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## WWI Memorial Dedication

Immediate Past President Dave Mills addresses audience at the Dedication Ceremony of the WWI Distinguished Service Cross Monument in Cambridge, MD.



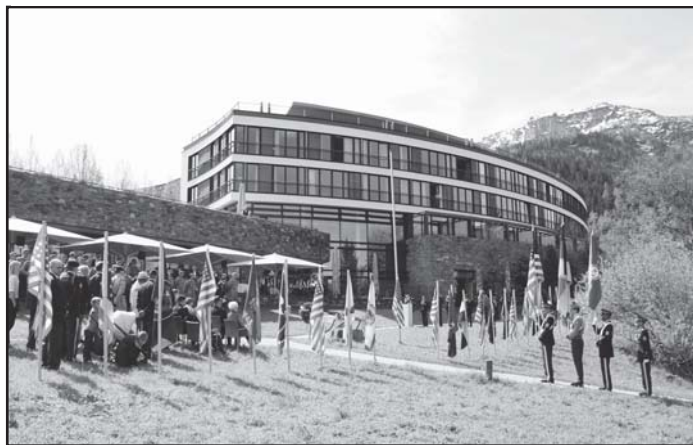
of the program and his speech via USPS mail. He also sent two photos provided by Bob Jones, who coordinated the event. He said, “If more are received, especially of the crowd, I will pass them on. Thank you Joe for the privilege and the honor of representing you and The Society. Rock of The Marne, Dave.” *[We very much appreciate Dave’s attendance and his willingness to talk about the 3rd Infantry Division at this important event.]*

Dave and Shirley Mills travelled to Cambridge, Maryland to attend The Dedication Ceremony of the WWI Distinguished Service Cross Monument at Long Wharf Park on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Dave said, “The setting was sensational along the beautiful Choptank River and the overflow audience was enthusiastic. BG (MD) (Ret) I John Vaccarino, Cdr. of the 29th Infantry Division Association, spoke on behalf of his Maryland National Guard Division, and Dave offered remarks, which were well received, on the 3rd Infantry Division, within the guidelines (10 min.) for this event; i.e. World War I. Dave sent a copy

Dave and Shirley Mills prepare to cut the 3rd I.D. cake at the dedication ceremony in Cambridge, MD., in May 2015.



## Flags of Freedom...



70th Anniversary Ceremony of the liberation of Berchtesgaden and the Obersalzberg with flags of all American states and our National flag on display in the foreground and the hotel with the Kehlstein in the background. See page 20 for story.

### Honorary President

## Marne 6 Sends



MajGen John Murray

Greetings to all Dog Face Soldiers – past and present, Families, and Friends of the Marne Division. The Division Headquarters is just past the midway point of our deployment in Afghanistan, and I could not be more

proud of our Soldiers and am encouraged by the continued progress of our Afghan partners.

I had the honor of participating in both an official closing ceremony for the Korean Hospital and Vocational Training Center and most importantly, the Memorial and rededication ceremony in honor of Staff Sgt. Yoon Jang-ho. Jang-ho died while serving as an English translator in the Korean Army, with Task Force Dasan at Bagram Airfield in 2007.

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## Meet Our Judge Advocate

Harvey Sladkus, our Judge Advocate, is a retired lawyer. Harvey graduated with an AB from Syracuse University in 1950 and a JD from New York University in 1961. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1962. He clerked at the U.S. Supreme Court (1967), practiced in Connecticut (1981), served as an Associate at Morris Ploscowe, in New York City (1961-67), and entered private practice (Feiden, Sweck & Sladkus) in New York City (1968-1995).



Harvey I. Sladkus

Harvey was also a small claims arbitra-

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This is your last issue of the *Watch*, unless your Fiscal 2016 dues are current.





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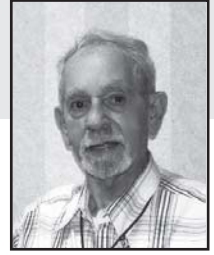
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# President's Message



**Joe Ball**  
Society President

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 96th consecutive Annual Reunion is now history. We always look forward to this event and to meeting and greeting the members of our Society. We had a great meeting of the Membership on Saturday morning with fine discussion concerning future reunion sites. The attendees recommended Gettysburg in 2016 and San Antonio in 2017, and the sites were confirmed. The date is the 3rd week in September for both reunions.

The Society national staff and committee chairs are set for 2015-16. We need to train backups for some of these positions. We have met with success in recruiting younger members of our Society for some of our key positions. Note that we do not have any WWII Veterans in these positions. We have only two Korea era Vets on the Executive committee, only one as National staff, and only one as a committee chair. The younger folks have stepped up and have done a great job.

We were able to spend a limited amount of time with Deputy commanding General BG James Blackburn Jr, spouse Carla, and two of the Active Duty Soldiers who

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tor (Civil Court: City of New York, 1977), an adjunct professor of law at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (1994-1995) and a lecturer of family and matrimonial Law (Superlawyers.com). He is listed in the Martindale-Hubbell, and he co-authored Practice under New York's Matrimonial Law, and was editor in chief of Family Law Practice (1982), as well as a contributor to many articles to ponfi.jours.

Harvey served at the rank of 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, in Korea (1952-53). Among his many awards and decorations, he received the Bronze Star. In civilian life, his awards include "Empire State Pro Bono" award (2007), named "Arbitrator of the Year," New York Small Claims Court (2002), and many more such awards and affiliations.

Harvey has been married to Frances since 1986, and they reside in New York City.

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received awards, and the outstanding men and women who served in the color Guard. The Soldiers never fail to impress.

I learn many things every day, but did not know a few facts about our American Flag. When a military Color Guard presents Colors or posts Colors, any other American Flag that is in the room must either be covered or removed from the room. If a military commander is present, only the commander can give the order to Post Colors.

My first year as your president is now past with, at least, one more to go. I look forward to serving the Society. With the assistance of elected officers, national staff, and committee chairs, I look forward to the challenges that are sure to come in 2015-16.

Early returns of the reunion survey that was sent to most 2015 reunion attendees and an additional 20 members (who attended previous reunions) and were picked at ran-

dom are now arriving. We will share the results with you in October. I thank the 2015 Reunion Committee, consisting of Leonard Collins, Paul Grabert, and Lynn Ball for their work. Organizing a reunion is a difficult task.

Some of our annual members, for some unknown reason, have failed to continue their Society memberships. The date for paying fiscal 2015-16 dues was 6/30/15. Please send your annual dues quickly. Delinquent members will be removed from all Society and outpost mailing lists, effective with the October Watch. The mailing list is sent to the publisher on September 5th. Don't be left out.

A final thought: Do not be concerned with growing older. Many have not had that privilege.

Yours in the 3rd,

Joe Ball, President

## 2015 Society Raffle

The Society's 2015 raffle drawing was conducted at the President's Reception, on June 11th, at the Annual Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. We thank Jude and Paul Grabert for performed the drawings of tickets. All prizes are in cash. Following is the list of prizes and the lucky winners' names and current cities and states of residence. We congratulate the winners.

- 1st Prize \$ 1,000: Warren P. Dartell, Wallington NJ
- 2nd Prize \$ 500: Patsy J. Scarpato, Staten Island NY
- 3rd Prize \$ 250: Elwin A. Vernon, Anacortes WA
- 4th Prize \$ 100: Robert L. Main, Angels Camp CA
- 5th Prize \$ 100: Francisco Z. Marroquin, Wesley Chapel FL
- 6th Prize \$ 100: Raymond J. Hartin, Doylestown PA
- 7th Prize \$ 100: Leon Davenport, Blairsville GA

Society Secretary-Treasurer John Weis has mailed checks to each of the winners. We thank John for obtaining our new raffle tumbler and managing the 2015 raffle, and we thank everyone who participated in the raffle to raise funds to support the Society. We hope you will support the 2016 raffle. The annual raffle is our major source of income beyond the annual dues paid by our members.



# The Society of the Third Infantry Div



**BG James Blackburn and Joe Ball**



**BG James and Carla Blackburn, SPC Michael J. Scalmanini, and SGT. Zachary F. Cline**



**Merrie and Al Julia**



**Maggie Weis, Steve Sullivan, and John Weis**



**Pennie Burke, Bart Viruso, and Tom Heitzer (Memorial Breakfast)**



**Active Duty lead singing of "Dogface Soldier."**



**Debbie and Mike Halik**



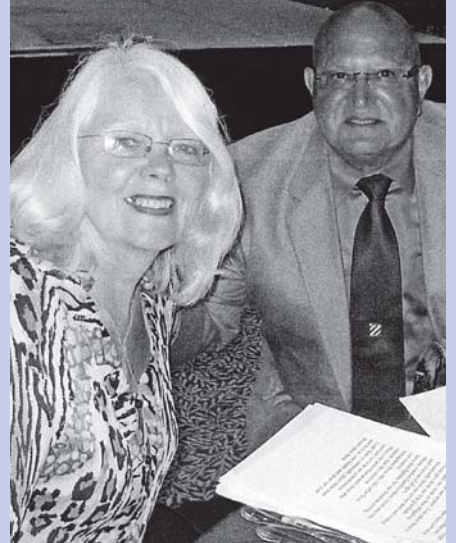
**Carla Blackburn, Laura and Tommy Stock, and Jane Dojutrek**



**Louis Bravos, Gail Bravos, and Carl Krueger**

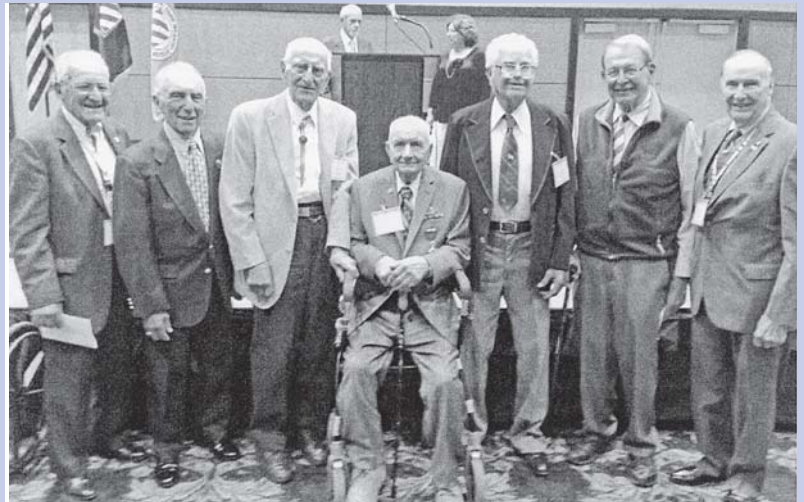


# vision: Reunion 2015.....



Korea War Veterans

Kathy and Jerry Daddato



John and Tina Keller

WWII Veterans



Bridie and Ernie Buckholz

Cold War Veterans

# The Army's 240th Birthday: 14 June 1775

When the American Revolution broke out, the rebellious colonies did not possess an army in the modern sense. Rather, the revolutionaries fielded an amateur force of colonial troops, cobbled together from various New England militia companies. They had no unified chain of command, and although Artemas Ward of Massachusetts exercised authority by informal agreement, officers from other colonies were not obligated to obey his orders. The American volunteers were led, equipped, armed, paid for, and supported by the colonies from which they were raised.

In the spring of 1775, this "army" was about to confront British troops near Boston, Massachusetts. The revolutionaries had to re-organize their forces quickly if they were to stand a chance against Britain's seasoned professionals. Recognizing the need to enlist the support of all of the American seaboard colonies, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to assume authority for the New England army. Reportedly, at John Adams' request, Congress voted to "adopt" the Boston troops on June 14, although there is no written record of this decision. Also on

this day, Congress resolved to form a committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army," and voted, we are told, \$2,000,000 to support the forces around Boston, and those at New York City. [It is unlikely this figure is correct, given the time-period.] Moreover, Congress authorized the formation of ten companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.

Speaking at Fort Stewart's Army 240th birthday celebration at Club Stewart, Army Col. John O'Grady said the current Army has at least one thing in common with the Continental Army that was founded to confront the British near Boston.

"Today's Army is not the Army of 1775," said O'Grady, the commander of the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery. "Today our Army has the best equipment, the best leadership and the best medical care available — but what has not changed ... is

your will to fight and win."

In an Army tradition, O'Grady was joined by Command Sgt. Maj. Delmar Traylor and the 3rd ID's oldest soldier, Master Sgt. Charles Lanns, and its youngest, Pvt. Jameel Jones to cut the quite large Army birthday cake with a saber.

