In the Footsteps of an Assassination
President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas fifty-five years ago, and I witnessed a part of it...

I like to write one story per issue related to our military history that is of a general interest to our readers. And in this December issue, the timing seems appropriate that I would like to share my story of my connection to the assassination of our 35th President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Just a week ago or so on November 22 of this year, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas fifty-five years ago, and I witnessed a part of it which is my most memorable moment and memory as the slain President whizzed by me just thirty feet away on Stemmons Freeway just fifteen seconds after that fatal headshot in Dealey Plaza. And last year I traveled 8,000 miles to the Solomon Islands en route to tiny Plum Pudding Island, where "Just married" - we set off for Dallas for a date with history.

Audie Leon Murphy: The Early Years
In this last of the series about Audie’s early years, I have included more of my photographs retracing Audie’s early life in Hunt and Collin Counties. As I had stated before, Emmett Murphy left the family several times only to return unannounced on his terms. This abandonment put tremendous pressure on his wife Josie Bell to hold the family together in spite of the financial hardships.

One day in early November of 1940, Emmett left home and never returned. He had tried to get Josie to move to west Texas with him to work in the oil fields for a better life. But Josie refused to leave the area where she was born and leave her aged parents also. This was confirmed by Audie’s oldest sister Corinne and this would be the last time Josie would see her husband. Josie and the three remaining children tried to live alone after Emmett left for a few months while Corinne and neighbors brought food for them, and Audie would give to the family what he could spare. But the odds were just too great and Josie Bell was sick much of the time and often confined to the bed. In February of 1941, Josie and the three children moved in with Corinne and her husband in Farmersville, Texas.

Albuquerque, NM
The 99th Reunion
As my wife and I drove into the scenic city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, it was with much anticipation that we were looking forward to another great reunion, visiting with members and participating in the upcoming events.

It was good to see “The Reunion Brat” once again as we registered and I set up some items I displayed in the hospitality room.

For the reunion last year in San Antonio, I had found a small box of medals awarded to 3rd ID WWII soldier Arthur G. Johnson who fought in six campaigns in France 100 years ago. I had his medals mounted and displayed in a shadow box to exhibit at the reunion. I covered his story in the December 2016 WOTR if you would like to go back and read about Art. A few months ago I also came across some 99 year old withered and yellowed newspapers that Art also gave to our archives. These old newspapers from 1919 have been languishing in our archives for 99 years, and what a treasure trove they are as they give us insight into the end of WWI.

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The best part of our Society is the people. I love getting to meet our members especially at our reunions. This year’s reunion was, again, a great event! I love that you never know who will show up to make things interesting. This year, we had Medal of Honor awardee, Korean War Veteran and Society life member Mr. Hiroshi Miyamura, along with almost all of the members of OP Harry, and so many other great folks including the current Third Infantry Division Commanding General, the Division Command Sergeant Major, the Division Soldier of the Year and the Division Color Guard. They all flew out from Fort Stewart to be with us and we were honored to have them with us! This year’s reunion felt like a true “Hall of Heroes” and I was honored to get to meet all those who attended. I can’t wait until next year. It is our 100th Anniversary!

Speaking of which, the 2019 reunion will be held in the Savannah/Jekyll Island area November 14-18, 2019. We will plan on using the amazing Westin Hotel on Jekyll Island as our hotel and meeting space. Tours will include Savannah and Fort Stewart. We are still working out the details, but I assure you it will be spectacular! We moved the dates to November in order to coincide our reunion with the Divisions annual “Marne Week” celebration. The culmination of which is the Soldier’s Ball which we will also attend. Each year over 1,000 Dogface Soldiers, Spouses and Veterans attend the Soldier’s Ball so this will be an amazing evening!

I still have our fantastic Marne Battle Coins available for purchase. These coins are very special and the artwork on the coin was approved by the copyright holder of the famous painting titled “The Americans at Chateau-Thierry.” “Rock of the Marne.” Please see the add in this edition for order details.

I want to introduce you to our new National Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Zeeb. Russell recently answered the call to fill this position and we are extremely grateful to him for filling this critical position in our Society. He will be transitioning into his new duties over the next few months, so please help him as much as you can. Please read his bio in the following pages of this edition of the WOTR. Thanks Russell!

Our raffle winners are also listed in this edition. We actually had several winners present at the drawing held during the President’s reception this year. A special thanks to John and Maggie Weis for running this program over the last few years. They collected the tickets, deposited the checks and managed all the details needed to make it a successful program.

The minutes from our General Membership and Executive Committee meetings are included in this issue. Please read these important minutes. They are a record of official actions, discussions and initiatives that took place during the reunions and they also include important information about our Society and our future. As you know, we face some challenges when it comes to membership and we are working hard to solve these challenges. All members need to serve as recruiters and help recruit new members.

I hope that you have received your copy of our first ever limited edition 2019 Society Calendar. I think it is a remarkable calendar that remembers the Soldiers who have served in all the wars the Third ID has fought in since 1917. Please consider donating to offset the costs of publishing this wonderful calendar. This is a really special initiative to celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

Along with that, is our special 100th Anniversary logo. We will use this logo for our marketing products during 2019. The logo is designed to resemble the “baseplate” of a rifle or artillery round. Our logo in English and French are inscribed on the baseplate and the years of our existence are embossed on a banner underneath. Of course, gold represents our centennial anniversary and the central point is the blue and white patch we love so much.

Our editor, Henry Bodden, has a surprise for you next year. He has been working on several special projects to celebrate our centennial anniversary and I can’t wait for you to see what they are. Stay tuned and get ready for something really special!

In closing, I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season. This is a season to celebrate our families, our friendships, our camaraderie and all that life gives to us that are cherished in our hearts. I hope that you find joy in this holiday season and I look forward to the celebrations of our 100th Anniversary year in 2019!

Rock of the Marne!
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These newspapers are called “THE BARRAGE”–put over by the 18th Field Artillery and published in Polch, Germany during the post war occupation of Germany in 1919. I had two framed that report of “the upcoming Treaty of Versailles to be ratified. In the sports section of one of the framed papers, it is reported of an upcoming heavyweight boxer who has won 15 of his 19 bouts by knockout–his name was Jack Dempsey. I also found some “FRONT LINE” newspapers of “The Third Division” published in Munich in May of 1945. On the front page titled “Murphy Equals Brit’s Record of Every Medal” details how Audie Murphy became the second soldier in history to be awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, The Silver Star, and The Bronze Star for valor. The first was 3rd Division legend Maurice Britt who obtained all of the medals for valor through Italy, where he was wounded and lost an arm.

What is so unique about these newspapers is that at the time they were published, they were telling of the present time with the future of our soldiers still to come. These newspapers from 1919 and 1945 need to be preserved and framed and displayed in a museum, preferably Fort Stewart. I showed them to Gen. Quintas and we discussed maybe doing just that. They don’t belong lying around in boxes further deteriorating and lost and unseen of the bravery of our 3rdID “Dogface Soldiers.” I became curious about “The Barrage” newspapers of WWI and found two that are displayed in the WWI Museum in Kansas City, Mo. These two copies are framed and catalogued by its contents and mention in one where Gen. John “Black Jack” Pershing is inspecting #3rd Infantry soldiers in France.

After meeting and socializing with some of the attendees, it was time to get dressed and join the others for the President’s Reception Bar B-Que dinner on Thursday evening. The dinner was great, and after announcements and a welcome by Society President Toby Knight, we were treated to a very entertaining and moving Native-American dance ceremony put on by the Toya family. The founder and leader of the family show spoke often between dances of their heritage and what each dance represented in their culture that dated back centuries. The Toya family consisted of a grandchild, sons and daughter, and father and wife team. One of the sons did a beautiful dance of “cleansing” bedecked in a very impressive band of Eagle feathers. After the program which ended with enthusiastic applause, the Toya family made themselves available for photographs and autographs and discussion about their ancestors.

The Toya family bedecked in Eagle feathers.

