



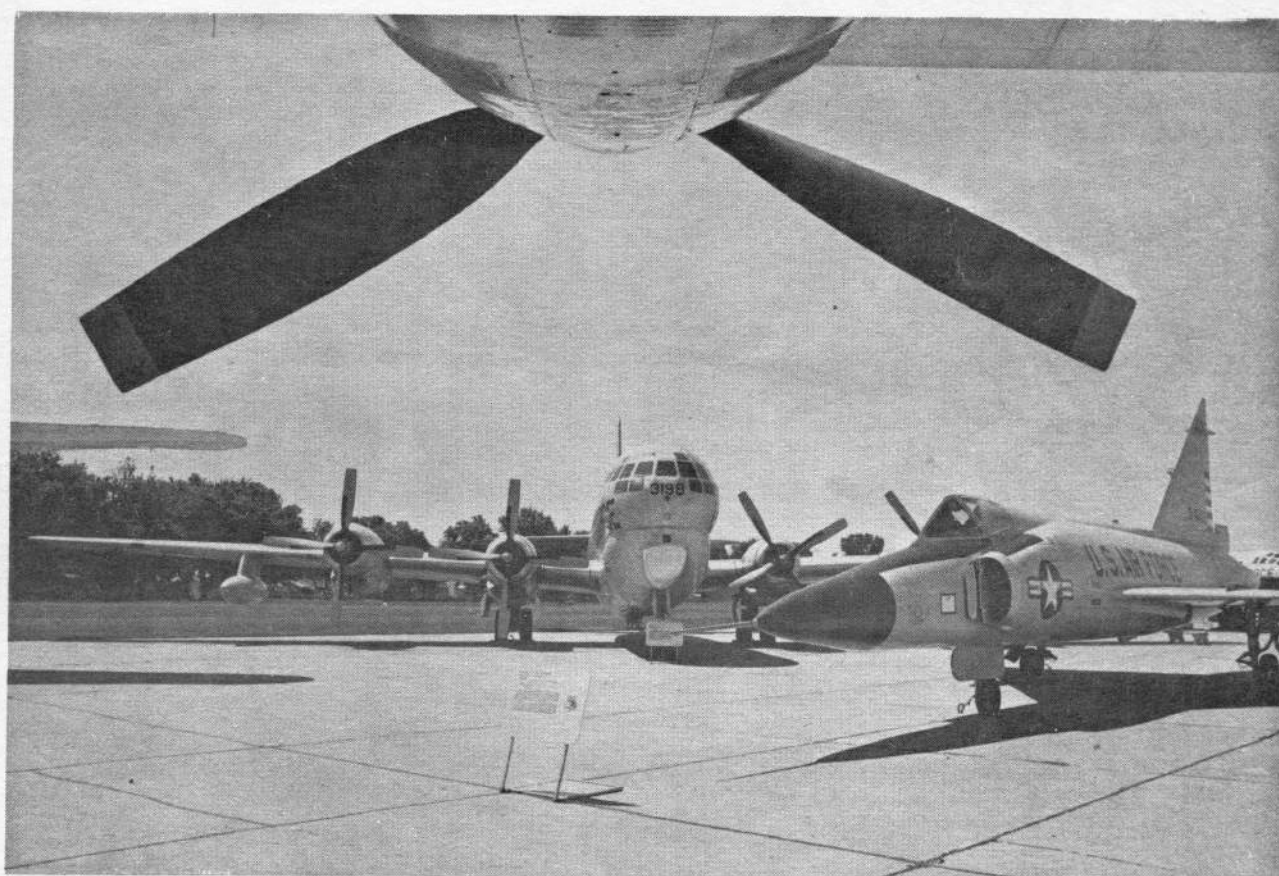
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## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hope one and all had most enjoyable Christmas and have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Central Plains Chapter is working very diligently on programs and tours, putting together an agenda for all who are able to attend the Reunion in Omaha.

Arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn, for groups that would like to have rooms in proximity to each other, to do so, however the following system will have to be adhered to:

1. One person will need to collect the completed reservation forms together with the required deposit as shown on the form as printed in The Thunderbolt, forward all completed forms and deposits to Holiday Inn.
2. Individuals must not, repeat must not make reservations individually once they have made a request through the group.
3. Person collecting requests for the group, should forward them ASAP to Holiday Inn.
4. Availability of groups rooming near to each other will be on a first come, first served basis, so get them in early!!!

For groups who may charter an AMTRACK coach, will need to notify NORBERT WOLKE, 9939 ESSEX DRIVE, OMAHA, NE 68144 not later than 8 August 1991 so that transportation may be arranged from station to Holiday Inn, Mr. Wolke is in charge of securing all group transportation, include time of arrival and number in the group.

Ad Book information appears elsewhere in this issue, please send your ads to the address indicated there-in.

Information on things to do and see also appears in this issue. Check the information to see those things you may want to see and do, while in Omaha. More information will appear in following issues.

Come see us and your "Buddies" in Omaha, for those of you in the Eastern U.S. it is not as far as you might think, and for those in the Western U.S., the distance has been reduced by almost one-half in some cases.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Omaha in August!!!

Ed

## FROM THE OFFICE

Well Buddies, we can once again say another year has gone by and we are still here. Pearl and I hope that your Holidays were as good as ours were. We had all six of our children, their spouses, and all of our grandchildren and great grandchildren here for Christmas. What more could we ask. No greater Christmas present could have been had. A wonderful season. And now we are in the New Year. We are swamped here in the office. But that is what makes the organization what it is. The memberships dues are coming in and we have New ones also.

There are still quite a few who have not paid but we have confidence that they will be here in the next month or so.

The material for the Thunderbolt is mostly in and the printer has already started work on it. Those two men are really terrific.

We went over the Monday after New Year's with the first batch and said "Well, here we are." They were ready for us. They make it a pleasure to do business with them.

Have talked to Jim Prentice and John Raikos and material from Ed Haynes and his Central Plains Chapter is in. Quite a reunion they are planning. Can't believe that it is time to start thinking and planning for Omaha. We will be getting ready for the Executive board meeting soon.

Have a meeting on January 12 at Camp Atterbury planning for the Memorial on August 15. Plan on attending that if you can. It will be the weekend before our Reunion in Omaha, so maybe you can just swing by and attend both of them.

I know that you will enjoy the Memorial. It is really going to be something.

Don't know how the weather in your part of the world has been this winter but here in this part of Ohio we have had very mild weather. One little sprinkling of snow early in the beginning of the winter.

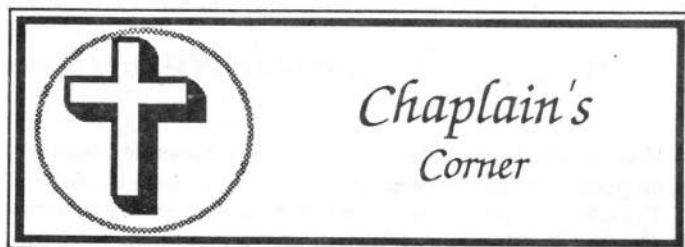
Some men missed the last issue of the Thunderbolt and I have put their news in for both times. Sorry about that men. It was work to get that Issue out but we made it and with all we have for this Issue I am sure glad that we went ahead.

Men please send in your change of address to the office. If not when I send out the Thunderbolts, the Post Office sends me a notice back and I have to pay thirty-five cents for that address and then pay to send you another issue.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO KEEP US INFORMED AS TO YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. The post office WILL NOT forward the Thunderbolt on to you. It goes in the DEAD FILE

Please take care of yourselves and each other. Hope you have a Happy Year. PLAN ON OMAHA in AUGUST.

Bob Derickson



The holidays are upon us once again, Thanksgiving was wonderful. Beautiful fall weather. Now the grey days of winter. Have a blessed Christmas, all my 83rd friends and buddies and your families. Also want to wish you a safe and happy New Year.

Once again we are making plans to attend the next 83rd Division Reunion, in Omaha, Neb.

On Veterans Day we paid our respect to our buddies. The parade was long and colorful and there seemed to be many more bands this year. A wonderful salute to the Desert Storm Veterans!

December 1st The Pittsburgh 83rd chapter meeting was well attended, at the Vets in Brentwood, Pittsburgh.

Enclosed is another poem for the Thunderbolt. Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. God Bless and watch over all of you and your families.

Your Chaplain,  
Mathew Pintar

## My GI Buddy

I wonder where he is today  
that GI buddy of mine  
Is he still that happy carefree guy  
or did he change with time.

I remember the hours we marched along  
The nights we went to town  
Sleeping in a fox hole  
On that hard and snowy ground.

I can remember the many times we laughed  
and once, we even cried  
But somehow we made it  
My buddy Joe and I.

I wonder if life has been good to him  
or did he have troubles to  
Wherever you are my buddy Joe  
I often think of you.

The time we said farewell  
We embraced and said good-bye  
We didn't try to hide it  
The tears that were in our eyes.

Did he find true love  
or did she pass him by  
I pray the Good Lord has been good to him  
My GI buddy and wonderful guy.

from PA. AM VET Dec. 1986

Death Notices that have come to the office. The Sympathy of the entire 83rd Infantry Division goes out to the families of these men.

Wade W. Brittingham	HQ 330th
Ray Brown	M 331st
Carl Chelen	C 331st
Carl Gamble	CN 329th
John Hutchinson	K 331st
Ralph Morgan, COL.	HQ 323rd
Rev. Armand	
Morissette	
James Moye	K 331st
Clayton A. Reichenberg	A 908th
Charles D. Quill	K 329th
Walter Sheffler	C 323rd
James E. Stone	D 331st

Hans Treutel	D 331st
John Jankovich	D 330th

Reported by  
John Daum  
Austin McCann  
Jim McCulla  
Mort Goldman  
John Hobbs  
Wife, Violet

Pat DiGiammerino  
Earl McDonald  
Wife, Angelina  
Christian Heine  
Wife, Sara  
Al Shrawder  
O.L. Cook  
Al Shrawder  
Stan Bielen

Thanks to all the men and women who report these deaths to the office. Without your help we could not report this. Sympathy to all.



## Camp Atterbury News

### Board Chairman Report

Hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holidays and best wishes for good health not only for this year, but for years ahead.

The Central Plains Chapter should have their schedule for their reunion in this "Thunderbolt". They plan a good time for us and I hope everyone will give them the support we have extended to all the other reunions in the past.

Bob Derickson and Ames Miller will be attending a meeting in Camp Atterbury. Jan. 12th. I have informed Bob to keep a page open so he can report the full agenda of what is planned for that day on August 15, '92 and he has said he would do so.

We hope the agenda meets with your approval as we would like to have a good turnout for the dedication of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Camp Atterbury and the monument dedicated to the troops who were stationed there.

Make sure your dues are paid up to date. If not, send them in as soon as possible, so that you'll continue to receive the "Thunderbolt".

"Jim" Prentice  
Chairman



### CAMP ATTERBURY MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Dear Buddies:

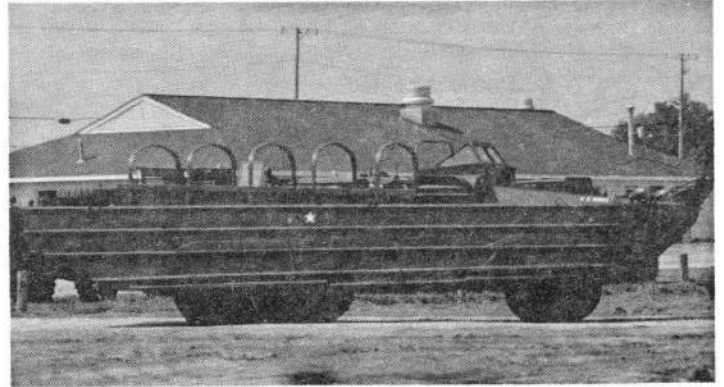
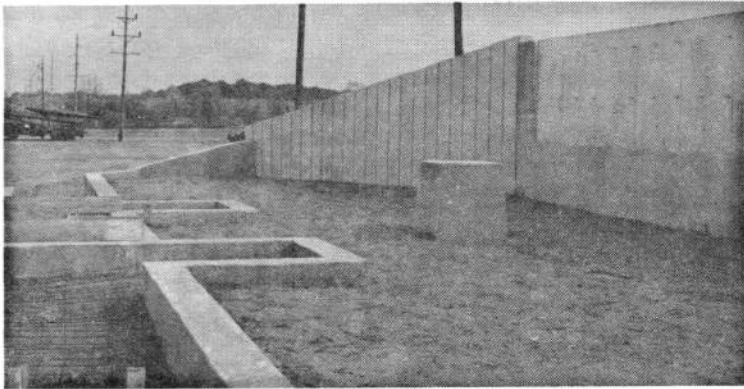
This article has its beginning back in the 1940's when what is now Camp Atterbury was then farm land, with families living on their farms and making their living in a peaceful way. Then came the beginning of war and Camp Atterbury was formed and young boys who had never heard of fighting and killing were sent to Camp Atterbury to train. The early birds had to really build the Camp. Make side walks out of mud. When it rained it was something else.

On August 15, 1992, the 83rd Infantry Division will have an opportunity to attend a dedication ceremony for the Camp Atterbury Memorial Park. We are being asked to donate towards this Park whether we trained at Camp Atterbury or not. It will be nice to have a Memorial here in the state of Indiana that we may visit at any time. Colonel Jorg Stachel is in charge of this Memorial and he is really working hard to make it a very memorable time for all veterans of any war. An 83rd Division Flag is being made and will be presented to the Memorial Park on August 15. We hope that you may see fit to contribute to this Memorial Park and may be present on that day to see the culmination of all the work that has been done.

Robert E. Derickson  
Ames H. Miller



# CAMP ATTERBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION



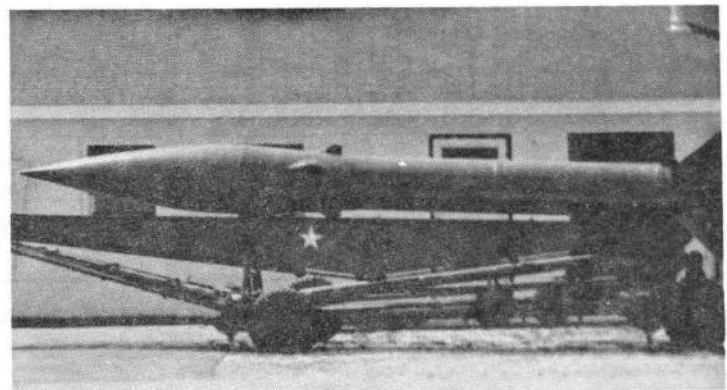
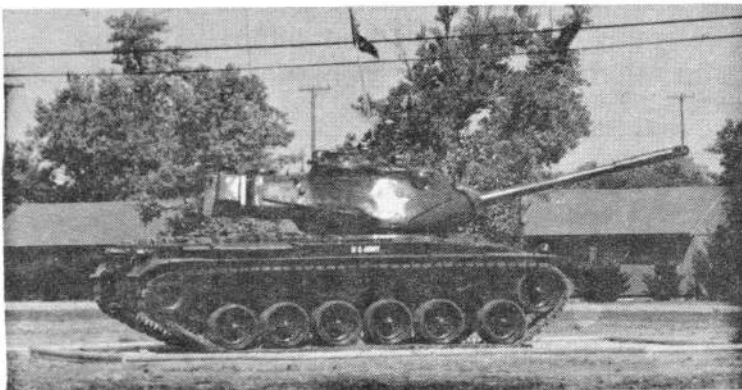
August 15, 1992 will mark Camp Atterbury's Golden Anniversary. To commemorate this event, Colonel Jorg Stachel, Post Commander of Camp Atterbury, developed the concept for the Camp Atterbury Veteran's Memorial Park and Display Area. This memorial is dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have passed through the gates of Camp Atterbury on their way to war. Today, the memorial is not just a concept. The ground has been broken and project is well underway.

As in many other major undertakings similar to this memorial, its success depends upon support from individuals and organizations willing to make things happen. Colonel Stachel estimates this project if done commercially, would cost at least \$350,000 excluding the military equipment to be displayed. As with many projects money is always a concern. Colonel Stachel stresses that the funds will be donated from funds donated by individuals, veterans and private organizations and not from tax dollars.

The final landscaping will be completed during Spring 1992. Funds are still needed to ensure the memorial is completed. Donations should be sent to the Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association Inc., Attention: Comptroller's Office - Lt. Col. Lewis M. Tenney, Building #1 Hospital Road, Edinburg, Indiana 46124-1096. Anything you can afford is appreciated.

