I have a “master book” of my book “In The Footsteps Of Valor” that I keep and collect autographs from various people who have a story about a photo or story I have written in my book.

At some of my book signings, I have met some pretty interesting people and their stories of their relatives that were in WWII. While they thumb through my book, they point out one of my photos and remark, “that was my grandfather or uncle, etc.” For instance, Terri Walker was thumbing through my book, and when she noticed my photo of the sailor kissing the nurse in Times Square during V-J Day, she pointed out that the sailor on the right who was watching the two kiss was Chester Bullard, her great uncle. So I got her to sign the photo in my master book, as you can see. Such an interesting bit of trivia that she could identify and provide his name.

In the next photo, Leo Wiley was looking through my book when he pointed to a photo of the trial of war criminal Hideki Tojo after the war. He pointed out and circled the photo of his father, William T. Wiley who was a MP standing guard in the back in the courtroom. Tojo is also circled as he stands during his trial. Another unexpected bit of trivia by a son who identifies his father by name in this famous photo.

I have numerous other photos like these two examples, but I

By Henry Bodden - Editor

En route to the funeral of a Korean War ex-prisoner of war, Major Arden Rowley (2nd Infantry Division), in Mesa Arizona, Monika and Tim Stoy and Mrs Haesook Choi, accompanied by ex-prisoner of war, David W. Mills – former President of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and of the Outpost Harry Survivors’ Association – stopped to visit 3rd Infantry Division Korean War Medal of Honor recipient and ex-prisoner of war Hiroshi (Hershey) Miyamura, the 3rd Infantry Division’s last living Medal of Honor recipient, at his home in Gallup, New Mexico on 20 and 21 June 2019. Monika and Tim accompanied Hershey to Korea in 2013 to receive the award of

Dwayne Townsend hold his painting of his “Opa” Karl Hoffmann

Visitng Hiroshi Miyamura in Gallup, New Mexico

Hiroshi proudly displays “his colors”
Our 100th Anniversary reunion is right around the corner. If you have NOT registered AND made your hotels reservations, you need to do so fast. You must register by OCTOBER 14, 2019. This is going to be one of our very best reunions and there will never be another opportunity to celebrate 100 years of our beloved Society. We are working with the division for a special custom bourbon to be available for purchase during the reunion, our 100th Anniversary “Centennial Legacy Book” will be unveiled, you will meet the leadership of the division and so much more.

Our hotel will be the Westin Hotel on Jekyll Island. This hotel is beautiful and is right on the beach and is only steps away from the convention center where we will attend the Soldiers Ball. If you decide to fly to the reunion, I recommend using Jacksonville, FL as your destination airport. It is actually closer to get to Jekyll Island from Jacksonville than Savannah. We will also have a complimentary shuttle service that will bring you to the hotel from the Jacksonville airport and return you after the reunion is over. Make sure you let the reunion brat know and they will make sure you are on the list for pick up and drop off. We will have a private suite available for the hospitality room and Gerry will be there, as always, to make sure everything goes smoothly. On Saturday, we will be hosted by the Division to visit and tour several facilities on Fort Stewart including the Museum and Warriors Walk. We will eat dinner at the Fort Stewart club along with many of the Leaders of the Division.

Do NOT miss this reunion!

Over the past few months, John Weis conducted the audit of our financials in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws. His report is included in this edition. Many thanks to John for loaning the Society his sapient knowledge of financial affairs and conducting this critical initiative that enhances our Society’s financial solvency and strengthens our memberships trust in the management of our Society through the transparent reporting of our financial activities. Thanks John!

I still have the Society 100th Anniversary Coins available for purchase. This is the ONLY 100th anniversary memorabilia that will be made to our membership. So get yours before our limited supplies run out. See the ad later in the pages of this edition for find out how to get order yours.

Donations cards went out and you should have received yours. Unfortunately, the printer did not print them on the larger paper like last year. Subsequently, the cards are very small and the print is almost too small to read. We are resending these cards with larger print and on larger paper. Please accept my apologies for this situation. For those that have sent in a donation THANK YOU! If you have not, please consider donating to one of our funds. Your donation is critical to supporting our society’s initiatives and strengthening our financial solvency.

It is with a sad heart that I report the passing of OP 22 President Walter Mendoza, Walter passed away suddenly at home and we are terribly saddened by this news. OP 22 is currently looking for a new OP President and I hope that one of our members will “step up” and lead this important and vibrant Outpost in Southern California.

Lastly, please keep all of our Soldiers deployed in harms way in your prayers.

ROTM!

Toby Knight
Society President
the Korean Medal of Honor, the Medal of Military Merit – Taeguk. They had not seen him since despite having stayed in touch over the years by telephone and letters. David had never met Hershey, despite both having been prisoners of war in Korea. All were deeply gratified Hershey took the time to meet them and to give them a tour of Gallup, the Most Patriotic Small Town in America! We arrived in Gallup late afternoon on 20 June and stopped at Hershey’s home. It was great to Hershey again and he and David shared stories of their time in captivity in Korea – they were held in different camps but shared similar experiences. Hershey will be 94 soon and uses oxygen so after an hour the group departed to ensure he was not overtaxed. As we were leaving, he invited us to meet him again in the morning to show us Gallup. We were delighted to accept!

Gallup began as a railroad town in the 1850s. The railroads were built near major trails leading west and where major trails and railroads went so went the US Army. Nearby Gallup are the long-decommissioned Fort Wingate and Wingate Army Depot. Gallup is near the Navajo and Zuni reservations, another reason Fort Wingate was located nearby. Morning of 21 June we drove to old Fort Wingate before meeting Hershey at 0900. From 1869 to 1881 two companies of the 15th Infantry Regiment were stationed at Fort Wingate and Tim hoped to find some indications of his unit’s presence there in what remains. The post is fenced off so we were unable to go inside, but parts of the housing area have been taken over for homes of local inhabitants. From high ground above the post we could see it was well-developed. Next we stopped at Wingate Depot, which was inactivated in the mid-1990s. We were surprised to find activity there and learned the Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to conduct a clean-up of the facility. It did host significant stockpiles of ammunition and destruction activities had been conducted there for years.

We picked up Hershey at 0900 and drove to the Comfort Suites in town to visit a small museum the manager has there honoring Hershey, other Medal of Honor recipients, veterans, and the Navajo Code Talkers who came from the nearby reservation. It is a very nice museum and Ken
Riege, the manager, is very dedicated to our nation’s veterans and military history. We enjoyed our visit. We then drove to the country courthouse and viewed the beautiful veterans’ memorial there with Hershey honored prominently. Driving old US 66 we stopped at the El Rancho Hotel, an old-style hotel with modern conveniences as it is advertised. It hosted many old-time Hollywood stars, including John Wayne and Ronald Reagan, while they worked on filming nearby. It is a wonderful piece of Americana.

Our next stop was Hiroshi Miyamura High School, home of the Patriots. It is a very nice, modern school, surprisingly big. There is a wonderful statue of Hershey in the entrance foyer and the library has his and his family’s story well-documented. Gallup is very proud of Hershey. Gallup is special in that when the order came to segregate citizens of Japanese ancestry in camps in WWII the city refused to do so! Afterwards we stopped for lunch at a great Mexican restaurant where we were able to speak with Hershey about his deep roots in Gallup and his activities working with young people and veterans organizations. Our final stop with Hershey was Richardson’s trading post, which is run by the daughter of one of Hershey’s oldest school friends! The store is basically a museum, with wonderful items made by artisans and artists from the nearby reservations. It had been a long morning and Hershey needed to go home to get some well-earned rest. It was wonderful to see him and to experience Gallup for the first time. With the recent passing of the 3rd Infantry Division’s last WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Bob Maxwell, in May we were so grateful to be able to visit with Hershey, our last 3ID Korean War Medal of Honor recipient. Despite his breathing problems Hershey is in great shape, which he attributes to having oatmeal for breakfast every morning, supplemented by drinking some Mother’s Apple Cider Vinegar every day!

Army JROTC Program Established at Miyamura H.S.

President Knight received this report from Society Member Carl Miyagishima.

27 August 2019
Toby Knight
President, Society of the 3rd Inf Div
Regarding Hiroshi Miyamura High School, Gallup, New Mexico
Just received an email from the school principal that the school was just awarded an Army JROTC program starting SY 2020/2021. I would like to thank the past Division Commander, Major General Quintas, and aide de camp, Major Erick Jorgensen, who tried to get a program after the 2018 Society reunion in New Mexico. I would like to thank the Division for its effort in trying to get a JROTC program for one of its Medal of Honor recipients.

Carl Miyagishima, FBR WR
Note: Carl has been working for years to establish an ARMY JROTC program at the high school that bears Hiroshi Miyamura’s name. His efforts entailed working with state, local and federal officials for the endeavor. We are thankful to Carl for his successful efforts! Rock to the Marne!

