



# THUNDERBOLT

## 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## HELP CARRY THE LOAD REGISTER AT THE REUNION

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This is your reunion issue of Thunderbolt and the last opportunity I will have to once again express my gratitude for the honor you bestowed upon me and the way in which I have been received this past year.

The year between August 1957-58 will always be cherished in my memory as

one of the nicest and most memorable in the fifty years of my existence.

Serving as your president during this past year has given me the psychological lift that comes with the privilege of serving in such an honored capacity.

The wonderful way I have been received and treated by those of you I had the occasion to visit with during the year makes me think that a big percentage of the nice people in the world are members of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn.

This year the whole country has gone through a trying economic situation (as many of you know) and I believe that the decrease in our membership, in the main, can be attributed to that and, all things being equal, I think we have done rather well. Being optimistic though, as we all should be, I'm sure that when things finally get back to normal we will more than make up for the present decline.

This should be a good reunion, comparable to many we've had in the past and, to

most of us, a good reunion is one in which we meet some of our old buddies, some of the new friends we have made these past few years and see many of the familiar faces we've gotten to know and expect. If you can realize this, then the rest will take care of itself.

I also want to thank each and every one of the officers who served with me and the executive board for their finesse in handling the ticklish problems that arise from time to time.

To you who have sent me names and addresses of your old buddies, to each of whom I wrote a personal letter, thank you very much, through your cooperation we did realize some new members which, in part, will help fill the gap.

By the time you read this you should have made your reservations and have had your plans formulated.

As you meet your old buddies, that warm handshake, that slap on the back and that "you old so and so remark" is like a tonic and immediately your frame of mind is such that, no matter what, this will be a swell reunion; and of course, the soirees that are very much in evidence in the various C P's always lend themselves toward an atmosphere of fellowship that can only be felt by those of us who went through "HELL".

We will miss those of you who, for one reason or another, will not be with us this year and we would like to think that you miss us too. The main thing, of course, is to try and make it if at all possible; if not, you can be sure that your buddies will drink a toast to you and yours and along with that, on behalf of the officers and

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men of the association may I wish you a very pleasant summer.

To you who will attend I'm sure you will have a swell time. I'm looking for a good sized turnout and I know that the fellowship and closeness that prevails at all our reunions will be prevalent at this one also.

I've said my piece, the rest is up to you, so with good luck, good health and fondest regards to you all I'll sign off with the hope that I've served you well this past year and leave you with this message.

You can ask a man to do his best and you'll find that in the end

A man will always do his best when he knows it's for his friends.

See you at the reunion.

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## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

The New Jersey Chapter held it's June meeting at the V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N.J. on Friday evening June 20th.

We have been holding our monthly meetings at the V.F.W. Post now for quite some time, it being accessible to many of the larger and smaller towns wherein members of the 83rd Division Assn. make their homes. Having our meetings on Friday evening, we feel, is advantageous in that most men do not have to work Saturday. The meeting is usually very short,

before which we have a drink or so and after which we usually end up at Bob's Restaurant in Garfield, having Pizza Pie, mussels and Antipasto and the usual Italian Cuisine for which Bob's is noted.

To those of you who live in the area of Garfield, we would love to have you come out and meet the gang, reminisce a bit over a beer or so and have a late evening snack. I'm sure you'll enjoy it. The address is 129 Belmont Ave., Garfield, N.J. or write to Harry Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave. Jersey City, N.J.

The New Jersey Chapter is going to try it's best to be well represented at this year's reunion and those of us who do get to go will be looking forward to seeing a lot of old faces so look us up, we'll be there waiting to say howdy. To many of the boys we do not get to see we say now, "Have a nice summer, see you next year, we hope."

Harry W. Lockwood, Sec.-Treas.

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## BUY A BUDDY A DRINK

Many of you, for one reason or another, may not be able to attend the reunion this year. There may also be others who will attend out of a sense of loyalty or just because they do not want to miss seeing old friends and buddies but who may also be a little short on financial resources.

I'm sure they will miss you and would like to think that you miss them so if you would like to let your buddy know that you are thinking of him and at least be there by proxy, wrap a dollar bill in an envelope, with your name and address, to the Hotel Dayton-Biltmore, in care of the President, 83rd Infantry Division Association and I will personally see that your buddy or buddies receive it. It's just your way of saying "Sorry I can't be there, have a drink on me."

Harry W. Lockwood, Pres.

