An Extraordinary Find From Our Italian Outpost #16

The Italian book follows the battle in the Mignano Gap and ends with the discovery of the cave where Murphy and his men hid out during part of the battle.

By Luigi Settini and Henry Bodden

ALL’ INFERNO E RITORNO was written in 1955 and translated and printed in Italy in various editions. The book is an autobiography, and is also the story of all the infantrymen torn from everyday life and hurled into a world of violence where they learn to survive and die. “To Hell and Back” is the journey from the landing in N. Africa, to Sicily, to the entrance within Germany. The exploratory patrol commanded by Audie Murphy was the first to reach their goal, a small hill located between Montelungo and Monterotondo called Quota 193. Murphy’s team consisted of the following men: Swope who was the machine-gunner. Mike Novak was a rifleman. Cicca was another rifleman along with Horseface, Capehart, and Kerrigan. There are places that have remained stuck in time, places where the war has passed and left indelible traces, places told by the protagonists in their books and their memories. These places sometimes remain silent and unexplored for a long time, until fans

The Five Highest Decorated Soldiers in Military History

By Henry Bodden - Historian

First of all, Audie Murphy is considered the highest decorated soldier in military history...

I received a letter from Joseph C. Garbato of OP 5 requesting that I publish the medals Audie Murphy received during WWII. Joseph rightfully so states many people just don’t know the extent of this shy and humble warrior’s mythical heroics. Well, I went a step farther and uncovered some interesting facts about the five highest decorated soldiers in military history. First of all, Audie Murphy

First Lt. Garlin M. Conner

A Long Overdue Honor

President Trump prepares to present Garlin Conner’s MOH to his widow Pauline.

By Henry Bodden – Historian

This is as much a family love story, as it is about the heroics of said to be the second most decorated soldier of WWII, next to the mythical fellow 3rd Infantry war hero – Audie Murphy.

Garlin did not want the recognition and told the family “I have enough medals” which impeded his recognition,...

Conner was born on June 2, 1919 in Aaron, Kentucky and was the third child of eleven brothers and sisters He and four of his brothers served during WWII. Conner was a selectee for the military and entered the U.S. Army on March 1, 1941 in Louisville, Kentucky. After basic training at Fort Lewis, he was sent to Camp Ord in California with the 3rd ID for further combat training. Conner arrived in N. Africa on November 8, 1942 and participated in four amphibious landings and eight campaigns, including “Bloody Anzio” where he earned his second Silver Star.

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Welcome to fall. I know here in Texas we are looking forward to cooler temperatures and the nightly breezes. It has been a hot summer.

The Society national reunion has just wrapped up and it was great seeing our members who attended and the Division Leadership. I will have a more thorough report in the December issue of the WOTR.

As you know, this year we separated the donations portion from the dues card. Thanks to all of our members who have donated to the various funds for the Society. Your donation has had a real impact and we are grateful to you. Many members donated to our Memorial fund in honor of a loved one, Soldier or unit. Those names and their donors are listed in this edition of the WOTR.

In the next few weeks you should be receiving our newest initiative. Our 2019 100th Anniversary Calendar. These are wonderful calendars that highlight our Society and the division in the many wars that we have fought. Also included are significance dates that are pertinent to the history of the division and the Society. These calendars are yours to keep, we only ask for a donation to offset the cost of publication.

Another of our initiatives is our Marne Battle Coins. These coins are truly spectacular! The back portion has pictured a part of N.C. Wyeth’s painting titled “The Americans at Chateau-Thierry” used by permission from the copyright holder. These are extremely limited edition coins and once they are gone, no others will be struck. This is done in 2018 because this is the 100th Anniversary of the Second Battle of the Marne which is the battle that the division received its moniker “The Rock of the Marne.” Buy yours today before supplies run out.

Our 100th Anniversary book is also ongoing. We need you to submit your story of service in the division. It is totally free to do so. Don’t allow this opportunity to slip past you. See our add in this edition on how you can be included in this book. It’s FREE!

A few personnel changes to report to you. Due to a major illness, our Sergeant-at-arms, Ron Heitzenrater has had to relinquish his duties. We wish him the best of health and thank him for his service to the Society. Also stepping down is Stephen Sullivan, our auditor. His report is included in later pages of this edition and we are grateful to him for his hard work. If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please let me know ASAP.

John Weis also stepped down as our National Secretary-Treasurer, but was nominated and voted in by the Executive Committee as Central Region Committeeman. We are honored that he will stay on the national leadership team. Thanks John!

That being said, we are looking for a National Secretary-Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in this critical position, please let me know ASAP. We need people to step up and lead at the national level.

On another note, I would like to announce that the 100th reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division will be held in Savannah/Jekyll island, Georgia during Marne week. Dates are still to be determined, but we will publish those soon. This will be a spectacular reunion with lots of events held on Fort Stewart with the division. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Lastly, it is my privilege to announce the recipients of this year’s Society Awards. Many thanks to our awards chair, SFC Ken Drake, for his hard work in ensuring that this program has been carried out smoothly.

The 2018 Society Associate Member Service Award goes to Henry Bodden for his work as the Society Historian and Editor of the Watch on the Rhine.

The Society Service Award goes to Stephen Sullivan for service as the Society auditor for the past six years.

The Presidents special awards go to John and Maggie Weis for their untiring service to the Society and ensuring numerous programs were ran smoothly.

I am humbled and honored to report that the Executive Committee has nominated and voted to award the Audie Murphy Achievement Award to Toby Knight, the Society President. The honor of this award is overwhelming and I honestly believe that this recognition is probably befitting of another member. All of my efforts are for the betterment of our Society and to strengthen the membership. Thank you all.

May God bless you all and our Soldiers deployed in harms way. Until next time.

Rock of the Marne!

Toby Knight

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Membership is Our Strength

It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.
and researchers find the indications and traces on these books and patiently put themselves to research at that point. These places manifest themselves to the researchers and tell with the images of today what the soldier wrote with yesterday's memory. This is one of their places and the narrator is the “most decorated soldier” of WWII, Audie Leon Murphy. The place is located at Mignano Montelungo (CE) in Italy. The research is of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Outpost #16 Italy. The Outpost under Luigi Settimo has signed an agreement with the owner of the hill and the Outpost will manage and maintain the area around the cave with information and a sign with the familiar 3rd ID logo.

“FROM THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AUDIE MURPHY”

Excerpts from chapter three of the autobiography of Audie Murphy’s “To Hell and Back” relating to his men seeking refuge in a cave near the Volturno River in Italy. “The rain still falls in a steady drizzle when we reach the banks of the Volturno river. We crouch on the slope while he (Kerrigan) sneaks up to the mouth of the tunnel leading into the cave. The interior of the cave is as dark as a bat’s wing. The place is evidently safe. Mentally we each mark off a few square feet of the earthen floor and unload our equipment. There is no way knowing how long we will be here. Our orders are to hold the dugout until we are relieved. Swope, a Cherokee Indian, volunteers for the first watch.” Later, Kerrigan laments “the cave is hopping with fleas.” In chapter IV of “To Hell & Back” Audie Murphy recounts the advance of the 15th & 30th Infantry regiment of the 3rd ID along the Mignano Valley towards the line of defense prepared by the Germans, called the Bernhard Line (the Winter Line) and in particular a narrow road between the mountains that led to Cassino – The Mignano Gap. Luigi Settimo and his research group of the Society of the Third Infantry Division of the US Army Outpost #16 researched this area with drones and found the cave the Dogface soldiers sought refuge in. Their dogged work delivered the following photos giving the readers an aerial view of the Italian battlefield and finding a non-descript cave mentioned in Murphy’s auto-biography where the narrator is the most decorated soldier of WWII – Audie Murphy.

The heavily fortified German positions in the Mignano Gap

In the two images the deployment of forces in the field and the indications of the various places

ABOVE: There were two soldiers in the 30th regiment who would become famous for their exploits here. Maurice Britt and Floyd K. Lindstrom’s positions are highlighted in the map. Audie Murphy was with this team as pictured in an advanced position for exploratio
The 30th regiment would have bypassed the mountains around Mignano and attacked Monterotondo from the north. The 15th regiment had to overcome Mignano on the ridges of the mountains and attack Monterotondo and Montelungo from the south. The 7th regiment would have attacked Monte Camino.

The objective of the 3rd Infantry Division in the Mignano Gap

Audie Murphy recounts his mission, the transition between the mountains on narrow paths where mules sometimes fell, and then the soldiers had to carry all the load on their shoulders. Once you have gone downstream after passing Mignano near Monterotondo, the first contact with the enemy was with a German tank hidden in a grove. In this first phase, the attack from SUD (A) fails and must be attacked again from SOUTH (A), and at the same time from NORTH (B) to conquer Monterotondo.

During the rally stages at the foot of Hill 193, Audie Murphy's team is seen by a patrol of Germans advancing along the road (C). Murphy immediately opens fire and once their position is discovered, they are forced to escape along a channel that passes between Monterotondo and the Hill 193. Going up the canal, the men find an old quarry and take refuge in it. While the 30th regiment resists the counterattacks of the Germans (A), the 15th regiment fights along Hill 193 and Montelungo (B). These are the glory days for Maurice Britt and Floyd Lindstrom.

LEFT: The positioning of the quarry and the certainty that it was that of Murphy that is given to us by some of the circumstances recounted in the book. (1) is their escape route that starts from the assembly point at the base of Hill 193 and cuts the hill in half.

