotating combat-ready Cold War troops. The ship also deployed seventeen times to the Mediterranean to support 6th Fleet operations following the abortive Hungarian Revolution in 1956 and an additional three times in response to political crises in Jordan. The Rose was still transporting troops between New York and Bremerhaven in 1959. In 1965, after completing nine voyages to Bremerhaven, the ship set sail for Vietnam where it participated in the defense of Vietnam and the Vietnamese Counteroffensive-Phase II. In 1966 the ship returned to transporting troops to Europe, but returned to Vietnam until 1967 when it was consigned to the Mothball Fleet. The Rose was sold for scrap in 1997. During its distinguished career, the ship was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. The Rose also earned 2 campaign stars for Vietnam War Service.

USNS General William O. Darby (T-AP-127) Specifications: The Darby was the same size as the above ships, but differed in her complement of crew members with fewer officers (33) and 101 more ratings (462). Troop capacity was 4,715 enlisted compared to 4,315, giving her more capacity than the others.

Named after the famed commander of WWII’s “Darby’s Rangers,” William O. Darby, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1933 and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer. In 1942, he assumed command of the 1st Ranger Battalion and distinguished himself in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Darby was promoted to Colonel in December 1943 and returned to the U.S. in April 1944 to serve in staff positions. He was back in Europe in March 1945 to become Assistant Commander of the 10th Mountain Division. He was killed at the end of April 1945, just days before VE Day on May 8, 1945. He was posthumously promoted to Brigadier General.

Like the other ships in this piece, the Darby was launched in June 1945 in Alameda, CA. She was originally commissioned as the USS Admiral William S. Sims, and became the USNS Darby in April 1950. Operating out of New York, the Darby ferried troops to and from Europe and the Mediterranean. In November 1951, the ship veered 100 miles off course to respond to an SOS from a German freighter. Thirteen of her crew volunteered to man a lifeboat and brave the 30-foot seas to transfer a critically burned German sailor back to the transport for medical treatment. Departing New York in June 1953, the Darby proceeded to Yokosuka, Japan, via the Panama Canal, arriving at the Japanese port in July to embark Korean War veterans. Returning to Seattle, the transport made five more round-trip voyages between the west coast and Japan in the next five months. After returning to San Francisco in January 1954, she sailed for the east coast to resume operations with MSTS (Atlantic), and reached New York in February. In 1954 and 1955, the ship conducted numerous round-trips between New York and Europe. In the first six months of 1956, the Darby conducted seven more round trips before being deployed to the Mediterranean to support the operations of the 6th Fleet, ranging from North Africa to Turkey. Between 1956 and 1965, the ship conducted some 135 runs to Bremerhaven and back, deploying to the Mediterranean on nine occasions. In this period, the ship took part in the mass movement of 50,000 troops to Cherbourg and Bremerhaven during the Berlin Crisis in the autumn of 1961—the biggest troop-lift for MSTS since the Korean Armistice in 1953.

In February 1963, the Darby brought two paintings loaned temporarily to the United States from the Paris’ Louvre; “Whistler’s Mother” and “La Madeleine.” These paintings were scheduled to be shown at a number of art galleries from New York to Atlanta.

USNS Geiger (T-AP-197)/USTS Bay State IV:

The USNS Geiger was a Barrett Class Transport, originally laid down as the SS President Adams, a Maritime Commission type (P2-S1-DN3) hull, under Maritime Commission contract (MC hull 2915), 1 August 1949, for American President Lines at New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N.J. and was launched on 9 October 1950. The ship was renamed Geiger on 2 January 1951, while under conversion for the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS). The Geiger was acquired by the Navy on 13 September 1952; and placed in service as USNS Geiger (T-AP-197), the same day.

USNS General Roy Geiger

Named after Roy Stanley Geiger, who was commissioned Second Lieutenant on 5 February 1909 in the U.S. Marine Corps. Geiger served on the battleships Wisconsin and Delaware, saw duty Nicaragua in 1912. He then went to the Far East serving in the Philippines and Peking, China, where from 1913 to 1916 he was assigned to the American Legation. Returning to the United States in March 1916 for naval aviation training at Pensacola, he was designated a naval aviator in June 1917, the fifth flyer in Marine Corps history. He traveled to France in July 1918, commanded a squadron of the 1st Marine Aviation Force, and received the Navy Cross for distinguished service in leading bombing raids against the enemy. During the next two decades he was assigned a variety of duties, which included service in Haiti; Quantico, Va.; Washington, D.C.; and London,
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Africa, Italy, Greece, and Turkey; and to American bases in the Caribbean. Following the Cuban Missile Crisis, she made three runs between New York and Cuba to return military dependents to Guantanamo Bay Naval base during December 1962 and January 1963. Between 6 October and 23 November 1964, she participated in the amphibious exercise, Operation “Steel Pike I”, the largest peacetime amphibious exercise ever conducted in the Atlantic. She supported the movement of combat-ready troops from the United States to the southwest coast of Spain and took part in the largest American military landing operation since the Korean War. Geiger also supported naval forces engaged in ending civil war in the Dominican Republic. All the while still ferrying troops between New York and Bremerhaven.

During the Vietnam War, Geiger made numerous trips ferrying troops to and from Vietnam. For her service the Geiger was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. The Geiger was transferred to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) on 27 April 1971, for lay up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, Suisun Bay, Benicia, CA. She was later withdrawn from reserve status and loaned to Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 12 February 1980, and renamed TS Bay State (IV). Geiger was struck from the Naval Register on 1 April 1983 and sold for scrap on 23 October 1986.

In 1965, with the buildup of American strength in Vietnam, all six of the MST (Atlantic) transports, including the Darby, were withdrawn from the New York-to-Bremerhaven run and assigned to duty in the Pacific. The Darby and her sister ship, the Parachute, carried out the longest point-to-point troop lift in MST history when they arrived at Vung Tau, Vietnam, in August 1966 with 3,124 troops embarked between them. They had sailed from Boston, a voyage of 12,358 miles. They had departed the east coast in mid-July, transited the Panama Canal, and refueled in Long Beach, California. The longest leg of the voyage was non-stop from Long Beach to Vung Tau, a distance of some 8,385 miles. Since there were no docking facilities in Vung Tau, the troops were transported to shore on landing craft. The ship earned the following awards as a result of its distinguished service: World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Medal (Europe); National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal (with one battle star); United Nations Service Medal; Korean War Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

This great lady was taken out of service in 1967 and languished in anonymity until she was scrapped in 2006.

I believe that there may have been at least two other MSTS transports engaged in the regular New York-Bremerhaven run, but have been unable to find any definitive information about them. If anyone reading this knows their names, I would like to hear from you.

Lastly, as I noted in the beginning of this work, these ships were derided by my compatriots as being rust buckets or tubs. I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but these ships were close to 20 years old or older when they carried us to Germany and had served our country in WWII and Korea. Some went on to serve in Vietnam. Yes, they were cramped and crowded, and things could get bad during rough weather and stifling summer’s heat, but they got us there and back for which I am thankful. In retrospect, they deserve a lot more respect than we gave them.

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Society of the Third Infantry Division U.S. Army

98th General Membership Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2017: San Antonio, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Toby Knight. Toby asked everyone to stand and led the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation. Toby Knight did the roll call of national officers which included Toby Knight, Kathy Daddato, Richard Faulkner, Louis Bravos, and John Weis.

John Weis conducted the count of outpost members attending the meeting and were as follows: OP#1-1, OP#2-2, OP#3-2, OP#5-5, OP#7-1, OP#11-1, OP#12-0, OP#13-1, OP#15-0, OP#17-1, OP#18-0, OP#22-1, OP#33-0, OP#35-4, OP#53-1, OP#54-1, OP#57-2, OP#60-0, OP#63-0, OP#88-0, OPMarne-0, and OP#5845-0.

John Weis asked for any additions or corrections to the 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes which were included in today’s meeting handout. Jerry Daddato moved to accept the 2016 General Membership minutes as written. There was a second and the motion carried.

Acknowledgments: Toby Knight announced that Ms. Grace Adams Fawcett, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient SSGt. Lucian Adams, would be at the awar ds banquet, Toby Knight also welcomed the Task Force Marne Command, LTC Bemabe, and the Task Force Marne Command Sergeant Major, CSM Johnson, and thanked them for their attendance at the reunion. Toby Knight recognized Outpost #2 President Kathy Daddato, Outpost #13 President Richard Faulkner and Outpost #22 Vice President Louis Bravos.

National Officers Reports: Society president, Toby Knight reported that he judged the overall state of the Society as only fair. The main area of concern is recruiting. There are many members who are in their 80s and 90s. Over the past year, 81 members have passed away. The aging of the members has had some effect on the attendance at the reunions. This year’s attendance is the lowest since 2012. If actions are not taken by the executive committee and the membership, the annual reunions may become cost prohibitive. This year Outpost #4 disbanded due to only 4 or 5 active members and to the distance aging members have to travel to the outpost meetings. There are some outposts that are leading the way with some new initiatives. For example, Outpost #22 has held their meetings with other events (one of which was a local air show) to encourage meeting attendance.