"Our Army has been and continues to be an institution that reflects what is great about our country and its people," O'Grady said. "It's important to take time out of our busy schedules ... to think about what it means to be a part of this Army and to think about what's gone on before us in this service."

—Compiled from various Internet Sources



## Watch Requirements Schedule

ISSUE	TOPIC	REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY
All issues:	Last Call and Roll Call	
Dec.-Aug:	Reunion Updates	Reunion Chair
February:	Call for Scholarship Foundation Applications	Foundation Chair
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	Call for National Officers Nominations	Elections Chair
April:	Call for Society Awards Nominations	Awards Chair
	Call for National Officers Nominations	Elections Chair
	Call for Scholarship Foundation Applications	Foundation Chair
	Call for C&BL Proposals	C&BL Chair
June:	C&BL Ballot	C&BL Chair
	Election of Officers Ballot	Elections Chair
	Call for Awards Nominations	Awards Chair
August:	Scholarship Foundation Recipients Report	Foundation Chair
	Budget: 2015-2016	Secretary-Treasurer
	Actions of the Executive Committee: 2016	Secretary-Treasurer
	C&BL Changes	C&BL Chair
October:	Financial Report	Secretary-Treasurer
	Auditor's Report	Auditor
December:	Call for C&BL Proposals	C&BL Chair
	Minutes: General Membership Meeting	Secretary-Treasurer
	Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting	Secretary-Treasurer





# From the Editor



**Lynn Ball**  
Society Editor

The 2015 Society Reunion is now behind us. We hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time and spent time with old and new friends. Our members are wonderful; it is always great to see the regulars again and meet some new friends.

We are especially grateful to Pennie Burke for bringing the "Grace Notes" quartet to the Awards Banquet. These gracious ladies donated their time and talents to entertain us, and they did a wonderful job of it. We bought their dinner, but they received no payment for their wonderful performance. To simply call them "The Grace Notes" strips their identity. The quartet is composed of Pennie Burke, Angie Durrett, Sally Hahn, and Toni Wright. They certainly deserve a big "Thank You." They were very entertaining. Pennie also did a wonderful job of leading us in our singing of the "National Anthem."

Another person to thank is Doris Duckworth who chaired the Ladies Event. We got only excellent reports about her talk on Prisoners of War held in the U.S. during WWII. One report we got marveled at Doris's intelligence. The lady who delivered the compliment said she was amazed by the statistics Doris provided.

Two of our members brought prizes for our next Scholarship Fundraising Raffle. Kathy Daddato donated a queen-size 3rd I.D. quilt, and Shirley Conley

donated a hand-crocheted, star-shaped lap throw or tapestry. Both are beautiful. The quilt Kathy donated last year was shipped to the winner. He sent a donation to the Scholarship Foundation to express his pleasure in receiving the quilt. We thank him.

We were indeed fortunate to have the Korean Ladies Choir from the Charleston Korean Methodist Church entertain us at the Awards Banquet. They too volunteered their services. We have Dr. Bae Suk Lee to thank for arranging their wonderful performance. Dr. Lee also presented Korean War commemorative medals on behalf of the Korean Government, to the Korea War Veterans in attendance. Of particular note



**Korean Choir Members entertain at the Awards Banquet.**

is the wonderful speech delivered by one member of the choir who expressed the Korean community's gratitude for our Soldiers' who fought in the Korea War and enabled the members of the Choir "to live in this wonderful country." Their perfor-

mance was both entertaining and comforting. The ladies were all dressed in authentic Korean attire. It was beautiful.

Our 2016 reunion will be in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in late September. As Pennsylvanians, Joe and I can assure you that "sometimes" in late September, there is a chill in the air. Those already planning to attend the 97th annual reunion should identify a jacket you intend to pack for the trip. The 98th reunion, in 2017, will be in San Antonio, Texas, also in late September. Texas makes no claim for a chill in the air in late September, though Texas weather is most unpredictable. In either event, we hope you can come to both reunions. The best thing about reunions is seeing our members.

As Reunion Secretary-Treasurer, I kept watching the incoming mail from William "Bill" and Pat Harris' reservations. After all deadlines had passed, I realized that Bill and Pat would not attend. It wasn't until after the reunion that we learned that Bill passed away on June 20th. Both Bill and Pat are dear friends. We miss Bill greatly, and we hope to see Pat at the reunion in Gettysburg in 2016. Check Bill's obituary on the Internet. He had a fantastic background in engineering and design and a very large extended family. His pride in his military service is evident in the organizations to which he belonged.

This issue of the *Watch* again has several required articles, and they are lengthy. We do have a few stories from our members and an excellent review of the reunion by our chaplain. The page of photos taken at the reunion is far shorter than we would have liked. Please look at Rich Heller's collection of reunion photos on [www.3rdiv.org](http://www.3rdiv.org). Please send your stories and photos to the *Watch* editor. We will run them as soon as space permits, and we always give credit for your contributions. I will return your photos and other materials after publication.

## Watch Schedule

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

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January 5th.....	February
March 5th.....	April
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September 5th .....	October
November 5th .....	December



The Foundation's Fundraising Raffle drawing occurred on May 25 when we drew the winner's names for over 50 prizes. The results were posted in the Hospitality Room at the reunion. We thank Justin Valle for his help with the drawing. See page 27 for the lists of prizes, donors and winners. We thank everyone who helped with our fundraising raffle. Except for the firearms, prizes were shipped to all winners, on May 26. One winner of a firearm has not responded to instructions for claiming the weapon. Arrangements have been made for the transfer of the other two weapons. Hopefully, we will have photos for the October *Watch*.

In a meeting on June 23rd, the Scholarship Board of Directors voted to present a ninth award this year. This enabled us to serve both candidates that tied in the balloting for the eighth award. Again this year, we received excellent submissions from our candidates seeking scholarship grants. Also, again this year, we received more applications than we could serve. It was very difficult for our judges to determine the best-of-the best, and they were all very good. Those candidates who did not receive grants this year were encouraged to apply next year, and we provided some guidance for improving their submissions. Also, some candidates who did receive grants also received some suggestions for future submissions. In the interest of saving space, let me say that every one of the recipients below demonstrated excellent community service and academic ability. All were on various honor rolls and all demonstrated leadership ability. The 2015 recipients' photos and profiles follow and these are on our website at [www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.3idscholarshipfoundation.org).

**Austin C. Blanchard** received the "Award in Honor and Memory of Col. Sherman Pratt." Austin is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at Georgia College and State University. His essay, "Freedom and Patriotism," is supported by the Constitution and our Declaration of Independence. He credits America's greatness to our military. He is concerned about the decrease in funds for our military. He views our military and the technology that supports it as the greatest in the world. He does not believe that passivism is the correct approach to world issues. He fears the liberalism being promoted in our schools and universities. He prays "that our country will be blessed with leaders who will seek guidance from God and will

always have the back of our Armed Forces." He hopes God will give us the strength and power to triumph over that evil (radicalized Islamists) and other evils we encounter. "My hope is that we remain today and always, 'One Nation under God.'"

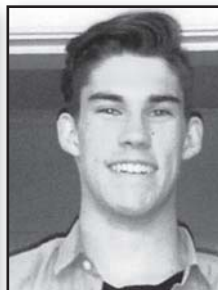
**Benjamin C. Edwards** received the "Award in Honor and Memory of SFC Ralph E. 'Rick' Richenbacher." Benjamin is a freshman at Kennesaw State University, majoring in Business Administration and hopes to earn a Master Degree. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, and he is an Eagle Scout. His essay, "I Pledge Allegiance," discusses allegiance or loyalty as the foundation of our nation. He says, "Without it we would not have the brave men and women who serve in our armed forces." He does not want to dwell on past heroes. He walks among heroes every day that demonstrate loyalty to our nation. He names several and focuses on his father, as a present day hero of the 3rd Infantry Division. He comes back to each Soldier named and explains his heroic actions. He praises all of his present day heroes for putting their men and objectives above self and safety. "They pledge their allegiance to the United States and have inspired me to do the same."

**Kathryn Kendall** received the "Scholarship Foundation Award in Honor of our 3rd Infantry Division Active Duty Soldiers." Kathryn is a graduate student at the University of Washington where she is pursuing a Master Degree in Business Administration, and she is currently serving in the military. Serving in a support function, she was responsible for equipment modernization and withdrawing supplies from Iraq in preparation for the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her battalion was attached to the 3d I.D. during its fourth tour in Iraq. Kathryn's essay, "A Marne Family Bond" talks about her family's long history of military service to our nation. Her grandfather, Maurice Kendall, was commissioned in 1943, through the Infantry Officer Candidate School. She talks about his service in WWII. She earned her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard, in 2008. She talks about the elder Kendall's encounter with General "Iron Mike" O'Daniel when he ordered Kendall to have all of our Soldiers paint the 3rd I.D. Patch on their helmets. O'Daniel wanted the enemy to know that they were fighting the Marne Division. She talks about the breakout from the Anzio beachhead, the invasion of Southern France,

## 2015 Scholarship Recipients



Austin Blanchard



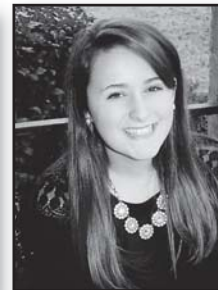
Benjamin C Edwards



Kathryn Kendal



Jamie Keup



Kelli P Kolasheski



Kaylee McGraw Wright



the Colmar Pocket, and on to the end of the war. She mentions General Kendall's visit to her before she left for Iraq. He gave her the pocket Bible he carried throughout WWII and assured her it would also keep her safe. She arrived in Iraq just as the 3rd I.D. began its fourth tour. The 41st Infantry Brigade (including her battalion) was assigned to the Marne Division during that tour.

**Jamie Keup** received the **"Award in Honor and Memory of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers for Their Meritorious Services in the Evacuation of Military and Civilian Refugees from Hungnam, North Korea, December 1950."** Jamie is a continuing student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, majoring in management with an interest in public health. Her essay, **"Walking the Red Carpet,"** deals with the significance of Veterans. It focuses on the importance and contributions of Veterans and all who have sacrificed so we could have freedom and safety. She talks about the importance of building our military to be prepared for wars we do not yet know about. She feels that the word "Veteran" does not receive enough emphasis or respect. She says that the "people who really deserve to be walking the red carpet are American Veterans."

**Kelli P. Kolasheski** received the Legacy **"Award in Honor and Memory of Thomas W. Mason."** Kelli, a beginning student at Colorado State University, is majoring in elementary education. Her essay, **"First Director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (W.A.A.C.),"** takes a fresh approach to essay writing for a scholarship grant. Kelli talks about the advancement of women in American Society and the need for women to help during WWII. After passage of the bill allowing women to serve in the military, President Roosevelt appointed Oveta Culp Hobby as the first director of the W.A.A.C. Kelli describes the formation and development of the WAAC. Then she talks about women in business and government today. The essay ends with "I will forever be grateful for Oveta Culp Hobby and the women that so courageously served our country in its time of need." [*W.A.A.C. was later renamed and shortened to W.A.C., Women's Army Corps.*]

**Kaylee McGraw-Wright** received the **"Award in Honor and Memory of the 10th Combat Engineer Battalion."** Kaylee is a junior at East Washington State University, majoring in nursing with the hope of achieving a Forensic Nursing Certificate. Her interests are in neonatal intensive care, cardiology, emergency, pediatrics, and trauma. Her essay, **"National Pride,"** begins with a quoted definition of national pride: "the pride and sense of esteem that a person has for one's nation and the pride of self-

esteem that a person derives from one's national identity." She uses some powerful quotes to make her point that national pride is something we show on a daily basis. She references the Declaration of Independence that she feels gave us sovereignty and human rights when it declared the 13 colonies in 1776. She mentions "melting pot" and links that idea to "E Pluribus Unum"—from many to one. She sees America as the most diverse country in the world. She then mentions evidence of our cultural diversity. She closes with "I believe National Pride comes naturally to Americans. We are proud of who we are, our diverse cultures and languages, and what it means to be American." She seems to feel that we should feel pride in our diversity.

