3ID NCO, Alwyn Cashe, recommended for our nation’s highest honor

Major General Gary Brito, Cashe’s battalion commander at the time of the action, did not initially realize the extent of Cashe’s injuries and the pain he must have been in when he nominated Cashe for the Silver Star award. Witnesses were evacuated for medical treatment and unavailable for statement. Brito subsequently submitted additional statements to the Army to justify upgrading Cashe’s award to the Medal of Honor. Brito continues to support efforts to upgrade Cashe’s Silver Star to the Medal of Honor.

On October 17, 2019, the 14th anniversary of Cashe’s actions, three members of Congress wrote to Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy formally requesting an upgrade of Cashe’s award to the Medal of Honor. The letter was authored by retired Navy SEAL Dan Crenshaw, former Special Forces officer Michael Waltz and Stephanie Murphy. On August 24, 2020 Secretary of Defense, Mark T. Esper, agreed that SFC Cashe’s actions merit award of the Medal of Honor.

Fifteen years ago near Samarra and looking ahead to the end of a fifteen month deployment in Iraq (Cashe’s second) Alwyn was three months away to leaving.

Robert ‘Bob’ Burik, Pro Modeler

Society member, Bob Burik, is a professional Modeler and diorama builder. He specializes in scenes from the history of the 3rd ID. Along with them he has also authored a number of photo history books on modern US Army vehicles. As well, he works with and volunteers at various US Army museums. Currently, the Ft. Stewart 3rd ID Museum houses an OIF 1 Thunder Run model display that he researched and contributed to with a model of SSG Booker’s tank. We will be presenting several of his amazing dioramas in the next few issues of the WOTR.

The first diorama we are showcasing is his 64th Tank Battalion in Korea scene. Bob writes:

In working with the then 1-64 AR battalion commander, LTC Sean Kuester, we wanted to show some of the history of the battalion in model-form. It was felt that models would catch the eye of the viewer and in turn teach a little history of the unit. Very little photographic history exists of the battalion in WWII and Korea, but some images do show when tanks were painted with tiger head insignia. I could not pass up such a visually interesting subject, so I agreed to do something in this era of the battalion.

1-64 AR is a direct descendant of the 758th Tank Battalion of WWII. The 758th fought in Italy. It was a light tank battalion and only used M5 Stuarts and the M8 HMC Howitzer Motor Carriage. The 758th was an all-black battalion, as the US Army was still segregated during WWII. It was the first African American tank unit and 1-64 AR still proudly bears the crest of its lineage in a rampant head of a black African elephant. The battalion’s motto is “We Pierce."

By 1950 the 758th had become the 64th Tank Battalion
Rock of the Marne!
Many of you may be in the same boat as me. I am glad 2020 is over. My desire for 2021 is that we find a vaccine for this virus, we come together as a nation and that we support our Dogface Soldiers and their families wherever they might be. I hope that you and your family are doing well and staying safe.

The donation card program was another great success this year. So many of you gave generously and your philanthropic ideals are evident in the amount of donations we received. We exceeded last years, and 2018’s, totals. Every year our members give more to this program and we are extremely grateful to you for your donation!

We now have a new Roster Manager. Russell Zeeb will be filling in as our interim RM until a permanent replacement can be found. If you are interested in this critical Society position please contact me directly. We are in need of your help. Until then, please forward all communications concerning roster updates or membership payments to Russel. His information can be found on page two.

That being said, I want to thank Frank Ugolini for his service to our Society as the Roster Manager for the last three years. Frank stepped up when we needed him and he did an outstanding job. Frank will be continuing on as the President of Outpost 63. Thank you Frank!

As many of you know, we will be publishing our Roster Book in January of 2021. This publication is done every three years in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws. The purpose of the Roster Book is to allow members to update any information with the RM that may have changed in the last three years. We don’t want to publish out of date or bad information. Please update your info ONLY if your address has changed in the last three years. The Roster Book is only furnished to members of the Society and to any new members who join.

Many thanks to John Weis who completed the Society Audit and filing of our 2019 Taxes with the IRS. John has also been appointed as the Central Region Vice-President. Thank you John for your continued outstanding support and dedication to the Society!

The Results of the 2019 Society awards are also included in this issue. We thank these members and congratulate them on being recognized for their service to the Society. Thank you all for all that you do and we are proud of what you have done and the awards presented to you are well deserved. Thank you!

Lastly, I wish the happiest of holidays to you and your family. I hope the very best in the new year also. May we find comfort in this season and open our hearts to those less fortunate. Please keep all of our deployed soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne!
Toby Knight - President

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**Watch Schedule**

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

**Deadline to the Editor**

- January 5th: Publication
- March 5th: February
- May 5th: April
- July 5th: June
- September 5th: August
- November 5th: October
- December: October

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**The Watch on the Rhine**
and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. It fought in Korea from November 1950 until the cease-fire in 1953, being equipped with a mix of the M4A3E8 Sherman, M26 Pershing, and the M46 Patton. In early 1951 the 64th was finally desegregated and fought with distinction in Operation Ripper, one of the battles for Seoul, in which the goal was to destroy both the Chinese army and the North Korean army around Seoul.

I wanted to reflect the segregated history of the 64th so that meant it had to be an early war scene. The time frame is late 1950/early 1951, before the 64th was desegregated. So, the tank crew would be depicted as African American, and the infantry as white. During this period US tanks still sported the tiger heads, so between the segregated time period and the colorful vehicle markings, I felt this would be an interesting diorama. It would also be an opportunity to show the rural atmosphere and often muddy conditions in which the troops fought. Lastly, as a result of the US Army’s decision to cease using the halftrack at the end of WWII, there was little to no good infantry combat transportation in Korea, thus tanks would normally do the job. This also provided another chance to depict unique Korean War operations in this scene.

The diorama is 1/35 scale. The tank kit was built pretty much out of the box, which included the unique 64th Tank Battalion markings. The infantry figures are a separate offering and are also built as-is in the kit. Most of the work involved the painting and weathering.
Greetings to all Dogface Soldiers – past, present, and friends of the Marine Division. November marks a month of celebration for the 3rd Infantry Division with both Veterans Day, the 3rd Infantry Division’s Birthday, and Thanksgiving falling within the month. On Nov. 11, communities across the nation pause to honor the hard work and sacrifice our citizen-Soldiers make to ensure the freedoms of our great nation. To deploy, fight and win against evolving and complex adversaries, we continue to train deliberately and safely while mitigating the risk of COVID-19. Our Soldiers work diligently to maintain a high state of readiness and ensure the Division is prepared for our nation’s conflicts.

In keeping with the theme of celebration, the Division will celebrate its 103rd birthday on Nov. 21, and so we take a moment to reflect on how far we’ve come and the talented Soldiers we have—like Capt. Jillian Collins. While Collins is currently attending the Maneuver Captains Career Course at Fort Benning, a photo of her and her tank crew continues to circulate in mainstream media for its creative name, but also bringing the integration of women into combat arms to the forefront for those who are still not aware.

Knowing the tank crew would have to incorporate a name with the letter “B” for being a member of Bravo Company, eventually it was [Capt. Jillian] Collins who suggested the name Barbie Dreamhouse,...

she put it:

“Every little girl dreams of having a Barbie Dreamhouse. For me, it became my tank. For years, I was told ‘No,’ I was told ‘Armor isn’t open for women,’ but kept pushing. Thus, eventually finding myself in my dream job with my very own Barbie Dreamhouse.”

The Marine Division is proud to celebrate Capt. Collins’ achievements as well as the many women who have stood tall in the Division’s ranks and served with honor. The Army’s greatest resource is its people, and 3rd Infantry Division would not be the prestigious unit it is today without the contributions of all of our Soldiers.