100th Anniversary Society Challenge Coin

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

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

Society of the Third Infantry Division
5339 Osprey Oak
San Antonio, TX 78253

Make checks payable to: Society of the Third Infantry Division. You can also purchase your coin online at our Society website: www.Society3rdid.org
Last March 18, of 2017, I delivered “A Message to Garcia” in Bayamo, Cuba. This little known story of history’s greatest motivational lesson should be familiar to all military personnel about carrying out an assignment unconditionally. It is a tale of an American soldier’s self-reliance who was charged by President McKinley to deliver a critical message to General Calixto Garcia in Cuba during the Spanish-American war of 1898. The essay’s soldier named Rowan was selected for his “can-do” (sound familiar?) attitude. In Elbert Hubbard’s account of this story, Rowan delivered the urgent message with no excuses, no complaining, and no hedging. This simple message of this essay is this: When asked to perform a task, ask not How?...or Why?...or Wouldn’t it be better if?..... Just do it-and you will become more valued and respected than you ever imagined. This principle is applicable not only our military, but to businessmen, entrepreneurs, teachers, statesmen around the world. In fact, when a copy of “A Message to Garcia” was found on a Russian POW by the Japanese, by order of the Mikado, a copy was placed into the hands of every member of the Japanese Armed Forces.

The story is told as such: With the U.S. wanting to get involved with the Cuban rebels in their quest for independence from Spain, President McKinley needed to communicate with Gen. Calixto Garcia and his insurgents in the mountains of southeastern Cuba. McKinley was told there was a fellow by the name of Rowan that can find Garcia if anyone can. Forty year old 1st. Lt. Andrew S. Rowan was selected and sent for and given a letter and Rowan sealed it up in an oilskin pouch and strapped it over his heart. On April 9, 1898, Rowan posing as a civilian, boarded a steamer in New York bound for Kingston, Jamaica. With the help of the U.S. consul in Kingston, he connected with the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, some of whose members transported him by open boat during one of their trips to the southeastern coast of Cuba. They went ashore the morning of April 25th and trekked by horseback with the rebels for eight days through the Sierra Maestra Mountains and met with Gen. Garcia in the city of Bayamo, Cuba on May 1st. Rowan’s assignment was to keep the War Department informed as to the strength, efficiency, and movements and the general military situation. His orders were to stay in Cuba to “accompany the insurgent forces and to send back dispatches.” Disregarding his orders, Rowan said he was there to gather information regarding Garcia’s needs to cooperate with the U.S. armed forces during a possible invasion. He added he was eager to return to the U.S., and Garcia, seeing an opportunity, sent him back to the U.S. within hours of his arrival. Traveling with him were members of Garcia’s staff to confer with U.S. officials. After a five day horseback journey to Manati Bay on Cuba’s north coast, they “drew a little cockle-shell of a boat from under a mangrove bush” and set sail for Florida. A passing sponging steamer carried them to Nassau and eventually to Tampa, arriving on May 13th.

When Rowan had no sooner landed in Cuba back on April 25th, details of his secret mission were splashed across the pages of the newspapers of America. It was learned that while Rowan was in Jamaica he had revealed this information to an AP correspondent named Elmer Roberts. This was not what Adj. Gen. Corbin had anticipated and had the news reports not made Rowan a popular hero, Corbin might have court martialed him. Instead, Rowan was now deemed as popu-
lar as “Buffalo Bill.” No matter how true or untrue this tale of an American soldier delivering a “Message to Garcia” is, the principle attached to the story captivated the story by the author. Any such man is wanted in every city, town, and village – in every office, shop, store, and factory – the world cries out for such a man who will carry out the man who can carry “A Message to Garcia.” The man who does his work so well that he needs no supervision. On July 21, 1922, the War Department awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Major Andrew S. Rowan of San Francisco, the hero of the incident of his message delivery.

Editor’s Note – In 2017 my wife and I toured Cuba for two weeks with the permission of the Cuban government, from Havana to Santiago in the eastern part of Cuba. As I looked over our scheduled stops, I was elated to see where we would spend one night in Bayamo, Cuba and visit the home of Gen. Calixto Garcia where Lt. Rowan delivered his famous “Message to Garcia.” I already knew what I wanted to do when we arrived in Bayamo, Cuba and visit the home of Gen. Calixto Garcia where Lt. Rowan delivered his famous “Message to Garcia.” As luck would have it, our hotel was in a square just two blocks away from the home of Gen. Garcia’s home. This was one of the highlights of my trip to find somewhere so unique in history off the beaten path. I will write about “Cuba Today” in the near future highlighting our three fold journey retracing Teddy Roosevelt & the Rough Riders, from San Antonio to Tampa, and to San Juan Hill in Santiago. Also the Mafia’s hold on its gambling empire in Havana, and Fidel Castro’s Revolution and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and visiting the haunts of Ernest Hemmingway. I was able to give a presentation on the Cuban Missile Crisis while standing on the iron shore of the “Bay of Pigs” and also visiting the grave of Fidel Castro, and the giant Mausoleum of “Che” Guevra at Santa Clara.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR – When Elbert Hubbard’s son Bert suggested that Rowan was the real hero of the Cuban War, Hubbard said “it came to me like a flash.” Yes, the boy is right!! Hubbard got up from the table and wrote the principles of “A Message to Garcia” in one hour on February 18, 1899. Hubbard was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1856. He was a founder of the Arts and Crafts movement community. Hubbard was a reformist journalist who was instrumental in exposing the abuses of child labor. He and his wife Alice died aboard the “Lusitania” in 1915 after it was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. He was en route to Europe on a trip to encourage the end of WWI. His classic essay was made into a silent film by Thomas Edison in 1916, and a “talkie” by George Marshall in 1936. Copies were provided for all U.S. Marines and U.S. navy enlistees during both World Wars. Just recently, Marine Corps Commandant Nullers abandoned this required reading for the Marines.
I have never met a descendant of a Japanese or German soldier who participated in a historic piece of WWII history until just recently. I was just recently displaying again when Dwayne Townsend was looking through my book and he said, “my Opa (German grandfather) was in on the German commando raid in the Appenine Mountains that rescued Italian dictator Benito Mussolini who was being held by his Italian captors. I knew that SS Commando Otto Skorzeny was picked by Adolph Hitler to rescue and bring Mussolini to Germany. Quite surprised, I asked “your grandfather was with Skorzeny?” Dwayne then began to tell me about his German mother who married an American soldier and moved to the States after the war. I was quite excited, because I am sure most of us who study WWI & WWII history closely probably have someone on either side who we find intriguing, as a friend once said “my favorite enemy.” Well “my favorite enemies” to research are Otto Skorzeny, Joachem Peiper, Erwin Rommel, and even Adolph Hitler as a subject on the German side.

On the Japanese side, my favorite subjects are Admiral Yamamoto, and Mitsuo Fuchida (who led the raid on Pearl Harbor) All these people are interesting as to how they got into the military and accomplished their feats. And Waffen SS Otto Skorzeny was Hitler’s “go to” commando to accomplish the impossible. I will cover his exploits after I introduce our readers to Dwayne’s “Opa” – Karl Joseph Hoffmann. Karl was born December 15, 1911 in Kiev, Ukraine. He married Hildegard Schulze in the early 1930’s. A remarkable story about that marriage will follow later. The family doesn’t have a whole lot of information about the full life of Karl, but three of his daughters, Dagmar, Eve, and Dwayne’s mother Carol have reported that Karl grew up and went to school in Bergen and Trondheim, Norway, speaking three languages (eventually twelve). Ukrainian and Russian was his “mother tongue.” German was surely spoken at home, but was a foreign language as far as correct spelling and the construction of sentences. He was quite athletic and was a pugilist, love to ski, participating in many sports competition. He was very adept at playing the harmonica to go along with all his other skills. He was a pilot, paratrooper, mountaineer, and translator for the Germans in WWII. So he was well qualified to be selected to participate by gliders in the snowed in mountains of Italy where Mussolini was being held prisoner. In 1942 Karl was a “Gefreiter” (equal to a private) and in 1944 he rose to “Jager” which was a Rifleman or Ranger. Jager was used to describe an elite light infantry, especially skirmishers, scouts, sharpshooters, and couriers. The daughters only recall seeing badges where the bars showed flags of countries that he spoke their language. The family have no photos of Karl in uniform during that time, but does have this sketch of Karl done by a Polish artist. He served a lot as an interpreter and occasionally drove a motorbike with a sidecar that we see so often in the movies about the Germans.