The loss in membership is resulting in a loss of revenue for the Society. In order to counteract the revenue loss, the executive committee has recently approved the forming of a fundraising committee. The committee will be chaired by Outpost Marne Association President Jeff Ashmen. The committee will coordinate all existing Society fundraising events and develop new fundraising initiatives. We hope that this effort will help to offset the cost of Society activities such as the reunion.

This year we added an additional coin to our Society coin program. A total of 500 coins denoting the 100th Anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division were made for sale. Information on these coins along with the Society coin are available on the Society website. Last year for the first time the Society acted as host for the division ball. The ball was held at Jeekyll Island, GA. This was a very successful event for the division and the Society with over 1500 attendees. In addition, the Society added 25 new lifetime members. The division has requested that the Society host the event again this year. Toby thanked Kathy and Jerry Daddato for establishing a recruitment and information table at the event.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 3rd Infantry Division, our Society is partnering with Acclaim Press to produce the History of the 3rd Infantry Division. This book will provide a detailed history of the Division and feature biographical narratives of the men and women who have served our country in the 3rd Infantry Division. Veterans and active duty soldiers may submit their biographies to be included in the book at no charge. There will be no cost to the Society. All production cost will be included in the sale price of the book.

Eastern Region Vice-President, Dave Pope – No report.

Central Region Vice-President, Lynn Ball – Lynn was not in attendance. Lynn’s report is included in the handout.

Western Region Vice-President, Open Position – No report.

National Secretary-Treasurer, John Weis – The financial report for the past year was included in the handout. John highlighted the 3rd Division ball which resulted in an excess of receipts over disbursements of almost $14,000. John also mentioned that most of the expenses for the 3rd Infantry Division 100th Anniversary coin occurred in this past year, and that most of the coin receipts will occur in this year (FY 2018). The year ended with receipts in excess of disbursements of $11,116.

Staff Reports: Editor of the Watch on the Rhine, Lynn Ball: Lynn was not in attendance, Lynn’s report is included in the handout.

Active Duty Liaison, Jeff Ashmen: Jeff was not in attendance. Jeff reported that the gift shop at the Ft. Stewart museum was opened last November. The gift shop is run in conjunction with the Ft. Stewart Spouses Association. Jeff invited all members of the Society to the 100th Anniversary celebration during Marine Week, November 14th through the 18th. The culmination of the week will be the Soldier’s ball hosted by the Society.

Chaplain. Jerry Daddato: Jerry reported that the Society lost about 100 members during the past year.

Historian, Henry Boddin: Nothing to report

Judge Advocate, Harvey Sladkus: Harvey was not in attendance. Harvey reported that he has reviewed and approved the contract with Acclaim Press for the 3rd Infantry Division 100th Anniversary book.

Auditor, Steve Sullivan: Steve reported that the audit was a “clean audit” meaning that there were no exceptions that the Society has done over the past year. A big difference from last year’s books was the hosting of the Soldier’s ball. The Society took in $116,000 and disbursed $103,000. This increase resulted in the filling of a more complex tax return. Some other changes that occurred this past year were that the Society had to take out an insurance policy to host the Soldier’s ball. We also received the donation of an IRA from a deceased member. On a disconcerting note is the reduction in the amount of dues collected this past year due to the deaths of Society members. Areas of concern for next year will be in the areas of recruitment and fund raising.

Medical Officer, Dr. Van Delden: No report.

Quartermaster, Leonard Collins: No report other than to say that he will...
be working with Toby on Society logo items.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Ron Heitzenrater: No report.

Webmaster Toby Knight: The webmaster provided statistical support for the period Sep 2016 through Aug 2017. The website was modified to accept coin sales, Soldier’s Ball tickets, dues, and donations all on a secured website. The website was also changed to include outpost news, information, and pictures.

Roster Manager, Sonya Frickey: The roster manager report is included in the handout. Toby mentioned that we currently have 1,584 members. During the past year we have lost 216 members of which 81 are deceased. Our new members have been mainly regular annual and associate annual members. Toby went on to say that it is critical that each outpost have a plan to recruit new members. Toby mentioned that Sonya has done a magnificent job in tracking and maintaining the roster.

Committee Reports:

Awards Chair, SFC Ken Drake: Toby thanked Joe Herron, the previous Awards Chair, for his service to the Society. Toby reported that the new Awards Chair SFC Ken Drake has been transferred to the 25th Division in Hawaii. Toby went on to say that there is a new awards protocol that will be presented to the Society Executive Committee. If approved it will be included in the Society SOP.

Constitution and By-laws Chair, Amy McKenna: Amy was not in attendance, Amy reported that during the past year there have been a number of modifications and changes to the Constitution and By-laws and executive committee actions which were voted on and passed by the general membership. These have been sent to the executive committee, outposts, and other Society staff. Toby went on to say that there were only 56 ballots received from the general membership on these changes and actions. This represents only 4% of the membership. Toby asked all of us to encourage members of the Society to vote so that their voices get heard in our process.

Membership Chair, Kathy Daddato: Kathy reported that during the year she took 58 calls from members. Most of the calls involved a question of which outpost to join and complaints that they are not receiving their copies of The Watch on the Rhine. Kathy also noted that she would like to get reports from the roster manager, Sonya Frickey.

Scholarship Chair, Lynn Ball: The report is included in the handout.

Nominations Chair, Bill Buntrock: Bill was not in attendance. Bill reported that he received only 1 nomination for each of the 6 offices that were up for election at the national level except for the Western Region vice president for which there were no nominees. Toby mentioned that in accordance with Constitution and By-laws 5.3b if there is only one nominee an office, no ballot will be made available to the membership. As a result, the new officers are Gabe Guevarra of Outpost #3, Lattie Tipton Outpost, and Richard Faulkner of Outpost #13, Charles D. King Outpost. Richard will serve as Central Region Committee and Gabe will serve as Eastern Region Committee.

Public Relations Chair, Maj. Heri Marrero – Heri was not in attendance, however Toby had previously mentioned what was in Heri’s report.

Reunion Chair, Toby Knight: Toby reported that the 2018 reunion is scheduled for Albuquerque, New Mexico, pending review by the Executive Committee later this morning. Toby reported that reunion attendance has fallen the last 7 years except for the reunion held in Savannah in 2012. The 2012 attendance may be a result of the proximity to the Division soldiers and the participation of Division leadership, This year’s low attendance may be a result of the aging of our membership being reluctant to travel, and members wanting to attend the Division 100th Anniversary and Marine Week festivities. Toby said that we need to hold reunions where we can attract the highest number of members and be as cost effective as possible.

Special Orders: Toby opened to the floor to nominations for the currently open position of Western Region Vice-President. To serve in this position the nominee must be a member of the Western Region. There were no nominations from the floor.

Toby opened to the floor nominations for the site of the 2019 reunion. Toby said 2019 will be the 100th Anniversary of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. Toby emphasized that the location should be where it will garner the most participation from Society members and a strong participation from soldiers that are currently serving the Division. Toby nominated Savannah, GA, for the site of the 2019 reunion. The reasons being that Savannah is a very historic site and the river front is very popular. In addition, the Division is in close proximity and soldiers will be encouraged to attend the reunion. In addition, Division leadership wants more interaction with the Society veterans, and has agreed to open up the post to Division activities. It will also provide an opportunity to recruit new Society members. Toby then asked if there were any other nominations for the site of the 2019 reunion. The site of Richmond, Virginia, was nominated. Toby said that he would present these nominations to the Executive Committee.

New Business: Toby opened to the floor requesting items of new business.

Henry Burke of Outpost #3 made a motion that nominations for the Audie Murphy award be limited to only combat veterans and non-civilians. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Toby implored members in attendance to speak up and not to be afraid. He further stated that member-participation was what the deliberative process was all about. The motion was then amended to add “or veteran” to the current requirements for the Audie Murphy Award. This motion to amend received a second. At that time Toby read the current requirements for the Audie Murphy Award from the Society SOP. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ed Conley, Outpost #17 made a motion to donate to the Society the refund amount due each member who attended the reunion for the cancellation of the Dinner River Cruise. The dinner cruise was cancelled due to rain. The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. The total amount to be refunded was approximately $1400. A motion to amend the original motion was made by Frank Homme to donate the money to the Scholarship Fund. Discussion ensued. Comments were made from the floor that the Scholarship Fund has plenty of money. The motion to amend to donate the money to the Scholarship fund died for lack of a second. Another motion to amend was made by Richard Faulkner that the money be split $1000 to the Scholarship Fund and $400 to the monument fund. This motion received a second, and then the motion was opened to the floor for discussion. Comments came from the floor that the Scholarship fund has plenty of money. To clarify the situation John Weis pointed out that the Society does not receive a formal financial report from the Scholarship fund. So there is no way of knowing if the Scholarship Fund is in need of donations to support their current (2017) level of disbursing
8 scholarships at $1000 each. Based on discussions Richard Faulkner charged his motion to donate the $1400 to the monument fund. After discussion had ended the vote to donate the $1400 to the monument fund carried. [Editor’s note: This is an erroneous comment. The Scholarship Foundation does not have “plenty of money.” It is true that the Foundation does not give the Society a “formal report.” In accordance with the Foundation’s I.R.S., charter, the formal report of Foundation finances is posted to the Scholarship Foundation Website each November.]

