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The Warren, Ohio Chapter were presented a huge plaque for their club rooms by Liz and Mike Skovran, 331, in commemoration of the Warren Chapter Anniversary. Lee Titus, Chapter President, accepted on behalf of the Chapter.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



With the holiday season ending I trust that we can all get back into the routine of normal everyday life with an opportunity to relax now and then and count the blessings that are bestowed on us in many ways.

First of all, I trust that each and every one of you had a joyous and happy Christmas, the most important holiday of the year and that New Year finds you in the best of health, with happiness, success and prosperity yours for the asking.

1957 was a hectic year we will all agree. A number of unforeseen things happened that have us facing an era of uncertainty. What with the New York Yankees domination of baseball suffering a serious blow and of course, Sputnik, Muttnik and a lot of other Niks coming in for their share of the limelight, we begin to wonder what headlines the next day's paper will feature.

Like most of you though, I'm optimistic and confident that once the ball gets rolling it will pick up the necessary momentum to insure us all that **THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE IS STILL THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.**

By the time you receive this copy of the Thunderbolt there will be just about six months remaining till next reunion time. In that time there is a lot to be done.

I've visited and kept in touch with the convention committee and although plans have not been entirely completed I know that enough has been done to insure you of a real swell time and I'll be very much surprised and disappointed if we do not have a real big turnout.

The membership goal of 1000 that I have set is slowly, very slowly climbing upward but whether it reaches the 1000 mark is entirely up to you. Now that the holidays are over I'm sure that a great many of you will be able to see your way clear and send in this year's dues and at the same time give some serious thought to the "SPONSOR A BUDDY" campaign which we are emphasizing; but of course, strictly on a voluntary basis.

So far, since last August, we have seen two new chapters formed: The Greater Boston Chapter, whose charter I had the privilege of presenting at a dinner last November, and The Indiana "Hoosier" Chapter, whose charter will be presented at their discretion, a privilege I am also hoping for.

Getting together and keeping together a widely scattered group of men is an undertaking in itself and to the newly formed chapters I wish to extend my congratulations and pledge my support in any way possible. Good Luck men, we're all behind you.

This is the third issue of the Thunderbolt with three more to come by next reunion time. I would like to be in a position to say in the next issue, or very soon after that through the help and cooperation of everyone concerned, the 1000 membership has become or will soon become a reality.

To those of you who have gotten behind the membership drive, thank you, thank you very much, and to those of you who I am sure will, thank you also, in advance.

At this time I wish to express my gratitude to the many among you who took the time out to send Greeting cards and if only a small percentage of the wishes conveyed on those cards come true, my future should be insured for a long time to come.

That's it for now and don't forget that the Lockwood Manse is open to any of you who may be in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

HARRY W. LOCKWOOD

BRIEF HISTORY OF WARREN, OHIO CHAPTER

By Lee Titus

On Wednesday, February 25, 1953 at 8:00 o'clock P. M., a meeting was held in Warren, Ohio to form a Warren Chapter. Fifteen men attended, of this number five were paid up members of the National Association.

This was the beginning of a great chapter. Joe Minotti - 324, George Cooley - 322 and Lee Titus - 331, had spent months prior to this meeting writing cards and letters and telephoning every known 83rd man in the area to attend this meeting.

These three men had attended every convention since the activation of the association and decided to form a local chapter, both for local functions and also to attract more men to the annual conventions.

Through the next four years under the leadership of two fine presidents, Joe Minotti and Charles Tomazin, the Warren Chapter held many parties, picnics, stag parties and various fund raising activities and together with the ladies auxiliary, which was formed early in 1955, form a very active and close knit organization.

Today the Warren Chapter is very proud of its achievements. We hold our monthly meetings in our own club rooms consisting of two party rooms, a dance hall, children's room, large meeting room, bar room and completely equipped kitchen. We sponsor our own bowling team, provide refreshments at all meetings and many parties and go all out for our children at the annual Christmas Party complete with Santa Claus, refreshments, gifts and stockings full of nuts, fruit and candy.

Also through our various fund raising projects we build up our Treasury. Every year at convention time every member is encouraged to go to the convention, assured that he and his wife can enjoy themselves at a minimum cost. The Chapter pays for all the booze and hotel accommodations for the members. We have about 90% attendance each year at the convention.

The Warren C. P. is always open at conventions. Our standing invitation to all 83rd men and their wives to come in, have some refreshments and get acquainted have gained us many new friends throughout the association. Our club rooms are also open to any 83rd family passing through Warren.