The Skorzeny “Gran Sasso Raid” was on September 12, 1943. After that, Karl was already on the way to Monte Cassino, Italy in January of 1945. He was captured twice by the Americans, and
twice escaped before he could be turned over to the Russians, where he probably would be tried and executed for crimes of “high treason” against Russia, because he was born in Kiev and drafted into the Russian Army twice, and refused and joined the German Army. It was in Monte Cassino that Karl was informed that his wife Hildegard and family all perished on January 30, 1945 when Russian sub S-13 sank the German vessel “Wilhelm Gustloff” in the Baltic Sea. The Gustloff was a German cruise ship that was converted into an armed hospital ship, but was functioning as a military transport ship. On board were 10,600 passengers when sunk, resulting in the deaths of 9,600 people, including 5,000 children. This was the worst maritime loss of life in history, and Karl received mail that his entire family was lost. The vessel was to be named the “Adolph Hitler” – but after Hitler sat next to Gustloff’s widow at the funeral, Hitler named the ship after Wilhelm Gustloff. Gustloff was the leader of the National Socialist Party in the Swiss branch and had been assassinated by a Jewish medical student. As Karl made his way up to the northern part of Italy around Brescia, he met Josefa Hornung and married her March 21, 1945 while WWII was still going on, and thinking his family had perished on the Wilhelm Gustloff. But then the story gets bizarre. Karl’s wife Hildegard and their children were supposed to flee East Prussia (now Poland) and board the Wilhelm Gustloff. Then due to sickness of the children, they could not board and they then fled over land at a later time. Hildergard did not inform the German Army or the Red Cross and thus were reported as drowned from the tragedy. The German Army sent Karl two letters informing him of their deaths while he was on the way to Monte Cassino, Italy, where the Americans finally destroyed the centuries old monastery to drive the Germans out of the high ground. The Allies had tried not to destroy this Italian landmark, but human lives prevailed over a historic piece of history. Then it was later discovered that the Germans were not even there. This incident gave birth to the “Monuments Men” who tried to save as many future monuments from destruction. (As told by daughters Dagmar and Evelyne)

After the war, the German soldiers of the Wehrmacht were not treated as heroes, even though they had no choice to fight in the Army. Dagmar and Eve said their father “NEVER” talked about the war, his private life, nor his family or parents. Sometime in his later years he would mention something about the war, but then clam up when he realized what he said. It was then when Dwayne’s mother Carol told him that her father had been in on the “Gran Sasso Raid” with Skorzeny and other Special Forces that rescued Benito Mussolini. But beyond that slip up, he never divulged any details. His daughter Carol did mention that Karl once told her that in theory he and his first wife Hildegard were not married because a bomb exploded in the church and Karl did not officially get to say “I do.” Dwayne was six years old when his “Opa” died in 1982 and remembers very little about him, other than he was a harsh man. During the war and after the war, Karl also worked in food preparation as a chef and bar mixer and once worked on the Windjammer Lukulus sailing to New York twice. Carol once said that her father once remarked that his first family was dead, and on Christmas each year he would sit with a glass of whiskey and a picture of the family and cry over his first family. The family thinks that his sons from his first family had found him once, but Karl never confirmed or spoke about this sad chapter in his life. Karl is buried in Stuttgart, Bavaria.

**SS Supreme Commando Otto Skorzeny – The Most Dangerous Man in Europe**

Otto Skorzeny was born into an Austrian family with a long record of military service. He was educated as a civil engineer, and while a student became an excellent fencer. The six inch menacing scar on his left cheek dates from that period. In 1930 he joined the Austrian Nazi Party and when rejected by the Luftwaffe as being too tall and old. He was about 6’-4” and was wounded while fighting on the Russian front. So back in Germany he was selected to train men for commando units based on British units. Skorzeny’s trainees were expected to be proficient in parachuting, diving, explosives, aviation, espionage, and foreign languages. 

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*The centuries old monastery of Monte Cassino lie in ruins*

*Some of the German gliders land near the “Campo Imperatore Hotel”*
Karl Hoffmann was proficient in most of these desired traits and was a perfect fit into commando raids.

Adolph Hitler for some reason was very impressed with Benito Mussolini when he invaded Ethiopia. When Hitler visited Mussolini in Rome, he was so impressed with all the monuments and the history of the Roman Empire. Hitler went back to Berlin and envisioned Berlin as even surpassing Rome as the major city of Europe. Hitler and Mussolini became very close allies, even though Italy became a liability to Hitler in the end. After the success of the Allied landings in Sicily in 1943 and crushing the Italian Army, the frontline was then settled on the so called “Winter Line.” Mussolini was then overthrown and arrested by the Italian King Emanuel III. Hitler wanted his friend and ally back, so he got Skorzeny to find Mussolini. Mussolini was first held on the island of Sardinia where Skorzeny began gathering intelligence on his whereabouts. Skorzeny was shot down during a reconnaissance mission, but managed to bail in time to be saved by a passing Italian destroyer still loyal to the Fascists. After this event, Mussolini was then moved to the “Campo Imperatore Hotel” on the top of the Gran Sasso Massif high in the Apennine Mountains. On September 12, 1943, Skorzeny and sixteen Waffen SS troopers joined the “Fallschirmjager” to rescue Mussolini in a high risk glider mission. Ten DFS-230 gliders, each carrying nine soldiers and a pilot towed by Henschel HS 126 planes lifted off from the Pratica di Mare Air Base near Rome about one in the morning. The leader of the airborne operation, Paratrooper Georg von Berlepsch was in the first glider, while Skorzeny and his SS troopers sat in the fourth and fifth gliders. Meanwhile the valley station of the railway leading to the Hotel was captured at two a.m. by a ground attack by two paratrooper units led by Major Harald Mors who was the commander-in-chief of the whole raid. After cutting all telephone lines, the airborne commandos landed their ten DFS-230 gliders on the mountain near the hotel where only one crashed causing injuries.

Skorzeny’s SS overwhelmed Mussolini’s captors, 200 well armed guards without a single shot being fired. Skorzeny attacked the radio operator and stormed into the hotel being followed by his SS troopers and the paratroopers. Ten minutes after the raid began, Mussolini left the hotel where Major Mors introduced himself to Mussolini. Skorzeny took the radio and greeted Mussolini with these words: “Duce, the Fuhrer has sent me to set you free!” to which Mussolini replied, “I knew that my friend would not forsake me.” Accompanied by Skorzeny, Mussolini was to be flown out by a Fieseler Fi 156 Stol that had arrived, Skorzeny insisted to accompany Mussolini as Hitler had charged him, “Bring back Mussolini to me.” Back to the airport near Rome, they continued in a Heinkel He 111 to Vienna where Mussolini stayed overnight at the Hotel Imperial. The next day he was flown to Munich and on September 14th he met Hitler at the
Skorzeny was cremated and laid to rest with family members in this Vienna cemetery. Skorzeny was born in Vienna also.

“The Wolf’s Lair” in Rastenburg. Skorzeny was just one of a few that Hitler completely trusted.

The daring raid granted a rare late war propaganda coup for Germany, hailing the raid for months afterward. When Skorzeny led Mussolini out of the hotel in front of the cameras, Skorzeny and his Waffen SS forces were granted the majority of the credit for the operation. As a trusted Hitler commando, Skorzeny was promoted to “Sturmbannfuhrer” with the award of the Knights Cross of the Iron Cross which reinforced his image as “the most dangerous man in Europe.” Even Winston Churchill described the mission as “one of great daring.” As for Karl Hoffmann’s exploits in the raid, he took these details to his grave in Stuttgart.

Epilogue: I have always been fascinated with Otto Skorzeny when I keep crossing paths with him while researching WWII. After the “Gran Sasso Raid” in 1943 that rescued Mussolini, Skorzeny kidnapped the son of Hungarian President Horthy, and then captured the President himself in October of 1944. In December of 1944 during the “Battle of the Bulge” Skorzeny led a group of English speaking German commandos who infiltrated the Allied lines sowing confusion and blowing up bridges, etc. His commandos were dressed in American uniforms and drove American jeeps. It was rumored that Skorzeny was en route to Versailles to assassinate Gen. Eisenhower during Christmas, so Eisenhower was heavily guarded because if anyone could pull off this assassination, it was Skorzeny. Even after the war he formed the “Werewolves” to continue fighting the Allies, but it was short lived. After the war he was imprisoned for two years and tried for war crimes during The Battle of the Bulge, but was acquitted. His decorations included the Iron Cross, the Knights Cross, and the Knights Cross with Oak Leaves. He also testified at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. Later he traveled to Argentina and got control of some of the money that Martin Bormann had left with President Juan Peron. He also had an affair with Peron’s seductive wife Eva Peron. He then used this money to develop the infamous “Rat Line” through the Vatican which became “ODESSA” that smuggled infamous Nazi war criminals like Adolph Eichmann and Dr. Joseph Mengele through Italy and onto South America. From there he was in Ireland, Egypt, Spain, and Portugal. But Skorzeny wasn’t through. He served as a consultant to Egyptian President Nasser against the Israelis, and trained Arab terrorists his Nazi commando tactics. One of his first students was Yassir Arafat and Saddam Hussein. He even became a hitman for the Israeli Mossad, that the Mossad denies. He retired to Portugal a very wealthy man through several businesses with Nazi money saved up. Otto Skorzeny died after a five year battle with spinal cancer. He was cremated and is buried in Vienna and I had hoped to visit his grave while in Vienna, but time did not allow. All in all, quite an extraordinary commando that even Winston Churchill noted the Gran Sasso Raid as daring and bold.