**Stephanie Nussio** received the **"Col. and Mrs. Terrence A. Smith Award in Honor of the 184th Infantry (Air Assault), OIF 2005-2006, a Valorous Unit."** Stephanie is a freshman at Christendom College seeking a degree in literature. She hopes to work as a writer, editor or speaker. Her essay, **"Murphy and Smith: Two Representatives of the Presidential Unit Citation of the 3rd Infantry Division,"** is about the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Second Lieutenant Audie L. Murphy in 1945 and on Sgt. Paul R. Smith in 2003. She describes their brave actions which earned them the nation's highest honor. She ties their actions to the Presidential Unit Citations awarded to the 3rd Infantry Division for actions in the Colmar Pocket and in Iraqi Freedom I. She ends with, "These men fulfilled their duties as American Soldiers and [they] reflect the courage and fortitude of all dog-face soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division."

**Luke Rhoades** received the **"Scholarship Foundation Memorial Award,"** which honors **Roy Navarre**, 15th Inf. Regt, WWII (Donor, David J. Navarre) and **James B. Galiano** (donors, Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Clark, Marjorie Belou, Cheryl Galiano, and Martha Cimo). Luke is attending Purdue University, majoring in engineering. Luke demonstrated outstanding performance in NJROTC, and he was on the National Champion Precision Rifle Team for 2012-13. His essay, **"Patriotism,"** talks about his grandfather leading him through example: in action, morality, and spirit to understand what patriotism is and what a love for this country really means. He sees his grandfather as a protector of his friends and family and says he is defined by determination, dismissing the option to quit, and fighting with passion. He addresses comments to our soldiers and to everyone's way of life. He discusses various walks of life and their contributions to America. He sees us all as patriots. He ends with "You are what you have become in this great land, and We the People are Americans. We the People are patriots."

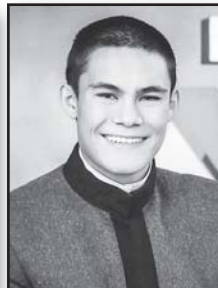
**Matthew "Alec" Roach** received the Legacy **"Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall."** Alec is a sophomore at Virginia Military Institute, majoring in English with minors in military history and international studies. He intends to pursue a commission in the Army. His essay, **"Nationalism and VMI: The Bond They Share,"** discusses the rigors of VMI's Spartan militaristic lifestyle that takes students beyond "just being a proud American." He discusses the core ideals of the Citizen Soldier that covers all routine and significant disciplines of military life. VMI training "prompts one to think about a life in the military, and truly appreciate the armed forces of the United States of America."



Stephanie Nussio



Luke Rhoades



Matthew Alec Roach

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## Virtual Wall: Vietnam War Memorial

There is a website available that we can access. Type in this link: <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>. A list of states will appear. Select the state you are interested in. Then a list of cities will appear. Scroll down to the city of interest. There will appear a list of all those killed in Vietnam from that city. Click on a name. A screen will open with a photo of the service person (if available) and a display of unit insignias, medals and awards received. Here is an example of the title area at the top of the screen.

Lynn Arthur Hoffman  
First Lieutenant  
531ST TAC FTR SQDN, 3RD TAC FTR WING, 7TH AF  
United States Air Force  
Sewickley, Pennsylvania  
February 21, 1943 to July 22, 1968  
LYNN A HOFFMAN is on the Wall at Panel W51, Line 32  
See the full profile or name rubbing for Lynn Hoffman

If you click on "full profile," a page comes up with lists of "Personal Data," "Military Data," and "Casualty Data." Again, the link is <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>.

**Please note:** The city connected to the service person is the city of induction, not necessarily the city of residence or birth. However, the site explains how to search for an individual by name.

## Martha Raye



Martha Raye, 1940

It was well recognized that Martha Raye endured less comfort and more danger than any other Vietnam entertainer. The most unforgivable oversight of TV is that her shows were not taped. It is doubtful that our well-known entertainers of today would do what this woman and the other USO women, including Ann Margaret and Joey Heatherton, did for our troops in past wars.

Most of the old time entertainers were made of a lot sterner stuff than today's entertainers. The following is from an Army aviator who takes a trip down memory lane:

"It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back. All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a Special Forces beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard.

'Maggie' had been visiting her SF 'heroes out 'west.' We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku. As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a USAF Captain said to Martha.... "Ms Raye, with all these dead and wounded to process, there would not be time for your show!"

To all of our surprise, she pulled on her right collar and said, "Captain, see this eagle? I am a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this collar is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty.... now, take me to your wounded!" He said, "Yes ma'am.... follow me."

Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would 'cover' a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break. Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Ft Bragg.

## Training

Cdr. Carlton Baldwin U.S.N. (Ret) is doing outreach programs to Active Duty, Veterans, and dependents to show the correct procedures for using G.I. Bill Benefits. Carlton is retired Navy but works with all branches of service from his office at Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia. He will present his information program at no cost in the city or surrounding areas, within a reasonable distance. Contact him at [baldwinc@savannah-state.edu](mailto:baldwinc@savannah-state.edu). He may be able to help on other issues as well.





# News from France

By Lynn Ball

The May 8th celebration of the end of WWII at *Epinal American Cemetery* is still the talk of France. In preparation for the VE Day commemoration ceremonies, a red rose was placed at every headstone (5,255) and 424 roses were placed at the Wall of the Missing. A joint Color Guard came from Stuttgart, Germany. Following introductions of VIPS, Jocelyne Papelard delivered a welcoming speech to the hundreds for French citizens and military from several duty stations who came to witness the commemoration. There was a flyover by the French Air force from French Base 116 at Luxeuil les Bains. Both National Anthems were played by a French band. High school students read a poem by Paul Gunn, whose name is on the Wall of the Missing, as well as a poem by Joyce Kilmer (WWI). Our Society President Joe Ball's speech was read in English and in French by Benoit Howson (and "very well received," Jocelyne reports). Messages from other divisions, a bomber group, and a fighter group were also read in French and English. Jules Ferry sang "Sweet France" in French and "America the Beautiful" in English. Throughout the Ceremony, two drones hovered overhead, one taking photographs, and the other recording the event with a movie camera. It was a beautiful ceremony that closed with a

convocation, a wreath laying, "TAPS," and the release of a flight of doves.

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division still receives accolades for our help in paying for the roses placed on every grave at *Epinal* as well as at the "Wall of the Missing." It was a wonderful event—extremely well-attended by the French and quite beautiful, with participation from every branch of French society and the military. The photo here depicts Arron (French-American) and Lea (French) preparing to lay wreaths at *Epinal*. One wreath Aaron and Lea laid was from the Association US Memory Grand Est France—a magnificent wreath in the colors of the Purple Heart.



Aaron and Lea begin their task of laying wreaths at the May 8th Ceremony at *Epinal American Cemetery*, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Arron is French-American, and Lea is French.



School children from Port sur Saone gather at the grave of Andrew J. Filip. Andrew's grave is one of the two adopted by their school. Both Soldiers adopted were with the 36th Infantry Division and were killed in their sector of France in September 1944.



Memorial plaque honoring 1st Lt. Leroy F. Sasse, 10th Engineer Combat Battalion, died September 22, 1944, at age 31.

These two children take their duties very seriously and are quite dedicated and proud to participate in events honoring our Soldiers. You will remember that Aaron is the little boy who loves the American flag and raises and lowers his own flag daily in his backyard garden.

One of the most recent activities of Society Member Jocelyne Papelard was to arrange the placement of a memorial plaque honoring 1st Lt. Leroy F. Sasse, 10th Engineer Combat Battalion, who died in France on September 22, 1944, at age 31. This project has been underway for some months and Jocelyne expressed great satisfaction in its completion.

Jocelyne recently commented, "The Adopt a Grave program continues: In June, two teachers from Port sur Saone brought their classes to *Epinal*, accompanied by the President of the French Memory Association. The school adopted the graves of two soldiers killed in their sector. Both soldiers served with the 36th Infantry Division of Texas.

Also in June, the Air Base 116 at Luxeuil les Bains had an air show. The base commander, Colonel Mailhol supports our efforts at *Epinal Cemetery*. Many airmen have adopted our soldiers buried here (U. S. fighter pilots and bomber crews). Col. Mailhol always sends their Mirages 2000 Ds to fly over the cemetery when there is a ceremony such as the May 8th events. Two Mirage 2000s flew over *Epinal* during that ceremony." Jocelyne added. "During the airshow, we met some of the U.S. airmen who came to display two A10s."

# Speakers at the Reunion

**O**ur Speaker at the President's Reception was Col Mark Col. Mark D. Raschke who spoke about The Citadel which is located in Charleston, South Carolina. We must thank Bob Poydasheff for contacting Col. Raschke on our behalf and inviting him to speak at our event.



Col. Mark D. Raschke

The Colonel began his career as an Army officer upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds several graduate degrees and held several commands during the Cold War. He also served twice in Bosnia-Herzegovnia in support of Operation Joint Guard and Operation Joint Forge. He held a command position with the 10th Cavalry during Operation Iraq Freedom. At the Pentagon, he was Executive Officer for the Army Deputy G3-5-7, and Assistant Executive Officer for the Assistant Chief of Installation Management and Commanding General—Installation Management Command. Next, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He accepted his current assignment as professor of military science at The Citadel in June 2014. Colonel holds many awards, honors, and commendations for his performance during his proud military career of 25 years. Colonel's speech was quite informative. He spoke about the history of The Citadel and told of the 1944 "Class that never was." It was comprised of cadets who, in the summer of their junior year were called to serve in the military. Despite the objection of College President, Gen. Charles P. Summerall (they would be better officers if they could complete their educations), they did in fact serve. The Army called upon these men because there was a critical war need for junior officers. 6,000 men from The Citadel served in WWII; at least 209 were KIA or died of wounds. Thirteen died in the D-Day invasion or soon after in France. At least three were from the "class that never was." Graduates of The Citadel have served in every war since the Mexican War in 1846.

**A Featured Speaker at the President's**

**Reception was Dr. O. Maxie "Max" Burns,** a politician who claimed he was weaning himself away from politics. Dr. "Max" Burns holds degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University. He was a professor of Information Systems at Georgia Southern University's College of Business Administration and taught Corporate Information in Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, and Korea.



Dr. O. Maxie "Max" Burns

He also served as a consultant to Gulfstream Aerospace and Grinnell Corporation and developed the Southern Suppliers' Network to connect Southeast Georgia's small business suppliers to major manufacturers. He worked in information management positions for various companies and was a Screven County commissioner. He also served in Congress (2003-2005). Currently, he is president of Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia. We thank Dr. Burns for his appearance at our event.

**Our featured speaker at the Awards Banquet** was Deputy Commanding General—Maneuver, **Brigadier General James R. Blackburn Jr.** 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Blackburn, a native of Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and as a distinguished military graduate. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Armor



BG James R. Blackburn, III

through the school's R.O.T.C. Program.

BG Blackburn holds Master degrees in National Security (U.S. Naval War College) and Strategic Studies (U.S. Army War College). His field assignments have been varied and his command experience is at all levels. B.G. Blackburn served during the fall of the Soviet Socialist Republic, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, in Kosovo with the 3rd Infantry Division, with the 11th Cavalry during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and commanded the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

General's other assignments included the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Mons, Belgium; National Training Center, Fort Ord, California; U.S. Forces Command, Fort Bragg, and as the Joint Operations Division Chief, the Joint Staff in Washington D.C. His most recent assignment was as Deputy commanding General for Operations, International Security Assistance Joint command in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

B.G. Blackburn has earned many service awards and campaign ribbons too numerous to mention here from his service to America and to all Americans.

General is authorized to wear the combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge, and he can now wear the Patch of the 3rd Infantry Division. With the Patch comes awesome responsibility.

General's speech in praise of the 3rd Infantry Division was very informative and quite well received.

## Report: Constitution and By-laws Ballots

*By Lynn Ball*

I served as Constitution and By-laws Chair for 2014-2015. There were 18 proposals for change to the C&BL, submitted by members and published in the April Watch on the Rhine. Each proposal and the reason for the proposed change was published, with a mail-in ballot for members to use to vote to approve or disapprove each proposal. A 67% approval was required for passage. All proposals for change to the Constitution and By-laws were adopted with an 89% or higher approval rating. The changes to the C&BL were incorporated into the document and the new C&BL was published on the Society website. "The President's Manual and Standard Operating Procedures" will be updated within the required 60 days.



# Pajama Sam, One of Our Dogfaces

Submitted by Jerry Kraft

This story is sad. In a way, it is almost as old as the Third Infantry Division, a hundred years. It spans three generations of Dogfaces, and a 3rd I.D. Bull Dog bottle opener.

I am not sure from which direction to tell it so I will just jump in. In 1955, after serving with the 3rd I.D. in the Korean War, I was attending law school under the G.I. Bill and clerking for the law firm, Marvin J. Hamburger III, in downtown Brooklyn, N. Y. I helped an older attorney, Louis Weiss. Louis told me that he had served in the Third I.D. in World War I.