All day Friday was left open for those who chose to tour “Old Town” and a winery and casino visit. Those that did not tour just hung around in the hospitality room and renew acquaintances and enjoy the beautiful Sheraton grounds. Saturday morning was occupied with morning meetings which will be covered in the minutes of the General Membership and Executive Committee meetings. Later that afternoon as I was walking through the lobby, I noticed this distinguished looking gentleman sitting in a chair by himself near the front desk wearing a Korea Veteran cap. Immediately I knew it was our guest of honor for the banquet, Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Miyamura. I didn’t approach him because I knew I would be meeting him shortly during and after the banquet. As many other guests passed by, I mused that you never know who is in your midst. Like Hiroshi, an American hero who hails from nearby Gallup, N.M. I have a special place in my heart for the all Japanese-American 442nd combat team that gained fame during WWII as the “Purple Heart Brigade.” These Japanese-Americans suffered great humiliation and hardship after Pearl Harbor. Their family land, businesses, and possessions were taken from them, and then sent to intern-
ment camps. Yet these young men wanted to fight for their country and prove their loyalty. Hiroshi’s future wife was herself interned in one of these camps. The most recognized member of this fighting brigade was Medal of Honor recipient, and Hawaii’s Sen. Daniel Inouye. I visited his office in Hawaii and in 2010 and he later signed his Medal of Honor portrait for me which I treasure. Two years ago for the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, I visited his gravesite in “Punchbowl” cemetery not too far from the gravesite of famed journalist Ernie Pyle — G.I. Joe. Then the big moment began with a social hour to mingle and meet the other guests before the banquet began. I did at this time formally meet Hiroshi and our other guest of honor, Major Gen. Leopoldo Quintas. While our excellent dinners were being served, Society President Toby Knight delivered the welcome remarks, then the posting of the Colors, National anthem, Pledge of allegiance, followed by the invocation by Chaplain Daddato. John Weis then announced the Society Awards under SFC chair Ken Drake. The President’s special award went to John and Maggie Weis for their untiring service to the society. The 2018 Society Associate award went to Henry Bodden as Historian and Editor of the WOTR, Stephen Sullivan was awarded for his work as auditor for the past six years, and Society President Toby Knight was awarded the coveted Audie Murphy Achievement award for his service as President. Gen. Quintas then gave a very positive speech about the Division and its works. The banquet guests were then treated to a great video presentation about our own Hiroshi Miyamura, his life and his Medal of Honor award. After closing remarks by President Knight, we all sang the “Dogface Soldiers” song. After retiring the Colors, Chaplain Daddato ended a great evening with the benediction. Now it was time to get photographs and autographs with Gen. Quintas and Hiroshi, aka Hershey which has stuck with him since the Korean war because his fellow soldiers simplified Hiroshi for their convenience. It was a great and memorable moment for all. Harold Nelson who turned 103 years old was another sought after member for photographs. In the morning we attended the Memorial Breakfast and Reunion farewell. Sitting at our table was Hiroshi and Kenneth Riege, who manages the Comfort Suites in Gallup, N. M. Ken told me about his military the comfort suites which was right next door to where we would be staying for two nights. I will cover this in another story. I was able to talk at length with Hiroshi during breakfast about his service and Sen. Daniel Inouye of the 442nd Regiment. As we were leaving, Hiroshi gave me his Medal of Honor medallion with his name inscribed on it. This is the rarest of the rare challenge coins and I will cover this also in another story. This was a great reunion and receiving this medallion was the highlight of the reunion for me. So as we all departed and went our separate ways, I snapped this photo of Louis Bravos as he left for Bakersfield, California on MOTORCYCLE.
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Josie was very ill in the spring of 1941 and by mid-May had a serious heart ailment. Audie was called while working at his job at the Bowen Radio Shop in Greenville and arrived in record time. Josie perked up when seeing Audie and Audie decided to spend the night. But then her condition worsened and constantly called for Audie who remained at her bedside. And then at 8:15 p.m. on May 23, 1941, Josie Bell passed away five days before her fiftieth birthday in which would be the greatest traumatic experience of Audie’s early life, as he mourned her passing for months afterward. Although her death was attributed strongly to her husband’s abandonment of the family and she missed him terribly, she never uttered a word against him. She was buried the next day in a simple ceremony and with just three cars en route to the cemetery. About ten years ago I visited her gravesite in the Aleo Cemetery just outside of Farmersville with a few other family members. It was a small unkempt cemetery and it was quite easy to find her gravesite and I had a visual of a young sixteen year old grieving Audie Murphy standing over her casket. Audie paid for her funeral with a $100 loan from his employer in Greenville, Jake and William Bowen. After his mother’s death, no woman ever completely could fill the void left by her. She was a martyr to him, a sensitive soul destroyed early in life by neglect, overwork, and sorrow. Although Audie bitterly resented his father’s leaving
home and deserting his mother, he really never forgave him but yet never abandoned his father. When Corinne visited Audie on the west coast in late 1950, she and Audie talked about their father. Audie told Corinne that he did not want Emmett to live out on the west coast with him, but “if he ever needs anything, let me know, as I don’t want him to be without.” Audie paid for his father’s last years in the Hinton rest home, just around the corner of downtown Farmersville. In covering Audie, I found the rest home and keep a photograph of the place where Emmett lived out his life. Audie last saw his father in 1968 at the funeral of his youngest brother, Joe Preston who was on the police force in Frisco, Texas who was killed in an automobile accident. After the funeral, Audie went over to Emmett and shook his hand and put his arm around him – for Audie, time had healed a deep wound. I have come to know Audie’s sister Nadine, to this day the last surviving member of Audie’s family. My wife and I visited with Nadine and her late husband in their home several years ago, and she opened up a lot about their life growing up and their father’s desertion of the family. I asked Nadine where her father is buried and she said with a hint of resentment, “I buried him somewhere near McKinney, Texas” about fifteen miles west of Farmersville. Curious, I made a trip to the cemetery and got the grave and plot number from the office. When I got to the gravesite area where he is buried, I could not immediately find it. I was quite shocked when I finally found it, as the photo shows it is simply a bare patch of grass with no marker or tombstone. This speaks volumes of the hurts even today of some of the family members. Audie continued to work at the gas station and Bowen store, while he and William Bowen shared the pictured garage apartment in Greenville. Audie was finally receiving some financial independence with his job and began to enjoy life, and then on December 7, 1941 while on a double date, the news broke out on the radio that would change the life of Audie Murphy forever. PEARL HARBOR....The next morning Audie would see the headlines of the Greenville Banner as pictured that would catapult this small “one man army” to fame and fortune, but a tortured life. In his autobiography “To Hell and Back” Audie states that when his mother died when he was sixteen here was no more family nucleus left. The three youngest children were placed in an orphanage and the rest scattered. Audie was now determined to enter military service, but was too young. After Pearl Harbor he was half-wild with frustration that he was too young to enlist. Fearing it may be over by the time he could enlist and he would be robbed of the great adventure that had haunted his imagination. Then on his eighteenth birthday, (but it was really his seventeenth as told to me by his only living sibling, Nadine) his two sisters forged a new birth certificate showing Audie as eighteen. Audie then rushed to the local Marine Corps center in Greenville, Texas because it seemed the toughest branch and he was “looking for

**Gravesite of Josie Bell Murphy outside Farmersville**

**Left, the funeral of Audie’s beloved mother, Josie Bell Murphy (inset) was held at First Baptist church in Farmersville**

**Audie never smoked, but poses in 1942 at Corrine’s house in Farmersville. The house is still there today.**

**Audie read this newspaper about Pearl Harbor**

**Boles Orphanage Home in Greenville**

**The Watch on the Rhine**
and was told he did not measure up to Leatherneck standards. Angrily leaving the office, Audie then tried the paratroopers which was a new branch of service. The paratroopers lacked the color of the Marines, but it sounded rough and Audie loved the paratrooper boots. The paratroopers were more sympathetic and the sergeant recommended Audie go load up on bananas and milk before weighing in. Audie again angrily denounced and added them to a long list of uniformed authorities that he requested “to go to the devil.” He then decided to join the infantry, but not overjoyed because he felt them too commonplace for his ambition. But then Audie secretly thought that after basic training he would transfer and become a glider pilot. So the seventeen year old baby faced youth with a pocketful of holes and a head full of dreams with ignorance beyond his years, boarded a bus for the induction center, whereas Audie had never been more than a hundred miles away from home. So on this day, the U.S. Army inducted into its service the greatest combat soldier in its history. When Audie Murphy died in a plane crash and buried at Arlington National Cemetery, President Harry Truman declared “Murphy really knew how to give ‘em hell. I guess he was the best soldier we’ve had since George Washington.”

Editor’s note: I had started the legacy of Audie Murphy “The Early Years” way back in October of 2017, but we have had so much content on backup I had to cease this series from April of 2018. So this concludes the legacy of Audie Murphy from his birth to Pearl Harbor.

Meet Our New National Secretary-Treasurer

Russell L. Zeeb

Russell L. Zeeb, born on a farm in Papillion, Nebraska after graduation and thanks to the draft, I entered the United States Army in December 1971, basic training at Fort Leonard wood, MO, AIT at Fort Sam Houston, Texas as a 91B20, combat medic. I spent 17 months overseas during the Vietnam era in the Cold War area.

After Honorable Discharge in December 1973 I returned home and started my career in Law Enforcement with the Sarpy County Sheriff Dept., I spent 39.5 years in the Dept, retiring in July, 2013 as a Lieutenant, Patrol Commander. During my career I earned many commendations including Public Servant of the Year, Officer of the year, two Life Saving awards, American Red Cross Life Saving award, and was inducted into the Nebraska Sheriff Hall of Fame. I now work as a Manager of the National Safety Council of Nebraska. I serve on several non profit boards and am the Past Chairman of the Nebraska Law Enforcements Memorial, a million dollar memorial to fallen officers in Nebraska all paid for with donations, no tax money.

I have one daughter Stephanie who is an assistant Nebraska Attorney General and with her husband Ryan have three beautiful grand kids.
Us Old Geezers

Trivia From The Editor’s Desk ……..If you were born in the 1930’s to the mid 1940’s, you exist as a very special age group. We are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900’s. We are the last generation climbing out of “The Great Depression” and can remember the “winds of war” and the impact of a world at war that shook us down to the foundation of our lives. We are the last generation to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar and to shoes and stoves.

We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the “milk box” on the porch. We are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors whose sons died in the war. We saw the boys home from the war build their little houses. We are the last generation who spent childhood without television, and instead we imagined what we heard on the radio.

The G.I. bill gave returning veterans an education and colleges grew. VA loans fanned a housing boom. New highways brought jobs and new cars averaged $2,000 full price. Our parents were glad we played by ourselves until the street lights came on, or Mom called us for supper. Polio was still a crippler.