We of the Warren Chapter feel very strongly that our chapter will continue together for many years to come. We have become a closely knit group only through the cooperation of our lovely wives working together as a group and with us individually. Also by every one of our boys being 100% active. Each man has a job to do. He serves as an officer, committee member, clean up detail, house man, Trustee or any other job with 100% effort and continually works for the good of the 83rd Association.

Our slogan for years has been "Warren Chapter No. 1 is the best damn chapter in the 83rd Association."

We will celebrate our 5th anniversary with a dance tentatively scheduled for March 1st. We extend a warm invitation to everyone to attend, especially the Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia chapter who are located nearest Warren — Contact Andy Pankovich, 1516 Clemmons, Warren, Ohio, for reservations.

While crossing the college campus, a freshman met one of his instructors and said, "What's your opinion about the game next Saturday? You don't think we'll do too bad, do you?"

"Don't you mean 'badly?'" inquired the professor.

"You know what I mean, what's the difference?" said the frosh.

"Quite a bit," answered the professor as he pointed to a passing co-ed.

"There's a difference whether you look at her sternly or whether you look at her stern."

"Why do you play golf so much?"

"It keeps me fit"

"What for?"

"Golf."

*Much worse than the loser who grumbles,
One notes,*

*Is the utterly maddening winner
Who gloats.*

A woman in the United States sent a play pen to a friend of hers in Australia, after the arrival of a third child. The 'thank you' note read as follows:

"Thank you ever so much for the pen— it's a perfect godsend, I sit in it every afternoon and read, and the children can't get near me."

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

The guys and gals of the Warren, Ohio Chapter are going all out to prove that they are the liveliest gang in the 83rd Infantry Division Association by celebrating their fifth anniversary with something doing every month for the whole year. We started out with a steak dinner followed by a party at our club rooms put on by the ladies auxiliary. Everybody was in attendance . . .



. . . as the fair sex sat and chatted about Christmas plans . . .



. . . the men gathered around our well stocked bar and talked of the Christmas's spent together in service.



Speaking of old soldiers, our Lee Titus and Joe Minotti tried the old chewing gum routine on our charming waitress (all in fun, the wives were watching).



. . . Mike Skovran proves that he would make a real kissing cousin by taking advantage of the traditional mistletoe . . .



Our Christmas Party was followed by a party for Chapter kiddies which included their own Christmas tree and real live Santa with plenty of toys and goodies . . .



Santa surprised the kiddies by coming through the window.



These are real army kids the way they go for chow!



the above are only a part of the Warren Chapter small fry

Plans are almost completed for our annual anniversary dinner-dance which will be held at our club rooms, 143 Market Street, Warren, Ohio. All our THUNDERBOLT buddies, wives and friends are extended a cordial welcome to join us. For date and complete details, write to Andy Pankovich, 1516 Clemmons, Warren, O., or Warren Chapter, 83rd Infantry Division Association, 143 W. Market St, Warren, O.

Following our Anniversary dinner-dance, the chapter is looking forward to the Cleveland Chapter's annual banquet followed by the bowling playoff with that great bunch of people. The high spot, of course, is the annual joint Cleveland-Warren picnic. This is one affair that no one should miss if you are within range to be there, if only to see the ball game between these two Chapters. You are guaranteed a laugh-a-minute. No report from either Chapter Committee as yet, but there is no doubt that a great time lies ahead. The big wind-up will be in Dayton, Ohio, at the 12th Annual THUNDERBOLT Reunion. So far it looks like the biggest part of northeastern Ohio will be there. You fellows of the Dayton Chapter can alert the gendarmes anytime now!

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

MEET THE WARREN, OHIO CHAPTER



Left to right: The Warren Chapter House Rules committee, Joe Minotti, 324 FA, John Teringo, 331; and Charles Tomazin, 322 FA.



Warren Chapter Officers - 1957-58
Dick Kelly, 908 FA, vice president; Lee Titus, 331, president; John Teringo, 331, secretary-treasurer and Joe Sotak, 322 FA, vice president.



Pictured are some of the ladies of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary



Some of the men present for THUNDERBOLT photographer: front row, left to right: Dick Kelly, 908; Lee Titus, 331; John Teringo, 331; Joe Sotak, 322. Back row: 1 to r, George Bellay, 329; Charles Tomazin, 322; Mike Skovran, 331; Joe Minotti, 324; George Cooley, 322; and Joseph Phillipone, 331.