## PROGRESS REPORT:

1. Statue has been commissioned, and we have selected a pose.
2. AM General Corporation, the manufacturer of the HUMMER, has donated a vehicle to honor the Desert Storm Troops.
3. A Huey helicopter has been received for the display to reflect our Vietnam era involvement.
4. We have received the first five stone plaques from the stone mason. When all are received, they will be mounted.
5. Please make your area motel reservations for August 14-16, 1992, to be assured of having a room for the 15th of August 1992 for the Camp Atterbury Veteran's Memorial Dedication. (See list of area motels)



*Sincerely,*

**LEWIS M. TENNEY**  
**LT. COL. Liaison Officer**  
**INDIANA GUARD RESERVE/**  
**83rd. Inf. Divn. Rep.**

**JORG STACHEL**  
**Colonel, Indiana National Guard**  
**Post Commander & Chairman**

**Camp Atterbury Veteran's Memorial Association, Inc.**

**Proposed Program  
Camp Atterbury Golden Anniversary  
15 August 1992**

0900	Platform party and invited dignitaries assemble in King Hall for social.
0930	Band concert at memorial site.
0930	Public is seated.
0955	Official party arrives.
0955	Salutes rendered - Flourishes
1000	ARNG Fly over.
1000	National Anthem.
1005	Invocation
1010	Introduction of Dignitaries and VIPs
1020	M/C reads script of WWII events. Acquisitions development, history and WWII organizations that passed through.
1040	Main address from V.P. of U.S. and Governor of Indiana.
1100	M/C explains the memorial and its purpose.
1115	Unveiling of Statue by Vice President of U.S., Governor of Indiana as well as WWII Veteran, The Adjutant General and Post Commander.
1120	Flyover by Indiana ANG
1125	Benediction official party departs.
1130	Announcements of activities and band resumes playing.
1135 - 1500	Bus tours of display areas located in cantonment areas and on range complex. (Includes demo rides and observing training) Golden Knights and Blue Angels.

Donations of \$10.00 - \$20.00 - \$30.00 - \$40.00 - \$50.00, any amount you can afford would be appreciated. Please make all checks payable to Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association. You may send them by mail to:

**Camp Atterbury Mem. Assn.  
Attn: Comptrollers Office Bldg. #1  
Edinburgh, IN. 46124 - 1096**

You are cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremony on Saturday 15 August 1992 on Camp Atterbury to honor the veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

AREA MOTELS you can use for this occasion are listed below.

COLUMBUS AREA

1. Holiday Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-372-1541
2. Knights Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-378-3100
3. Ramada Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-376-3051
4. Days Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-376-9951

EDINBURGH AREA

1. Hilltop Motel, US 31, Edinburgh, IN 812-526-6555
2. Indiana Motor Lodge, 10330 N US 31 - Taylorsville, IN 812-526-9747

FRANKLIN AREA

1. Day's Inn, 2180 E King St., Franklin, IN 317-736-8000
2. Tearman's Motel, 501 S. Morton (US Hwy 31), Franklin, IN 317-736-5021

# OMAHA REUNION 1992

The Central Plains Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association cordially invites you and your wife or other guest to attend the 46th Annual Reunion of the Association to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 19, 20, 21 & 22, 1992.

Festivities will be held at the Holiday Inn Central, a large convention center conveniently located in Omaha with reasonable rates and free parking. A separate Hotel Reservation Form accompanies this issue of the Thunderbolt and should be sent directly to the Hotel.

Please read the Program, Program Notes and the articles, "Omaha - a Great Place to Visit" and "Omaha - a Great Place for Tours", which follow this invitation.

Registration Fees, per person, payable at the reunion, are:

Aug. 19 - 0      Aug. 20 - 0      Aug. 21 - \$24.00      Aug. 22 - \$26.00

Tour Fees are shown below and are payable in advance of the reunion.

## REUNION REGISTRATION AND TOUR RESERVATION FORM

Please Circle Dates of Reunion Attendance - August    19      20      21      22

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

Name of Wife or Other Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

### TOUR RESERVATIONS

TOUR	DATE & TIME	TOUR FEES PER PERSON	NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS
Boys Town	Aug. 20 - 10:00 a.m.	\$6.00	_____
Old Market	Aug. 20 - 10:00 a.m.	\$6.00	_____
Combination of Above Tours	Aug. 20 - 10:00 a.m.	\$6.00	_____
Note: Above 3 tours leave at the same time - take your pick.			
On the Boys Town Tour, tour guides will give each person an opportunity to make a \$1.00 donation.			
Rain - Forest	Aug. 21 - 9:00 a.m.	\$10.00	_____
SAC/Air Base	Aug. 21 - 1:30 p.m.	\$8.00	_____
Joslyn Museum	Aug. 22 - 9:30 a.m.	\$7.00	_____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS FOR TOUR FEES PAYABLE TO "83RD REUNION '92"  
AND MAIL TO NORBERT WOLKE, 9939 ESSEX DR., OMAHA, NE 68114

## 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 46TH ANNUAL REUNION - DOWN MEMORY LANE 50TH ANNIVERSARY MONTH OF DIVISION REACTIVATION HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL - OMAHA, NEBRASKA AUGUST 19, 20, 21, & 22, 1992

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All Day

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - ?

All Day

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All Afternoon

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - ?

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### EVENTS\*

Registration

Visitor Attractions

Registration

Boys Town & Old Market Tours

Hospitality/Memory Room

Cash Bar & Music

Visitor Attractions

Registration

Rain Forest Tour

Business Meeting

SAC Museum/Air Base Tour

Visitor Attractions

Hospitality?Memory Room

Cash Bar

Dinner & Music

### LOCATION

Assembly Hall

See Listing\*

Assembly Hall

Assembly Hall

Main Ballroom

Main Ballroom

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - ?  
7:00 p.m. - Midnight

Registration  
Joslyn Museum Tour  
Business Meeting  
Memorial Service  
Hospitality/Memory Room  
Catholic Mass  
Cash Bar  
Banquet & Big Band Dancing

Assembly Hall  
Assembly Hall  
Main Ballroom  
Main Ballroom  
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Document Room  
Main Ballroom  
Main Ballroom

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

SO LONG! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

\* Details on Events are shown in the Program Notes accompanying this Schedule. A listing of addresses, telephone numbers and descriptions of recommended entertainment, sports, cultural and historic facilities, shopping centers and restaurants will be provided along with a map showing all locations.

### 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 46TH ANNUAL REUNION - DOWN MEMORY LANE AUGUST 19, 20, 21, & 22, 1992

#### PROGRAM NOTES

(1) Registration will take place in the North Lobby of the Holiday Inn Central, a spacious convention center conveniently located off of the 72nd Street Exit of Interstate 80. An information desk and message board will be located in the registration area, plus table reservation charts for the Friday evening dinner and Saturday night banquet.

(2) Free parking & RV storage will be available at the Hotel, and meals outside the Hotel may be enjoyed at several close restaurants.

(3) Golfing will be available at the championship Offutt Air Base Golf Course on Thursday morning beginning at 6:00 a.m. for those reserving in advance. Other golf arrangements may be made upon arrival in Omaha.

(4) The Boys Town Tour will feature a visit to Father Flanagan's Boys Town, a world famous college preparatory and technical training facility for troubled boys and girls. The Old Market Tour will feature a visit to an area started in 1880 as a fruit & vegetable market and now filled with unique speciality shops, boutiques, art galleries, pubs, restaurants, and theaters. A Combination Tour will also be available.

(5) The Hospitality?Memory Room will be located in a large area with tables and boards to permit members to exhibit any personal memorabilia they may wish to bring to the Reunion. Open bar.

(6) The Rain-forest Tour has been arranged especially for the ladies and will feature a visit to the world's largest indoor rain-forest located in the Henry Doorly Zoo. Additional visits may be made to the adjacent indoor Wild Kingdom Pavilion and Aquarium.

(7) The SAC Museum and Offutt Air Base Tour will feature a memorable visit to the Strategic Air Command Museum where you may walk through military aviation history inside and stroll outside among 31 WWII and later aircraft formerly used on SAC missions. You may also experience a dramatization of a modern-day SAC "Red Alert". Afterwards, you will view the wonders of Offutt Air Base which housed the Strategic Air Command and staffed by thousands of military and civilian personnel.

(8) A sit-down dinner with reserved seating will be featured Friday night followed by musical entertainment. Cash bar service will be available during the evening.

(9) The Joslyn Museum Tour especially for the ladies will feature a visit to the Joslyn Art Museum recognized for its extensive collection of western art in addition to its representative collections of ancient and contemporary paintings and sculptures.

(10) The Saturday night Banquet will feature a short talk by the Commanding General of SAC followed by dancing to Glenn Miller style music provided by the 24 piece Strategic Air Command Dance Band attired in WWII uniforms. Cash bar service will be available during the evening, and drawings will be conducted at intermission time.

## **OMAHA - A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT**

### **A Message From The Great Plains Chapter**

OMAHA - derived from an Indian word meaning "Above All Others Upon a Stream" - has hosted visitors ever since frontier days when it was first known as the "Crossroads of the Nation". A few years before the Omaha Indians gave up their settlement and moved north, the Mormons spent a winter here on their westward trek. During the gold rush days in Colorado, adventuresome prospectors visited Omaha for supplies. Later, Omaha was designated by President Lincoln as the point from which the nation's first transcontinental railroad should go westward. From then on, Omaha grew into a thriving commercial and cultural center with a present metropolitan population of 600,000. It is not only a major transportation, livestock and food processing center, but is the base of many manufacturing and service firms, including the home offices of over 40 insurance companies. Recreational facilities abound. In addition to the many private ones, public facilities include 15 golf courses, 138 outdoor and one indoor tennis courts, 23 swimming pools, 133 parks, 100 pall fields, and 29 outdoor and two indoor ice skating rinks. The area is blessed with 900 restaurants (including 14 steak houses serving up Omaha's famous beef), 7 large shopping malls and 15 shopping centers. It has 11 museums, 16 performing arts theaters, 80 movie theaters, a professional symphony, opera, ballet and a community playhouse. As a matter of fact, Omaha has so much to offer visitors that in recent years military reunions have swelled the ranks of visitors. Here are some quotes received from out-of-town reunion representatives: "I've been working with convention bureaus all around the country, and I think the treatment here is the best"- "Honestly, I find all of Omaha having a friendly atmosphere" - ""And the eating places around this place ... every time you turned your back everybody's raving about the food" - "The group wanted to come to Omaha...there's a lot to do and a lot to see!"

Following is a description of some of the attractions that have appealed most to Omaha visitors:

#### **BOYS TOWN**

Established in 1917 and incorporated as a village in 1936, Boys Town is a complete 1300 acre community with three schools, two churches, a farm, a dairy, a postoffice and more. Most importantly, it is "home" with over 75 residential family homes for more than 500 abused, abandoned or neglected boys and girls. It hosts more than 100,000 visitors a year. Of special interest are the Hall of History, a visual chronological history of Boys Town; Father Flanagan's Historical Home; the famous statue bearing the inscription "He Ain't Heavy Father, He's M' Brother"; the Rose Garden; the Dairy Farm; and the Leon Myers Stamp Center, an enormous hobby museum devoted primarily to stamps.

#### **HENRY DOORLY ZOO**

A beautiful facility visited by 800,000 people in 1990. You may stroll along a wooden walkway that winds among treetops in the world's largest free-flight aviary. Or, you may view the world's largest indoor tropical rain-forest opening in 1992 with its massive trees, cliff-clinging walkways and tropical animals. Or, you may watch rare white tigers pace in the cat complex, the largest in North America. To view the other exhibits in this fascinating zoo, a 2 & 1/2 mile steam train ride through the zoo is offered.

#### **STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND MUSEUM**

The history of the Strategic Air Command (soon to be renamed) is depicted on a 42 acre sight adjacent to Offutt Air Force Base where Command Headquarters are located. The outdoor exhibit displays 31 different aircraft actually used on SAC missions plus 7 missiles. Indoor exhibits trace the development of military aviation from the Wright Brothers to the Strategic Air Command. An introductory film on SAC veral times each hour. Pushbutton displays use minifilms to depict various points in aviation history.

#### **OLD MARKET**

Formerly a fruit and vegetable warehouse and market district which had its beginning in 1880, the Old Market Area is now a colorful entertainment and shopping center. It contains art galleries, unique specialty shops, pubs and theaters, including a dinner theater located in a refurbished old firehouse. A trackless trolley named "Ollie the trolley", reminiscent of an era when shoppers and workers traveled leisurely through town, provides transportation in and around the Old Market Area.

#### **JOSLYN ART MUSEUM**

This three level Georgia Pink Marble Museum features art objects that span 50 centuries. Collections include works from ancient Greece, Italy and Egypt; American art from the colonial and early western periods to the present era; and European art of the Renaissance, Middle Ages and the present. Of particular interest are the Carl Bodmer paintings documenting the Maximilian Expedition to the upper Missouri in 1833-34.

#### **THE GENERAL CROOK HOUSE**

This interesting house was formerly the residence of General George Crook, a Civil War calvary hero who later led troops against Indian uprisings. Suprisingly enough, the General solicited legal support on behalf of an Indian - Ponca Chief Standing Bear. The Chief was accused of leaving his Oklahoma reservation to bury his dead son in the Dakotas. His trial resulted in a landmark decision which defined an Indian as a "person" entitled to the rights and protections of the Constitution. Visiting the House will take you back to an era when homes were designed to entertain large groups of people. The house has been restored and furnished with antiques from the Victorian period which compliment the high ceilings, large bay windows and beautiful woodwork. A formal Victorian Garden is in bloom during the growing season. Admission charged.

#### **CENTRAL PARK MALL**

A lovely, \$285 million, 30 acre green belt through Downtown Omaha which will eventually culminate on the shore of the Missouri River with a greatly enlarged marina. The Mall is considered a national model for urban redevelopment, with waterfalls, gardens, sculptures, and an ampitheater for summer concerts.

#### **HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK AND FOUNTAIN**

Located close to the Missouri River near the Central Park Mall and Old Market, a 15 acre man-made lake and \$1.5 million fountain was built as "A salute to the legacy of our forefathers, a symbol of the spirit of present citizens and a beacon of future generations". The computer-controlled fountain features jets of water soaring 250 feet in the air and creating patterns. The water surges at 9,500 gallons per minute through 31 surroundings nozzles and at night is illuminated by a spectrum of glowing lights of changing colors.

## **WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Housed in the Art Deco, granite and marble Union Pacific Railroad Depot of the past, this museum won an award from the Society of American Travel Writers for "outstanding conservation, preservation and beautification of a tourist attraction.. The museum documents the history of Omaha. Its displays include old photographs, a telephone exhibit, and 1890's schoolroom, a restored streetcar and local memorabilia. Also on display are a replica of the 1917 biplane that made the first transcontinental flight and an extensive collection of rare coins, paper money, books and autographs. Admission charged.

## **BLUFFS RUN - GREYHOUND RACING**

Omaha's Ak-sar-ben Race Track, one of the nation's top ten thoroughbred horse racing facilities, will end its '92 season on August 10, '92, so horse racing will not be available during the Omaha Reunion. But, not to worry! Just 2 miles across the Missouri River is an outstanding facility offering greyhound racing afternoons and evenings. What makes it so enjoyable is its glassed-in, air conditioned stadium/clubhouse. It provides terraced tables and chairs for easy observation of the track and drinking and dining if desired. A TV monitor at each table permits close observation of the races and betting booths along the top terrace permit easy access from tables.

## **UNION PACIFIC HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Housed in the national headquarters of the Union Pacific Railroad, this museum tells the saga of Union Pacific's colorful history and its contributions to settling and building the West. It contains pioneer and Indian artifacts plus Abraham Lincoln memorabilia, and gives a look at today's modern railroads. No admission charge.

## **THE PEOPLE**

You have read descriptions of some of the things that make Omaha a great place to visit. But, perhaps the most important thing about Omaha is its people. From clerks in stores and waiters and waitresses in restaurants to the people on the street, Omaha is loaded with friendly people. Come see them in '92!

## **OMAHA - A GREAT PLACE FOR TOURS**

### **A Message From The Great Plains Chapter**

The 1992 Reunion in Omaha will feature 6 highly interesting tours. Transportation will be provided by large, 47 seat, air conditioned Motorcoaches with rest rooms. Descriptions of the tours follow.

### **BOYS TOWN TOUR - 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 20**

You will be taken to Boys Town via central and western Omaha and will return in time for lunch. Established in 1917 and incorporated as a village in 1936, Boys Town is a complete 1300 acre community with three schools, two churches, a farm, a dairy, a post office and more. Most importantly, it is "home" with over 75 residential family homes for more than 500 abused, abandoned or neglected boys and girls. It hosts more than 100,000 visitors a year. Of special interest are the Hall of History, a visual chronological history of Boys Town; Father Flanagan's Historical Home; the famous statue bearing the inscription, "He Ain't Heavy Father, He's My Brother"; the Rose Garden, the Dairy Farm; and the Leon Myers Stamp Center, an enormous hobby museum devoted primarily to stamps. **TOUR FEE: \$6.00 per person. Tour guides at Boys Town will give each person an opportunity to make a \$1.00 donation.**

### **OLD MARKET TOUR - 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 20**

You will be taken to the Old Market Area via central Omaha and return after you have had your lunch at a pub or restaurant of your choice. Formerly a fruit and vegetable warehouse and market district which had its beginning in 1880, the Old Market Area is now a colorful entertainment and shopping center. It contains art galleries, unique specialty shops, pubs and theaters, including a dinner theater located in a refurbished old firehouse. A trackless trolley named "Ollie the Trolley", reminiscent of an era when shoppers and workers traveled leisurely through town, provides transportation in and around the Old Market Area. **TOUR FEE: \$6.00 per person.**

**COMBINATION BOYS TOWN/OLD MARKET TOUR - 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20.** After completion of the Boys Town Tour, you will be taken to the Old Market for lunch at a pub or restaurant of your choice, sight-seeing and shopping - then returned in the afternoon. **TOUR FEE: \$6.00 per person.**

**NOTE: THE ABOVE 3 TOURS LEAVE AT THE SAME TIME, SO YOU MUST MAKE A SELECTION.**

### **RAIN-FOREST TOUR - 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 21.**

This tour has been arranged especially for the ladies and will take place during the time of the Friday business meeting. Tourers will be taken to the Henry Doorly Zoo and its indoor tropical rain-forest located on the east side of Omaha. The rain-forest of its kind in the world. From cliff-hanging walkways you will be able to view falls, caves, massive trees, lush vegetation and tropical animals.