Phil Fiurnara made a motion that the reunion should make arrangements so that there is transportation from the airport to the reunion hotel and back to the airport for handicapped reunion attendees. The motion received a second. Discussion followed that there may be a cost to this, but that efforts would be made to mitigate the cost. The motion was put to a vote and the motion carried.

Installation of Officers
Jerry Daddato swore in Gabe Guevarra as Eastern Region Committeeman, and Richard Faulkner as Central Region Committeeman.

Singing of the Dogface Soldier Song
Toby led the singing of the Dogface Soldier.

Closing Prayer
Jerry Daddato led the closing prayer.

Adjournment
Toby adjourned the meeting.

[Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer John Weis]

98th Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2017: San Antonio, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Toby Knight. Executive Committee (EXCOM) members present were Toby Knight, John Weis, Louis Bravos, Kathy Daddato, Gabe Guevarra, and Richard Faulkner. Chaplain Jerry Daddato was also present. A quorum was present for the meeting. Toby announced that the meeting would be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Toby thanked everyone for serving on the executive committee. Chaplain Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

Toby requested that Secretary-Treasurer, John Weis, read the minutes from the 2016 Executive Committee meeting which were in the handout. The EXCOM reviewed the minutes and Kathy Daddato made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Toby asked the EXCOM if there were any additions to the Agenda. John requested that the EXCOM consider an addition to the Society Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL) permitting the Secretary-Treasurer to cancel any outstanding checks written to the Society outposts that are over 90 days old. The funds from the cancelled checks would revert back to the Society general fund.

Toby made a motion from the chair to establish specific boundaries delineated by state for each Outpost so that new members can be assigned to a specific outpost in a logical manner. Background: Currently, the areas that each outpost is responsible for are ambiguous in certain areas. The current procedure leaves some states completely left out, and other states covered by more than one outpost. This causes the Roster Manager difficulty in assigning new members to outposts who don’t specifically choose which outpost affiliation they want, and it leaves the outposts to guess which state is their responsibility. Toby presented a map with suggested boundaries for each outpost.

Toby opened the floor to discussion. Toby explained that this motion would not change existing outpost assignments, and new members will still be able to choose the outpost they want to join. Members will still be able to petition the roster manager to change their outpost. The map will also give the roster manager (Sonya Frickey) direction for those new members who do not request a certain outpost. Louis Bravos asked whether the boundary map would be placed in the Constitution and By-laws, or the SOP. Toby mentioned that given the fluidity of the make-up of the outposts (outpost closings) it would not be part of the Constitution and By-laws or the SOP. It would only serve as a guide to the roster manager and the outposts.

Discussion closed and the motion went to a vote. The motion carried 8 to 0, with 2 not voting.

Toby made a motion from the chair to modify By-Laws paragraph 5.4b. This by-law defines how the Awards Committee and the EXCOM will select award recipients in accordance with the Awards Protocol and the voting procedure for the award nominees. The language of the by-law will remain the same except for the insertion of the following language.

In the event that there is a tie vote due to the absence of one Regional Vice-President, the President of the Society will cast the tie-breaking vote. The reason for the addition is to eliminate the duplicate presentation of awards due to the absence of a majority on the Awards Committee.

Toby opened the floor for discussion. There was little discussion other than that a tie breaking vote made sense. Discussion was closed and a vote was taken. The motion carried with 7 for the motion, 1 against the motion and 2 not voting.

Toby made a motion from the chair to approve the submitted Awards Protocol in the Society SOP. A copy of the proposed Awards Protocol was provided to each member of the EXCOM. Toby provided the reasoning and background leading to this motion. The current C&BL references the use and compliance with the Awards Protocol in paragraph 5.4b and in paragraph b of the Society SOP. But at the present time there is not an Awards Protocol to reference. It does not exist.

Toby opened the floor for discussion, and went through the requirements for award nomination processing. After discussions were closed. Toby called for a vote on the motion to accept the Awards Protocol for inclusion into the SOP. The vote carried with 7 for and 1 against with 2 not voting.

Toby made a motion from the chair to make the special $100 lifetime membership for Active Duty a permanent fee for Active Duty Personnel. Toby said that this special Active Duty Lifetime Membership (voted last year by the EXCOM) has been a very effective recruitment tool in obtaining new members for the Society, especially with younger members. The only stipulation is that those memberships will only receive a digital copy of The Watch on the Rhine. At the present time this offer will expire on December 1, 2017.

The floor was opened for discussion. The floor discussion was all positive. As a point of information, John Weis mentioned that the amount collected in dues last year equal the annual cost of producing the Watch.
Floor discussion was closed and the motion was brought up for a vote. The motion carried with 7 for, 1 no, with 2 not voting.

Toby made a motion from the chair to rescind paragraph 1.6 of the By-Laws. Paragraph 1.6 reads in part that Annual reunions will be held on a rotating schedule. A reunion will be scheduled in each region on a rotating three-year basis.

Toby provided a reunion attendance trends chart for the last 13 years and went on to say that attendance at the annual reunions has been dropping. The EXCOM must make a drastic decision to improve this trend. The central region failed to support this year’s reunion, and in the past, reunion attendance in the central region has always decreased from reunion attendance the year before. A survey conducted with 188 western region members showed that 83.3% did not want to attend a reunion in Albuquerque in 2018. The cost to make up for the lack of attendees at this year’s reunion is $3000. We, at the national level, cannot continue to pay for this shortfall without a line item to cover this cost or a change in the reunion process that focuses the reunions somewhere that will increase attendance. This has created a crisis that the EXCOM must respond to before a major financial situation threatens the solvency of the Society.

The floor was opened for discussion. Discussions ensued and centered on the reasons for the decrease in attendance. It was felt that the age of reunion participants and the cost of attending were the major factors for the fall off in attendance. There were also discussions concerning the lack of attendance from Outpost 35 given that there are 135 members that live in the State of Texas. [Editor’s note: 79 of the Outpost #35 members live in Texas. The Remainder are spread over 14 states.] Most of the members of the EXCOM felt that the Society should not lose money from reunions.

Floor discussion ended and the motion was brought up for a vote. The motion carried with 7 for, 1 against, and 2 not voting.

Toby made a motion from the chair to approve September 20th – 23rd, 2018 as the dates for the reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The floor was opened for discussion. Discussion centered on the decision to rescind 1.6 of the By-Laws (above). Given that decision, the motion was tabled until a straw vote could be taken at the banquet as to whether to hold the 2018 reunion in Albuquerque. The motion was seconded.

Toby made a motion to approve Savannah, GA or Richmond, VA as the reunion site for the 2019 Society reunion. Toby mentioned that this will be the 100th Anniversary of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, and holding the reunion in close proximity (Savannah) to where the division is stationed will garner support and attendance from the division. Further, the Society Reunion Chair can coordinate with the division to host events on the installation such as demonstrations, vehicle and aircraft displays, dining facility meals, tours, and so forth.

The floor was opened for discussion. Toby was in favor of tabling the motion to provide time to evaluate the costs of the each of the locations in the original motion. Toby said that he would like to get The Reunion BRAT to get cost estimates for each location and what each site will offer the Society before making a decision. Jeff Ashmen has offered to coordinate with the division to provide bus transportation if the reunion is held in Savannah. Kathy mentioned that the meals at the mess hall were excellent and the cost was minimal. Dick Faulkner brought up the idea of possibly changing the date of the reunion to coincide with the Division’s Marne Week. Many of the EXCOM, including Toby, thought that a Marne Week reunion would be a good idea. However, Toby brought up the fact that the C&BL requires that there be a general membership meeting, an executive team meeting, a banquet, and a memorial breakfast. There may be conflicts that would have to be worked out. A motion was made to table this decision until more cost information was available for each site. The motion was seconded.

Toby made the motion to award grants in the sum of $200 each to the Soldier and NCO of the year for 2017. The floor was opened for discussion. Toby mentioned that the Society has always awarded these grants to the winners of this competition in honor of their meritorious service to the division and our Army. Toby mentioned that he is rescinding the NCO award of the year since the soldier is no longer part of the Division. Toby suggested that this motion be made by unanimous consent. Toby asked if there was any opposition to a unanimous consent vote. There was no opposition so the vote carried by unanimous consent.

Toby asked if there was anyone on the EXCOM that had any other new business to be brought before the Executive Committee.

John Weis made a motion to add to the C&BL that an outpost has 90 days to cash/deposit a Society check made out to the outpost. If after 90 days the check is not cashed/deposited the outpost forfeits this money, and the funds revert back to the Society general fund. John added that the outstanding checks present additional bookkeeping work, and additional time to coordinate with the outposts.

The floor was opened for discussion. There was floor discussion that added that the Secretary-Treasurer was responsible for annotating the 90-day requirement on the check, and also stating the requirement in the letter accompanying the check.

Discussion was closed and the vote carried 8 votes for, and 2 non-voting.

John Weis made a motion to add to the C&BL a requirement for the Society Scholarship fund to submit to the Society EXCOM a copy of their annual budget and an annual report of receipts and disbursements. The floor was opened for discussion. John added that this issue came up at the general membership meeting when Ed Connley made a motion to donate to the Society the refund amount due each member who attended the reunion for the cancellation of the Dinner River Cruise. A motion to amend the original motion was made by Frank Horme to donate the money to the Scholarship Fund. This motion to amend resulted in comments from the floor to the effect that the Scholarship fund had plenty of money. The motion to amend the original motion died for lack of a second.