NOTICE!

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS PROPOSAL

The following amendments to the By-Laws of the 83rd Div. Assn. are hereby proposed:

that the first paragraph under "Officers" be amended to read as follows:

"The association shall have an Executive Board composed of the Elected Officers and the members of the "Board of Directors" (heretofore also called "Executive Committee").

that the first paragraph under "Election, Term of Office and Duties of Officers" be amended as follows:

"Election of the National Officers of the Association will take place at the annual meeting".

that an article "14" titled "Board of Directors" be added, following Article "13" under general heading "Officers".

"the "Board of Directors" or "Executive Committee", consisting of not less than three (3) members in good standing, shall retire one of its members at two year intervals, the directors shall select, subject to approval of general membership, new directors".

I move the adoption of these amendments, that they be voted on jointly because of their close relationship, that the membership be notified, and the same be acted upon at the next yearly meeting in accordance with Article "Amendments" of the By-Laws of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Subject to confirmation at the annual business meeting in Dayton, by the general membership. Past Presidents Larry Redmond (M-330) and Col. Robert H. York (Hq.-331) have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Jim Hanrahan, (Div. Hqs.) due to the pressure of business, health and other irreducible demands on his time, has asked to be retired from his position on the Board of Directors.

Jim's recent and generous donation to the Association's Treasury is an obvious indication of his continued interest in the Association, even though he prefers no official capacity.

Walter Edwards (C-331) will carry on as Chairman of the Board.

We respectfully call the membership's attention to the suggested Amendments to the Association's By-Laws, herein published.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL THUNDERBOLTS

Dear George:

We in the city of Dayton are really looking forward to hosting the coming reunion of our famous 83rd Div.—and I am sure that the city of Dayton will put forth their utmost efforts to make it the best one we have ever had. Big plans are in the offing.

On behalf of my outfit, Co. F. 329th, I hereby wish to issue a challenge to all other units in the 83rd Div. Assoc. We of Co. F. believe that we will have more men in attendance, than any other unit coming to the city of Dayton. I thought we might have a little contest with perhaps a ring-side table close to the speakers rostrum, as a prize.

I have had 500 copies of our application blanks, for the joining of our Association, made up and printed. I have a complete roster of our Co. and their addresses, at the time of our redeployment and am sending each one a blank with a personal letter enclosed. The rest of the blanks will be distributed among the members of our local chapter. I believe that every one has some names and addresses of his former buddies. If each and every one would write to all their buddies—results would be remarkable.

I am reserving a suite at the Biltmore as a C.P. for good old Co. F. and I really believe that we will fill it to capacity. All are welcome to drop in and have a drink. The local chapter will be around.

Am enclosing a picture taken in my room in New York, of nine men that attended; with one not present at the time. Believe me we of Co. F. will have over twice that number at the Dayton reunion. See you in Dayton.

An old buddy,
VIC LANDIS, F-329



Men of Co. F.—Front row, left to right: George Whitehead, Henry Goliembiewski, Vic Landis. 2nd row: William Ferguson, Harold Keifer. 3rd row: Bill Nickell, George Kitrell, Robert Corsi, Edward Zerucha.

Last but not least—Manny Martin was not present. That totals ten men.

GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

Joe Eberle, 329

The Greater Boston Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association was presented its Charter on November 9, 1957 by Association President Harry Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood gave an impressive talk on the need for good fellowship among the men of the 83rd THUNDERBOLT Division, WW II, a fellowship that continues on down through the years. His talk on building our Association up to the greatest in the country spurred us into action that will result in a publicity campaign that will be covered by radio, TV and newspapers in the Boston area.

We should be well on our way at our next meeting to be held at the Lord Fox Restaurant on Route 1 in Foxboro, Mass., on February 15th. All 83rd men are invited and urged to join us in all future endeavors.



Association President presents Charter to Boston Chapter President Charlie Abdinoor

DUES ARE PAST DUE!



WIN AN 83rd THUNDERBOLT INSIGNIA LAPEL PIN

Harry Lockwood, Association President, will personally forward an attractive Division lapel pin to every member that collects and sends in to Harry one year's dues from three men. These pins are the very same that are sold for \$1.00 through Association Headquarters. **GET GOING NOW! LADIES, HELP YOUR MAN WIN THAT LAPEL PIN—SHARPEN THE PEN AND WRITE TO ALL YOUR BUDDIES.** This offer is good until May 31st, 1958.