In 1956, Louis Weiss died, and I got the job of cleaning up and organizing his office which was a mess: files against walls and under desks. It took me a week, and then I got down to the trivial possessions, old corn cob pipes, staple pullers, and so forth. There among the trivia was the bottle cap opener, the 3rd I.D. Bulldog in rusted cast iron. It must have been acquired during Lou's World War I service. I reasoned that as his successor, I deserved it; so I snatched it. I must have forgotten about it because for the next 60 years, it was buried among my trivial possession in an old coffee can.

In recent years, I have become a regular neighborhood poker player. One day a tall, slight, pale young man started to play in the game. He did not talk much; his eyes were elsewhere. Since eyes are the windows to the soul, it seemed to be left elsewhere. One day on a smoke break, he noted my hat, and said that he had recently been with the Third I.D., in Iraq where he served as a forward observer. Upon my questioning, he offered that he was from Georgia, he played the guitar, and wrote songs. He got some money upon separation, and was getting some disability. He was stopping in Austin to check out the music scene, and would soon move on. I liked and had empathy with the kid, gave him my phone number, and offered to help if he needed a start or some other help in Austin.

Then, hoping to establish a further link with him, I remembered the rusty old Bulldog bottle opener. I told him the background and that I felt it would be

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appropriate to give him, Todd, the 3rd I.D. Bulldog, to form a continuum from WWI through Korea, and now through Iraq, the life of the 3rd I.D. He graciously accepted. When I brought the Bulldog on the next poker day game; Todd was not there. I left the Bulldog with the guy who ran the game to give to him. I never saw Todd again. Weeks later, Nate who ran the game assured me that he had given the Bulldog to Todd. I learned that he had moved on to Las Vegas.

Recently because of illness and the lack of money, I have not been playing much.

However, I did play about a week ago. There was talk that some guy who was playing there, and was given the poker moniker of "Pajama Sam" had in the past days stepped in front of a moving train, and killed himself.

The people were quite casual about the gossip. Apparently, Pajama Sam, in recent months, had taken to come to play in his pajamas with a GI shirt on top. Thus, "Pajama Sam." It happened somewhere else: maybe Las Vegas or Atlanta. They said that I knew him. The Bulldog was mentioned. Oh my God! Todd! Strangely, my first thought was, "Was the Bulldog with him?"

All that I could find out was that they believed that his name was Todd Adam, and I believe that he served sometime between 2006 and 2012. We cannot let one of our own die unnoticed, and maybe alone and not remembered. Can we find him, and give a proper recognition for his short life and service to the United States of America? (I am too upset to edit this.) [See "Looking For"]

## 2015 Society Awards

Awards Chairman Joe Herron did an excellent job of presenting the following awards at the Society Awards Banquet. This was Joe's first year in this important committee position and he achieved great success. His plaques were beautiful and everyone was very pleased with his performance. Thank you, Joe, for a job well done.

**"The Soldier of the Year"** award went to **SPC Michael J. Scalmanini**, A Co, 6-8 CAV, 4IBCT, for distinguished Military Service and personal achievement, continuing in the long tradition of the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as a cash award from the Society.

**"The NCO of the Year"** award was presented to **SGT. Zachary F. Cline**, HHT, 6-8 CAV, 4IBCT, for distinguished Military Service and personal achievement continuing in the long tradition of the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as a cash award from the Society.

**Society Service Award** was presented to **John Weis** in recognition of his loyalty and dedication to The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division while completing the duties of National Secretary-Treasurer in an exemplary manner.

**The Audie Murphy Achievement Award** was presented to **LTC (Ret.) Timothy R. Stoy** in recognition of his service as Society Historian and for his efforts to arrange the installation of plaques in Europe honoring our 3rd Infantry Division and others.

**The President's Special Award** was presented to **Pennie Burke** in recognition of her loyal, faithful, and dedicated Service to the Society of The Third Infantry Division and to all its Members.

**Customized Walking Canes:** Also on hand to present three of his beautiful customized canes was Henry Burke. The recipients of these wonderful canes are CPL James J. Schofield, 1st Sgt. Jerry Cunningham, and Major Mike Horn; however, none were on hand to accept their canes. Henry will ship the canes to those who cannot visit Henry to receive their proud gifts.

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The Korean Hospital cared for almost 300,000 patients. At its peak, the hospital had a staff of eleven doctors – six from Korea and five from Afghanistan – with 200 to 300 patients coming through its doors daily. In addition to the hospital, the vocational training center graduated over 900 students in disciplines that included automotive work, construction, welding & plumbing, electrical, and computer application. Our Korean partners have made an immeasurable impact on the local Afghan community through these institutions; their commitment and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

A series of battlefield circulation trips throughout Afghanistan over the past two months have proven beneficial. Visits to camps like Dahlke, Herat, Tactical Base Gamberi, and the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing provided valuable insights from leadership on the ground. With these visits came briefings on current operations, future planning initiatives and current challenges to successful mission accomplishment. In May, I met with the Parwan Provincial Governor Abdul Salangi, recently replaced by Mohammad Asim, and other local officials to discuss the fighting season, current operations in the province and to assess the Afghan Security force's performance. We continue to engage with the local leadership on a regular basis in an effort to gain consensus, address issues, and achieve mutual objectives.

Our Soldiers here are always thinking about and missing their loved ones; although they couldn't be there in person, a total of nine Soldiers and DoD Civilians celebrated the graduations of their children from college and high school this spring. They were able to view the graduations at home in the U.S., during live streaming sessions from the USFOR-A headquarters. A small victory for some deployed parents.

Graduations were not the only events celebrated by our Dog Face Soldiers; these men and women celebrated Asian and Pacific Heritage month, honoring Soldiers of all generations who have served in the defense of the nation. Highlighted was 1SG Siao Si Motu'apuaka, and his uncommon military journey through the ranks. In addition, several hundred USFOR-A

Soldiers celebrated the Army's birthday on June 14 with a 10K run and cake cutting ceremony.

Memorial Day was celebrated with a ceremony in the Resolute Support Facility's Marne Garden. The event featured a wreath laying ceremony with representatives from the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force. There was a moment of silence for the fallen USFOR-A Soldiers SFC Class Ramon Morris, SPC Wyatt Martin and CPL John Dawson, each of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan over the past six months. The ceremony concluded with 22 service members coming to the microphone to memorialize the names of fallen service members of their choosing.

Earlier that morning, six Soldiers participated in the "Murph challenge" named for LT Michael P. Murphy, the first service member to receive the Medal of Honor for service in Afghanistan. The challenge consists of a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 air squats, and another 1-mile run. All six participants, to include four Dog face Soldiers, finished the challenge in under one hour.

BG Christopher Bentley and the Train Advise Assist Command – East (TAAC-E) hosted a shura with Afghan police leaders at Bagram Airfield May 5. The police leaders included Brigadier General Abdul Karim Faiq, Kapisa Provincial Chief of Police, Brigadier General Abdul Aziz Ghairat, Panjshayr Provincial Chief of Police, and Brigadier General Paiman, the Parwan Regional Training Center Commander. During the meeting, a variety of issues were discussed including gender affairs initiatives, equipment requirements, regional security, logistics and resupply operations, and contracting. Meetings like this reaffirm partnership and generate the discussions necessary for Afghan security forces to improve their capabilities and capacity to provide security for the Afghan people.

In addition, the 201st Afghan National Corps hosted a ceremony marking the opening of the Gamberi Regional Medical Hospital at Tactical Base Gamberi on May 11. Leaders and advisers from TAAC-E attended the event, as well as senior leaders from the Afghan National Defense and

Security Forces, the hospital staff, and a number of Afghan media outlets. The hospital is capable of providing ANDSF with "Role 3" specialty care surgery and medical care in eastern Afghanistan. The facility includes an emergency room, helicopter landing zone, two operating rooms, two intensive care units, a laboratory, pharmacy, dental facilities, optometrist care, outpatient clinic, and an OB/GYN. Construction of the hospital began in 2013 through the combined efforts of NATO and the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan. In 2014, ANDSF began to occupy the building and oversee the development of the hospital, while TAAC-E advisers provided the advice and assistance necessary to prepare the hospital for opening. The successful opening is a notable achievement for the ANDSF in eastern Afghanistan, and is indicative of the strong partnership and commitment between the 201st Afghani National Corps and TAAC-E.

TAAC-E Soldiers were allowed a day of enjoyment as the USO at Operational Base Fenty organized a carnival to ease the stress of deployment with games, fun, and free food. The TAAC-E Soldiers also hosted the CPL John 'Doc' Dawson Challenge at Tactical Base Gamberi on June 7. Each athlete rose to the challenge by performing the following events sequentially: 22 pull ups, then 22 reps of bench press, 22 squats, 22 dead lifts, and 22 power cleans. The athletes performed all events by lifting their body weight, except for the power clean that registered at 60 percent of the athlete's body weight. The event had a great turnout of participants and supporters and provided the Soldiers with a day of physical fitness and comradery.

In news from our Fort Stewart units, Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, as well as 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, completed the bi-annual exercise, Combined Resolve IV, at the Joint Multinational Training Command in Hohenfels, Germany, at the end of June. Combined Resolve is designed to train the 13 participating nations to function as a multinational and integrated command. This mission trains our Dog Face Soldiers to be more



flexible, patient, and how to work alongside our Allied partners.

Meanwhile, Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment are making history as the first U.S. tanks to fire at Bulgaria's Novo Selo Training Area during a live fire demonstration. Their sister unit of 2-7 Infantry is taking part in Exercise Saber Strike 2015, working with militaries from 13 nations at the Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area in Poland. These Dog Face Soldiers will exhibit the Army's ability to move combat power quickly across continents as well as reaffirming our dedication to our NATO partners. Working to overcome communication difficulties due to language barriers, our Soldiers have demonstrated the cooperation between military groups that has become a cornerstone of our U.S. Army.

On May 18th, the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Vanguard Brigade, was officially re-designated as the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and, with the new designation, became the Spartan Brigade. The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's 11-year history in the Marne Division was crucial to the Division's success in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As its colors cased, it

is important to remember that the inactivation of a unit does not imply the end of a unit, but a temporary break in its service.

The 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Sledgehammer Brigade, said a fond farewell to COL Charlie Costanza as he changed command at the end of May. COL Costanza and his family were a wonderful addition to the Marne Division and will be missed among the Sledgehammer Brigade. With this transition, we welcomed COL Michael Simmering and his family into the Division. The Brigade also added to their ranks the 11th Engineer Battalion as they rejoined the Brigade after a brief period of independence. This change comes as part of the Army's conversion of Brigade Special Troops Battalions to Brigade Engineer Battalions. The 11th Engineer Battalion was inactivated at Fort Stewart in 2004 after eight years with the Marne Division and later reactivated at Fort Benning in 2007. The Battalion's storied history includes participating in the invasion into Iraq in 2003, during which SFC Paul R. Smith received the Medal of Honor for his actions in a battle near the Baghdad International Airport. I am honored to welcome the Jungle Cat

Battalion back into the Marne Division.

The month of May brought many festivities to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Air Field installation, as we celebrated 75 years of dedicated service in our local area. The selfless service of our Soldiers and Family Members has fostered an environment of cooperation and friendship with our local communities. We also broke ground on a solar panel project at Fort Stewart; the dedicated 200 acre area will encompass over 130,000 solar panels, one of the largest renewable energy projects in the state of Georgia. It is through this project that we in the Marne Division strive to meet the President's challenge of providing over one gigawatt of renewable energy throughout Army installations by 2025.

The end of June brought the return home of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade from their mission in Kuwait, and their re-designation as the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade. With this transition, the Brigade becomes more aligned with the Division mission and provides logistical support and mission command for combat support and combat service support units.

One of our most proud moments this summer was to host the Welcome Home Ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans, at the 50th Anniversary event at Fort Stewart. Celebrating over a hundred Veterans on Cottrell Field, BG Blackburn and the Dog Face Soldiers at Fort Stewart gave these former Soldiers the Welcome Home they deserved 50 years ago. It was an honor for our Division to be a part of such a monumental occasion.

With more than 2,000 Dog Face Soldiers still deployed, I ask you not overlook the sacrifices that our Soldiers have made, and continue to make, in defense of our freedom. Take time this summer to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and the cost it took to gain and maintain them. Remember all of the Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the sacrifices their Gold Star Families continue to make today.