John went on to say that the lack of financial information from the Scholarship fund caused confusion among the members, and may have impacted the motions to amend the original motion at the general membership meeting.

Kathy mentioned that the motion to require a budget and financial report sounded like a good idea. Toby mentioned that if the scholarship foundation is going to operate using the name of The Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, the Scholarship Foundation should be required to submit a budget and financial report. Kathy went on to say that since the Society solicits donations through the yearly dues cards which are sent out to Society members, the Society has a right to this information. Toby went on to say that there is an IRS requirement that all non-profit corporations report their financial activities to the membership.
Toby asked if there was any more discussion. Hearing no further discussion, he called for a vote. There were 7 votes for and 1 vote abstaining and 2 non-voting.

Toby asked if there was any more new business.

Kathy Daddato made a motion to add to the Society SOP that the scholarship fund raffle be held and the prize winners announced at the reunion. Kathy went on to say that this might result in additional sales since the reunion attendees may purchase additional raffle tickets.

Discussion came to a close and Toby called for a vote. The motion carried with 7 for, 1 abstaining and 2 non-voting.

Once again Toby asked if there was any new business. Hearing no further business, Toby moved to adjourn. The motion carried with 7 for, 1 abstaining, and 2 non-voting.

—Submitted Secretary-Treasurer John Weis

MERRY CHRISTMAS: KOREA 1952

By George Bjomvedt, V. M. D.

In December 1952, Christmas came a little early for me in Korea. One week early to be exact. My company commander, Captain Burke, informed me that I had received a five-day Rest and Relaxation (R&R) leave. At the time, our heavy mortar company was dug in the flat valley terrain southwest of Chorwon. The company was in support of the 65th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

At Seoul, R&R personnel were flown from Kimpo Air Field in C-119, "flying-boxcars," to several destination cities located in Japan. The logistics of getting the men to the airfield was somewhat of a nightmare. The transportation was conducted at night. The men were assembled at a railroad station several miles behind the front line. Here the men would wait on a train platform out in the open and in complete darkness. Despite the improbability of being detected by the Chinese, the men were not provided with any hot coffee or food. After what seemed like an eternity, a locomotive with three passenger cars chugged slowly and stopped alongside the platform.

The men clambered and stumbled aboard the three cars which looked like they were straight out of the early movie westerns. Inside, the cars were dark without any window glass or heat. The seats were constructed of wooden slats secured at both ends by cast iron frames. Leg room was non-existent. By comparison, leg space was equivalent to an adult attempting to sit in a school bus used to transport elementary school kids. To add to our misery, suddenly the cars jerked backward. We were on our way to Seoul in reverse. The trip would take three hours. The condition of the rails and lack of visibility dictated the speed of the locomotive. I had no complaints. Besides, the trip was at the government’s expense.

After I got situated in my seat, I decided to eat a can of Norwegian sardines packed in olive oil that I had received from my mother in a Christmas package. It was then, that I realized that I had missed my evening "C" rations. Finally, we reached the outskirts of Seoul; it was 5 AM.

We were glad to be on the ground. Trucks took us to an Army facility on the outskirts of Kyoto. We entered one end of a long building discarding all combat clothes. We retained only our combat boots. After showering, we received dress "A" winter uniforms with a green water repellent coat. Extra shirts, underwear, and socks rounded out our gear. Once dressed, we were escorted to the facility’s cafeteria where we found salads, meats, vegetables, fresh milk, cakes, cookies, and vanilla ice cream. Seconds and thirds were permitted. In the facility, there was a recreational room with an upright, manual Victrola, recent magazines, books, and pin ball machines. In another large area, there were sleeping quarters.

I do recall sleeping a lot during my short visit in Kyoto. But when I was awakened, I found the city was very alive and beautiful. It was situated in the south-central portion of Honshu. The city had been specifically spared the horrific incendiary bombings of WWII. Kyoto was Japan’s capital well into the 19th century. After which, the capital was transferred to the imperial court in Tokyo. Although General MacArthur had given the Japanese women the right to vote and parity with men, I noticed, in Kyoto, married couples had maintained the old traditions in attire and with women walking a few paces to the rear of their husbands. It was a bit of fresh air to observe the politeness and serenity of the city’s citizens.

On the last night at the center, most of the men had congregated in the recreational room, some reading others playing the numerous pin ball machines. I was fascinated with the collection of 78 rpm records neatly stored in a rack adjacent to the Victrola. To my surprise, I found a “White Christmas” recorded by Bing Crosby. I wound up the machine and placed the record on the revolving disc. I placed the needle on the record and started the machine. Initially, Bing’s soft voice transcended the noise of the pinball machines. Suddenly, there was an instant silence in the room. The men walked quietly towards the singing which by now filled the room. The men were transfixed by the Victrola, and the words of the song hit home. There wasn’t a dry eye in the place.

The next day was Christmas. Shortly before noon we took off for Kimpo. The trip back was without turbulence or nausea. Before daylight, the men were back in their respective trenches. We all had experienced some of the magical moments of Christmas. For me, I returned to my bunker which had been dug deeply into an abandoned rice paddy. Even in Kyoto, the peace and good will of Christmas had touched all of us.
I Am a Soldier

By William H. Steward

2nd Platoon, K-Company, 309 Infantry Regiment, 78th Division, WW II, 955th FA Bn; 3rd Division, Korea.

[William has dedicated this writing to his brother, David D. “Davy” Steward, Jan. 29, 1934-September 21, 1950. David Steward was Killed In Action alongside members of the First Rifle Platoon on September 21, 1950 near Taegu and Naktong River, Korea.]

America, my beautiful America, you are my mistress, my first love and my last. I have defended you for more than two hundred years without complaint. I defended your honor, your ideals, and even your right to exist. I did so because I believe in you, honor you, and love you...I am a soldier.

Even though my body lies beneath a white cross in a land far across the sea, my spirit is with you. I am the spirit of your defenders past, of present, and of the future...I am a soldier.

I stayed at Valley Forge until they carried my frozen body away in a dirty blanket. I stood by my cannon until blood ran down into my boots, and until finally, my wounded body lay still in the snow. For my efforts, I asked no compensation...I am a soldier.

I stopped your enemies at New Orleans, Battle Creek, and a hundred such places, when odds against me were staggering. Sometimes, I had little to fight with except determination, but I did not desert you...I am a soldier.

I stopped charge after charge from your enemies at the Alamo, when odds against me were ten-to-one. I laid down my life for you, to buy nothing more than time, that you may sustain yourself in the end. I crushed your enemy at San Jacinto.

I proudly carried your banner high at Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Bunker Hill. Death walked constantly by my side, and disease ravaged my wounded body. I suffered frostbite and starvation for you; but not once did I try to alter my destiny...I am a soldier.

I stood like a rock at the Marne River in France, until I was dead. I fell mortally wounded at Chateau Thierry and Verdun. Even in death, I made sure your flag still waved proudly.

I died for you at Pearl Harbor. I suffered defeat in the Philippines and rotted in your enemies' prisons. I stomped the beaches at Normandy for you in the face of death. I took the bridge at Remagen, crossing the great Rhine River, paying in blood for every foot of ground I took.

They carried my frozen body from the battlefield in a place called Korea. I suffered death at “Old Baldy,” and “Heartbreak Ridge.” Your enemies captured me, tortured me, and chastised me unto death, but I did not stray from my duty...I am a soldier.

I died in the rice paddy for you in a place called Vietnam. I came home broken in body and mind and could not walk the streets of my own town in honor. Some of your citizens spat on me and called me names; still, I have not forsaken you...I am a soldier.

I made a fierce storm in the desert against your enemies in Arabia, crushing them quickly, proving once again, that I am with you in every cause.

One day you will call on me again to defend you. You will call and I will answer. I will answer because I believe in you, honor you, and love you. You are my mistress, my first love and my last...I am a soldier.

Bob Poydeanoff called: He really enjoyed the October Watch on the Rhine and especially liked Mike Mc Clintock’s article, “New York to Bremerhaven to the 3rd I. D.” He looks forward to Part II. He also liked the short story about John Shirley, “Former Society President Honored by City.” Bob's father was a Commander in the Coast Guard so Bob had some early interest in the sea. He served aboard the USNS Goethals as a fireman and boiler and water tender from 1948-1950. The USNS Goethals sailed from Brooklyn or Staten Island to South Hampton and to Bremerhaven, Germany. Bob could relate to Mike's story about carrying our troops to Bremerhaven during the Cold War. It was good to hear from Bob. He is our former Society Judge Advocate, and he is currently the legal officer for the 15th Regiment and for the National Infantry Association. He is also a past mayor of Columbus, Georgia.

Keith Schmidt wrote: “Lynn: What a great surprise yesterday when the magazine arrived. Great issue and thank you for printing my article. Hope your readership enjoys it. Maybe they will join up.” [Keith is referring to the organization he represents.]

John Roach called to thank the directors of the Scholarship Foundation for supporting his grandson, Alec Roach, during his undergraduate studies at VMI. He praised The Watch on the Rhine and thanked us for all we do. Hopefully, his article can be included in this issue.