Finally, Thanksgiving is also a time to celebrate friends and families and we would be remiss if we did not mention how thankful we are for the Soldiers past

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and present, family and friends of the 3rd Infantry Division. Your Marne Division remains ready to fight and win our nation’s wars. The last year proved that we are able to maintain readiness while leaning on the long-standing partnerships with our local communities and 3rd ID veterans nationwide to cautiously navigate through a crisis. During that time we have redeployed our Combat Aviation Brigade from their tour in Europe, trained and deployed our 1st Brigade to Korea, deployed units from both our Field Artillery and Sustainment BDE and we are starting to redeploy our 2nd BDE from their tour in Europe. I am proud and honored to be a part of a unit that seamlessly transitioned their focus from training for combat to caring and protecting the health and safety of our Soldiers. As we approach the holidays, I ask you celebrate the Soldiers of our great Division, past and present and be thankful for all of our Soldiers currently deployed and the incredible sacrifices Soldiers and their Families make in defense of our freedom. Please take time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and what it costs to gain and maintain them. I also ask that we continue to honor all Gold Star Families and their service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne!

More Bill Mauldin...

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin tediously put his observations of the war and the American soldier in perspective through his cartoons through the Stars and Stripes newspaper that boosted the morale of American soldiers on all fronts. It gave them a brief break of from the war, putting a smile on their weary “dogfaces.”

While Hitler’s Atlantic Wall in Normandy was being breached by the Allies, a vicious months long slugfest was being waged in the cold of the Italian rugged mountains. The Italian campaign was somewhat overshadowed by the success at Normandy and the impending liberation of Paris and the ousting of the Germans from France back to the “fatherland.” It seemed the Normandy campaign garnered all the attention. So this cartoon features the frustration of a soldier who fought in the Italian campaign, declaring he wants to now share some of the spotlight after participating in “Operation Dragoon” – the invasion of southern France in August of 1944.

Medals: For medals etc. that a vet is entitled to, write to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 or you can fax (314) 538-4175 or call (314) 538-4200 during working hours. Their web site is: www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.htm1
The Commander of Alpha Co. authorizes the route clearance patrol to depart.

US House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill, introduced by Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.), which would allow SFC Cashe to finally receive the Medal of Honor. HR 8276 would waive a five-year time statute of limitations that has expired for normal consideration for Medal of Honor awards by directly authorizing the President to award the medal “for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

Silver Star Citation Summary

Acting as Platoon Sergeant of 1st Platoon of Alpha Company from Forward Operating Base Mackenzie, Sergeant First Class Cashe departed Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mackenzie October 17, 2005 on a route clearance mission in the city of Daliya, Iraq. Cashe was in the lead Bradley Fighting Vehicle when it struck an Improvised Explosive Device, rupturing the vehicle’s fuel cell, covering Cashe in fuel, and causing the vehicle to burst into flames. Cashe, initially slightly injured, exited the vehicle and assisted the vehicle’s driver to exit the burning Bradley and extinguish the flames on his clothes. Six soldiers and an interpreter remained in the rear of the vehicle, which was in flames. Cashe moved to the rear of the vehicle and reached into the flames to remove injured soldiers, while his fuel-soaked uniform burned. Cashe rescued soldiers from the burning vehicle, returning multiple times to continue to pull troops from the burning vehicle, all the while afire himself. Cashe rescued 6 soldiers from the flames and refused medical evacuation until others were evacuated. The interpreter was killed in the action, with 10 soldiers wounded, 7 severely. Cashe was burned over 72% of his body. He succumbed to his injuries November 8, 2005 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was survived by his wife and children. Cashe is interred at Restlawn Cemetery in Sanford, Florida.

Society 100th Anniversary Challenge Coin

Buy your 100th Anniversary Society Challenge coin TODAY. These coins are spectacular! The overall design idea was to use the baseplate of an artillery shell as the main concept. As you can see it also looks familiar to the bottom of a rifle bullet with the primer in the middle being the 3rd ID patch. This design features our beloved “Rocky” the bulldog marching with the Stars and Stripes in the background on the back of the coin. The front features the Society logo embossed in a polished gold circular disc that has the Society dates on the ribbon on the bottom and the division mottos surrounding the logo.

Each coin is offered for $25 each and they come in their own custom “Marine” blue velvet jewelry box. These are truly amazing coins that will only be offered this year while supplies last. Order your coin by sending your check or money order to:

Society of the Third Infantry Division
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San Antonio, TX 78253

Make checks payable to: Society of the Third Infantry Division. You can also purchase your coin online at our Society website: www.Society3ridid.org
The scholarship foundation grants program is well on its way. Our mission is to provide financial aid in the form of scholarship grants to 3rd infantry soldiers and the children and grandchildren and active duty spouses who are serving with the division, as well the unmarried spouses and children of those killed in action or who died of wounds while serving in the division or support units. All information is on the Foundation website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org. We have several grants committed thus far including the Scholarship Foundation memorial award. This grant is to honor those society members who honored the Foundation with donations during the fiscal accounting year as well as the veterans who passed away during this period. Please let me know if you will fund a grant this year. The funds do not need to be sent at this time; the tax year 2021 is soon enough, just let us know of your intentions. The “Old China Hand” grant honoring Tom Mason is funded in perpetuity.

The annual deadline for submitting scholarship grant applications to the Foundation is June 1st. Our directors complete judging in early June, and the grants are paid in late June.

The raffle is the only fundraiser the Foundation does and it is only in odd numbered years. Your support in the last several raffles is appreciated by the Foundation and by our offspring in their the pursuit of higher learning and through R.O.T.C.. All gifts to the Foundation are completely tax deductible as you receive no goods or services for the gift. We are chartered as a not for profit public charity.

Prize winners are selected by a random drawing in June. All tickets are placed in a ticket tumbler and are mixed thoroughly before and during the drawing. Weapons require a federal firearms background check. All other lucky winners’ prizes are shipped promptly.

The Foundation is managed by four Trustees; James Reeves Jeff Danby, Dick Faulkner, and Justin Valle who is also the webmaster. Lynn Ball is Chairwomen of the Board of Trustees. All Trustees serve without pay and have no expense accounts.

Donated prizes, at this time, number about 40. This includes two weapons. Tom Maines has donated an M – 1 rifle, wood and glass display case and a plastic case to carry and protect the weapon when you take it to the range. This is a beautiful Korean conflict commemorative item.

A 1911A pistol is donated to the raffle by Bob Barfield, the famous, “forty five”.

Both have never been fired outside of factory testing. A distinctive prize has been donated by Jason Anderson. It is a two 11” action figures manning a 50 cal machine gun with 2nd brigade 3rd infantry division in downtown Baghdad. All equipment a modern day soldier carries into battle is included. This is a valuable collectors item that is in original packaging. Many other prizes include comforter sets, commemorative coins, books including Faces of war, Ist printing of Salerno to Casino, and Korea Reborn. DVDs include The Alamo, Great Battles of WW 11, Victory at Sea, The Passion of Christ, Pearl Harbor, several of the Korea Conflict, and others.

We and our donors are very proud to assist in the educational goals of our Society’s young folks, our soldiers, and the direct descendents of our fallen comrades in the 3rd Infantry Division. Education is not the only key to achieving success, as we cannot discount the strong ingredients of positive attitude and determination, but education is certainly a very effective enabler – more necessary in the Twenty-first Century than ever before. Should you have any questions, please contact Chairperson Lynn Ball at the Foundation at 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040, or call 972-495-1704, or send an email communication to LDBALL1@MSN.COM.
Ever wonder who that ‘bad guy’ is that I opened the opening scene of ‘Gunsmoke?’

By Henry Boddien

Well, his name is Arvo Ojala whose parents were from Finland. Arvo was born in Seattle and grew up on an apple ranch in Washington’s Yakima Valley. He later recalled that he taught himself marksman-ship by “shooting the heads off rattlesnakes” at twenty feet or more. Word got around in the Valley and people would come from miles to see Arvo’s murderous draw and equally killing aim. But with Washington’s cold weather and a curiosity about the movie business, Arvo visited Hollywood and began to make friends with some of the western actors. Arvo became critical of the “fast draw” techniques of Messrs. Gary Cooper, John Wayne, and others in their fraternity. So during the early 1950’s, Arvo noticed that all the actors were slow on the draw because the cylinder of their guns got stuck in their holsters. So Arvo decided the trick was to keep the cylinder free, so he began making holsters in his garage. He lined each one with metal so a man could draw without any impediment. So Arvo began practicing and after a year or two he got it down so pat that he could double draw in one sixth of a second – faster than the blink of an eye. His technique of cocking in the holster as he drew revolutionized the westerns. At the height of the TV Westerns, Arvo opened a “quick draw” studio on the 8500 block of the Sunset Strip, next to the famous King’s Cellar Liquor Store. Arvo had a very unique talent in Hollywood. He would challenge any man to take a single action Colt, hold it pointed at Arvo cocked and ready to fire, while Arvo’s gun would remain in his holster uncocked. The challenger would nod simultaneously with the action of pulling the trigger on his Colt, while Arvo would have his gun out, cocked, and fired before his opponent could get off a shot. No one in Hollywood ever defeated him. Arvo was a stuntman and bit player who turned his skill with a six-gun into a lucrative business. Arvo presented a beautiful display with pistols, holster, and belt to another former cowboy, President Ronald Reagan who on August 31, 1981 sent Arvo a beautiful Presidential letter on White House letterhead thanking Arvo for this priceless gift of his trade.

