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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ROBERT KECK

The 62nd annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Div. Association is coming **very fast**. We are working to complete the details, and do believe the program will be worth your time and also have a great time.

We have two descendant members helping to make this reunion a success!

We returned from the meeting of the Executive Board in King of Prussia, PA from Wed. April 30th to Sat. May 3rd, 2008. We approved this area and hotel for our reunion in 2009. Valley Forge is in the area that alone has a very historic background.

Mr. John Markuns, Judge Advocate, has prepared and presented changes to our by-laws. This was overdue, thanks to John. He also reviewed our new contract.

I am honored to see the 83rd Infantry Div. Assn. visit Carlisle and the Battlefield at Gettysburg. As most of us know this helped to preserve the Union of the USA.

I grew up about 35 miles from Gettysburg so I was there many times. On the 100th anniversary of Pickett's charge on the minute I walked through Pickett's charge dressed as a confederate as a representative of a Texas brigade. We bivouac the 2 nights before where Pickett's men had slept. Often I think back to our time in combat with the 83rd Infantry Div. I am sure we had the same fears, scared as they

were, but we did not quit. I think of the time in the Battle of the Bulge, we were lined up in about a foot of snow, when Col. Crabill drove up in a jeep, stopped, stood up and said, "Men you are in a damn good outfit. We will take a mile but won't give up an inch."

Enclosed I have an article on Gettysburg National Military Park. This portrays how the two Armies moved in the 3 days of Battle. Enclosed is a map that you can follow.

I hope to see you all at the reunion. **Please get those reservations in as soon as possible.** This will help us get a head count and complete our plans.

Robert Keck
President 2008 Reunion

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

CHUCK ABDINOOR

The Executive Board met at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania to finalize plans for our 2009 reunion. We are fortunate to have Mike and Carmella Catrambone who graciously volunteered to act as host; as this will be held at the Inn at Valley Forge, PA. This is a Four Star Hotel, and we have secured a rate for the rooms that should be affordable to all. We have had quotes from other hotels in the area, but this one was one which we could not refuse. This is in a Historic area, since Valley Forge is close by, and we are across from the second largest shopping mall in the Country. That is a plus, but we have planned a bus trip to Valley Forge, and the Hotel was gracious enough to bring in a National Service Officer who gave us a History lesson on George Washington's winter bivouac at Valley Forge. This is a must for history buffs.

We had in attendance President Bob Keck, Cliff Wooldridge, Susan Pray, John Markuns, and Chris Heine. John Markuns, who is our newly-installed Judge Advocate, and also a Federal Judge, went over our by-laws, and suggested some omissions, and also added on other provisions. We will bring this to the general

meeting for adoption, or deletions. Also, brought up was liability insurance which was also discussed.

We are also grateful to our Historian Lou Gomori, and Gary Wallace for their dedicated work to seek recognition for our crossing of the Elbe River and securing a bridgehead, which we feel should be warranted by a Unit Citation. I am also sincerely gratified to the descendants, who are stepping forward and taking an aggressive role in the 83rd Infantry Division Association, this will surely prolong our Association for a great many more years to come.

Chuck Abdinoor, B & A Co. - 330th
Chairman, Executive Board

FROM THE EDITOR

CLIFF WOOLDRIDGE

**Ad Book Sheet,
Hotel Registration & Reunion Activity
Sheets are included in this issue.**

**PLEASE SEND YOURS IN RIGHT AWAY
AS THIS YEAR'S REUNION IS EARLIER
THAN IN THE PAST!**

I've just gone over the roster and there are over 100 members who still have not paid their 2008 Membership Dues and a few who have not paid 2007!. So, they will be removed from the mailing list unless I hear from them!

Please check the date on your membership card (or call me at 603-875-3649) so you won't miss the next issue of the Thunderbolt!

And on August 1, 2008 Membership Dues for 2009 will be payable.

*** PLEASE KEEP THE ASSOCIATION GOING BY PAYING YOUR DUES! ***

The program for Carlisle is ready and waiting for us. Bob and his committee have done a great job!

The **Bus Tour of Gettysburg** is going to be a history lesson for everyone especially any grandchildren attending as well as some of us older ones. This **Trip to Gettysburg will require no walking** - you may stay on the bus - except when we go to lunch. There will be a Tour Guide on the bus

Rudy Zamula is in contact with some of the fellows who do re-enactments and is hoping to possibly recreate the "Rag Tag Circus" in Carlisle. All they need is a fire truck, hearse, coupe, 2½ truck, some Jeeps, old **motorcycles, and old bicycles.** (GI green with a white star - What else?) Would be nice to see but it's a huge undertaking.

Lou Gomori, our Historian has had a hip replacement and seems to be recovering quite well. Hope he will continue to improve and we'll see him in Carlisle. **We need you Lou!**

We held our Executive Board Meeting in King of Prussia, PA - the site of our 2009 Reunion. We were lucky to have Carmella and Mike Catrambone research the area and do all the legwork prior to our trip. What a fantastic job they did - you'd think they were professionals. They had all the bases covered!

I want to thank John Markuns, our Judge Advocate, for all his time and hard work on behalf of the Association. We're very fortunate to have him.

GET YOUR REUNION REGISTRATIONS AND AD BOOK SHEETS IN IMMEDIATELY!

And before I forget, the Association has recently received some very generous donations from a few of our members. We greatly appreciate your kindness and you are helping to keep the 83rd Association alive! Thanks buddies!

See you in Carlisle!

Cliff Wooldridge

CHAPTERS

BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

On April 4, 2008 another Boston Chapter Member passed away. Ambrose (Amby) Tynan a long time active member of the 83rd Boston Chapter will be missed by all. He had a breathing condition and was carrying oxygen everywhere he went. So he could not always attend our meetings. He had a problem climbing stairs etc. I talked to Amby about two weeks before he passed away and he said he was feeling good lately and was looking forward to writing his column in the next Thunderbolt. He was the Boston Chapter's Staff Reporter. So that did not happen. Shows he was an 83rd'er to the last.

Amby came from a large family and with his good wife Nancy, had children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Also, had brothers and sisters. Great Family. God bless them all.

The wake and funeral were in West Roxbury, Mass. With a funeral mass at St. Theresa's Church. His interment was at Mass. National Cemetery in Bourne, Mass. A large family and friends, including some Boston Chapter members, attended. Boston Chapter members were Tony & Helen Piantedosi, Cliff Wooldridge and Nancy, Chuck Abdinoor, Ginny DiGiammerino, and his Army buddy and close friend Edward McCouch (came from Pennsylvania to attend), also Edward's two sons (one from NH and one from NJ) attended. Ed McCouch and his son went to the National Cemetery for the burial. At the cemetery an Army Honor contingent gave Amby a military ceremony. A great honor for a great soldier. May he rest in Peace.

To Nancy Tynan and family we want to extend our deepest sympathy. May God bless you all.

Boston Chapter Secretary
Tony Piantedosi

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

BOB GROBELNY

DIXIE CHAPTER NEWS

ELLSWORTH MASSIE

Dixie Spring of 2008 - Williamsburg, VA

Some say we have met here 27 times with 83rd veterans and their kin from all over the land. I can only vouch for 20 times for I first met Dixie in Hershey, PA at the national, was invited to their business meeting (customary to meet requirements of rules and by laws for 4 meetings annually). I liked what I heard and decided to join up. It has given much joy over the years and I look forward to many more in the years ahead! Now, fast forward to 2008 -

I'm late in arriving (must be old age) to find our host and hostess there and working. The Hospitality Room is decorated tastefully and in a meaningful way with pictures of our National in Washington, DC area! I count seven souls present. We go to supper and are on our own for a most enjoyable time!

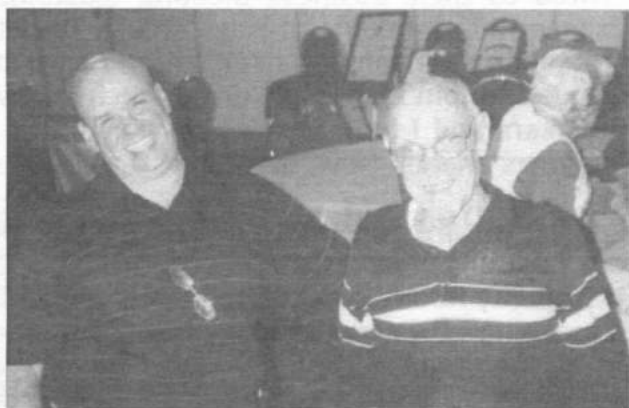
In the early days or in our younger years I recall our attendance was 190+. Our final count this year will be 20+. Some came late. Some departed early! We enjoyed each moment with everyone present. We recall those many visiting dignitaries who have celebrated with us - many of them gone from this earth. In all we have members of 12 families with us, some bringing guests which we enjoyed tremendously. Here are the names - White, Loukas, Watkins, Lazarus, Mantooth, McCroy, Sheffield, Baker, Helms, Poole. We missed all who were not present and look for you next year.

Some were hospitalized with sickness and had to cancel! Some were too sick to cancel. Our wonderful ladies worried about them and finally reached J. I. Lamb and his wife on Sat. night. He being ill in hospital with pneumonia! We all signed cards of best wishes and

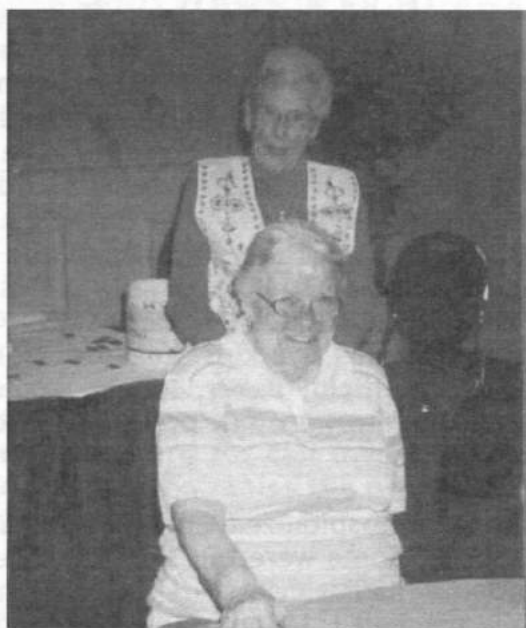
remembrance and sent them out. Our time was well used in visiting, eating, sightseeing and planning next time.

We had a most informative bus trip to historical points - Yorktown Battle Green, Norfolk Navy Base, and Museum. Enjoyed by all and well done by our very own Charlotte Loukas heading up and having arrangements made!

We enjoyed our family units present and units on hand. We were so close in numbers that I just called it a series of ties and welcomed each and asked them to work harder next time and get their name in the paper!



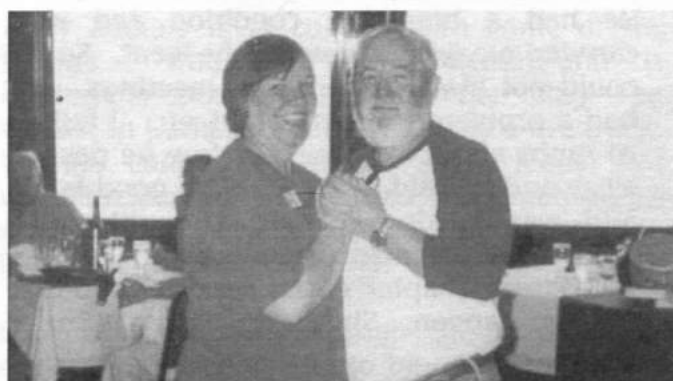
"New & Old" -- Dave & George Lazarus



**Two of our Precious Widows
Ellane Watkins - Jeannette McCroy**



The Poole Family



**The Mantooth's
Newly elected Dixie President & wife**

We are so fortunate to have our newly elected president and secretary from our descendants. They performed well and we commend them both and look to the future feeling the responsibility is in good hands!

We were in business session and handled each item in an orderly fashion! Thanks to our new elected and installed officers!

We are saddened by the loss of friends of long term and remembered each family in prayer together.



First Timers - The Sheffields

We found out who the Sheffields are - New members here for the first time. Mr. & Mrs. we met at the National. We are glad to welcome them aboard!

I got a chance to see John Helms again. Most of his company buddies didn't make it but you'll be glad that we stood together with him and we did make it, although he had to leave early! I was able to get the millionaire story from him for a couple who had never heard of it before!

Let's keep each other in mind and remember each in prayer, plan to meet at the National which promises to be a great occasion. I look forward to seeing each for the rich fellowship that gets better and better as I get older!

We give thanks for being able to be a part of this most special group. It grieves my heart to see so many of our Chapters closing down. We have to realize that we are "mere mortals" and are not placed here on earth forever!