BELOW: Once again the positions of Lindstrom, Britt, and Murphy are highlighted.

RIGHT: This photo depicts two areas the Italian Outpost team found. For #2 they walk along the path along a rocky area. Then at #3 they found pay dirt. At the highest point on the path they found the cave Audie Murphy and his men hid out and found refuge.
To the team’s great excitement when they reached the middle of the gully, they found a rocky area, and in the center was the cave as reported by Audie Murphy that evidence and research points to.

Murphy says that the artillery shots started from Montelungo (A) and fell on the top of Monterotondo (B). They saw them pass over their heads (C). The cave was that...

Murphy’s story goes on to recall a German patrol that went up the gully from the opposite side.

When he was in range, Swope (A), positioned with the machine gun among the rocks, severely wounded three Germans (B) and the others surrendered. The three wounded Germans were taken to the cave and died during the night.

After 75 years the terrain has kept most of the traces of those days as told by Audie Murphy. The search on the battlefields has given our team incredible emotions. Murphy’s story could be seen as we provide the paths of Murphy and the 3rd Infantry and the team has a precise point where America’s most decorated soldier fought and spent tragic hours that remained etched forever in his memories.

RIGHT: So the adventure ends here at the cave. The owner of the land the cave sits on has given the team permission to maintain the area and fly the 3rd Infantry Division insignia at the cave entrance.
The team found two American helmets inside the cave.

National Secretary-Treasurer Needed

We are hiring for a new Secretary-Treasurer. This volunteer position is critical to the operations of the Society. It is not a demanding position, but does require someone who is responsible and dedicated to helping take care of the Society.

If you are looking to become part of the national leadership team, then this is your opportunity. John Wels has done a brilliant job, but has asked to be replaced since he has spent many years in this position. This position is one of the most critical we have. As a member of the Executive Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer has enormous influence in the decision making processes of the Society. He/She is also responsible for the financial management of the Society accounts and investments. As John likes to say “If you can balance a check book, then you can do this job.” John has done a magnificent job and has kept everything “dress, right, dress.” This is an easy job to assume and if you are interested, please let me know immediately. The Society will do whatever necessary to insure you are trained and qualified to take on this important position. The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized reimbursement for attendance to the annual reunion.

Rock of the Marne!
Toby Knight, President

Now Hear This!

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Army Chief of Staff GEN Mark A. Milley Speaks at Korean War Commemorative Ceremony

Submitted by Tim Stoy

Outpost International hosted its third Korean War historical seminar between 18 and 21 April in Springfield, VA, culminating in a commemorative ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery and an evening banquet on 21 April.

The seminar sessions were held on 19 and 20 April. On the first day President Monika Stoy welcomed participants, followed by BG Pyo, Se Woo, Defense Attaché from the Republic of Korea. First day presenters included Dr. Peter Knight from the Center for Military History who briefed on Intelligence in the Korean War; LTC, retired, Dan Baughman from the Department of Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency provided an update on Korean War recovery operations; Lieutenant Colonel Bill Eden, MBE, British Army delivered a presentation on the actions of the 1st Glosters in April 1951; LTC, retired, Chris Pultz from the Joint Military Attache School provided insights into Chinese motivations in the Korean War; Mr. Arthur Sharp, editor of the KWVA Graybeards, presented on Atomic Cannons in the Korean War; and SFC, retired, Ron Rosser, Medal of Honor recipient, spoke to the group about his combat experiences in the war. The day concluded with a tribute to LTG Edward L. Rowny, who had participated in our first Korean War historical seminar in April 2017 and who passed away in December 2017 aged 100.

Second day presenters were Mr. Ron Rothberg from the National Park Service who presented on the symbolism of the Korean War Veterans’ Memorial; LTC, retired, Allen Goshi, provided a review of the remarkable career of COL Kim, Young Oak – the first Asian-American Infantry Battalion Commander in the U.S. Army; Major General, retired, Clyde Spence, 10th FA with the 3rd ID in Korea spoke of his experiences in the war; Ms Mary Ingman, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient SGT Einar Ingman, spoke of her father’s Korean War experience; COL Kim, Youngsik, ROK Army, gave an overview of Korean defense strategy today and presented on two ROK Korean War heroes; COL Fred Barrett, retired, shared his experiences as a Korean language interpreter with the Armistice negotiations in June and July 1953; and David W. Mills, former POW from the first battle of Outpost Harry in April 1953 concluded the seminar with a deeply moving recounting of his Army service and experiences on OP Harry and in captivity. The presentations were uniformly excellent.
Saturday morning was a clear, sunny day. The group traveled by bus to Arlington Cemetery where they took a driving tour of the cemetery viewing the graves of several important Korean War figures such as GEN Walton Walker, GEN James Van Fleet, and GEN Matthew B. Ridgway. The group held a short remembrance at the grave of Audie Murphy, followed by another ceremony at the 3rd Infantry Division monument where the group placed a wreath in honor of the Division’s war dead, supported by a bugler from the US Army Brass Quintet – SFC Matthew Byrne.

The Outpost was deeply honored GEN Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, accepted our invitation to serve as keynote speaker for our ceremony in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. GEN Milley greeted our veterans and family members warmly as they entered the Amphitheater. The US Army Brass Quintet provided its habitually excellent musical support for the ceremony and the US Army Continental Color Guard presented the colors for the ceremony. The OP was further greatly honored the US Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (MG) Peter K. Hurley, delivered the invocation and benediction. BG Pyo, Se Woo, Defense Attaché from the Republic of Korea, served as co-host for the not just the ceremony but also for the entire seminar.

Speakers included Monika Stoy, as host for the ceremony; BG Pyo, and GEN Milley. General Milley delivered a highly motivating speech on Army readiness and honoring the service of our Korean War veterans. BG Pyo thanked our Korean War veterans for what they did for the Republic of Korea. Monika thanked our veterans, GEN Milley, and the ROK attaché’s office for their support of the Outpost’s educational efforts. She also told all the veterans present their sacrifice in Korea was well worth it as one views the great strides the Republic of Korea has made since the war.

After the ceremony GEN Milley joined Monika Stoy, BG Pyo, and Medal of Honor recipient Ron Rosser in a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns honoring Korean War veterans. It was a great morning at Arlington Cemetery.

The four days concluded with a banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield the evening of 21 April. It was a wonderful conclusion to a very full and moving four days.

**Honorary President**

**Marne 6 Sends**

MajGen Leopoldo A Quintas, Jr.

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

These last months have seen the Marne Division on the move and focused on our top priorities: mastery of the fundamentals, lethality and leadership. With many of our units returned from deployments, we are now fully engaged in our “exercise season” and our combat readiness certification processes. We have successfully completed two Command Post Exercises (CPX) to sharpen our war fighting in a multi-domain environment under austere and contested conditions. The CPXs have tested our ability to establish, maintain, and rapidly displace multiple mission command nodes across the Fort Stewart training area. More importantly, the exercises have allowed the division headquarters and our subordinate brigades to conduct iterations of orders production drills. We will continue to train our staffs and warfighting headquarters for maximum readiness.

Leadership is the number one combat multiplier on the battlefield. Commanders and senior non-commissioned officers have a critical responsibility of creating and nurturing leaders. We cultivate an environment that values innovative problem solving and empowerment at all levels. We invest in our Soldiers by sending them to professionally enhancing schools and career opportunities. From our Brigade Commanders to our youngest non-commissioned officers, we all have the same goal: prepare to fight and win our nation’s wars.

Leadership also directly impacts another one of our priorities, retention.

The following Korean War veterans participated in the seminar and ceremony: SFC, retired, Ron Rosser; MG, retired, Clyde Spence; COL, retired, John Insani; COL, retired, Fred Barrett; COL Mose Lewis; Mr. John Jackson; Mr. Freddie Stevens; Mr. Joe Hampton; and Mr. David W. Mills.

The Outpost’s next Korean War historical seminar will be held 17-20 October 2018 at the Hilton Springfield.
Audie Murphy is pictured as a 16 year old gas attendant, one year before joining the Army at 17 years of age.