**TOUR FEE: \$10.00 per person.**

### **STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND MUSEUM/OFFUTT AIR BASE TOUR - 1:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21.**

You will be taken through the southern part of Omaha to the Strategic Air Command (soon to be renamed) Museum where you may walk through military aviation history inside and stroll outside among 31 WWII and later aircraft formerly used on SAC missions. You may also experience a dramatization of a modern-day SAC "Red Alert". Afterwards, you will be taken on a guided tour of Offutt Air Base which houses the Strategic Air Command and is staffed by thousands of military and civilian personnel. **TOUR FEE: \$8.00 per person.**

### **JOSLYN ART MUSEUM TOUR - 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 22.**

This tour has been arranged especially for the ladies and will take place during the Saturday business meeting. The Museum is a three level Art Deco Building constructed of Georgia pink marble. It features art objects that span 50 centuries. Collections include works from ancient Greece, Italy and Egypt; American art from the colonial and early western periods to the present era; and European art of the Renaissance, Middle Ages and the present. Of particular interest are the Carl Bodmer paintings documenting the Maximilian Expedition to the upper Missouri in 1933-34. **TOUR FEE: \$7.00 per person.**



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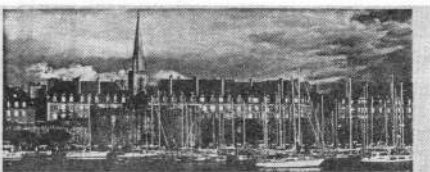
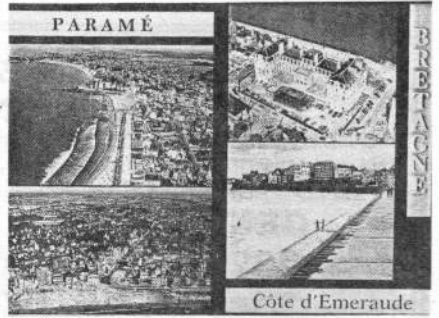
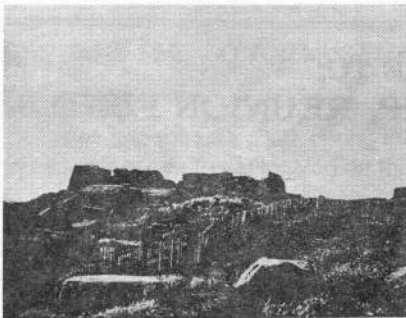
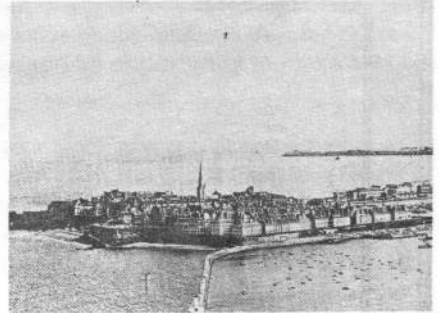
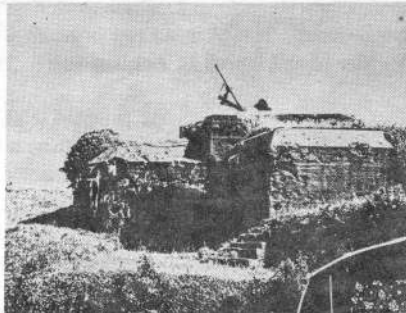
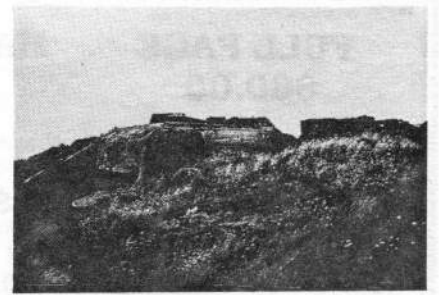
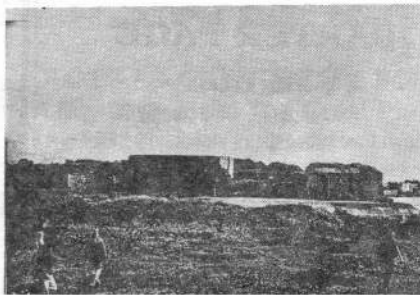
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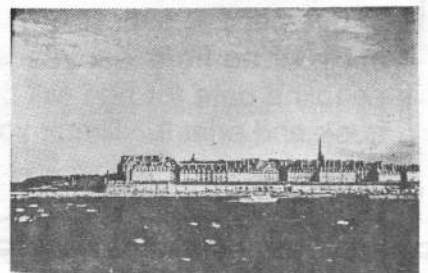
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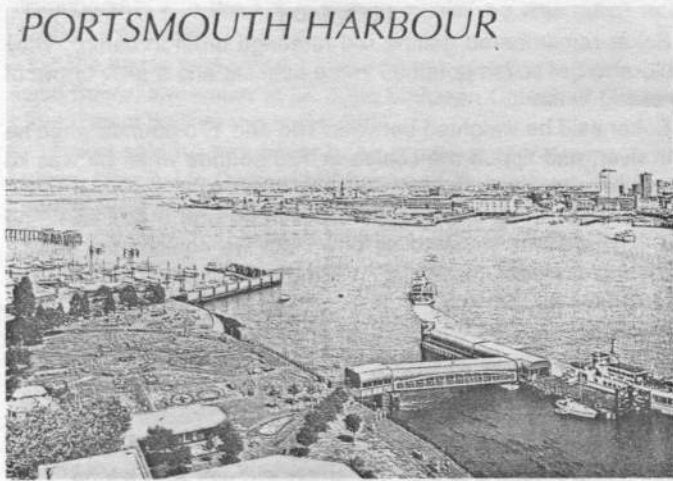


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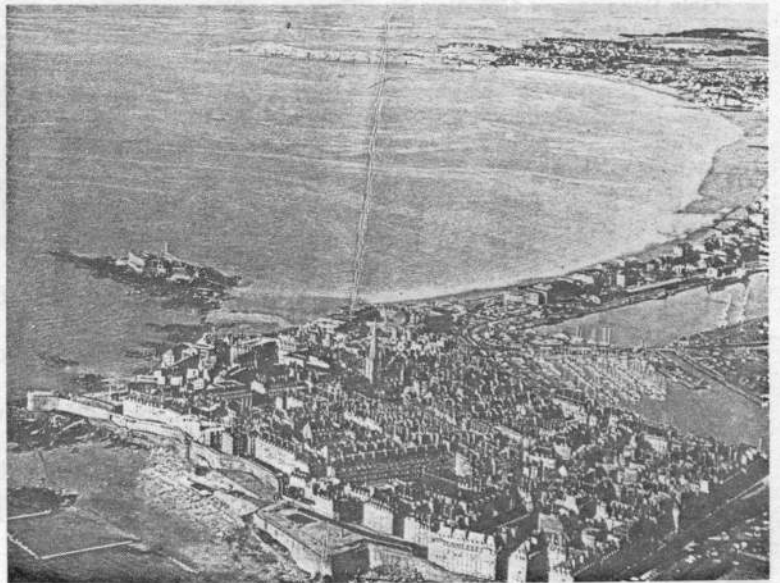


# HISTORIAN'S CORNER

## PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR



Some of us left from here to Omaha Beach. I left by Canadian L.C.I. from Southampton for the beach, Kent



The City of Saint Malo in 1991. Also, the remains of the forts the 83rd took in 1944. I was in Paramé with the 331st.



This bridge over the Rance River, you'll remember as the one the 308th Engineers put the Bailey Bridge on after the Germans blew up the arches. (Dinan)



# Baker discusses being a WWII POW

The Daily Advocate - By Linda Moody  
Life Styles Editor

Gale Baker spent 139 days in a German prison camp during World War II, and is one of approximately a dozen POWs in the Darke County area.



Baker said it took him nearly 30 years to be able to talk about his imprisonment, but is somewhat more open about it now. It wasn't until a reunion in 1975 with a company that he was in that he could begin talking about his experiences in Europe. His wife, Irene, didn't even know about what he went through until then.

"It still bothers me," he said.

Another concern of Baker's is that his time as POW meant nothing to anyone.

"There was no place on the discharge that said I was a POW," he said. "I had to go to Camp Hood, Texas, for six weeks afterwards because I got no points while in prison camp."

Baker said he is just now getting his medals, for he had gotten nothing after he got out of the service.

## No mistreatment

Baker said he was not mistreated at the prison camps, but noted that he was malnourished. He spent time in five different prison camps all over Germany.

In prison camp, everything was taken away from the prisoners, even photographs.

Did he ever think he wasn't coming back home? "I told my wife when I left I was coming home," said Baker, who entered the Army in October 1942.

Baker went overseas on April 6, 1944, and was captured the following Dec. 11.

A sergeant, Baker and 15 others were captured while attacking the town of Strass, Germany. According to a letter his wife received from the military, Baker's battalion was isolated and cut off from other units of the regiment, he being the squad leader for the machine gun platoon. They were ordered to take up defensive positions on the outskirts of town.

But, what his unit didn't know is that the excursion was called off for the other platoon which was to serve as another flank in the raid.

Baker said the day was like a regular blizzard.

"We walked into Strass, woke the people and the soldiers up," he said. "We were three miles from the German line the next morning. If we would have held out the rest of the day, we'd been all right."

Once captured, the men were set up in the cellars of two houses on the outskirts of town.

"I did get out of the Battle of the Bulge," he said. "We knew it was going to happen but there was no way to get the word out."

Four and a half months later, the Germans had to free their prisoners because they were overrun by the British Army, Baker said.

The rural Arcanum man said no one knew he was a prisoner of war until he sent a letter home to his wife. She had received a letter from the military on April 12, four months after his capture, and they still didn't know the location of her husband.

"Three of us stayed together all the way through," Baker said. "We were classified as officers because we had rank. We didn't get anything to eat and had to wear the same clothes for 139 days. The Germans just gave us one blanket."

## Little food

Baker remembered getting fed rutabaga broth in camp. They would also get boiled potatoes in the evening and a slice or two of bread.

Baker said he weighted between 165 and 170 pounds when he went over, and tipped the scales at 128 pounds when he was let out of the prison camp.

"The worst thing was we were put in 40 and 8 box cars," he said. "There was room to sit down but we couldn't lay down. There was no food: just water. I told them I wouldn't get back on. I didn't have to, I walked."

Baker believes the walking paid off for him.

"The guys who didn't walk and exercise hurt the worst," he said.

Baker remembers that after his liberation, he was sent to London, England, spending two weeks there to learn how to eat again. There before him in the officer's mess was bacon, eggs and toast.

"I sat and cried because I couldn't eat," he said. "I took a couple of bites and couldn't eat any more. It was a long time before I could eat a rutabaga or turnip."

Baker said it didn't take him long, however, to put the weight back on. Upon his discharge, he was home for 75 days and ate and ate and ate.

"I can eat about anything now," he said.

It was in England that Baker saw his name on the bulletin board, informing him he was going home. He boarded the Queen Mary and headed for America. He took a train to Union City and a cab home, surprising his wife and mother.

"I beat the postcard home," he said.

## Friendly with guard

Baker said he made friends with one of the prison guards, who had relatives in Hamlin, Ind. He even wrote back to wife Irene to ask her to get in touch with that guard's family.

"He came into the barracks and talked to us," Baker said. "One of our men, Aloysius Ebert, could speak German."

Twenty-two years of age at the time of his capture, Baker was married only two months when he was called to serve his country. His wife, the former Irene Kruckeberg, stayed with his parents on Green Street in Greenville while he was away.

The couple met each other in Greenville. She was babysitting down the street, he said.

The son of Ray and Lily (Ryan) Baker, he had worked at General Motors before he went overseas and returned to his job there after his discharge.

Baker said it was about six years after he came home that he found he couldn't settle down, drifting from job to job. He worked at Fitzwater Tree Trimming, B.F. Goodrich, Greenville police force and the Hobart Manufacturing. Then, he was told about a German-owned toll and die shop, NDT Industries, in Dayton. He went to work there in October 1951 and remained until his retirement in January 1988.

Son Ronnie is now general manager there and his oldest son, Steve, works there, too. (His third son, Gale Dean, works at Channel 2 television station.)

Baker, who has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, was drafted into the 83rd Infantry Division. He and

good friend John Wright, now deceased, tried to get in the Air Force, but, because Wright wore glasses, they wouldn't let him in.

"But we got drafted together," Baker said, "but John got transferred from the 83rd into the 4th division"

#### **Busy man**

Baker is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

A slight wound he received in July 1944 made him eligible for membership into the DAV. When injured he was taken to England to a hospital.

"The worse part about it was I had to go back to the front line," said Baker, a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Greenville. "But, I went back to the same outfit.

Baker said he has never been a patient at Veterans Administration Hospital in Dayton, but has used its services. He has had dental work done there, obtained his hearing aid there and gets the medications for his heart problems from the facility

He started developing heart problems in December 1987 and underwent a catheterization in 1988.

Baker, who was in quite a few battles before his capture, said he is real involved in the DAV.

He also belongs to the Kentucky chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division, which gets together four times a year.

Baker and his wife, a retired Arcanum school bus driver, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7 this coming year. Twenty-four days later, he will mark his 70th birthday.

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Boston Chapter**

It is time again to send you the news of the men and the women of the Boston Chapter. We have been very active since the last Thunderbolt.

On Saturday, November 16th, 1991 we had our monthly meeting at Larry and Fran Arrigos home with the election of the following officers:

Larry Arrigo - President  
 Pat DiGiammerino - 1st Vice President  
 Charles Lussier - 2nd Vice President  
 Father Steve Lanza - Chaplain  
 Hyman Goodman - Secretary  
 Robert Hunnewell - Sgt. at Arms  
 Charles Miller - Sgt. at Arms  
 Ray Bjork - Sgt. at Arms  
 Pat DiGiammerino - Membership Chairman  
 Amby Tynan - Staff Reporter  
 Lou Sandini - Ways and Means Committee  
 Frank Scott - Ways and Means Committee  
 Charlie Pettit - Ways and Means Committee  
 Michael Malik - Ways and Means Committee

We took a recess for a wonderful buffet meal with lots of deserts, coffee, tea and a little Irish whiskey along with some of Mike Caprio's choice of fine wine. We had approximately 40 people in attendance. A Tip of the Irishmans Hat to Fran for a job well done.

Our Holiday party took place on December 9th at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Ma. As usual we had a very good turnout. It was an all day afare. At 1:00 p.m. we went into the Dining Room. A

piano player led a sing along and some dancing. A nice meal was served to everyone. Santa made a visit with presents for all. We had members from all the New England States and New York.

The following people are the winners of the Christmas raffle:

1st Prize - Barbara Landsman

2nd Prize - Marie Petreschia

3rd Prize - Malden Eagles

4th Prize - Dino Connors

5th Prize - John L. Fenton

We want to thank everyone that helped with our raffle. The proceeds will go towards the Flag for Camp Atterbury.

Congratulations to Dick and Millie Kelly on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Best of Luck to both of you.

Howard Carlblom tells me that he will fight his way to Omaha, Ne this August. Howie, seeing is believing.

Thanks for the picture from Sanger, Texas. I seem to be getting younger each year. Huh!

I hope to make it to the time in Williamsburg, Va. on March 26th.

Happy St. Patricks Day to Kent O'Connell and a Happy and Healthy New Year to All.

AMBY TYNAN

Boston Chapter Reporter

Members of the Boston Chapter were saddened to hear of the death of Rev. Armand Morissette in October, 1991, at 81 years old. Among many activities of his distinguished career, he was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, WWII and Chaplain for the Boston Chapter.

Pat DiGiammerino

## **Retired Reunion Chairman's Corner**

Hope everyone is rested and comfortable by this time. .

I want to apologize to Joe and Mena Macaluso for the error that I made at the banquet. This was my doing and no one else's. I did not know that Mena was a nurse and stationed in Europe.

We had a grand total of 796 people who attended the reunion at the Pines.

I want to thank every one for their help and cooperation.

Pat DiGiammerino  
 323rd. F.A.