Michael Kendall wrote: “I just received my copy of the Watch and want to compliment you on the article on Dad [Gen. Maurice Kendall]. We hope that this timely article will enable some Marine veterans to attend Dad’s service at Arlington National Cemetery as the nation provides its final honors for Dad’s lifetime of service.”

Dale McGraw wrote: “I received my Great Watch.”

Charles Sheperd wrote: “I just receive my latest issue of the Watch and read my submission. It mistakenly states that we replaced a brigade from the 1st Infantry Division. It should have read that we replaced a brigade of the First Armored Division. The way I wrote 1st AD, may have been thought a misprint.” We apologize for our misinterpretation.

Paul Grabert highly complimented the Watch on the Rhine at our last Outpost #35 meeting.

Harvey Sladkus called with compliments regarding the October Watch. Harvey is our Society Judge Advocate.

Lost Your DD-214?
To obtain a copy of your DD-214, go to http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm or consult your local V.A. office.

—Submitted by Joe Ball
Outpost 1 members held their fall meeting at Al’s Steak House in Joliet, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Attendees introduced themselves and talked on various subjects. In attendance were: Bill Byrnes, Mary Fran Collier, Wally de Jongh, James Howe, Richard Longfellow, Vic Noto, Beth Quarnstrom and Phil Quarnstrom. The meeting started at 11:50 AM with a welcome by President Richard Longfellow, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Outpost 1 article in the latest Watch on the Rhine was accepted by attendees. Elections for new officers will be held at the 2018 fall Outpost 1 meeting. Those who have a Cantigny Park Veterans card should get an updated one, and those without a card should get one as the spring 2018 meeting will be at Coopers Corner, 27 W 150 Roosevelt Road, Winfield, Illinois, with a visit to the 1st Division Museum in Cantigny Park after the luncheon and meeting. Another restaurant was mentioned, but it was not acceptable.

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division coins were passed around and discussed. Three members bought the three additional coins that the President had purchased in addition to his coin. The President then talked about a $10.00 donation to the Grand du Illinois Forty and Eight, a National Honor Society of American Veterans. This would entitle the Outpost to 40 drawings of $50.00, 16 drawings of $100.00 and one annual drawing of $1,000.00. The motion by Bill Byrnes was seconded by Wally de Jongh to donate $20.00 to the Grand du Illinois which would double the drawing opportunities. The motion passed.

The fall 2018 Outpost 1 meeting will be in Marseilles, Illinois, with the meal and meeting location to be decided at the spring Outpost 1 meeting. The reason for the selection is to see the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall, Marseilles Veterans Memorial, Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree, and the Marseilles Illinois National Guard Training Center. Additional information on these sites can be found on the internet. Other locations for future Outpost 1 meetings were discussed and discussion will continue at the spring Outpost 1 meeting.

Meals were paid from donations by those in attendance. $160.00 in donations were collected: this covered the meals and gratuity ($137.10), with a $20.00 donation to the Grand du Illinois. Additional topics concerning world news were discussed. Attendees sang “Dog Face Soldier,” and the meeting closed at 1:40 PM. Details of the next Outpost 1 spring meeting will be in the next two issues of Watch on the Rhine. Be sure to sign up for the spring meeting when the date is indicated. We look forward to seeing you at a future Outpost 1 meeting.

Additional information on the Marseilles Middle East Conflict Memorial Wall: On June 19th, 2004, a Granite Memorial Wall was dedicated commemorating the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in worldwide conflicts since 1979. The project was conceived by Tony Cutrano and Jerry Kuczera, and built with donated material and labor. It is the first of its kind in the History of the United States to give honor to our fallen by name while a conflict is ongoing. It took 20 years to Honor our Vietnam Veterans. Almost 60 years to Honor our World War II Veterans. The names on the wall represent our fallen heroes from such diverse locations as Panama, Lebanon, the Balkans, Grenada, Somalia, Haiti, USS Cole, USS Stark, terrorist attacks in Italy, Greece, Scotland, and the current conflicts in the Middle East.

The Purpose of the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run is to show Our Brave Servicemen and Women, and their Families, that we support them, and to Honor Fallen Heroes. The route is lined with Americans waving American Flags and paying tribute. The mission of Illinois National Guard Training Center Marseilles Illinois (MTC) is to provide military organizations, through battalion size, with the absolute best environment for conducting individual and collective training. This 2,550-acre environment includes ranges, training and cantonment areas, as well as required operational and support elements. MTC has a 1,240-person housing complex, with 6 live fire ranges, and over 30 other training areas, facilities, and simulations systems. Although MTC is primarily used for military training, a variety of agencies choose to train here. MTC is located in LaSalle County, Illinois. Seven of Illinois’ eight metropolitan areas, representing over three-fourths of the state’s population, are within 80 miles. Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree Memorial is just across the Illinois River from MTC. This monument celebrates the lives of Illinois soldiers lost in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spread across a two-and-one-half acre meadow in the far-west of Illini State Park, the 250 oak trees that make up the Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree Memorial offer a serene, peaceful tribute to fallen troops. It was completed in October 2009.

—Submitted by President Richard Longfellow
Ten members and wives of Outpost #3 came together at Fatz’s Café, in Columbia, South Carolina on October 21 to celebrate autumn, trade stories, and talk about grandchildren. Henry Burke acted as the Outpost Chaplain and offered grace before the meal. Bill Ingbretsen regaled us with stories of his time during the Korean War and why he never made it past the rank of PFC (You are a four-star in our eyes, Bill). Organizing the entire event was our Secretary/Treasurer Gabe Guevarra. Gabe secured for our members, the commemorative 100-year 3rd I. D. crests. A beautiful remembrance to cap off a delicious meal.

—Submitted by President Chris Timmers

The problem of the decline in membership was discussed. There were only 70 members at the last national convention, down about 50% from previous years. All were encouraged to enlist all known 3rd ID veterans. Even if someone didn’t serve, he/she may become an associate member. Members should always wear their division hats when they visit such places as VA hospitals and try to recruit members.

The option of combining our meetings with the Ohio 3rd ID veterans was discussed. Meetings could be held near Monroe. President Faulkner will explore possibilities with that group’s president. Dick Faulkner, then reported on the reunion which was held in San Antonio. He thought it was good and well run in spite of the low attendance. They visited five nearby missions including the most famous, the Alamo. Next year’s conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gail Gilbert and her brother Kevin, donated to Outpost #13 the $100.00 that Cecil won in the Division raffle, plus an additional $100.00, in the name of Cecil. Amy McKenna, the secretary/treasurer, reported that we have $937.80 in the bank and have 54 members (22 life members, 30 annual members and two associates.) The 50/50 drawing then took place. John Miller was the lucky person who won half the pot, $40.00. It was announced that the election of officers will take place in the fall of 2018. Taps were played in memory of WW II
veterans Cecil D. Gilbert and Jessie Sparkman. The meeting was adjourned at 14:02 and was followed by a group picture. The next meeting will be held at noon on 12 May 2018 at Baker’s of Milford which is on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy I-96.
—Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President

Outpost #13 members gather for Autumn luncheon and meeting.

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Arizona
Phoenix, AZ

Outpost #5 Member Donitza Williams turned 103 years old on October 5th and is doing quite well. Currently, she lives in an assisted living facility. We had a celebration for her including a cake and live entertainment. Many friends were in attendance, including her 94-year-old sister, and other family members. Of course, I participated. On November 11, Outpost #15 participated in the Phoenix Day Parade with a meeting following at the home of Curtis Gentry.
—Submitted by Curtis Gentry, Secretary-Treasurer

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ALBERT MICELI
Southern, CA

Outpost President Andrew Scullion passed away on October 30, 2017 after a long illness. Andy will be honored at the 7 January 2018 Memorial Service at the VA Chapel (5901 E. 7th St., Long Beach) @ 1300. Andy will be remembered with all the others that have died since our last memorial. We remember those who died in the medical center and those outside whom we learned have passed away. Andy would like a member of Outpost #22 to step up to fill his post as president.
—Submitted by George Vogel and Lynn Ball

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Audie L. Murphy

Audie Murphy Outpost #35 met at Blue Mesa Grill in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 14th hosted by Joe and Lynn Ball. In attendance were Joe and Lynn Ball, Bob Dalton, Paul and Jude Grabert, Lucia and Joe Hilderbrand and daughter, Becky Stone; Sue Sack and daughter, Peggy Malloy; and Jim and Linda Reeves. We had several cancellations due to illnesses and a funeral that the Kinards had to attend.

Following an excellent luncheon, Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM with an Invocation by Jim Reeves. Sue Sack led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the group sang “Dogface Soldier.” Paul Grabert’s name was drawn for the first door prize (a book about the Korean War) and Jude Grabert’s name was drawn for the second door prize, a different book about the Korean War. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Lynn then delivered her current report which follows Joe’s Reports.

Joe introduced all of us and told a bit about each attendee. He delivered a report on the Society Roster Manager’s annual report regarding membership with comparisons from last year and this year.