While the other four highest recipients were awarded their medals in several wars like the Boxer Rebellion, the Banana Wars in Haiti, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, Audie only had two medals for valor before landing in southern France during “Operation Dragoon.” Then in France through Holtzwhir, France, Audie earned all his other medals for valor in just five months. Murphy’s 34 or so medals are too lengthy to note here, but for valor he received The Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars in three days, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. Other high medals from other countries include the French Legion of Honor (equal to the Medal of Honor in France) the Legion of Merit from France, the French Croix de Guerre, and the French Fourragere, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre to name a few. But to be clear, Audie did not seek nor want these medals, throwing some away while giving his DSC to his best friend’s daughter – Claudine Tipton – the daughter of Lattic Tipton who was killed in Ramateuelle, France. When Audie saw his best friend die in his arms, Audie admits for the first time in combat he “lost it.” He then proceeded to kill all the Germans in their machine gun nests, earning him the Distinguished Service Cross. Now, to put his heroics in context to the other extraordinary four men below him, consider the company Audie is in. My research only listed the following men in alphabetical order: SERGEANT MAJOR DAN DALY fought in the Boxer Rebellion, the Banana Wars (Haiti), and WWI at Belleau Wood and St. Mihiel with the Marines. Daly had TWO Medals of Honor, The Navy Cross, and a Distinguished Service Cross (after he was recommended for a third Medal of Honor, but denied) LEWIS “CHESTY” PULLER is the most decorated Marine in Corps history. Puller served in the Banana Wars (Haiti), WWII, and Korea. He had five Navy Crosses, one Distinguished Service Cross, One Silver Star, and one Bronze Star. EDDIE RICKENBACKER – was WWI’s top ace with 26 kills, and four German balloons. Rickenbacker had the Medal of Honor, seven (that’s right) Distinguished Service Crosses, and the French Legion of Honor. Here is a surprise – JAMES ELLIOT WILLIAMS – a Cherokee Native American who served in Korea and Vietnam. He led raiding parties in North Korea, and led River Patrol Forces in the Mekong Delta. In one three hour battle, his River Patrol Force killed 1,000 Viet Cong and sank fifty vessels. He became the Navy’s most decorated enlisted man in history. His awards included the Medal of Honor, The Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, two Navy & Marine Corps Medals, three Purple Hearts, and the Legion of Merit. These five remarkable men are but one example of all our veterans who fought and died in our wars throughout history with equal valor. Audie Murphy said “the real heroes are those who did not come home.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: To have “walked the ground” in Holtzwhir, France, where Audie Murphy earned his Medal of Honor action, and Belleau Wood & St. Mihiel, France where Sgt. Major Dan Daly earned one of his Medals of Honor; and visited Guadalcanal where “Chesty” Puller lead his Marines in our first land engagement against the Japanese forces, and visited Northern France where WWI Ace Eddie Rickenbacker duelled with the German pilots in the air – these places have a special meaning to me and the men that fought here.
Besancon, France Honors 3ID Medal of Honor Recipient T/5 Robert D. Maxwell

A Franco-American ceremony in Besancon, France

ID Medal of Honor recipient T/5 Robert D. Maxwell was honored with the unveiling of a plaque citing his Medal of Honor action in a ceremony on the 3rd Infantry Division Esplanade adjacent to Fort Chaudefane overlooking the city of Besancon. The fort was taken by the 7th Infantry Regiment on 7 September 1944 during the Division’s liberation of the city. Maxwell received the Medal of Honor for his valorous actions on 7 September 1944 at Besancon while serving as a wireman in the headquarters of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry.

The ceremony was co-hosted by Outpost International, the 1st French Division, and the city of Besancon. A color guard from the 21st Theater Sustainment Command from Kaiserslautern, Germany participated in the ceremony. BG David M. Hamilton, until recently the 3ID Deputy Commander for Support and currently serving with the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in England represented the 3rd Infantry Division. BG Serge Martigny, the acting commander of the 1st French Division which is stationed in Besancon, was the presiding officer for the ceremony. Besancon Mayor Jean-Louis Fouasseret was senior host and delivered the keynote address. The ceremony was supported musically by the 1st French Division Band.

What a beautiful memorial for Robert Maxwell.

Although he was physically unable to travel to France for the dedication, Bob Maxwell was still able to participate in the ceremony through a Skype connection to his residence in Bend Oregon. Bob was able to observe the entire ceremony and addressed the dignitaries at the end of the ceremony expressing his thanks for honoring him with a beautiful plaque to be mounted on the wall of Fort Chaudefane.

OP President Monika Stoy spoke first and expressed the OP’s, the Society’s, and the Army’s gratitude to

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Dear Mr. Bodden,

Just a note to let you know I enjoy reading our 3rd Division magazine, especially your stories. I have heard that you like hearing from WWII veterans, so I have enclosed a copy of my service in Europe as a rifleman in the 89th Infantry. Nothing special about it, no heroic deeds etc. so we just fought in the last couple of months of the war. My poems enclosed express my inner feelings in a more meaningful and deeper sense.

Don Chase

Editor’s note: I was in Europe touring when this letter arrived and I have gone over the many poems of Mr. Chase and they are quite moving and introspective. Audie Murphy wrote poems after the war with his fifth grade education and told about war at Anzio quite well. I am including this poem titled “FALLEN COMRADES” – This poem resonates with me because when I walk through the many American cemeteries of Europe, what jumps out to me are the birth date and the date of death – mostly teenagers and young men in their twenties who never had a completed life. Thank you Mr. Chase.

FALLEN COMRADES
No matter what I’m doing, or where my steps may roam, I think about my comrades who never came back home. Many years have passed, but my memory hasn’t dimmed; A picture of those men, still clings and lies within. I see their unlined faces, which never did grow old; The shy, timid, withdrawn ones, and also those so bold. Still hear their youthful banter, brightening many dreary days, Keeping all their fear inside, each one in different ways. Yet all did their duty, as good soldiers do so well, Existing under conditions, that off times were sheer hell. I remember all the sharing, both rations and packages from wives; This generous spirit, always kept so much alive. All of this stays with me, ever turning in my mind, Faces drifting pass my eyes, from another place and time. So many times I’ve wondered, why them instead of me? Maybe in some future world, I’ll be allowed to see.

- Donald A Chase -

I decided to use the following photo of a “Fallen Comrade” I took at the French cemetery at Verdun. I revisited the grave of French soldier Noel Page from two years ago. Noel Page fought four years for France and was killed 100 years ago. I rested my cap on his tombstone to symbolize “he is not forgotten.” There were so many hundreds of thousands of French and German soldiers killed here at Verdun, that at the ossuary/monument pictured in the background are the unidentified skulls, legs, rib cages, and arms of 130,000 French and Germans visible through the glass portals of the ossuary.

Dear Henry,

I thank you very much for getting this untold story out - it is indeed a great tribute to the 3rd Inf. Div. as they, holding the last perimeter at Hungnam taking casualties, enabled us to perform such a humanitarian rescue.

All the best,

J. Robert Lunney

Dear Henry,

The July & August issue of the WOTR had special interests for the Society members in all categories. The WWI MacArthur and Patton story was excellent, and the Ed Kearse baseball story and the found canteen article must have been of special interest to WWII veterans.

The Ship of Miracles articles brought back memories of Korea and the 3rd ID part in Hungnam evacuation, outstanding issue. Also a special thanks to Tim & Monika Stoy for all the activities in which they participated and reported. Not enough members know of how much time and effort they put in promoting the 3rd ID and time spent at many special events with the Society. Also I just found this photo of my wife and myself. My wife served as a nurse in Korea at the 11th EVAC hospital in Wonju from 1952-53. She just turned 92 and John just turned 90.

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John Fisher

Henry,

One of the most interesting things I learned about when reading the division history book from WWI, was the manner in which the division communicated during the Second Marne Battle.

As you know, one of the first things any commander needs to establish in order to ensure victory is communication.
Without the ability to communicate to subordinate commands/units and vice versa, the fog or war will envelop any Army and lead to defeat.

When the 3rd ID was ordered to Chateau-Thierry to defend the line along the river, the division soon realized that they had a communication problem. At that time, telephones were available, but the technology was rudimentary and lines had to be strung (mostly on the ground) and this took time and were susceptible to damage from wagons wheels and artillery bombardments. Runners were always a reliable form of communication, but with such a large defensive position to defend, runners were also not terribly effective. Added to this problem was the congestion the little roads in the area were experiencing. Imagine having thousands of Soldiers moving Men and material on those small dirt(mud) roads at the time.

Chateau de la Douillette was the 3rd IDhq for the defense of the Marne River at Chateau-Thierry

This was a serious problem for the division. What did they do? Motorcycles.

At some point, someone realized that the motorcycles they had were not only fast, reliable and effective, but they could go on the roads and in the fields. They could easily skirt the traffic jams, they were too hard to hit for snipers and they could be easily repaired and return to service.

The U.S. bought many motorcycles for various communications and other uses during WWI.

From what I read, this became the primary way that orders were communicated from the Division HQ’s in Chateau la Douillette south of the Marne river during the second Marne Battle. I can imagine the courtyard at the Chateau being filled with Indian and Harley-Davidson motorcycles parked, awaiting to be used to send messages.

I found this interesting because it follows the old saying that “Necessity is the mother of invention” and in this case, the circumstances shaped the answer to a problem they were facing. I am sure some of those motorcycle riders had a blast running messages, but it was probably also a dangerous task at the time.

Toby Knight

Secretary of Defence Mattis
Commencement Speech

By: J. Robert Lunney
Dear Friends,

Having served in the SS Meredith Victory under the command of Capt. Leonard P. LaRue (later Bro. Marinus, OSB) during the Korean War I wish to note that on 16 June 2018 Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis delivered the Commencement Address at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Included in his address he expressed, in part, the following:

"...My father was a mariner from 1935 to 1949, so it was in my blood to go wander the world and I would tell you those were turbulent times in the air, on land, and sea and under the sea...

During the Great Depression, he enrolled in the Pennsylvania Nautical School and he did his sea year aboard the USS Annapolis which was a Navy steam-sailed gunboat from the Spanish-American War. It was sound training for what lay ahead and those seaman ship fundamentals served him well when the great auditor, that in the Armed Services we call war, was going to test all the mariners that we had and then some. He served on convoys from the Murmansk Ruin to the United Kingdom, where the wolfpacks hunted under the stormy North Atlantic Sea...

I want you to hold something sacred and fix your days on it, fix your gaze on it like you do on the North Star when you’re navigating and chart a course through what are going to be ethically perilous waters. We need leaders who show a strong sense of ethics today. You need to be a source of strength for your subordinates and you need to be a lifelong learner so you’re as strong when destiny does tap you on the shoulder to lead your crew or team through the rocks and shoals of life as you are here today at this point in your life.