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## SEE YOU IN DAYTON FOR 1958

## REUNION, AUGUST 21, 22 & 23

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## WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

by MIKE SKOVAN - 331

Convention Time — Convention Time — everyone from Warren is going, how about the rest of you? With another year gone by and convention time almost here, plans are in the final stages of completion for the Warren Chapter, headed by President LeRoy Titus, to be at Dayton in full force. And once again it is the pleasure of the Warren Chapter to extend a cordial invitation to all of their 83rd buddies and their ladies to come to the Warren Chapter C.P. and partake of our liquid entertainment.

The annual Warren-Cleveland Chapters family picnic for 1958 is now a matter of the past but not forgotten. Where - Round-Up Lake, Ohio; When - June 22; The score Warren 11, Cleveland 5. Warren pitcher LeRoy "cannonball" Titus bested Cleveland's Bob "Swift" Uher in this baseball classic of the year. Warren was paced by George "Mickey" Cooley's homerun, triple, double, single and eight errors. Cleveland's outstanding star and most valuable man was Al Uridel, he was the umpire. All in the all the ball game was a lot of fun, even if both teams had seventeen men playing on a side and all playing at one time. Many thanks to the Cleveland Chapter for the barrel of beer (wager on the ball game) and the pleasure of their company. We shall be looking forward to next years picnic.

A family picnic was also held by the Warren Chapter at Valley Lake, Park, Ohio on Sunday July 20. The ball game between the men and the women was very enjoyable although a determination as to who won the game is still not available at this time. John Teringo and George Cooley did a right good job in being the committee for this picnic.

So until August 21, when we'll see you in Dayton — The Warren Chapter.

### Philadelphia Chapter To Attend Annual Reunion At Dayton

The last few meetings of the Philadelphia Chapter has been devoted to making the 12th Annual Reunion at Dayton, Ohio a memorable one. As usual the Philadelphia Chapter Command Post will be the center of all activities. As in previous years the C.P. will be open to all. Its location will be easily found by the joyous sound emanating from the room. Liquid refreshments will be endless. Other refreshments will be arranged for as soon as our reunion committee hits Dayton. All members have made arrangements to make the trip both as a group and by individual parties. President Sam Aiello is looking for a huge turn out and it appears

he will not be disappointed. The Remonds and the McGrogans will assault Dayton several days before to make all arrangements. "Squeaky" Walt Sammler can be counted on to do his share. What lucky girl will share his favors is not known but if things go as in previous years Walt will be well provided for. Ed and Ruth Paulino are making the Trek as usual and can be counted on to chaperone all the unescorted "Thunderbolts" from Philadelphia. For all men who make the Dayton Reunion we urge you to call on the Philadelphia Contingent Command Post and take part in the merry making. You won't regret it.

Dave Rosenberg, F-331st

### Philadelphia Chapter Launches Reunion Publicity Campaign

In an effort to spur the attendance at the 12th Annual Reunion at Dayton, Ohio. The Delaware Valley newspapers, radio stations, and television stations have been besieged with a series of three press releases. Each statement has been sent to a total of twenty three sources in the hope of reaching former "Thunderbolt" men and increasing the attendance. To date the interest has been increased and a good turn out is looked for. Aiding in this pursuit Larry Redmond has been a prime mover. His smooth persuasive powers has placed the entire facilities of the Havertown Police Department at the Chapters disposal. And it has borne fruit. Each press release aimed at the many Delaware Valley former Thunderbolt Division men who have been inactive to date.

The Philadelphia Chapter will hold a final meeting before the Reunion at Dayton on August 14. At this meeting final arrangements for the convention will be discussed and acted on. At this meeting the Philadelphia Chapter will endorse their slate of nominees for National ASSOCIATION OFFICE.

The following men have been slated and their candidates will be pushed.

For President, Ed Paulino, Bristol, Pa. - 322-F; 1st Vice President, Frank Kemery, Philadelphia - 331; 2nd Vice President, Al Belvedere, Philadelphia - 331; 3rd Vice President, Frank McGrogan; Philadelphia - 330; Secretary Treasurer; Larry Redmond, Havertown, Pa. - 330; Sergeant at Arms, John Piscatelli, Philadelphia - 323-F; Sergeant at arms, Louis Volpi, Narberth, Pa. - 324-F.

All the above candidates have proven to be well proven leaders and having the welfare of the National Organization at heart.