Thanks to all who brought food and the delicious items that we consumed during our meet. For each one present and taking part, we could not do it without you! We plan to be back next year. Our host and hostess are committed, John and Bobby White of Jacksonville, Md! Let's be there when the day comes again!

Your Reporter for Dixie,
Ellsworth Massie
A 322 & 908 F.A.

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWS

ROBERT TAYLOR
B Co. 329TH

The Florida Chapter is still alive and well, and hangin' in there. At our recent meeting we had 23 members and spouses show up to enjoy the 2 days of friendship and comradeship at our favorite hotel, The Inn On The Lakes in Sebring, FL. Among those

attending were the Joe Camp's, John Prinzi's, Al Fisher's, Sam Castelli's, Tom and Mary Jean Houlahan, Lou Kanen, Manny Epstein, Paul Dillon, and the Bob Taylor's. It was a great time, capped off with an excellent dinner on Saturday evening. And the dinner began with champagne donated by the Hotel management, who have been most cooperative and helpful to the Chapter over our years of meetings in Sebring.

We began our partnership with The Inn On The Lakes many years ago because of it's central location in Florida and it's excellent facilities, and through the years it has become our 'HOME'. Although their primary clientele are tourists, golfers, and auto racing fans, the hotel has always found room for the Florida Chapter. For this we appreciate them, and they appreciate us and our place in history.

The hotel also provides us, at no extra charge, with a Hospitality Room to meet in and also serves our Saturday evening banquet in this room. Of course the hotel does not do all of these things purely on their own. We, in the Chapter select a Host person who works with the hotel to make the meetings come about. We've had many Hosts over a long period of time, but in the past several years this has fallen mostly on the shoulders of Joe and Donna Camp and they've done a superb job. Our relations with the hotel have been made easier and most pleasant in large part due to the Camps efforts.

We do have a sadness to report in this column, also. I've only recently learned that Mary Fisher, wife of Allen, passed away unexpectedly on March 19. Al and Mary have been very much part of our Chapter for many years, as meeting Hosts and also as Chapter Officers. We'll miss her very much at our future parties.

Now, one last, important note. At our recent (Feb.) meeting the future of the Florida Chapter was discussed at length. Age, infirmities, and travel distances all are factors that must be considered in planning future meetings. Also we have lost some of our "snowbird" members who no longer come to Florida for the winter months. Therefore it has been decided to meet only on an annual basis,

just once each year. The next Florida Chapter meeting will be at The Inn On The Lakes in Sebring, Fl. on Feb. 20, 2009. You're all welcome!!

Hope to see you all in Carlisle in July!

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

NICK FRANCUCCIO

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

STAN BIELEN

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May 5th, 2008

Not much chapter news has come to me but I will give you what I can muster up. I'm sure that those coming to the reunion are looking forward to the reunion in Carlisle. I have been to that area before and found it to be an interesting place. The Gettysburg Tour is one you don't want to miss. I'm looking forward to tagging along with Dan Shomer, the nephew of Captain Danny Moore, who is a Civil War Buff and told me he will be at the reunion.

In my last article I had put a piece about Haran Martin (Co. C, 331 Inf.) that was not put in that issue because Cliff Wooldridge called me that he had limited space and that he will put it in the next issue. I'm sure you will find it interesting reading, also Haran is a poet and has a new book on his poetry that is available for \$10.00 which includes mailing costs. It can be obtained by writing him at 148 Queensbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

The Chapter was saddened by Ted Guzek's passing. Ted and Irene were very active in Chapter activities until Ted's stroke a number of years ago. What great memories we have from all the chapter parties and meetings. We sure miss all those great folks that are gone - the Lockwoods, The

Reins, Wehlings, Bob Walsh, Vito Lascara, The Bartons, The Beniks and others. All wonderful friends that have enriched our lives.

Manny Epstein had called to let me know that Leo Schnieder had passed away. He was in my company and I considered him and his wife Shirley dear friends. Those that didn't attend the early reunions probably don't know of Leo's contribution to keep the 83rd Association alive. He was the president in 1952 and if you had attended those early reunions you would have ended each night in Leo's suite where the party went on to the wee hours of the morning, sometimes to 5:00 AM. I remember one reunion in Cleveland that my total sleep was 10 hours in four days. Ah!!! - to be young again.

In the last Thunderbolt there were a number of pictures from the war and I thought I would send in one I came across recently. This was taken at the Chateau in Nantes, France after the Brittany Campaign of me and Ken Donner. I thought you might get a kick out of seeing me at the age of nineteen.



Stan Bielen (L), Ken Donner

In closing, let's hope that we have a great turnout and a very happy reunion.

God Bless You,

Stan Bielen

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Co. "A" - 330TH

CHARLES ABDINOOR
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Hi Buddy's,

In lieu of my column of A-Company news, I would like to bring to the attention of our membership, a certain individual who should be recognized of his past deeds. I know of all our departed comrades we have lost through the years, here and overseas during World War 2, this individual was one of the Founding Members of our Association. Leo Schneider was Past National President in 1952, he was also a Board member through the early years, and attended all reunions, until his health declined, and restricted him to limited participation in all phases.

Leo's last reunion was in Kentucky, and although he had suffered a stroke, he insisted to Shirley his wife, that he had to attend. They brought their daughter Wendi and her husband Ed to assist her. Leo passed on April 7th this year.



He had numerous decorations, and also the Combat Infantry Badge, plus the Purple Heart. I could go on and on, but what made Leo a real Hero was he was unselfish.

During the early years, at one reunion, we had one officer abscond with the receipts of that year. This put our Association in dire straits. Leo put 15,000 dollars out of his own money to pay off the outstanding bills that we had incurred. This also included our National Roster that was destroyed, he left his business in the care of his partner, which they both co-owned for one year to stabilize our Association.

I am not a learned man in the art of letter writing, but I am speaking from my heart. Leo was an outstanding gentleman, and a family man. He probably should have been recognized by a professional writer, but all I can say is a BIG "THANK YOU, REST WELL, BUDDY".

Chuck Abdinoor
sgtchuck83rd@verizon.net

Co. "D" - 331ST

BILL MCKEE
GERI GUNDERSON

I have spoken to: R.C. & Louise Hamilton, Al Shrawder, Barbara & Harry Gravelyn, and they are looking forward to being with everyone at the Reunion. The McDermott's are doing well. Marcella Nolte calls often. Ruth Mueller is having "hip pain" but is going to Palm Springs in a couple of weeks. Harriet Lynch had a hip operation in January but is now nearly recovered. Harriett appreciated all the cards she received. The Dallas's are doing well after Paul's fall, while he was volunteering with the DAV Memorials. He now has the cast off. We are trying to talk them in to coming to Carlisle! I am still among the undecided - it is such an effort to try to get to Carlisle from south Florida.

We also have some sad news to report: Frank Sharp died on December 28, 2007. Frank was

94, lived in Lancaster, Ohio but was a former 26 year resident of Beverly Hills, Fl. He was retired from Anchor Hocking Glass Corp with 37 years of service. He served in Co. D 331st Infantry, 83rd Div. during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dana, and daughters Patsy, Donna and son Gary. He was a great supporter of the Florida Chapter & the National also.

Co. D would like to send their sympathies to Lee Reuss in the loss of her beloved husband Ed. A Memorial tribute, also to Helen Miller, in the loss of her beloved Ames on February 27th.

Both Ed and Ames contributed so much to the great 83rd Association throughout so many years. No one can take away the fond memories of our friends, and loved ones!

Geri Gunderson

Co. "F" - 329TH
C. R. BOB WHITCOMB



HI CLIFF;

*Hope you can make this letter out -
not good at typing --*

SORRY BUT MOM WON'T BE COMING TO ANY MORE MEETINGS, WE HAD TO PUT HER IN A NURSING HOME, SHE HAS ALZHEIMERS. THIS IS A VERY BAD DISEASE - SOMETIMES SHE IS VERY GOOD THEN IT'S LIKE PUSHING

A BUTTON AND SHE IS VERY MEAN, IT SURE IS NOT LIKE MY MOTHER, SHE HAS BEEN IN THE HOME 9 MONTHS NOW.

I HAVE BEEN WITH HER ABOUT EVERYDAY, I GET THERE ABOUT 10 AM AND STAY TILL 8 OR 9 PM. WE LIVE ABOUT 45 MILES FROM MUNCIE. IT SURE IS HARD ON US KEN AND I, WE HAD TO MOVE OUR CAMPER UP TO MUNCIE AND PARK IT AT MY BROTHER JOHNNIE'S HOUSE, BLESS MY BROTHER WE HAVE FULL HOOK UP, JUST LIKE LIVING AT HOME ALL MOST, HA HA.

THE GAS PRICES ARE EATING US UP DRIVING BACK AND TO MUNCIE ABOUT 85 TO 90 MILES ROUND TRIP.

SO, IF YOU WOULD LET EVERYONE KNOW WHERE MOTHER LIVES NOW. THIS IS THE ADDRESS - WILLOWBEND LIVING CENTER, 7524 E. JACKSON MUNCIE, INDIANA 47302, C/O JEANETTE L. JONES.

I KNOW IF SHE COULD SHE WOULD SEND ALL THE LOVE SHE HAS LEFT AND IF SHE STILL KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING, SHE WOULD WANT TO TELL EVERYONE SHE LOVES THEM.

MY HUSBAND AND I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF OUR ARMY FRIENDS FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES AND INTERESTING STORIES OF THEIR TIME IN THE WAR. WE WILL MISS YOU ALL AND WE WANT TO SAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

LOVE, KENNETH AND JUDY DICK
P.S. MY BROTHERS JOHNNIE AND MIKE SAY HI AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR LIVES. GOD BLESS.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Dick
2540 N. Symonds Creek Rd.
Cambridge City, IN 47327-9710

Mr. Clifton Wooldridge

I wish to inform you that PFC Warren H. Lenfest passed away at the Maine Veterans Home, April 23 - 2008.

Warren was in the 83rd 329th Infantry Regt. Co. A. He was 87 yrs. of age.

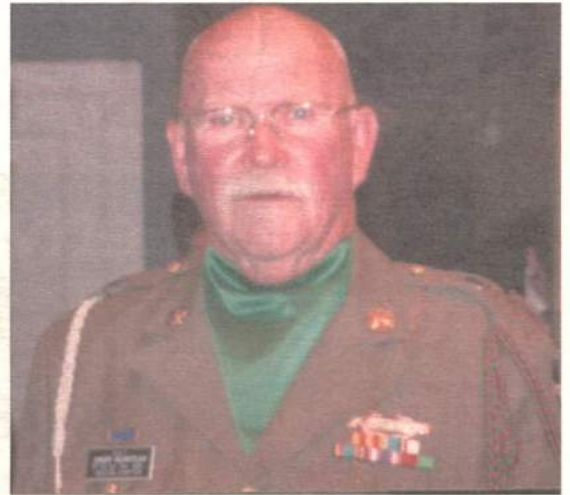
Thank you,

Richard E. Freeman
2 Our Drive
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HENRY SCHEITLER -
The 83rd's Loyal Friend -

Please do not let Henry down -
He never let "Our Boys" down!

Cliff Wooldridge



IT'S NOW OUR TURN TO SHOW OUR
APPRECIATION AND CONCERN FOR HENRY!