Leonard LaRue had that strength. He also attended Pennsylvania Nautical School in the 1930’s and like my father he did his sea year aboard the USS Annapolis. But he is remembered not for his physical courage in World War II which he had an abundance of but for his moral courage in Korea as Captain of the SS Meredith Victory where he proved not only to be a mariner in the finest tradition of your service, but a great American listening to his better angels. In the frigid December of 1950, the United Nations command was encircled at Huengnam in what is today North Korea. Enemy soldiers bored down upon a city in flames, the harbor was mined and thousands of refugees swarmed the beaches desperate to escape...Captain LaRue ordered his SS Meredith Victory into shore amidst a storm of war and he and his crew rescued 14,000 refugees and bore them away safely on his ship. Before they could put into safe anchorage, five babies were born and with over 14,000 refugees, not a single life was lost. Now there was a leader not concerned with putting it all on the line. He was competent; he was aware of and stoically he dealt with it.

Remember him and don’t allow his example to be lost... Keep your integrity, take responsibility, and hold close something

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Scholarship Foundation Fundraising Raffle

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is conducting a raffle to raise funds to support our 2019 Scholarship Grant Awards Program. Those eligible to receive grants are deserving offspring of those who served with the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as Soldiers (past and present), the children and unmarried spouses of Soldiers K.I.A. while serving with the 3rd, and the married spouses of Soldiers currently serving with the 3rd Infantry Division. Each year, we have more applicants than the previous year. In order to provide scholarship grants to all those who meet or exceed our requirements, we must raise funds. We hope you will support this effort by purchasing the tickets enclosed. Tickets are $2.00 each or $20.00 per book of 12 tickets. Simply write your name and address on at least one ticket (we will duplicate the information for all additional tickets) or affix address labels, and mail the completed portion of the tickets and your payment to the Foundation in the envelope provided. Make checks payable to “Scholarship Foundation.” Be sure to include your phone number so we can check addresses before we ship prizes to the winners. Additional tickets are available from the Scholarship Foundation upon request. The drawing will occur on July 15, 2019, and prizes will be shipped shortly thereafter.

A 1911-A fully operational semi-automatic pistol was the premium side arm of the U.S. military from 1911 to 1986. It is .45-caliber, clip fed and has not been fired since factory testing.

The Thompson Submachine gun in the special commemorative issue honoring the Korean Conflict (similar as pictured, only commemorative). The Thompson is fully operational, semi-automatic, and comes with the original issue 20 round clip. A 30-round clip and the drum magazine can also be used with this weapon. The weapon has not been fired outside of factory testing. This weapon comes complete with a wood and glass display case for home use and a hard case for use when carrying the gun to the range for live firing.

There are 40+ total prizes including military books, DVDs, quilts, patriotic caps, U.S. and Society flags, and several proofs of beautiful commemorative coins. A special prize this year is an envelope stamped at the Greenville, TX post office where Audie Murphy enlisted. The envelope includes a U.S.P.S. $0.29-cent stamp from June 20, 1996. A full list of prizes can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Please encourage all eligible candidates to submit their applications to the Foundation on or before June 1, 2019. The application and instructions are available on both the Society website and the Scholarship Foundation website at www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org and from Lynn Ball, Chairman (972-495-1704).

Judging by our directors will commence on June 2nd and grants will be paid to recipients’ university, college or vocational school shortly thereafter. Each candidate must have a sponsor who served with the 3rd Infantry Division or its support groups (Soldiers may act as their own sponsors). All offspring, both biological and adopted, are eligible, as are the offspring of Associate Members who have a direct link (father or grandfather) who served with the 3rd Infantry Division. If the sponsor is deceased, contact Lynn Ball for guidance in completing the sponsor’s letter which must accompany the candidate’s application.

Your Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc., chartered as a Not-For-Profit Public Charity, is celebrating its 15th year of providing educational grants to members of our Marine Family. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible, and we send tax-certification letters for all donations and report all gifts in the Watch on the Rhine. Our directors, Lynn Ball, Chairman; Jeff Danby, Trustee; James Reeves, Trustee; Richard Faulkner, Trustee; J.W. Ball, CFO, and Justin Valle, trustee and webmaster, are all volunteers who receive no compensation or personal expenses. Our donors’ contributions are used only for scholarship grants. Please submit contributions to the address above.

Those supporting the Foundation’s efforts are truly investing in the future of our Country. Thank you for supporting our efforts and the higher education goals of our young people.

Yours in the 3rd,

Lynn Ball, Chairman, on behalf of our Directors
Current List of Prizes for 2018-19 Scholarship Foundation Raffle

- 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 Bluenson
- Back in the Day, cookbook
- Queen-sized quilts with shams and throw pillows (2)
- Bill Mauldin’s Army (1984 printing)
* Winners of the weapons must pass the Federal firearms background check.

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 Holtzwihr, 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,

I hope that everyone who attended had a good time at our Reunion. Many friendships were renewed and many new ones formed. All of our meetings were great and I always enjoy seeing everyone. We saw all of our great friends who came from near and far to celebrate our Society. The hotel was very nice and their food was super. I was happy that the memorial breakfast was free, that encouraged more members to attend. That was the first time that it was free at any hotel that we have been at. That Memorial Breakfast is very important to remember our fallen comrades. We called all of the names of those who have left us since our last Reunion. We be reunited with them again says our Lord, may they Rest In Peace. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the next Reunion.

I had a total knee replacement that went well but it is taking longer to rehab due to my age. Your prayers are greatly appreciated and freely accepted.

Hope all of you are doing well and all are in my prayers also.

God of power and mercy, maker of love and peace, to know you is to live, and to serve you is to reign. Help us to overcome war and violence and to establish your law of love and justice. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Till we meet again, ROTM,
Your Chaplain,
Jerry Daddato
He was promoted to technical sergeant in January of 1944, and on December 29, 1944 he was promoted to 1st. Lt. Conner was awarded four Silver Stars for gallantry in action, and the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. He was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch for extraordinary heroism during a German counterattack with six tanks and 600 infantrymen on January 24, 1945 near Houssen, France in the battle of the Colmar Pocket. After recently being returned to his unit from the hospital, intelligence staff officer Lt. Conner volunteered to go forward to direct artillery fire directly on his own position and leading to the death of more than fifty Germans and stopping the assault. Then in March of 1945, Conner was sent back to the U.S. and honorable discharged on June 22, 1945.

At a parade in Albany, Kentucky for the homecoming of Lt. Conner, Sgt. Alvin York of Pall Mall, Tennessee crossed the twelve miles or so into Kentucky for what folks in Albany called “the speakin’” at the Clinton County courthouse to welcome Lt. Conner. Conner and America’s most deco-

rated soldier of WWI became close friends and distant relatives by marriage. Sgt. York also later attended some 3rd ID reunions. A young fifteen year old Pauline attended the parade to see this “hero.” Pauline’s family were tenant farmers and did not have a car, so “Daddy” hitched the horse to the wagon and went into town. “Daddy” parked the wagon down on what they called Jockey Street. Pauline wasn’t sure which one he was, but “everybody was bragging on what he’d done.” Pauline was expecting a giant of a man, but when she first saw a 5’6” man of perhaps 120 pounds, she turned to her mother and said “My God Mama, that little wharf rat couldn’t have done all of what they said he’d done.” She would later learn the things he had done to earn the respect of the county, but certainly not from Conner himself. “It was always from other people” and he didn’t want to say much, lest he be seen as bragging. He was very private about his military record. More than anything he was proud of his five brothers in WWII who all came back. Just think, six sons in a world war. Pauline’s mother did not take to Garlin at first, but he was a persistent suitor who came by the house every day. “Mama said, you tell him not to come back here no more.” Pauline told us at the Pentagon ceremony that when she turned sixteen, they eloped to Georgia to get married where it was legal. Pauline said “I don’t have any clothes” and Garlin said “I’ll buy you some clothes” and they never parted.

Without going into a lengthy detail of the heroics of Lt. Garlin Conner, I would like to now focus on the second battle by the family for getting Garlin his due recognition of a most for what he had done in the
Colmar Pocket. Garlin did not want the recognition and told the family “I have enough medals” which impeded his recognition, but the family persisted after Garlin passed away twenty years ago in 1998 and is buried in Memorial Hill Cemetery in Albany. This family battle began 22 years ago and ended at the White House on June 25, 2018 when President Trump presented the Medal of Honor posthumously to his widow Pauline and the family in attendance at the nationally televised event. The President bestowed the nation’s highest military honor upon 1st Lt. Garlin Conner, who the President said now takes his “rightful place in the eternal chronicle of American valor.” Conner’s widow Pauline accepted the framed medal on her husband’s behalf. It was a bittersweet triumph, sweetened by a very obvious mutual admiration between Pauline and President Trump who openly showed his admiration for Pauline, and Pauline had said she was going to kiss the President, which she did much to the President’s delight. The family and son Paul fought valiantly for this honor for Conner. President Trump said Pauline, who is 89, hoped and prayed that she would live to see Tuesday. “It’s something he should’ve done in his lifetime” as the family had fought with the Army’s awards branch and eventually in the courts for this outcome.