The Korean War was a dark passage in the early 50’s and we ducked under our desks for training. We grew up at the best possible time when the world was getting better, not worse………

more than 99% of us are either retired or deceased, and we feel privileged to have “lived in the best of times.”

Source unknown

What If Gen. Macarthur Used Nuclear Weapons In Korea?

I received a request from one of our readers to write about the implication and consequences if Gen. Douglas MacArthur did indeed consider using nuclear weapons in Korea. This issue is full and I will include my findings in the February issue. I apologize also as I mislabeled who inquired about this story, so if you read this, please identify yourself for my sanity. Korea should not be “the forgotten war.”

Gen. Douglas MacArthur watches the Inchon landings aboard the USS McKinley

The German’s Last Great Attack of WWI Near Mezy on the Marne

Just this past June while visiting the Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood area, I took our tour group on a twelve mile or so drive along the Marne river from Chateau-Thierry to Mezy, France. I took these two photos of the city limit sign of Mezy on the Marne River bridge, but 100 years ago this now serene pastoral scene was the site of a brutal and vicious battle between the Germans and the “Rock of the Marne” fighting defenders of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The weight of the attack fell on the 38th Infantry of the 3rd Division on July 18, 1918. The 3rd division was manning the Marne riverbank from Chateau-Thierry to Mezy. This was their

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begin my career as a young twenty-one year old starting life. I soon landed a job with John Sexton & Co in the industrialized Brook Hollow section off Stemmons Freeway. Then on October 19, 1963, Jane and I were married at the All Faiths Chapel on the campus of Texas A & M in College Station, Texas.

We settled into our apartment at the Natchez in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. Part of my job at John Sexton, a large national spice and institutional food company, was to take the company car each day into downtown Dallas to collect the company mail. Dallas was already buzzing with the recent visit of past Presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson who was assaulted with a placard on his visit, and the climate was such that President Kennedy was advised not to visit Dallas at this time. But with the important 1964 presidential election coming up, Kennedy insisted on bringing his beautiful and charming First Lady with him to patch up a division within the Texas Democratic party.

It was a bright sunny day in Dallas, and I was not prepared for what I was to witness.

It was raining slightly in Fort Worth as the Kennedy’s departed for the thirteen minute flight to Love Field in Dallas. Then the Kennedy’s arrived in Dallas to a beautiful sun splashed day, so JFK did not want the protective “bubble” over the car. This twist of fate left the President fully exposed to the public and led to his demise. The presidential parade route was published in the newspapers that morning, so I timed my trip into downtown to hopefully get a glimpse of the President and Jackie.

With my radio on and keeping tabs of the procession, I pulled over onto the inside median of Stemmons Freeway near the Triple Underpass at Dealey Plaza. So here comes the Presidential limousine followed by a second car of Secret Service and lawmen standing and clinging to the rudder boards. I focused on the first car as I was stunned and bewildered when I saw Secret Service agent Clint Hill holding on precariously kneeling on the trunk of the limo as he was hovering over JFK and Jackie, who were out of sight as Hill had pushed the couple down to further protect them. My first thought was “what is that man doing on the trunk of the car going seventy miles mph for?”

Of course I did not know that the President had been fatally shot at this time, and then the radio broke in that some shots had been fired into the motorcade, but no one was hurt. As I drove into town to collect the mail, more news reports came in that the President had indeed been struck, but was ok and was taken to nearby Parkland Hospital.

The shots were fired in Dealey Plaza at precisely 12:30 pm, as the then large Hertz sign on the top of the Texas School Book Depository unassumingly records history as it read 12:30 pm. Then at 1:00 pm, the normally unemotional Walter Cronkite of CBS News, with his voice breaking and very emotionally informed a stunned nation that President Kennedy died at 1:00 pm as he took his glasses off and glanced at the clock on the wall.

Several years ago I attended a program at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza to hear the account of two of the surgeons that attended to JFK. They said JFK was dead on arrival, but a priest was needed to perform the last rites, therefore that is why his death was reported at 1:00 pm to give the priest time to arrive. Ironically, the priest who was summoned had just watched JFK and the limo pass by him during the parade route.

When I returned to work, naturally the news dominated the day and not much work was done. At about 3:00 pm, we heard Air Force One was leaving Love Field and returning to Washington with the President’s body, and also the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson. Several of us stepped outside and witnessed Air Force One flying over our building.

That Friday night, Jane and I drove downtown to Dealey Plaza to see where JFK was assassinated. It was unusually eerily quiet as we made our way through heavy traffic to the grassy knoll which was filling up with wreaths and flower arrangements on the slope. As we drove past the assassination site, we looked stunned at each other as it sunk in that one of the worst events in our history happened just outside our window as we drove by.

The Kennedy assassination had to be viewed with such shock as those who were alive when President Lincoln was likewise assassinated. I would say the top five events of the twentieth century would be in chronological order, WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, the assassination of JFK, and the moon landing in 1969.

We lived in Dallas two more years, and that’s all everybody talked about as Dallas was stigmatized as “the city of hate” around the world. This stigma was finally erased
when Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated in Memphis and Los Angeles. Our nation changed forever when we seemingly lost our innocence after these assassinations ushered in the turbulent years of 1968 and 1969 and with Vietnam heating up.

As events unfolded, we were amazed that in a four block radius of our apartment in Oak Cliff, we found out that Lee Oswald and Jack Ruby lived just a few blocks from us. While at 12:30pm I witnessed the mortally wounded President drive right by me, one hour later at 1:30 pm, Lee Oswald murdered DPD Officer J.D. Tippit just two blocks from our apartment where Jane was inside at the time. Then Oswald was captured at the Texas Theater on nearby Jefferson Street, again a movie house we had seen movies just blocks from our apartment.

Forty-eight hours later on Sunday, as America was glued hourly to their televisions for the latest developments. Jane’s parents had come up to Dallas and we were all watching the news when mobster Jack Ruby steps out and guns down Lee Oswald live on national television. As large as the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is, how amazing was it that our apartment was the epicenter of this bit of history? Isn’t it strange that Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby lived just blocks from each other and us?

We left Dallas in 1965, and this memory lay dormant in my mind until 2008 – when I met the Newmans.

I began doing “then & now” WWI & WWII photography in 1994 traveling to Europe and the Pacific to the battlefields. Then I saw an article in our newspaper that featured Bill & Gayle Newman about the upcoming 45th anniversary of the assassination. The Newmans were standing on the curb with their two children as the President passed by just six feet from the Newmans when the fatal shot took the backside of the President’s head off right before their eyes. This photo of the Newmans lying over their children on the grass knoll went worldwide, and is still seen in all the documentaries about the assassination. I thought it might be fun to try and find and meet them, and I did locate them still living in the Dallas area. They even invited Jane and I to visit them at their home for two days and recount their experience being the closest witnesses to the assassination. It was a fascinating experience being with them, and Bill told me the reason they hit the ground protecting their children was he felt a bullet whizz over his ear from the
rear, but you can draw your own conclusions. The Newmans were giving a program at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza as they have done many times. They invited us to attend, and after the program the curator took me up to the seventh floor to do an audio and video interview about what I saw which is in their archives. So this time with the Newmans rekindled my interest in the assassination and what I had seen. Since then I have set out to meet as many people still alive that had some kind of connection to that day. I have met about twenty-five people to this date, but their numbers are dwindling with each passing year. Since 2008 I have also began doing programs about the assassination, but there was something still incomplete to me about the man — John F. Kennedy.

**In 2017 I traveled to the Solomon Islands to record and learn more about John F. Kennedy and his service during WWII in the Pacific**

John F. Kennedy was born of privilege and could have easily avoided serving in WWII. His older brother Joseph Kennedy Jr. was being groomed for President by the ambitious patriarch of the Kennedy clan. But Joe was shot down over the English Channel on a secret bombing mission, and his body never found. So the mantle fell on the shoulders of his younger brother John.

So last year I joined a group as we trav-
eled to Guadalcanal and chartered a dive boat to take us “up the slot” and cruise all the islands of the great battles between the Americans and the Japanese.

Guadalcanal was a highlight of our tour, but my primary goal was to walk on tiny Plum Pudding Island where John F. Kennedy “came of age” when his heroics and determination rescued his badly wounded PT-109 crew, leading to their rescue from the Japanese held islands to safety.

Toward the end of our cruise, we visited the three little islands JFK and his men sought shelter which thrilled me. But when we approached Plum Pudding Island, about ten of us jumped overboard and swam to Plum Pudding and spent about an hour just walking the ground. My research for my programs about the assassination were now complete.

Conclusion

I greatly admired Dwight D. Eisenhower for his leadership during WWII, and I was only ten years old when “Ike” was elected President in 1952. I also admired him as President, and when a young charismatic John. F. Kennedy succeeded Eisenhower as President, it was truly “A New Frontier.”

It was an exciting time for me as the youngest President at the time, took over from one of the oldest outgoing Presidents. However, I did not know much about Kennedy’s wartime record. So in a capsule, Kennedy was a much flawed man in some ways, and a very heroic Navy man who blossomed into a leader that propelled him to the Presidency in 1960. When his PT-109 was sliced in half turning the aftermath into a fiery hell, Kennedy pulled one the badly burned men by his teeth to safety on Plum Pudding Island.