Among those who benefited from Arvo’s quick draw tutelage were Hugh O’Brian (The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp), James Garner (Maverick), Ty Hardin (Bronco), Dale Robertson (Tales of Wells Fargo), and Wade Preston (Colt .45), and countless others. Arvo also served as the gun coach on films such as “The War Wagon” – “Silverado” – “Three Amigos” – and “Back to the Future Part III.” Among his latter day students were Kevin Kline, Michael J. Fox, Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, and Robert Redford. Arvo said “Gunfighters are made, not born.” “It’s just as true on the movie sets today as it was in the days of the early West.” Most of our present day film cowboys had little more than a nodding acquaintance with a revolver before they landed roles as western heroes. “Arvo was the top gun said Ty Hardin. Arvo spent a great deal of time with Hardin on the set, showing him such things as where to position the holster so he could draw his revolver in one motion without reaching for it, and how to rapidly fire three rounds that sounded like one. Hardin said Arvo “was a wonderful guy and a very patient person. He was just a real gentleman, and deadly with a gun. For Hardin, working with Arvo paid off as he became the fastest gun at Warner Bros. Of course other TV gunsm silers claimed to be the

This is the actual holster and gun “Marshal Dillon” used in his long running TV series “Gunsmoke”
was wounded at Anzio, which plagued him throughout his life with a not too noticeable limp even into his long running TV series of “Gunsmoke”. Arnness was born of Norwegian heritage in Minneapolis and later changed his last name from Aurness to Arnness when trying to break into the entertainment field. Arnness wanted to go to sea, but received his draft notice in 1943. After training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, he shipped out for North Africa. At Casablanca, Arnness joined the 3rd Infantry in time for the invasion of Anzio. Ten days after the invasion, Arnness was severely wounded in the leg and foot by German machine-gun fire which resulted in his medical discharge from the Army. While recuperating in Clinton, Iowa, his younger brother Peter (later Graves) suggested James take a radio course, which he did. But he longed to get into the film industry and studied at the Bliss-Hayden Theater school and was spotted by agent Leon Lance. Little work followed and Arnness became sort of a beach bum. As he took his work more seriously, another agent introduced him to John Wayne who put the 6’6” actor under personal contract. Then in 1955, when Audie Murphy completed his “To Hell and Back” movie, John Wayne recommended Arnness for the lead role of “Matt Dillon” in the new TV series “Gunsmoke”, which ran for twenty years becoming the longest running TV series in history. Wayne never was offered the role and at first Arnness declined, thinking a TV series could derail his growing film career. But Wayne argued for the show and Arnness finally accepted and the Anzio veteran became world famous. The U.S. Army’s sidearm of choice from 1873 to 1892, the Colt .45 single action Army revolver, found new fans when Marshal Matt Dillon played by James Arnness wielded one on the CBS “Gunsmoke” series that ran from 1955 to 1975. Not surprising then that one of his Colts from the popular series came out as the top Hollywood collectible lot at High Noon, bidding in at $50,000.

AUDIE MURPHY – was another student of Arvo Ojala, and they became very close friends. In fact, Audie became the godfather of Arvo’s daughter Valerie,

When touring the Fort Stewart Museum last year at the reunion, I noticed this autographed painting of “Marshal Dillon” as a gift to the Museum. Back in the 1980’s, The 3rd Infantry extended an invitation to James Arnness for their reunion, but due to other commitments, Arnness graciously declined.
Here Audie horses around with Arvo and Doris at their home.

dentally came across Arvo’s daughter, Valerie Ojala. Valerie grew up in the midst of all the Hollywood actors her Dad Arvo coached. In spite of all the claims as to who was the fastest draw in Hollywood, Valerie stunned me when she said Sammy Davis Jr. was the fastest draw in town. Quite surprising because you don’t think of Davis as a cowboy, but not so surprising when you consider his remarkable agility as a dancer that requires great reflexes. And her godfather was Audie Murphy, a close family friend to Arvo and his wife. Valerie said her father taught Audie the fast draw technique in 1954 in their home and she has a video of Audie dazzling everyone with an exhibition of his skill in drawing and spinning both revolvers in and out of the special holsters Arvo designed and patented. Valerie also said her Dad was not a woodworker, but instead a mechanical genius and originated the metal line fast draw holster in 1954. Valerie said every Christmas, Audie and his wife Pam would give her family jams and jellies from Knott’s Berry Farm when assembled at the Murphy home. Audie had a miniature Doberman Pincher and a German Shepherd. Valerie herself became an actress playing in many of the TV shows, a model, writer, a gun specialist, and a fast draw instructor trained by her legendary father. An outdoor girl, Valerie is a hiker, fisherman (woman?), camper, artist, and a lover of horses and nature. Valerie sent me some autographed prints of herself, and the one I treasure is a print of her father Arvo facing Matt Dillon in the streets of Dodge City in the famous gun duel that opens each “Gunsmoke” show. I especially appreciate the photos she provided me for this article from her own personal family album.

Arvo teaches his daughter Valerie the art of the fast draw at an early age

Valerie, all grown up became still is an actress, a model, a fast draw consultant carrying on Arvo’s passion.

As mentioned that Arvo and his wife Doris likened Audie’s death to JFK’s death, this is a rare and eerie photograph of perhaps the only time Audie met the future President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. Eerie, because who could have known that both of these WWII heroes would both be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. JFK and his family compound graves are the number one visited gravesite, and Audie Murphy the second most visited gravesite.

which I will cover next. But one funny story I would like to share about how seriously these cowboy stars took their art of the fast draw, Hugh O’Brian was supposedly one of the fastest quick draw actors. When making a movie with Audie Murphy, Hugh kept challenging Audie to a quick draw contest on the set. Hugh wanted to bet, I think $500 and Audie kept refusing the challenge, very unlike Audie Murphy. Finally, Audie accepted on two conditions. They raise the prize to $5,000, and they use “live ammunition” in the duel. Realizing the daredevil nature of Audie, needless to say Hugh balked at the latter condition and dropped the challenge. Audie’s wife Pam said Audie would practice drawing in front of a mirror his fast draw. But Arvo and Audie remained lifelong friends until Audie’s tragic death in 1971. Valerie told me her parents took Audie’s death very hard and likened it to the death of President John Kennedy.

VALERIE OJALA – But this story would have never come to light until I acci-
3ID Division Honored with Unit Tribute at the National Museum of the United States Army

Monika and Tim Stoy purchased a unit tribute honoring the 3rd Infantry Division at the National Museum of the United States Army. The tribute includes the division patch, the distinctive unit insignia, a listing of its campaigns, the number of Medal of Honor recipients, and its unit awards, both US and foreign, for its combat service up to the time of the tribute’s purchase and design in August 2020. Included in the total numbers are the 4 Medal of Honor recipients from the Division’s habitually attached units in WWII in consonance with the Division’s published WWII history – Clyde Choate, 601st TD; James L. Harris, 756th TK BN; Paul Huff, 509th PIB; and Raymond Zussman, 756th TK BN. Each of these men’s actions were done while they were serving with the 3rd Infantry Division.

This is the Stoys’ personal tribute to the division in which they served in Germany. Tim served in the division in Wilddecken with 2-15 IN and Aschaffenburg with 1-4 IN between 1982 and 1985 and Division Headquarters in Wuerzburg and 1-15 IN in Schweinfurt between 1993 and 1996. Monika served in Division Headquarters 1993 to 1995 and as an Area Support Team Commander, Kitzingen 1995-1996.