I had just returned several days before the ceremony from leading a WWII tour of France, Belgium, and Germany for three weeks. In fact, one of our annual stops was at Holtzwihr, France to visit the site where Audie Murphy earned his Medal of Honor. Ironically, Murphy earned his medal just two days later than Conner, and just a few miles apart in the same battle. Another similarity between these two warriors was their size. Both were about the same height and weight, men of small stature, but a ferocious inner courage within them. I really regret not going to Housen at the time, but I did not have much information at that time and certainly would have gone had I been better prepared. When I returned home, Society President Toby Knight had made arrangements for our clearance to attend a special second presentation of Conner’s award to Pauline at the Pentagon on June 26th. I was so excited to attend this private ceremony and being around so many of our military soldiers of the 3rd Infantry. I was honored to be seated next to 3rd ID WWII veteran John Isani who knew both Lt. Conner and Audie Murphy. I also met briefly Ret. Lt. Col. Tim Stoy and Capt. Monika Stoy at the ceremony as they were leaving with the Conner family. The ceremony was very inspiring with remarks and recognition of several Cabinet and Army officials. Then the highlight was Pauline in wheel chair on the stage telling their love story of many years spiced with humor. A pleasant surprise was seeing Col. Gerald York who is the grandson of Sgt. York who was in attendance also. After the conclusion of the ceremony, several of us was given a personal tour of the Pentagon by 3rd ID Sgt. David Wheeler. The Pentagon is the world’s largest office building with about 6,500,000 sq. ft. As we walked through the vast halls of the Pentagon, it is a small museum with artifacts of the iconic heroes like Gen. MacArthur and Eisenhower among others. The Pentagon is the headquarters of the Dept. of Defense, and ground was broken on September 11, 1941 and was dedicated on January 15, 1943. Col. Leslie Groves was responsible for overseeing the project for the Army. A special treat for our group was a tour of the present Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley’s office where we were shown a weathered old desk occupied by every Chief of Staff from Gen. George C. Marshall, who was the first Army Chief of Staff to occupy this office at the Pentagon. I had forgotten the Gen. Eisenhower and Gen. Omar Bradley followed Gen. Marshall after WWII. Thanks to SFC Andrew Porch who gave us a most interesting tour of this large office with so much history. Although we had to leave cell phones outside the office and not allowed photographs, SFC Andrew took a photo of myself, 3rd ID former soldier David Spanburg, and Society President Toby Knight inside the office. Gen. Milley is a big Boston sports fan and I noticed he had a photo of Babe Ruth in an Army uniform. I knew Ruth was never in the Army, but Andrew told me this photo was taken of Ruth when he was helping promoting War Bonds for the WWII effort. Our final stop was at the exact spot where American Airlines flight 77 crashed into the western side of the Pentagon, killing 189 people total on the ground and in flight. A most sobering end of our day, but a day I shall never forget being around so many great people.

Editor’s note – On June 27, 2018, Toby Knight and myself were privileged to attend the Medal of Honor ceremony at the Pentagon or Lt. Garlin Conner. We met up briefly with Tim and Monika Stoy at the ceremony, and then we were treated to visit the Army Chief of Staff office of Gen. Milley and view the old weathered desk where other Generals from George C. Marshall, Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, to the present do their work.

L-R: WOTR Editor Henry Bodden, Former 3rd ID soldier David Spanburg, and Society President Toby Knight pose in the Pentagon office of the current Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley.
Submitted by Monika and Tim Stoy

Outpost International commemorated the 100th anniversary of the 3d Division’s historic defense of the Marne east of Chateau-Thierry with a wreath ceremony at the 3d Division Monument in Chateau-Thierry on 15 July 2018. Mayor Sebastien Eugene served as co-host and the city provided logistical support of the ceremony.

The active duty Division was unable to send anyone to participate but we were honored to have recent Deputy Division Commander BG Sean C. Bernabe present representing LTG Cavoli, USAREUR CG. BG Bernabe recently assumed duties as the USAREUR G3. We were also honored to have GEN, retired, Montgomery C. Meigs and Mrs. Mary Ann Meigs present for the ceremony. GEN Meigs served as 3d ID CG 1995-1996 in Wuerzburg. He later served as USAREUR CG.

BG Brice Houdet, French Military Representative at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, was the senior French Military participant, with a delegation of soldiers from the 94th Infantry Regiment participating in the ceremony under Major Sorrant. The local color bearers from the patriotic associations also stood in formation. Captain Christophe Brys from BG Houdet’s staff in Mons, Belgium also participated.

CPT Lionel d’auber de Peyrelongue from the 1st French Division in Besancon represented his command along with Caporal Chef Romauld Pauchet, who assisted us with the wreath ceremony. A local reenactor stood formation dressed as a French poilu from WWI, adding even more symbolism to the ceremony.

We were honored Mr. Jacques Krabal, the parliamentary representative of the Aisne Department, participated as one of our speakers. Jacques is the former Mayor of Chateau-Thierry and we worked with him 10 years ago for the 90th anniversary commemorations.

A group of French historians, ABCM, with whom we had conducted terrain walks during the 90th anniversary commemorations led by Major Henri Maurel, French Army, retired, joined us wearing the 3d Division 90th birthday t-shirts they purchased 10 years ago. One of them, Stephen Boursier, flew all the way from Tokyo to be there for the ceremony! Another, Quentin Bonningre, was only a young boy 10 years ago but is now a strapping young man – Quentin.

All together we had around 100 attendees for the ceremony which took place from 1015 to 1115 on Sunday morning. It was a warm, sunny morning. After introductory comments by the MC, Tim Stoy, the US and French national anthems were played, followed by a POW-MIA ceremony in which SSG James Walker of the USAREUR band participated. MS Lauralie Sorrant read the narrative in French.

Monika Stoy thanked the many persons who made the ceremony possible before covering the immeasurable importance of 15 July 1918 to the 3d Infantry Division. She also reminded all present the Division has continued to live up to its reputation the past 100 years. Finally she spoke of

Monika Stoy and her mother present the two tablets to the town of Chateau-Thierry

The presentation of a 48 star flag to the Mayor of Chateau-Thierry
Chaplain Willard Stuart Sewell, a chaplain from the 30th Infantry who was KIA on 15 July 1918. He left behind a wife and two year old son. Monika urged everyone to remember the dead from WWI as the person’s they were, not just names on stones.

Mayor Eugene welcomed everyone and emphasized the long history of the city with the 3d Infantry Division and the United States in the form of not only our monument but also the Maison of French-American Friendship nearby on the Place de Etats Unis and the American Episcopal Church across from the town hall. Both buildings were donated by the Americans after WWI.

Representative Krabal spoke of how moving the POW-MIA ceremony was, reiterated the importance of not forgetting those who died in WWII, and thanked the Stloys for their continued commitment to honoring the war dead and maintaining ties to Chateau-Thierry and France.

BG Bernabe spoke of the deep personal meaning the monument, the date, the battle, and the ceremony held for him as a long time Marne Man. He served with the Division twice in combat. BG Houdet emphasized the continued vital importance of the French-American partnership and friendship to world stability and peace. He also honored the memory of our Rock of the Marne soldiers and their great victory on the Marne. BG Houdet served as French Military Attaché in Washington for three years and he was a great supporter of OP International events and historical seminars in Washington and helped immeasurably in getting Legion of Honor medal packets for our veterans processed expeditiously.

Each of the sixty Medal of Honor recipients from the Division in its 100 year history. Our list includes the three recipients from the 601st TD and 756th Tank Battalion, which were long time attachments to the Division and their actions came while under command of the Division, and another recipient from the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion which was attached to the Division at Anzio during the time of his MOH action. We also presented a copy of this tablet to Major General Quintas, CG, 31D in June during the Medal of Honor award ceremony activities in Washington, DC for LT Garlin M. Conner for display in Division headquarters with the pictures of all the recipients already displayed.

The other has a summary history of the Division to the present in French and English along with casualty data for each of the Division’s conflicts. These two plaques were personally donated by the Stloys and the city will mount them on two large rocks which will flank the monument – symbolizing the Rock of the Marne! We want everyone to know the Division’s history didn’t end in 1918!

Following the unveiling Representative Krabal, Mayor Eugene, the local veterans’ committee, Mr. Shane Williams, Superintendent of Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Houdet on behalf of the French Army, and Monika joined by BG Bernabe placed wreaths at the monument. SSG Walker played a moving rendition of Taps, and the ceremony concluded with the singing of The Dog Face Soldier!

As the ceremony concluded Representative Krabal presented a medal from the Assemblee National to the Stloys for their hard work, and to Mr. Shane Williams, Superintendent of nearby Aisne-Marne American cemetery in Belleau for his great work at the cemetery.

Following photos at the monument everyone moved to the Maison L’Amitie France-Amérique for a reception. Monika presented certificates of appreciation and several gifts to Mayor Eugene and other ceremony participants. Mayor Eugene also presented the Stloys with a nice gift in thanks for organizing the ceremony. The city served aperitifs and hors d’œuvres and everyone had a good time. BG Houdet then hosted lunch for a small group of dignitaries and friends of the Division at a restaurant in the city.

In the run up to the ceremony, the tourism director at the Maison de L’Amitie France-Amérique, Mr. Fatah Nekhili, assisted us in building a permanent 3D display at the tourist center, which will be updated periodically with new information on the Division’s ongoing operations and its history.