He was later given command of the PT-59 and he was the only one of three boats to volunteer to rescue some stranded Marines on the Japanese occupied island of Choiseul. Leaving without enough fuel, PT 59 found the mouth of the Warrior River on Choiseul and rescued ten Marines while under heavy fire. So in about three months, Kennedy had saved ten of his men of PT-109, and ten marines on Choiseul.

He was recommended for a Silver Star, but instead he and two of his PT-109 men were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for their actions. This was a “lifesaving” medal, not a combat decoration. As President, he took the heat from the failed and botched Bay of Pigs fiasco by the CIA, but backed down the Russians during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis which spared the world from a nuclear war. As a result, it saddens me that I witnessed a mortally wounded JFK pass by me a mere thirty feet.
Raffle Underway: The 2018-19 Foundation Fundraising Raffle is now underway. Most members have received tickets, and we thank everyone who purchased tickets. They were mailed to members in September. If you did not receive tickets or wish to purchase more, please contact Lynn Ball. Contact information is on page 2. This year’s prizes feature some unique, unusual, and valuable items donated by our members. The sub machine gun and 1911 pistol are fully operational and have not been fired beyond factory testing and are among the prizes anyone would be proud to own.

Applications to enter the Scholarship Grant competition are available on our Society Website at www.society3id.org or on our Scholarship Foundation Website at www.sidscholarshipfoundation.org or from Lynn Ball (contact information on page 2). We are accepting entries from now until the deadline, June 1, 2019.

Judging by our directors will begin on June 2nd. Checks will be mailed to the winners student accounts shortly thereafter.

All of the prizes are very nice and several are collector’s items.

Model 1911A .45-caliber pistol*  
* .45-caliber Thompson Submachine gun in Display Case*  
* Envelopes with Audie Murphy Stamps from the Greenville, TX stamp dedication (10)  
* From an Iowa Farm to Korea by Dale Geise (5 copies)  
* Faces of War (4 copies)  
* Secret History of WWII  
* Ball caps imprinted with “USA”  
* Ball cap imprinted with American Flag  
* Polyester 3” x 5” American Flags (2)  
* 3” x 5” 3rd Infantry Division Flag  
* Korea Reborn (3 copies)  
* U.S. Korean War Memorial Coins (4)  
* DVD: “The Siege at Firebase Gloria”  
* DVD: “MASH: The Movie”  
* DVD: “All Quiet on the Western Front”  
* DVD: “The Dirty Dozen”  
* The History of the 11th U.S. Cavalry book  
* History of the 2nd Infantry Division book  
* The 7th Cavalry in Korea book  
* History of the 25th Infantry Division book  
* Ex-POWs, Volume 77 book  
* The History of American POWs in WWII book  
* Shadows in the Jungle – Alamo Scouts WWII by Larry Alexander (2 copies)  
* Behind Enemy Lines – The OSS in Burma in WWII  
* 30 Seconds Over Tokyo by Ted Lawson (1943 printing)  
* The Day of the Panzer by Jeff Danby, signed by the author  
* The Army in WWII: Salerno to Cassino by Martin Blumenson  
* Back in the Day, cookbook  
* Queen-sized quilts with shams and throw pillows (2)  
* Bill Maudlin’s Army (1984 printing)  

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

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2018 Raffle Winners

The Society of the Third Infantry Division raffle drawing for cash prizes was conducted at the Presidents reception in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 27, 2018. John Weis administered the drawings. Society President, Toby Knight, drew the names out of a raffle box. This year, several members in attendance won. Congratulations to the following Society members who were prize winners:

1st Prize: $1000 ..Ms. Josiane Selvage, Livermore, CA
2nd Prize: $500 ..........Curtis Halvorson, Ft. Collins, CO
3rd Prize: $250 ......Darwin Underwood, Auburndale, FL
4th Prize: $100 ..........Patsy Scarpato, Staten Island, NY
4th Prize: $100 ..........Jack Lomonaco, Waretown, NJ
4th Prize: $100 ..........Harvey Krasner, Camarillo, CA
4th Prize: $100 ..........John Weiss, Spokane, WA

Thank you to all of our members who participated in the critically important fundraising event for the Society. This is a vital program for the financial health of our Society. Rock of the Marne!
ARMY BUDDIES REUNION

Well, we had another reunion at Gatlinburg, Tennessee the last week of July 2018. We are down to only six men and their families that are able to come. This reunion is for the 10th and the 39th Artillery who served in Schweinfurt, Germany from 1958 to 1960. Enclosed is a photo of our group who attended.

Allen Collins

Left to right – Herman Newton- Mooresville, NC. Allen Collins, Statesville NC – Gary Teague, Granite Falls, NC – Doug McDonald, Dunedin, Fl. – Charles Holley, Ronceverte, WV – Carl McGrady, Bristol, Tenn.

Mr. Bodden,

It was a pleasure talking with you today and I will contact the Valor Tours Company you mention for the next tour to Europe for the trip to Bastogne and The Eagle’s Nest via Paris. And thank you for the wonderful job you do for the “Watch on the Rhine”

Marvin Albright

Dear Mr. Bodden,

Congratulations on your well written follow up article about Medal of Honor recipient Garland Conners and also your article about the 5 highest decorated soldiers in military history.

I’ve talked to Pauline Connors several times and she sure seems like a lovely caring lady. Unbelievable that someone like Conner’s could be over looked by the Army Awards Board for so long! Our awards system needs to be overhauled as far as I’m concerned, many others feel the same.

On pg. 12 of our October “Watch” was an article & picture of John Fisher & his wife. On 6/23/52 while with the 5th RCT on the front lines of Korea I was shot through the right shoulder by a Chinese sniper. I was evacuated by helicopter to the 11th EVAC field hospital in Wonju S. Korea. Who knows? maybe John’s wife might have assisted me, God Bless her. I was 17 years old at the time am now 84. Wow! where do the years go?

Bob Barfield

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3rd ID Korean vet Bob Barfield salutes fellow comrade

Henry,

Yes, my wife & I watched the Conner presentation. Pauline had told me she would kiss the President & by golly she did! As far as I’m concerned it was a heart warming affair.

Also, on pg.23 of the Watch was a picture of Chaplain Parker Thompson. The Chaplain ‘bless his heart’ sent me an affidavit pertaining to my belated “Medal of Honor” recommendation. you can see the recommendation on my website set up by one of my sons robertbarfield.com/robertbarfield.com

Bob Barfield

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Letter Writers’ Forum

Perish in my writing, strength of argument and comments in this open exchange of ideas through our Forum of free press, this charity is preserved us

Deborah Barfield

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The Watch on the Rhine
September 29, 2018; Albuquerque, New Mexico
The annual meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Toby Knight. Executive Committee (EXCOM) members present were:
• Society President Toby Knight
• Eastern Region Vice-President Dave Pope
• Eastern Region Committee woman Kathy Daddato
• Central Region Committeeman John Weis
• Central Region Committee man Richard Faulkner
• Western Region Vice President Bob Stark
• Western Region Committeeman Lou Bravos

A quorum was established for the meeting. The Chair announced that the meeting would be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order. The Chair thanked everyone for serving on the executive committee.

Chaplin Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

Old Business
The Chair announced that due to the current vacancy of the Secretary-Treasurer position the Chair would read the minutes from the 2017 Executive Committee meeting. A motion to was made by the Chair to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

The Chair asked the EXCOM if there were any additions to the Agenda. There were no requests for additions to the agenda.

New Business
The Chair moved to amend Constitution paragraph’s 5.1a, 7.1 and 8.0 and Bylaws para 2.4, 5.3b and 11.2 by inserting the following sentence: “The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.”

The Chair opened the floor to discussion. It was established that the C&BLS only allows for ballots published in the WOTR to be used for voting. There are two classes of membership who do NOT receive a paper copy of the WOTR. Active Duty lifetime members and members of Outpost 16. The election of a digital copy of the WOTR was contingent on their membership. Due to this, they are, inadvertently, excluded from voting in elections, C&BLS changes and EC actions. The addition of this sentence will allow the National Secretary-Treasurer to publish and send these members a ballot that will be authorized for their use to vote. This will correct the issue of their exclusion in votes and save Society money in postage fees, because we will no longer need to send these members a paper copy of the WOTR in order for them to vote. It was suggested that for future elections, an online voting mechanism be established for those members who preferred to vote via their mobile device or computer. The Chair noted that this would be possible, but the ballot in the WOTR would NOT be eliminated anytime soon due to the number of members who still rely on it for their voting ballot.

Discussion closed and the Chair called for a vote. The motion to amend Constitution paragraph’s 5.1a, 7.1 and 8.0 and Bylaws para 2.4, 5.3b and 11.2 by inserting the following sentence: “The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.” was approved by majority vote.

The Chair moved to establish a special Constitution and Bylaws committee to review the C&BLS in order to make recommendations for edits, modifications and revisions.

The Chair opened the floor to discussion. The Chair noted that the C&BLS has been modified over the years and is in need of a complete review. There are currently some paragraphs that are duplicated in different sections (Bylaws par 1.6 and 5.7) and some paragraphs need to be updated. A complete review will give the EXCOM a good document to consider that will eliminate unnecessary portions of the C&BLS and update others that are in desperate need updating. The point was raised that finding people to serve on this committee would prove difficult, although the need to review the C&BLS for revisions was agreed upon.

The Chair moved to table the motion pending a canvassing of the membership who would be willing to serve on this committee. The motion to table was carried by a unanimous vote.