## **INCOME STATEMENT 1991 REUNION**

Ad Book	\$13,104.00
50/50 Club	2,348.00
Hats (27 @ \$7.00)	189.00
Granddaddy Shirts (8)	40.00
83rd Pins (200 @ \$3.00)	600.00
Arts & Crafts	349.00
Donation, Grace Brick	1,000.00
Laurette Morley's Table	150.00
Outstanding Donations	600.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$18,380.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,549.33</u>
BALANCE	\$ 3,830.67
NATIONAL PROFIT	\$ 3,830.67

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1991 REUNION BOSTON CHAPTER

Cost Of Printing Ad Book.....	\$3,647.00
Bank Charges.....	125.55
Plaques.....	247.66
Trophies.....	217.80
Reunion-Travel-Supplies-Meetings-Etc.....	650.25
83rd Historical Society.....	500.00
Raffle Expenses-Tickets (11 rolls).....	60.50
Ad Book Letters.....	86.00
Overseas Caps (18).....	81.00
83rd Hats (27 @ \$5.00).....	135.00
Flowers & Corsages.....	176.82
VIP Room - Liquors & Goodies.....	287.00
Security.....	211.00
Ladd Printing.....	124.80
Services-Delivery-Bell Hops.....	435.00
83rd Pins (300).....	450.00
UPS.....	101.99
USPS.....	1,897.16
Postage & Stationery-Larry Redmond-and Printing.....	1,240.50
Hospitality Room - Liquor.....	2,240.50
Wine.....	32.50
Beer (5 Kegs).....	186.50
50/50 Club.....	1,174.00
Registration Binders.....	28.80
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Derrickson.....	84.00
Larry Redmond.....	35.00
Master Sgt. from Camp Atterbury.....	65.00
83rd Video.....	65.00

**Gratis**

**TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$14,549.33**



**George Connors telling Santa his wishes.**



**Mike Amicone "Stealing" a gift from Santa.**



**Boston Chapter waiting for breakfast at the Ramada Inn.**



**Nancy and Amby Tynan (Boston Chapter)**



**Boston Chapter waiting for "Santa"**



**Charlie Lussier, Chuck & Bernice Abdinoor & Marti Sessions at Christmas Party.**





**83rd Reunion - The Pines 9-91**  
Paul Aurs, Al Belvedere, Everett Rogers - Co. K 331st Inf.



**Al Belvedere (Co. K. 331st)**  
**Mike Caprio (B. Batt. 322nd)**  
**Norman Schuster (Co. D. 331 st)**

## **Philadelphia Chapter News**

The Philadelphia Chapter decided to hold its Christmas party again this year at Williamson's Restaurant atop the GSB Building on City Line at Belmont Avenue. As our party last year was so enjoyable, and the company so great, we opted for a repeat performance. One of the things especially remembered was the beautiful night-time view of the surrounding city from the restaurant's top floor location. Seen at a glance is the western end of the City of Philadelphia with the lighted outlines of the Schuylkill River, the Schuylkill River Bridge, and the Schuylkill Expressway to Center City. This somehow never ceases to capture your attention as you leave the elevator by focusing for a second or two on the distance at times of the world around us, as well as the closeness of a private room where longtime and good friends assemble for one more time and for one more year.

As always, we were pleased to great Norm and Lorraine Schuster, both of whom were looking so well and in good spirits. They never cease to be an inspiration to all of us. Bernie Mendelsohn came with his wife, Josie, and they brought Josie Piscitelli, John's widow, with them. It must be said that all three of them seem to have discovered a secret or two not yet revealed to the rest of us. From the northern part of the city and the northern suburbs, we were together with Bea Chavanne, George and Jean Pletcher, Herb and Fran Levin, and Irving and Audrey Miller. The group from the western suburbs included Lou and Lucy Volpi, Jim and Annabelle Logue, Dave and Anne Rosenberg, and Margaret and me. The rural group included George Settle, Al Otto, and Less and Elsie Hauck from the Perkiomenville vicinity. Harry Kirby and his friend, Anne, were from the Chadds Ford area; and Harry and Marie Stevenson and Anna and Al Belvedere were from New Jersey. Al Silverai and his wife, Marie, could not stay for dinner, but they were able to drop in and say hello during the coffee hour. It was good to see them, even for a short time.

As the holiday season is now with us again, we send our best wishes to all of you at the start of the new year. As has been our experience at times in the past, some of us will come to know and live with the year's share of pluses and minuses. However, as long as we can still reserve the right to make our own judgments

on the scorings, we can hope for a total of twelve good months, as well as a good get-together for all of us again this summer. We're looking forward to it!

John G. Daum  
Co. "D" 330th



**Elsie Hauck, George Settle, Harry Kirby and Anne**



**Our candid cameraman, Lou Volpi**



**Bea Chavanne, Annabelle and Jim Logue, Anne Rosenberg and John Daum**



**Lorraine Schuster, Jean Pletcher, Marie Stevens, Bea Chavanne, Annabelle & Jim Logue, Anne Rosenberg, Al Belvedere, Dave Rosenberg, Harry Stevens, George Pletcher and Al Otto**



Norm Schuster, Lorraine Schuster, Jean Pletcher, Marie Stevens



Elsie Hauck and Josie Piscitelli at conversation time



Al & Anna Belvedere, Audry & Irving Miller



## ***Central Plains Chapter***

Today is the twelfth of December. I'm sitting at my desk in Omaha, Nebraska, looking out the window at the bright sunshine; the temperature is 50 degrees plus (that will change!) At night colorful lights on trees illuminate the neighborhood. Everything exudes a feeling of Christmas cheer. Now think back to forty four years ago, on this same date. We were in the Hurtgen forest wallowing in the clay mud, trying to keep warm. There were trees there too, but they were stripped of branches all the way down the trunks from tree bursts of artillery fire. We do have to count our blessings.

Now to get with the business at hand which is to keep you informed of our Central Plains chapter activities. We had a chapter meeting October 16th with good attendance. Jacob and Betty Esbenschde hosted a cocktail party prior to the dinner which was followed by the business meeting. After the usual meeting formalities were observed there was a discussion of the reunion at the Pines in New York. This was followed by a review of our program for the 1992 reunion. It was the consensus that this program is pretty well finalized except for those inevitable last minute hitches that always appear.

A meeting of the steering committee was held November 25, 1991 for the purpose of implementing those recommendations made and agreed to at the previous chapter meeting. One of those suggestions was made by Ray Wiggins to contact members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association who live west of the Mississippi river and invite them to join our chapter. The response to this invitation was very gratifying, in fact they continue to trickle in. Many of the respondents said they would attend the reunion in Omaha. Others said they planned to attend, health permitting.

I hope you will understand that these chapter reports will consist of matters having to do with the August 1992 reunion in Omaha...it's our only means of communication with the membership. This issue of the THUNDERBOLT will include information about hotel reservations and tour reservations.

**NOTE** - Those of you making room reservations for groups please pay particular attention to the instructions on the form --- one member of a group is to make the reservation for the entire group.

**TOUR RESERVATION FORMS** are also included in this THUNDERBOLT and will appear with future issues. All tour reservations must be paid in advance.

Last fall I was fortunate to go on a preview tour of the Lied Rain Forest. You'll hear many claims being made of this feature of the Omaha zoo and you can believe them. It is truly an amazing accomplishment. You'll be hearing more of this.

The ladies of the chapter have been busy with some creative ideas to which we are not privy at this time. Their efforts at the moment are being handled by long distance telephone to great extent.

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for April 22, 1992 just after our President, Ed Haynes, and our reunion Chairman, Keith Davidson return from their meeting with the Executive Board in Florida.

Speaking for the entire membership of the Central Plains Chapter I will take this opportunity to wish all of you Health and Happiness during this New Year.

Norb Wolke D-329  
Reporter

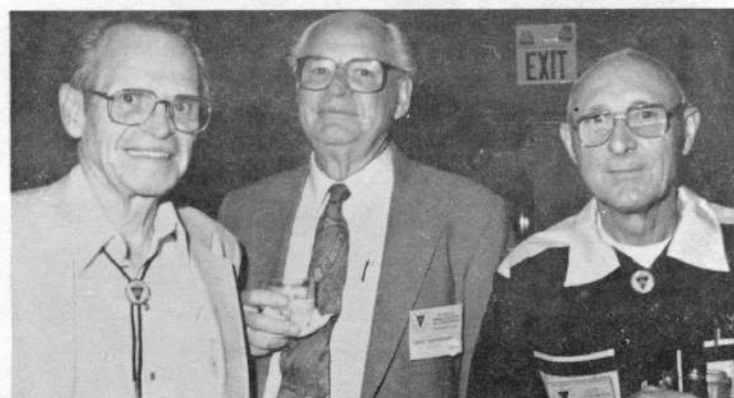




Central Plains Chapter - Left: Mrs. Les (Lorraine) Volkmer, Mrs. Eugene (Pauline) Toler: Center Right: Mrs. Jacob (Betty) Esbenshade.



Central Plains Chapter - Left - Right: President Ed gar Haynes, Lloyd Lutkemeier, Carl Teenor.



Central Plains Chapter - Left - Right: Cal Wheeler, Jacob Esbenshade, Lloyd Lutkemeier.



Central Plains Chapter - Left: Mrs. Lloyd (Virleen) Lutkemeler Right: Mrs. Ray (Mimi) Wiggins.



Central Plains Chapter - Left to Right: Carl Teenor, Ray Wiggins, President Ed Haynes, Norb Wolke.



Central Plains Chapter Left to Right: Dwight Adams, Gene Toler, Les Volkmer, Keith Davidson.

## Louisiana Chapter

I am continually finding new members of the 83rd Division that still live in Louisiana.

Just recently, I talked with Claude Morgan of Tickfaw who served with G Co. 329th. I promised to make a roster for him of all his buddies.

Had a brief talk with Carl Bidner, and Leonard Prelutsky.

Claude Morgan informs me that a John Stassi, that served with one of the artillery units lives in Hammond I will contact him.

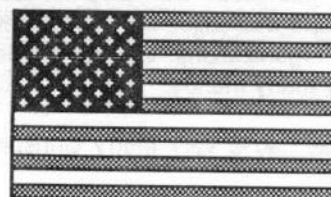
Haven't had a chance to contact Herman Day in Lafayette, but will do so in the next few months.

A roster from one of my men in G Company reveals the name of Joseph Richard from Opelousas.

One of these days we managed to get enough men in Louisiana and Mississippi to have a little reunion.

A Happy New Year to all.

Joe Macaluso





## Cleveland Chapter

In July, our meeting was held at Al (Regt. Hqts. 331) and Eleanor Klugiewicz's home in Erie PA., followed by a fine afternoon picnic. At the meeting, Henry Adkins (Co. 329) joined the Cleveland Chapter. He and his wife Rose live in North East PA. We welcome them to our Chapter.

In August, our meeting was held at the home of Casey (C Bat. 322) and Eleanor Szobiski in Parma, OH. We enjoyed the afternoon meeting with lots of food and drinks.

In September, my wife Janet and I attended the "Pines" Reunion in the Catskills of New York and had a wonderful time. There was a boat trip to West Point to see a parade. It was very impressive. In the parade were two Battalions of Cadets in dress uniform who marched with arms in honor of South Korea's President.

All of the Members of the Cleveland Chapter wish to thank the Boston Chapter and the Pines for a great convention and look forward to many more.

In November, our meeting was at our usual F.O.P. Hall in Bedford OH. We welcomed Sam Bass (D Co. 331) of Akron OH. as a new member. We offer our condolences to him on the loss of his wife. We hope to continue to see him at our meetings.

On December 14, the Cleveland Chapter had its Christmas Party at Ruggles Inn in Cleveland OH. There was a good turn out of 40 people. Earl Lindsey did a wonderful job of planning the affair. He was unable to attend because of a gall bladder attack two days before. He was hospitalized and operated on December 12th. He is recovering nicely at home now.

At the Christmas party, all of the ladies were presented with holiday corsages. Ted Karageorge (322 FA Hqts.) arranged to have a fine musician who entertained us with dance music of our vintage. Our Chapter President Bob Grobelny (A Co. 329) and his wife Bernice lead off many of the dances. Bob is in good health after having quadruple bypass surgery this summer.

Larry Coldangelo (A.T. Co. 329) married his long time friend Chris DiPuccio on November 14th in Florida. The newlyweds made the party even more festive.

Ed Glinka (B Co. 330) had a three day stay in the hospital. He's fine now. I very much enjoyed the company of Ed and his wife Jo at the Christmas party.

We welcome anyone who would like to come to our meetings. They are held on the third Sunday of each month at the F.O.P. Hall in Bedford, Ohio. For more information please call Bob Grobelny at (216) 449-5058 or myself at (216) 942-4164.

Kid L. Williams

Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 330

Cleveland Staff Reporter

## New England Chapter News

First of all I received this note from Chuck Abdinoor after the last Thunderbolt News was sent in and I am sending it in now.

A very good friend of Chuck and some of us got the news that Rev. Armond "Spike" Morissette OMI died the last part of Sept. He was 81 years old and was called the Priest of many hats as he belonged to so many organizations. He was a Priest for 56 years and will be missed by many friends. Thanks Chuck for sending it in to me.

Now I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year.

Our Christmas Party of the Peabody Marriot in Peabody Mass. was a great great time thanks to Dutchy & Helen Smith, Nick and Mary Franoulo and Jim and Dot Brennan.

We had 17 rooms booked and filled them all for a weekend of fun with Santa.

We had a Hospitality Room that was full of food and good drinks until we had to get dressed for our dinner at 7:00 P.M. and that was also a fine time.

Our center pieces were done by Ray Rudd of Latham N.Y. Beth Sehlmeier of Dover N.H. and she is John Blocks niece, Hazel Farias of New Bedford, Mass. and Bill and Ann Sullivan of Conn.

Thanks Dot Brennan for making the nice centerpieces and Mary and Dot for making the nice favors.

After dinner we all headed back to our Chapter room where Santa gave out Christmas gifts to all and then we all had a sing along with Joe Petrucci on accordion. It was great.

Thank Santa and Joe for making it such a fine time for all of us.

Our surprise of the day was to see Paul and Rita Dietrich of Pitt. Pa. Chapter spending there weekend with us. Paul was Joe Petrucci and Al Tartaglia's old company buddies.

We missed the Orsinis, the Walshes, the McCartin's, The Abdinoor's, the Burkhardts and the Etzels and all our Chapter members.

Wish you could of all made it as it was a fine event.

On Sunday morning we all had breakfast on the Hotel and we all parted for home. Hope you all got home fine.

Got a phone call from Jim Barber, Winsfed Conn. that he had his eyes operated on and is not able to drive as yet. Take your time Jim and hope to see you this summer.

Well that is all for now and we will be looking forward for our next reunion in Omaha, so stay in good health you all.

Your Buddy Always

Nick Francullo

Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 330th

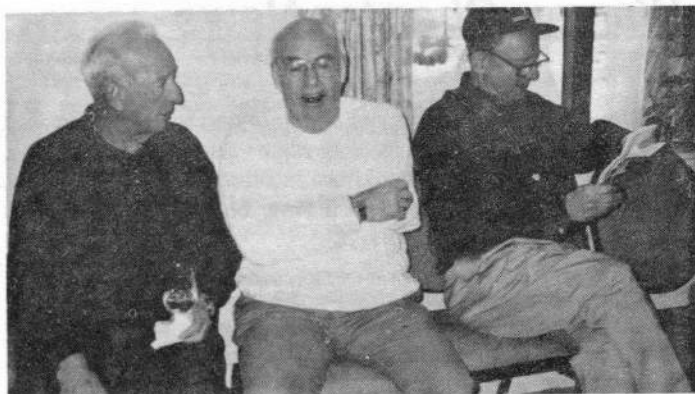
P.S. Say good buddies of the New England Chapter, if you forgot to pay your 1992 dues, please send it in to me 10 Bessom St., Lynn, Mass. 01902.



**We all still look good, Ha! Ha!**



**The food is great!**



**Jim Brennan, Burt Simons, Dutchy Smith, Talking old times.**



**Have you been a good girl Beth.**



**Mary said thanks to the Blacks for coming.**



**Santa in his prime.**



**Paul Dietrich telling a joke.**

## **Kentucky Chapter** **Christmas Party**

The Kentucky Chapter Christmas Party was held on Dec. 6-7 at Owensboro Ky. at the Executive Inn. The Inn was beautifully decorated, with each meeting room having a decorated tree. Helen Miller brought one of her lovely ceramic trees for an added touch on the goodies table. 40 members, wives and guests attended the event. Thanks goes to Wally and Frances Roberts for a job well done.

The ladies enjoyed the gift shop in the lobby, and I believe they even enjoyed the tool sale going on next to the International room.

The group went to Moonlite Barbeque for Friday evening meal. Mic McGowan got sick and had to go to the Hospital at 3 A.M. Sat. Hope he is O.K. now (sorry about that Mick) I got sick in Montana one time 1700 miles from home I know how he felt.