Outpost International of the Society of the 3d Infantry Division is proud and honored to have conducted this ceremony in the memory of our Marne Men and in recognition of our great Division. The 100th anniversary commemoration was a great success and rejuvenated the long relationship between the Rock of the Marne and Chateau-Thierry. The outpost has already coordinated with the city to give a presentation on the 3d ID’s 100 year history and to participate in ceremonies on 11 November for Armistice Day. Rock of the Marne.
The Third Infantry Division And My Journey To

Edmund Krekorian MD, FACS, Colonel, Medical Corps, USA Ret.

A s a professor of surgery and long time member of a medical school admissions committee, I have listened to a spectrum of reasons why applicants sought the goal, Doctor of Medicine. My own reasons evolved from varied and traumatic experiences during the Korean War. One experience predominated. It profoundly impacted my life and radically altered my career.

I was introduced to military life and war when I enlisted in the Marine Corps at age seventeen during World War Two. After 30 months, eighteen In the Northern Solomons and Admiralties, the war ended for me. Three years of academia as a civilian convinced me and my professors I had no future as a scholar. When in 1948 the US Army offered me a direct commission I accepted with alacrity. By early 1950, I was a 23 year old second lieutenant experienced in the employment of AAA self-propelled automatic weapons. My military career seemed assured.

On 25 June 1950, the North Korean army invaded South Korea. Five days later President Harry Truman committed U.S. ground forces to the defense of South Korea. That was also the day of my wedding. Five weeks later I arrived in Korea to command a platoon of automatic weapons defending Yonil Airfield just south of Pohang Dong, the eastern anchor of the Pusan Perimeter. North Korean forces, intermittently in Pohang, were intent on taking the airfield. During much of August those defending Yonil Airfield endured shelling, fought off multiple probes, and prepared to defend against a North Korean attack. The Marine landing at Incheon on 6 September, radically altered the war in South Korea. By early December my platoon was defending a small airfield north of Pyongyang. Then came massive intervention by Communist Chinese Forces assisted by brutal winter weather. United Nations forces were again in retreat. Enemy positioned on hills overlooking retreating UN Forces intermittently poured down small arms, machine gun and mortar fire. The four M-55a (quad fifties) of my platoon interspersed among retreating United Nation’s units, responded by sweeping the forward slopes of hills and crests with devastating fire. Absent winter clothing, frost bite became epidemic. Soon my platoon was south of the Han River.

In January 1951, I transferred to the 3rd Infantry Division to command the 2nd platoon, C Battery, 3rd AAA AW Bn. The platoon was equipped with four M-24 Chaffee tanks, each armed with twin forty mm cannons, and four M-16 half-tracks mounting four 50 caliber machine guns on an electric turret. Add speed and maneuverability to these awesome weapons and their impact on the enemy was devastating.

By the middle of April 1951 the division successfully completed Operations Thunderbolt, Killer, Ripper and Rugged to be deployed along the 38th parallel. My platoon’s successful mission to extricate an ambushed tank retrieval team and destroy the ambush earned an assignment to division headquarters as “palace guards” and earned me an “Alta Boy” from General Armistead Meade, assistant division commander. My platoon was now deployed in defensive positions around 3rd Division Headquarters. My command post tent was just off the MSR 100 yards east of division headquarters on the 38th parallel. Refugees from North Korea flowed past my CP in a steady stream. The proximity of the platoon command post to division headquarters and nearby deployed platoon made it a readily available mobile force for small tactical emergencies in the area and reconnaissance. In April 1951, enemy activity along the 3rd Division front all but ceased. My platoon was repeatedly sent to ascertain enemy dispositions. On many of these missions an Air Force forward controller team accompanied us. (Fig 5 A) The intent of the Chinese was obvious, even to a junior first lieutenant. An major enemy offensive was in the making.

On the night of 22 April 1951 the Chinese launched a massive attack along the 38th parallel. The 3rd Infantry Division went into retreat. By the afternoon the next day my platoon completed two missions to enable 3rd Division units blocked by Chinese Forces to move south. Returning to the remnants of division headquarters, I worked on my after-action report while my platoon refueled and replenished ammunition. A Military Police sergeant told me I was to report to General Meade immediately. I found the general in a 3/4 ton truck that served as 3rd Division G-2/G-3 Forward. Nearby was the Div Arty commander General Shagg sitting on a rock in “conference” with LTC Magnason, Division G-3.

General Meade informed me the British 29 Brigade, attached to the 3rd Infantry Division, was hit hard and fighting to survive. One unit, the Gloucesters, was about to be cut off by Chinese forces. The British commander, Brigadier Brodie, authorized escape by any means to allied positions. However, sixteen wounded had no hope of escape because of the severity of their wounds. Two helicopters sent to evacuate them were shot down. Capture seemed imminent. Most would not survive captivity. A British army chaplain and a British Army medical officer volunteered to remain with the wounded and accept captivity. Their dedication and loyalty to comrades was inspiring.

General Meade asked if I would consider making an effort to reach and evacuate the wounded. Here I must inject, in all my dealings with General Meade he never gave me a direct order. Each mission he assigned gave the feeling I was volunteering. Because of the great risks involved and the lack of help if I got into trouble, It would be my decision as platoon commander to risk my platoon of forty six men in a rescue attempt. If contact were made with enemy forces it also would be my decision to fight or surrender. The prospect of spending years in a Chinese Prisoner of War camp in Manchuria or China held little appeal. However, the opportunity to save sixteen lives had great appeal. I could not abandon British comrades.

While the platoon assembled on the MSR (Main Service Road) I planned the mission with my platoon Sergeant, Rich Mehollie. Minutes later my platoon crossed the 38th parallel into North Korea. After traveling less than a mile the platoon turned northwest to a narrow dirt road. A single file of British troops moved southeast along the same road. A jeep with a British soldier dri-
Lt. Krekorian stands next to an M-16 tank with four 50 cal. machine guns.

Lt. Krekorian works on an after action report following a mission to enable the retreat of the 3rd ID behind by the Chinese.

ving led us several miles to a protected area behind a low, narrow, elongated berm. Sixteen severely wounded British soldiers lay on stretchers or ponchos on the ground. A quick look over the top of the berm with binoculars showed hundreds of enemy troops descending the forward slopes of a range of low mountains 1000-1400 yards north of the British positions. Soon they would be in the British positions. Hand-to-hand fighting was certain to follow, the outcome, a foregone conclusion.

I reported to the British commander my platoon was loaded with ammunition and the range to the enemy was ideal. I made him an offer he could not refuse. After locating the most forward British positions my platoon moved to high ground. (Fig 9) Fields of fire were quickly defined and the order given to “commence firing.” The intense noise of sixteen 50 caliber machine guns and eight 40 mm cannons firing almost continually brought on such ear pain tears could not be suppressed. Enemy were observed retreating over crests to reverse slopes. Ordinarily I would have called an air strike on the reverse slopes. However, all air assets were committed to higher priority targets. We were truly on our own.

After expending most of our ammunition I called a cease fire. It was time to load the casualties and leave. Two stretcher’s, each with a severely wounded British soldier, were lashed with wire to the engine grills of the four M-24 tanks. It was hoped heat from the engines would provide warmth for the wounded reducing risk of shock. Several wounded continued to bleed despite tight dressings. Blood dripping through engine grills fell on hot engines vaporizing into sickening, pungent odors. The remaining eight wounded were eased into cabs of the platoon’s four M-16 half-tracks. The fluid tactical situation precluded designation of a destination hospital until the platoon was returning. Adding to the situational angst was intermittent failure of our World War Two VHF radios leaving us ignorant of enemy activity.

Heading the platoon southeast I hoped to intersect the MSR south of enemy forces. If I intersected north we would be, as General Meade had succinctly put it, “in trouble.” Low on ammunition, half-tracks and tanks loaded with critically wounded, my platoon was in no shape to duke it out with Chinese Forces. Minutes later the gods of war smiled on second platoon. Waiting in his jeep on the MSR was my commanding officer, Tony Zelenko. I could have hugged him. Visibility was becoming reduced as night approached. Against regulations my commander ordered headlights turned on. He then led at high speed to a MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) set up in a school.

I stood by the emergency room entrance as stretcher’s were cut free from tank engine grills, gently lowered and carried into the emergency room. As each wounded British soldier passed he reached out to touch my arm or grasp my hand and tell me, “God bless you, lieutenant, “God bless your men” or “Bless you, Yank.” It was a profoundly spiritual moment which would have lasting impact on my life. I followed the last stretcher into the emergency room. There I saw surgeons hunched over the wounded, their caps, masks and scrubs vestments of a profession the epitome of compassion, skill and dedication. I was recognized as the lieutenant whose platoon brought in the wounded. The surgeons invited me to stay and observe their treatment. A nurse helped me into a gown, cap and mask. Thus in a sense I became part of the medical team. Fatigue and hunger were ignored as I watched lives being saved. Having been exposed to the art of healing I could never turn away. I was committed to becoming a doctor.