STORK COLUMN

Fay and Sidney Ettman, E-329, joyfully announce the birth of Bruce David and Alan Richard on December 2, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Mormand Malo, K-331, proudly announce the arrival of their third daughter on December 24, 1957.

Berdine and Lee Titus, G-331, proudly announce the birth of Sandra Titus on January 9, 1958.

Best wishes and congratulations to the newest members and parents of the Association.

TAPS

We were sincerely sorry to hear from the family of Tom Troupman, G-331, of Tom's passing away in April, 1950.

The pastor of a California church was shaking hands with the congregation after the services and greeted a pretty Mexican lass, who was not a regular member, with "And where do you live?"

She gave him an appraising look and said, "I already got a fella!"

JUST PLAIN YOU

By Harry Lockwood

*Have you ever thought you'd like to be
someone else and yet
You wonder if the change were made
what you'd really get
Supposing you could have your choice of
starting life anew
I wonder who you'd like to be instead
of just plain you.*

*You like to be an executive with your
name painted on a door,
Or a big time politician with influence
galore
Perhaps a well known movie star making
all kinds of money,
With a home out in the suburbs that
really is a honey.*

*A general, an admiral, or even chief of
staff,
Or perhaps a funny circus clown who
makes everybody laugh
Captain an ocean liner, pilot a big airplane,
Be a well known baseball star or engi-
neer a train.*

*You're sure the grass is greener on the
other side of the street,
And you'd like to be the one involved
in some history-making feat,
Your name up there in marquee lights for
all the world to see,
Or maybe even president is what you'd
like to be.*

*But have you ever stopped to consider that
this may all be part,
Of something that was all arranged the
day life got its start
Then it was decided you had a job to do,
And could do that job much better by
being just plain you.*

*So don't look at the other guy and envy
him a lot,
Be satisfied with who you are and with
what you've got
When all is said and all is done and your
story on earth is through,
The rich, the poor, the big, the small,
are no better off than you.*

*To wholeheartedly agree with me: that I
don't expect,
But if I may, there's one more thought
I'd like to interject
With this I know you'll all agree, because
you'll find it true,
You can be the nicest one around by
being just plain you.*

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

The New Jersey Chapter held a Christmas Party for the kids at the V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J. on Sunday, Dec. 15th last. It was attended by kids of all ages with the grown ups outnumbering the kids.

We really had a swell time with coke and ice cream, soda candy and the works, topped off by Santa presenting gifts to all the small fry. (and I use the word "small" very loosely.) The final thing on the program was the drawing for 15 lbs. of turkey which was won by Ed. Hering. All in all it was a grand party and some of the kids were very reluctant to leave.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Lockwood Manse on Friday evening, Dec. 20th. It was a combined business and social evening to help the Lockwood's celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary.

The weather that night was beyond the stage of being inclement, it was just plain horrible, and a few of those who had planned on being there just couldn't make it, and discretion being the better part of valor, I don't blame them. Nevertheless, there was a small group of die-hards, about 15 in all, who did manage to come, (that true 83rd spirit) and although we got a late start the proceedings went along as planned.

Drinks were served, naturally, and after a short and to the point meeting we adjourned to the dining room where a table full of the customary solid refreshment awaited us, to be enjoyed over a cup of coffee and the usual chatter.

When everyone had had his or her fill, under the pretext of checking up on the thermostat, the Lockwoods were induced to return to the living room where, in the center of the floor, stood a gaily wrapped package, about two feet square, with a card that read, "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FROM THE GUYS AND GALS."

Upon further investigation the package proved to contain a beautiful bar, in the shape of a half-keg, the inside of which had compartment space for 18 glasses of three different sizes, a bowl for sugar and a shaker, all of which came with it and room also for 4 full quarts of the stuff that makes people wish they didn't but that they do only to be sociable. (Which did not come with it.)

To say the Lockwood's were genuinely surprised is indeed a gross understatement and to say they were grateful and appreciative is putting it very mildly. In fact, they were so overwhelmed that I forgot to take a picture to commemorate the occasion.

Now I repeat what I've said many times before, any of you Thunderbolts who may be in the neighborhood please stop by and have a drink so I can show off my new bar.

The men and women of the N. J. Chapter trust that you all had a very pleasant holiday season and that Health, Happiness and Success be with you and remain with you throughout the year.

We also urge you to get in touch with us, try to attend one of our meetings and join us in an evening of social get-together.



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