PLEASE SEND HIM A CARD OR NOTE

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"Hi Cliff--

I just received a letter today from Henry Scheitler. He takes care of many 83rd Division graves in various cemeteries, including my Dad's grave at Henri-Chapelle. Henry is not in good health and has to have some heart surgery. Below is his letter to me:

"Dear Dave

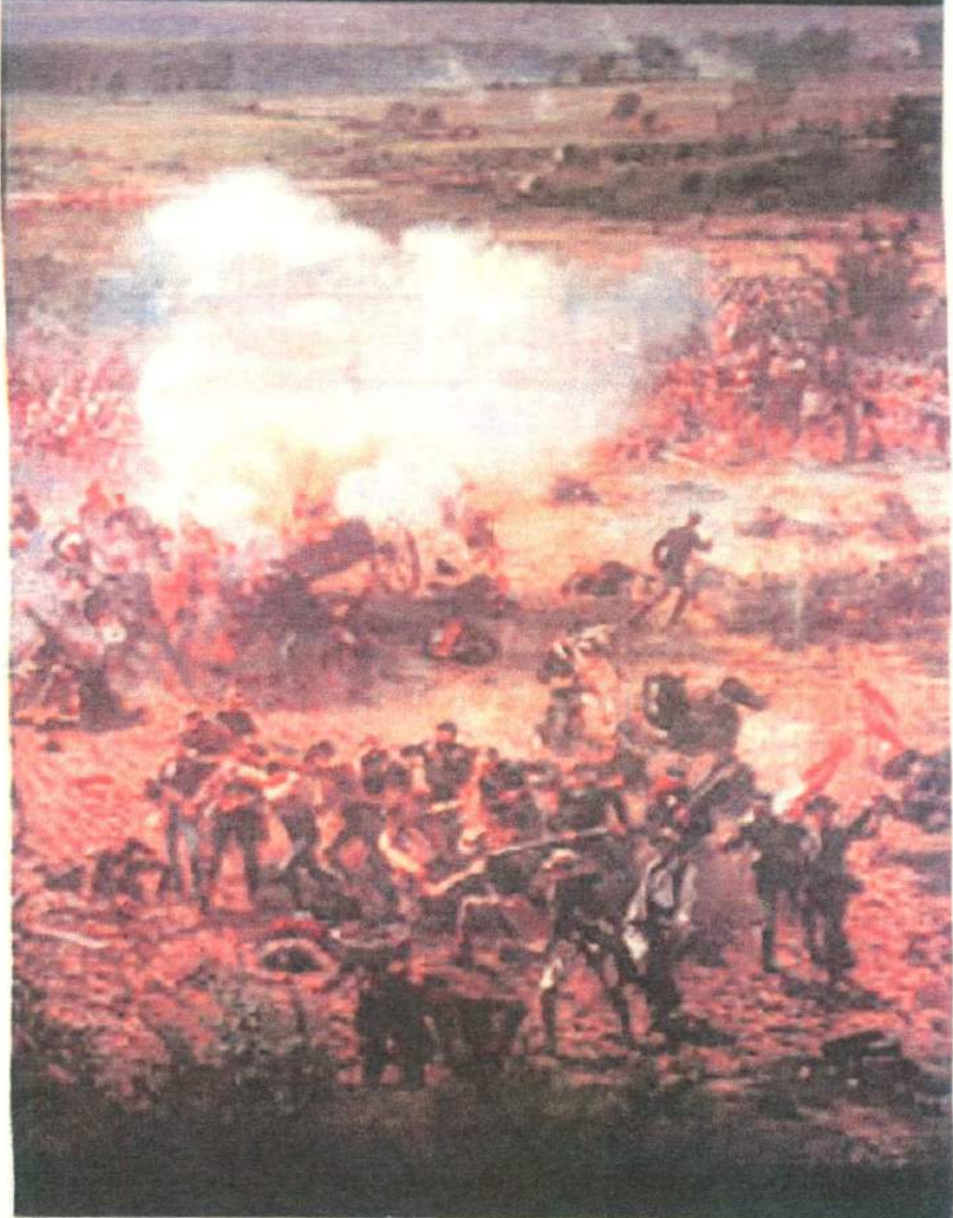
This year I was not able to attend the Memorial Day Service of the American Military Cemetery of Henri-Chapelle. I was in the hospital over three weeks and I must go back to the hospital for operation on my heart for make two or three bypass, and for the next 3 months I'm out of order, the Doctor say, later you have a new body. Dear friend I hope that you and your family is alright. I and Maria wish you and your family all the best. God bless, Henry"

I don't know if there is still time--but if possible, could you put this in the next Thunderbolt. I am sure that Henry would APPRECIATE A CARD OR LETTER from his friends in the 83rd Division. Please note that his address in the roster (2007) is incorrect. His new address is:

Henry Scheitler
Res. Rte de Montelange
L-8821 Riesenhaff
Grand Duchy of LUXEMBOURG

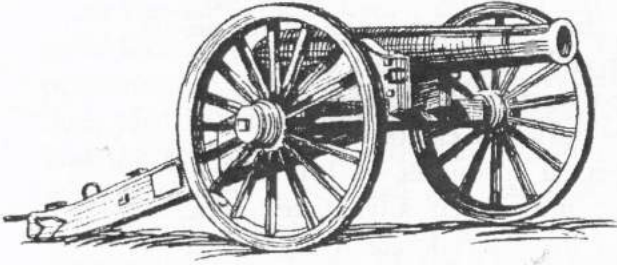
Thanks,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *Douglas McKay, Secretary*

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Scene of the decisive Battle of Gettysburg, marking the turning point of the American Civil War, and place where Abraham Lincoln made his celebrated Gettysburg Address

GETTYSBURG is the field of one of the greatest battles ever fought on American soil. The outcome affected the destiny of a nation. We now know that those who perished there on the field of battle did not die in vain. The field of Gettysburg ever will remain a place of pilgrimage for Americans. On it their Nation was tested. The Nation has endured.

The name of Gettysburg is immortalized not only by the heroic feats of arms which were performed there, but by Abraham Lincoln's noble address delivered a few months after the battle when he came to Gettysburg to dedicate a portion of the field as the burial ground of those who fell in the struggle. Lincoln's words have perpetuated in the minds and hearts of our people the high purpose of the brave men who died at Gettysburg. The spot on which the martyr President uttered his immortal words is now appropriately marked by the Soldiers' National Monument in the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Battle of Gettysburg

In June 1863, as a result of victories at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville during

the preceding months, the military spirit of the Confederacy was at "high noon." By a daring thrust into Northern territory and a defeat of the Union Army on its own soil, Southern leaders felt that the strained bonds holding the North to the task of preserving the Union could be severed, the war ended, and peace established on the basis of Southern independence.

At Gettysburg on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863, the Confederate Army, commanded by Gen. Robert E. Lee, attempted to destroy the Union Army of the Potomac, commanded by Gen. George G. Meade, on its own soil. This battle has become known as the High Watermark of the Confederacy. It marked the turn of the tide in the war.

Using the Shenandoah Valley as an avenue of approach into Pennsylvania, Lee's army began moving northwestward from Fredericksburg on June 3, crossed the Potomac River at Williamsport and Shepherdstown, and proceeded toward Harrisburg. Unforeseen circumstances between June 25 and 29 deprived Lee of nearly every advantage he expected to gain by his daring march into the North. The absence of Stuart, commanding

the Confederate cavalry, during a long, circuitous tour around the rear of the Union Army, had deprived Lee of information concerning the movements of the enemy. The Union Army, moving due northward from Fredericksburg, had thus reached Frederick, Md., before Lee, across the mountains at Chambersburg, Pa., learned on June 28 of its near presence.

Lee at once altered his plans. He abandoned his proposed movement on Harrisburg, and directed a concentration of his entire force at the eastern base of the South Mountains, 8 miles from Gettysburg.

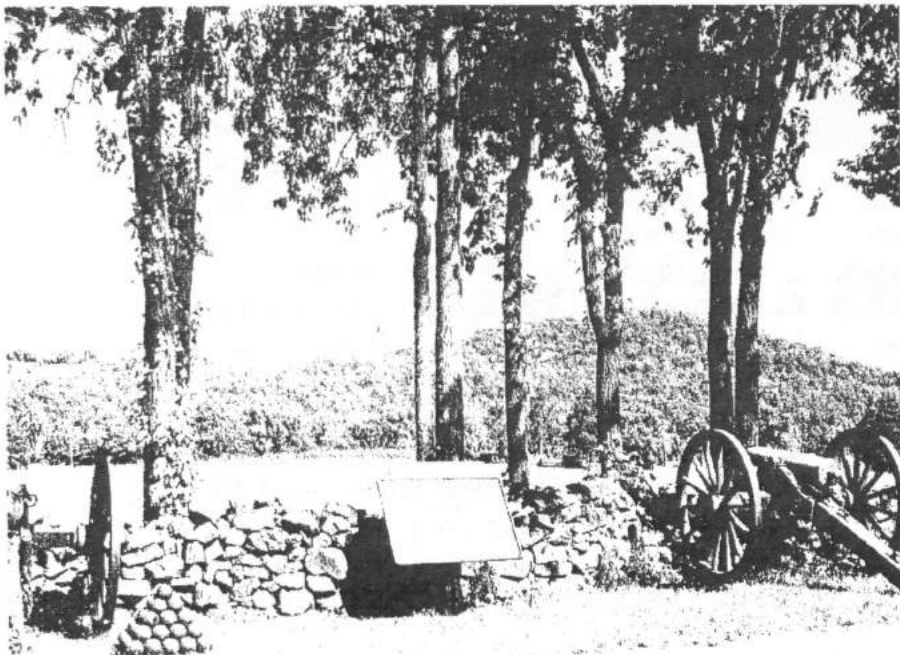
Meade needed information. Buford's cavalry division, with the infantry corps of Reynolds and Howard following close at hand, reached Gettysburg on June 30 to make a reconnaissance. On the morning of July 1 Buford moved to the ridge west of the town. Here, at 8 o'clock, he encountered Heth's Confederate division which was approaching Gettysburg from the west. Reynolds directed his troops into the struggle and also ordered forward those of General Howard. At this juncture Reynolds was killed. Heth's division, momentarily forced back, received reinforcements, but the Confederates were losing ground when Rodes' division, hastening southward on Oak Ridge, struck the right

flank of the Union line on McPherson Ridge. The opportune arrival of Early's Confederate division on the Harrisburg Road broke the Union line north of Gettysburg, forcing the Union troops to retreat southward through the streets of the town. The Union flank on the northwest and west was left exposed. It soon collapsed, and its fragments fell back through Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill.

The unexpected encounter of July 1 presented to Lee unforeseen advantages. The greater part of the Confederate Army was at hand. While the Union line was forming in the shape of a great hook, extending from Spangler's Spring to Cemetery Hill and southward toward Little Round Top, Lee was preparing his battle line on Seminary Ridge and eastward through the streets of Gettysburg.

The forenoon of July 2 wore away. Then at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon Longstreet's batteries on the Confederate right broke the silence. A Confederate division struck at Little Round Top. Failing there, the attack spread to Devil's Den and the Wheatfield. In the meantime, other Confederate troops swept through the Peach Orchard and drove Sickles' Union line from its advance position back to the foot of Cemetery Ridge. Confederate troops gained a foothold momentarily

Big and Little Round Tops as seen from Confederate battle line



Lincoln's Gettysburg



on the crest of the ridge. Four hours of desperate struggle had broken the Peach Orchard salient, left the Wheatfield strewn with dead and wounded, and turned the base of Little Round Top into a shambles.

At the same time, Ewell, on the Confederate left, was expected to attack the Union position on Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill. The plan did not work perfectly, however, and the attack came a little late. Seldom, if ever, surpassed in its dash and desperation, this assault lacked the culminating fury of concerted action. Some of the Confederates stopped on the slopes of Culp's Hill, near Spangler's Spring. Early's men reached the crest of East Cemetery Hill, only to be forced back. Rodes' troops did not attack. Darkness brought an intermission to the bloody combat.

Lee, encouraged by partial success, determined to attack the Union center. The dawn of July 3, however, broke with the thunder of Union guns on the Union right in the area of Spangler's Spring and Culp's Hill. Seven hours of furious fighting found the Union troops again in possession of their earthworks at Spangler's Spring. The spring, whose waters had for a time served Confederate wounded and thirsty, had again become a Union possession.

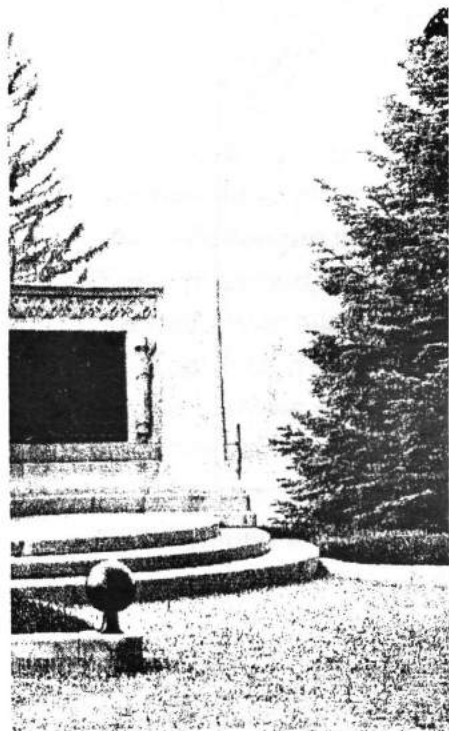
With the struggle ended at Spangler's

Spring, comparative quiet followed, except for casual skirmishing, the intermittent sniping of sharpshooters, and a brisk cavalry action in the rear of the Union lines. At 1 o'clock, 138 Confederate guns in line from the Peach Orchard to the Seminary let loose a terrific cannonade. Eighty Union guns on Cemetery Ridge responded in a duel which lasted nearly 2 hours.