They have remained dedicated to the Division and its sterling history through the activities of Outpost International since 2005 – dedicating commemorative plaques in France, Germany, Austria, and Korea; representing the Society and Division at ceremonies for WWI and WWII in France, WWII in Germany, WWII in Austria; hosting historical seminars in Northern Virginia along with memorial ceremonies Arlington National Cemetery; and participating in commemorative activities and historical seminars in Korea. They are especially proud to have placed the commemorative bronze tablet on the Obersalzberg to mark the flag raising ceremony there on 5 May 1945 after soldiers of the division liberated it and the Eagle’s Nest on 4 May 1945.

The grand opening of the National Museum of the United States Army was originally scheduled for June 2020 but has been delayed until November 2020 due to COVID-19 and Virginia’s virus mitigation measures. The museum estimates 700,000 persons will visit the museum each year. It is located off the Fairfax County Parkway outside Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County, Virginia, and only six miles from George Washington’s Mount Vernon.

It is never too late to purchase a brick, a tree, a unit tribute, sponsor a chair in the theater, or other opportunities. Look at the Army Historical Foundation website for details – www.armyhistory.org.

The great 3rd Infantry Division deserves this recognition and the Stoys are honored to sponsor this tribute.

NOW HIRING!

So now that I have your attention, we are hiring a new Roster Manager. This volunteer position is critical to the operations of the Society. It is not demanding, but it does require someone who is responsible and dedicated to taking care of the Society.

If you are looking to become part of the national leadership team, then this is your opportunity. The roster manager performs duties that touch each and every member of the Society. He/She is the first contact that many members will have when they become members or pay their dues to continue as a member. They are also the person with whom they contact to change Outposts.

We have just recently implemented a new online database system that is coupled with our website to manage our roster and the RM will have a much easier time managing the data elements necessary to manage our membership data. This will streamline the capability of the Society to manage information, dues payments and membership data. If you are looking for a challenge and want to be a part of the exciting growth of our Society, please contact me as soon as possible. Any training requirements needed for this position will be funded by the Society.

Rock of the Marne!

Toby Knight, President
Hill 117

On the evening of August 8, 1952 in the area of Cho-Ko-Ri, Korea the men of Company L, 15th Regt, 3rd Division, were caught in an ambush as they neared their target, Hill 117. The following poem describes the runner, Daniel Wolfe’s role for which he was awarded The Bronze Star Medal with a “V” for valor.

Hill 117 as a wart of a hill. Artillery will level it before we go in for the kill. We’ll cross the Imjin, it will be a walk in the park. My vest and my helmet won’t be seen in the dark.

Five cartridges and two grenades are enough for this mission. Let’s go off to the chaplain before we head for perdition. “The Lord is my shepherd…” was his solemn prayer. Will these words shield me while I’m a target out there?

What will Mom do if she gets the sad news? Your son was a hero, but we have some bad news Dusk over the Imjin helped our jon boats\(^1\) get through. We assembled at The Bubble\(^2\) for another review.

With Charley at the point and Sid leading the raid I unlatched my safety and secured each grenade. A trail matted with wire led us along a steep cliff. It was here Charley whispered, “Come close, get a whiff”

It’s kimchi, it’s garlic, it reeks in the air. No problem for us he said, “We heard The Lord’s Prayer.” “Into the ditch,” shouted Sid, “artillery will blast them A round plunged into the Imjin, the other flew past ‘em.

So much for the shells; we moved up the hill I hurled my grenades. Whose blood did I spill? Bullets and burp guns buzzed overhead. Some buddies were wounded, how many were dead?

“Down the cliff!” Sid yelled, “Our ammo is low.” Our men skidded and slid to the Imjin below.

When I began to descend, Poodles ran up and said, “Massengale’s out there; I think that he’s dead.”

“Follow me Poodles but keep your head down.” I crawled under fire, but Poodles was gone. With Massengale’s collar in hand, I dragged him away. My heart beat like thunder. Will I see another day?

I buckled his ankles with my web GI belt. We tumbled to the Imjin; what a hand I was dealt. His helmet was gone, his vest was in shreds My OD fatigues were a palette of reds.

Bullets pockmarked the Imjin. Will I ever reach a boat? I moved closer to the cliff with Massengale afloat. They didn’t see us, they missed us amid the slaughter. He was a hero on the cliff, but cold dead in the water.

Ah! There’s a jon boat! I towed him across. Graves Registration was waiting to record Company L’s loss. Swaddled in a body bag, it’s zipper tolled the knell Massengale was at rest after his visit to hell.

Soaking wet in my bunker, I zipped open my sack. The zip-of-the-zipper, zipped I was back. I survived through the night. I’ll never know why Maybe the old adage held true; I was too mean to die.

Dear Mom, Dear Pop, nothing’s going on here. I’m far south of Seoul, way back in the rear. I’ll send a few photos, show the boys my great tan. Tell them it’s a picnic for your rear-echelon Dan.

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1. jon boat: a metallic four-man boat was used to cross the Imjin River.
2. The Bubble: A small hill near the Nori outposts.
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, 2021**

Mail all nominations to SFC Ken Drake, Society Awards Chair, 3604 Herndon Lane, Wahiawa HI 96786 or at email: Stgubal1@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 outpost affiliation and precise information about his/her qualifications for the award
- Nominee’s achievements (details relative to the Society’s objectives and/or to the benefit of all veterans)
- Only nominees whose dues are current and who possess the established qualifications per the By-Laws and per awards protocol as stated in the S.O.P. will be considered for an award.

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

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

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

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

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

—Submitted by Award Chairman SFC. Ken Drake

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2021 Call for C&BL Changes

Members may submit proposals for Constitution and By-laws changes now. Your proposed changes must be received by March 5, 2021. The Constitution and By-laws under review is dated “revised” 2020 and can be found on the Society website at [www.society3ID.org](http://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 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, 2021. 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
101st ANNUAL REUNION
SOCIETY OF THE 3rd INFANTRY DIVISION; HINESVILLE/FORT STEWART, GEORGIA
MAY 13-16, 2021

To be held at the La Quinta Inn and Suite located at 1740 E Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville, GA 31313. Room rates are $79 per night, plus tax. The hotel provides free parking to hotel guests. Call the La Quinta at (912) 369-3000 no later than April 13, 2020 to make your hotel reservations. Reservations may be cancelled up to 24 hours before check in with no penalty. Make sure to mention you are with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Reunion to receive the group rate.

Thursday May 13th
2:00pm ~ Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour
6:00pm-8:00pm ~ President’s Reception Dinner

Friday May 14th
8:30am-2:00pm ~ Fort Stewart Tour (Lunch Included)
4:30pm ~ Bus to Soldiers Ball
5:30pm-6:30pm ~ Soldiers Ball No Host Social Hour
6:30pm-9:00pm ~ Soldiers Ball Dinner
9:00pm ~ bus to La Quinta Hotel

Saturday May 15th
8:30am-10:30am ~ General Membership Meeting
10:30am-12:00pm ~ Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-4:30pm ~ Mighty Eighth Museum Tour
6:00pm-6:30pm ~ No Host Social Hour
7:00pm-9:00pm ~ Reunion Banquet, Program and Awards

Sunday May 16th

8:00AM-10:00AM ~ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST AND REUNION FAREWELL

TOURS

Fort Stewart Tour
Friday, May 14th
8:30am-2:00pm
Price ~ $30.00

The Third Infantry Division will host the Society during a tour of Fort Stewart and will include a visit to the Fort Stewart Museum, the Warriors’ Walk Memorial and more events that are still in the planning stages. A lunch will be included during this tour.

Mighty Eighth Museum & Lunch
Saturday, May 15th
1:30pm-5:00pm
Price ~ $42.00

The Mighty Eighth Museum uses state-of-the-art graphics, memorabilia, vintage motion pictures and photographs and interactive “live-it-yourself” features. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is a work of art by itself. Divided into galleries, which effectively group the information presentation by either time or location, the museum begins with a concise retracing of the events leading to World War II in the Prelude to War, and then paints a bleak picture of Britain, seemingly alone, against the powerful German forces. Dramatic archival footage, some of which is rarely seen, recreates the life and death struggle that took place over the skies of Great Britain from 1940 until 1942. A lunch will be provided at the museum.