His report on “Veterans” revealed that those who served in the military are better at managing their financial affairs than non-veterans. “Other than Honorable Discharge” stated that the military is looking at the histories of those with “bad paper” to evaluate such issues as mental health and injury. Veterans’ advocates hope that some of the less than honorable discharges can be upgraded. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered military review boards to use liberal consideration when reviewing discharge appeals to ensure that the veterans were not unfairly kicked out of the ranks because of undiagnosed illnesses. Joe’s “Health Care Update” estimated that overall costs of health care will rise about 6% if companies make no changes in their medical plans. Currently there are 2,320 new drugs under active development. Some of the specialty drugs will be very expensive. Mercer’s U.S. Health Reform Leader Tracy Watts said, “with so many specialty drugs in the pipeline and few well-known brand-name drugs going off-patent... the drug cost problem will certainly get worse before it gets better.” Companies anticipate average per-employee health costs to increase by 4.2% in 2018—the highest since 2011.

Joe’s report on “Metal Foam Armor” was very interesting as it he explained that the new metal foam shatters bullets on contact. “It works like a heavy-duty bubble wrap.” This new armor is lighter and will stop bigger threats. It is expected that the new metal foam will be used on ground vehicles before it is used in aviation. Lynn will print the full article in the December Watch on the Rhine. “Holiday Troop Mail”: Joe reminded us that we cannot address anything to a
general address such as “3rd I.D. Soldier.” If we don’t have the exact mailing information for a specific soldier, we must send our mailings to the 3rd I.D. Chaplain. He/she will then distribute the mail to our soldiers serving overseas. We can get information about shipping to military locations overseas, including free shipping supplies, at the U.S. Postal Service Military and Diplomatic Mail web page.

Joe also presented an article, “National Anthem Update,” which explained the United States Code of Conduct required when the Anthem is played. Individuals in uniform give a military salute from the first note through the last note. Members of the armed forces and veterans not in uniform should follow the protocol for those in uniform. Others present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart. Hats should be removed with the left hand and held at shoulder while the right hand is over the heart. If no flag is present, one should face the direction from which the music is coming.

AAFES: The Hilderbrand’s daughter, Becky Stone, gave a nice report on the extension of Army and Air Force Exchange discounts to all veterans through Army and Air Force Exchange Services. Go to www.aafes.com for details. The Exchange will ship orders.

Outpost 2018 Spring Meeting: Attendees at the meeting chose Austin for the 2018 spring meeting. Everyone wants to go back to Sushi Japon, an excellent Japanese restaurant adjacent to Drury Inn, and the date chosen is March 24th. If you are staying overnight, make your hotel reservations early.

Motion to Close: Joe Hilderbrand moved to close the meeting, seconded by Bob Dalton and Sue Sack. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM, with a benediction by Jim Reeves, followed by photographs of our group. We thank Jim for presenting both the Invocation and the Benediction—both were very well done.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:

Membership: Currently, we have 134 members: 42 Life Members and 92 Annual Members. Delinquent members have been dropped from the national roster.

New Members: We have welcomed five new members since our last report. We need to recruit members to the Outpost and the Society. Our Society President asked us each to recruit one new member. Bill Driggers has recruited six since January 1st. Wear your hats and people will notice that you served with the 3rd. I am an Associate Member, and I wear my 3rd I.D. jacket most of the time. We can all be walking advertisements for the Society and the Outpost, and often people comment on our affiliation with the 3rd. They are potential members. If they are interested in joining, refer them to me. I will follow up with them and get them registered. We are delighted to welcome the following new members. James Cragg of Sadler, Texas; Matthew Huffman of Seguin, Texas; Thomas A. Shaw of Middle River, Maryland. Len Dayer of Conway, Arkansas, and Roger Shuck of San Antonio, Texas. James Cragg served with the 3rd I.D from 1988-1991 with the rank of MSG. Matthew Huffman served with the 15th Inf. Regt, from 1982-1993 with the rank of Sgt. Thomas A. Shaw served with the 7th Inf. Regt. From 2005-2009 with the rank of STG. Len Dayer served with 3/7 and 4/4 CAV, 1986-1988, with the rank of 1LT. Roger Shuck served with several units of the 3rd from 1993-1997, with the rank of 1LT.

Recruitment: The recruitment program mentioned in previous S-

T Reports is still active. We really need to recruit members. We have lost many of our WWII Vets (and some Korea Vets) during the past year. Bill Driggers has done an excellent job of finding members for us. Thanks, Bill. Bill deserves recognition, and he was recognized at the annual reunion in San Antonio. Congratulations, Bill.

Greeting Cards: Joe continues to request birthday greetings from the White House for members 80 years of age and older or 70 years of age and older for Veterans, as well as for decade wedding anniversaries starting at 50. Additionally, Joe sends outpost personal greetings to members whose important dates he has. If you are not receiving birthday and anniversary greetings for you and your spouse, send your important dates and your spouse’s important dates to Joe.

TAPS: Clifton Hall Jr. of Sterling LA passed away on July 13, 2016. Clifton served with 7th Inf. Regt. with the rank of MSG in Korea 1951-52. Cliff was a longtime member of Outpost #35 and is missed by all who knew him.

Reunion: The next reunion is scheduled to be held in 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Details will be reported when available.

Stories for the Watch: Lynn gave a report on the October Watch on the Rhine and asked for articles for the December issue. She said, “I am receiving very favorable comments about Mike McClintock’s article about the ships that carried our troops to and from the Cold War ports.

Scholarship Foundation Highlights: The Foundation has some exciting news. Trustee Emeritus Tom Maines has donated a number of articles to the Foundation. Several valuable books about regiments, a huge box of military documents, and three wonderful commemorative weapons for future raffles: a Korean War Commemorative Thompson submachine gun, a Korean War Commemorative M1 Garand Rifle, and a Korean War 1911 A1 .45 pistol. All are fully functional. The Thompson fires only semi-automatic. All are new and have never been fired outside factory testing. All of the weapons have 24 carat gold fittings and all are quite beautiful. Also included in the shipment was a display case for the Thompson.

Great News: We have a new Scholarship Foundation Trustee/Director: Justin Valle. Justin is replacing Thomas R. Maines who retired from the Board of Directors due to health problems. The Foundation Directors voted, unanimously, to promote Tom Maines to Trustee Emeritus. We congratulate Tom Maines. As many know, Justin has served faithfully behind the scenes for many years. We are very pleased that he stepped up to accept this new responsibility—in addition to his position as our webmaster. We welcome and congratulate Justin.

Treasurer’s Report: Currently, we have sufficient funds to continue outpost business as usual through January 2018. 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).

Holiday Greetings: We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Halloween is always a fun filled event. Thanksgiving reminds us of our many blessings, and for Christians, Christmas is the celebration of our Lord Jesus’s birth We must not forget our Jewish members and pray that they will have a joyous Hanukkah.

—Submitted by Joe Ball, President
OP International hosted its second Korean War Historical Seminar, 11-14 October 2017 in Springfield, Virginia. Its first Korean War Seminar in April 2017 was so popular the veterans had asked the OP not to wait another year before the next seminar.

Four special veterans participated in this seminar. LTG Charles G. Cleveland was a young F86 fighter pilot in Korea in 1952 and was an ace, shooting down 5 MiGs in MiG Alley. COL Mose Lewis was an Army aviator, flying artillery observation aircraft in WWII and L-19s in Korea as an artillery observer for the 2nd Infantry Division in 1950 when the division was hit by the Chinese in November 1950. Mr. Joe Hampton served with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. Dr. Lee, Bae Sook, was a northern Korean refugee in Seoul when the war broke out. He served as a translator with the 3rd MP Company and then with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division on the Hungnam Beachhead in November and December 1950.

We had more second generation participants than veterans at this seminar. We are grateful the children and other relatives of veterans are sharing their stories and their veterans’ stories with us and the other participants. This is how we are able to carry on these great veterans’ legacies.

The seminar sessions were held at the Hilton Springfield on Thursday and Friday. BG Pyo, Se Woo, ROK Defense Attaché, and OP President Monika Stoy opened the seminar on Thursday morning, with outstanding presenters and presentations: LTG Cleveland presented on the war in Korea; Dr. Mike Lynch, from the Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA, presented on LTG Ned Almond; COL Sotirious Potroupoulos, Greek Defense Attaché, spoke about the Greek battalion in the Korean War and at the Battle of OP Harry; Dr. Kathleen McHale presented on Korean War medicine; Mr. James Zobel, from the MacArthur Foundation in Norfolk, VA, spoke about General of the Army Douglas MacArthur; Mr. Dan Baughman, from the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency, gave an overview of the agency’s operations and an update on Korean War POW-MIA; Mrs. Judith Hines, daughter of Major John Ciarlo, who served with KMAG from 1945 to 1951, spoke of her experience as a young girl in Korea and shared home movies of Taejon and Seoul between 1947 and 1950; Ms Mary Ingman spoke about her father, Medal of Honor recipient Einar Ingman from the 17th IN of the 7th ID; Mr. Dennis Choi presented on the Battle of the Korea Straits, 25-26 June 1950; LTC Seo, Dong-ha, who came from the Korean Military Academy in Seoul, presented on the initial battles of the Korean War in which KMA cadets fought and on the history of the Korea Military Academy; and ROKA COL Kim, Kyung Sik, student at the US National Defense University, provided an overview of Korean history and an update on ROK armed forces and defense policy. Tim Stoy gave a presentation on the 3rd Infantry Division in the Korean War.