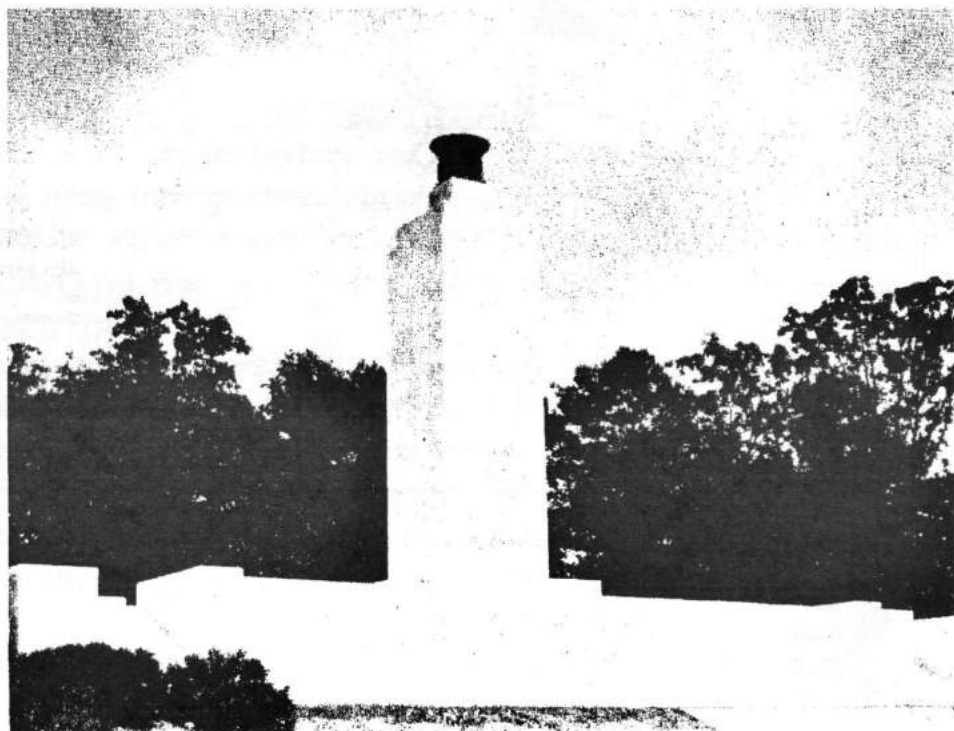
Then, with Pickett's division as a spearhead, more than 15,000 Confederates advanced in magnificent array. On nearing the Union line at the stone wall on Cemetery Ridge, the Confederates charged into the withering fire of double canister and infantry volleys. From the front and flank fire, the advancing lines crumbled, reformed, and again pressed ahead. Only a hundred men crossed the stone wall at The Angle on Cemetery Ridge. The remnants of the division of Pickett, Heth, and Pender staggered back toward Seminary Ridge. The repulse of the attack became known as the High Watermark where the tide of the Confederacy had "swept to its crest, paused, and receded."

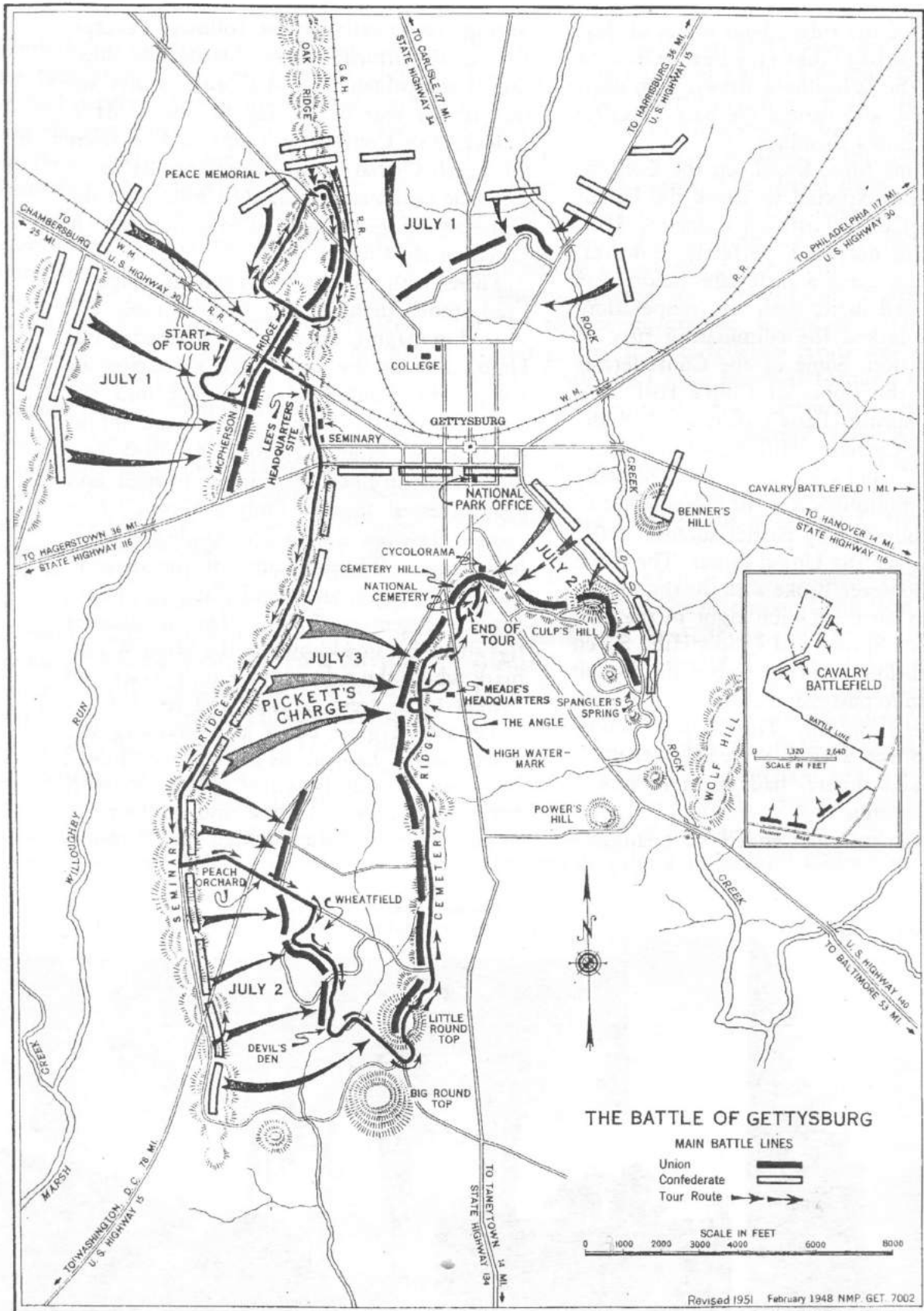
Lee's final great effort at Gettysburg had spent itself. Late on the afternoon of July 4, he began an orderly retreat southwestwardly over the Hagerstown Road, and on the night of July 13 crossed the Potomac into Virginia.

Address Memorial



Eternal Light Peace Memorial





Cover: Field of Pickett's Charge, with his attack on the Union position at the Angle, in the foreground. From the Philippoteaux painting in the Gettysburg Cyclorama.

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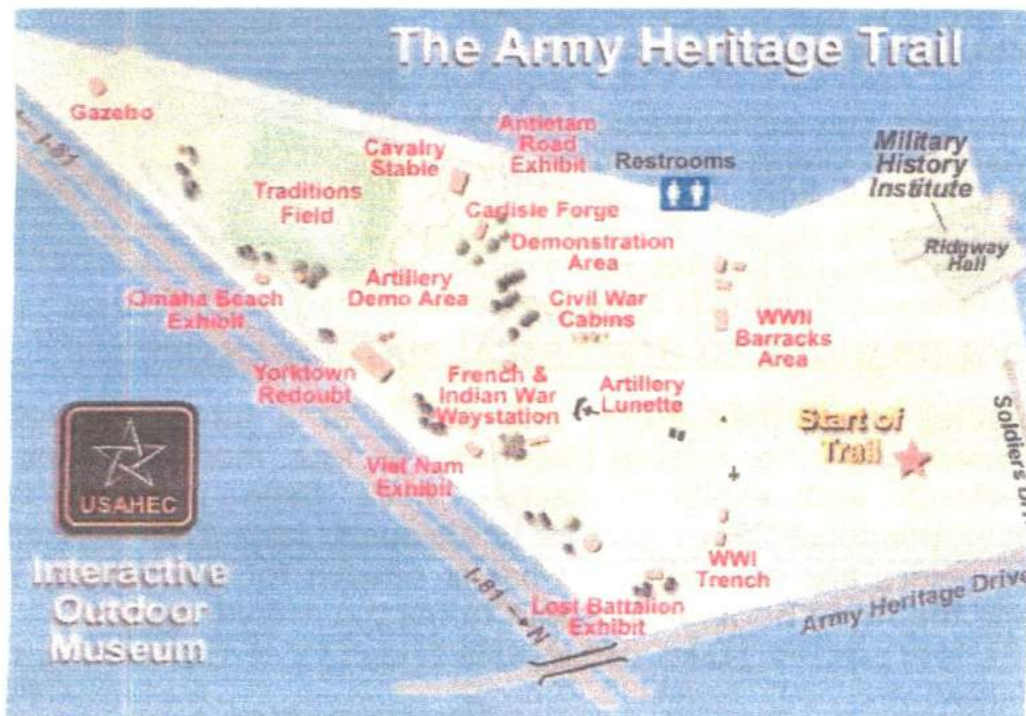
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The Army Heritage and Education Center

The Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle is an interactive outdoor museum adjacent to one of the country's oldest outposts, the Carlisle Barracks. The center, on 56 acres, showcases and honors all who served in the Army through exhibits, displays, monuments, memorials, encampments and during education programs.

The Military History Institute in Ridgeway Hall, houses some exhibits and more than 11 million items - rare books, periodicals, photographs, diaries, letters, memoirs, military publications and manuals, maps and oral histories. The Military History Institute has the world's largest collection of Civil War photographs, and claims one of the largest military history libraries in the world. It is open 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. weekdays, closed weekends and all federal holidays.



The Army Heritage Trail

The Army Heritage Trail is an outdoor history and thematic learning opportunity for visitors to explore the U.S. Army through three-dimensional displays and artifacts. The one-mile-long trail features interpretive exhibits about the French Indiana War, the Federal period, the American Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the modern era.

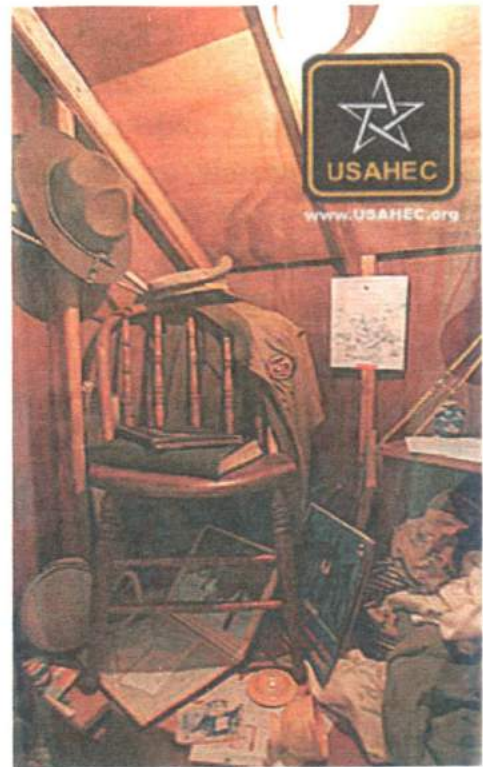
The trail features representative personalities from U.S. Army history, some of whose historic materials can be found in AHEC's collections. The Army Heritage Trail is the focal point for an annual series of historical interpretive events that are free and open to the public. The trail itself is open to the public daily year-round for walking, running, biking and other passive recreational activities.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

Every year at yard sales, flea markets, and community trash collections, our Nation's Army heritage is lost to history. That old uniform, photograph, letter, book, audio-visual recording, or diary in your attic or basement may be the last link to a piece of the Army's heritage.

Many of the items currently in the collection of The **Army Heritage and Education Center** came from attics just like yours and are now available to inspire all that view them. So, turn on the light and see what is in your attic!

Please contact us if you feel that you have an item that would be of interest to the Center's collection at (717) 245-3094.



DONOR GUIDE TO HISTORICAL MATERIALS NEEDED

In order to tell the Army's story, one soldier at a time, we need your personal papers and other related materials. In fact, most additions to our unique research and exhibit collection have been acquired through unconditional donations from private individuals, especially by veterans themselves. Here are examples of what is needed for the Military History Institute and the Army Heritage Museum to tell the Army's story.