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COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by MAY 1, 2021

CANCELLATION POLICY: By sending in the registration form, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy
A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.
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Unit Served In ___________________ Outpost ____________

Please Check All That Apply:
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IF YOU ARE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER FILL OUT THIS SECTION

For Additional Associate Members Please Use The Backside Of This Form
Name ___________________ Preferred Name On Badge ___________________
Associate Member: ☐ Yes ☐ Outpost __________

IF YOU ARE A GUEST FILL OUT THIS SECTION

For Additional Guest Please Use The Backside Of This Form
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Please List Any Special Needs: ___________________

In Case Of Emergency Notify: ___________________

Required Registration Fee (Per Person) ______ X $39.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Thursday May 13 ~ President’s Reception Dinner ______ X $20.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Friday May 14 ~ Fort Stewart Tour And Museum ______ X $30.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Friday May 14th ~ Soldiers Ball & Dinner ______ X $70.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Includes Bus Transp., Compl. Wine, Memento & Duo Plate Of Beef & Chicken For Dinner
Saturday May 15 ~ Mighty Eighth Museum And Lunch ______ X $42.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Saturday May 15 ~ Banquet, Program And Awards ______ X $20.00 .................................................................=$ ________
Sunday May 16 ~ Memorial Breakfast ______ X $0.00 .................................................................=$ ________
TOTAL ENCLOSED .................................................................=$ ________

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PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2021

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Part Two

By Luigi Settimi

The conquest of Monterotondo took place on November 8th, on a foggy morning, after two days spent under the snow without winter equipment and without food, which was delivered only a few hours before the second attack. For this action they were supported by eight artillery battalions coordinated between them, who fired on the two hills, allowing the 30th rgt. to break the defense of the 3rd Panzergrenadier Division and make their way through the bush, climbing the steep and muddy hill to reach the summit. For the conquest of the summit the 30th regiment of the 3rd Division had the Presidential Unit Citation, a rectangular blue ribbon edged with a gold-colored cord, one of the highest military honors of the U.S. armed forces, awarded for “acts of extraordinary heroism against the enemy. Also a battalion of the 15th Infantry conquered the first peak of Montelungo while a second one positioned itself along Highway Six between the hills of Montelungo and Monterotondo to guarantee the closing of a defensive curve. In this area the patrol of explorers led by the soldier Audie Murphy after a fight with several dead and German prisoners, was forced to take refuge in a cave. (The clash was remembered by Audie Murphy in his memoirs published in the book “To Hell and Back.” The cave was found in the spring of 2018 and can now be visited). On the same day, November 8th, with the intention of reconquering the hill, the 8th regiment of the 3rd panzer division (panzergrenadier) launched several attacks with the 2nd battalion (II/8th) against some companies of the 3rd division positioned on the top of Monterotondo.

The historian of the 3rd division described their attacks as “uncoordinated among themselves”, this fact was strange for the Americans, accustomed to the German organization in defense and attack. The strength of the German battalion at the end of the first attacks was reduced to only thirty men so much that it was necessary for the German command to reunite the IIºbtrg. (II/8º) to the IIIº btrg. (III/8º) placed between Monterotondo and Montelungo to have again an efficient unit. Von Senger, desperate for the results of the clashes and decided to take back Monterotondo, ordered to the 104th regiment Panzergrenadier, (III/104º) remained of reserve, to reconquer the summit of Monterotondo “at all costs”. Von Senger also ordered the combat group of Otto Von Corvin to take position in the area of San Pietro. Finally, the battle of San Pietro was on the horizon. During the night of November 9, the 104th Panzergrenadier regiment passed the 8th Panzergrenadier at the base of Monterotondo hill. This battalion was still holding prisoners the Americans captured during the attacks of November 8, from the historical sources of the division, it seems that they were soldiers of some machine gun positions that were cut off from the German counterattack.

The 104th, having as order to take back Monterotondo at all costs, decided that the purpose justified the means and took charge of the American prisoners informing them that they would be positioned in front of the battalion during the attack, using them as human shields. This strategem was put into action since the evening, when two companies of the 104th advanced during the night to the eastern slopes of Monterotondo bringing with them the prisoners that would be used the following day in the main attack.

Maurice Britt’s Day

And came the day of the honor, it was November 10, 1943, Monterotondo, at that point of the fights, was defended by three undersized companies of the 3rd Btg. 30º Rgt. of the American Third Division.

One of the three companies, the L, that of Britt, was positioned at the bottom and reduced to only 55 men, of the 200 of which it was composed in Salerno and had to control and defend a wooded area of about 550 meters on the eastern side of the hill.

The commander of the battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar C. Doleman, remembers that the defensive system was so extensive and manned by a few men that it was impossible to maintain contact through the woods and slopes, this was possible only with the use of patrols, exposed to the assailants’ fire, or by listening...
to the messages shouted between the various positions.

The enemy began to advance towards the American positions, forcing the American prisoners to run in front of them and managing to find a gap between K and L Company that allowed them to attack L Company at their side, isolating it from the rest of the battalion.

Corporal John Syc, remembering those days, said: “we could not see the Americans, but we heard them shouting not to shoot”.

By the time the American prisoners were 50 meters away and kept shouting “Don’t shoot! (don’t shoot!) the commander of L Company, Lieutenant Britt, shouted to the prisoners “We’re going to shoot! Fall flat! You won’t be hurt!” “We’re going to shoot, throw flat on the ground, you won’t get hurt!”

The short delay in opening fire by the Americans, to understand the situation and warn the prisoners used as human shields, had allowed the Panzergrenadiers to seize the opportunity they were looking for: to get as close as possible to L Company to reduce losses and inflict more damage to the enemy.

With the two sides very close, the clash seemed to end with a hand-to-hand combat, so much so that both factions put bayonets on their rifles.

The Germans engaged in the attack were more than a hun-

dred and it was at that point that Britt, realizing that his company would be cut off from the rest of the battalion and then annihilated, came out of his hole and started to run from one position to another encouraging his men to hold and shoot to keep constantly under fire the German positions, which in the meantime, having understood everything, had started to target Britt, unable to hit him given his speed and the continuous changes of trajectory; a specialty Britt was famous for in the Detroit Lions.

During the action Britt was pierced at the rib by a bullet and wounded three more times by mortar shrapnel, but despite the pain, the blood that covered his chest, face and hands, he managed to throw on the enemy thirty-two fragmentation grenades, shoot with his rifle and all the weapons he found on the ground or in the holes of soldiers killed until he consumed an impressive number of shots. He killed five Germans and wounded many more, managing to free a part of the American soldiers prisoners, making in turn four German prisoners.

Fred E. Marshall remembers that Britt ran from one side to the other shooting at every noise and every moving figure, disappearing in the woods and then reappearing once the ammunition ran out, he remembers him taking a M1 carbine from a seriously wounded soldier and continue firing with it and throwing grenades into the woods while he ran looking for the Germans.

A scene remained impressed to Marshall, it was when he saw Britt, in the middle of the German fire a few meters from them, throwing grenades all around him without being hit by the same shrapnel; the bombs burst around him and he ran and kept throwing them.

Sergeant James G. Klanes remembers seeing him leaving and throwing 10/12 grenades at the Germans, who were shooting and throwing grenades at him and seeing him come back and pick up more grenades and start again in speed, for the whole fight.

In one of the races back to the American positions, they saw him with his face, chest and hands covered with blood, because of three German hand grenades thrown at him and that he had managed to throw back making them explode away from him, but being hit
by the shrapnel.

When the initial assault was about to falter and the rest of the German force was still in front of their positions, but psychologically rehearsed for the defense he was encountering; Britt summoned his men and urged them to follow him into the woods to attack and clean up the threat.

Corporal Eric B. Gibson of Chicago and Private Schimer of New York followed him; Britt instilled courage, he seemed immortal.

Gibson remembers that while Britt was giving directions for the action the water bottle was pierced by bullet holes, his shirt was covered with water, sweat and blood, his binoculars holder was all pierced by shrapnel and bullet holes.

At the end of the battle 14 German dead were counted on that side of the mountain, many of them killed by Britt.