As always, I am proud to say that I am a Dog Face Soldier!

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

John "Mike" Murray  
Major General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding

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**If you wore the Marne Patch or if you are a family member or friend of a Marne Soldier, you are invited to join the Society!**

**There is a membership application on p. 30. Join today!**

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# Operation Sagebrush: Nov-Dec, 1955

Submitted by John Harrell

Fighting to start in LA War Games: The world was watching and the participating troops were poised to swing into action in the long-awaited battle phase of Exercise Sagebrush. Only hours before the big push, units were still digging in with their guard up for any surprise attack by Aggressors. Heavy tanks, bazookas, recoilless pieces, AAA weapons, and field artillery sprouted in profusion among the pines at Ft. Polk. Bombers and fighters were checked out in preparation for the air war. Both sides would feel the brunt of simulated atomic warfare. The disposition of troops and equipment was studied and revised by the opposing sides. The “shooting” war of the maneuver was on.

Continuing: 140,000 Troops Lined up: “Aggressor Forces had secured a foothold in the U. S. Gulf coast Area.”

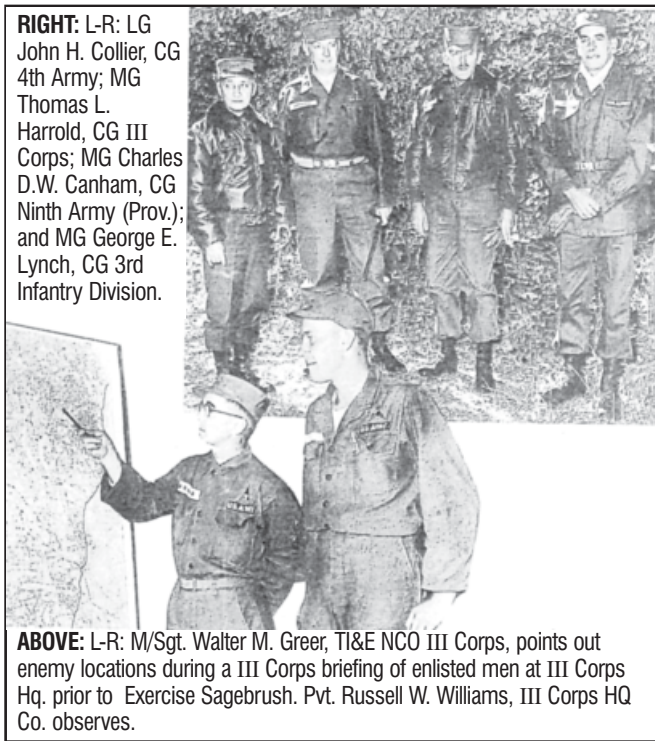
Exercise Sagebrush was an operation designed to train Army and Air Force units and personnel in the deployment of special weapons against an enemy with numerically superior ground and air units. From all over the United States, 140,000 troops converged on the 7-million acre area in Louisiana to participate in the largest atomic-age maneuver ever staged.

Ninth and 18th Air Force Units from as far away as California, Utah, Washington, Virginia, and South Carolina; famed fighting divisions like the 82nd Airborne, 3rd Infantry Division, and 1st and 4th Armored, as well as the 61st Infantry Regiment and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and supporting units of the Transportation Corps, Signal Corps,

Quartermaster Corps, Medical Corps, Engineers, MPs, Ordnance units, Chemical Warfare units, AAA—and Field Artillery outfits—all had their part to play in the gigantic war games.

Special interest was centered on the Army’s new 280 mm atomic cannon; the Honest John rocket, the Corporal Guided Missile, and the Air Force’s Matador Guided Missile. Attention was also focused on the latest techniques of chemical, biological, and radiological warfare; on the Air Force’s new F-100; on the use of Army and Air Force helicopters for troop carrying operations, and for troop re-supply.

No detail of combat requirements was overlooked—Prisoner of War Processing, Military Government of occupied areas, use of pigeons for communications, loud speaker detachments for spreading of propaganda messages—each had its place. *[We have no information to provide concerning the outcome of this important exercise. There is a nice documentary of the exercise on the Internet: Google “Operation Sagebrush.” It is longish, but worth viewing.]*



**RIGHT:** L-R: LG John H. Collier, CG 4th Army; MG Thomas L. Harrold, CG III Corps; MG Charles D.W. Canham, CG Ninth Army (Prov.); and MG George E. Lynch, CG 3rd Infantry Division.

**ABOVE:** L-R: M/Sgt. Walter M. Greer, TI&E NCO III Corps, points out enemy locations during a III Corps briefing of enlisted men at III Corps Hq. prior to Exercise Sagebrush. Pvt. Russell W. Williams, III Corps HQ Co. observes.

# The Best Sermons

While the best sermons are lived, not preached, if I were a minister, rabbi or priest, I would certainly use any of the following as an outline for my next sermon. The following are real life stories and certainly give one pause to think about life and its many-layered intricacies. Each starts with “Today” to place the reader into the situation.

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I’m working on for my psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, “Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.”

Today, I asked my mentor—a very successful businessman in his 70s—what his top three tips are for success. He smiled and said, “Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing.”

Today, after a 72-hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn’t recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, “On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center.”

Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

Today at 7:00 AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went to work. At 3:00 PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother’s hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, “I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often.”

Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About five seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

Today, in the cutest voice, my eight-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, “Why?” She replied,

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# News From The Outposts

## 2 John S. Cole

Tampa, FL

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at a restaurant [to be determined] in Bushnell, Florida, to include a visit to *Florida National Cemetery* to view our memorial there. Lunch for members and their guests will be paid by the Outpost. More details will be available in the October issue of *The Watch on the Rhine*.

Keep in touch; your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Rock of the Marne!

*Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer*

## 4 Fort George Wright

Spokane, WA

Outpost #4 will meet at 1:30 PM (not AM) at the Washington State Veterans' Home, 222 E. 5th Avenue, Spokane, Washington. The last "Upcoming Events Calendar" had the wrong time designation. Dale MC Graw and Lynn Ball are both trying to take the blame for this error. Please come to the meeting after noon, not after midnight.

## 7 Washington, DC

Washington, DC

Outpost 7 again held its traditional meeting and wreath-laying ceremony on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). Led by our Outpost President, Pat Williamson, our small group first met at our Division Monument in front of the Cemetery Amphitheater where we placed a blue and white wreath in the shape of our division shoulder patch. Following the meeting at the Division Monument we moved to the *Tomb of the Unknowns* where, the *Tomb* Sergeant of the Guard announced to the hundreds of tourists who were present that the traditional wreath-laying ceremony was in honor of the Veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division. We then marched down the steps leading to the *Tomb* and placed our wreath at the *Tomb*. "TAPS" was then played by a bugler from the Army Band.

A few days later, on May 29, a small group of us again met at the Old Post Chapel on Ft Myer to attend the funeral of an old comrade, George X. Ferguson. George was one of our most decorated Marnemen from WW II, with four Purple Hearts while serving as a Captain with the 2nd Battalion of the 15th Infantry. After the chapel service, he was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). (His last battle wound earned him a silver plate in his head.) A true hero whose advice when I was a green 2nd Lt kept me alive.

Our next meeting will again be in ANC on November 11, 2015, Veterans Day, at 3:30 p.m., at the Division Monument in

ANC. All Marnemen are invited and encouraged to attend our wreath-laying ceremonies. We have had to "pull rank" to continue to get on the ANC schedule for a ceremony at the *Tomb of the Unknowns* and we do need a good "show of force" when we march down the steps. So save the date, November 11 at 3:30 p.m. See you there.

*—Submitted by John L. Insani*

## 13 Charles D. King

Michigan

Outpost 13 held its spring meeting on May 16th at Baker's of Milford. Thirty-one people were in attendance. President Richard Faulkner began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the signing of "Dog-face Soldier."

Dick then showed a handsome cane hand-carved for him by the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. With pictures and insignia, it illustrates his personal service in the Army. A veteran may apply to have a cane carved for him or her if the individual meets the following requirements. 1) Be a Michigan veteran. 2) Have served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam or have been awarded a Purple Heart in the War on Terrorism. More information can be obtained at the Wood Carvers web site: [www.miwoodcarvers.com](http://www.miwoodcarvers.com).



Outpost 13 members gather at Baker's of Milford for their May meeting.

The president then introduced our guest speaker, Lt. Commander (ret.) Henry Storm, who is an advocate for all military veterans. He served 33 years in the US Navy. He urged all veterans to apply for benefits at a VA Hospital. Besides medical benefits, the card will often get you discounts at stores. At a minimum it gives you another form of picture ID. The speaker was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

A change to the outpost constitution was approved to shift the responsibility of writing *Watch* articles from the secretary/treasurer to the vice president. This conforms to current practice.

Treasurer Amy McKenna reported a balance of \$940 in the

treasury. Both of our memorials in Michigan veteran cemeteries are now paid in full.

Vice President Gordon Draper then did a slide show about the 95th Annual Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division at Columbus, Georgia. "Taps" closed the formal gathering. A group photo was then taken. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at noon, again at Baker's. This restaurant is located three miles north of Exit 155 of Hwy I-96 on Milford Rd.

*Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President*

## 15 Arizona

Phoenix, AZ

Exciting news: We just got a notification letter (dated 5/25/15) that Outpost 15 earned Third Place honors for our VSO (Veteran Service Organization) Group Vehicle entry in the Veterans' Day Parade 2014. Attached please find the pictures of the ribbon and certificate from the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade chairperson, Paula Pedene.

*—Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Curtis Gentry*



**ABOVE:** Third Place Award certificate for Vehicle participating in the 2014 Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade.

**RIGHT:** 3rd Place Ribbon awarded to Outpost #15 for its entry in the 2014 Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade.

## 22 Albert Miceli

Southern California

By now you have noticed in the June issue of the *Watch* that Martin Markley, Outpost 22, passed away April 14, 2015. His wife, Margaret, passed away in February. These two wonderful people were members of the Society for many years, and Martin

was Society president in 1998-1999 and outpost secretary-treasurer for many years.

He served in the Korean War as a Captain and was seriously wounded. He was highly thought of by the men under him. To learn more, google "Martin Markley," and click on "Korean War Educator Memories of Martin Markley." It gives a wonderful in depth story of part of his life.

*—Submitted by Bruce Monkman*

OP #22 salutes all of the newly elected Society Officers, with special congratulations to Louis Bravos and Jim Strawn for their Western Region leadership.

The last two months were packed with family fun, service to hospitalized veterans, and a very successful mini-meeting at the Los Angeles Lotus Blossom Festival. Members report that they served as Long Beach VAMC chapel escorts, and provided a bingo party, with refreshments and prizes for hospitalized veterans at the LBVAMC Nursing Home Care Unit. They planned the July 2nd BBQ for VA outpatients, and attended the 4th of July "Surf City" Parade, in Huntington Beach, California. Louis Bravos proudly wears his 3rd I. D. Riders patch, when he rides his motorcycle. And, OP #22 families enjoyed touring the Richard Nixon Birthplace and Presidential Museum, in Yorba Linda, CA.

*—Submitted by Ron Greenwood*

[Ron Greenwood sent a long list of upcoming events in which Outpost #22 members may like to participate. Contact Ron for information on the events taking place in August (Huntington Beach), September (Octoberfest), October (lunch with Bruce Monkman and Ed Loh), and December (Knott's Berry Farm. And also in December, Banning Mansion tour and Civil War Drum Barracks). See Roster for contact information.]

## 35 Audie L. Murphy

Outpost #35 held its summer luncheon meeting, hosted by Justin Valle, at Golden Corral in The Colony, Texas, on July 18, 2015. A report will be in the October *Watch on the Rhine*. Since our last meeting in The Colony, we have lost some dear members: Lula Coble, Dick Sack, and Bill Harper (601st Tank Destroyer Battalion) all faithful attendees at our meetings. They are greatly missed.

Our fall meeting will be on October 24th, hosted by Jude and Paul Grabert, at Babin's Seafood House in The Woodlands, Texas. A newsletter and meeting invitation, with a map, will be sent to all members one month before the meeting.

*—Submitted by Joe Ball, President*

## 54 Golden Gate

San Francisco, CA

Golden Gate Outpost 54 will hold its Veterans Day meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7 starting at noon at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2145 San Ramon Blvd, San Ramon, Ca (925-837-2501]. We have been meeting at the Brass Door for many years back to the time when 120-125 members would attend meetings quarterly each year. Self-introductions are always an enjoyable part of the



meeting. They treat us wonderfully well with fine meals and a very reasonable price. My hope for the program is a talk by a commanding Camp Parks officer telling us the latest about the Army and how our army will look and function in the future after the draw down in personnel. We have been having good turn outs of members and guests, and such turn outs make the meetings very interesting and enjoyable. We hope many of you can join us on Nov. 7.