MATERIALS OF PRIME INTEREST TO THE MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE

- Memoirs or diaries of military service (published, typed, handwritten, or electronic)
- Camp, unit, and veteran association newspapers and periodicals
- Unit histories (published or not) and organizational documents and publications
- Books about the Army or military history, especially land warfare
- Army manuals, brochures, and other official documents and publications
- Military maps and charts (preferably annotated or directly related to personal experience)
- Photographs taken during service (prints, negatives, slides or digitals)
- Motion pictures, videos, or audio recordings of service experiences
- Other printed matter or images depicting personal military experience of Army history

MATERIALS OF PRIME INTEREST TO THE ARMY HERITAGE MUSEUM

- Field uniforms, accessories and other personal equipment
- Service-related weapons (firearms, knives, or swords) and their equipment
- Souvenirs collected by soldiers, including materials of allies and enemies
- Items related to Army education and training
- Original artwork related to Army service, including sketches, cartoons, or carvings
- Veteran recognition material (ribbons, camp medals, historic original art, etc.)
- Selected unit insignia and shoulder patches
- Other objects that directly relate to the experiences of soldiers and Army civilians

Materials Generally Not Accepted

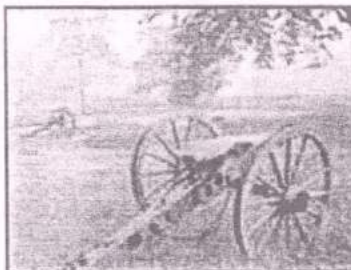
- **NO** videos or digitals of commercial motion pictures
- **NO** commercial magazines & newspapers (except personal unit-related articles)
- **NO** commercial prints or other reproductions of original art
- **NO** personal wall-hanging trophies, plaques, or parting gifts unless exceptionally significant
- **NO** official personnel or medical files requiring complete privacy protection
- **NO** Nazi political flags (unless actually captured and documented)
- **NO** Class A or Dress Service Uniforms, WWII to present (unless part of a larger collection)
- **NO** live ammunition or ordnance

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GETTYSBURG TOUR – REUNION – FRIDAY AUG. 1ST



The Extraordinary Story of the Battle of Gettysburg



Today, you can visit this pivotal place in American history which is now a 5,733 acre National Park. The courage and valor of the men on both sides who fought and died for their cause on the fields surrounding this little country town of Gettysburg are remembered



and endowed in the spirit of freedom of human kind. Your visit will not only inspire but taking time to pause, will rekindle the flame of liberty and mans unquenchable thirst for individual freedom. Picture left: The Battlefield as it appears today. Picture right: Sunset behind a Battlefield monument.

**83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
62nd ANNUAL REUNION
JULY 30 – AUGUST 2, 2008
CARLISLE HOTEL – CARLISLE, PA**

Wednesday, July 30

12:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration Open – **Rear Lobby**
1:00pm - 3:00pm Executive Board Meeting – **Board Room**
2:00pm - 8:00pm Hospitality Room Open – **Clarion Ballroom**

Thursday, July 31

7:00am - 9:30am Buffet Breakfast – pay as you go
9:00am - 1:30pm Reunion Registration Open – **Rear Lobby**
10:00am - 11:00am **GENERAL SESSIONS MEETING – Windsor Ballroom**
10:00am - 1:00pm Optional Family Member/Ladies Tour/Shopping

THE ARMY HERITAGE CENTER (AHEC)
2:30pm Buses (2) Pick up at hotel for AHEC
Return and pick up again

3:00pm - 6:00pm **83rd Div. Program** at the AHEC WWII buildings on the Trail, featuring items from the collection that pertain to the division. Tour the Trail and spend time visiting the building.

6:00pm - 7:00pm **BBQ Dinner** on the AHEC grounds
(Chicken, pork sandwiches, slaw, chips, dessert, beer, sodas and water)

7:15pm - 8:30pm **Tony Vaccaro Photo Exhibit and Presentation at AHEC**
8:30pm Buses return visitors to Hotel
**Buses will be available to return guests to the hotel after dinner if they do not wish to stay for the Vaccaro event.*

2:00pm - 8:00pm Hospitality Room Open – **Clarion Ballroom**

Friday, August 1

7:00am - 8:30am Buffet Breakfast – pay as you go
7:00am - 9:00am Reunion Registration Open – **Rear Lobby**

GETTYSBURG TRIP
8:00am - 9:00am Depart from Hotel Carlisle to Gettysburg
10:00am - 12:00pm Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Cemetery Tour
12:00pm - Buffet Lunch
1:00pm - 3:30pm Tour Gettysburg Battlefield
3:30pm - 4:30pm Tour Eisenhower Farm
5:15pm - Arrive back at the Hotel Carlisle
5:30pm - Dinner on your own
2:00pm - 8:00pm Hospitality Room Open – **Clarion Ballroom**

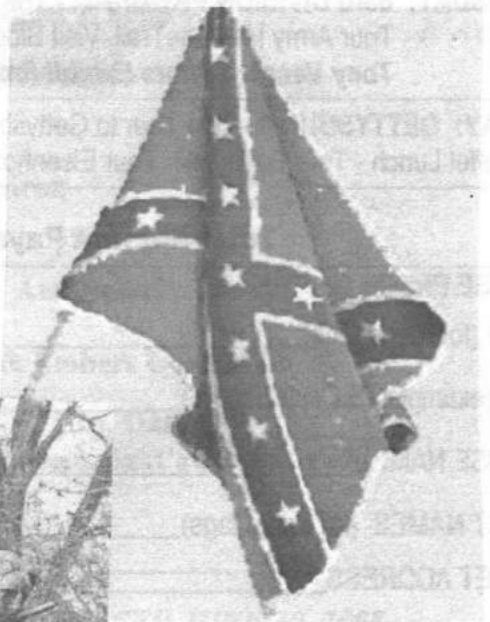
Saturday, August 2

7:00am	-	9:30am	Breakfast Buffet – pay as you go
9:00am	-	9:50am	Executive Board Meeting in Board Room
10:00am	-	12:00pm	GENERAL SESSIONS MEETING – Cumberland-Carlisle Room
10:00am	-		Optional Family Member Tour/Shopping
12:00pm	-	1:50pm	Lunch – on your own
2:00pm	-	3:00pm	MEMORIAL SERVICE – Windsor Ballroom
3:00pm	-		Catholic Mass – Windsor Ballroom
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	Hospitality Room Open – Clarion Ballroom
6:00pm	-		Cash Bar Open - Grand Ballroom
7:00pm	-		BANQUET

Sunday, August 3

7:00am	-	9:30pm	Breakfast on your own
11:00am	-		Check out
	-		Farewells & Departures

(Above Subject to Change)
Handicapped Buses will be Provided



**83rd INFANTRY DIV. ASSN. REUNION
ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM**

Listed below are all registration, activity and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to 83RD INFANTRY DIV. ASSN. in the form of a check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted.) All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **July 1, 2008**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing to:

**83rd Infantry Div. Assn.
P.O. Box 406
Alton Bay, NH 03810**

**Questions?
Call 603-875-3649**

	Price Per Person	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION PACKAGE			
Registration Fee includes Saturday Night Banquet and Band, & Hospitality Room Expenses	\$55 per Person	#	\$
Please select your entrée for the SATURDAY BANQUET:		#	
<i>Prime Rib of Beef</i>		#	
<i>Chicken Oscar</i>		#	
THURSDAY: 83rd DIVISION PROGRAM - The Army Heritage Center (AHEC) Tour Army Heritage Trail, Visit Bldgs, BBQ Dinner & Drinks <i>Tony Vaccaro Photo Exhibit Presentation</i>	\$25 per Person	#	\$
FRIDAY: GETTYSBURG – Bus Tour to Gettysburg National Park Museum/Cemetery Buffet Lunch - Tour Battlefield, Tour Eisenhower Farm- NO WALKING (except to Lunch)	\$50 per Person	#	\$
Total Amount Payable to: 83rd Infantry Div. Assn.			\$

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REUNION DATES: Wednesday July 30, 2008, Thursday July 31,
Friday August 1, and Saturday August 2, 2008

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Signature _____ Daytime Phone _____

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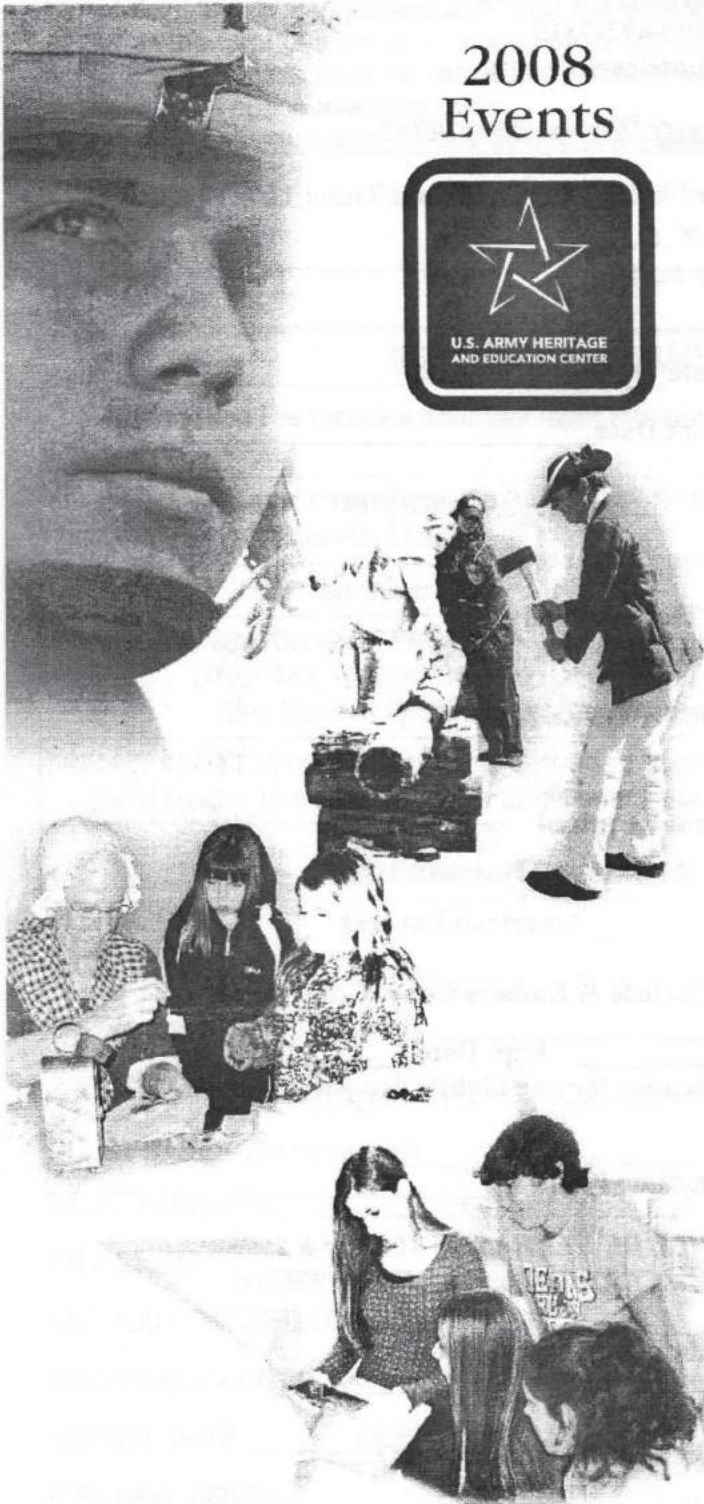
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US Army Heritage and Education Center

Thursday, July 31, 2008

2008 Events



Calendar of Events

February 20, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
COL (Ret) Cole C. Kingseed
Title: "Beyond the Band of Brothers: The War
Memoirs
of Major Dick Winters"

March 19, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
COL (Ret) Roger Donlon, Recipient, Medal of
Honor
Title: "Beyond Nam Dong"

April 16, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
Dr. Fred Anderson, University of Colorado,
Boulder
Title: "Why the French and Indian War is Worth
Remembering"

May 1, 2008
Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military
History
Dr. Mitchell Yockelson, National Archives and
Records
Administration
Title: "Borrowed Soldiers: A Story of the Anglo-
American
Relationship in the First World War"

May 17, 2008 (Saturday)
Army Heritage Day – 2008
Living history event and Army historical timeline
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

May 21, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
Lt. Col. John Grenier, Ph.D., United States Air
Force Special
Operations Command
Title: "The First Way of War: American War mak-
ing on the Frontier, 1607-1814"

June 18, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
Dr. David Silbey, Avernia College
Title: "A War of Empire and Frontier: The
Philippine-American
War, 1899-1902"

July 16, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
TBD
Title: TBD

July 31, 2008
Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military
History
Mr. Tony Vaccaro
Independent Scholar
Title: TBD

August 20, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
Dr. Michael S. Neberg, Professor of History
University of Southern Mississippi
Title: "The Second Battle of the Marne: The
Turning Point
of 1918"

September 18, 2008 (Thursday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
Dr. David M. Kennedy, Stanford University
Title: TBD

Sept 19-21, 2008
Market at Washingtonburg
Living history event and 18th Century Market-
place
9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day,

October 15, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
TBD
Title: TBD

November 6, 2008
Brooks E. Kleber Memorial Readings in Military
History
TBD
Title: TBD

November 12, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
TBD
Title: TBD

December 10, 2008 (Wednesday)
Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series
COL John R. Dabrowski, Ph.D.
Title: "The U.S., NATO, and European Basing,
1949-Present"

Special Exhibit

Spring/Summer 2008
Title: Entering Germany
Exhibit highlights Army campaigns & Soldier
stories that made
the final push to conquer Germany during WWII.