All morning Britt and the Germans in the woods exchanged fire from a distance of 15 meters, it seemed he was looking for them in the brambles to attack battle.

Some of the survivors of that clash said that Britt, that morning in those woods, was a one-man army.

His actions had a fundamental impact on the German retreat; probably, if he had failed, Monterotondo would have been regained.

When reinforcements arrived in the afternoon, Britt returned again to the woods to search and hit the rest of the Germans. Gibson still remembers that Britt destroyed a machine gun post that was about to hit him, saving his life.

When the reinforcements arrived, of the initial fifty-five men of Monterotondo, besides Britt there were only four left; the Germans left on the field sixty-five among dead and wounded.

After the consolidation of the positions, the commander of the battalion, Colonel Doleman asked Britt for a report and watching him bleeding in four different places told him to be seen immediately; but Britt said it was nothing, the colonel had to order him to go to the rescue point.

When he arrived at the medical post, Britt told the medical officer, Captain Roy Hanford, “continue with the treatment of the other wounded, I only have a small scratch, when you have time to look at it.

This scratch, the medical captain then said, was a 2 cm wide wound deep to the muscle, not counting the splinters on the face and hands left by German grenades.

Seeing Britt’s behavior, said the medical captain, was a source of strength and inspiration for both the wounded and the medical staff, tired and tired from those days of combat.

After his brief passage to the infirmary he felt that everyone wanted to give more at the cost of bearing the pain.

When asked if he wanted to go to the hospital Britt replied “No, Doc, I want to go up that hill and help my boys”. His treatment was a bit of sulfonamide powder and a lot of bandages. Britt did not show a piece of hand grenade embedded in the pectoralis muscle on that occasion, he did it several days later. He got out of the tent and started climbing up the hill of Monterotondo again.

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2020 SOCIETY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Audie Murphy Achievement Award

Charles C. Trout

For outstanding service to the Society, his stellar military service, his devotion to the Societies’ “five pillars of purpose”, his “dedication to duty and service” at the National, State, County, and outpost levels, and his service to the veteran community. His achievements both on and off the battlefield have been nothing short of gallant and reflects his spirit as a Soldier, Society member and American.

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Society Service Award

Jerome “Jerry” Daddato

For his more than two decades of service to the Society while serving as Chaplain. His support of more that 20 reunions while officiating at the annual memorial service is the epitome of selfless service to our members and Veterans. His “First-Class” dedication and support is second to none and reflects great credit upon him, the Society and our Division.

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Outstanding Associate Member Award

Bianca Wanamaker

For outstanding support of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, her fellow Outpost members and for her unwavering support to our Soldiers and Veterans. Her willingness to go above and beyond is indicative of an outstanding Society member and a true American.

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President’s Special Award

Carl Miyagishima

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At approximately 0003 hours on 25 December 2017 anyone walking into the Chapel on Bagram Airfield would have seen quite a sight. The Division’s Senior Religious Affairs NCO was atop the shoulders of an MP trying to unscrew the blaring smoke detector. She succeeded and immediately charged out the door with it still screeching so that the Midnight Mass could continue.

This was the Christmas when we (3ID) were executing the USAFOR-A mission in Afghanistan and were blessed by the arrival of the Archbishop of the Military Diocese. The only hiccup with this (aside from the fact that as a Protestant Chaplain, I thought “Midnight Mass” meant it started at Midnight so I had scheduled it thusly) was that the Archbishop used extra incense which, when burned in that small area, had caused the alarm to go off. This would have been a challenge at any service but was extra problematic since we had the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his entourage in attendance.

Attendees could have easily become distracted by the little imperfections and missed out on the larger blessing, but everything ended up going well and the ceremony was quite meaningful, despite all the drama, thanks to the great work of all those who supported the service.

It is often easy, especially in the holiday season, to get focused on all the things that are not going flawlessly: aggravation while trying to purchase gifts, COVID restrictions, and yet another separation from loved ones due to mission requirements to name but a few. However, in this season we are challenged to look outside of ourselves at the bigger picture.

As people of faith, this involves turning to God and reflecting on His long-term plans versus our short-term challenges; a timeless view instead of the tyranny of the immediate. This is not to downplay the significance of challenges we may face, but is to suggest we keep a focus on our relationship with God and the eternal.

For everyone, it also entails taking time to reframe what negatives we may be encountering and identify the long-term positives. A case-in-point can be seen from your personal experience while a “Dog-Faced Soldier.” Most assuredly, every day in 3ID was not perfect. Whether this was a day in combat, a challenging task, or having to just sit and wait, there were days with short-term challenges, but when you look back at your time in 3ID, you do so with fond memories. Why? Because you are able to look at the long-term, the big picture, instead of focusing on a short-term negative.

We don’t know what the next year will bring for us; however, when we focus long-term, we know we will get through. Let’s not focus on the negatives, but reflect on them with a long-term view and uncover the long-term positives that may appear hidden, but still exist.

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**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.

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 Roster Manager Russell Zeeb. Contact information is on page 2 of The Watch.

**In Memoriam**

- **ID#** 2526
- **Rank** PFC
- **Name** Charles E Condren
- **Service** WW2
- **Units** 15INF/3BN HQ
- **DOD** 2020-10-27
- **Notified by** Reported Deceased on 27 Oct 2020-TPK
OP 22 President, Travis Garmill, reported that Society of the 3rd Infantry Division members, and tens of thousands of civilians, celebrated the end of WW II, by watching 14 fully restored WW II era airplanes from the Riverside County area, “fly over” two national cemeteries, and sites that were important in the war effort, on September 2, 2020. The DC-3, C-53, and T-6 cargo planes, and their “warbird” escorts, carried WW II veterans, and prison camp survivors, over the Queen Mary ship (that transported troops during WW II), and Fort MacArthur (where troops were inducted into military service). Other WW II sites included a civil defence military artillery battery, two WW II airports, the U.S. Submarine War Memorial, downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Long Beach, the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance, the U.S.S. Iowa Battleship, and sites where WW II equipment and supplies were manufactured (i.e. North American Rockwell, Northrup, Boving, MacDonald Douglas, Grumman Aviation, and Raytheon, etc.). One of the “flyover celebration” airplanes that dropped paratroopers during the D-Day invasion of Europe, also flew at the D-Day 75th anniversary in Normandy, France.

You are invited to attend the OP #22 Annual Meeting, on November 7, 2020, at the Flabob Airport, under the wing of “The Flabob Express” airplane (on the Tarmac), 1:00 to 3:00 PM, 4130 Mennes Ave., Riverside, CA 92509. Call Travis: 1-(951) 675-3173 for more info. You will see many of the planes that flew in the “end of World War II flyover celebration”.

While the east coast, and the gulf coast were being battered by hurricanes, and tornados, the states of Washington, Oregon, and California were being burned by lightning sparked “wildfires”. These were attributed to “global warming” by Cal-Fire.

OP #22 member Greg Van Krugel, (Cold War-Germany, Europe), had two of his recent paintings displayed at the Huntington Beach Art Council’s Art Center website, in the “COVID Creativity” virtual only show. One of his nine designs was also selected for this year’s “INSPIRED” exhibit postcard. The “INSIPED 2020” museum exhibit is expected to open to the public Oct. 17 to December 12, 2020. gregvk@verizon.net for more info. Or, call (714) 374-1650 at the museum, <artcitycenterstaff@surfcity-hb.org> to set up a group visit date.

We encourage all veterans to participate in the VA’s National Creative Arts Competition in December 2020, and January 2021. Contact the Recreation Therapy Department at your local VA. Or, Alicia Wicht, (NVCAC Coordinator), Whole-Health Building 6, 2201 N. Broadway Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803; (308)-395-3404; e-mail: <alicia.wicht@va.gov>. (For singers, dancers, artists, writers, and photographers, etc.).

“The Stars & Stripes” newspaper reports that a $1.2 billion contract was just signed with General Dynamics, to provide 144 IM- SHORAD missiles (Interim Maneuver Short-Range Air Defense system), to enter service on Sept. 30, 2025. They will be deployed on ships, and to Travis V. Gram develop an air defense system on a Striker A-1 platform for the Army to protect brigade combat teams. When the House lawmakers grilled the Pentagon leaders on why they need these weapons, knowing that our Commander in Chief had directed that 12,000 U.S. troops will be pulled out of Germany (where most of our European soldiers are stationed), the Pentagon responded: because the Russians have beefed up their aerial attack capabilities. Concurrently, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said that the Russian military is more capable than at any time since the Cold War.