Dave Rosenberg, F-331st

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# DAYTON, OHIO

## HOST TO 12th ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT REUNION

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### PROGRAM

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 21

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration  
8:30 P.M. — Cocktail Party

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FRIDAY  
AUGUST 22

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration  
9:30 A.M. — Ladies Breakfast  
(get acquainted)  
10:00 A.M. — Business Meeting  
(Welcome by Mayor)  
7:30 P.M. — Ladies Bingo Party  
9:00 P.M. to Midnight — Beer Party

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SATURDAY  
AUGUST 23

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration  
(Ladies free to shop and look over Dayton)  
10:00 A.M. — Men's Business Meeting  
12:00 Noon — 331st Luncheon  
6:30 P.M. — Memorial Service  
Banquet Dance in Grand Ball Room



*1958 Reunion Headquarters*

DAYTON BILTMORE HOTEL  
AUGUST 21, 22 and 23

### MENU

FRUIT BOWL  
PRIME STEER RIBS OF BEEF AU JUS  
BAKED IDAHO POTATO  
FANCY ASPARACUS SPEARS  
MIXED GARDEN SALAD  
CHOICE OF DRESSING  
ROLLS AND BUTTER  
CHOICE OF BEVERAGE  
ICE CREAM OF THE MONTH

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### REGISTRATION

SINGLE .....	\$12.00
COUPLE .....	22.00
(Banquet Only) .....	7.50
DUES ARE DUE .....	4.00

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by CASEY KOWALEC - 322FA

Memories always return to the 4th of July 1943 as the day when we of the 83rd Infantry Division were first committed to combat.

We of the Cleveland Chapter always choose this day to honor our wartime buddies that gave their all for their country.

At this year's Memorial service the following invocation was read:

O God, the bestower of pardon and lover of man's salvation, we beseech Thy Clemency so that the deceased we honor today, may together enjoy everlasting happiness.

In life our honored dead served the cause of freedom and many in this struggle paid the supreme sacrifice. We are mindful that the independence we enjoy today, has been purchased by the blood and burdens of our heroes. Grateful to them, we call upon Thee, Creator and Redeemer of all, to grant them eternal glory that they may not have fought in vain.

To Thee, holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, we give thanks for the hope of a glorious resurrection and the comfort by the promise of eternal life to come. For the life of Thy faithful, O Lord, is changed, not destroyed; and when the home of this earthly life is dissolved, an everlasting dwelling in heaven shall be gained. Wherefore, with all the Hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory. Amen.

With all thoughts for the coming Reunion in Dayton, Ohio, we of the Cleveland Chapter plan to have full representation. It's the "event" of the year, not to be missed. We are looking forward to old buddies plus seeing some new faces that have missed previous reunions.

## NEWS FROM THE MIAMI-VALLEY CHAPTER

The Miami-Valley Chapter held a Family Picnic, Sunday July 13th, at Maynard Stonerocks, 4837 Sheller Dr. We had 23 counting kids and all. We also picked up two new members. Maynard Stonerock and Robert Hedger. Robert Hedger and his wife and family came all the way up from Middletown. We were very pleased to have them with us. One of our members Albert Heckler from Celina, Ohio was unable to make the picnic. They just had a baby boy, July 1st. His name is Larry. But his wife tells us they will be down for the Reunion for sure. Our Chaplain had to leave early, he had company he said. We think he had a golf game lined up. Also absent was our chief ad getter, Vic Landis. Vic has really been getting us

the ads. That's where those good drinking buddies come in handy. The one mystery we would like to find out from Vic is where he disappears on the week-ends. Del Rinehart, our Vice Pres. hopes to have their new home ready before long. Our Sec. Ed Fink hopes to have his 1929 Caddy in good running order by Reunion time. He says he'll bring it down to the Hotel if it don't rain. I've seen it and if he brings it down town people will think the B & O or the N. Y. Central have a spur track down town. It's really some buggy. Leo Monnin had to drink his own beer at the Picnic, and so did the rest of us. Maynard and Jean Stonerock, our new member, were our hosts. They have it fixed up real nice in their back yard. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the rain didn't come until everyone was leaving. We are moving right along with the Reunion plans. I think about all we have to do now is wait for the Date.

The Dayton Chapter will present an attendance plaque to the Co. with the best attendance at the Reunion. We'll try to give it out Saturday night at the Banquet.