FOLLOW UP

Lieutenant Krekorian returned to the US in time for his first wedding anniversary. Assigned as an intelligence officer to New York City he left active duty in June, 1952 to attend the Medical College of Georgia. Graduating with honors in 1957(e) was eventually assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, serving as Director, ENT/Head & Neck Surgery during most of the Vietnam War. In 1970 he declined the chair of head & neck surgery at two prestigious medical centers to undergo parachute training, then go to Vietnam as American Division surgeon and later commander 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh. Retiring from military service in 1978 he joined the faculty of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, retiring in 1991 as Professor Emeritus. In 1990 the senior class voted Dr. Krekorian the “Excellence in Teaching” award. He was elected from ninety faculty nominees. In 2014 the Medical College of Georgia awarded him the “Distinguished Alumnus” award. Dr. Krekorian is world recognized for pioneer work in skull base surgery and expertise in management of extensive malignancies and war injuries of the head and neck.
The Rock of the Marne Monument Rededication

On 15 July 2018 in Syracuse, NY the Onondaga Historical Association rededicated the “The Rock of the Marne Monument” honoring the 1,000 soldiers of the 38th Infantry Regiment who lost their lives or was wounded during the First World War.

The 38th Infantry Regiment was constituted on 15 May 1917 and organized on 1 June at Syracuse, NY and assigned to the Third Infantry Division on 1 October. On 15 July 1918 the regiment repulsed the last great German offensive of the war stopping the Germans at the Marne River, earning the regiment the motto “The Rock of the Marne” which also became the motto of the Third Infantry Division. Major General Lee A. Quintas, Commanding General of the Third Infantry Division, presented an extensive account of the actions of the 38th Regiment during the battle and the effect they had on the outcome of the war. A wreath laying ceremony followed General Quintas’ address.

 Forgotten Battles and Units of the Forgotten War
Korean War historical seminar hosted by Outpost International, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division; The Army Historical Foundation, and the DOD Defense Attache's Office in Washington, DC

Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia and the Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery
17-20 October 2018

Event Schedule
17 October – registration 1500-1900
18 October – Seminars 0830-1730
19 October – Seminars 0830-1730
20 October – Commemorative Ceremony
Arlington National Cemetery and Tomb of the Unknowns
0800-1200
Banquet 1700-2000

Presentation Topics Include:

Veterans Planning on Participating include:
General Volney F. Warner – 1/3/21st Infantry, 24th ID
SFC Ron Rosser – Medal of Honor recipient with the 38th INF, 2ID

Registration fee $30 (free for KW veterans) Banquet $40

Hotel Info: Room rate $119 per night incl. breakfast
Event Name: Korean War Historical Seminar
Reservations PH# 703 971 8900 Cut-off: 1 Oct 2018

Points of Contact: C. Monika Stoy and Timothy R. Stoy
Email: timmon15@gmail.com, Phone: 703 912 4218

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The Watch on the Rhine
Stoys Honor Senior 3ID Veterans

We attended the Army Birthday Ball at Falcon’s Landing residence Friday evening. While there we met Colonel Henry Bodson, one of the Society’s senior members. He is 100 years old and served with the 39th FA supporting the 15th Infantry in France 1944-45.

Earlier in the week we visited another senior Society member and Korean War veteran, Chaplain Parker Thompson, who lives in Winchester, VA and is pastor of North Fork Baptist Church in Purcellville, VA. He turns 90 in August. He was chaplain in both the 7th IN and the 10th Engineers 1952-53, having been at OP Harry with the 10th EN and in the Chorwon-Kumwha fighting June-July 1953.

Tim and Monika Stoy

Monika Stoy and her mother pose with Chaplain Parker Thompson.

Tim and Monika Stoy pose with Hank Bodson.

100 year old Hank Bodson is assisted cutting his cake.

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 painting/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.society3rdid.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 needs 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!
Washington, DC

On November 11, 2018, Outpost 7 will conduct a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, on behalf of the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

We will meet at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument (directly behind the Amphitheater) at 2:15 PM to lay a wreath at the Division Monument and then will move to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to conduct the wreath laying ceremony.

All past and current members of the 3rd ID, as well as friends of the 3rd ID, are invited to join OP #7 on Veteran’s Day.

Submitted by Dennis Barletta

Arizona

The outpost has submitted an entry into the 2018 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade in November and details will be sent to outpost members once available. An outpost meeting will follow the parade at a location to be determined. Also, outpost member, Donita Williams will celebrate her 104th birthday on October 5th with a scheduled party with live music and a cake!!

Submitted by Curtis Gentry

Giovinazzo-York

Mike Bopray donated many “Army Times” newspapers to the group. Mike noted that the 3rd ID is back in Germany and has been in Afghanistan six times.

Treasurer Marv Kostka reported we have a balance of $495.72.

Bob Meganck made a motion that we donate $100.00 to Joann Ingram for supplies for the “Quilts of Valor.” The motion was seconded by Jim Bartholomew. Motion carried unanimously.

Rollie Elensch gave the history of his time of service with emphasis of his experience in the 3rd Division. Rollie had basic training of 14 weeks at Fort Riley, KS followed by 7 weeks of leadership School followed then by sea on the Marine Serphant to Pusan. He was assigned to an AAA Unit in the 3rd ID in 1953. When the war ended, Rollie spent several sessions of training in Japan and Korea. The 3rd ID left Korea in the Fall of 1954. Rollie was then assigned to the 26th ID. When his tour of duty was completed, he tried to fly home from Korea, but finally ended up a board a ship heading home.

Historian Warren Fast shared that a lot of information on the 3rd ID which is available on the internet.

Submitted by Marv Kostka

5845 International

Two raffles were held for books, “The last Calvaryman,” which won by John Cseri. “A Foxhole was My Home” was won by Bob Meganck. The raffles netted $30 towards our treasury.

Lunch was served.

Next meeting: Sunday, October 14, 2018
Meeting adjourned: 12:05pm

Submitted by Secretary Bob Meganck

A new granite headstone was recognized during the 2018 ceremony. It showed Wisconsin’s contribution to the Korean War and is located at the entrance to the Memorial.
Cavoli. Over 80 friends of the Rock of the Marne attended the ceremony. The OP presented two plaques to the city – one with the names of 60 3ID and attachments Medal of Honor recipients and the other with a synopsis of the Division’s 100-year history.

Commemorations of Operation Dragoon and the Southern France Campaign began on 13 August in Saint Tropez with Monika and Tim giving a 75-minute presentation on the Division in WWI and WWII in the town’s Renaissance Theater. We were on the beach at Ramatuelle at 0815 on 15 August, with ceremonies in Saint Tropez later that morning and in Cogolin that afternoon. The OP participated in 30 ceremonies between 13 and 31 August. New Marne plaques were dedicated in Pierrefeu-du-Var (16 AUG), Gardanne (20 AUG), and Montboucher-sur-Jabron (25 AUG) bringing the total number of plaques and monuments dedicated on the OP’s Marne Trail II program to 105!

The OP’s Southern France operation concludes on 7 and 8 September with its participation in ceremonies in Besançon. The first, on 7 September, will honor T/5 Robert D. Maxwell, 98, the country’s oldest living Medal of Honor recipient. The city will dedicate a marble tablet in his honor near the 3rd ID monument at the Citadel. The 8 September ceremony will commemorate the 74th anniversary of the city’s liberation.

The liberation of Pierrefeu-du-Var

Lancon Provence with Mayor Gouteyron and Rep. Zulasi

The liberation of Gardanne

Monika and Tim Stoy also began preparations for 75th anniversary activities in August 2019 with numerous meetings with town officials all along the 3rd ID’s WWII route through Southern France. Next August promises to be quite busy and rewarding, with many communities willing to dedicate plaques to honor our great 3rd Infantry Division.

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
SEVEN RABBITS

The fight soon ensued in close quarters and Lt. Milantoni and his Sergeant quickly began to fight the Chinese by shooting and clubbing with their weapons whereby several Chinese Soldiers fell.

by Thaddeus R. Sobieski

Continuation from the “Flash Alice” story in the December 2017 WOTR.

This anecdote is a continuation of the “Flash Alice” anecdote which covered the patrol action of Lt. Milantoni who led a squad of Infantry to help a Fox Company patrol in front of the MLR of Boomerang Hill. As I stated in “Flash Alice”, Lt. Milantoni did not mesh with the Fox Company patrol, but had a furious small arms fight with the Chinese who eventually overwhelmed Lt. Milantoni and his men and were captured. An intercepted radio message from the Chinese stated it had “Seven Rabbits” meaning POW’s. I will attempt to relate what Lt. Milantoni and his men encountered in fighting the Chinese and capture from a letter what Lt. Milantoni wrote and mailed to me upon his release after the truce in 1953.

In his letter, Lt. Milantoni described how he placed his men after he was told by a Soldier who was out from the MLR and told him there were five to seven Chinese Soldiers coming down the road toward the third platoon on line. He set up his men west of a nearby canal to await the arrival of the enemy. Soon, they began to receive incoming artillery fire from the Chinese where most of the rounds fell on the MLR. When the artillery fire stopped, he pulled his men back to the canal which was deep enough to provide cover from enemy fire. Soon, his Sergeant hear the enemy jabbering nearby in Chinese just south of their position and they numbered around eight. They decided to lay low and wait for them. Suddenly, the enemy hit Lt. Milantoni and his men from the North and West firing on them with “burst” guns and hand grenades.

The fight soon ensued in close quarters and Lt. Milantoni and his Sergeant quickly began to fight the Chinese by shooting and clubbing with their weapons whereby several Chinese Soldiers fell. Lt. Milantoni stated that he even had a fist fight with one Chinese Soldier when a grenade hit nearby. Lt. Milantoni was hit in his back with fragments to his head and right ear. Then a concussion grenade knocked him down and Chinese Soldiers jumped into the canal ditch and began to order him and the other Soldiers towards a hill area. Once they arrived, Lt. Milantoni and his Sergeant were severely beaten. They endured no food, water or sleep for the first four days of their captivity. They also did not receive any medical attention for their wounds. While prisoner, he was in solitary confinement for 33 days and was interrogated constantly. His wounds became infected and he was forced to pull grenade fragments out of them. He stated to me that he would have been killed if the war had not ended. He was repatriated soon after.