Your OP #22 leaders, and I, would like to wish you and your loved ones, “Happy Holidays, with Good Health, and Happiness in the New Year.

Submitted by Ron Greenwood. (Sec./Treas OP #22)

OP22 members socializing following the November 2019 annual meeting.


Eric A. Scott
Fort Wayne, IN

OP33 has a new President (Jason Anderson) appointed by the Society President to reinvigorate the OP in the Central Region. A note from current VP Jim Satryan explains some of what has happened during his time at the OP:

My service time in the 3rd Infantry Division was from 1957 to
1959 in West Germany. The division was headquartered in Wurzburg, with Battalion Groups located in Schweinfurt, Bamberg, and Aschaffenburg. I was a radio operator in the 123rd Signal Battalion. I was so pleased and proud to be permitted to serve in that division.

We soldiered! I didn’t learn of the society until many years after my service. When I did become aware of it, I joined and started attending outpost meetings. I have been a member since about 1997 or 1998.

During my years in the outpost we had three presidents, Earl Ravenscroft, WWII, 303 days of combat, Ken Kendal, a Korean War vet, and Bill Harris, also Korea. Another outstanding member was Harrold Demarea, WWII, wounded in Germany, and 18 months in hospitals recovering. Harrold had held every office in the outpost before I became a member. Unlike as is so often heard about vets who do not want to talk about their experiences, these guys were all very open. I was the new kid, (62 years old), on the block. I was somewhat in awe. Having grown up during WWII, and then having been a history teacher, I hung on every word.

Sadly, all of those guys and many others are gone. We generally had up to three dozen in attendance, counting the ladies. The last three times we had meetings, we were down to about four or five couples. The last attempt, when Bill was president, no one showed up.

The OP will be starting a Facebook Group soon, and we look forward to getting the group back together, virtually for now, and in-person once the COVID-19 issues die down.

Submitted by Jason G. Anderson

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Greeting Dogface Soldiers!

I have submitted my resignation as Roster Manager to Society President Toby Knight. It has been an honor to serve the Society in this capacity for the last several years! When I first volunteered for this position, I was a stay at home dad! I had ample time to fulfill this duty. When I was able to return to work part-time, I was able to dedicate time to my Society duties! I had no idea I was going to be promoted quickly and with in a year, I was managing Commercial sales. My priorities quickly shifted to work full-time and 3yr old (now almost 5) Natalia, overtime! I wish to convey my apologies to any Society member that was not given the proper treatment with their requests in the last 6-8 months. This does not reflect on the Society itself. It reflects on me being unable to fulfill the duties in my position. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this Society in any capacity!

God Bless You and Yours!

Rock of the Marne Always!

Frank B Ugelia

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Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army
Frank B Ugelia
National Roster Manager
13240 W Tower Ave
Airway Heights, WA 99001

11 October 2020

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New Division Command Sergeant Major
Welcome to the Marne Division

FORT STEWART, GA, UNITED STATES
Story by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot 50th Public Affairs Detachment

Command Sgt. Maj. Quentin Fenderson was born and raised in Demopolis, a small town at the confluence of the Black Warrior and Tombigbee rivers in western Alabama. According to Fenderson, growing up in his neighborhood was like being raised by a village.

“You could do something wrong down the street and get a big whoopin’, and then by the time you get home, you might get another whoopin’,” Fenderson said. “That’s how close the community was.”

Fenderson participated in sports throughout his childhood, and following high school he played baseball at the collegiate level. Becoming an Army division command sergeant major never crossed his mind until after he arrived to 3rd Infantry Division as an infantryman. Fenderson would serve 12 years in the 3rd ID and it was during this time that he realized becoming a command sergeant major was a goal he had the ability and drive to achieve. He said there is no other division in which he would rather serve as the senior enlisted advisor than the 3rd ID.

That goal was realized in a ceremony Sept. 23, at the Marne Garden on Fort Stewart, Georgia, when Fenderson assumed responsibility as the 3rd ID command sergeant major.

Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, 3rd ID commanding general and the ceremony’s reviewing officer, reminded guests of how 3rd ID earned its reputation as “The Rock of Marne” during WW I, when division Soldiers defended the Marne River in France from advancing German troops.

“Our Dogface soldiers stood their ground like a rock along their positions on the Marne,” Aguto said. “Command Sgt. Maj. Quentin Fenderson is no stranger to this division. No one represents our ‘Rock of the Marne’ better. There is no better trainer, leader, or rock, and we are honored to have him here.”

During Fenderson’s previous stint with the division who always supported me and who always encouraged me,” Fenderson said. “So to be able to come back, and be able to give from this position is amazing to me.”

Fenderson believes his greatest responsibility as the division’s senior enlisted advisor is to develop an environment in which Soldiers, Family members, and civilian employees throughout the organization are supported and treated fairly and equally. Fenderson added that he appreciates the standards set by his predecessors: Command Sgts. Maj. Michael Coffey, James McGuffy, and Jesse Andrews. He said he is proud to follow in their footsteps.

“We have a small-town feel here in that we all take care of one another,” Fenderson said. “By making sure our people are taken care of, we can better focus on serving our nation.”

Fenderson thanked those in attendance, including his family and more than a dozen former and current sergeants major.

“Throughout my career I’ve been given what I consider the most important thing one can ever receive: an opportunity,” said Fenderson. “Each of you in some form or another have given me the opportunity to lead, to learn, and to mentor. I know I wouldn’t be here without you.”

IN MEMORIAM

The following members donated in the name of a friend, relative or unit during our Donations Card drive. We remember all of those in our lives who have passed in our lives. May God bless them and deliver their families from pain and restore their peace.

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FORT STEWART, Ga. – Soldiers assigned to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, cased their colors at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, Georgia, Oct. 1, in preparation for their upcoming nine-month deployment to Korea.

The 1st ABCT will replace the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as part of a regular rotation of forces to support the United States’ commitment to Southeast Asia partners and allies.

“Today’s casing symbolizes the transition of the “Raiders” from our home here at Fort Stewart to an important mission in South Korea that is very familiar to this brigade,” said Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division. “It is a symbol that once again, Dogface Soldiers stand in the breach, prepared to defend our nation.”

Col. Trent Upton, commander of 1st ABCT, said the event also serves as a reminder of the legacy of this great division and brigade combat team.

The Raider brigade has a storied history including four deployments to Iraq and most recently, a rotation to Korea in 2018 as the Regionally Aligned Force to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. This will be their sixth rotation to Korea.

Aguto said the Raiders had to overcome many obstacles to get ready for the mission over the past year, to include a very successful rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

“When the Army stopped and our nation had to pause, it was Raider Brigade that led our Army back to training,” said Aguto. “You [1ABCT] proved even throughout a pandemic just how diligent, resourceful, caring and driven you were by taking care of our Soldiers and our Families while finding a way to get it done.”

Towards the end of the ceremony, Upton charged the Soldiers of the Raider Brigade to remember the importance of winning, what the Raiders represent, and the discipline they must have in everything they do as they set out on their latest journey together.

Upton also highlighted that the uniform represents fear to our adversaries and hope to our friends during his address to the Raider Soldiers.

“We are Raiders first for a reason,” said Upton in his parting remarks. “We are the battle axe of 3rd ID, and we are ready.”
The 70th Anniversary Of The Bitter Battle At

By Henry Bodden

adverse weather conditions, while being severely outnumbered and encircled by the enemy. Chinese leader Mao Zedong had ordered the destruction of UN forces. Ironically, about ten years earlier Mao had helped hide the Doolittle Raiders from the Japanese after the raid on Japan. The hastily organized Task Force Drysdale was ordered to attack north from Koto-ri to open the road south from Hagaru-ri where a withdrawal could be organized. After a bitter fight, the airfield was opened on December 1st, allowing UN forces to bring in reinforcements and evacuate the casualties.

Air support provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing and the US Navy’s Task Force 77 covered the withdrawal of UN forces to

cold and the spread of disease, the misery of fighting at the Chosin Reservoir ranks with any battle in our military history in sheer misery.