Sat. morning was a mile stone for me I was discharged from the Army that day in 1945 and where else but right back at Camp Atterbury a complete circle. Some went shopping, others to flea markets, the museums were closed Sat. morning, a big disappointment to the ladies. Clara, Linda and I along with Norm Weeks and Henry Whelan drove 9 miles to near Maceo to a flea market called Hog Heaven I didn't see anything that looked like heaven, but they did have a Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pig that will soon be a Hog.

Business meeting was held Sat. afternoon, then the Christmas party and gift exchange. Most ate the evening meal at The Executive Inn and later attended the Ricky Scaggs Show. The Executive was full of people, lots of Christmas parties going on, truly a Holiday atmosphere, lots of Christmas music.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for April 10-11 at Gallipolis, Ohio Earl and Bonnie Hoover our Hosts.

Clara and I had a enjoyable afternoon with Wilson and Vi. Day Nov. 26th. they were in Evansville to meet a old friend from Italy. Master woodcarver Ulrich Bernardi on a promotional tour for the House of Arni, he was here for two days before going on to Chicago and Milwaukee before returning to Italy. He doesn't speak English but does speak a Austrian type of German along with Italian. Vi. had purchased a carving earlier in the year and had him sign it. The demonstration was held at Rose Maries, a 3 story old Mansion filled with glass-ware, bronze, ceramics, and the Days favorite wood-carvings. Late in the day Lawrence and Maxine Hamilton came by, and they and the Days went out to eat I am sure



they had a enjoyable evening together.

Leroy V. Johnson  
3rd Bn. Hq. Co. 331st Inf.

The last remnants of beautiful Fall foliage, lingered on furnishing a beautiful background, for the Kentucky Chapter meeting, Oct. 18-19, in Vevay In. at the Ogle Haus Inn, on the banks of the beautiful Ohio.

Friday evening, the group attended a candlelight dinner, at a German restaurant. I heard high praise, for the good German food, German songs, story telling, and yodeling.

After some of the group sat on the patio that extends from back of the Inn to the river-bank. Flowers still in full bloom wind thru the patio, and on such a balmy night, it was good to sit and swap old war stories "all true no doubt". The lights of the towns in Kentucky twinkled in the gathering darkness and the boats pushing their tows up and down river with running lights ablaze and search lights sweeping the banks, was a pretty sight.

Saturday morning the group toured the Lanier mansion, Jenny Linds Button Museum, Scottela Winery, and the Lumber Mill Antique Mall.

We had our evening meal at the Ogle Haus Inn. A total of 53 members wives and guests attended this meeting, we were glad Al Henrys health problems allowed him to be with us, and Henry Whelan looking good after his operation seemed to be in better shape than ever.

Floyd Richmond President, Charlie Schmidt Vice President, and Wilson Day reporter decided to give up their offices for various different reasons. We would like to thank them for the professional, businesslike way they conducted their offices. We cannot repay them for the many hours they have unselfishly given.

The election resulted in the following officers. Ames Miller, President, Fred McGowan Vice President, Manny Goodridge, re-elected Secretary Treasurer, Lawrence Hamilton Assisent Secretary Treasurer, Owen Jones, Re-elected Chaplin, Leroy Johnson, Rejporter.

I would like to thank everyone for having enough confidence in me to elect me reporter, I have been a photographer for a long time but never a reporter. Since I live on the far South-West side of the Kentucky Chapter territory, its hard to know what is going on unless you tell me. I need help. We would like to thank Ames and Helen Miller, and Bill and Nancy Ledger, for their outstanding job in hosting the meeting, their attention to all the little details and for making everyone feel so welcome.

Leroy V. Johnson  
3rd Bn. Hq. Co. 331st Inf.



## Warren Chapter News

Well, now that the Holidays are over, we can relax and look out the windows and await the coming winter weather. So far, we have only had two snow storms, here in Warren, with an accumulation of three inches of snow each time, but heavier snows are expected, late January & February.

Warren Chapter has lost another member, George "Cheese" Bellay and wife Louise, sold their home and moved to the Cincinnati area, in November, near two of their children. Temporarily, they are staying with daughter Debbie, but plan to go to North Carolina, sometime this year, when daughter Cathy, builds her new home. We are sure sorry to see them go, as George was our President and played in our Golf League. Wife Louise retired from her job in November, just before they moved. George suffered a stroke in August and is still recovering. We wish them both good health and happiness for 1992, and will miss them very much. Charlie Tomazin took over as President and John Shamrock was elected Vice-President.

**SICK CALL** - Dick Kelly fell off of his front porch in November and was in the hospital for a week with broken ribs and a bruised face. He has taken many test there and at the Cleveland Clinic, but is now home and recovering. See you at our next meeting late this month, Dick.

### MEETINGS:

**OCTOBER** - We held our last Summer Meeting at Ash Hill Golf Course Pavillion. It rained most of the day, but we still played golf in the morning. Then when our lovely ladies arrived at noon, our chefs - Charlie Tomazin, Ted Halubka and Joe Phillipone, served us delicious steaks from the barbecue.

**NOVEMBER** - Joe and Angie Phillipone hosted this meeting and as usual, everything was great.

**DECEMBER** - We held our annual Christmas party at Cafe 422 and enjoyed ourselves with delicious food, plenty of liquid refreshments and topped off by our favorite card game "Scew Your Neighbor". Marge Voracek, Pat Shamrock and Mike Skovran were the big winners. Millie Kelly furnished the beautiful center pieces at each table and Birdie and Lee Titus made Christmas tree ornaments and refrigerator magnets, for the ladies. We had only eight men and twelve women in attendance. It was nice to see our four widows again - Dimps Minotti, Vera Venuti, Mary Nuzzi and Marge Voracek. Mike Skovran and Lee Titus, were the hosts and wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation of \$100.00 to help defray expenses. That is all the News from Warren, so to all of you in the 83rd Association from all of us in Warren - Good Health, Good Luck and much Happiness for 1992.

Lee Titus  
Co. G. 331st INF.

# **DUES ARE DUE NOW FOR 1992**

## **ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PAID THEY'RE 1992 DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT**



## Dixie Chapter News

Dec. seems early this year. Its time to hit the road for our 18th Christmas in the Smokies. Times have changed. Some friends are no longer with us but our depleted ranks have been filled with new faces and we're looking forward to a great time together.

Dec. 2 -- I got off to an early start 5 A.M. I drove all day in the rain arriving at the Hotel at 4 P.M. By this time the rain had passed on and I had 2 days to explore & shop with my wife and do all those things that seem so necessary at that time.

Dec. 4 -- Suddenly we're not alone. Here's Milton Singleton, Jess Pinkle, Kenneth Ramley by the fire place in the lobby. We quickly detailed Jess to keep the fire going, Kenneth to keep order, Milton to take a patrol, check out activity in the area while I watch the front door. Our ladies retired, we took turns on guard duty and the sun came up just like we hoped.

Dec. 5 -- The bulk of the troops were on their way coming from far and near. They began to arrive, I quickly lost count and was overcome with all the Christmas spirit so evident throughout this entire meeting. I just can't understand it. The men keep getting older and the women keep getting prettier. But then that's the way it should be.

Dec. 6 -- Snowed last night so its a beautiful sight. The mountains white with just a little here on the rooftop. Today we'll have the parade. Never saw so many people lining the streets. 3 hours before showtime. Later I was to learn that some of our men were trapped in traffic 6 miles away moving at two miles per hr. for the remainder of the trip. Happy to say none turned back! Congrates. Ben & Pat Johnson! Wish I could share all the experiences with you for the last few days was good to be with the Felix Liveingstons, The Jim Prices, The V.B. Atchinsons, The Ralph Gundersons, The Charlie Beans, The Roy Powells again, The Dick Oh Cook (Charter Members). Remember these names are just representative of our whole group. Sorry I can't mention each

Happy to get the call from the Viglions! Be Well!! Also the Days. We missed you all. Carol & Ed Smith had to cancel. Ed is very sick. We wish him the best.

The best attended business meeting ever went off like clock work. Business dispensed with and back to Hospitality Room. Well stocked with solid and liquid refreshments.

F Co. 331st had a record number present. Dalton Hoosier, Duncan, Maylor, Helms, McIntosh were there. Four from one squad. Congrates Larry! They want Chester Kolman to know they're pulling for him!!

A 322 had 3 cannoneers present. Lee Alsop from B 322 didn't make it but had reservations?? 308 Eng. had at least 8 men present. Little George Cox made the same in spite of all his troubles. You're doing a great job Lois! Bill Coffey with his lovely wife Emma and an almost new heart after major surgery was in great shape. Kenneth with all his turquoise jewelry and Stimmel with all his trophies. What a treasure trunk of friends I have in this group.

The parade was something to see. With so many friends present you feel you really a part of the celebration.

Dick Riddle is here with 13 family members. He surely takes 1st prize. Walter Blancett with 10 members takes 2nd place. James McCroy with 8 members came in 3rd place. Thank you Felix for bringing Mary!

Now we know what we have to do next year to win.

Make plans early! Same time, same place. Dec. 3-4-5-92.

I'm fearful I'll neglect some since I know we had 26 rooms filled at another hotel. Others chose to make their arrangements elsewhere. We had well over 200 attending with 190 for our banquet. The best ever. Friday nite entertainment was great, Dancing music and lots of refreshments. Some fellows don't know when to stop so they paid the band and danced another hour after closing time.

Dec. 7 -- We all remembered "Pearl Harbor" A unique experience recalling where and what we were doing. It would fill a book.

Fellowship and goodies in the hospitality room didn't slow down till time to prepare for banquet.

Banquet time -- Everyone dressed up! They all look so great. This must be a new group just arrived. Not so! I finally recognize a couple fellows. J. Hudnall, R.C. Brooks and their wives, Tom Thoulpon, and many of their wives and friends. Burton Sales and Torner with no overalls but dressed to kill and always dancing or doing the "War Hoop" until Son Bills took the stage playing and singing with the dance band. Mr. and Mrs. Santa was on hand with gifts for all the kiddies and exchange gift for all the guests. Twas a great time. President Lacy Satterfield kept the program moving right on schedule. Award plaques to Meadors Mimick, Carroll and Rudy Brown for outstanding service. Our 83rd Dixie band played for us. "Momma Don't Allow" What a show! My vote goes to Carroll for doing the most with the least. or maybe Emory playing the Comb or Don on the Swiss horn. Wish I had a picture of that group, seven in all. The la

## Christmas Party



dies were just great, whether washboard or tamborine. For give me for leaving out anyone but some one spilled a Bloody Mary drink on my notes and when they dried out all the names had run together.

12:00 Midnight -- The clock has run out and we must think of tomorrow and what our priorities are. Maybe even get them in order. John Cox called to remind us that He's looking for us in March 26-7-8. Be seeing you John and Va. Hope your feeling better! The halls are quiet, the fire has burned low. Party's just about over. Time for a quick nap, then home again! Thanks again Ruby & Carroll for a truly great celebration!!

Dec. 8 -- Its 7 AM Sunday morning. The lobby of the Riverside is very much alive. Host Carroll & Ruby Brown are here smiling and greeting each 83rder as they come in to pay their bill and grudgingly turn in their keys, extend their fond farewells to both old and new friends before departing for home in many places. Texas, Florida, Penn. and every state in between including Arkansas and Mississippi. Many have already departed beginning early as 5:30 for a 900 mile drive. Its a tad but great time, realizing that we as young men began to meet these folks 49 years ago and have shared so much in the ensuing years. I got underway at 9:00 A.M. but their I only had 600 miles to drive. After about 150 miles Haran Martin passed me in Hickory N.C. going fast enough to be home in 1 hr. if he didn't get a ticket.

Now lets look back a little bit. The whole meet was truly a great experience. A big thank you is in order for each one who had any part in making it such a success Thank You One & All!

Ellsworth Massie  
Bty A 322

## New Jersey Chapter

The year 1992 is upon us and many events that happened fifty years ago will be remembered, the most important event being World War 2. The activation of the 83rd Infantry Division had an impact on our lives then and for those who chose to become members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Over the 50 years we have met and developed many close and wonderful friends who have enriched our lives. We look forward with excitement to each Chapter Meeting, Mini-Reunion and National Reunion. Meeting and making new friends continues to happen each time we meet. It took that terrible war to bring us together but our rewards were meeting all of YOU!!

I lost my mother on October 3rd. She would have been ninety-seven on October 19th. Mom attended one reunion in Dayton, Ohio and was always interested in our association.

In our local paper, I saw the death notice of John Jankovich who was a member of D Company 330. I called Bernie Rosenberg as he served in the same company. Bernie planned to attend the services but couldn't and instead sent John's widow a sympathy note from a comrade-in-arms. I'm sure she appreciated hearing from someone from the 83rd as the Death Notice mentioned he was a member of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association.

Received a Christmas Card from Frank Reichmann and a note telling me his physical problems are still with him. Hope the new year brings you better health. We all miss seeing you.

Fred Rein went to the hospital when he had chest pains. Fortunately he was there when he suffered a severe attack and received prompt attention. That happened in November and Fred is doing fine, just has to watch his diet.

We heard from Betty Kirgan and we're happy to hear she is getting along fine. She is doing a lot of traveling. We think of Ed often and miss him as he was a great friend.

Don Theibolt sent in his chapter dues with his Christmas Card. Don didn't make the last reunion, but we hope to see him in Williamsburg come March.

Received a call from Fred Klein (1st Bn. 331), one of my fox-hole buddies. I'd love to get Fred to come to one of our get-togethers but being a VP for a large pharmaceutical firm has it's priorities.

We had a good turn-out and a great time at our annual Christmas Party. It was held at the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge, December 7th. After a great dinner, we had a raffle and then an exchanging of gifts. We had some first-timers at the party, there were Ralph and Sally Stat (G 329) also Russell and Margarita Whitehead (F 329) and Andy Socha (I 331). Manny Epstein brought his friend Ann Williams and also Millie Benick who came all the way up from Florida to join us. Dave and Millie were very active in the New Jersey Chapter before moving to Florida. It was great having you with us and hope to see more of you at our parties.

Addie Rein did a tremendous job making all the favors for all who attended the party. Fred Rein, our able secretary sent the invitations, collected the monies and paid the bill. Edith Manzi, Vi Waple and Addie Rein donated the prizes for the raffle. Our Chapter is fortunate to have you. Accept our sincere thanks for making it a wonderful party.

I've enclosed two pictures taken at the party.

That's it for now. Take care and stay well.

Stan Bielen

1st Bn. Hdqs. 331 Inf.

P.S. Joe DePeri had surgery in October and is doing fine now. Forgot to mention that Emil Wehling brought his friend Dee to the Christmas Party.



## COMPANIES

### *Co. "H" 330th*

#### HELLO BUDDIES:

Once again we have had the great pleasure of being able to join with our Families and have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season. Now we are entering into another great year in the history of our life. Although we hate to do it, we have to all admit that we are getting older and that the sands of time are running faster. We all have to thank God for allowing us these many years of happiness with our wonderful families.

Well Buddies once again I call on you Men of Co. "H" 330th to stand behind me and lend your support to the Reunion Committee by being as generous as you have in the past in helping to make the Ad Book the success that it has been. This year we need your help a little more. The Reunion Committee this year will be sponsoring their first Reunion. Putting on a Reunion is not an easy job, and as the years pass by, it gets even harder.

Remember that when you did your Christmas shopping, you found that the tie that you bought for Uncle Willie last year for \$10.00 has almost doubled in price this year. The same goes with a Reunion, the cost of a successful Reunion has increased quite a bit, therefore we need a little more financial help. I ask you to give this some thought so that when I send my letters to you, you will be prepared for it.

I sincerely hope that you and your families all had a very Happy and Joyous Holiday. May God Bless you all.

Your Buddy  
Sgt. Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th



## 783rd Ordnance

How does that song go? "It's been a long long time." Take it easy barbara, I don't want you to "kiss me once or kiss me twice." Boy, a lot has transpired. Let's see if I can get everyone in. Somehow I forgot to mention that Al and Ruth Bensimon made another trip to Luxembourg. At the reunion Al gave me the devil. Al has done a good job in making sure the 783rd is represented in the War Museum there. He donated his Ike jacket and the Company photograph.

Digging up news for these articles is becoming less than a fun experience. This paragraph is self explanatory I called Mel Schlottman right before the reunion and Martha informed me Mel had died Oct. 10, 1990 from three heart attacks. After the reunion I called Aubrey Wilcox and Mata said his cancer took Aubrey on Sept. 25, 1990. My thinking was I might as well finish these questionable calls. Peggy answered Charlie Garrison's phone and sure enough Charlie died in Nov. of 1990. My last call was to Ralph Helenthal. A new person had his number. I haven't gotten definite confirmation but I located the newspaper where his son does some writing. They said Ralph died a few years ago. My conclusion to all that is, live every day to its fullest. Do the things you want to do. My only problem is I still have to ask permission.

At the reunion we paused in our merry making and clicked our glasses presenting a toast to our fond memories of Mel. At the stirring memorial service Mels name was read before the sounding of taps. Next year we will do the same for the rest of the fellows.