The Chair moved to establish a permanent budget line item for the funding of the Membership Roster and for Monuments upkeep

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. It was noted that the Society is required to publish the Membership Roster every three years. There has never been a budget item to provide for the funding of this requirement. Furthermore, the Society is required to fund the maintenance of the Monument in Chateau-Thierry, France, the 3rd ID Monument at the Infantry Museum on Fort Benning and several benches on Warriors walk on Fort Stewart. These un-forced budget requirements need to be addressed prior to their eventual requirement coming to fruition. By allocating a certain amount of money each year and putting these funds into an escrow account, the Society can gain interest on these monies and will have the funds available when these requirements present themselves. Richard Faulkner moved to amend the motion to allocate $1000 per year to be dedicated to each fund to be placed in an interest bearing account until the need arises to utilize the monies for these line items.

Discussion closed and the Chair called for a vote. The motion to establish a permanent budget line item for the funding of the Membership Roster and for Monuments upkeep and to allocate $1000 per year to be dedicated to each fund to be placed in an interest bearing account until the need arises to utilize the monies for these line items was approved by a majority vote.

The Chair moved to approved the additional funding for the publication of the 2019 issues of the WOTR.

The Chair noted that 2019 is the 100th anniversary for the Society of the Third Infantry Division. In celebration of this, it has been suggested that the design of the front page of each issue of the WOTR in 2019 be changed to celebrate this auspicious occasion. This change adds color to the front page and therefore an increase in the cost of producing each issue. The cost increase per issue will be approximately $700. Total increase cost for the year will be $4200. In 2020, the design will be returned to the current design and the price would return to its current price.
Discussion closed and the Chair called for a vote. The motion to approved the additional funding for the publication of the 2019 issues of WOTR was approved by a majority vote.

The Chair moved to approve Springfield, Missouri, Little Rock, Arkansas, Kansas City Missouri, or Las Vegas, Nevada for the 2020 Society National Reunion. The Chair moved to table the discussion and vote, pending a cost estimate to be submitted to the Executive Committee for each city. The motion to table was approved by a majority vote.

The Chair moved to award a grant of $200 to the 3rd Infantry Division Soldier of the Year and the NCO of the year. The motion was amended to only include the Soldier of the Year since the NCO of the year had been reassigned to another division in the Army. The Chair called for a vote on the amended motion to award a grant of $200 to the 3rd Infantry Division Soldier of the Year and the motion was approved by a majority vote.

The Chair moved to enter the Executive Committee meeting into Executive Session which adjourned the regular session of the Executive Committee. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am and entered into Executive Session.

Society of the Third Infantry Division U.S. Army; 99th General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2018: Albuquerque, New Mexico

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM and Chaired by Society President Toby Knight. The Chair asked everyone to stand and led the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and Jerry Daddato delivered the Invocation.

The Chair did roll call of national officers which included Toby Knight, John Weis, Kathy Daddato, Richard Faulkner, Louis Bravos, Bob Stark and Dave Pope.

The Chair conducted the count of outpost members attending the meeting and were as follows:
OP#1-1, OP#2-2, OP#3-0, OP#5-3, OP#7-0, OP#11-0, OP#12-0, OP#13-1, OP#15-0, OP#16-0, OP#17-0, OP#18-0, OP#22-2, OP#33-0, OP#35-3, OP#53-2, OP#54-1, OP#57-2, OP#60-1, OP#63-0, OP#88-0, OPMA-0, OP#5845-0 and FBR-0.

The Chair asked for any additions or corrections to the 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes which were included in today’s meeting handout. Ed Conley made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2017 General Membership meeting minutes, there was a second to the motion and the motion carried. Toby Knight made the motion to approve the 2017 General Membership meeting minutes as written, the motion was seconded. The 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Acknowledgments

Toby Knight announced Mr. Hiroshi Miyamura Korean War Medal of Honor Recipient would be at the awards banquet. He also announced that the 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General, MG Leopolda Quintas and the Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Daniel Hendrex, along with the Division Color Guard and Soldier of the Year would all be in attendance at the banquet that evening. Toby Knight recognized all Outpost Officers and Presidents who were in attendance.

National Officers Reports

Society President, Toby Knight – Toby reported that he judged overall state of the Society as good. He reported that the Society must continue to focus on recruitment of new members, but also the retention of current members. He asked that every Society member strive to recruit just one member this year. He highlighted the analysis of the recruiting numbers of the Society since 2010 that showed that 2018 was the first year that the Society experienced a slight increase in all membership categories. Toby recognized the new Editor of the Watch on the Rhine, Henry Bodden, and his hard work in maintaining an excellent publication for the Society. Toby also highlighted the Society new online Roster Management database that is couple to the website. The new Roster Manager, Frank Ugolini, has worked very hard to maintain the roster as up-to-date as possible. Toby discussed the establishment of the Society’s newest Outpost #16 and the work they have done to recognize the accomplishments of 3rd ID Soldiers in Italy.

Toby gave an overview of the changes in personnel for the Executive Committee and announced the need for a new National Secretary-Treasurer. He further highlighted the awarding of the Medal of Honor to former Society Life Member, 1LT Darlin M. Conner.

He described how OP 88 members had decided to dissolve their Outpost earlier in 2018 due to the dwindling numbers of the Outpost, the advanced age of its members and their inability to travel long distances.

He discussed the approval of the 2018 Society budget and the areas that experienced a shortfall and the areas that saw improvement. He noted how membership dues were directly tied the decrease in funds to the Society. He noted that the Society’s focus on fundraising has borne fruit in many areas and this trend is expected to continue. He also announced the establishment of online sales for the 3rd I.D. Museum got shop that is operated by the Society’s OP-MA.

He announce the establishment of the Society’s new official headgear and the road it took to find a vendor and the cost of each hat, which is $40.

In 2019, Toby noted that this will be the Society’s 100th Anniversary and he announced that the reunion will be held in 2019 during Marne Week, in order to facilitate activities in conjunction with the Division on Fort Stewart. To assist in the reduction of costs for the 2019 reunion, Toby announced the establishment of the Society’s new 2019 Calendar that will be sent to all Society members. Society members are asked to donate to help raise funds for the 2019 reunion and offset the costs of publication of the calendar. Toby ended by asking the members present to keep our Division Soldiers and those deployed in our thoughts and prayers.

Eastern Region Vice-President, Dave Pope – No report

Central Region Vice-President, Lynn Ball – No report

Western Region Vice-President, Bob Stark - Bob introduced himself to the members as the new WR Region VP and also the new
OP 54 President. He also outlined OP 54 Scholarship activities and its awarding of monies to several recipients. He implored Outposts to communicate as much as possible as this is an area for improvement.

**Staff Reports**

**Editor of the Watch on the Rhine, Henry Bodden** — Henry introduced himself and discussed his activities as an historian and travel guide for WWI and WWII trips to Europe and the Pacific. He also informed the members about his preservation initiatives for items in the Society archives, which he has in his possession. He thanked the Veterans present for their service to our country and to write their story down and submit it to him for publication, if possible.

**Active Duty Liaison, Jeff Ashmen** — Jeff was not in attendance. His report included the new online sales capability of the gift shop.

**Chaplain, Jerry Daddato** — Jerry had no report to submit.

**Historian, Henry Bodden** — Nothing to report.

**Judge Advocate, Harvey Sladkus** — no report.

**Auditor, Steve Sullivan** — Steve highlighted the start of the Society’s new fiscal year on July 1, 2018. He noted the six week timeframe that he worked with the National Secretary-Treasurer, John Weis, to audit the Society’s financial statements. He noted his procedure to conduct the audit and his review concluded that no material modifications should be made. He noted that the financial management procedures of the Society are done well and that his audit found no irregularities. He highlighted the improvements made in the Society’s financial workings due to last year’s “hacking” of the Society’s accounts by unscrupulous businesses. All funds taken were returned, in full, to the Society and the security measures currently in place have, to date, prevented any further illegal transactions. He noted the FTC message informing Nonprofit Veterans Organizations of their targeting by these unscrupulous business entities.

**National Secretary-Treasurer, John Weis** — The financial report for the past year was included in the handout. John noted the small deficit of $2500 for 2017, but noted the surplus in 2016 of $11,000. He stated that year to year variances were expected. He further noted the security measures he put in place to prevent further attacks on our financial accounts have, to date, prevented any further misappropriation of Society funds by unscrupulous entities. All funds taken have been fully refunded to the Society. John further reported the advantages of using “Bill pay” with the chase account for the Society. This is a free service and the monies are automatically deducted from the account eliminating the need to track outstanding checks. All checks must be cashed with in 90 days whereby the funds are returned to the Society automatically. John ended by reviewing the budget and pointing out funding streams that generated funds for the Society.

**Medical Officer, Dr. Van Delden** — No report.

**Quartermaster, Leonard Collins** — Leonard was not present. He reported that the Free 3rd ID Ball caps for WWII and Korean War veterans will end on December 31, 2018. He received several dozen requests for caps and has mailed them at no cost to veterans. He will be present at the reunion in 2019 and promises to have door prizes and mementos for those in attendance.

**Sergeant-at-Arms, Ron Heitzenrater** — No report. Toby noted that Ron has recently had to step down due to health reasons.

**Webmaster, Toby Knight** — The webmaster provided statistical support for the period Sep 2017 through Sept 2018 which is included in the handout. Toby highlighted the improvements in the website that has allowed members to update their information by establishing an account on the website.