The Aftermath of the Chosin Reservoir

Over a thousand US Marines and soldiers were killed during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, and thousands more were wounded in battle or incapacitated by the freezing weather elements. Many men were buried where they fell, and due to the cold weather and the retreat of the UN forces from the area, hundreds of fallen Marines and soldiers were unable to be immediately recovered. During Operation Glory in 1953 and 1954, the North Korean government returned the remains of thousands of war dead from UN cemeteries in northeastern North Korea, including over 500 isolated burials from the Chosin battlefield. The Central Identification Unit at Kokura, Japan were able to identify all but 126 of the remains, which were buried as unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, “Punchbowl.” And just as recent of several months ago when President Trump met with the North Korean Premier, more bodies were returned to the United States. The Chinese lost 30,000 of their soldiers alone to the weather and hunger, plus 20,000 combat casualties at the Chosin Reservoir. US forces suffered 18,000 casualties, 2,500 killed, with 8,000 frost bitten casualties.

The Third Infantry in Korea

A separate summary of the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. During the Korean War, the Division was known as the “Fire Brigade” for its rapid response to crisis. The Division had been headquartered at Fort Benning along with its 15th Infantry Regiment. The 7th Infantry Regiment was located at Fort Devens. The 3rd initially arrived in Japan where, as the Far East Command Reserve, it planned post conflict
During the Korean War, the Division suffered 2,100 killed in action and 7,939 wounded. After the Armistice, the Division remained in Korea until 1954 when it was reduced to near zero strength whereas the colors were transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia.

A young future Medal of Honor recipient, Hiroshi Miyamura

EDITOR’S NOTE: In the August issue of 2018, I did an article with Rear Admiral J. Robert Lunney who was a Staff Officer aboard the S.S. Meredith Victory, the “Ship of Miracles” that evacuated 14,000 refugees on board out of North Korea at the port of Hungnam. Admiral Lunney told me this “miracle” could not have happened without elements of the 3rd Infantry that setup a protective perimeter around the port to stave off the Chinese.

Next issue I will do a story of the current President of South Korea in his own words, whose parents were aboard; the mother being pregnant with the future leader of South Korea. Then at the 3rd ID reunion in Albuquerque a couple years ago, I had the honor to meet and have breakfast with Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Miyamura who was our guest of honor. As we shook hands while departing, Hiroshi slipped one of his Medal of Honor medallions, the rarest of the rare coins into my palm. What a treasure!

The Chosin Reservoir

Artillery opens up on Chinese Communist positions

occupation missions in northern Korea. In Japan their strength was increased by South Korean soldiers. The Division was assigned to X Corps and landed at Wonsan on the east coast of Korea on November 5, 1950 and received the 65th Infantry Regiment as their third maneuver element before moving north to Hungnam and Majon-dong where there they established a defensive position with the 65th Infantry. The 15th Infantry was between the 7th and 65th Regiments.

3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry was set as the nucleus for Task Force Dog which was commanded by Brigadier General Armistead D. Mead and sent north to conduct a relief in place with 1st Marine Regiment at Chinhung-ni; the south end of the 1st Marine Division and support the withdrawal of 1st Marine Division from the fighting at the Chosin Reservoir. 3rd Infantry Division’s Task Force Dog was the rearguard keeping the pressure off the Marine column. The division along with the 7th Infantry Division established a collapsing perimeter around the port of Hungnam until the last of X Corps was evacuated. The 3rd was the last unit to leave Hungnam and was shipped to Pusan where it completed unloading on December 30 and moved north to Kyongu, and on December 31st it was placed in Eight Army reserve for reorganization and re-equipping following which it was to move into the Pyongtaek-Ansong area. The Division was then transferred to US I Corps. The Division served in Korea until 1953 when it was withdrawn. Notably the Division fought at the Chorwon-Kumwha area, Jackson Heights and Arrowhead outposts and blocked a push in the Kumsong area in July of 1953. The 3rd ID received ten Battle Stars and eleven more members of the unit received Medals of Honor during the Korean War. Hiroshi Miyamura, whose award was classified Top Secret until his repatriation in April 24th and 25th of 1951.

In this unknown painting at a VA hospital, it captures the fierce fighting to hold off a Chinese night attack

**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.

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Lt. Col Kevin Black Receives Brevet Promotion

FORT STEWART, Ga. – Lt. Col. Kevin T. Black, 3rd Infantry Division director of training and operations, and native of Hoover, Alabama, was promoted to colonel by his family and Maj. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto, commanding general, 3rd ID in a ceremony held at Marne Garden Oct. 23.

Black was one of only 14 lieutenant colonels selected by the Army Talent Management process to receive a brevet promotion. This program allows a junior grade officer to serve one grade higher, wear the rank, and be paid at the higher grade when assigned to a critical position.

Black commissioned as an Armor officer through the University of Alabama’s Army ROTC program in Tuscaloosa in 2001 where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. He also earned a master’s degree in communications and leadership from Park University in 2014.

Black oversees the training, operations and readiness of more than 15,000 Soldiers for the division with the most Medal of Honor recipients in the Army. Before becoming a Dog Face Soldier in June, Black was the battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Hood, Texas.

“Being selected is truly a humbling honor, and is a product of the tremendous teams I have been a part of and I couldn’t be here without that teamwork,” said Black.

Aguto described the decision to seek out Black as the person to manage the division’s operations as among the best he has made as a commander.

“Selecting Kevin Black to serve as our operations officer, and bringing his family here to serve with us, is one the key decisions I am most proud of.”

“While general officers may make decisions, it is the colonels who truly run our Army,” Aguto continued. “Kevin is intelligent, relentless and I absolutely could not be prouder to welcome you to the ranks of the senior leader.”

The Army used brevet promotions until
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“I believe it is a good program to be reinstituted,” said Black. “It was around 100 years ago and now it is being used to incentivize some of the harder jobs that are available.”

Black said the program will help him become a more competitive and well-rounded leader to those serving with him.

A 1996 graduate of Hoover High School, Black is the son of retired Sgt. Maj. Jim and Sharon Black.

Black was inspired to join the Army by his family’s tradition of service. His father is an Army veteran and both of his grandfathers served in WWII in the Army or Army Air Corps.

“As part of this brevet promotion, we are honoring a tradition that has endured since the Continental Army in promoting leaders who have demonstrated their potential to lead in protecting the freedoms of our country,” Aguto said. “Continue to be yourself; be the leader you have been, the leader we know you can be, and I know that you will move on to even greater ranks in our Army.”

The Army will pilot brevet promotions by opening 225 positions during the summer 2020 assignment cycle, and up to 770 in upcoming assignment cycles.

Officers will have visibility of brevet positions for which they are eligible in their Army Talent Alignment Process marketplace. The remaining brevet promotions are expected to be available by the summer 2021 ATAP cycle.

2nd Armored Combat Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division returns from deployment


Spc. Adrian Moreno, a unit supply specialist assigned to 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, hugs his daughter, Adelynn, on Fort Stewart, Georgia, Oct. 31, 2020. Moreno deployed with 2nd ABCT in support of Operation Combined Resolve XIV, a Defender-Europe 20 linked exercise designed to build strategic readiness in support of the U.S. National Defense Strategy and NATO deterrence objectives. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Zoe Garbarino)
Purpose

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

Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

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

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

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

General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive The Watch 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; Outposts #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

Dues for Special Life Membership

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

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

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*Active Duty Lifetime Membership...$100**
*For any AD Soldier currently on Active Duty
**Will only receive digital copies of the "Watch on the Rhine" magazine via email

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

For information, please visit our website: www.society3rdid.org.

Membership Application

Date: ____________________________

☐ New Regular Annual or Life Member
☐ New Associate Annual or Life Member

(Circle Annual or Life)

Name ____________________________

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

Phone No ____________________________

E-Mail Address ____________________________

Home Address ____________________________

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

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

Current/Former Occupation ____________________________ Spouse’s Name ____________________________

Amount Enclosed: ____________________________ Referred by ____________________________

Please print clearly, detach, and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: The Society of Third Infantry Division, 12420 W Tower Ave, Airway Heights, WA 99001-5063.

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

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

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

WORLD WAR II [46 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

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

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

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

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