Chaplain’s Corner

This will be my last Chaplain’s Report and I just wanted to thank all of the members that I can call friends, you have made my years of service very pleasant.

I just hope that we will have a large turn out at our Reunion so I can see all of my friends again. Most members do not realize the amount of time and talent that goes into creating this Reunion, from ordering the hotel, meals, entertainment and the awards that are given out. The weather means a lot and I am sure everyone knows what has been happening the last few months, we thank our dear Lord for keeping is all safe and sound. And we appreciate the good weather to help our attendance for the tours and the Mighty Eighth Museum and the Warriors Walk.

May the good Lord bless all of the members attending our 100th Reunion

ROTM

Your Chaplain’ Jerry Daddato
Outpost #22 (Southern California, S.W. Nevada, and Hawaii) sends our congratulations to the twelve students who received academic scholarships from the Society of the Third Infantry Division’s Scholarship Foundation. Congratulations to OP #22 member Bianca Wanamaker, who received a full scholarship to New Mexico Technical University, near Albuquerque, N.M.

We salute, and remember, Walter R. Mendoza, Sr, who died of natural causes, on August 24, 2019. We ask that another good OP #22 leader will step forward to take the Albert Miceli Outpost #22 Presidency. (now until June 30, 2019).

Our members enjoyed the August 30, 2019 Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters Art Show, and the day at the Orange County Fair, the San Diego Fair, Ventura Fair, and the Tri-County Fair. Our members have traveled to New York, Alaska, Hawaii, Paris, and other destinations. We ate hamburgers at the oldest McDonald’s restaurant in the world (Downey, CA), and experienced fine dining at a rooftop restaurant to watch the sun set over the Pacific Ocean’s horizon. We provided recreational activities for hospitalized veterans, at the LBV AMC, and attended a Veteran Photography Expo. We look forward to participating in Veterans Day activities (in Riverside), and enjoying free Knott’s Berry Farm admission, during their Veteran Appreciation Days promotion (Nov. 2-20, and Dec 2-20, 2019). We wish good health, and happiness to all.

Submitted by: Ronald W. Greenwood Sec./Treas, OP #22

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements and Fund Balances for the Year Ending June 30, 2019

Cash Receipts:
- Annual Dues $13,757
- Life Membership Dues $3,899
- Watch Advertising $-170
- Raffle Tickets (See Note 4) $1,750
- Interest on Investments (See Note 1) $1,977
- Roster Income $406
- General (Nat'L) Fund $3,848
- Memorial Fund $932
- Society 100th Anniversary Fund $208
- Scholarship Foundation $758
- Monument Fund $240
- Outpost Donations $230
- Society Calendars $4,698
- Challenge & Anniversary Coins $4,498
- Society Hats $217
- Soldiers Ball Donations $9,475
- Division Ball Receipts $83,833
- Miscellaneous Receipts $5,308

Total Receipts from Operations $136,032

Cash Disbursements:
- Watch Printing & Postage (See Note 3) $19,403
- Headquarters Expense $846
- Raffle Expense $3,469
- Annual Dues Cards Expense $1,047
- Donation Cards $515
- Membership Cards $50
- Roster Management Expense $1,078
- Watch Editor Expense $1,955
- Membership Info. & Ad’s $-
- Awards $433
- Memorials (Arlington & Chateau-Thierry) $128
- Website Expenses $270
- Outpost Donations $2,359
- Roster Printing & Postage $-
- Historian Expense $-
- Reunion Expense Allowance $4,833
- Scholarship Foundation $1,106
- Challenge/Anniversary Coins (See Note 5) $6,910
- Society Hats $320
- Society Calendar Printing & Postage (See Note 6) $6,283
- Surety Bond Insurance Expense (See Note 7) $674
- President’s Discretionary $1,248
- Reunion Unanticipated Expense $-
- Division Ball Expenses (see Note 2) $96,945
- Bank Fees/Adjustments $59
- Miscellaneous Disbursements $5,502

Total Disbursements from Operations $102,506

Receipts in Excess of Disbursements $33,526

Funds Balance: June 30, 2019
- Checking Account (per Chase statement) $80,232
- Less Outstanding Checks $-
- Checking Account Less Outstanding Checks $80,232
- Edward Jones Investment Account $52,423
- $132,655

Funds Balance: June 30, 2019
- Checking Account (per Chase statement) $58,854
- Less Outstanding Checks $-
- Checking Account Less Outstanding Checks $58,854
- Edward Jones Investment Account $54,400
- $113,254
- Decrease in Asset Value $19,401

Note 1. Interest on the above investments totaled $1,977 and was rolled over into the Edward Jones Account, and is reflected in the June 2019 investment amount.

Note 2. Division Ball expenses exceeded receipts by $1,637 due to lower attendance and less donations received in 2018.

Note 3. The WOTR printing cost increased due to the addition of the color pages in celebration of our 100th anniversary year. Approved by membership.

Note 4. Some of the Raffle ticket income is not reflected in FY2019 due to tickets being mailed later in FY2019. Therefore, approx. $7,000 in raffle ticket income will be recorded in FY2020.

Note 5. Society 100th Anniversary Challenge coin sales are reflected in FY2019 but the income won’t be reflected until FY2020.

Note 6. Disbursement for the Society 100th Anniversary Calendar was in excess of receipts. This program has been discontinued.

Note 7. Surety bond renewal cost of $674 was not anticipated.

Lost Your DD-214?
To obtain a copy of your DD-214, go to: http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm or consult your local V.A. office.
Dogfaced Soldiers, present, past and future, Families and friends of the Marne Division, hello! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

The past couple months have been very busy for the division as we have continued to train and prepare for missions across the globe. We also celebrated Labor Day, taking the time to reflect on the hard work and sacrifices our Nation’s citizens have made to build our country into what it is today. We are extremely proud of what it means to be a part of our Army, and this awesome Division, thankful for the role we have played in securing our Nation. And, to top it all off, we had a little storm blow through that gave us the opportunity to work with our local and state partners as we took the necessary steps to keep our Soldiers and Families safe.

On August 15 we welcomed our new Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, and first French officer serving in the U.S. Army, Brig. Gen. Hubert Cottereau. Brig. Gen. Cottereau comes to us as part of the Army Allies and Partnership Program, which helps strengthen relationships and promote interoperability among U.S. and Foreign militaries. It is great having Hubert and his family on board as he brings a new perspective to our organization and we are excited to work with him over the next couple years. “Nous Resterons La.”

The “Raiders” of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, and the “Spartans” of 2nd Brigade Combat Team continued to focus their efforts on training for real world missions and modernizing to become the most ready and lethal brigades in the Army. Soldiers from across both brigade’s spent a lot of time on our ranges honing their combat skills in preparation for the National Training Center, exercises in Europe, and potential deployments.

The Department of Defense recently announced that the “Falcons” of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade will deploy to Europe this fall and the Marne Air Soldiers have been busy completing their final pre-deployment training and preparation. Since July the Falcons have successfully completed numerous training events including aerial gunneries to ensure mastery of their fundamental warfighting skills. They will soon play a significant role along with our Allies securing the future of NATO.

Army formations don’t move themselves and the “Providers” of 3rd Sustainment Brigade have remained focused on readiness while conducting countless missions sustaining our division. With one third of the brigade abroad they continue to provide key critical logistics support for our Army.

Our Dogfaced Soldiers in the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team continue to redeploy from their mission in Afghanistan. Their demobilization process has continued, and very important part of bringing them home and reintegrating them with their families. Their service in Afghanistan was nothing short of exemplary and the impact of their operations will sustain long after their departure. While the majority of the unit has returned, a number of Soldiers remain deployed, and I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The “Black Lions” of Task Force 1-28 travelled from Fort Benning to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY where they spent the summer supporting of the cadet’s annual summer training program. While there they were able to meet and interact with future Army leaders and share some of their experiences, adding to the high-level of training the cadets received. Their Soldiers and Leaders were the best example of how officers learn and are trained by their NCOs.

I mentioned that we had a storm blow though, as I am sure you are all aware, and some of you may have personally felt the effects of Hurricane Dorian. As the storm drew closer to Coastal Georgia we moved aircraft from Hunter Army Airfield and evacuated personnel, but continued operations at Fort Stewart. I could not be more proud of how the Division responded and came together in the face of adversity and how everyone’s spirits and morale remained high; it is a true testament to the professionalism and resiliency of Dogfaced Soldiers in our ranks and our Families and communities who love and support us.