**Roster Manager, Frank Ugolini** — The roster manager report is included in the handout. Our total membership is currently at 1,584. We lost 216 members since last year at this same time. 81 of those were due to members passing. Our biggest decrease has been in our Regular Annual and Associate Annual members. All of the Outpost, except OPMA and the at-large “Footsie Brit” Outpost have experienced a loss in members, albeit some less than others.

**Committee Reports**

**Awards Chair, SFC Ken Drake** — SFC Ken Drake was not present but reports that this year’s awards nominations included a total of three nominations for the Audie Murphy Achievement Award, two for the Society Service Award and two for the Outstanding Associate Member Award. All nominations and awardees were vetted using the news awards Protocol included in the Society SOP.

**Constitution and By-laws Chair, Amy McKenna** — Amy McKenna was not present, but reported that there were seven Executive Committee Actions, two Constitution changes and three Bylaws changes that were on the ballot for membership approval in the June edition of the WOTR. All proposed changes and EC Actions were approved by a 2/3 majority vote by the membership. She received a total of 44 ballots cast which is less that 3% of all members in good standing.

**Membership Chair, Kathy Daddato** — Kathy reported that she fielded 71 questions she received via phone by members.

**Scholarship Chair, Lynn Ball** — No report.

**Nominations Chair, Ed Conley** — Ed Conley reported that he received only one nomination for each of the four offices that were up for election at the national level this year, which were the three regional Vice-Presidents and the Society President. In the C&B’s paragraph 5.3b, no ballots for these nominations were be made available to the membership since only one nomination was received by the committee for each office. We also congratulate and thank all of the other EXCOM members who continue to serve on the EXCOM.

**Public Relations Chair, Maj. Heri Marrero** — No report.

**Reunion Chair, Toby Knight** — Toby reported that the 2019 reunion will be held in Savannah/Jekyll Island Georgia. Dates are to be determined as we will coordinate with the division to have our reunion during the Marine Week festivities.

**Fundraising Chair, CSM (ret) Jeff Ashmen** — Jeff was not present, but reports the Society raffle, the coin program, the Division Ball and the donation program are all the responsibility of the Fundraising Committee to manage. To date, the Fundraising committee has generated $7,521 in raffle ticket sales, $17,295 in Coins Sales, $13,000 in donations for the Soldiers Ball, $2,138 in Roster Donations and $4,764 from the donations cards. That is a total of $44,718 is fundraising from June of last year to today.
Special Orders
The Chair opened to the floor to nominations for the currently open position of National Secretary-Treasurer. No nomination was received from the floor.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the site of the 2019 reunion. Toby Knight nominated Springfield, Illinois, Pete Graffner nominated Little Rock, Arkansas, Paul Grabert nominated Kansas City, Missouri, and Maggie Weis nominated Branson, Missouri.

New Business
The Chair opened the floor requesting items of new business.

Bob Stark moved to establish an Auxiliary in the Society. The motion was duly seconded and the floor was open for debate. Several comments were made to initiate contact with National Guard units that supported the 3rd ID to attend the Society reunions. It was noted that an Auxiliary membership in other organizations is not equivalent to the Society’s current Associate membership rights. The Chair called for a vote: 8 voted no and 0 voted yes. The motion was lost.

Jerry Daddato moved to hold our reunions nearby military installations. Toby Knight moved to amend the motion to alternate between Fort Stewart and the regions in the current reunion cycle. The motion to amend was duly seconded by Paul Grabert. Steve Sullivan moved to amend the motion to also include coordination with other units who may have served with the 3rd ID in theaters throughout its history to attend Society reunions during the off-years. The motion to amend was moved to a vote: 21 voted yes and 1 voted no. The motion to amend was carried.

The Chair called for a vote on the amended motion. It was moved to alternate between Fort Stewart and the regions in the current reunion cycle and to also include coordination with other units who may have served with the 3rd ID in theaters throughout its history to attend Society reunions during the off-years. The vote tally was 19 voted yes and 2 voted no. The motion was carried.

The Chair closed the floor to new business due to no further motions being made from the members present.

Installation of Officers
The installation of Officers was precluded due to all Officers serving concurrent terms in their respective positions.

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

Closing Prayer
Jerry Daddato led the closing prayer.

Adjournment
Toby adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer - Toby Knight (acting)

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

Nominations must be received by August 10, 2019
Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: 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 duties 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
It’s Fun To Attend Our Reunions

By Henry Bodden – Historian

I love to travel and always plan extracurricular adventures when I am going to any particular destination. At last year’s reunion in San Antonio, we made a trip to Bracketville, Texas to see John Wayne’s “Alamo Village” where the patriotic Wayne built his replica of the Alamo to film, act, and direct his epic movie “The Alamo” using his own funds. So this year with our upcoming trip to Albuquerque for the reunion, I researched other points of interest nearby. I was surprised to find out that in 1940, legendary war correspondent Ernie Pyle built a small house just minutes from our hotel where the reunion was being held.

Ernie and Jane Bodden stand in front of John Wayne’s replica Alamo set in Bracketville, Texas

Ernie and his wife Jerry with their pet dog “Cheetah” lived there until his unfortunate death on the small island of Ie Shima near Okinawa when he was killed by a sniper in a supposedly “safe zone.” I have a soft spot in my heart for “G.I. Joe” because I have visited his birthplace in Dana, Indiana, his haunts in Normandy and Paris during the liberation of Paris, and his gravesite in “Punchbowl” American cemetery in Honolulu. So a visit to his home was mandatory for me.

Ernie and wife Jerry with their beloved pet “Cheetah” at their Albuquerque home

Ernie was gone most of the time reporting on the war, and his wife Jerry attempted suicide twice at their home and she died about six months after the death of Ernie. Their beloved pet “Cheetah” is buried on the grounds. It is a small 1,175 sq. ft. home, and on October 11, 1948, the city had acquired the house from the Pyle estate and opened as the city’s first branch library. As I entered the library, there were some very interesting artifacts of Ernie like an old typewriter, newspapers, and documents. In 1940, this neighborhood by the present airport was rural. Just outside of Albuquerque I visited the Petroglyphs painted by the native Americans centuries ago on the rocks that was very interesting.

The Ernie Pyle House

Has been designated a National Historic Landmark

The Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent captured the hearts of American readers by telling stories of ordinary soldiers fighting on the front lines of World War II.

This site possesses national significance in commemorating the history of the United States of America.

2006
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior

National Historic Plaque on the new branch library in Albuquerque

We then travelled a couple of hours west to spend the next two nights in Gallup, N.M., the home of our special guest, Hiroshi Miyamura. Kenneth Riege, who accompanied Hiroshi to the reunion, invited us to view his magnificent military museum throughout the lobby of the Comfort Suites Hotel he manages in Gallup. I must say it was quite impressive in quantity and quality in the displays Ken put together. The most impressive display was his collection of 104 Medal of Honor Recipients Challenge coins, including Hiroshi’s coin on display. These coins represent the “best of the best” ranging from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Global War on Terror.

One framed display Ken proudly showed me was one of his grandfather’s WWI memorabilia from battles at Belleau Wood, 2nd Battle of the Marne, and the Meuse Argonne campaign. His name was Paul Emerson Riege and it resonated with me so much because each year I lead a tour to this section of WWI France.
As we headed west towards our next stop which was Window Rock, Arizona, home of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo code talkers of WWII in the Pacific, we got on the “Miyamura Highway.” At Window Rock I met the grandson of one of the original 29 Navajo code talkers.

The next day I travelled to Canyon de Chelly, which I thought was more scenic than the Grand Canyon. The “White House Ruins” was the highlight of my tour with my mandatory Navajo guide. As a movie buff, I stopped in Vega, Texas outside Amarillo to find a bar scene from the Paul Newman hit movie “Hud.” All these extra visits made a most memorable reunion trip for me.

EDITOR’S NOTE – Since this issue is pretty much filled, next issue I will write about “The Legend of the Challenge Coin” after viewing Ken’s displays at the Comfort Suites.

MARNE BATTLE COIN

The Society is proud to offer a new commemorative coin to our members! The Marne Battle Coin is in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the Second Battle of the Marne in 1918 that forged the Division’s rich legacy. This coin is 3” in diameter and made of polished brass.

The back side features a portion from a painting by N.C. Wyeth titled “The Americans at Chateau-Thierry.” The owner of the panting/copyright has given special permission to the Society for its exclusive use on this coin. It shows two Marne Soldiers charging in battle and their faces demonstrate the strength and determination of all Marne Soldiers in WWI during this German vicious attack.

Each coin is individually numbered and comes in its own plush velvet bag. You can purchase your coin at our website www.society3ridid.org or by mailing your check or money order to:
Toby Knight
5339 Osprey Oak
San Antonio, TX 78253

Each coin is $20 and checks need to be made payable to the “Society of the Third Infantry Division.” Be sure to list the number of coins you would like and the serial number you desire - subject to availability.