AS for the reunion I'll just repeat what I heard our guys and gals saying. "This was fun. It was interesting and I ate too much." One of the events that made it so interesting was the presence of the Historical Society of The 83rd Division. This is a group of six young men who just happened to pick the 83rd to represent. (They said our battle record scored high) Their display almost put us in a time warp. You could name just about any piece of equipment that we had in Atterbury or Normandy and they had it in mint condition. Included was a jeep with out Normandy wire cutter. All the vehicles were inscribed with the 83rd logo. The fellow who owned the 6 by 6 was Ray Devoe from Walden N. Y. He got the truck from Holland for \$500 and then he put \$13,000 into it to get it back to mint condition. I asked his permission to get behind the wheel one more time. Ray replied with a broad smile, "Go do whatever you feel like doing." I put on his heavy steel helmet and pulled myself aboard. It was odd, I never remembered the truck being that high nor the steering wheel so big and close to my belly. Our hats are off to these fellows for preserving this part of our history.

Another interesting day was our boat ride down the Hudson to West Point. The highlight of this day was the Army Cadets passing in review just for the 783rd. All the girls acted silly and made sexist remarks to us on seeing the trim Cadets in various attire. There is no justice.

Everyone at the reunion looked as good as ever. Herm and Norma Hackstock arrived at the end of a five week journey from the far northeast. Norma's Mom Harriet was a delightful addition to our group. Bill and Martha Appleby did their usual good job leading the square dance. Bill was saddened to learn that Labbe had two left hands and Wiggins two left feet. Easy and Lucille Labbe tied with Ray and Mimi Wiggins for long distance driving honors. Labbe won the Mr. Dapper award for his stylish wardrobe. Wiggins has finally climbed up in the world. Ray is now the

2nd Vice President of the Omaha Chapter. He will be working diligently on the next reunion. Now Ray, how about getting that reunion moved to the cooler days of Sept. All August reunions should be held in Alaska. You won't have to tell them Ray. Our board of directors has the common sense to know that. Charlie Rohrer, in his seventy ninth year, won the oldest member crown. He did himself proud by carrying his clubs over the eighteen holes. Pat Rohrer continues to laugh at Charlie when he insists on calling Jones "Sgt!!" Not only does Jim Jones scowl at this but then he goes out and hits his three iron 279 yards!!! This made me scowl and when I called Phil Barbara in N.Y. City and told him his reply was, "Well, Rags, Ann just got sick, its raining, I got a hang nail etc, etc, we probably won't make it this year."

Jones came up with the bright idea of taping all of us on his video camera. A close-up was done on each husband and wife as they related their life history. Jim is going to make copies of this funny tape. Stay tuned. Karl and Alyce Fredericks took talking honors as Karl described his visit to Bill Lucas's home. The "H" boys were fit as a fiddle. That's Hendrix and Hammond. Joe was all smiles. He says next year he just may have a partner along. And, we found out Bob is a H.O. railroad hobbyist. Maybe Bob should sleep with Wiggins. Hersh and Midge Weaver are still smiling all the time. Hersh laughs at his own jokes which are many. Someone has to be last and that's Doc and Agnes Pfeifer. They sure were not last at the dinner table. Doc was his young, witty self and we were glad to see Agnes was healthy.

Others I have talked to were Ivan Gilman. Ivan's brother died before the reunion which necessitated a trip East so he was excused. Pat has Ivan quite busy from caning chairs, painting, cooking steaks to serving on the board of directors of a computer company. Steve and Gert Blasko are in good spirits and they pass on a big "Hello" to everyone. Steve's health could be a little better so we in turn are wishing you well Steve. Bill Manning is still full of "Gosh, Golly," and "Gee Whiz." He missed the reunion because of "family responsibilities." "With nine grown kids how can that be?? Ernie Jim Christian and Justine are all smiles. Ernie can get along with his oxygen so he bought a big new car and Dallas finally won a few games. Snooks has bounced back after losing his lung and asked about Brown, Bryares and Phillips. Joe Brown is healthy and doing lots of traveling. No he is not going with the girl in the red dress. Bryars is still smiling, "Seeing two Dolly Partons." Reese Phillips owes me coffee and doughnuts. He and Bill Litrenta live a couple of blocks from one another in South Phila. They should treat one another and invite me. Jim Foster is staying positive with a balky heart. They are going to clear out a clogged artery with a lazer beam. Thank heavens for science. George Harris is well and our senior at 81. Snooks is our Jr. at 68. Arthur and Millie Doggett have had a couple of scares but Ginny and I stopped in for a visit in July. Art was talking much better and Millie was carving wooden Santa's. Honest!

Lastly, in the next issue I will inform you on the whereabouts of Frank Salontay and his new four legged best friend. Just kidding Frank, I did call.

Hut Two,  
Rags Rangnow

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I'm not going to waste print explaining what happened to that last article that didn't get in the Thunderbolt. As Gilman would quip, "You must be getting old!"

For the interests of the printer I'll try to keep this short and to the point. Christmas feelings are still luke warm so let's start with the Christmas card report. This is mainly for those of you who were unable to be at the Pines reunion as I'm sure you all got the same glad tidings that Ginny and I received. In random order, Ray and Mimi Wiggins have had a rough time of it since November. Their daughter Sally's husband died after his third open heart surgery on Dec. 1. I know that have all the warmest feelings coming from all of us during this trying sad time. Easy and Lou Labbe took it easy by staying with their youngest daughter for the holidays and complained to her about having to write income tax checks. Joe and Patty Stubber are doing "fine" but they are getting older. Patty doesn't want to fly and Joe doesn't like to drive too far. Don't let Jim Jones hear that. After the reunion Jim drove all over to get to Calif. Two months later he drove 2700 miles back in three days! He also did this ALONE and everyone knows his age is a few strokes par 72! Agnes and Doc - Doc is a true gentleman he signs Agnes name first but with Christmas coming maybe he is just smarter than the rest of us. Doc like the rest of you is looking on the horizon for Jones "Oscar" awarded video that Jones took at the Pines. Trust Jim, its coming. Pat and Charlie Rohrer - Aw ha, Pat put her name first. Well she should because she leads Charlie from hole to hole. I'm just jealous because they are sucking up all that Fla. sun and golf. Jane Bond and Dot Forster are both well and want to be remembered to you all. Midge and Hersh Weaver are grateful for the good health year they had and are looking forward to seeing everyone at Omaha. Ed Perko is "feeling pretty good and getting along okay," in spite of the heavy early snow. He is also looking to Omaha. Frank Salontay has fully retired from the golf course except to play every day its not snow covered. I was glad to hear he had all his pain problems solved. Millie and Art Doggett are leading busy lives eating many meals on the Ohio riverfront. Millie has a new hobby. She whittles away making neat old men. Art poses! Reese and Carmella Phillips - Hmn, Reese put himself first on signing. I think he and me are both in trouble. They both seem well. And Reese's Lt. of a century ago says he is enjoying life with a new grandson. Of course thats Joe Brown and his advice for the new year is, "enjoy each day to the fullest." Bill and Eloise Manning - Bill wins the prize - he sent a letter with his card! A good letter and Bill has the bottle of wine and two glasses but like all of us he hopes we all have many more years before the toast takes place. Herman and Norma Hackstock - are living right. When the snow comes they head for Fla. I think we should hold a mini reunion in Fla. Al and Ruth Bensimon are just waiting for all us good friends to drop in - in Fla. (813-966-1728.) It was good to hear from Troy Bishop. He has it tough sledding with Marie and our hats are off to you Troy. Bill and Martha Appleby - See the A's are not always first. Neither was bill's team the Philadelphia Athletics. Bill wants to come to Philly and take me out to dinner - thats the way I read it - and that will put Bill first on my team. Alyce and Carl Frederick - Smart, Carl put Alyce first. He has to, Alyce goes to work while Carl watches all the soaps. Now, he can't understand why it took him so long to retire. Bob and May Burns appear to be doing well and he finally gave up driving blood for the Red Cross, I can understand that the Detroit traffic was a bit much. Actually Bob you should talk to New York hot rods Ann

(1st) and Phil Barbara. He goes through N.Y. like a mouse going after cheese. I know I had the pleasure of his suicide seat. It's keeping them both well even though nobody wants to buy his lousy furniture. And our "Elder" George Harris is maintaining his home but looking for a good man with the snow shovel. I'd volunteer Ginny but then I'd have to drive her.

I really shouldn't say anything about Ernie and Justine Christian after what Dallas did to the Eagles but Justine is a nice girl. Actually Ernie is struggling with his health problems. His back is giving him a lot of pain and he is hoping for relief from his treatments at the Tyler Cancer Center. Hang tight Ernie, we want to see you in Omaha.

Last week I checked up on Ted Leash and at 285 pounds he says he is as well as his age. My luck ran out with Clyde Sutton. His second wife informed me Clyde had died in Oct. of 1990. Little did we know how bad 1990 was for the 783rd.

Lastly, I just called Ivan But Gilman and his delightful partner Pat. I just awoke to the fact, I didn't get my Christmas card with the five bucks. I was almost afraid to call with my luck of late but I'm more than happy to report the Gilmans are fine. They are so normal they still have everyones Christmas cards waiting to be mailed. I don't have any framed Christmas cards but I think I'll frame this one for Memorial Day.

That's all for now folks - in 1992 have a healthy one - eat your prunes and All Brand daily.

Hut Two,  
Rags Rangnow

## Co. "M" 330th Infantry

Company M 330th Infantry held their eighth reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C. at the Coral Beach Hotel. These reunions are held every two years. It was a wonderful place for a reunion. The Hotel had six swimming pools, four whirlpools, a sauna, a steam room, exercise room, bowling alley, putting green, and a grocery store, and a beautiful beach. There was a lot of activity. We went to the Carolina Opera, the Brookgreen Gardens, toured the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, visited two or three big shopping malls, and took a short Ocean Cruise, and visited several sea food restaurants. Jim Fowler was in charge of getting the reunion together. Irene Baker and Jeanie Johnston were appointed to be Jim's assistants. The next reunion will be held in two years at some state park, unknown at this time. There was seventy one people in attendance including Mrs. Andrew McKenna, and Mrs Hadley Caulder. There was twenty nine Co. M. men present who are listed below.

Rus Antt, Frank Ashe, Gale Baker, Frank Barton, Jack Casella, John Day, Carl Dreon, Bob Duncan, Walt Eggers, Carlton Ely, Ed Etter, James Gray, Leo Hand, Ray Houston, Staley Johnson, Mert Johnston, Cary McArthur, Ed Meeks, Jack Merrell, Lee Osmon, Jessie Polston, Norman Ream, Joe Ritterskamp, Bill Robbins, Dick Shreckhise, Walt Sobel, Harry Suman, Hank Trimmer, Rubin Watford, This reunion was held on Oct. 20th to Oct. 27th.

Leo K. Hand  
Co. M. 330th Inf.

## Company "D" 331st.

This is a report on our Company and our past and future activities. Company D men have always been a very close group over the years. We have had much contact with each other over the years. I have been writing a Company D newsletter for our Company since 1985. We found that many of our men do not belong to the National so I started writing to them so that we could keep in touch with all of them.

We have a current mailing list of 75 former men of Company D and have an on going search for many more. We had 25 men at "The Pines" and looking back over past reunions we usually have had between 24 to 30 men present at each reunion--that's hard to beat from a single Company.

Since 1985 we have had a Company D Mini-reunion after the 83rd Division Reunions. We have been to Gatlinburg, Tn., twice - Evansville, Ind. - The Catskill Mts. - Silverlake, Michigan - and in Sept. we went to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire.

We are currently planning a Company D Mini-reunion in Kissimmee, Florida in early Feb. 1992. This will follow the Florida Chapter meeting in Daytona, Florida. We are expecting about 24-30 Company D men and their wives in Kissimmee. Should be a great time.

We are looking forward to August 15, 1992 when there will be a big reunion and Memorial Service at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. For those who may not know -- the 83rd. Division was activated on August 15, 1942 and Camp Atterbury was activated the same day. There will be a big celebration and a dedication of a large memorial. All members of the 83rd. Division are invited and hopefully we will have a large turnout. This is right before the reunion in Omaha on Aug. 20-21-22. Maybe many of you can come to Camp Atterbury on the way to Omaha.

Al Shrawder

## Re Co. "A" 331st

Nicholas F. Ostuni  
15425 21st Ave.  
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Dear Sir

In the DAV magazine I became aware of the 45th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Div. to be held at the Pines Hotel in S. Fallsburgh on Sept. 22 thru 27, just a couple of hours from my home. I wrote to Mr. Derickson to send me the particulars concerning the reunion. In return I received a copy of the 1990 roster. There were only two names familiar to me Ted Guzek "A" Co. of New Jersey and Capt. Joseph Macaluso "G" Co. of New Orleans.

Since I wasn't attending the convention I decided to go up to the Pines on Monday the 23rd. On arrival I looked up the signatures of those attending in Co. "A" & "G". Lo & behold Ted Guzek and Capt. Mac were signed in. I phoned Ted in his room and he quickly came down the lobby where practically two strangers met once again. It was kind of emotional. Ted then introduced me to Capt. Mac and to their lovely wives Mena and Irene. After instructing the Maitre-de to give me a free lunch, we spent a little time reminiscing after which I returned home.

Since then I've been in touch with additional members, Joe Collette, Mike Malik & Pat Digiammerino of the Boston Chapter.

Members of "A" Co. that I have wrote to and have not received an answer are Domenick "Blackie" Pulicano and George Porcelli.

Be glad to hear from any member of "A" Co. 331.

Sincerely

Nick Ostuni, Co. "A" 331st

## 3rd Bn. Hq. 331st

I had the pleasure of attending the 10th Annual Reunion of the Veterans Of The Battle Of The Bulge, in Charleston S. Carolina on Sept. 5-7, 1991.

According to the "Sign-up Book", I was the only member of the 83rd in attendance. This is why I am taking time to make a brief report to you and all the 83rd. members who are VBOB's and would be interested in what was decided and discussed at the Membership Meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the determination by the Executive Council that dues should be raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00. because of the VBOB financial condition.

The next two amendments are housekeeping amendments. One would merely allow the Chairman of the Reunion Committee flexibility in setting the Annual Membership Meeting. The other amendment was on the Annual Executive Council Meeting, that allows the Chairman of the Reunion Committee flexibility to set the Annual Meeting. The next amendment will limit the terms of office to two terms of an elected office, this will provide more opportunity for more members to serve. The last amendment will change the time of year when the newly elected officers would take office following the election. the term shall begin immediately after the Dec. 16th meeting.

There are now 20 VBOB Chapters and more are being formed.

The 10th Reunion had approximately 350 people present and over 75 Divs. and special units present, also 31 States were represented. We received a real "Southern Hospitality Welcome", from the S. Carolina Chapter members and their lovely wives. These people did an outstanding job, they were very dedicated, knowledgeable and helpful to us "Yankees".

We had the pleasure to be guests at the Citadel Military Academy. The VBOB's had a memorial service at the beautiful Citadel Chapter. After the service the VBOB's could tour the Academy Museum, Library, some of the buildings and the grounds.

The Citadel Cadets then honored us with a memorial parade prior to their "Retreat" ceremonies. The Bagpipe Band was outstanding.

Some members and their families also chose to take tours to the Old City of Charleston, Fort Sumter and Patriots Point.

The people at the reunion mixed very well, perfect strangers quickly became friends, this was mentioned very often by the members and especially by the wives in attendance.

The VBOB is still looking for more "Bulge" veterans to join them. There are chapters forming all the time. I would be happy to send information to interested people.

The next VBOB Annual Membership Meeting will be held at a location not yet decided, however New Orleans was mentioned and possibly a site in Tennessee. There doesn't have to be a chapter in the city that wants to hold a VBOB Reunion, according to the bylaws.

I want to mention that there isn't any 83rd chapter in Wisconsin or even an active chapter in Ill. If any one wants to form a chapter contact me. I would be glad to help you.

Your Buddy,  
Al Beinemann  
3rd Bn. Hq. 331st





## Company "G" 329 th Inf.

We had a terrific time at the Pines.

Luella & Sterling Rubright & Lois & Bob Brinkman were our guests. We all went to Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty. Lois, Laterling and Howard climbed to the top.

Bob, Luella and me sat and watched people. We also visited the Intrepid (air craft carrier) and mostly enjoyed each other.

I hope everyone enjoyed our "Boomp Band. We had lots of fun practicing and putting on our show.

If you missed us at the Pines, catch us in Nebraska.

In attendance at the Pines, Grace & John Askey, Lois & Bob Brinkman, John & Bernice Cupino, The Dehlvas, Dois & John Fay, Helen & Ames Miller, Ruth & Chester Miller, Virginia & Vito Palazzolo, Luella & Sterling. Rubugat Joe Matczak, Virginia & Frances Markins, The Stats, Sylvia & Morris Gimple, Tony Hronich and Beryle & Paul Buchan.

Shortly after coming home from the Pines we received the sad news that Paul Buchman had a massive heart attack and passed away. He was buried on Oct. 10. Our sympathy goes to Bergle and the family.

Hope everybody keeps their good health and the Good Lord willing everybody will enjoy the holidays.

Any news please send it to me.