Leo Boyd - 331

## Philadelphia Chapter Frolics At Old Fashioned Picnic

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter number among its friends many who owe their allegiance to relationship. Mr. and Mrs. Art Mingues are such a couple. Every affair we have held has been supported by this fine couple. We of the Quaker City Chapter owe them much for their past cooperation. Now more than ever are we in their debt. The Art Mingues played host and hostess to the Philadelphia Chapter at a picnic that begs description. You name it, the Mingues had it. The Mingues are sister and brother in law to the popular Ed Paulino. Enuff Said. The vast grounds of the Mingues home was laid seige by the "Philadelphia Thunderbolts" and their families at a gala old fashioned picnic. The huge swimming pool was the focal point of all. Sunday July 13, 1958, will go down in history as the day the Mingues family surpassed their past graciousness with a complete day of fun and frolic. The local community of Eddington greeted the "Thunderbolt" families with their brass band and provided music both the dancing and the community sing type. The air was filled with good cheer as the picnic group danced, sang and swam the livelong day. The good food was washed down with loads of beverages. Games and prizes for the kids made the day one we all will remember. Every thing was well planned and went off like a charm. All of Philadelphia Chapter extend their thanks to the Mingues for making July 13 a Sunday to remember.

Dave Rosenberg, F-331st

## BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

As you know we are a young chapter and did not start our meetings till September 28, 1957 at which time our first meeting was held at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus, Mass. At which time the following officers were elected.

### PRESIDENT

Charles Abdinoor  
46 Merrimack Terrace  
Dracut, Mass

### VICE PRESIDENT

Nick Francullo  
10 Bessom St.  
Lynn, Mass.

### TREASURER

Pat DiGiammerino  
44 Russell St.  
Malden 48, Mass.

### SECRETARY

Lucien Elie  
10 Pleasant St.  
Amesbury, Mass.

### PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Joseph Eberle, Jr.  
P. O. Box 878  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Our second meeting was held at the Kernwood Cafe in Malden, Mass. where we had the pleasure of the President of the National Chapter MR. HARRY LOCKWOOD who presented us with the charter to the Greater Boston Chapter.

A few meetings were held at the officers homes which consisted of working and improving our by-laws.

Our midyear meeting Feb. 15th was held at the Lord Fox Restaurant in Foxboro, Mass. We received a large turnout and guests from Mass. Conn. R.I. and N.H. attended.

Incidentally, George, wives were invited to all our dinner meetings.

We obtained our permanent headquarters in March and held our first meeting there on April 15th. Plans were made to hold our dinner dance on May 15th. We had an enjoyable evening and many guests were present.

At our last meeting we discussed ways to advertise for our convention in Dayton, Ohio, in August. We have been successful in getting advertisement on T.V., Radio and Newspaper, which I think is helping us tremendously in our campaign.

You have asked for a breakdown although there are quite a few minor accomplishments, I have given you just the highlights of our meetings.

Sincerely  
Charles Abdinoor

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER CHIT CHAT

Our annual picnic with the Warren, Ohio Chapter was a huge success, as usual. "Beaucop" food and the liquid refreshments that are always on hand for the "troops". — Even though we were defeated in our yearly ball game, our opponents had to battle all the way. — With exceptional fielding plays and hitting (especially by "Rocky" Krupicka - 331), and the tapping of the kegs between innings, it was quite a ball game. Our rooting wives claimed a forfeit because of the excessive size of our opponents, but being the good sports that we are, we withdrew the forfeit with the promise that we would match them in physique next year.

Seems that ever since Al Uridel - 329 underwent surgery you can't hold him down — interesting the way he tells it. Ray Voracek and family had a two week vacation in New York. Now that we have new shirts, the Cleveland Chapter will be the best dressed at all coming affairs. Casey Szubski and Bob Uher are to be commended for the fine job in securing the shirts for us. — SEE YOU ALL AT THE REUNION.

## GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

Dear Sir;

At the regular monthly meeting of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, held Thursday, July 17th, we the members present, did unanimously vote to submit for your approval the following slate of candidates for Office for the coming year:

President ----- Edward Paulino 322nd F.A.

1st Vice-Pres. --- Frank Kemery 331st Inf.

2nd Vice-Pres. Albert Belvedere 331st Inf.

3rd Vice-Pres. Frank McGrogan 330th Inf.

Sec.-Treas. ---- Larry Redmond 330th Inf.

Sergeant-at-arms John Piscatelli 323rd F.A.

Sergeant-at-arms ---- Louis Volpi 324 F.A.

The above mentioned men have been active members both in our Great Chapter as well as our National Association, and are worthy of your consideration. This letter is being submitted to you by a vote of the members present at the July meeting of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, and we sincerely hope that we have representation on our National Slate of Officers for the coming year.

Yours truly,  
Larry Redmond

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Regt. or Bn. \_\_\_\_\_

I have been honorably discharged from Army Service \_\_\_\_\_ or I am still on  
active duty \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed check or money order \$(4.00) payable to:

**83rd Infantry Division Association**

1459 BEECHWOOD STREET, N. E., WARREN, OHIO

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_