While the Marne Division remains engaged and prepared for the year, I know it is important to recognize our unit’s history and build comradery through unit competitions. We will hold the annual 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers’ Ball at Jekyll Island on Friday, November 15th, and then celebrate the Division’s 102nd birthday the following week, from November 18th through the 22nd, as Marne Week 2019 kicks off. We will hold the annual 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers’ Ball at Jekyll Island on Friday, November 15th, and then celebrate the Division’s 102nd birthday the following week, from November 18th through the 22nd, as Marne Week 2019 kicks off. I cordially invite all of you to participate and share in our storied history and events throughout the week and please join us for our military ball. You will not be disappointed.

As always, I ask you to remember all of our Soldiers currently deployed and the incredible sacrifices all of our Dogfaced Soldiers and their Families make in defense of our freedom. I also ask that we continue to honor all of our Gold Star Families and their service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are Dogfaced Soldiers, Rock of the Marne!

Tony Aguto
Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Commanding General for Maneuver
To be held at the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel located at 110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527. Room rates are $122 per night, plus a $15 resort fee and taxes for an island view room. The hotel provides free parking to hotel guests. Call the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel at 1-888-627-8316 no later than October 14, 2019 to make your hotel reservations. Make sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate.

Thursday November 14th
2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens
5:00pm-6:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour
6:00pm-8:00pm~ President’s Reception Dinner

Friday November 15th
8:00am-3:00pm ~ Mighty Eighth Museum Tour
5:30pm-6:30pm ~ Soldiers Ball No Host Social Hour
6:30pm-9:00pm ~ Soldiers Ball Dinner
9:00pm-12:00am ~ Soldiers Ball

Saturday November 16th
8:30am-10:30am ~ General Membership Meeting
9:00am-10:30am ~ Ladies Breakfast
10:30am-12:00pm ~ Executive Committee Meeting
1:30pm-8:00pm ~ Fort Stewart Tour & Regimental Dinner Fort Stewart Club

Sunday November 17th
8:00am-10:00am ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

Tours
Mighty Eighth Museum & Lunch
Friday November 15th 8:00am-3:00pm Price $36.00
The Mighty Eighth Museum uses state-of-the-art graphics, memorabilia, vintage motion pictures and photographs and interactive “live-it-yourself” features. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is a work of art by itself. Divided into galleries, which effectively group the information presentation by either time or location, the museum begins with a concise retracing of the events leading to World War II in the Prelude to War, and then paints a bleak picture of Britain, seemingly alone, against the powerful German forces. Dramatic archival footage, some of which is rarely seen, recreates the life and death struggle that took place over the skies of Great Britain from 1940 until 1942. A lunch will be provided at the museum.

Fort Stewart Tour & Dinner at Fort Stewart Club
Saturday November 16th 1:30pm-8:00pm Price ~ $39.00
The Third Infantry Division will host the Society during a tour of Fort Stewart and will include a visit to the Fort Stewart Museum, the Warriors’ Walk Memorial and more events that are still in the planning stages. The day will be finished off with a Pot Roast Dinner at the Fort Stewart Club attended by officers and leaders of the division.

For More Information Contact:

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Tobster16@gmail.com

The Reunion BRAT 360-663-2521  
thereunionbrat@hotmail.com

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

- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by October 18, 2019
- CANCELLATION POLICY: By sending in the registration form, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy
- A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
- Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.
- Cancellations can ONLY be requested over the phone at 360-663-2521. You will receive a cancellation number; no refund will be issued without this number. Please make sure to keep this number for verification of your cancellation.
100th Annual Reunion
Society of the 3rd Infantry Division
Jekyll Island/Savannah, Georgia
November 14-17, 2019

Address
City__________ State__________ Zip__________
Phone__________ Email__________

If you served in the 3rd Infantry Division fill out this section
Name_________________________ Preferred name on badge_________________________
Unit served in___________________ Outpost___________________ Please check one or more: WWII ___ Korea ___
Cold War ___ Gulf War ___ Iraq War ___ Afghanistan ___ Peace Time ___ Active Duty ___

If you are an associate member fill out this section
For additional associate members please use the backside of this form
Name_________________________ Preferred name on badge_________________________
Associate member: Yes ____ Outpost_____

If you are a guest fill out this section
For additional guests please use the backside of this form
Name_________________________ Preferred name on badge_________________________

Please list any special needs:

In case of emergency notify:

Required registration fee (per person) X $39.00 =
Thursday November 14th ~ President's reception dinner X $59.00 =
Friday November 15th ~ Mighty Eighth Museum Tour & lunch X $36.00 =
Friday November 15th ~ Soldiers Ball & dinner X $35.00 =
Soldiers Ball dinner will be a duo plate of beef & chicken

Saturday November 16th ~ Ladies breakfast X $32.00 =
Saturday November 16th ~ Fort Stewart Tour & dinner X $39.00 =

Required information for Fort Stewart access
Legal name (Last, First, MI)_________________________ Gender (M/F) _______ DOB (i.e. 1962 Jan 11) ______
Driver's license # & state issued (i.e. M19GO62BLU / MI)_________________________ US Citizen (Yes / No) ___
Legal name (Last, First, MI)_________________________ Gender (M/F) _______ DOB (i.e. 1962 Jan 11) ______
Driver's license # & state issued (M19GO62BLU / MI)_________________________ US Citizen (Yes / No) ___

Sunday November 17th ~ Memorial breakfast X $34.00 =

Total enclosed $ ______

Payment is due no later than October 14, 2019

Please send payments to the following address and made payable to:
The Reunion Brat
16817 Mountainside Drive East
Greenwater, WA 98022
On 19 July 2019, I visited the site of heavy 5th Army fighting during the breakthrough of the German Winter Line in November 1943 (in the vicinity of the Mignano Gap). All three of the 3rd Infantry Division’s Infantry Regiments (7th, 15th, 30th) were involved in heavy fighting in the rugged hills and mountains of southern Italy and where some of World War II’s first Medals of Honor were earned. Among those decorated were PFC Floyd Lindstrom (MOH - 7th IN), CPT Maurice Britt (MOH - 30th IN), and SGT Audie Murphy (DSC - 15th IN).

Luigi Settimi with Angelo, a close friend and associate, met me and my two daughters at an Autostrada exit and guided us to the top of Monte Lungo where Luigi walked us through the various assault approaches of 3rd ID’s Infantry Regiments pointing out where some of our most famous Dog Face Soldiers carried out their heroic acts. He also explained the contributions of the newly established “free” Italian Army in taking Monte Lungo where a unique Italian mil...
itary cemetery remains to this day. After
the battlefield history presentation, Luigi
and Angelo took us to their “Museo
Historicus” in Mignano. I was thor-
oughly impressed with the variety of
artifacts from equipment (uniforms and
all aspects of personal and unit combat
gear) to weapons and munitions of
Italian, German, and U.S., British, and
Canadian. The museum is a must visit.

After the museum tour Luigi, Angelo,
and their wives had prepared a spread of
Italian food and drink that unfortunately
we were unable to honor due to the lim-
ited time we had left. We departed in
good spirit wishing Luigi and his part-
ners continued success in their endeav-
ors to remember the deeds and sacrifice
of our forefathers in Italy. I hope the
Society of 3rd ID will recognize and
continue to support and encourage
Luigi’s and his associates’ to maintain
the memories of the Dog Face Soldiers
who liberated from Nazi control 75 years
ago.

Later on 27 July, 2019, I took my
daughters to visit Licata where Dr.
Carmela Zangara, her husband Alberto,
and the local Vice-Mayor Angelo, treat-
ed us to a morning of visits in Licata and
the surrounding beaches. We visited
Angelo’s office in City Hall, which
includes a unique marble plaque dedicat-
ed to Major Frank Toscani (Civil Affairs
Officer and short term Governor of
Licata in 1943).

We then visited a monument dedicat-
ed to 3ID and its liberation of Licata in
July 1943 as well as a large network of
underground air raid bunkers that were
built to protect the townspeople during
WWII. Angelo also took us to an ad hoc
WWII museum and the site of a much
larger building the city is trying to
acquire to establish a proper WWII
museum. Unfortunately funds are limit-
ed and there are few in local government
and the community energized to make
this happen. Let us hope they are suc-
cessful!! Afterwards Carmela and
Alberto took us to three of the four beach
landings where they have erected monu-
ments to Third Army’s / 3ID’s amphibi-
ous assaults of 10 July 1943. As you may
know Carmela has written a book on the
history of the landings and personally
raised the funds and gained the approval
of local authorities to build and place
these monuments. These works that
they have established are among the very
few local and visible testimony to the
deeds and sacrifice of American Soldiers
in liberating Sicily. Following the visits,
Alberto and Carmela treated us to a wonderful lunch at a beachside restaurant with their son and daughter and their families. It was a wonderful way to top of our visit to Licata and left us with the desire to return and spend more time learning of the history of Operation Husky.

NOTE: Thanks to MG (ret) Gordon B. “Skip” Davis, Jr. for submitting this report so our members can read about the “goings on” in Italy and Sicily.