Fall 2008
Title: Over There; Archived Here
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***** DEADLINE – JUNE 15, 2008 *****

**PLEASE Type or Print Ad Clearly and Circle Size of Ad
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Dear Buddy Cliff,

Thanks so much for your many faithful hours you have spent over the years, to help preserve the History of the 83rd Div.!!

I know that many families and friends of our soldiers, and comrades who fought in Europe in WWII greatly appreciate the 83rd Reunions, and records listed of things that happened in the 83rd Div.

Enclosed is a write up that our Warren, OH paper "Tribune" made for "Veterans Day" of the Veterans in the Warren area. Chuck and I were invited to go in the Parade and celebration downtown; but due to our health we did not go.

My Buddy Chuck Tomazin has cancer of the throat and eye problems; and at "91" I have trouble with walking and eyesight; so we are both limited as to our activities. However, we both have wonderful wives, still living in our own homes, and try to stay as independent as we can.

Sincerely, Buddy Ernie Streator

Battlefield buddies

Editor's note: This is part of a weekly series published each Monday between Memorial Day and Veterans Day honoring local veterans.

By AMY McCULLOUGH
Tribune Chronicle

WARREN — Ernie Streator and Chuck Tomazin met shortly before their battalion landed on the blood-spattered shores of Normandy about three days after D-Day.

"When we landed, we had a hell of a time. There was 6 feet of water and we had to turn the boat around and wait for a low tide. We couldn't go in because the water was up to our necks," Streator said.

"It was dark when we went on shore (at Omaha Beach) and we only had half of our battery, two guns, the wire truck and the command truck. The rest of the outfit had to stay behind because it was too rough,"



Tomazin said.

Together they've dodged bullets and traveled through Normandy, the Ardennes, Brittany, Rhineland and Central Europe. Now, more than 60 years later, the two friends and Warren residents bantered easily back in forth while sitting inside Streator's

Parkman Road home, discussing stories of European ladies, hairy situations and even trinkets brought back from the war.

Stretched across Streator's dining room table are framed medals and other World War II memorabilia, including a book written in German that depicts the Americans' views of Adolf Hitler through illustra-

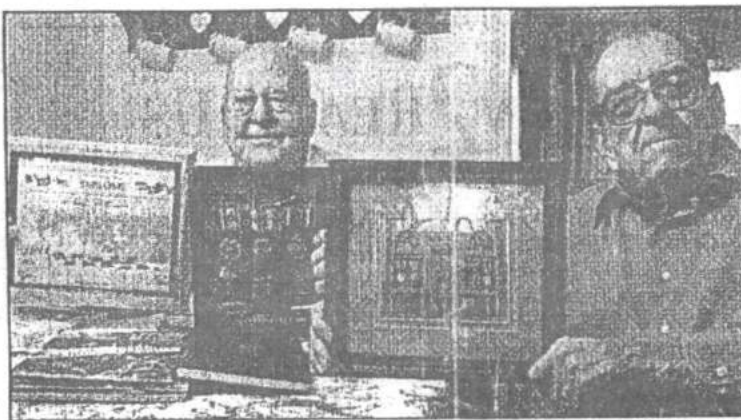
carry on friendship today

tions. Streator found the book in a school desk in Luxembourg and has kept it with him all these years.

Through the years, many memories come and go. But the dates of certain battles, the names of their buddies and their experiences during the war remain just as clear as they were 62 years ago.

Tomazin did the telephone work for the battery, serving as the communication chief, while Streator was the fire control instrument operator. His job was to determine how much powder to put in the guns and determine how far the fire power could go.

During three years of war, the two buddies experienced many battles but one always stands out in their minds — July 4,



Tribune Chronicle / Amy McCullough

Longtime friends and World War II veterans Ernie Streator, left, and Chuck Tomazin, both of Warren, hold their U.S. Army medals and

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Buddies

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1944.

They had been in Europe for about a year and their division was charged with attacking the town of Carentan, France.

The battalions attempted to cross swampy land heavily guarded by the enemy. The troops were hit with a barrage of heavy mortar shells, machine guns opened up on them and small arms fire filled the air.

"All the fire power went that day. They were firing from the ships. Firing from everywhere. That was a real 4th of July fireworks display," Tomazin remembered.

Streator said the war also challenged his relationship with his wife who was staying at her parents house in Aurora with their first child.

He tried to keep up communication with them by writing as often as he could, which sometimes meant being creative. He once wrote a letter home to his son on a piece of canvas taken from an airplane.

"I had to be a good boy, espe-

ERNIE STREATOR

NAME: Ernie Streator
SERVICE: Served in the Army's 83rd Division, 322nd Field Artillery Battalion from 1942-1945



DECORATIONS: Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, Silver Star, Meritorious Unit Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button for World War II, Sharp Shooter Medal
FAMILY: First wife (deceased) Virginia Streator, Wife Mable Streator; daughter Diane Marcella and son Dennis Streator, stepson Ronnie Chrissman, step-daughters Connie Yeager and Janet Neville, grand-daughter Lori Mitchell and grandson Jimmy Streator.

CHUCK TOMAZIN

NAME: Chuck Tomazin
SERVICE: Served in the Army's 83rd Division, 322nd Field Artillery Battalion from 1942-1945



DECORATIONS: Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, Silver Star, Meritorious Unit Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button for World War II, Sharp Shooter Medal
FAMILY: Wife Ann Tomazin, daughter Karen Majeski, son Chuck Tomazin and daughter-in-law Leslie; grandsons Mark, John, Colin, and Sean.

cially in Paris. Those girls would come up to you and say, 'hey soldier come here.' But I was good," Streator said.

"Not me, I was free," joked Tomazin.

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King of Prussia, PA - May, 2008

Susan Pray, Evelyn & Rudy Zamula, Phyliss & Bob Keck (L to R)

(Not shown) Chuck Abdinoor, Chris Heine, John Markuns, Cliff Wooldridge & Nancy McCarthy, Carmella & Mike Catrambone- Hosts for 2009, Valley Forge, PA

Deceased List

Our sympathy goes out to all the families of these veterans. We will miss all of them.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Reported by</u>
Cooke, Benjamin	A Co., 908th FA	Becky Cooke, Daughter-in-law
Governor, John Smith	I & M, 331st	Wife Virginia
Hunt, Troy E.	B Co., 329th	R. C. Hamilton
Lenfest, Warren H.	A Co., 329th Infantry Reqt.	Richard E. Freeman
Nicholson, J. W.	Baty C, 324th FA	Salvatore Scicolone
Richmond, Floyd J.	F Co., 331st	Wife Alberta
Schneider, Leo	HQ, 331st	Chuck Abdinoor
Sharp, Frank	D Co., 331st	Geri Gunderson
Tynan, Ambrose "Amby"	HQ, 323rd FA	Tony Piantedosi

MEMORIALS - SAINTENY, FRANCE



83rd Memorial Monument in Sainteny
Monsieur Pierre Lepourry and his late wife Simone
have worked tirelessly in maintaining this monument
and the surrounding area since its dedication



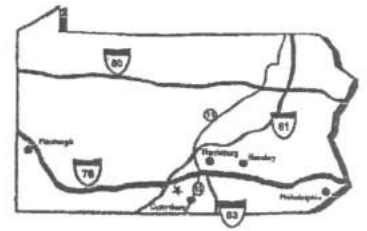
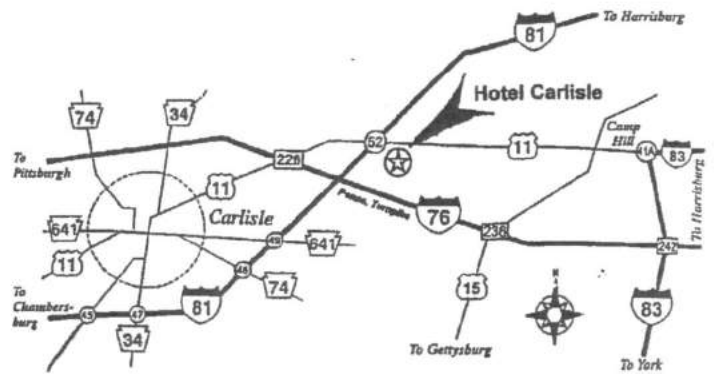
Monsieur Pierre Lepourry
laying flowers at the grave of
Private Everett Foote
whose grave he adopted

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Distance: 195 miles - Time 4 ½ hours

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Hotel 2 miles on right, Distance: 125 miles - Time: 2 ½ hours

York - 83 North to 76 West; Exit 226, Route 11 North, Hotel 2 miles on right
Distance: 50 miles - Time: 1 hour

From the Assistant Historian

Dave Curry

In the last issue of the "Thunderbolt" I used several 83rd Division photos that I have been able to collect from veterans and descendants over the past few years. I received some replies about some of the pictures, including a couple of emails from veterans who were able to help with the pictures of Colonel Foster, the 330th IR CO.

Art Jones was able to identify Lt. Col. Norris the 2nd Battalion commander. Art reported that "The picture with two men in it is definitely Col. Foster and Lt. Col. Norris. Foster has an eagle on his helmet. I would recognize Norris anywhere and I haven't seen him or his picture in some 63 years. He was a remarkable leader, absolutely fearless, yet sensitive to others who might not have been. During an attack, his CP was continually on the move, he wanted to be where he could see exactly what was going on with his lead company. I know this because I have followed this man many miles with an SCR 300 on my back and into many places where I did not want to be. According to Kid Williams, who lived in Mentor, Ohio and who was an association historian in earlier years and who passed away a couple of years ago, Col. Norris and his brother were both killed at a railroad crossing in Texas about five years after the war. Kid Williams was also a message center driver in our company. If I didn't mention it before, we were in the 2nd Bn. Hq. company, so were probably a little closer to Col. Norris than the men in the other companies.

I still cannot identify any others in the second picture of 5 men other than I'm sure they were probably regimental staff members. My guess is that this and the first picture might have been taken somewhere in Belgium. Notice that some of the officers wore the older type canvas leggings rather than the combat boots worn by enlisted men. So did Norris except that he's wearing galoshes over them indicating it was bad weather.

"I think that the third picture was taken in Germany because these guys are using a confiscated German vehicle and by the markings (I wish I could see a little further around the right fender.) it's a group of regimental S-3 staff, none of which I can recognize." (See photo on next page.)

Another email came from Sidney Barnett: "I joined the 83rd in Hotot, a small town in the Carentan region. I was with the 83rd from there to across the Elbe River. I was in the I&R Platoon, 330th Regiment. On one occasion I was called to drive Colonel Foster to Bihain & Petite Langlir to get in touch with outpost and battalion headquarters during the Battle of the Bulge. That was the first time I was with him, since PFCs don't have much contact with Colonels. His regular jeep or his driver was down, so I got the call. Snow and ice were thick on the roads, and I had chains on the jeep. We came under mortar fire, and I speeded up. The Colonel said, 'Son, slow down. You can run under one as easy as they can hit us.' That was hard to do under fire. We made it okay, but on the way back, we came under mortar fire again. A shell hit one of our gun emplacements out in a field and blew it up. Then, a mortar hit right in front of the jeep. The Germans had the road zeroed-in. I drove around the hole, smoke, ice, and dirt. Colonel Foster said, 'Son, you can speed up, now.' On another day, at an awards ceremony, he asked me where I was from. I told him I was from a small town in northeast Louisiana. He said, 'What's the name of the town?' I told him, Oak Grove, and he asked, if I knew a certain family. I told him I knew them well. He then told me he was from Mansfield, a town in central Louisiana. In the 1960's, I was in Mansfield, and I called him from a cafe. I got a Colonel Foster, but it was a different man. He told me there were two Colonel Fosters in the town. He was retired and lived alone. He was old and wanted me to come by to visit, but we didn't have time. He told me that the Colonel Foster of the 83rd was in an old soldiers home in North Carolina. He was very sure about this, and I think he was probably right. Colonel Foster was a good commander with plenty of courage and not afraid to go where he was needed. I hope this will add to your search for information about the Colonel."