I met Lt. Milantoni a couple of years later at Ft. Dix, NJ. He told me he was interrogated by a Chinese Lt. that had graduated from Oregon State University. When Lt. Milantoni would not answer any of his questions except for his name and serial number, he was told that his CO’s name was Thaddeus R. Sobieski, UConn graduate who played football and graduated in 1951. One other note. Lt. Milantoni told me I was correct when I repeatedly told him to carry a rifle and NOT the .45 pistol. It did not fire when he was in the fight and used it to club a couple of Chinese Soldiers in the face. Lt. Milantoni fought again in Vietnam. He passed away in 2002 and retired a Lt. Col.

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the city and the 1st French Division for the plaque and ceremony. Tim Stoy conducted the POW-MIA ceremony. BG Hamilton spoke on behalf of the current Marne 6 MG Quintas, expressing the Division’s great respect for Bob Maxwell and emphasizing the continued importance of the US-France alliance and friendship. BG Martigny was the third speaker and spoke directly to Bob Maxwell expressing his thanks for his valor and sacrifice in WWII to help liberate France. Mayor Fousseret, also expressed his and his city’s sincere gratitude to Bob Maxwell and the 3rd Infantry Division for securing the city’s liberty in September 1944.

After the speeches the dignitaries moved forward to the 3rd Infantry Division Monument and unveiled the beautiful plaque honoring Bob Maxwell. The band played the Dogface Soldier and the group addressed Bob Maxwell through Skype before ending the ceremony. Despite a weak audio connection which prevented us from hearing Bob, it was clear he was very happy.

The plaque is the result of 8 years effort by OP International to convince the city to honor Bob with such a plaque. We visited Besancon with Bob Maxwell in August 2011. BG, French Army, Brice Houdet was critical to our successful effort to persuade the city to dedicate this plaque. We are very grateful to both the city and the 1st French Division for making this wish come true.

Update Your Contact Info

Update your email, phone, and mail contact information. Send changes to the Society Database Manager

Your ID Number

Dues Date: Paid until date shown or LIFE

Outpost Affiliation

Region:
ER = Eastern
CR = Central
WR = Western

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LYNN BALL
2010 WORCESTER LANE
GARLAND, TX 75040-3331

June 2018
OP 35
CR

*5 Digits

DELIVERY POINT BARCODE

Check your name and address ( Apt./Blk/Lot No.), If your zip code does not contain 9 digits (zip+4), it is incomplete. Check http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/ or contact your local post office for your zip+4
To the President and the Executive Committee of The Society of the Third Infantry Division:

I have reviewed the accompanying Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of The Society of the Third Infantry Division for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. My review consisted of examining on a test basis, the cash receipts and disbursements, as well as, the cancelled checks, deposits, bank statements, bank reconciliations, general ledger, investment account activity, and the resulting statements.

Based on my review of the aforementioned documentation, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying statements in order for them to present fairly the financial activity and financial conditions of the Society of the Third Infantry Division for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Fraternally yours, “ROTM”
National Auditor
August 31, 2018

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**Society of the Third Infantry Division**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018**

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**Fund Balance - June 30, 2017**

| Checking Account (Per Chase Statement) | $82,296 |
| Less Outstanding Checks              | $1,300 |
| Checking Account Less Outstanding Checks | $83,096 |
| Certificate Of Deposit/Mutual Funds - Edward Jones | $45,000 |
| IRA Received From Society Member     | $7,050 |
| **Total**                            | $135,156 |

**Fund Balance - June 30, 2018**

| Checking Account (Per Chase Statement) | $80,232 |
| Less Outstanding Checks ***           | $2,839 |
| Checking Account Less Outstanding     | $80,232 |
| Checks Edward Jones Investment Account | $52,423 |
| **Total**                            | $132,655 |

| Decrease In Asset Value              | $2,491 |

* Interest on the above investments totaled $373 and was rolled over into the principal.

** Elements of the active Division were deployed in 2018 resulting in lower attendance and lower sponsorships.

Expenses exceeded receipts by $3,358.

*** In December 2017 The Society initiated electronic payments for most disbursements to allow for instantaneous and real time electronic recording of disbursements.

Note: The Society moved its funds to new accounts during the fiscal year in response to 3rd party attempts to access the accounts. Additional fiscal security was also established.

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**IN HONORED MEMORY...**

The following members donated to the Society Memorial Fund in memory of a friend, relative or unit.

- Barbara Davenport in memory of James Leon Davenport
- John Keith in memory of 3-7 Cavalry
- Paul & Joyce Schewene in memory of Louis Elmer Schewene
- Thomas Syron in memory of Harold, Sonny, Rose 1st ID in WWII
- Tom R. Maines in memory of Ralph E. Rickenbacher & Huston C. Betterton
- Harry E. Kee in memory of all Deceased members of the Division and attached units
- Thomas Woolridge in memory of SFC Paul Ray Smith
- Loretta Morris in memory of James Coffman & Marvin Morris
- Dr. Edmond Kekorian in memory of Plt Sgt Richard Mehollic, 2nd PLT, C BTRY 3rd AAA
- Patricia Miers in memory of SFC David J. Salie
- Lyle Adams in memory of Tito Labra OP 17
- Dale Geise in memory of Virgil Nissen, K Co, 15th Reg
- Camille Squitieri in memory of John P. Squitieri
- Pete Grafter in memory of Terrence S. Finch

We thank all of our donors and we honor the memory of their friends, relatives and units. The service and sacrifice these honored Americans who fought for our precious freedoms are never forgotten!
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.

CPL Ronald A. Miloch, 10FA/HQ Korea
Reported by his daughter.

1LT James I. Miller 58FA/B BTRY Korea
Reported on 06/10/2018 by his son John.

CPL Elmer E. Hanninen 9FA/WW2
Reported by his daughter Lisa.

PFC Walter A. Tatko 30INF/A WW2
Verified by Roster Manager on 10/16/2015 from www.farleyfuneralhome.com

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

SFC Harry F. Michaels Associate- U.S. Navy
Verified by Roster Manager on 09/26/2016 from the New Comer Funeral Home, Rochester, NY.

CPL George J. Kressley 254INF/DIV WW2
Reported by OP 7 Secretary.

Civilian Lloyd D. Ellis ASSOCIATE “
Reported in May 2018 by his son, Lee Ellis.”

SGT Robert B. Dornfried 15INF/F Korea
Reported on 01/06/2018 by his son Joseph.

1LT Jack E. Bates DIV-QM Korea
 Reported on 19 March 2017 by his wife Margaret.

Roll Call

New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

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

9372  MAJ Francis Dillon
2nd Bn, 15th Infantry Cold War, Regular Annual

9371  LTC Eugene Porter
1-39 FA OIF, Regular Annual

9357  LTC Bradley Gavlke
HHC, 3ID, 3-7 Cav OIF, Life Member

9356  Civilian Thomas Fogerty
603rd asb OIF, Regular Annual

2649 MG Gordon B. (Skip) Davis Jr. 5845
Cold War, OIF, OEF (Afghanistan), Life Member

9346  SPC Jane Dunn
B Co third Supply and Transportation, E Co seven hundred third Maintenance, Peace Time, Regular Annual

9338  COL Mark Brock
OIF Life Member

9331  1SG Timothy Branch
3/15 IN; HHC, 26 BSB OIF Regular Annual

9324  SGT Doug Bragg
15th Regiment WW2, Regular Annual

9317  SSG Dennis Bender
th Bde Avn Cold War, Gulf War, OIF, OEF (Afghanistan) Regular Annual

9297  SPC Justin Hokamura
HHC 3ID, HHC DISCOM 3ID Gulf War, Regular Annual

9296  LTC Suzanne Hickey
3rd ID HHC DISCOM/3rd ID STB OIF, Life Member

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sacred to include the tradition of this service. It will only last as long as you embrace it...

God preserve you when you go in harm’s way and Godspeed to you all.”

Editor’s Note – The Apostleship of the Sea in Port Arthur, Texas (my hometown) has appealed to the Vatican to name Brother Marinus a saint.
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

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

Assigned to D Company, 2nd Battle Group, 38th Infantry Regiment at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt, Mike served as a 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 Prie LeGere 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 “lups” in March 1962 and never regretted his decision.

Although not on TDD 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, 30th 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/Forest Protection Officer. He is proud of his service with the 3rd Infantry Division and contributes occasional articles to the The Watch on the Rhine. He has also served as the editor of the U.S. Army Ranger Association’s (USARA) Ranger Register, and is the Unit Director for the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment within the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.
**Purpose**

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

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

**Pledge**

I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the goals for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades have 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 Brit at Large” (named for Lt. Maurice Britt, MOH, WW2).

**Eligibility**

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

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

**Life Membership:** Available to both Regular and Associate Members.

**Dues**

**Annual dues:** Regular, Active Duty, Associate Members $20.00

**Annual dues:** Overseas Members $35.00

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

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- Champagne

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- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
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- Rhineland
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- First UN Counter-offensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
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- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

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- Transition of Iraq
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