![Monument on Monte Lungo](image)

*The Watch on the Rhine*
My daughters Victoria & CPT Stefania Davis and myself

My daughters in one of the underground tunnels used by Licata citizens to escape the Allied air raids

One of the many rooms in the Museo Historicus at Mignano, Italy, curated by Angelo Andreoli

Luigi with my daughter Victoria Davis
Roy Cunningham’s War

One weekend while visiting my grandparents when I was a young boy, there must have been a D-Day anniversary movie marathon on TV. Knowing that my grandfather had fought in the war, I asked my grandmother if he had been there. “All he ever told me was he was in Italy and how bad it was,” she answered. I walked away, crestfallen. How could you have been in World War II if you didn’t storm the beaches at Normandy? It was all they talked about on TV. Italy? Still, my curiosity was piqued, and over the years I continued to pester my grandparents for more information. “He said he was older than most of the other guys, and that he barely made it through his training,” my grandmother related once. And another time, “He had a medal,” that “he gave to his brother.” At some point, I must have brought up D-Day to my grandfather, because I remember him retorting, “Why, we made more amphibious landings than any other division in the war, and that includes the Marines!” While my grandfather was proud of his military service, he wouldn’t speak of his personal experiences in combat. It wasn’t until the 1980s that he opened up a little more about the war. Thirty years after his death, I submit what little I know of my grandfather’s service in the Second World War, in the hope that it not be lost to posterity. All quotes in this story are from my memory.

After my grandmother died, I found his discharge papers and an old newspaper clipping dated March 25, 1941. The article noted that fourteen Linn [County, Oregon] boys had enlisted in the army - four volunteers and ten inductees. The volunteers were friends off a logging crew. One of them was my maternal grandfather, Theodore Roy Cunningham. Call him Roy. “We figured they were just going to draft us anyway, so we went down and signed up,” he recalled. My grandfather served in the 3rd Infantry Division. Considered one of the best in the US Army, it holds many records for all American divisions during the war. These include enduring 531 consecutive days in combat, sustaining over 990 battle casualties in a single day (at Anzio), and suffering 25,977 total battle casualties. A full strength infantry division in this era mustered around 14,500 men. Thirty-nine of its soldiers won the Medal of Honor, also a record.

In 1941, Private First Class Roy Cunningham was assigned to the Headquarters Battery of the 39th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington. His Army Specialties were listed as: Cannoneer, Line Guard, Driver. A line guard laid, protected, and repaired the lines that linked the field telephones of the infantry to the artillery units that supported them with fire. He served in the campaigns of French Morocco, Tunisia, and Sicily, as well as the Italian campaigns of Salerno and Anzio. One time, he spoke of his baptism of fire off the coast of French Morocco, when an unidentified aircraft flew through the invasion fleet. Soldiers and sailors alike opened up en masse at the plane, which was badly hit. The pilot bailed out nearest to the ship he was on, so they sped over and promptly captured him. The “German” turned out to be a US Army Air Force Major, who was absolutely livid that his own guys had shot him down in his brand new P-51 Mustang.

While he never once mentioned being on a gun crew, my grandfather still had great pride in his unit’s prowess. “Our 105mm howitzers fired so fast the Germans thought they were semi-automatic like our [M-1] rifles.” Although he shot expert with the .30 cal. Rifle, his favorite weapon was the M1918A2 Browning Automatic Rifle - the legendary BAR. My father related that he called this weapon “the gun that won World War II.” I just had to inquire about this. “Well, it was,” my grandfather said, smiling in a way that made me feel like he was letting me in on a secret. “I was supposed to lay phone line, but we were always on beach heads, so I never had to do much. Why, I’d just spool out some wire, say ‘Here ya go,’ then I’d grab a BAR and go fight.” He considered the fighting at Anzio to be “the worst” he saw, calling it a “muddy hell.” Military historians agree, recording it as some of the most brutal combat to occur during the entire war. At one point, things got so bad “we thought the Germans would throw us back into the sea.” But the Americans repulsed every attack. Later, “They brought in hundreds of bombers and just blew the hell out of the whole place.”

Only once did he talk of a personal combat experience. While under air attack at Anzio, he jumped into the back of a Jeep mounted with a .50 caliber machine gun and opened up on a Messerschmitt as it bore down on a strafing run. He described seeing the impact of his incendiary bullets along the plane’s wing root as it roared overhead. This may be the action for which he was awarded the medal my grandmother mentioned, a Bronze Star for Valor. No, my grandfather didn’t land at Normandy on D-Day. He was in Italy, having taken part in the liberation of Rome two days earlier. His war came to an official end on October 5th, 1944, when he was honorably discharged from McCaw General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington. Roy Cunningham is buried next to his wife Dorothy at Powell Cemetery in Berlin, Oregon.

History of the Third Infantry Division pp.409 (Bronze Star), pp. 542 (39th FA Bn.)
At 75 years of age now, I sometimes think back on some of the things I experienced while serving with the 3rd ID and have to chuckle. One of which involves my only two direct encounters with the M1918 BAR. After completing basic training at Fort Ord in the spring of 1961 I moved on to advanced individual training (AIT), or in this case, advanced infantry training.

As a prospective light weapons infantryman (MOS 111.10) I was trained on a variety of World War II and Korean War-era small arms that were common to U.S. infantry units in the early 1960s, including the .30 cal. BAR. In the classroom we learned how to operate and maintain the BAR, including the fact that it weighed in at around 20 pounds. I don’t recall if that was its weight loaded or unloaded. Regardless, I soon found out that it was a beast to carry, even though it was one of the most successful and revered infantry weapons ever devised. This was brought home to me when I had my first opportunity to fire the weapon with live ammunition at Fort Ord. This experience was both exhilarating and exhausting. At 17 years of age and in good shape, it was brought home to me that one would not always be firing the BAR from the prone position. More often than not it would be fired from the shoulder or hip while in the advance. Twenty pounds may not seem like a lot of weight, but that one-time experience on the Fort Ord BAR combat course convinced me that, in spite of its awesome fire power, it would not be my weapon of choice.

My second and last direct experience with the BAR took place during the summer of 1961 at the Hohenfels training center in Bavaria, W. Germany. When I arrived in Germany in June 1961, I was assigned to D Company, 2nd Battle Group, 38th Infantry Regiment stationed at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt. It was the beginning of the annual summer field training exercise (FTX) cycle, where training progressed from small unit tactics, to company then battle group-scale exercises. It was late summer when D Company began its training cycle at Hohenfels. As I recall, the summer of 1961 in Germany was very hot and humid. As a native Californian, I was used to hot summers, but not high humidity. So, here I was on a company-sized training exercise at the base of a mountain (actually only a small, but very steep hill) that the company was to assault by advancing behind a formation of M48 tanks. It started out fine, that is until we started up the hill behind the tanks…as the hill got steeper it became more difficult to keep up with the tanks, and the heat and humidity began to take its toll. Wearing full combat gear over wool OG shirts and trousers in that heat and humidity soon took all the fun out of this adventure…and pretty soon climbing that relatively small hill began to feel like trying to go up Mount Everest without oxygen!

As a rifleman, I was carrying an M1 Garand, which weighed a respectable 10 or so pounds when loaded. Even then, as the hill got steeper and the tanks pulled farther away from us, we had to push on even harder and that M1 seemed to weigh a lot more than just 10 pounds! So, here I was, struggling to keep on line with the rest of my squad and platoon when I found myself next to two other riflemen and a BAR-man… all of whom, including me were fighting the heat, humidity and gravity to maintain our place in the line. About halfway up the hill, an umpire came over and pronounced that the BAR-man had been wounded and that he needed to report to the casualty clearing point…he of course, laid down his BAR and retired to the comfort of the aid station. When the two other riflemen I was advancing with saw this, they immediately began to put distance between themselves and the downed BAR. I quickly realized that they were not going to recover the BAR and continue to advance with it. I called out to them to pick up the automatic weapon as we had been trained, but they both laughed at me because I was the new guy and they were getting as far away from that heavy piece of iron as fast as they could. Well, they were right. I was the new guy and as such, my training kicked in and I slung my M1 over my back and picked up the BAR. I had advanced fewer than 50 feet and was starting to regret my decision as I realized how heavy that automatic rifle was starting to get as the hill got steeper and the temperature and humidity seemed to increase.

The next thing I knew, an umpire stopped me and told me I had done the proper thing by picking up the BAR and continue to advance with it. He then told me that I was wounded and to go sit in the shade under a nearby tree and wait for the medics. He next called out to the two old hands who had turned away from the downed BAR and reprimanded them in no uncertain terms about how they had failed to do their duty and ordered one of them to pick up the BAR and told both to catch up with the rest of the company. Needless to say, the two were not happy with me and gave me some dirty looks as they hurriedly moved on up the hill. It was at that moment I realized, that as painful as it might be, it always pays to do the right thing. I was still reclining in the shade of the tree when the company struggled back down the hill at the end of the exercise; and it was not very long afterwards that both the BAR and M1 Garand were replaced by the M14 rifle…but that’s another story.
Can a small valley tell the memory of so many glorious soldiers?