—John Shirley, OP 54 President

## 5845 International

The Outpost participated in commemorative ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II on 5 May on the Obersalzberg (see separate article in this issue of the *Watch*) and 8 May in the village of Ried outside of Augsburg, which dedicated a plaque honoring 3ID. Mr. Robert Dutil and Mr. John Miller, II, both veterans of the 7th Infantry Regiment. Mrs. Hae Sook Choi, life associate member, traveled with us for these activities in both Germany and France. On 9 May, three French villages dedicated commemorative plaques honoring their liberation in August 1944, by the 3rd Infantry Division.

The group visited the 2nd French Foreign Legion Engineer Regiment on 11 May in St Christol. The staff provided an overview briefing of the Regiment's organization and activities, a tour of the headquarters and unit museum, and the Explosive Ordnance Demolition training facility. Outpost member Xavier Marquot hosted us at his home for dinner in Orange, and outpost

member Nico Courtine served as a guide for the group for several days. Mayor Sabater presented OP President Monika Stoy with a facsimile of the town's commemorative tablet dedicated in August 2014.

On 28 May the outpost and the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC conducted a commemorative ceremony in *Arlington National Cemetery* in honor of the 70th anniversary of the final liberation of Austria and the city of Salzburg. Mayor Dr. Heinz Schaden from Salzburg traveled to Washington to participate in this great ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a reception and historical seminar at the Embassy. Former Society President David Mills assisted in the ceremony at Arlington, and we were honored to have former Division Commander LTG Robert B. Abrams and Mrs. Abrams join us representing the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

We traveled to Korea for the third annual revisit sponsored by Hongbeopsa Buddhist Temple. Mrs. Hae Sook Choi, Monika's mother, also joined the group. Abbot Shim San Su Nim was a gracious host. Due to the ongoing Middle East Respiratory Syndrome outbreak in Korea most official events were cancelled. We were greeted at the airport by members of the congregation in authentic Korean attire and were received warmly by the congregation at the temple the following evening.

On 8 June ROK Army COL Kieob Shin and the 3rd Armored Brigade hosted us and a group of 20 ROK Army Korean War veterans at his base in Hongchun in commemoration of Memorial Day.

—Submitted by Monika Stoy



The 3rd ROK Armored Brigade.

## Liberations of Berchtesgaden and the Obersalzberg **70th Anniversary Ceremony**

Over 100 participants and guests gathered at the 3rd Infantry Division commemorative plaque behind the Kempinski Hotel Berchtesgaden on the Obersalzberg to participate in Outpost International's ceremony to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Division's flag raising ceremony over Hitler's summer retreat and the second seat of the Nazi government. Two veterans who were present at the 5 May 1945 flag raising ceremony were present and participated – Mr. Robert A. Dutil of Williams, California, and Mr. John J. Miller, III of Linwood, Michigan.

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**...once again 50 flags of the United States, were displayed behind the Division commemorative tablet.**

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For the first time in the 8-year history of the commemoration, the Bundeswehr provided a full honor platoon to escort the 232nd Mountain Infantry Battalion unit color. 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, provided an eight-soldier detachment for the ceremony, while United States European Command provided a three-man Color Guard. The ceremony was very impressive as once again 50 flags of the United States, were displayed behind the Division commemorative tablet.

The ceremony began with the posting of Colors. CSM Reimers and Master Sergeant Senoner from 232nd Mountain Infantry Battalion conducted a bi-lingual POW-MIA ceremony. Master of Ceremonies Tim Stoy next read a letter from Bavarian Minister President Seehofer lauding the Division's WWII service, the liberation of the Obersalzberg, and the strong US-German partnership in the years since which preserved the peace in Europe. U.S. Consul General Moeller addressed the continued importance of the Atlantic Alliance and the German-American relationship. LTC Borg stressed the importance of what happened on the Obersalzberg 70 years ago and how Germany was truly liberated.



Monika presents certificate of appreciation to LTC Dayton, former 3rd I.D. Division Artillery Commander.

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## **Adventures on White Horse Mountain**

*By Joe Mc Roberts*

Platoon leader Hoheimer had just arrived and was assigned to lead a prisoner patrol; he was constantly in touch with the 15th Infantry's Liaison Officer, LNO, by field phone ensconced back on the front line ready to give him instant artillery, mortar and 90 mm tank support when he came under expected intense enemy fire as he carried out his first Korean combat mission. Also new-to-Korea, a brand new battalion commander was there to listen in and pick up on anything this real time Korean combat action might provide in bringing him up to speed fast. His battalion faced hordes of enemy soldiers that were recently involved in constant, ferocious close combat for weeks in his sector—White Horse Mountain, where he had just been assigned. Our intelligence believed he would soon have every reason to come to utilize any new knowledge he might glean from any source.

Hoheimer, luckily, had no problems hot-footing it across the rapidly darkening terrain—no enemy artillery, mortars, mines, snipers, ambushes. Even in spite of having his objective changed at the last minute making it far more dangerous, he decided to head straight to his task. He went up into the enemy trenches immediately on arrival. A quick sweep with no contact. Very unusual, certainly unexpected. In a few minutes, he and his men were reporting by field phone on the puzzling experience from the bottom of the hill where in a normal raid the section would now be subject to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire and plenty of it—but nothing! Next move? Head back?

No, the Lieutenant said he was missing one man. Division rules in this circumstance? Find him, quick, before the Chinks woke up. Something goofy here. Again the Lieutenant took his men back up into enemy trenches and shortly was at the bottom of the hill again. The Colonel and LNO were non-plussed—very, very odd. Colonel: The next move? Get the hell out of there and fast before mortars start coming in... .Weird! Weird! The missing man, a Korean attached to Baker Company had apparently decided not to accompany the detail, apparently to save his skin, opted out of the mission and thought he would rejoin it as they came back. Bad call. He was returned to his Korean unit the same day under guard. A hoped for escape from being a possible KIA or WIA statistic into the worst possible ending—for him. Company Commander Kelly and the LNO assumed after Kelly's order to return the man to his Korean unit labeled a coward his longevity had just dropped to zero.

Why no Chinese mortars or small arms fire? We'll never know. The missing man? We'll never know.

When Hoheimer got almost back to the MLR, the Greeks, who were on our right opened up on them. Hoheimer's people of course thought they were getting ambushed and fired back. I had a communication line open to the Greeks as well as to



Hoheimer so I was able to get both sides to cease fire. In the meantime we found our Korean. That's not all folks. A little later I got a terse call from the Greeks again: "Lieutenant, your right flank just disappeared!" What in the hell! I had no idea what he was talking about. "It's the 65th! Some Chinks got behind them firing burp guns." Next thing, they were heading back to the MLR. I left for home not too long after that knowing or being told that Maj. John Eisenhower had the whole mess dumped on him.

## A Voice from the Past

Submitted by Henry Burke

[The last surviving American Veteran of WWI was Frank Buckles who died in 2011 at the age of 110. Since the WWI Veterans are largely silenced, we were very pleased to receive a news article sent by Henry Burke about the comments of a WWI veteran, Charles Foster, of Swepsonville, North Carolina. Foster was interviewed by staff writer Marc Barns for the Times News on November 11, 1983. Foster was then 90 years of age. His comments follow under the title "He Remembers the Armistice."]



WWI Veteran Charles Foster, at age 90 in 1983.

Charles Foster thought back to 1918: a group of German delegates met in a railway car in a cold rain in the Compiègne Forest to sign the armistice ending the war that was supposed to end all wars. Foster remembered what it was like to be young and scared. He was an infantryman in WWI. When word came early on the morning of November 11, 1918, that the war was over, Foster recalled what he and his buddies felt: "We were on the way to Metz, Germany...A boy came down the road on a motorcycle with a cloth on his back that read 'The War is over—the jug of peace is flowing over the land.' It felt pretty good. A lot of the fellas in the company had wives and children back home. They all cut up a little and cried. In a few days, they were all drunk."

After WWI ended, Foster, who was born and reared in Swepsonville, remained in Germany until the following May as a member of the Army of Occupation. Foster said most of his time was spent drilling and standing guard.

"I came back to Petersburg, Virginia, when I was discharged, he said. "They had a parade in Burlington, North Carolina, when I came home. That's the last time they had anything like that."

Foster started working in the Virginia Mill in Swepsonville at age 15 and continued at the mill until it closed in March 1970.

Foster added, "It was just 13 weeks from the time I left my job at the mill until I was up on the front." We relieved the First Marines in lots of towns, and we would get as close to the enemy as the [front of this store]"

Foster worked his way through England, France, and Luxembourg before serving on the Rhine River in Germany. He was never injured.

"A lot of the soldiers were asked what they were fighting for and I would always tell them that I was fighting for my best girl," he said with a smile. "I've been married for 63 years. That's a long time for a good woman to put up with a mean man."

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day to remind Americans of those who gave their lives in WWI. The day became a federal holiday in 1938, and in 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Veterans.

### Society of the Third Infantry Division

#### 2015/2016 Budget

	Budget 2014/2015	Est. Actuals 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Annual Dues	\$23,000	\$24,000	\$24,690
Watch Advertising	1,000	460	450
New Life Dues	3,000	800	900
Raffle Tickets	15,000	11,000	12,000
Interest	150	273	545
Roster Income	8,000	3,550	300
General Fund	1,500	1,175	1,120
(Includes Bumper Stickers)			
Memorial Fund	1,500	650	600
(Arlington Natl. Cemetery)			
Scholarship Foundation	1,100	1,350	1,100
(Includes Decals)			
Monument Donations *	500	287	300
Misc.	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,750</b>	<b>\$43,545</b>	<b>\$42,005</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Watch Printing & Postage	\$22,000	\$20,526	\$21,500
Headquarters Expense	1,000	500	1,000
Raffle	4,000	2,100	2,200
Annual Dues Cards	1,200	1,200	1,300
Plastic Membership Cards	1,000	1,000	0
Roster	6,700	5,600	0
Editor Expense	400	200	400
Membership & AD's	1,000	300	500
Public Relations	150	0	150
Awards	900	900	750
Historian	300	0	0
Memorial Fund	400	700	700
(Arlington Natl. Cemetery)			
Nominations & Elections	0	0	0
Website	550	1,300	1,300
Dues & Donations to Outposts	6,440	5,125	5,000
Roster Management	900	300	300
Expense Allowance (Reunion)	3,500	2,500	2,500
Scholarship Foundation	1,000	1,300	1,100
Monument Expense *	0	0	0
Keep In Touch Cards	0	0	460
Surety Bond	0	0	495
President's Discretionary Fund	1,000	400	500
Reunion Emergency Fund	0	3,600	1,000
Bank Fees	0	450	450
Misc.	0	600	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,440</b>	<b>\$48,601</b>	<b>\$42,205</b>
Net	\$2,310	\$(5,056)	\$(200)

\* Château-Thierry & Ft. Benning Monuments, Ft Stewart bench

# Audie Murphy Day

On Saturday, June 27, 2015, Farmersville Main Street held its 16th annual Audie Murphy Day celebration, to honor, thank, and remember those who have served our country with patriotism and dedication. For those who have given selflessly in support of our nation's defense and national security, we are eternally grateful. In Farmersville, this is certainly their day.

Events began with registration at the First Baptist Church between 7:30-9 a.m. As Retired U.S. Marine Richard Hall played reveille, each registered veteran was given a made-in-America Audie Murphy Day hat and a free breakfast, provided by the church. At 9 a.m., veterans began loading into vehicles to ride in the parade. The Parade began at 10 a.m. with a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force. The morning's program began at 10:45 a.m. at the Onion Shed, and included the recognition of all area veterans. Mayor Joe Helmberger delivered his proclamation naming June 27, 2015, "Audie Murphy Day" in Farmersville, Texas.

Each year, there are some surprises. This year, a special "Missing Man" table was set up to remember those who are declared "Missing in Action." Another first occurred when Nadine Murphy Lockey (Audie's sister), was indoctrinated into the Fort Hood Sergeant Audie Murphy Club as an honorary member, by SFC David Barnes, President of the Fort Hood Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, and SFC Christie Holloway. Still another surprise was the presentation of a handmade quilt to 96-year-old Silas Grider by Farmersville Quilt Guild President Traci Abbot and Hospitality Chairperson Pat Beele. Grider was born in 1919. Present at the events was MOH Recipient Robert O'Malley, who was the first Marine to receive the nation's highest award during the Vietnam War.