Get yours today. Only 300 are available and they will sell out fast!
Upon finding that the War To End All Wars was actually at an end, a soldier wandered away from his barracks and into town. As he passed a small church, he stopped and looked in and saw that the townsfolk had gathered for worship. The soldier wandered in, down the aisle and slid into a pew. He took his seat next to some worshipers who were at that moment sitting with their heads bowed in prayer. The soldier having no prayer book took out a time-worn deck of playing cards. He fanned the cards before him and started to mumble to himself. His fellow worshipers, amazed at the soldier for displaying a deck of cards, the "Devil's Tickets," in the house of the Lord, nudged him and whispered, "Put those away, you can't do that here!"
The soldier paid little attention to them and carried on with his cards and mumblings. Soon the fellow worshipers became alarmed and sent out for the constable and the poor man was arrested. He was placed in the jail for the night and the next morning was brought before the town magistrate, charged with disorderly conduct for displaying a deck of cards in a place of worship. The Magistrate asked what he had to say for himself, "Guilty or not guilty?"
The soldier standing before the bar of justice replied, "Not guilty, Your Honor, and with your kind permission, I would like to present this defense for my actions."
With that, he took out his old time-worn deck of cards, fanned them out before him, and then he began: "Your Honor, to me this deck of cards is my prayer book and Bible. When I look into these cards and see an Ace, it reminds me that there is only one God.
§ When I see the Deuce, it reminds me that the Bible is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testaments.
§ When I see the Trey, it represents the three persons of the Blessed Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
§ When I see the Four, it reminds me of the four great Evangelists, who wrote the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
§ When I see the Five, Your Honor, I think of the five virgins who kept their lamps trimmed in waiting for the coming of the Lord.
§ When I see the Six, it reminds me that in six days God made this great Heaven and Earth.
§ When I see the Seven, it represents the Sabbath, a day of rest and worship.
§ When I see the Eight, it reminds me of the eight righteous persons who were saved from the Flood—Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives.
§ When I see the Nine, I'm reminded of the nine lepers who were cleansed of their sins, but did not give thanks, such was their ingratitude.
§ When I see the Ten, I think, not only of the tenth leper, who did give thanks, but of the Ten Commandments handed down by Moses on the stone tablets, each spot for one Commandment.
§ Now, Your Honor, the Jack reminds me of the Knaves of the Devil and to shun his temptation.
§ When I see the Queen, I think of the blessed Virgin Mary, who is Queen of Heaven.
§ The King is, of course, the King of Heaven and Earth and All Things, to whom we should all bow down and give thanks."
§ He folded up the deck of card, shuffled them once, and fanned them out before him. Then he continued:
§ "Your Honor, when I look into this deck of cards, I see that there are 365 spots, as there are 365 days in the year.
§ The Joker stands for Leap Year, 366 days.
§ There are fifty-two cards in the deck, there are fifty-two weeks in a year.
§ There are twelve face cards in the deck representing the twelve months of the year.
§ Actually, there are thirteen lunar months in the year represented by the thirteen cards in each suit.
§ Speaking of the suits, the deck is divided into four suits - Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts and Spades; and we know that the year is divided into four seasons - Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.
§ Lastly, Your Honor, this deck of cards has two colors, red and black; the red stands for the daylight, and the black for the night.
So you see, Your Honor, not only is this deck of cards my prayer book and Bible, it is also my Almanac!"
With that, His Honor said, "Case dismissed!"
first fight and firing in three directions, blasted by artillery fire, taking all flesh and blood could stand, the regiments held on doggedly and threw the enemy back across the Marne. This defense checked the German’s assault and made an Allied offensive possible. General Pershing called it “one of the most brilliant pages of our military annals” as depicted in this painting and narrative titled “Rock of the Marne.”

The 38th Infantry was under the command of MG Ulysses G. Alexander, while the rest of the division was under the command of General Joseph T. Dickman.

‘In The Footsteps Of Valor’

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

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

Chaplain’s Corner

Dear Society Members,

This is your Chaplain’s last report of this year. I hope that everyone is doing great just like your Chaplain and his wife Kathy. Now as we all move into this holiday season Kathy and I want to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah and a Great New Year.

Please remember our troops who are stationed far from home and their families that miss their fathers and mothers who are out there protecting our freedoms. I pray that next year at this time that all of our troops will be home for the holidays.

May the good Lord keep His loving arms around all of them.

Your Chaplain,

Jerry Daddato

Watch Schedule

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

Deadline to the Editor Publication
January 5th .................................. February
March 5th .................................... April
May 5th ...................................... June
July 5th ....................................... August
September 5th ............................. October
November 5th ............................. December
The second meeting for 2018 and luncheon of Outpost #1 of the Society of 3rd Infantry Division was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the Bobaluk’s Beef & Pizza Place, 458 Main St, Marseilles, IL 61341-1455. Before the meeting everyone introduced themselves. The American Flag and Outpost 1 flags were setup using new Outpost 1 standards that President Longfellow had made by a fellow veteran.

The meeting opened at 11:19 am by President Richard Longfellow with nine in attendance: Edward Dybala and wife Joanne, Wally de Jongh and daughter Helga, Richard Longfellow, Phil Quarnstrom, Chuck Stonnis, and Herb Summers. Secretary/Treasurer John Spratt could not attend as he was working. John Keller and daughter Tina Keller could not attend as John recently had surgery and is in rehab. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said by all.

After discussion of where the Spring Outpost meeting would be held. Wally de Jongh made a motion to have it in Dixon, Illinois with visits to the President Ronald Regan home and the Dixon Veterans Memorial Park and the meal would be at the Mama Cimino’s, 114 N Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4448. The Spring Meeting will be in May with date to be determined by Outpost 1 Members who will vote on the two dates proposed by President Longfellow. Motion was seconded by Ed Dybala. Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion was made by Wally de Jongh to make the following list of officers. The officers for 2019 will be Richard Longfellow, President; Phil Quarnstrom, Vice President and John Spratt, Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Charles Stonis. Motion passed unanimously.


The group then walked over to the Marseilles Veterans Memorial that was across the street. After looking over the Marseilles Veterans Memorial, the group then drove to the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall. You can information on it at https://www.facebook.com/MiddleEastConflictsWallMemorial A group photo was taken. The group then drove to the Illinois Fallen Soldiers Tree with more information at https://www.facebook.com/illiniestateparkfoundation2/ It has many trees already planted and it is still being developed.

Richard Longfellow, 807 Washington Avenue Dixon, IL 6102111230 dlongfel1776@gmail.com; 1-815-973-0201
John Spratt 1430 Bull Valley Drive Woodstock, IL 60098 jpspratt@gmail.com, Cell: 224-430-1174

Chuck Stonnis made a motion to purchase an MIA/POW Flag or seat cover to honor the thousands of MIA/POWs. Phil Quarnstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fall Meeting of Outpost #13 was held on Saturday October 13th at Bakers of Milford. There were 20 people in attendance, including eight members. We have been relying only on emails to publicize our meetings, along with postings in the Watch, as this is less expensive than sending out post cards to all members. It was decided to go back to sending out both emails and post cards, hoping that this would increase attendance. Some
of our members don’t own computers.

The meeting began with the Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and the State of Michigan. The group then joined in on the singing of the “Dog-Faced Soldier.” President Faulkner then led us in prayer from former president George Knight who passed away right after our last meeting.

We then went around the room with all members telling of their experiences in the Third. We covered the world, the US, Japan, Korea, Germany, and Afghanistan.

**Arizona**

Outpost 15 will have participated in the upcoming Phoenix Veterans Day Parade (Monday November 12th) by the time of publication. The parade includes 102 entries and will have approximately 100,000 spectators lining the streets of central Phoenix. Also, six reviewing stands with announcers will be present along with dignitaries from entertainment and politics. Loretta Swit, from M*A*S*H fame, has been selected for this years Grand Marshall. The 80 year old insists on walking the route!!

The outpost is honored to positively represent all those who have served in the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, and our decorated Jeep has taken third place for three years in a row.

Also, outpost member Donita Williams turned 104 years on October 5th which was celebrated with a catered dinner and live entertainment provided by Just Cuz’ (a bluegrass, gospel and folk music band featuring my five grand-kids and myself).

The next outpost event will be the spring 2019 meeting with date, time and location to be determined.

Thank You, Curtis Gentry Arizona Renegade Outpost 15 Secretary-Treasurer

**Giovinazzo-York**

**OP-18 Fall Meeting 2018**

When: Sunday, October 14, 2018; 10:30am
Place: The Five Pillars Supper Club Hwy. 57 & Cty. Trunk Hwy K Randon Lake, WI 53075
Attendance: 11 Members and Guests

President Bill Vanark opened the meeting at 10:30am with the playing of the National Anthem followed by a prayer. Bill announced that he is moving to Alabama, therefore, he is resigning as President of OP-18 immediately. Vice President Mike Bopray agreed to be the new President of OP-18.

**Reports:**

- VP Mike Bopray informed the group the next National Reunion of the 3rd I.D. will be at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The date has not been set.
- Treasurer Marv Kostka reported that after all expenses were paid, our current balance is $346.31.
- Historian Warren Fast- Historic info on OP-18 or the Korean
Bob informed the group that he is resigning as Secretary of OP-18. He will remain as Quartermaster. Marv Kostka agreed to be both Treasurer and Secretary of OP-18.

- Mel Ingram took us through his experiences in the 3rd I.D. in Korea. Mel was married in June of 1951. He went into the Army and was soon on a troop ship to Japan and then Korea. He told of many experiences in the 3rd I.D. in Korea during 1951-1952.
- Bill Vanark told of his experiences in the 3rd I.D. in Korea. Bill was a Tech Sergeant in the National Guard before he went to Korea. He went by boat to Japan and was flown right into Korea and the 3rd I.D. th Regiment. He told of his many combat missions. Bill accepted a field commission and became the adjutant to Major John Eisenhower, the son of President Eisenhower.
- JoAnn Ingram raffled two patriot Quilt of Valor won by Mike Bopray and Warren Fast.