The Mignano Gap, as it was defined during the Allied advance in the Italian peninsula, tells the passage and the exploits of many gold and silver medals.

Unique characters, who one day passed through this corner of Italy.

Some became famous in this valley, deserving the highest military recognition, others during the war. Some later returned home and had a life full of successes and fame, others were forgotten.

The Outpost 16 has told, in its first year of life, the deeds of some of them, and others are adding to the list and our research goes on.

We have researched and found the places of Maurice L. Britt, Medal of Honor in Mount Rotondo. Floyd K Lindstrom, Medal of Honor, Mount Camino.

In this last period we have identified the area in which JOHN B. ARMSTRONG, O-354947, First Lieutenant, 15th Infantry Regiment. He got his silver star.

And we never talked about a young Italian lieutenant who, after September 8, decided to fight with other Italian soldiers together with the allies against Nazism and fascism; Giuseppe Cederle.

A student at the Catholic University of Milan, in the course of Literature and Philosophy, he was drafted in 1941 with a destination for 61st Motorized Infantry Regiment, in Nocera Inferiore. After September 8, he enrolled in the 67th Infantry Regiment “Legnano” and framed in the 1st Motorized Grouping to the Command of the gen. Dapino fights alongside allies against fascism and Nazism.

An example youth for his fellow soldiers, he felt the call of faith and was not only a commander but a spiritual and educational guide for his soldiers, who followed him as a teacher.

On December 8, 1943, in an attack combined with the 36th division Texas dies driving his department during the first battle of Monte Lungo near Caserta.

He was found several days after the first attack, in his tascapane only had a map and a large crucifix.

**Mignano’s heroes**

All the mortar shells that fell in his area for over a week, did not hit him, and his body was found intact.

This is the quote of his gold medal:

“Although belonging to a non-committing department, he was able to be placed on the front line of a platoon leading to the assault against the Germans in caves in very difficult terrain, under a deadly shot of machine guns and grenades. With one arm smashed, he urged his men to contain the enemy counterattack shouting: “I gave the Patria an arm, it does not matter; for the honor of Italy.” Struck to death he still found the strength to draw a tricolor flag from under his coat, throwing himself into a supreme gesture of defiance against the enemy, pointing to his soldiers to carry him forward.”

Quota 243 of Monte Lungo (Mignano), December 8, 1943

Giuseppe Cederle was the first gold medal of the reborn Italian Army, that army that tightened an alliance with the allies, to fight the enemies of freedom and that is still united with them.

We feel the weight of the errors that the generations that preceded us have committed, errors that have caused so much suffering of so many soldiers all over the world.

But we have the pleasure to tell you about many other soldiers who did not flee and decided to voluntarily join the allies to liberate Italy.

Lieutenant Giuseppe Cederle gave his life to the great cause of freedom, with the often spirit with which a few hundred meters away, Maurice L. Britt, Floyd K. Lindstrom, Audie Murphy and John B. Armstrong were an example to their soldiers.

Five heroes, two Medals of Honor, a gold medal and a Silver medal in a few hundred meters away, give an idea of how difficult it was to move into Mignano Gap between November and December 1943.

We have been here for almost a year in this great family of the Third Division Association and we thank President Toby Knight for choosing us. We have perceived the greatness and how much it represents for the history of the United States Army of America.

We feel on our shoulders the weight and the honor of this mission that we accepted with all our heart.

In the area where we are currently operating, Mignano Montelungo, the Third Infantry Division arrived in early November and was retired in early December to be replaced by the 36th Texas Division.

The Third Division regained its strength and participated in the landing of Anzio and the subsequent advance towards Rome.

Our historical research area therefore goes from Licata, in Sicily, up to Civitavecchia in the north of Lazio, where the division left for France, also covering itself here with glory. We take advantage of this to greet the friends of the French Outpost for the fantastic work they are doing, a source of inspiration for us.

Arriving today along the Mignano Gap, at the first bend is the road sign indicating the cave of Audie Murphy, arrived at the cave there is the story of what happened here and a flagpole with the American flag.

Once in the Historicus museum of Caspoli, our base of operations, the museum staff can accompany guests to some symbolic places of the passage of the Third Division as well as to the museum itself which preserves many finds of the Third Division, found on the battlefields and a wall dedicated to the Third Division.

After a year of work today it is possible to visit:

- The place where Maurice L. Britt fought and won his Medal Of Honor
- The place where the 7th regiment came up for the Monte Camino attack
The place where Floyd K. Lindstrom fought and won his Medal Of Honor
- Audie Murphy’s cave told in her book “To hell and back”
- The place where the hospital of the 7th regiment was placed
- The place where Armstrong fought and got his silver star
- The place where Giuseppe Cederle fought and obtained his gold medal.

In the last period, thanks to several contacts that our Outpost has had, we got to know other realities on the Italian territory to Americano that for years have honored the Third Division.

The first, important for the history of the Third Division is the one with the town of Licata, where the Third Infantry Division landed in 1943.

We were lucky enough to meet two fantastic people who have been dealing with the preservation of the memory of what happened in their areas in 1943.

I’m Dr. Carmela Zangara, with her association Memento and the deputy mayor of Licata, dott. Angelo Vincenti. We owe to them, to their passion and desire to honor and remember, if today Licata has a perfectly preserved monument with love, built in the past and dedicated to the Third Infantry Division, and other new monuments, arranged along the beach where they landed allies.

Next July 10 our Outpost will be in Licata for the celebrations of the landing that are made every year. The second contact is in the United States, with the Colorado Springs OP5 of the American Legion honoring and remembering Floyd K. Lindstrom, to whom we have dedicated our Italian OP16.

And we continue, like the American infantrymen who went back to Italy, we keep on going forward, looking for places of their passage, of their deeds, of acts of heroism and of sacrifice, to share them with you who are on the other side of the ocean, but that we always feel close to us.

Hello

Luigi Settimi
President OP16 Italy
Ded. in memory of Floyd K. Lindstrom, MOH

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

Henry E. Bodden

IN THE THICK OF THINGS

This past September 7th, I attended the funeral at New Liberty Baptist Church in Garland, Texas, of James Leavelle. I attended because I had met Jim twice and he signed a print for me after I interviewed him and wanted to pay my respects to him. Jim was on the USS Whitney during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Twenty four years later he would be captured in one of America’s most recognizable photos in history while he was handcuffed to Lee Oswald as Jack Ruby gunned down Oswald on national television. Jim was 99 years old as we lose another of our “greatest generation.”

Jim Leavelle signed my print at a Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas

Jim at the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii

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A “Silent Mountain” poem about Korea from one of our own, Don Chase

Website: www.society3rdid.org

Lt. Col. Ret. Jack Heinze forwarded to me the following story of a great American WWII, Korea, and Vietnam hero. Jack says that he was a Marne Man in 1964-1967 in Wurzburg, Germany during the Cold War in the 3rd Infantry Division Support Command, the 3rd ID Supply and Transport Battalion as CO “A” Co. S-4 and also Officers Club Manager. MG Albert O. Connor (a true Dog face soldier) was CG 3rd Infantry Division at the time Jack got to know him, as his quarters were next to the Officers Club. Gen. Connor then made his third star as DCSPER, DA and has since passed away. Jack says he was very proud to and honored to have served in the 3rd Infantry Division.

So Jack passed the following story to me for publication. It concerns the death of Van T. Barfoot who served in WWII, Korea, and the Vietnam War and retired as a Colonel. But you might remember him more so as he waged a battle against his Home Association over his right to fly his American flag at his residence. So, remember the guy who wouldn’t take his flag pole down on his Virginia property. You might remember the news story several months ago about a crotchety old man in Virginia who defied his local Home Association and refused to take his flag down. Now we learn who that old man was.

On June 15, 1919, Van T. Barfoot was born in Edinburg, Mississippi. That probably didn’t make news back then. But twenty-five years later, on May 23, 1944 near Carano, Italy, that same Van T. Barfoot who had enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, set out to flank German machine gun positions from which gunfire was raining down on his fellow soldiers. His advance took him through a minefield, but having done so, he
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His advance took him through a minefield, but having done so, he proceeded to single-handedly take out three enemy machine gun positions, returning with seventeen prisoners of war. And if that weren’t enough for a day’s work, he later took on and destroyed three German tanks that were sent to retake the machine gun positions.

What did make news was his neighborhood Association’s quibble with how the ninety year old veteran chose to fly the American flag outside his suburban Virginia home. Seems the HOA rules said it was okay to fly a flag on a house mounted bracket, but for decorum items such as Barfoot’s 21 foot flagpole was “unsuitable.” Barfoot had been denied a permit for the pole, but erected it anyway and was facing court action unless he agreed to take it down. Then the HOA story made national news and the HOA rethought its position and agreed to indulge this aging hero who dwelt among them. “In the time I have left”, he said to the Associated Press, “I plan to continue to fly the American flag without interference.” As well he should. And if any of his neighbors had taken a notion to contest him further, they might have done well to read his Medal of Honor citation first. Seems it indicates Mr. Van Barfoot wasn’t particularly good at backing down. We only live in the land of the free because of the brave and because of men like Van Barfoot.