Babe Freitag  
102 Philip Ave.  
N.J. 07407



**G Co. 329th Inf. Boomp Band**



**Co. "G" ladies - Back Row: Luella Rubright, Bergle Buchman, Virginia Markuns, Grace Askey, Babe Freitag, Mrs. Stat. Front Row - Left to Right Ruth Morgan, Sylvia Gimple, Doris Fay, Lois Brinkman, Virginia Palazzolo, Helen Miller**



**Tony Hronich, Chester Morgan, Ralph Stat, Joe Matczak, Howie Freitag, Vito Palazzolo, Paul Buchman, John Cupina, Bob Brinkman, Frances Markuns, Morris Gimple, John Fay, Ames Miller.**

## 323 rd F.A. Bn.

Thanks for all the cards and notes over the Holidays. It is nice to know everyone is doing well. I like to hear from Lois Shaner, Nancy Nellies, Margaret Taylor, Elvira Hoover and Alice Ann Costello. I will write to you all within the next two weeks.

Sorry to hear about Alvis Waldrep's fall. We hope he is on the mend and better health is ahead. We all know falls are not good in our Golden Years.

Geraldine Sabo wrote that John was in the V.A. Hospital in Dayton, Ohio with a heart condition however he was home for Christmas. It was good to hear he is doing well.

Jack Knight wrote from Portland Oregon. He is in good health and I hope to have him in Omaha, Ne. with his wife Betty.

Dallas Williams is back living in North Carolina with his wife Jean and son Mike. Walter Koss went to visit him this year. Frank Scott would like a tape of that visit.

Leo Miller from Ewing, Ne. will be in Omaha in August. Leo was a pilot in the 323rd. Leo asked me about George Zinsmeister but I do not know where he is. I hope someone will let me know if they know the whereabouts of George.

Dick Audette is doing well in Hudson Falls, N.Y. I hope to get up to see him soon.

Dick Brown is fishing in Wales, Fl. everyday. I hope to meet with George Connors, Dick Brown, Walt Harding, and maybe we could get Bob Costello out of the pool to join us. Walter Harding sets up our meeting and does a good job of it.

I called Erwin Erhardt on New Years Day, which is his birthday. He says he is 39 years old and holding. He did enjoy New Years Eve celebrating over the state line in Indiana.

Dusty Starbuck called and said that he attended the Services of Col. Ralph Morgan at Fort Meyers, Va. I was unable to make it myself and Frank Wirth fell on his stairs at home and injured his ankle. I want to thank Starbuck for representing us. I hope everyone will try to make it to the reunion in Omaha, Ne. in August 1992. Try to talk it up among all the gang.

Till the next issue.

AMBY TYNAN  
323rd F.A. Bn.



## "G" Co. 331st Infantry

Now that the holidays are over, we can once again make our plans for the New Year. Believe me, I am still trying to find out where 1991 went. As we get older the years seem to go into high gear and just take off.

I hope that everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas, and I hope that 1992 will bring joy to all.

For sometime I have been thinking about this article, but have never had the chance to sit down and put it into words.

During World War II, I had the honor and privilege of first, leading a platoon, then in August 1944, I was given command of G Company. For the next eight months, G Company, 331st was one of the outstanding rifle companies in the Division. It was the greatest thing that had ever happened to me, and I will treasure it for the remainder of my life.

G Company, accomplished all of the missions assigned. For these achievements, as Commanding Officer, I received most of the awards and the credit.

But, we have to remember, A Commanding Officer is only as good as his subordinates. I, for one, am a great believer of this theory, because I was blessed with some of the finest officers, and NCO's as any Commander could hope for.

It was I who received the credit when G Company did well, but the Company got a bad reputation when things did not go in our favor. This should have been reversed, I should have been blamed for all of the bad things, and the men of G Company should have received all of the awards when the performance of the Company was outstanding.

As the years go by I have had great respect for the men that served with me, but honestly, I don't believe that I have passed on to these men the thanks and admiration that I had for each and everyone of them, or how thankful, I was to have had the privilege of serving with them.

Over the years many of those men have passed away, and I never had the opportunity to thank them for their contribution to our success.

One name that comes to mind, is Lloyd Cunningham, my radio operator, my runner, who on many occasions had to remind me that I was human, and as he stated, "who in the hell do you think you are". He was only a Corporal, but he managed to bring me down to earth. There are many more, but it is late to reward those men.

I can only think of the ones that are still with us. It is to those men that I wish to extend my thanks for a job well done. I am doing this now because many of these men are ill, and because of their age, I know I will not see them to thank them in person.

To 1st Sgt. Mort Gaynor, he was always there when I needed help, and was an inspiration to me and gave the courage to go on, when things were going against us.

To Phil Wiggenhauer, one of the older men at 37, who took the young 18 and 19 year old men and made soldiers out of them.

To Mike Mizerock for preparing and serving some of the finest meals to the men under adverse conditions.

To the platoon sergeants, Loyal Pangle, Leroy Titus, John McAbee, Everett Singleton, who on many occasions had to take command of their platoons, because there were no officers. To these men, I can not give them enough credit for their performances. To Kenny Baird, who represents the officers, who was wounded a number of times, but always managed to come back to G Company and do an outstanding job.

To all of the enlisted men that served with the Company, these are the real heroes, who knew less about the situation, but always

manage to do their jobs and to them well.

Recently, I received a letter from one of those men, Ivan Yoder, who served with the 2nd platoon. He had made a roster of the platoon at the end of the war. He has kept that roster over the years. The roster brought back memories and also brought back to me the names of some of the men who remembered for serving so well. A lot of these men were only 18 years old and had never left their homes, but managed to find enough time to serve in the Army and serve it well.

One name, Wilbur Whipp, I remember this young man, because when I married, Mena and I took a trip to Washington D.C. While standing in line at the U.S. Mint waiting for a tour, Whipp, who was serving as a Security Officer, came up and personally saw that Mena and I got a special tour of the facility.

I know that I have left out many of the names, but my thanks goes out to all of them.

Recently Bob Sessions of F Co. 331st sent me a clipping about a G Company man who was looking for his buddies. Donald Osborn, who was on that roster that Yoder had sent to me. Osborn is now a member of the 83rd Association and will attend the reunion in Omaha. He is an Electrical Engineer in Moline, Iowa.

Capt. Mac

## 329th "B" Bag

Sorry that I missed the last issue of the T Bolt. I had it ready but never mailed it in, must be old age again. The reunion was great as usual, with the trip up the Hudson River, and the dress parade at West Point, made it extra special. Boston Chapter should be congratulated on an excellent reunion. I thought that we would have a bigger turnout. The Stek's, Dickson's, Hirko's, Kanes, Pirkle's, Uher's and the Janke's, Jigg's and Mabel Janke made a vacation out of it and they camped in their camper. Kitty Thomas was there also. It was great to see everyone and looking good, especially all the women. I heard some flimsy excuses from the gang for not showing up. Such as going on an Alaskan Cruise, visiting relatives in Germany, or visit a new grand child in Atlanta, or resting after surgery. Agree with me these were lousy excuses for not being at the reunion. To settle the argument at the Pines, I was wrong Lt. Phelps was K.I.A. July 11 and not on the beach as I thought. Al Trofimuk, has been in and out of the hospital a few times and is still in the second hand business. Happy Days and a better New Year with Health & Happiness for all in 92.

Now for the news for this issue. I received many Xmas cards with some pictures in them. Thanks for the cards to all. First of all George Nichols, my buddy is still in Alabama and hanging in there. It would please him to get a card or some letters. He is restricted from traveling or driving. His address is George Nichols, Rte 3, Box 184, Thomasville, Ala. 36784.

Heard at the Latrine. Our fearless leader Capt. Hill is recuperating from surgery and doing great. Billy Walker is not up to par and is living with his sister in Burlington N.C. Jesse Pirkle has finally retired, and living like a king, if you don't believe ask his wife.

One "B" short story. Before going in Rochefort, we were in a chow line, with snow knee deep. Jake Lawliss was at the end of the chow line passing out the coffee. Sgt. Szymanski (who can't forget him) was standing next to Jake. He looked down and said to Jake, "I hate these Krauts as much as you do, but don't step on them. Jake looked down and saw a dead German, next to where he was standing. The snow had melted and there was this body. Jake, just moved the coffee and passed out coffee.

Bob Uher

"B" 329th

## Co. "I" 329th Inf.

Jim St. John had a little note in his Xmas card telling me that his wife, Wilma passed away in April. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jim.

Also Paul Hanna is in critical condition, he has been on a ventilator for about four months. He is conscious and knows what is going on around him. Please send him a card to help cheer him up. In care of D.V.A. Medical Center, Bldg. # 30 Respiratory Floor. 17273 St. Rt. 104, Chillicothe, OH. 45601. Room 150.

When I talked to Bonnie Hoover on the phone the other night she said that they live about 25 miles from the hospital and that she and Earl would drop in to visit Paul every so often.

Gennie Hayward has had two operations since we saw her at the Pines. Ray also goes in for an operation after the 1st of the year.

Sally Francis has had some medical problems, she was so sick that Max and her canceled the trip to the Pines, a little card would also cheer her up.

Jean and Dick Haas are now spending the winter in Sebring Fla. Pat and Steve Bartha live there year around, Pat & Frank Bilino in Port Charlotte, June & Joe Zing in Vero Beach, Bob & Mary Olney in Zephrr Hills, Jim & Dorothy Fornof are visiting their Children in Hudson & Largo, Fla., Max & Sally Francis in Lake Monroe this has the makings of a good I Co. meeting.

Also Mick & Doris McGowan go down to visit his sister's in Sebring. Maybe Bellino will take Mick out fishing down there in the land of the sun and won't get Mick as wet as he did the last time Mick went up to Monroe Mi. to fish with Frank on Lake Erie, I understand even Dobbie got wet.

I think that Curt & Lucy Mills are planning to visit friends in Arkansas on the trip to Omaha, also Liz and Jesse Hayes have relatives out in Iowa could be worked in on the trip. Bob & Mary Olney plan to make it along with Don Allen hopes to be there.

Helen and Ames Miller informed me that they got together with Hugh Cantrell, and to their surprise after all these years the two men recognized each other. Hugh lives about 250 miles from Omaha, he told Ames, and in his Xmas card to me he said that if everything goes well he will see us in Omaha.

On Frank Bellino's request I checked with the Amtrak Office in Cleveland OH. - From Cleveland to Omaha present price round trip is \$256.00 per person. Leave Clev. 7:11 A.M. arrive in Chicago 1:13 - 2 hr. layover change trains arrive in Omaha at Midnight. Cleveland to Omaha by car is approximately 840 miles. We had another Co. I man Frank Hannies and his wife Menna attended their first reunion at the Pines, had such a great time, said they were sorry they waited so long to show up. Burt Simon didn't make it to the reunion, so Frank got Burt's address and since then they have been in contact with each other.

Another long lost I Co. man has found us, Harry Davine of Pittsfield, Ma. surprised Walt Henschel with a phone call, they had a long talk. Had a lot of catching up to do. Walt gave me Harry's address, I wrote him a letter included was a 91 roster of I Co. Men and an application to join the Association. Harry said he didn't know anything about the Association or reunions. When talking to Joyce and Walt on the phone New Years Eve, they said that Harry is now our newest member of the Association, so we congratulate Harry and his wife Nan.

With the 1992 reunion being held in Omaha it should make Ilene & Les Pittman happy, they have been traveling from Spokane, Wa. all these years. Omaha will be a piece of cake for

them.

If and when the Henschels and Koerner's can get together on date we plan to go out for dinner in a week or so. We always go "Dutch" What else would you expect from two Kraut's.

Art Koerner  
Kent, Ohio

## "A" Battery 908th Fa. Bn.

Congratulations goes out to the Boston Chapter and the Pines Hotel for a great reunion. The food was very good, and they certainly had plenty of it.

The waiters were excellent. Another nice thing we liked, they had all the tables marked, that saved alot of confusion. Although we didn't have a very good turnout. Those in attendance were, Grace Brick, Eleanor Clevenger, Walter A. Bernhardt, Warren & Sue Boucher and Charles & Lois Stine.

We were very sorry that others couldn't attend.

I guess they were too busy planning on the 46th Annual Reunion in Omaha, Nebraska. I know Howie & Clarice Carlborn and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Palasky are planning on going, at least that is what they said in their letters some time ago. As far as I know right now, we're not going, but you never can tell who will show up. Grace Brick is trying to talk Walter Bernhardt and Lois and I into going. I think she will talk Walter into going. On the way up to the Pines we stopped off at Walter Bernhardt's house and stayed over night and on our return we stayed another night before we returned home. Walter rode along with us. He lives in Quakertown Pa. We enjoyed our stay at his house and we are planning on-going back up some time soon.

We think High Tech Productions done a good job on the Video's, but they should of got around to alot more of the tables than they did. That was the same way the other man did at Pittsburg, and those video's weren't too good, but the ones he took out on the Gateway Clipper on the Ohio River, about all you seen was they same people. I don't know why that was, maybe we didn't tip him. At the banquet at the Pines he should of tried to get around to all the tables, not just a few like he did, with that camcorder. I want to thank Col. Del Jurden for joining us at our table. We sure enjoyed having you and it was sure great to talk about World War II and also the Korean War, which we both served in. We received word from George L. Hayes wife saying that they said he is doing fine and is back to work. He had another operation last November a year ago. Hang in there George, we're caring for you.

Seems like the original 83rd Band is getting better all the time and also Jim Burton, I want to thank you all for a job well done. We hope all the Association members and their wives had a wonderful time over the holidays and may God Bless everyone.

This will be all for now Buddies, take and good luck.

Charles B. Stine, Sr.





## **Co. "H" 330th**

### **HELLO BUDDIES:**

Once again we have passed the Holy Season of Christmas, and have started into a new year of our life. As we sit here today, we have a lot to be thankful for. We are entering into the 47th year since the War ended, and a lot of water has gone over the Dam since.

We have just finished our 46th year of the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As we start planning for the 47th Annual Reunion to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, we find that we have a fairly new Chapter taking on the work of Hosting this Reunion. This Chapter needs the help of each and everyone of us to help make this another great successful Reunion.

As I sit here at this typewriter I can't help but make mention to you the need of your help in making the Ad Book a success, so that the Chapter can have the financial help necessary to put on a good Reunion. I know that there are many of you who get mad at me for always mentioning the Ad Book. If you were to ever put on a Reunion, you would only too well know the need of this financial aid. Putting on a Reunion is not easy, it takes a lot of hard work and planning, and trying to scrape up the monies needed for the commitments that have to be made.

I know that all of you have finished your Christmas Shopping and are sitting there waiting for the bills to come rolling in, but there is one more gift for you to buy. That is an Ad in the Reunion Ad Book, your Christmas Gift to the Association. I will gladly accept any and all checks, I would like to ask you all not to include your Dues Money on the Ad Book check. This makes extra work for the Reunion Committee.

Well Buddies, as I have mentioned many times, this Association is more than just a Veterans Association, it is men who served side by side in combat and have become one big Family. To those of you who have never had the pleasure of attending a Reunion, take a minute out and look at that hour glass of time and see how the sands of time are running out on all of us. You will never know what a feeling is to have met that Buddy that you last shook hands with in Germany or France over 46 years ago. Today, that handshake is like having a life reborn.

I sincerely hope that each and everyone of you had a Happy, Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season. May God Bless You All, and may we continue to meet for many years to come.

Your Buddy  
Larry Redmond  
Co. H, 330th

## **Co. "D" 330th**

### **HELLO BUDDIES:**

Once again here is that man from Co. "H" writing to you all and trying to make you all understand that here in the 83rd Infantry Division Association, we have the greatest Family relationship that there is in any Veterans Organization.

We are far greater than just another Veterans Organization, we are one big Family, who served together in Combat. We were more than just another group of Combat Soldiers, we were Men who trained together, many of us from back at Camp Atterbury up until the last day of actual Combat. With this great Association we

are continuing to maintain that family relationship. We attend these Reunions and have the great honor and pleasure of meeting part of our Families at this our Family Reunion.

Now that the Holiday Season is over, it is time for us to start planning on our attendance at this our 47th Annual Reunion. This year it will be in Omaha, Nebraska. The Central Plains Chapter, who is a fairly new Chapter has taken on the work of being the Host Chapter. This is not an easy task and requires the help of each and everyone of us. In a short time I will be writing you asking for your help in the Ad Book. This year we will be needing a little extra help, please be prepared to lend your aid.

I sincerely hope that all of you and your Families have had the pleasure of a Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Your Buddy  
Larry Redmond  
Co. "H" 330th

## **"A" Co. - 329th**

I received a lot of Xmas and New Year's Greetings from a lot of fellows. Carl Pliske writes and tells me that he and his wife, Lee, are in good health, and do some camping with their family. They went to Branson, Missouri, and saw a few shows and did some dancing. They send their best to everyone. Helen Harman writes and tells everyone that she is fine, but a little lonesome this time of year. Ralph was our supply Sgt. Red Emrich retired in '88. He was an offset printing press operator and would like to hear from some of his old buddies. Marto Emrick P.O. 217 Reynolds, Indiana 47980. The Tishers write and they are hanging-in-there. Larrene Manning writes and everything is ok her way. Haden Beasley is still farming - he has a dairy farm, and can't come to reunions. Johnny and Eunice Punch from Hickory, N.C. are doing ok. Shirley and Roy Champion are planning to come to the next reunion. So does Ed and Carm Mudre.