I also received a nice letter from Kirk Timm, who recognized the photo of Company B/330th IR. Kirk says photo was taken in the Ardennes, and says that "a squad or our people came across a building that had a group of showers, an operating water heater, and a

kitchen. We really never knew what it was, and I guess we didn't care. We hadn't had a shower or a bath in weeks/months perhaps. We broke down the people in platoon sections and sent them over in the kitchen truck and jeeps, had them shower, shave, and eat some local fare. Desantis was a platoon leader at that time. Don't think he was around too long, as was the case of a lot of new platoon leaders at that time."

On another subject, I received some information a few weeks ago about the battle for St. Malo. An email from a General McKee provided the following information: "I read with interest your history of the surrender of St Malo as the result of explosions in the tunnels due to tank fire. The facts are that St Malo surrendered as the result of a napalm attack by P-38's that I led when I dropped a 165 gallon tank of napalm thru a ventilator vent on my first pass on the target. The Germans immediately ran up the white flag and I called off the remainder of the air attack and diverted to other targets. I can still visualize my attack and the surprise of the immediate surrender. Seth J. McKee, General USAF Ret."

Subsequent requests for information brought this additional information from the General: "On the date of the raid I was a Lt. Col. serving as Deputy Commander of the 370th Fighter Group. Our group was assigned to the Ninth Tactical Command which in turn was assigned to the 9th Air Force. We were stationed at La Vielle, Calvados, France (Site A-19) and were equipped with P-38's known as Lockheed Lightnings. I don't recall whether this was a group strength mission or just a squadron of which we had three. If group, it would have been either 36 or 48 aircraft. If it was a squadron mission it would have been either 12 or 16 aircraft. Whatever our strength, we were carrying napalm in 165 gallon belly tanks beneath our wings where we would normally carry our external fuel tanks. We were the first group to use napalm in Europe and used it often."

"I only remember this mission as, out of 69 that I flew, it was the only one where the enemy ran up the white flag during our attack. We dropped the tanks in varying fashion depending on the target and in the St Malo case they were delivered in a dive bombing pass which we made in two aircraft elements. Being the leader, I was the first on target with my wingman. The remainder of the aircraft were in trail behind me. The tanks were more for area targets than pinpoint targets as they were not designed to be bombs but were our normal external tanks filled with napalm with in lieu of the fuel that they normally contained with phosphorus grenades attached as igniters. I guess I got lucky as my tank went down a ventilator shaft and immediately depleted all tunnels of their oxygen. When I pulled up off my target I looked back over my shoulder and observed a large white flag waving near the area of my tank's impact area. I immediately called the rest of my formation and called off the rest of the attack. At about the same time I received a call from the forward Controller requesting we call off the attack. We did so and delivered the rest of our weapons on other targets as directed."

"My group was moved from England to the continent in July of 44 and stayed as far forward as bases were available, supporting the 1st, 3rd and 9th armies in their marches to Berlin. I assumed command of the Group on my 28th birthday and was promoted to Colonel shortly thereafter."

I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who was at St. Malo and can confirm the General's recollections.

Well, that's about all I've got this time. Take care and stay well!

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San Jose Veterans' Day Parade

More Images from the Veterans Day Parade



The Andrew Hill High School Marching band performed for the crowd. Photo by Dan Miranda



Sights from the San Jose Veterans' Day Parade include color guards, bands and saluting veterans. Left: Seated in the car with Police Chief Rob Davis (front seat) is a member of a group of Soviet veterans from World War II. **Mario B. Soria**

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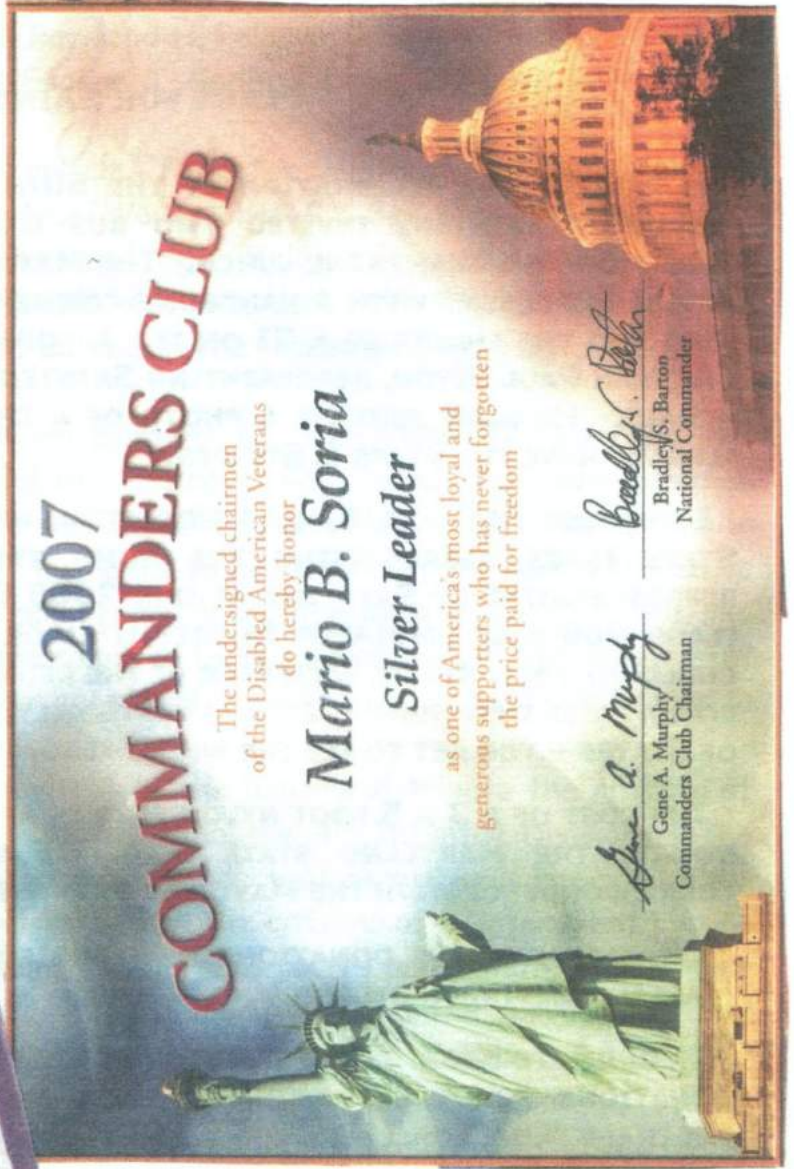
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FROM THE ARCHIVIST

RUDY ZAMULA

FLAGS FOR SAINTENY

AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WW II, THE PEOPLE OF SAINTENY INVITED TWO BUS LOADS OF 83RD VETERANS TO A RECEPTION AND CHAMPAGNE LUNCH. THE MAYOR PRESENTED EACH OF THE 83RD VETERANS PRESENT WITH A HANDSOME COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL WITH THE 83RD LOGO AND THE FIGURE OF A GI ON IT. AT OUR 2007 REUNION IN ARLINGTON, VA, JEAN PAUL PITOU, REPRESENTING SAINTENY, PRESENTED AN ADDITIONAL 12 MEDALS. HE ALSO SENT ME A PHOTO OF A CEREMONY IN SAINTENY AND THEY ALREADY HAVE THE STARS & STRIPES.

I PROPOSE THAT THE 83RD ASSOCIATION RECIPROCATATE BY PRESENTING U.S. STATE FLAGS REPRESENTING THE HOME STATES OF OUR VETERANS TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF SAINTENY AT OUR 2008 REUNION IN CARLISLE, PA. THE FLAGS WOULD BE DISPLAYED IN CITY HALL OR SIMILAR PUBLIC BUILDING. WE COULD DO A FEW STATES EACH YEAR AT THE REUNIONS. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY EFFECTIVE IF THEY HUNG THE FLAGS VERTICALLY, AS IN THE KENNEDY CENTER HALL OF STATES - YOU GET TO SEE THE WHOLE FLAG.

THE COST OF A 3 X 5 FOOT NYLON FLAG IS APPROX. \$40. I WILL BE HAPPY TO DONATE THE MARYLAND STATE FLAG. I WILL ALSO TAKE CARE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE MAYOR OF SAINTENY.

WE ALREADY HAVE DONATIONS OF FLAGS FOR OKLAHOMA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, MARYLAND, AND KENTUCKY.

IN ORDER TO NEGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DUPLICATE FLAGS, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE REMAINING FLAGS AND THE ASSOCIATION WILL THEN PURCHASE THE FLAGS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, PLEASE FILL OUT THE SLIP BELOW, INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR DONATION (CHECKS PAYABLE TO 83RD INF. DIV. ASSN), AND MAIL TO:

83RD INFANTRY DIV. ASSOCIATION
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FLAGS FOR SAINTENY - DONATION

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MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF SAINTENY (OPTIONAL) _____

Dear Mr. Wooldridge and Mr. Zamula,

May 16, 2008

I am the brother of the late Pfc. Raymond H. Peloquin, Headquarters Co., and the brother-in-law of the late Corporal Eugene J. Godin, Cannon Co., both in the 329th Infantry Regiment.

I read with great interest Rudy's article, "Flags for Sainteny". Both Pfc. Peloquin and Corporal Godin as well as their fellow "Woonsocket, RI" Sgt. Normand Malo, K Co., 331st Infantry Regiment often spoke, and Sgt. Malo still recalls, their days at Sainteny in early July 1944. Sgt. Malo was wounded. All the above trio from Woonsocket fought fiercely through all the battle campaigns, with Sgt. Malo later being wounded a second time.

Ray Peloquin was there in 1994 at Sainteny as Mayor Lepourry awarded two busloads of 83rd veterans the Medal of Sainteny. Ray, being of French-Canadian descent, spoke French perfectly and was asked by Mayor Lepourry to assist him in calling out of the names of the 83rd members to be honored. Ray had returned to France nearly 15 times visiting the small French towns liberated by the 83rd. He, like Corporal Godin and Sergeant Malo, was so proud to be part of the 83rd, and to be sent to France to liberate the land of their ancestors who had immigrated from France to Canada then to the U.S. and Rhode Island.

I have been three times and can attest to the honor and tribute the citizens of Sainteny have for their liberators, the 83rd and the 4th Infantry Divisions. The beautiful monument erected in the village attests to that as well as in the admiration and love in the hearts of Mayor Lepourry and all the citizens of Sainteny, both young and old. A note of appreciation to Monsieur Pierre Lepourry and his late wife Simone who have worked tirelessly in maintaining the monument and the surrounding area since its dedication. He is proud to reside at "rue de la 83ieme division U.S."

(See "Deceased List" page for picture.)

In the battle of Sainteny, my brother Raymond told me how he and his buddy Private Everett Foote were manning a bazooka to try to stop an incoming German tank. The Germans spotted them and fired at them. Pvt. Foote was mortally wounded and died in my brother Raymond's arms and is now buried at the Normandy American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach. Monsieur Pierre Lepourry is pictured here visiting the grave of Private Foote and laying flowers.

(See "Deceased List" page for picture.)

I heartily endorse the project "Flags for Sainteny". Eventually flags representing all the states that sent liberators to Sainteny will be proudly displayed for all - a constant reminder of the sacrifices of the members of the 83rd from all across the U.S. (*Editor's Note: To participate see form elsewhere in this publication*)

I am most honored to underwrite the Rhode Island flag in tribute to Pfc. Peloquin, Corporal Godin, Sergeant Malo, the late Private Jean Baptiste Auclair, who made the

ultimate sacrifice in Sainteny, and to so many other Rhode Islanders who fought so valiantly in the Battle of Sainteny.

Humbly,

Eugene Peloquin, 18 White Parkway, North Smithfield, RI 02896, Tel: 401-766-2129

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Sainte-Mère-Eglise

Correspondante : Josette Bigot-Guéret....(02.33.21.12.94)

Un drapeau de l'Etat du Rhode Island pour le C 47

M. Jutras, conservateur du musée des troupes aéroportées de Sainte-Mère-Eglise, s'est vu remettre vendredi matin, le drapeau de l'Etat du Rhode Island à la demande du capitaine Eugène A. Péloquin.

Ami de la famille Leprelle, revenu à plusieurs reprises à Sainte-Mère-Eglise, ville qu'il affectionne tout particulièrement, le capitaine Eugène A. Péloquin souhaitait renouveler le drapeau de son Etat, dans le musée C47, où déjà, l'été dernier, furent exposés, des objets personnels ayant appartenu à son frère Raymond H. Péloquin, vétéran de la 83^e division d'infanterie (ayant combattu durant la seconde guerre mondiale), et décédé le 16 février 1996.

Ce magnifique drapeau a traversé l'Atlantique grâce à l'aide précieuse de Patrick J. Kennedy (neveu de JFK Kennedy) représentant de l'Etat du Rhode Island à Washington et de James R. Langevin, secrétaire d'Etat du Rhode Island.