Barfoot received the Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. Barfoot served in the invasion of Sicily, in Italy at Salerno, and Anzio. Barfoot retired with the rank of Colonel while served with the 3rd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, with the 45th Infantry Division. In his shadow box of his medals displayed, if you notice there is a 3rd Infantry patch.

**Military Quotes**

“The reason the American Army does so well in wartime, is that war is chaos, and the American Army practices it on a daily basis.”

- from a post-war debriefing of a German General
The Foundation has completed its 2018-19 programs with great success, thanks to our donors and excellent money management by our CFO Joe Ball. Applications are now being accepted for 2020 grants. We were able to present twelve grants of $1,000 each in 2019 to excellent applicants. We thank our trustees for their diligent work in selecting the recipients and for their help in managing the Foundation. We also thank all those who donated to the Foundation. Their contributions made possible our successes. Thanks too to those who donated the prizes for our raffle. We are also accepting prizes for our next raffle. We already have two weapons, and we will have quilts again. Please donate anything that YOU would like to win as a prize;

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in previous years weapons, quilts, books, clocks, tapestries, DVDs, and flags were popular and valued as prizes by our members.

Foundation Fundraising Raffle: the drawing was postponed two days in order to include late arriving tickets. The drawing was held on July 17th. Local business owner, Mrs. Roger (Christine) Williams drew the tickets. Interestingly, she drew the tickets just as I have always done (one from each side and one from the middle, while turning the tumbler and repeating the routine). The results follow. The prizes were shipped to winners promptly. The weapons required a few days to meet all requirements for transferring weapons.
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P President Monika Stoy, OP members Tim Stoy and Hae-sook Choi, and French members Nico Courtine and Jean-Jacques Malapert participated in 67 commemorative events in 31 communities over 17 days between 14 and 31 August commemorating the 75th anniversary of their liberation during Operation Dragoon in August 1944. In preparation for this we prepared a historical review of Operation Dragoon and the Southern France Campaign and asked Congressman Mark E. Green from Tennessee to read it into the Congressional Record. We made copies of the record and presented each of the communities we visited with a copy in honor of the 75th anniversary of Operation Dragoon.

These commemorations began with a Catholic Mass in St Anne’s chapel in Saint Tropez the evening of 14 August. Commemorations were held in Saint Tropez, Ramatuelle, and Cogolin on 15 August. We also held a small wreath ceremony at the location of Audie Murphy’s Distinguished Service Cross action with the owner of the property, Mr. Patrice de Colmont. We were joined for these events by Mr. Henry Joe, whose grandfather served in the 7th Infantry in Italy, as an orderly for MG O’Daniel for 12 months, then finished the war with the 15th Infantry. 16 August we participated in the community of Gardanne outside Aix-en-Provence for their commemoration in the morning, and that evening we gave a presentation on the 3rd ID in Le Luc.

17 August we commemorated Le Luc’s liberation in a ceremony that morning and that afternoon we were in Besse-sur-Issole, the first time in ten years we were able to participate in their ceremony. 18 August we participated in the ceremony in Neoules, also the first time in ten years.

19 August was a full day with our first ceremony in Barjols in the morning honoring the 45th Infantry Division’s liberation of the village during which we received the town’s medal and were made honorary citizens; the opening of an exhibition on the liberation of Aix-en-Provence in the city’s tourist center in the afternoon; and a ceremony in Brignoles that evening. 20 August was a great day, with major commemorations in Vauvenargues and Saint-Marc-Jaumegarde supported by several reenactment groups with jeeps, an M-4 Sherman, and other military equipment. That evening there was a ceremony commemorating the initial entry of 3ID troops into the city at the Pont d’Beraud. Aix-en-Provence commemorated with a parade of military vehicles and reenactors and a ceremony at its monument to the dead in the city late afternoon of 21 August. That evening the village of Les Milles outside of Aix-en-Provence held a ceremony and a benediction at a small chapel dedicated to the victims of the occupation and the Resistance.

On 22 August Lancon Provence held its ceremony in the morning and Salon-de-Provence in the evening. The French State Secretary of Defense, equivalent to the Under Secretary of Defense, Madame Genevieve Darrieussecq, was the keynote speaker in Salon’s ceremony and we were very happy when she prominently and frequently mentioned our great 3rd Infantry Division in her speech! Monika presented her with a 3rd ID pin. On 24 August we were in Grasse to dedicate a plaque honoring the 1st Special Service Force’s liberation of that city. In the evening we celebrated with Malaucene. 25 August we commemorated with the town of Nyons, the first time we have participated in their ceremony, in the morning; late afternoon we were in the tiny village of St. Hippolyte les Gaveyron (187 inhabitants) for their first ever liberation ceremony; and in the evening in Orange where the city dedicated a new plaque and a large rock, the Rock of the Marne! On 26 August Bollene commemorated its liberation with the dedication of the Espace 3d DIUS, the location of the 3ID plaques dedicated in 2014 and previously. That evening we were in Lapalud for their event. 27 August we participated in commemorations in Valreas and visited their excellent exhibition on the town in the war and the 3rd ID’s liberation of the town in the Chateau Simian. There was also an encampment in front of the town hall with several jeeps and a group of young reenactors portraying the Division Battle Patrol – they were very realistic and authentic.

The morning of 28 August we were in La Laupie where the village dedicated a plaque...
honing the 6th Corps. The village was the scene of a week of vicious combat, beginning
with Task Force Butler’s initial entry there, followed by units from the 36th
Infantry Division, and other 6th Army Corps units. That afternoon we were at the
train station in Montelimar honoring victims of Nazi inhumanity and afterwards at
city hall in the city for ceremonies. We have been attending Montelimar’s commemora-
tion since 2006 and this year Mayor Franck
Reynier surprised with the gold medal of the city and our being named Citoyen-de-
Honneur of the city. Considering
Montelimar’s importance in our division’s history in Southern France we are deeply
honored, and with Tim’s being the President and Historian of the 15th Infantry
Regimental Association this is particularly meaningful as 1/15 IN received the
Presidential Unit Citation for clearing out
Montelimar.

On 29 August we honored the 36th
Infantry Division at the liberation ceremony
in Sauzet, northeast of Montelimar. The
morning of 30 August we visited Marc Paoli
and Isabele Guerin in Methamis. They were
organizing ceremonies in the villages of
Methamis, Blauvac, and Malemort du
Comtat the following day which we would
be unable to attend. We presented them cer-
dificates for their great work honoring our
veterans and gave them certificates for the
mayors for them to present on our behalf at
the ceremonies the next day. Later that
evening we were in La Garde Adhemar for
its ceremony the evening and completed our
commemorative activities on 31 August
with a full day of commemorative activities
in Pierrelatte, including delivering
another presentation on the 3rd
Infantry Division in WWII.

We are happy to report our great
division and our great veterans have
not been forgotten in Southern
France. You have many good friends in the many villages of Provence you
liberated 75 years ago! We were
proud to place our 3rd ID wreath and
to sing the Dogface Soldier at each
ceremony - representing our Division
at the many ceremonies we participat-
ed in. Each of these communities was
proud it was the 3rd Infantry Division
which liberated them. Each time a
mayor or other speaker mentioned
which unit of 3ID liberated that community we were happy to know our educational
efforts have been paying off. Five commu-
nities mentioned the Division’s Commander
in France, Iron Mike O’Daniel – St. Tropez,
Salon-de-Provence, Malalucene, Valreas,
and Pierrelatte! We conducted the POW-
MIA ceremony in nearly every community
and it was very well-received as the French
do not have such a moving ceremony.

OP International looks forward to its
continued work with communities in
Southern France and elsewhere in Europe
and Korea to honor our great Division and
its veterans! And the outpost remains grate-
ful to its many friends in France who make
each of these events so meaningful.
Purpose

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

Specific objectives are:

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

Pledge

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

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

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

General Information

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

The Society is divided into chapters, called outposts, which members are entitled to join. Outposts, at their discretion, may charge a small additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues. Some Outposts charge an additional fee beginning with the second year’s dues, making the total annual dues for Outpost #3: $23.00; Outpost #12: $24.00; Outposts #7, #60: $25.00; Outpost #22: $22.00. All other outposts pay $20.00 annually; all new members pay $20.00 for the first year.

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**Membership Application**

[Image of the application form]

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- **New Associate Annual or Life Member**
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- **Phone No:** ____________________
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Please print clearly, detach, and mail this application for membership along with a check or money order payable to Society of the Third Infantry Division to: The Society of Third Infantry Division, 12420 W Tower Ave, Airway Heights, WA 99001-5063.

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

WORLD WAR II [40 Medals of Honor]
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

KOREAN WAR [13 Medals of Honor]
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counter-offensive
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