The speech this year was very different from the messages delivered in the past. SFC David Barnes, Fort Hood Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, spoke about always wanting to be a Soldier. Barnes thought that joining the military would make him feel like a hero, but it didn't. He described



Nadine Murphy Lockey is inducted into the Fort Hood Sergeant Audie Murphy Club as an honorary member.

soldiering games of his childhood and remarked that 10-year-olds don't realize that being a hero has costs. He said, "There are costs to a soldier's spirit and recognized the some 500,000 soldiers have been diagnosed with PTSD and speculated that a possible equal number are suffering with undiagnosed PTSD. He said there is also a cost to families due to separation from their loved ones. He credited Audie Murphy with knowledge of these costs and added that, after serving multiple combat tours and experiencing these costs, he still didn't feel like a hero. Then he thought that joining the elite in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and par-



Handmade quilt presented to 96-year-old Silas Grider, by the Farmersville Quilt Guild.

ticipating in acts of community service would make him feel like a hero. But it didn't. Finally he realized that "I am the most satisfied in life not when I am striving to do something great, but when I am in the company of people who have done great things. He lists those several groups of people who do heroic things. Police, firefighters, teachers, and veterans—people who do so much with little recognition. Sacrifice, honor, and loyalty come naturally to these people. He says, "Surround yourself with God, family, and heroes and you will quickly realize that from the start you were never meant to be a hero." Audie Murphy knew this and often gave credit to those with whom he served.

Following the recognition of all veterans present, the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard performed a 21-gun volley and played "Taps."

Veterans were then invited to a luncheon reception in their honor at the First Baptist Church, from noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch was provided by the church, Sugarhill 4H Club, Disabled American Veterans, Trail Life boys, American Heritage girls, and Boy Scout Troop 310. Following lunch, there was time to visit and view the collections of photographs and other military memorabilia displayed by the veterans. Several tours were available for those who wished to participate, including a reception with cake and punch in honor of the 150th birthday of the Bain-Honaker House. Photographic displays depicted the house before and after restoration. It was a wonderful day—as it is every year. Farmersville Main Street is already working on the 2016 celebration honoring Audie Murphy and all area Veterans.

—Compiled from information shared by News Editor Wyndi Veigel, *The Farmersville Times* and *The Princeton Herald*.





## Looking for...

**Jerry Kraft** is looking for anyone who knew Todd Adam. Todd served with the 3rd I.D. in Iraq sometime between 2006 and 2012, Jerry believes. Jerry wants to find more information about Todd from anyone who knew him. In Iraq, he served as a forward observer. See Jerry's article entitled "Pajama Sam" in this issue for more understanding of Jerry's relationship with Todd.

**John Harrell** would like to know if anyone remembers the Third Infantry Division "Provisional" housed at Ft. Benning (early- to mid-fifties)—after the Division returned from Korea. There, at Ft. Benning, John served as assistant communications officer in Division Artillery Headquarters from 1953 through 1956, on the staff of MG Robert Booth. The Division participated in the massive 1955 atomic-test, "Operation Sagebrush, in Louisiana, centered around Ft. Polk. If you remember this, or if you served during the '50s at Fort Benning, please let the editor or John Harrell know of your experiences at that time. John would like to hear from anyone from that era. See your Roster for John's contact information.

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# Letters to the Editor

**Bob Dalton** wrote: “Lynn, congratulations on the best edition I’ve read in the years. Especially the article “Miracle in Flight” and all the Korean stories. Chorwon Valley was where I spent quite a bit of time with my Dog Company buddies. Great editing.

**Marianne Stuart** called for another reason but said the June Watch was another excellent issue.

**Bob Barfield** wrote: Another interesting edition of the “Watch” Lynn. I really enjoyed reading about “Sgt. Stubby” and the “Miracle in Flight” article. You can imagine the punishment for those responsible for the “empty shells” if they had been caught, probably shot on the spot. Anyway keep up the great work, both of you.

**Harvey Ferguson** wrote: “Thank you very, very much for the especially nice review of my book in the June issue of *The Watch on the Rhine*. I am indeed pleased that you liked it, and I think your review was the reason for a small spike in sales recently. I forwarded a copy to the University of Oklahoma Press.”

**Member Complaint:** I received a complaint about a phrase in an article written by Allen Collins “10th and 39th Field Artillery Reunion,” in the June *Watch*. Allen mentions that the 10th Field Artillery was split to form the 39th and the 10th Field Artillery. The objection was that there was always a 39th, and that I should get my

facts straight. The member stated that he served with the 39th in Korea. Yes, there was a 39th FA in WWII and in Korea. After Korea, the members of the 39th were transferred to other units and the unit, devoid of members, existed on paper but was inactive. It was as Collins stated. The unit was reorganized and re-designated during Collin’s tour in Germany, during the Cold War. Following his complaint, he said he enjoyed the article.

**Freeman “Brad” Bradford** wrote: “Many thanks for putting together an excellent Reunion — and inviting us to participate.” (By using “us” he is referring to the Outpost Harry Survivors Association. The Association has joined the Society as Outpost Harry #53.)

**Bruce Monkman** sent a brief news article: Elite squads are testing a tiny stealth spy craft (drone) that fits in the palms of their hands: The Black Hornet Craft is already being used by British forces in Afghanistan. The 18-gram craft can fly 1km from the operator and stay aloft more than 25 minutes; it has three cameras and even thermal cameras to fly at night. US Soldiers could soon get these personal drones.

**John Shirley** wrote to encourage the use of a reunion planner. In fact, the Executive Committee and the Reunion Chair and Committee voted to use a professional planner to assist in setting up the 2016 reunion in Gettysburg. Bids are being solicited at this time.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 18, 2015:** Outpost #35 held its summer meeting, hosted by Justin Valle, at the Golden Corral, at 4675 Highway 121, The Colony, Texas.

**September 9, 2015:** Outpost #4 will meet at 1:30 PM at the Washington State Veterans’ Home, 222 E. 5th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

**September 17-19, 2015:** 71st Anniversary Commemoration of the 6th Army Group’s campaign in France 15 August 1944 to 15 March 1945. Includes seminars on the Southern France Campaign, the Vosges Campaign and the Battle of the Colmar Pocket; ceremony at Arlington Cemetery; banquet; and historical tour. Hosted by OP International and the Embassy of France in Washington, DC and the Army Historical Foundation. Please contact Monika or Tim Stoy at 571 419 8915 or timmoni15@yahoo.com. This is not a Society-sponsored event.

**October 10, 2015:** Outpost #13 will meet at Bakers of Milford on Saturday, 10 October 2015, at noon. The restaurant is three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy. I-96.

**October 24, 2015:** Outpost #35 will hold its fall meeting, hosted by Jude and Paul Grabert, at Babin’s Seafood House, in The Woodlands, Texas. Members will be sent a meeting invitation and newsletter one month before the meeting.

**November 7, 2015:** Outpost #22, Southern California, will host its Annual Meeting, at the Fla Bob Airport, 4130 Mennes Ave, Riverside, CA 92509. Meet at 12:00 noon for the 1:00 meeting (under the wing of the DC-3, near the Travis Gammill hanger). Enjoy the live entertainment, military parades, war-bird dogfights, a quality Rod & Custom Car Show, a military mess tent, and more. Andy Scullion 1-(951)-492-0669; [ascots-greys2@aol.com](mailto:ascots-greys2@aol.com). Free admission and parking from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**November 7, 2015:** Outpost #54 will hold its Veteran’s Day luncheon meeting at the Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, California. We start gathering at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon.

**November 11, 2015:** Outpost #7 will meet on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 at 3:30 p.m., at *Arlington National Cemetery* to conduct its traditional wreath ceremonies. Members will gather at the *3rd Infantry Division Monument* at 3:30 PM for ceremonies there before moving to the *Tomb of the Unknowns* for our wreath-laying ceremony at 4:15 p.m. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact John Insani ([mameop7@comcast.net](mailto:mameop7@comcast.net)) or Pat Williamson ([army3rddivtanker@gmail.com](mailto:army3rddivtanker@gmail.com)).

**November 11, 2015:** (Date uncertain at this time as Phoenix has not yet announced): Outpost #15 will hold its next meeting at the home of Curtis Gentry, following Outpost #15’s participation in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade.





# Roll Call

## New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

### LIFE

8996 WALTER H. FLANNERY OP 11  
38INF, 30INF/ CW/May61-Dec63 PFC  
Referred by Website

### ASSOCIATE LIFE

9043 LORETTA MORRIS OP 57  
ASSOCIATE - Referred by Marvin E. Morris

### ANNUAL TO LIFE

8730 LTG ROBERT B. ABRAMS OP 5845  
ER COMMAND GROUP 3ID OIF/OEF/2011-2013 LTG  
Referred by Monika Stoy

2840 EDWARD L. EVERETT OP 22  
DIV/MED/ WW2/Jul42-Sep45 SGT

8864 CPT RONALD G. HILL SR OP 22  
9FA/HQ KOREA/Mar53-Sep54  
SGT Major

6514 JOSEPH V. TOMASZEWSKI OP 5  
4INF/1BN CW SP4  
ANNUAL TO LIFE 2015/Referred by Website Invitation

### REGULAR ANNUAL

9033 HOWARD D. DICKENS OP 33  
30INF/, 3RDIV BAND KOREA/Aug 49-Sep50 PVT  
Referred by Website

9041 DOMINICK L. EDWARDS OP 60  
2-16AR/3HBCT OEF/May2013-May2015 LTC -  
Referred by Scholarship Foundation

9031 NELSON G. KRAFT OP 60  
1-15IN/3BDE OEF/Jan2011-Jun2013 LTC -  
Referred by Website

9042 JOHN T. LODY OP 53  
15INF/L KOREA/Oct52-Jul54 SFC  
Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn

9039 DANIEL SANTOS JR OP 5845  
2/15/2BDE CW/72-75 CPT  
Referred by Monika Stoy

9030 HAROLD STARR OP 53  
KOREA Referred by OP Harry Survivors Assn

9044 COL GERALD A. WILCOMB OP 35  
58FA/ KOREA/Sep52-Jul53 1LT  
Referred by Website

### ASSOCIATE ANNUAL

9029 RAINNER M. ESTERER OP 5845  
GERMAN ARMY 1987-1999 CAPT  
Referred by Monika Stoy

9035 SHERI GLICK OP 5845  
ASSOCIATE - 134 INF 1994-2000 E5  
Referred by Monika Stoy

9036 EARL L. HILL OP 5845  
ASSOCIATE - 232 SIG CO 1967-1969 E4  
Referred by Monika Stoy - In honor of WWII vet  
Grandfather Alois Gregroeglar

9037 ERICA I. HILL OP 5845  
ASSOCIATE  
Referred by Monika Stoy - In honor of  
WWII vet Father Alois Gregroeglar

9032 BILL M. MILLER OP 63  
ASSOCIATE (7TH FLEET) 56-62 FN  
Referred by Dick Moats

9038 JOHN J. MILLER IV OP 5845  
ASSOCIATE  
Referred by Monika Stoy - In honor of WWII vet  
Father John Miller II

9034 ROBERT W. QUARNSTROM OP 15  
ASSOCIATE/560 SIG BN CW/Sep65-Sep67 E2  
Referred by brother Philip Quarnstrom

9040 JOSEPH R. VISINSKI OP 5845  
ASSOCIATE - 57TH SIG CO/8TH ARMY/10SFGRA CW/Jun71-  
Nov81 CPT  
Referred by Monika Stoy

## SERMONS from page 16

“So you can help me save the planet.” I chuckled again and asked, “And why do you want to save the planet?” Because that’s where I keep all my stuff,” she said.

Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her two-year-old daughter’s antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me des-

perately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, “I hope you feel better soon.”

Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, “Thinking of you today. If you need me, I’m a phone call away.” It was from

a high school friend I hadn’t seen in 10 years.

Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn’t eaten anything in over three days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, “We can share it.”

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

# Chaplain's Corner

**Jerry Daddato**



Just a few lines to let you know just what you all missed by not coming to the Reunion, it was great. We had a great time seeing a lot of good friends that we have made over the past ten years—people who mean a lot to us always show up. But this year we did not see someone who always attended the reunions. We knew that he was not coming when we checked the names on the Reunion Roster. When we got to the K's, no Kendall. That was the first time: no Maurice Kendall. We pray that he is doing well. He would always try to explain the Colmar Pocket to us where we lost our Uncle Dominic Giovinazzo. His explanations helped to explain the reasons that could have caused it. Thank you so much General Kendall for what you have done for us and all of Uncle Dominic's relatives.