Pat and Florence Dandola retired in 1984. They lived in South Carolina and moved back to New Jersey in 1988. They spend their winters in Florida. They have 5 children: 3 married: 8 1/2 grandchildren. (number 9 is due in May of 1992). Their youngest son will marry in Oct. '92.

George Suchomelly tells me that they had a great time at their mini reunion at Cumberland Lake, KY. The scenery was beautiful. Red Emich told him one time in Luxembury, they had prepared a big meal, chicken and all the trimmings. (liberated), and a German shell landed near the house they were in, broke the window and glass was all over their food. They had to throw it away. What a shame.

Ernest and Hilda Perry send their best to everyone. The Robert Gooley's are enjoying themselves since retirement. They tell me that they have been on several long bus trips touring the U.S.A., and also had several visits from Ernest Perry and his wife.

Melvin Magee writes that they will be celebrating fifty five years of married bliss this coming March. Congratulations!! Dale Edgar did not write anything in his card, so I assume that everything is ok. Bill Ursery sends his best to everyone. Dean Daniels, from Sandusky, Ohio, also sends everyone his best.

Mutt Adair, from Saltillo, Texas, sends his best and says he finished his treatments and feels great. Hazen and Irene Lloyd are planning to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to the reunion. Hazen also writes and tells me that Irene fell and broke her right wrist and tail



bone. She is ok now.

I had a nice long talk with Dick Armstrong and he seems to be doing a lot better. He joined the 1st Platoon on the 4th of July. Remember the 4th guys?! The fireworks really flew that day! Joe Stefancin asked me a while ago if any one remembered how and where he was wounded the second time.

Sgt. Joe Stefancin was hit the first time in the hedge rows. He was a gallant and brave platoon sergeant and a terrific leader. Once in the hedge rows, the Germans counter attacked while the officers were at a meeting. Sgt. Joe took over and repelled the Germans.

He even fixed a machine gun on a knocked out tank. He was in the hospital at least three months before returning to us in Luxembourg.

While in Luxembourg, we trained. There was a lieutenant from the Inspector's General's office observing us. One day I tried to jump a creek and fell in and got all wet. The Lieutenant laughed at me. No doubt, I did indeed look silly and stupid. I called him some choice names. Lt. Alvarado gave me hell and the others just laughed more.

When we relieved, I believe, the 4th Division in the Hurtgen Forest, Sgt. Joe was given a platoon to lead of his own. Then becoming a lieutenant.

The second platoon was in the lead. Being the medic, I crossed last. Then Lt. Stefancin and one of his men, a scout or a sergeant, I'm not sure, started across, the sniper got them both. Lt. Stefancin was shot below his nose and the bullet came out the back of his head. The other fellow, on the other hand, his stomach and an intestine came out about the size of a tennis ball.

I took them in a cellar to give first aid. I was sure if Lt. Stefancin didn't get medical help soon, he was going to die. After waiting a while for litter bearers, I took him back across the road and headed him towards the aid station. No doubt the sniper observed the Geneva Convention or they would have shot me.

On down the street, a German threw a potato masher grenade out the window hitting Thomas Carol in the leg. He spent nearly a month in a Paris hospital. I had blood from three different guys on me and no place to wash. Also, I was impeccably hungry. I started to eat a K-ration. The Lieutenant from the Inspector's General office though I was a crazy cannibal.

In the mean time, William (Elmer) Adams, our best B.A.R. man, was trying to get the sniper. The Lieutenant said, "I'll show you how to get the sniper". He stepped out into the road. The sniper killed him. Now I had more of his blood on me. After that, Elmer did kill that sniper.

To the best of my recollection, this is the way it was 47 years ago.

This is all for now guys. Keep me informed; stay healthy; and God Bless.

Your "A" Co. Buddie,  
Bob Grobelny  
1581 Lander Rd.  
Mayfield Hts., OH 44124  
(216)-449-5085

## LETTERS



## LETTERS

912 Edgar Street  
Hollidaysburg, PA. 16648

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a picture of the 83rd Band members who played at the Pines this last summer.

Zeno King - Director

Front Row - Left to right: Emmett Pack, Bob Radford, Nick Aloisi, Leonard Rivenburg, Vic Fuentealba, and Elliott Jacoby.

Second Row - Left to right: Two substitutes, Fred La Selva, Substitute, Paul Cooley, Jim Harris, and Ray Oswald.

Last Row - Left to right: Charles Franke, G. Arthur Yon, and Art Renner

Band leader Bob Smith, who was there also, is not shown.

Sincerely,  
G. Arthur Yon

### *Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year*

*Sam Klippa & Family*

Dear 83rd Friends,

We want everyone who signed the anniversary card, plus the little notes, we sure did appreciate it. Fifty years is a pretty long time -- Loyal says it is forever!!

We have three children and five grandchildren. All pretty well grown and doing fine.

Thanks again for the thoughts. We sure miss the reunions and our friends.

Sincerely  
Loyal & Kate Pangle

Dear Mr. Derickson,

I am writing this letter for my wife, Florence, whose father, Sgt. Jose (Joe) Perez Beserra served with the 83rd Infantry Division in WWII. Sgt. Beserra was in the 83rd Reconnaissance Troop, MECZ. He was killed in action somewhere in Germany in mid-March 1945. He is buried in one of two cemeteries in Belgium. (military cemeteries).

My wife, Florence Beserra Contreras, would like to hear from any one that might have known her father. We inquired to the V.A. for his military record, but there was a fire at the St. Louis, Missouri Personnel Record Center in 1973 that might have destroyed his records. We can't obtain much information since he lived in Chicago and we now live in Bell, (Los Angeles) California.

We would very much appreciate hearing from anyone with a little information about Joe Beserra, so we can document his war record for the family.

Sgt. Beserra's mailing address was: Please write to:  
Sgt. Jose P. Beserra  
83rd Rcn. Troop APO #83  
C/o P.M., New York, N.Y.

Florence Beserra Contreras  
4954 Beck Ave.  
Bell, CA 90201-3726

Or Call: (213) 771-3690

Thank you very much for your time and wishing you and the men of the 83rd Thunderbolt Division the best reunion ever.

Respectfully  
Angel C. Contreras

Engineers:

Our recent reunion at **The Pines** was enjoyed by everyone. We didn't have as many Co. "A" men as we usually have, but with the wives, families and friends there were 23 in attendance. With us were: Cel and Gordon Doeringsfeld, Frank and Nellie Blakely, Frank and Pearl Davis. Frank also brought his sister Sarah. Then there was Mike Liber and his daughters Dona and Mickey. Our regulars Owen and Arlene Wellman and Paul and Dottie Gundersen. Dottie has promised me another of her "crazy" (her words) letters. I will try to pass on some of her wit, but I am sure much will be lost in the translation. Ray and Joan Bankowsky were back with us and they look fine. Both have had serious health problems. We wish them complete recovery. All were pleased to meet with Dick (Lt.) Meyer for the first time since the war. Dick came with his wife Lucianne. Charles and Elenor Auer and George completed the list.

Curtis Meyer of headquarters company and his guest accepted our invitation to be with "A" Company. We hope they enjoyed themselves.

The Pines, as is the custom, let us arrange meal time seating so we arranged to have Co. "A" and Co. "C" sitting close together. We hope the arrangement made it convenient for General Dodge and his charming wife Gwynne to visit with both companies.

The general presented us (Battalion members of the association) the original 308th. Engineer Battalion colors; the colors that were carried with us overseas. These will be with us at all future reunions and will be carried at our memorial services. At the present time I am custodian of these colors.

We also made some copies of the After Action reports that the General Dodge brought to the reunion. These reports have a record of the day to day activities of the battalion during the war. Lists of K.I.A. wounded, awards and engineering duties of the battalion were all included. Gordon Doeringsfeld is making copies of these reports. He plans to arrange them in loose leaf binders and they will be available to anyone that wants them at cost which should be very modest. If you are interested contact either Gordon or me so that we will know how many copies to make.

We missed those of you who couldn't make the reunion. We looked for Irv and Phyllis Katz as they had planned to come. Did the grandchildren get Irv tied up in the pickle business, Phyllis?

Look for a mailing sometime in early May, we have to plan for the Omaha reunion.

Buddy

George

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130 West Haven Road  
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850-3026

I am writing to contact anyone in the 83rd Division who might a Mr. Wesley Backus, who was wounded in the Italian campaign in 43 or 44.

When one of the smaller units of his company was cut off in that campaign he volunteered to try to take them water food and ammunition. He led a patrol and succeeded in reaching his objective. However they were cut from their main body and spent two or three days also trapped. Upon returning to their own lines, he was shot by a nervous sentry (a new replacement) when he stood up to identify himself. He took three 45's in one leg, two below the knee and one above the knee.

Two months ago Wes was in Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. He has cancer and would like to hear from anyone who served with him in that campaign. He couldn't reply or

respond to telephone calls but would really like to hear from his old buddies.

His address:

Wesley Backus  
235 N. Indiana Ave.  
Watertown, N.Y.  
13601

Regards,  
Harold K. Van Allen

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Dear Bob,

I would appreciate it very much if you can find room in the next issue of the "Thunderbolt" to include the following:

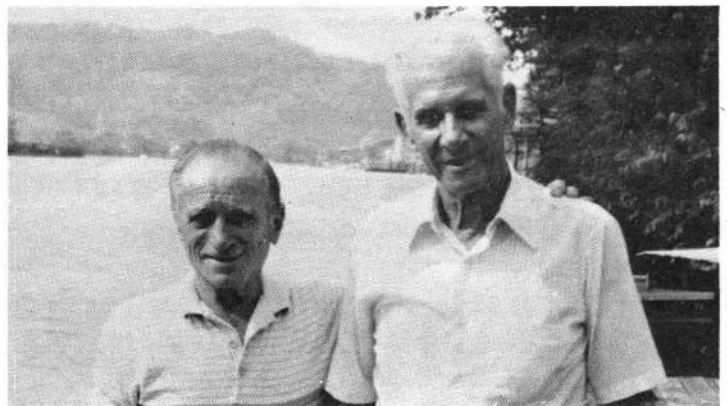
After an enjoyable reunion at the Pines, I was able to secure a ride, through the intercession of Manny Goldstein Co. K, 331st Inf. with Jim Burton who was returning to Indianapolis, Ind, to Dublin, Ohio where I was a guest of s/Sgt. Wilder Matheno and his wife Flossie -- a frequent contributor to "Thunderbolt".

After my ten day stay, which was thoroughly enjoyable, they drove me to Belle, W. Va. where I had my first meeting with T/Sgt. Everett Lucas in 46 years. We were separated when he & Sgt. Mathena both received wounds and I was made platoon leader. My three day visit was cordial and I'm sure we received great joy in seeing each other and reliving some of the events of the war.

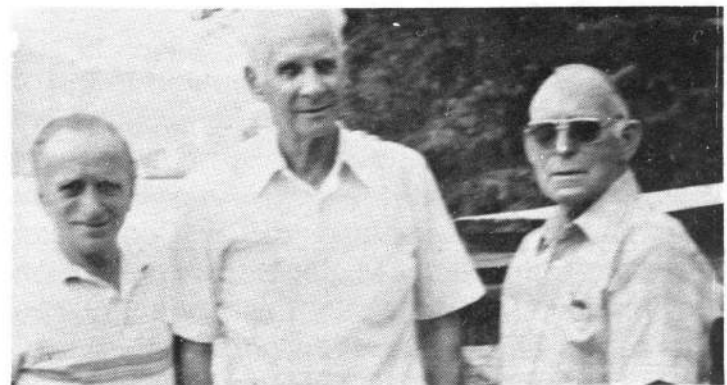
Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely  
Franklin L. Crampa  
850 S. St. Andrews Pl. #6  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90005

P.S. I'm sorry our paths didn't cross at S. Fallsburg. I hope all is well with you & Pearl.

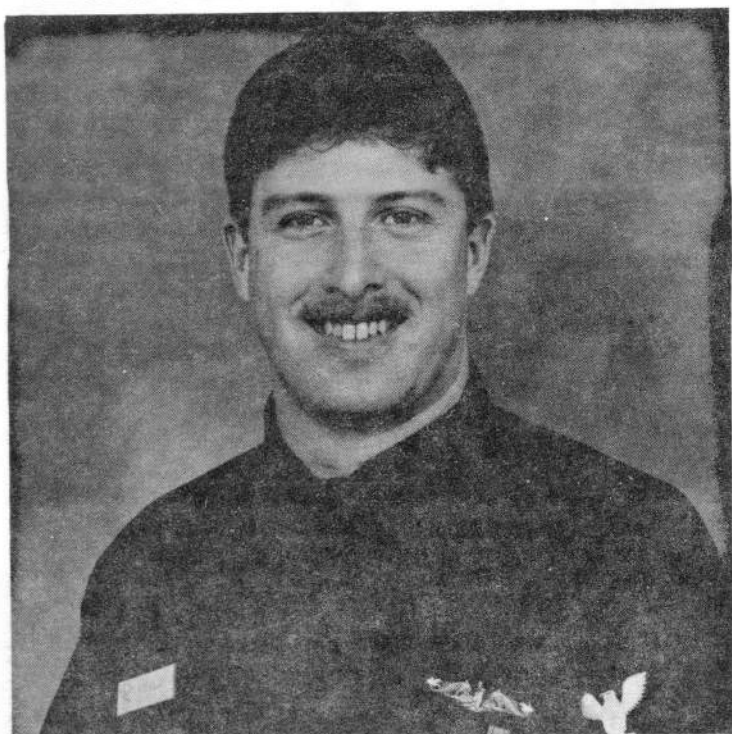


S/Sgt. Franklin L. Crampa & T/Sgt. Everett Lucas "K" Co. 331st Inf. Reunited after 46 years at his home on 10/5/91



S/Sgt. Franklin L. Crampa - LA, CA.  
T/Sgt. Everett Lucas - Belle, W.VA.  
S/Sgt. Wilder Mathena - Dublin, OH  
Taken in Belle, W.VA 10/5/91

# Miller named Personal Excellence Cooperation Education Coordinator for December



**Machinist's Mate 2nd Class W.E. (Ed) Miller**  
.....son of Ames & Helen Miller

*By CWO4 Ralph Luellen*

MM2 W.E. (Ed) Miller, USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN730) (Gold), has been named the Subase, Bangor PECE Coordinator of the Month for December 1991.

Petty Officer Miller, who is from Columbus, Indiana, graduated from Columbus North High School in 1977, followed by a year at Indiana University. He joined the Navy in April 1986, intending to continue his education later under the GI bill and using his experience in the Navy toward earning an engineering degree.

Petty Officer Miller's primary duties aboard USS Henry M. Jackson are performed in the "A Gang", which repairs auxiliary equipment (Oxygen supply, CO2 removal, refrigeration and atmospheric control) for the ship. As collateral duties, he is the command PECE Coordinator, coordinates the Henry M. Jackson Adopt a Highway Program (3 miles of highway 3 near Poulsbo) and serves as division 3-M Coordinator at sea. Upon his transfer to the Trident Refit Facility in May 1992, he hopes to attend college at night and continue to be active in the PECE Program in addition to his assigned duties.

As with most PECE Coordinators, Petty Officer Miller finds the program practically a full time job, between recruiting volunteers from among his shipmates, arranging and attending meetings and working with the school. In talking with him, it becomes obvious that his efforts with the kids are a labor of love. He really enjoys working with them and helping them learn.

The USS Henry M. Jackson partnership with Brownsville Elementary School which Petty Officer Miller coordinates is very active, providing tutors, assistance with special projects (such as a haunted house for Halloween and helping make silhouettes for Mother's and Father's Day cards) and providing sailors to give presentations to first, second and fourth graders for Veteran's Day. Another Henry M. Jackson volunteer works with students in a music learning program, where he accompanies their songs with a guitar to help them learn concepts that would be hard to hold their attention otherwise.

Kathy Varnum, the Brownsville Elementary Volunteer Coordinator, describes Petty Officer Miller as "providing some of the highest quality help I've ever had; always there when I need him." Her enthusiasm for both Petty Officer Miller and the USS Henry M. Jackson partnership is contagious. She talks of the "wonderful things" that the command does with Miller's coordination. Some of them include showing up every Friday to help with a variety of things such as listening to the students read, making reading tapes for parent conferences, and helping with computers. Of Miller himself, she says that he "works with the school to get ideas of how to help, and then makes sure things get taken care of. He gives a lot of his own time to be there, even during leave periods. He recruits high quality people, not just "anyone" is allowed to work in USS Henry M. Jackson's program. "He really makes the Navy look good when we see these kinds of people here."

Congratulations on your selection, Petty Officer Miller! Your efforts on behalf of Brownsville Elementary and the PECE Program are greatly appreciated.



***A message to all 83rd members...***

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**Start making your plans to attend, now!**

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