On Friday evening the OP hosted a commemorative banquet. MG James Rainey, former 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General, and his wife joined us, representing the US Army Chief of Staff, General Milley. Tenor Paul McIlvaine sang the Korean and United States National Anthems. The evening included a memorial candle lighting ceremony in honor of veterans who have passed away, followed by presentation of the ROK Ambassador of Peace Medals to veterans and family members of veterans by COL Kim and LTC Lee, ROKMC from the ROK Defense Attaché’s office. Everyone enjoyed viewing Judy Hines’ unique home movies of pre-war Korea. The evening concluded with a rousing rendition of the “Dogface Soldier.”

On Saturday morning, the OP conducted a memorial ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. MG Rainey was guest speaker; Pastor Roh of the Washington Sae Han Presbyterian Church in Annandale, VA delivered the invocation and benediction; the US Army Brass Quintet provided outstanding musical support; and the US Army Color Guard presented the colors. The commemoration concluded with a wreath ceremony at the 3rd ID memorial in ANC and a visit to the graves of Generals Ridgway and Van Fleet. The group then visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC, and concluded with a farewell luncheon at a Korean restaurant.

On Sunday morning, Monika Stoy, LTC Seo, Dong-ha, Mary Ingram, and Judith Hines honored Korean War veterans by participating in a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The outpost is grateful to have received the support of BG Pyo and the Defense Attaché’s Office and from the Army Historical Foundation for the seminar and connected events. The Hilton Springfield was an outstanding venue and its staff provided excellent support. Mr. Art Sharp, editor of the Graybeards magazine for the Korean War Veterans Association also provided excellent support. LTC, ret., Allen Goshi and Michelle Goshi were indispensable in the success of the event. The OP’s next Korean War historical seminar will be 18-21 April 2018.
News from France

By Lynn Ball

Outpost #35 Member Jocelyne Papelard sent the Watch editor a very nice letter in which she thanked us (the Society) for bringing her to our recent reunion. Jocelyne played a leading role in events and expressed her pleasure in being in the U.S. and in meeting our wonderful members. Many members have reported that Jocelyne was a key figure at the reunion and “did a terrific job.”

During her stateside trip, Jocelyne was invited to a number of military installations. She said she had a terrific time everywhere she went. Jocelyne visited the Cottonbalers’ 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Infantry Regiment monument where she laid a wreath. She visited the 45th Infantry Division currently based in Oklahoma City. She also visited with the Kiowas. At Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas, she visited with division veterans. She also visited with Veterans of the 103rd Infantry Division and saw the 103rd Infantry Division Memorial located near Gainesville, Texas, at the Texas/Oklahoma border. Jocelyne praised her Texas State Police escort. At Fort Stewart, Jocelyne visited Warriors’ Walk. She said, “On my return in Savannah, I was invited by the 8th Air Force for an interview and got a chance to visit the inside of their B17. This was a very exclusive visit since nobody but the mechanics who repair it can get in. I sat in the pilot’s seat. I am ready to leave this beautiful country with a very sad heart.” Following are some photographs Jocelyne sent. I have many more than we could use here so I will share them in future articles.

Flash Alice

By Thaddeus R. Sobieski

I was CO of G Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. On or about May 28, 1953, I was called by Cpt. Cardenas of F Company on my right on the MLR on Boomerang Hill, in the central area of Korea. He stated that he had a patrol several hundred yards in front of my 3rd platoon and they needed help, and the Battalion Headquarters okayed the request. I dispatched Lt. Milantoni to take a squad out to help them.

He went out with his squad, but never made contact with F’s patrol. He was to the east. Before this day, G Company had registered an artillery concentration, “Flash Alice,” in the area where F Company patrol was located, and Battalion told me I could use it. Having viewed where the concentration was registered. I decided not to fire it as it would have hit the patrol from F Company.

Later that night Cardenas called me and stated that the patrol had gotten back to the MLR by going through my 3rd platoon. I told him about “Flash Alice,” and he stated that I did the right thing. However, I told him that Milantoni and his men had been captured. That will be another anecdote.

Society Member Bob Barfield, F Company Sgt., was on that patrol. We made contact through an article he had written for Greybeards, the official publication of the Korean War Veterans Association.
T he 2017 Society reunion was MARNEtastic! San Antonio was a beautiful city and welcomed our members in a warm and excellent manner. Due to unseasonably cool weather, all our activities were comfortable and enjoyable. As always, the Reunion BRAT was excellent in providing world-class registration support, hotel coordination, and hospitality room set-up. Jerry Glass was onsite, and she was nothing less than perfect when it came to making sure our reunion was done in a high-class manner.

Our hospitality room was a focal point for our members to meet and reminisce about their time in the service and to make new friendships. The room was always stocked with snacks, wine, sodas, water, and this year, a keg of German beer from Fredericksburg, Texas, that was a hit with our members. Of course, all of this was included in the price of our members. Society historian, Henry Boddin, also had on display numerous items of historical importance to the Society in the hospitality room such as the original Constitution and By-laws of the Society, medals from former members that included a medal for Society members who attended the 1930 reunion, pictures of Audie Murphy, books and much, much more. Society Quartermaster, Leonard Collins, also had his 3rd ID and Society products available to Society members for purchase in the hospitality room. Needless to say, the hospitality room was a hit!

Thursday began with the President’s reception and dinner. It began with a Social hour on the back deck of the hotel with a cash bar and wonderful atmosphere. Many members had not seen each other in over a year and having the time to “catch up” was wonderful. John Weis conducted the raffle to choose the winners of this year’s awards and was assisted by Jocelyne Papalard who is a Society Associate Member who came from France. In true Dogface manner, the rain rolled in and the city of San Antonio cancelled all boat traffic on the river and so we were unable to have our Riverboat cruise. The evening was not lost, though. Our caterer was able to accommodate our members with an all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet in their restaurant across from the hotel and so we moved on foot to their location. Once we arrived we discovered the room provided was ample and the food delicious. They even provided authentic Mexican “Mariachis” to serenade us after our dinner. It was wonderful and the members in attendance really enjoyed the ambiance.

On Friday, our members took a tour of the historic Missions in San Antonio, which are the only UNESCO world heritage sites in Texas. Many of these missions were built hundreds of years ago and include the Alamo. Henry Boddin was able to retrace the famous footsteps of Audie Murphy at the Alamo and took pictures to show where he stood on his visit. The tour guide was one of the most informative and interesting the members had ever experienced and they loved her ability to make history “come alive.” This tour was very well received by our members.

Saturday began with the General Membership meeting and included lively discussions on a number of topics that ranged from Society award qualifications, to the funding of memorials, to scholarship foundation requirements, and much more. Two cities were nominated for our 2019 reunion and they were Savannah, Georgia, and Richmond, Virginia. All those in attendance were completely engaged in the discussions and this showed a deep interest in Society business by those present.

The Executive Committee meeting followed the General Membership meeting and the national leaders were deeply involved in making sure that Society business was attended to in a responsible manner. You will find the minutes to both the General Membership meeting and the Executive Committee meeting in this issue.

Saturday evening was the night of our formal banquet. This event began with a Social hour that was attended by the Task Force Marne Commander Col. Bernabe; his Command Sergeant Major, CSM Johnson; the 3rd I.D. Soldier of the year SGT Baur, our members and special invited guests. When the doors opened, the membership was individually greeted by the members of the Executive Committee and all were welcomed. The room was decorated in the “Octoberfest” theme and Jerry Glass even wore an authentic German dress that added to the “flavor” of the event. As the program began, the members were served authentic German food that consisted of either Beer Brats and Sauerkraut or “Hanhenschnitze” or chicken schnitzel. Dessert was an amazing cheesecake.

The formal portion of the banquet began with our national Secretary-Treasurer, John Weis, welcoming everyone and announcing the winners of this year’s Society awards. Jocelyne Papalard and Joe Haralson both received the President’s Special Award for their work taking care of our Soldiers in France and for a lifetime of duty as a Soldier and Texas Ranger, respectively. As published last month, Joe Herron was awarded the Associate Member Service Award, William “Bill” Driggers received the Society Service Award, and MSG (ret) Henry Burke received the Audie Murphy Achievement Award.

The evening then moved to the presentations by our special invited guests. First off was Task Force Marne Commander, Col. Sean Bernabe. He currently commands all forces that remain on Fort Stewart, and he spoke about the current situation and posture of our Soldiers on Fort Stewart now that the Division HQ’s element is forward deployed. Troops in the division are currently in California training at the National Training Center; they are reconfiguring the 2nd Infantry Brigade to become an Armored Brigade and, along the way, are involved in the clean-up of the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Next up was Grace Adams Fauccett. Grace is the daughter of SSG Lucian Adams who was a 3rd ID soldier awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions near St. Die, France, in October 1944. Her speech began with a video interview that was done by the History Channel on her father before he passed away. The video was inspirational just as much as it was informative. She also brought along her father’s medal, his flag, and other
items to display during the banquet. Her tales of life growing up as the daughter of an MOH awardee were incredible. She recounted the fact that while her Dad was rushing three German machine gun positions, he did not receive any injuries, “not even a scratch.” She attributed this fact to her mother who would pray everyday for God to protect her son. The warmth of her speech and the graciousness of her presence left all of us in awe.