Lunch was served.

Next meeting: May 5, 2019
Meeting adjourned: 11:40am with the playing of “Taps” and a prayer by Bill Vanark

Respectfully submitted: Secretary Bob Meganck

Dear Members of the Society: OP #22 extends it’s Holiday Greetings to you. We wish you good health, prosperity, and happiness in the New Year. In the past three months, our members have enjoyed the national reunion in Albuquerque, and attended school reunions in Wisconsin, Illinois, Hawaii, and California.

We have vacationed along California’s Central Coast, celebrated Octoberfest, a Polish Festival, visited Mount Palomar, and picked apples in Julian, Oak Glen, Bishop, and Angel’s Camp, California. We look forward to sharing good holiday food with friends, and plan to watch the Rose Bowl parade (and bowl games). We look forward to seeing the desert flowers blossom, the monarch butterflies breed, and to watch the birds, and gray whales migrate south, from Alaska. We send a giant “Thank You” to all of the schools, and civic organizations, that saluted veterans on Veteran’s Day. We salute you, and thank you for your service with the 3rd Infantry Division.

Submitted by Walter Mendoza, Sr.
President, OP #22

19-22 September the OP hosted its annual 6th Army Group in WWII seminar, this year including the 6th Corps’ combat in Italy. There was a broad range of interesting topics, and the event concluded with a ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery, with a full company of US Naval Academy Midshipmen honoring our WWII veterans.

The OP hosted its fourth Korean War historical seminar 17-20 October. It was an outstanding event supported by the Korean Defense Attaché’s Office. BG Pyo, Se Woo, the Defense Attaché, was key note speaker at the concluding banquet. COL

Choi, Yong Jun, ROK Military Attaché, attended the first day’s worth of seminar presentations. LTC (P) Chong, Chan Hwan, ROK Army student at the US Army War College, gave an excellent presentation on the Crossing of the 38th Parallel. Chaplain (CPT) Choi, Yong-hun, Chaplain of the ROK 1st Special Forces Brigade, presented on the ROK Army Chaplains’ Corps’ history and the 3rd ID role in its founding in the Korean War.

The Stoyes and Mrs. Haesook Choi, represented the OP and Society at the funeral of LTG, retired, Thomas Vandal, former 8th US Army Commander, former 2nd ID Commander, and former 3ID DIVARTY Commander at a Mass of Christian Burial at the Memorial Chapel of Fort Myer, VA on 20 October. LTG Vandal was a great supporter of OP International and served as speaker for our ceremony honoring Operation Dragoon veterans in 2012. As 2ID Commander he hosted a group of Korean War veterans we escorted on a Korea revisit at division headquarters on Camp Red Cloud in Uijongbu in 2014. We were happy to meet MG Tony Cucolo, former 3ID Commander, at the post-funeral reception.

The Stoyes represented the Society and OP International at the funeral of Chaplain Parker Thompson, the last-known US Army Korean War chaplain. Chaplain Thompson served with the 7th Infantry Regiment and 10th Engineers of the 3rd ID in Korea 1952-1953. He was a long-term member of Outpost 7 and regularly participated in Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

The group photo
First Brigade Returns from Korea

First Brigade conducted its redeployment from Korea throughout the month of October. The Raider Brigade conducted 12 separate Welcome Home Ceremonies as soldiers rotated back to Fort Stewart following their nine month deployment. Families, friends and local Veterans Organizations arrived at Cottrell Field with each returning flight to welcome the Raider’s back home. Regardless of the time of day (or night), posters, banners and waving flags anxiously greeted soldiers as they marched across the field and up to the bleachers. Once the formations stopped near the podium, there was a brief welcome home speech by the division leadership, singing of the Dog Faced Soldier, followed by a rush onto the field by an excited crowd as they scurried about to find and hug their loved ones.

The Raider Brigade deployed to Korea earlier this year as the Rotational Armored Brigade Combat Team supporting the 2nd Infantry Division. This marked the first time since the Korean War that the Third Infantry Division deployed to the Korean Peninsula.

Job Well Done—Welcome Home!

Honorary President

Marne 6 Sends

MajGen Leopoldo A Quintas, Jr.

Greetings to all Dogface Soldiers.
Families, and friends of the Marne Division! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

This time of year is always special, offering an opportunity for reflection and renewal. Here in the Marne Division we have a lot to reflect on, feel a sense of accomplishment for and look toward the future with new goals and missions.

This past year we successfully redeployed home four of our units, celebrated the 100 year anniversary of earning our moniker “Rock of the Marne” at the Second Battle of the Marne, honored 1st Lt. Murl Conner, our 56th Medal of Honor recipient, and cheered the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team as one of their tank crews won the Sullivan Cup Best Tank Crew competition. We also provided critical support to those Americans impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael. In our final act, closed out 2018 by certifying our Division Headquarters, Division Artillery and Sustainment Brigade with our high intensity combat Warfighter readiness exercise in November. All of the extraordinary efforts and accomplishments for all of these events, and many more, were directly influenced and executed by the outstanding Dogface Soldiers of the great Marne Division.

As we move through the month of December towards 2019, new events appear on the horizon and quickly take shape. Deployments will occur, starting with the Georgia National Guard’s 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, as they deploy to Afghanistan in early 2019. We will provide training and exercise support to the 82nd Airborne Division in February and later in spring we will see the Spartans from the 2nd ABCT rotate through the National Training Center.

Until then, we focus on family and friends, and celebrate the holidays during this time of year. Our Dogface Soldiers have earned a break. Come January, however, we will follow our Division’s tradition, moving out on the Marne Express at a fast pace, ready and eager for new adventures as we remain ready to fight and win our Nation’s wars.

Finally, we would like to give special thanks to Toby Knight and Hiroshi Miyamura who were instrumental in making this year’s Society reunion in Albuquerque a resounding success and very special. It was a wonderful and memorable event.

Hoping you have a safe and enjoyable holiday and happy New Year.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!
Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr.,
Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding
Last Call

The following personnel were identified as deceased. All of us in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army, extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

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

John M. Starcevich, 65INF/ WR 88 John Keller, 7INF/L CR 1
DOD 11/05/2018 DOD 11/05/2018
Reported deceased via Society President by CSM Joe. Reported deceased via Tim Stoy from Tina his Daughter.

Please report deaths of members to David H. Pope, Secretary/Treasurer. Contact information on page 2.

Roll Call

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

Listed below are all new members who enrolled during since the last issue of The Watch-on-The-Rhine.

Regular Annual

4302 Brandon Y. Quan
103rd MI BN/1st BDE, 3ID 1999 2003
Referred by Website

9381 John Fisher
10th FA 1950 1953 DOD 10/20/2018
Referred by Toby Knight.

9382 Brandon Chase
3-7 CAV 2/3ID, 6-8 CAV 2/3 ID
2006 2009, 2017 - current

9383 Emil Getscher
1/5 INF 2007 2009 10/25/2018
Created gift membership from Bob Rouse.

9384 LOGAN MACDONALD
HHD Engineer Brigade; B CO 10th Engineers;
E CO 4-64 Armor; A CO 4-3 BSTB 1999 2012

9385 William Gammon
2-3 GSAB, 3d CAB* 2006 2011

Associate Annual

9380 Edward J. Matricardi
10/09/2018: Created new membership for the son of Frank Matricardi

Active Duty Life

9386 Travis Ellis
6-8 CAV 2015 2018

Call for C&BL Proposals

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by March 5, 2018. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 2018 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.

The Constitution and By-laws Committee will consider all proposed changes, and a draft of the proposed changes will be voted upon by the Executive Committee. The draft approved by the Executive Committee will be presented in ballot form for membership approval. The mail-in ballot will be published in the June Watch on the Rhine. Remember that the deadline for receipt of proposals for change to the C&BL is March 5, 2019. 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
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Commemorative Legacy Book

An Invitation to Preserve Your Legacy of Service!

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 deadline for biography submissions and book orders is

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:

WWW.ACCLAIMPRESS.COM • 1-877-427-2665
3RDINANTRYBOOK@ACCLAIMPRESS.COM
Acclaim Press • PO Box 238 • Morley, MO 63767

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY - Follow this sample in writing your own bio. Send with two photos (then and now) to Acclaim Press and be part of OUR book.
MIKE (MCGEEK) 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 Reg. 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 rifleman, was trained to drive the M-113 armored personnel carrier (APC), and fired the M60 machine gun on the Battle Group’s marksmanship detachment in preparation for NATO’s Prix LeGiere marksmanship competition. Mike volunteered for duty with the 3rd ID Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Detachment billeted at Daley Barracks in Bad Kissingen. He joined the “lurps” in March 1962 and never regretted his decision.

Although not on TDA 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 50 years and resides in Mount Vernon, WA with his wife Gloria. He has three children and four grandchildren.

Over his long and varied career, he has worked as a city planner, airport planner, community college instructor, and Forest Ranger/Fire 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 given to the Division and to the cause for which they fought.

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

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

**General Information**

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive The Watch on the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2021.

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

**Eligibility**

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

**Associate Membership:** Spouse, parents, 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; Outpost #4, #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; 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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