The tours that were available were worth more than we paid for them. The aircraft carrier, Yorktown, was something to see. Kathy and I went aboard it with her guide dog, Charlotte, and enjoyed every minute of it. Kathy went up to the bridge and steered it, as she has done on every ship she has been on. I noticed that there was mud all around it. As I was talking to one tour guide, he said that it was in the mud alright but it sunk 17 feet deep and they plan to dig all around it and float it up and paint it. We also saw the Citadel, the "West Point of the South," established in 1830, and 13 antebellum homes called the "Rainbow Row" along the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. They are really something to see; that was Saturday. Then later in the day we went on the Middleton Garden tour. It is home to America's oldest landscaped gardens and truly a glimpse of yesteryear. It is fantastic to see a working plantation, and if you ever get to Charleston, South Carolina, it is a must see. What really impressed me there was an oak tree 89 feet tall and 37 feet in circumference. That is the

biggest tree you will ever see, not counting the Redwoods that cars drive through. A great job by Leonard Collins and his crew, that's for sure, for handling this 96th Annual Reunion.

We were glad to see our old friends Miyong and Dr. Lee and they never said what they had in store for us at the Awards Dinner and Program. They had a Korean Church present a great show of singing Korean and American songs and fantastic dancing in authentic Korean attire. Thanks again Dr. Lee and Miyong Lee.

After that we had a singer who impersonated one that has been gone for 30 years. So on the stage came "Elvis Presley" in all his glory; he sure put on a great show of singing and walking on the floor and putting scarfs on a few women. Chaplain's wife was one of them; she sure was happy, what a great show "Elvis" put on for all of us. The awards were presented followed by the cane awards by Henry Burke who spends much time and cost from his heart. When he called the names not one person was present to accept the cane; not one made the Reunion. That sure made me feel sorry for all of the time he put into this. Henry did look disappointed, too.

I want to thank all of you that helped me with the Memorial Breakfast on Sunday: Bart, Pennie and Tom.

And not to forget one of the oldest members of the Society who never forgets to attend our reunions. WWII SSgt Harold Nelson turned 100 years young in February. If Harold can attend reunions, how about the rest of us youngsters?

Hope to see all of you next year.

*From your Chaplain and his family. ROTM*

## Heart Attack When Alone

*Sent by Larry Whitten*

Many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack. Without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell others about this procedure. It could save a live.

Some say to chew a 325mg Aspirin quickly, upon first sign. The Watch does not give medical advice.

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# Last Call

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

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

### LIFE MEMBERS

**WAYNE A. CHABOT** OP 63-WR  
15INF/A WW2 CPL  
DOD - May 18, 2015 Reported by his daughter Irene (Chabot) Grimshaw

**EDWARD L. EVERETT** OP 22-WR  
DIV/MED/ WW2/Jul42-Sep45 SGT  
DOD - June 11, 2015 Reported by Bob Braitman

**ARMAN F. LEO** OP 7-ER  
30INF/M WW2 SSGT  
DOD - November 24, 2008 Reported by his son Scott Leo

**ROBERT W. MILLER** OP 22-WR  
15INF/G WW2 PVT  
DOD - May 25, 2015 Reported by Doug Miller to Tom Heitzer

**BYRON C. PEACOCK** OP 15-WR  
DIV/QM WW2  
DOD - December 16, 2005 Reported by Dwight Peacock

**RUBY T. REDDEN** OP 3-ER  
ASSOCIATE  
DOD- Unknown Reported by Kathy Daddato

**WILLIAM C. SCHLITZ** OP 60-ER  
30INF/3BN WW2 SGT  
DOD - March 6, 2013 Reported on the Internet

**WALTER L. SWEENEY** OP 57-CR  
30INF/ WW2 PFC  
DOD - November 21, 2014 Reported by Dorothy Sweeney

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

**SALVATORE F. BERTOLINO** OP 5-ER  
39FA/B BTRY KOREA/Oct 51-Sep52 SFC  
DOD - April 17, 2015 Reported by Dorothy Bertolino

**VERNE L. CAKE** OP 18-CR  
DIV/ KOREA/48-52 PFC  
DOD - July 17, 2014 Reported on the Internet/ Referred by Jerry Daddato

**GUY W. CAREY** OP 5-ER  
7INF/MED, 350INF/ KOREA/Sep48-Mar50-Jun52 CPL  
DOD - June 25, 2015 Reported by his wife Nancy Carey

**LEONARD A. DE BORD** OP 54-WR  
39FA/A & C KOREA/Sep52-Oct53 1LT  
DOD - June 15, 2015 eported by Ruth De Bord

**DERRILL R. DERSCH** OP 33-CR  
15INF/I WW2/42-46 2LT  
DOD -April 17, 2015 Reported by daughter Carla Reed

**WILLIAM H. HARRIS** OP 33-CR  
3rd MP Co KOREA/54 CPL  
DOD - June 20, 2015 Reported by his wife Patricia

**ORLANDO MAFFUCCI** OP 88-WR  
39FA/SV KOREA CPL  
DOD - May 23, 2015 Reported by Joe Annello

**CLIFFORD RUTSTEIN** OP 2-ER  
30INF/G WW2/Nov43-Mar44 PFC  
DOD - August 29, 2014 Reported by Ronda J. Papp

**JACK J. SWATSKE** OP 17-CR  
41FA/BTRY A WW2/Jan42-Sep45 CPL  
DOD - May 8, 2015 - Reported by Jim Meeker

### Non-Member Passing

**Joseph T. Jerkovitz**, 92, of Champaign Illinois (formerly of Altoona PA), passed away on May 11, 2015. Joseph served with the 3rd Infantry Division in WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Heart Medals. He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 13 years and retired from the U.S. Postal service after 25 years. Joseph enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife Velma. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery, Altoona, Pennsylvania. —Reported by Ronald McCleary

**Earl E. Clark**, 96, of Littleton, Colorado, has passed away. Clark was a member of the National Ski Patrol and inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. He was also with the 10th Mountain Division during WWII. He was instrumental in founding the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division and International Federation of Mountain Soldiers, which includes ski soldiers from several countries. —Reported by Ronald McCleary

### Lost Your DD-214?

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

—Submitted by Joe Ball

### So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Richard W. Heller, Database Manager (address, p.2) for listing in the "Last Call."



# Making of the American Sniper Film

By Lynn Ball

[You will recall that we reviewed *American Sniper*, by Chris Kyle. This article is about making the movie.]

The article I read was by Taya Kyle, spouse of Chris Kyle, written after his death. Both she and Chris had some concerns about the making of the film, *American Sniper*. She wanted Chris portrayed in his many different layers. “He had softness and goodness, more than many men, yet when the time came to take out the enemy and save others, he did.” He then had to transform himself into a husband and father and put his goodness into a different place.

While Chris was still alive, they learned that Bradley Cooper would play him in the movie. They were delighted and after some conversations with Bradley, Chris came to feel that he would do his best to portray him accurately.

While they had no say in who would direct the film, they both speculated that Clint Eastwood would be perfect. After Chris died, Steven Spielberg came forward to direct. However, it turned out that Spielberg could not direct, but Clint Eastwood came aboard. Taya remarked, “You’re still doing your magic, Chris” “We talked about this, and here he is.”

Chris’s death meant that the script had to be changed. The screenwriter, Jason Hall, had the script written (from the book), but after talking with Taya for many hours, he realized that he had to do a complete rewrite. Movies need different details and emotions than are represented in books. In the process, Hall changed from just a screenwriter to a friend as he was dealing with a woman in grief who was trying her best to portray her husband accurately.

As production approached, Eastwood and Cooper “asked if they could come out to meet the kids and me, just to get a feel for Chris’s family life,” The people making the arrangements rejected the classier hotels that Taya recommended and chose the Holiday Inn nearby. Taya picked them up at the airport. “They were really respectful and loving, not pushing, just absorbing who Chris was.” After touring the home and all of Chris’s clothes and things, Cooper went outside to play a game of soccer with Chris and Taya’s son, daughter, and Taya’s friend, Karen, who had come to help with the kids for the weekend.

Another friend, Matt, arrived to cook some Oryx that Chris had shot before he died. [*Oryx (large antelope) are mostly indigenous to desert environments, but one of the four species is found in semi-arid areas of the U.S. In Texas they can be killed year-round in Real, Uvalde, and Zavala counties.*] After dinner, Bradley wanted to go to Dairy Queen for ice cream. Another friend, Colton, took him there, while everyone else stayed behind to talk with Clint. It seems that Cooper attracted some attention at the Dairy Queen; soon social media sites were chatting about “Bradley Cooper! In our little town!”

The next morning, as they checked out of the motel (still under assumed names), the desk clerk had DVDs for them to autograph.

Taya took them back to her home where her friend, Karen, was cooking breakfast. No one wanted to be first in line to fill a plate. Everyone wanted Clint to go first, but he wanted to wait until everyone else had been served. Finally, he admitted that he was so hungry that he said, “Well, I guess it’s either that or I start to chew my arm off.” Overall, Taya described Clint as “self-deprecating, funny, always quiet, and very laid-back. He reminded me of my grandfather—witty and observant.

Later that day, Clint and Bradley met Chris’s parents, brother, and sister-in law. It was important to Bradley that they supported what he was trying to do, and they did.

Taya was consulted about who she preferred to have play her role. She said she did not want someone who had never had a child and had never experienced heartbreak. They chose Sienna Miller, of whom Taya very much approved. They became fast friends. Sienna even Skyped and talked to the children “like any other mom.”

Even the prop person called to inquire about vehicles the Kyles owned and the type of furniture they had. He said, “I want you to look back and see this movie as a true part of your life.” They even located an old green Yukon Chris used to have. Those little touches and everyone’s efforts made Taya feel very confident that the movie would be truly representative of their lives and their characters.

In closing her comments about the making of the movie, Taya said, “No one will ever know our story in its entirety, but the essence will be there, thanks to....Jason, Bradley, Clint, Sienna, and everyone else [who] had a hand in it.”

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## CEREMONY from page 20

Bob Dutil and John Miller, escorted by two US soldiers, raised a 48-star US National Color in remembrance of the flag raising ceremony the morning of 5 May 1945. The band played the anthems of the United States, the Free State of Bavaria, and Germany. This was followed by a wreath in the form of the 3rd Infantry Division patch which was placed by the keynote speakers. “Taps” was played before the band played its rousing Bavarian version of “Dog Face Soldier.” The ceremony concluded with the retiring of the Colors by the Color Guard.

Monika Stoy presented certificates of appreciation to various participants and supporters during the post-ceremony luncheon. It was memorable, and all participants were moved by the presence of Bob Dutil and John Miller. Chief Commissioner Hillenbrand, Deputy County Commissioner Schaup, and the Bavarian State Bank representatives present, all committed themselves to continued support for future commemorations on the Obersalzberg.



# Society of the Third Infantry Division

U.S. Army

## Purpose

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

Specific objectives are:

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

## Pledge

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

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

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

## General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, *The Watch on the Rhine*. Life Members shall receive the *Watch in the Rhine* with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2018.

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

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**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.

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## Dues

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### WORLD WAR I [2 Medals of Honor]

- ★ Aisne
- ★ St. Mihiel
- ★ Champagne-Marne
- ★ Meuse-Argonne
- ★ Aisne-Marne
- ★ Champagne

### WORLD WAR II [39 Medals of Honor]

- ★ Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- ★ Tunisia
- ★ Sicily (with arrowhead)
- ★ Naples-Foggia
- ★ Anzio (with arrowhead)
- ★ Rome-Arno
- ★ Southern France (with arrowhead)
- ★ Ardennes-Alsace
- ★ Rhineland
- ★ Central Europe

### KOREAN WAR [13 Medals of Honor]

- ★ CCF Intervention
- ★ First UN Counteroffensive
- ★ CCF Spring Offensive
- ★ U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- ★ Second Korean Winter
- ★ Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- ★ Third Korean Winter
- ★ Korea, Summer 1953

### WAR ON TERRORISM [1 Medal of Honor]

- ★ Liberation of Iraq
- ★ Transition of Iraq
- ★ Iraqi Governance
- ★ National Resolution
- ★ Iraqi Surge
- ★ Iraqi Sovereignty
- ★ New Dawn

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

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