Last up was our very own Society Associate Member Jocelyne Papelard-Brescia. As many of you have read in these pages, she operates an Adopt-a-Grave program for our Soldiers at the Epinal American Cemetery in France near her home. She traveled to the US to be one of our guest speakers and she did not disappoint. She brought with her a video of her activities and it was truly amazing. To see the number of crosses that she takes care of leaves one in grateful appreciation. She has organized activities to place roses on our Soldiers’ grave, candles during Christmas, ceremonies to erect monuments in towns that were liberated by 3rd ID Soldiers, and to pay for the families of fallen Soldiers to visit their loved one’s graves in France. Her Herculean efforts are indicative of a true American and are unique among our membership.

On Sunday morning we met to remember those who have gone to our heavenly Father this past year. Chaplain Daddato organized another great memorial breakfast that was respectful and honorable for those Soldiers who now rest in permanent peace.

“Amazing!” “Best reunion ever!” “Great Program” and “It was so warm.” These are just some of the remarks received during the 2017 reunion from members who have attended reunions for years. We were blessed to have numerous honored citizens with us as we celebrated our Division, its Veterans, Soldiers, and families. The 2017 reunion proved to be extremely successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended. Rock of the Marne! Toby Knight

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NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

9228 ROBERT GRESHAM  
1st Cav, 3rd ID, Mar ‘82-Jun ‘94 SGT  
OP 5845

9227 MICHAEL MULLER  
3rd CAB, 4-3 AHB; D Co, 2-1 AVN Regt, Aug ‘16-Pres CSM  
Referred by 3ID Soldiers Ball

9224 LUIS QUIJANO  
3CAB Jul ‘15-Jul ‘17 MSG  
Referred by 3ID Soldiers Ball

9223 ROBERT MARSHALL  
DIVARY, JUL ‘17 - JUL ‘19 COL  
Referred by 3ID Soldiers Ball

9222 ALFRED WARREN  
1-9 FA, FEB ’16-Sep ’16 1LT  
Referred by CPT Giassi Sgarra

9221 BENNIE NCGREW  
4/4 CAV(Schwefurt); Avn Bde (Giebelstadt); 3rd Bde Vilseck, Jun ‘87-May ‘93 MSG  
OP 35-CR

9220 ADAM GRANT  
5/7 CAV, 1-64 AR, 1ABC, 3ID DIV Staff, FEB ’16-Pres. CPT  
Referred by 3ID Soldiers Ball

9219 JOHN WOMACK  
2-7 IN, 3ID Staff May ’14-Pres LTC  
Referred by 3ID Soldiers Ball

9218 DAVID BEAVERS  
3ID DIV HQ, May ’16-May ’18 LTC  
Referred by 3rd ID Soldiers Ball

9213 JUNE 2018-LIP ROGER SHUCK  
3rd BDE, 1-6 IN; DIV HQ, 3-15 IN, 2nd BDE; 4th BDE Aug ’93-Feb ’97  
Referred by COL (Ret) Rick Nussion

9209 STEVEN SMITH  
Referred by 3rd ID Soldiers Ball  
OP 3-ER

REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERS

9226 FOY WALDEN  
4-64 AR, 3-7 IN, 3-69 2001-2006; 2010-2012 LTC  
OP 3-ER

9219 JOHN MADRI  
AIL Instructor HQ Aberdeen Proving Grounds,  
3rd Division Sep ’83-Oct ’66 SP/5  
Referred by John Shirley

9217 GERARD V. ENSLEIN  
10TH COMBAT ENGINEERS KOREA CPL  
Gift membership from Robert J. Rouse  
OP 3-ER

9216 GEORGE W. RITCHIE  
703RD MAINTENANCE CW E-5  
Gift membership from Robert J. Rouse  
OP 3-ER

9215 LEONIDAS J. SAVAS  
FOX CO, 15TH REGT. KOREA CPL  
Referred by Peter J. Kosco  
OP 5-ER

9212 DENTON KNAPP  
3-15 IN, 2nd BCT, 4th BCT, Jul ’99- May ’06  
(Former Member)

9211 LEN DAVY  
3/7 & 4/4 CAV, 3ID, Sep ’86- Sep ’88 1LT  
Referred by a friend

9210 JANET KEISER  
103rd MI, Apr ‘01-Nov ’03 SPC  
OP 2-ER

Rolled Call  
Listed below are all new members who enrolled during September - October 2017

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
During July August 2017, the following personnel were identified as deceased. All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

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

During Sep-Oct 2017, the following personnel have been identified as deceased.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

**CHARLES W. JONES**

15INF/F, KOREA, 50-51, CPL
DOD - June 30, 2017 Reported by Gabe Guevarra

**GERALD PAPIN**

3INF/35, Bat A, WW2, Oct42-Sep45, SGT
DOD - September 30, 2017 Reported by Larry Hickey

**CARL E. CARLBERG**

30INF, F CO, WW2, PFC
DOD - October 2, 2017 Reported by Vivian Craven

**JOHN D. STAVOLA**

15INF/I, WW2, Aug44-Jun46, TSGT
DOD - September 15, 2017 Reported by Emil Bonagura

**LLOYD E. JACK**

30INF/K, WW2, TSGT
DOD - September 23, 2017, Reported by his wife Betty Jack

**JOHN (JACK) FRIEND**

7INF/F, KOREA
DOD - September 7, 2017, Reported by Sherry Micek

**ANNUAL MEMBERS**

**DONALD D. HITZ**

15INF/MED/3 BN, KOREA, Sep51-Jun52, SGT
DOD - January 27, 2017 Reported by his wife Kristina

**COLE L. MILLER**

7INF/1BN HQ, WW2, 1SGT
DOD - March 10, 2003, Reported by the Internet

**CECIL D. GILBERT**

41FA/B BTRY, WW2/42-45, PFC
DOD - September 7, 2017, Reported by the Internet

**MARION E. THOMPSON**

30INF/WW2, PFC
DOD - July 27, 2017 Reported by Wayne Thompson

**ANDREW M. SCULLION**

7RCT/2nd BN/HQ/3, KOREA/Jun50-Jun51, CPL
DOD - October 30, 2017 Reported by Ron Greenwood

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

**MERRIE JULIA**

DOD - July 29, 2017 Reported by Al Julia

Non-member passing

Henry “Hank” Joseph Tillman, Sr. (98) of Esko, Minnesota, passed away at his home on October 19, 2017. Henry served with the 3rd Infantry Division from 1940-45 during WWII. His 38-year civilian career was with Potlach Corporation, a leader in sustainable forestry. Henry was an antique car enthusiast. He was interred at Old Calvary Cemetery in Cloquet, Minnesota.—Reported by Henry J Tillman Jr.

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Happy Easter!

WWII Soldiers sending Easter eggs to Hitler.
We are proud to announce that work is beginning on a new book to document the history of the “Rock of the Marne” and the men and women who have made this one of the most elite fighting forces in the world.

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

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

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

The book will also include special after action reports, stories and photographs from the membership, tributes to our fallen brothers, and much more! Members are also encouraged to order a copy of this one-of-a-kind book through the publisher for $59.95 (see contact information below). The dead line for biography submissions and book orders is **JANUARY 30, 2018.**

Detailed brochures with a sample biography and easy fill-in-the-blank form will be mailed to all members in December, and extra brochures are available through the publisher. Contact Acclaim Press at:

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MIKE (MCGEER) MCCINTOCK served with the Division in W. Germany from June 1961 until mid-January 1964, following in the footsteps of his father, who served in the 3rd ID’s 9th Field Artillery Regt. at Ft. Lewis prior to WWII.

Assigned to D Company, 2nd Battle Group, 38th Infantry Regiment at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt, Mike served as a riflemen, was trained to drive the M-113 armored personnel carrier (APC), and fired the M60 machine gun on the 3rd ID’s marksmanship detachment in preparation for NATO’s Prix LeGlerc marksmanship competition. Mike volunteered for duty with the 3rd ID Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment billeted at Daley Barracks in Bad Kissingen. He joined the “hugs” in March 1962 and never regretted his decision.

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

Mike has been married for over 30 years and resides in Mount Vernon, WA with his wife Gloria. He has three children and four grandchildren.

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

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

Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

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

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

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

General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive The Watch on the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 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 At Large” (named for Lt. Maurice Britt, MOH, WW2).

Eligibility

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

Associate Membership: Spouse, parents, brother, sister, children, grandparents, grandchildren of any person eligible for Regular Membership and any person with an interest in, or an affinity for, the Society of the 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 Members $... $35.00

Some Outposts charge an additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outposts #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.

Dues for Special Life Membership

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

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

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Annual dues are payable before July 1st each year. Life dues are applicable for Regular and Associate Members. Life Member dues can be paid in one lump sum or in four quarterly payments over a 12 month period. For information, please contact The Society of the Third Infantry Division, 510 W. York Street, Blue Hill, NE 68930-7488.
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Please report deaths of members to Sonya Frickey, Society Roster Manager: Contact information on page 2.

CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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