Mme et M. Leprelle offrent un drapeau américain à M. Jutras pour le musée C47 de la part du capitaine Péloquin.

Il ne restait plus à M. Jutras ravi de ce présent, qu'a remercié Mme et M. Leprelle et à

mettre ce précieux cadeau en bonne place dans le musée C47.

(Above Article) "A FLAG OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE C47 MUSEUM"

Mr. Jutras, director of the Airborne troops museum of Saint-Mere-Eglise displayed the Rhode Island state flag presented by Captain Eugene A. Peloquin. Captain Peloquin, a friend of the Leprelle family who has revisited Sainte-Mere-Eglise (a town for which he has great affection) several times, wanted to replace the flag of his home state in the C47 Museum.

Personal trophies of his brother Raymond H. Peloquin, a veteran of the 83rd Infantry Div., who fought in WWII and died 16 February 1996, including a German Luger are on display at the Museum.

This magnificent flag crossed the Atlantic thanks to the efforts of Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (nephew of JFK) of Rhode Island and of James R. Langevin, secretary of the State of Rhode Island. Mr. Jutras, delighted with this gift, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Leprelle and all he has to do is find the best place to display it in the C47 Museum.

"TOGETHER"

I'm sending an interesting newspaper article about Dorothy and Haran Martin's 70th Anniversary. It is a great story about their life together. Haran is the 83rd Poet. And his latest book of poetry is available for \$10.00 which includes mailing costs. It can be obtained by writing him at 148 Queensbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104. He sent me a copy and it was great. Stan Bielen

She noticed, but certainly wasn't going to let on; that was 70 years ago

TOGETHER

After Haran Martin graduated from high school, which stopped at 10th grade back in the 1930s, he went to work for his father. His father was a painting contractor with a crew that would go into a town, paint all the houses owned by the mill that had hired them and move on to the next mill town. One fall afternoon in 1935, Martin was painting a house in the small Virginia town of Fieldale when he saw this beautiful young lady of 15 walking home from her shift at the cotton mill.

Hoping to get her attention, he called out, "Hey, Miss America!"

When that didn't work, he tried, "Hey, Gertrude," followed by other women's names that he came up with in hopes of stumbling on the right one.

The right one would have been Dorothy, or Dot, as she



Kim Underwood

was known to friends. But he didn't think of that. So what he got was ignored. She certainly wasn't going to give such an impertinent young man the time of day.

"He hadn't even talked to me," she said.

A week or so later, the crew set up at another mill house. Lo and behold, there Miss America was at the window. Martin took the brush he was using to paint the trim and dabbed a bit of paint on her nose.

No two ways about it, Dot Martin thought, he was mighty cute. And that was pretty much that. They have been together ever since.

The paint crew moved on. But on Saturdays he would drive his father's paint truck back to Fieldale and take her

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JOURNAL PHOTO BY DAVID ROLFE

Haran and Dot Martin say that the old advice is true: Never hold on to anger.

UNDERWOOD

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out for a barbecue sandwich, a Coke and, for the big finish, some chewing gum — all of which pretty much took every bit of his ready cash. They would drive around some and end up back at her parents' house where people in the neighborhood would gather to play music and dance.

She was hurt when he disappeared a couple of weeks before Christmas and didn't turn up again until after Christmas. It turned out he was embarrassed that he didn't have the money to buy her a present that he felt good about.

They weathered that, and, after they had been going out more than a year, he proposed.

"We talked about it from the beginning," he said.

It just finally seemed like time. When they married on April 10, 1937, he gave the preacher a \$20 bill, which was all he had. Later, he told her that he was surprised not to receive any change. It's not that she wasn't worth it, he said, he just thought that \$2 was the going rate.

He started driving a truck and kept calling her Miss America. The second of their three children had just arrived when he was drafted into the Army to fight during World War II. They were living in Winston-Salem by that time, and she left the children with a neighbor during the day so that she could work in a factory that made detonators.

"I got a whole \$100 a month," she said. "That's what me and my two children lived off of."

After he returned from Europe with



Dot and Haran Martin met when she 15 and was working at a mill and he was helping paint the mill houses in Fieldale, Va.

JOURNAL PHOTO BY DAVID ROLFE

a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, he bought a truck and drove cigarettes to New York and Chicago and wherever else they needed to go. After a while, he went into the tire business. A few years after that, he went into the motorcycle business.

She focused on the children.

"I thought my children needed me at home, and they did," she said.

Since he retired, he has dealt with such health issues as diabetes, a stroke and heart bypass surgery.

"He was a good worker until he had his stroke," she said.

These days, he writes poetry that people like to hear him recite, and she takes care of most things around the house — with loads of help from their children.

"If it weren't for our children, we wouldn't make it," she said.

They also have eight grandchildren, five

great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She turned 86 in February, and he will turn 88 later this month. As of Tuesday, they will have been married for 70 years. The key to making things work for all those years, they said, is a classic one — don't let anger fester. You're going to get mad sometimes — that's just the way it is.

"I can't say it's all been rosy," Dot Martin said.

But you do have a choice about how to handle it. "We just say what we feel and get it over," she said. "We don't pout."

It also helps that she doesn't mind his flirting. "I let him," she said. "He gets enjoyment out of it."

She knows she doesn't need to worry — she's his only Miss America.

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APRIL 10, 1937 -- APRIL 10, 2007

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IN MEMORIES OF THE WEDDING DAY.
UNDER OATH VOWS WERE MADE
UNTO GOD WE ALL DO SAY.

WE SOLEMNLY MAKE THE PLEDGE
BE HOLDING BOUND FOR LIFE.
TO BE A HONORABLE HUSBAND
AND A KIND AND LOVING WIFE.

ANNIVERSARIES SOME TIMES ARRIVE
WHEN A LOVE ONE IS GONE.
TIS SAD BUT FEELINGS ARE THERE
WHEN CELEBRATING ALL ALONE.

WHILE BOTH ARE TOGETHER
THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE A PRAYER.
THANKING GOD FOR EACH OTHER
AND ALL THE LOVE THAT WE SHARE.

MARRIAGE IS A OBLIGATION
IT IS SACRED AND A BIND.
THIS IS OUR SEVENTHY ANNIVERSARY
DOROTHY TURN YOUR LOVE HAVE A GREAT
TIME.

YOUR HUSBAND, HARAN R. MARTIN SR.

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83rd Ends Successful Year

by Rocco Catalfamo

The President's Corner

By Leo Schneider

This issue of the Thunderbolt, the last one before the Reunion, brings this administration into the home stretch.

Serving the 83rd Div. Assn. as president has been a source of great personal satisfaction. I want to take this last opportunity in print, to thank Rocco Catalfamo, our hard working Sect.-Treas., along with the other officers, Re-Union & Executive committees, for their cooperation.



Leo Schneider

We take pardonable pride in the progress made during the past year. The preceding administration under Walter Edwards' skillful and determined leadership, set an example of accomplishment, that we tried hard to meet.

A new slate of officers will be selected at the final business meeting on August 22.

We suggest that any candidate you might have for the various offices, particularly the key positions, be brought to our attention immediately.

There is an excellent reason for requiring candidates to be known in advance. We want no repetition of the aftermath of the Boston Re-Union. All

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Convention time is here again which means we have come to the end of another year. A year that has been prosperous and brought much success to this association. A mutual understanding has been had by the officers and men. A much closer cooperation than ever before.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, the executive staff, the convention committee, the staff of the Thunderbolt and to all the men who names are too numerous to mention who have given so freely of their time and money to make this a bigger and better association.

In the past we have received numerous inquiries from former 83rd men presently stationed all over the world as to joining the association. These inquiries, I am happy to say, have all been answered with tremendous response for membership.

I am proud to announce that two new chapters have been formed and hope that in the coming year many more will be formed. This goes to show that there is still a lot of enthusiasm in the former members of the 83rd Div. who wish to be mutually bound in comradeship such as was shared on the battlefield.

Our memberships have almost been doubled but in going over the books, we find that a great number of men who were paid members in former years have failed to pay their dues. We are endeavoring to find reasons to justify this laxity on the part of these men.

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83rd Ends Successful Year

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Now that convention time is here, we again will meet to hash and thrash out our previous war experiences and to bend a few elbows.

After much work by all officers and the convention committee, a great program has been set forth for your enjoyment.

From here on in our cry will be "See you in Cleveland, August 20, 21, and 22, Hotel Hollenden."

President's Corner

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candidates will be thoroughly screened by investigating committees prior to presentation of their names to the general membership.

It is necessary to do this, because of the wide-spread membership of our organization. Possibly 9 out of 10 of the attending members will not know the individual candidates personally, or much about them. We accept the responsibility of seeing that the nominating committee presents only names of men, whose business and personal history bear out their fitness for positions of trust.

There is much work ahead for the next administration, and we have a great number of excellently qualified

men in our organization.

Drop me a line, if you know of such a man giving background and qualifications so far as you know them. We will follow through in our end to complete the screening. In order to do our job thoroughly, the names, with accompanying date, must be in our hands by July 25th.

We will proceed in same manner to screen the sites for the '54 Re-Union, to present to the general membership for final selection. Submit, in advance, your desired location, along with detailed information, as to benefits and inducements offered by the town in question.

It is our plan to have the business meetings as brief and concise as possible. But, we will not ask the membership to vote in the dark. It is absurd to have fellows sing out names of candidates for office, or sites for the next Re-Union, off-hand, without thorough briefing to all present.

So, mail me your names of candidates for office with supporting history of individual. And your proposed locations for the '54 Re-Union accompanied by brochures.

Also, if you propose to bring up new business at the meeting, let us know now so that we may set aside time for full deliberation and discussions before the entire membership.

We are of course open to all suggestions that will make our Re-Union more successful, or our Assn. stronger.

Write me, today.

Thanks again for the privilege and honor of serving you.

Please make it a point to visit my rooms at the Hollenden during the Re-Union so that I may know every member personally.

See you in Cleveland.

**Let's Make This
A "Bang-up"
Convention**

The Strolling Sicrbbler

Due to the lack of cooperation on the part of some men in sending in news items, we have discontinued the unit columns for this issue.

The Stanley Bielen (Hq. 331) family were recently blessed with a daughter. . . . SFC Robert Sauter (Hq. 331) is now serving with the 716th MP Bn. at Fort Dix, N. J. . . . John Sendek (Signal) is a mail carrier in Willoughby, Ohio. . . . John P. Aldrich (330) writes us that Klug, Glasser and Pillon are planning to attend the Cleveland convention. . . . 1st Lt. George W. Waple writes us that he is on his way to the Far East. Col. George Ryan (Signal) will be leaving for the same theater of operations in Sept.

Arthur S. Braverman (Div. Hq.) is head of Trimount Plastics in Arlington, Mass. . . . John M. Soroko (Rcn.) of Indianapolis, is with Sargentt Paints. . . . Paul C. Dillon (331) just paid three years dues in advance. . . . Jack G. Fisk is now a member of the Texas House of Representatives, from District 31, Wharton, Texas. He is chairman of the Rules Committee. . . . Charles J. Hendricks (C-330) was a recent dinner guest of the Rocco Catalafamos in Pittsburgh.

Albert C. Bizzini (329 will not be in attendance at this year's convention, as he is confined to the VA Hospital in Fresno, Calif. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Francis Beerhalter (329) tried to resign his position on the Thunderbolt staff by going to St. John's Hospital in Pittsburgh for an operation, but was told that resignation was by death only. Seriously, Francis is now convalescing and will be in Cleveland. . . . Jack Strauss (331) was a recent visitor to Pittsburgh and was entertained by the Pgh.'s Chapter

President and the National Sec'y-Treas. Jack wrote a promise on a dinner napkin, that he would be in Cleveland in Aug. and we're holding him to that promise.

Kid Williams, Mentor, Ohio invites all former members of the Com. Plt., 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. 330 to meet him in Cleveland. . . . Wedding Bells rang on June 27 for Larry Leonardi (331) a member of the TB staff. Members of the Pgh. Chapter attended. . . . Recent inquiries for convention information were sent to Salvadore Bones, Merle L. Akam, Thomas A. Rose, Edward Burns, Harvey Windberg, Jerry Shemerl, William G. Fowler, Calvin Van De Heurvel, George F. McCane, Robert A. Brockhoff, James Risner, John Mason, Thomas Bartram. Let's see you fellows in Cleveland.

Harry M. Lockwood's wife is on the way to complete recovery after a major operation. . . . Joe Correia, formerly top kick of Hq. & Hq. Co. 329 has bought a house in Raynham, Mass., and is in the process of renovating it along with the help of Manuel C. Martin, who has gotten himself a good deal with the Dept. of Weights & Measures in Fall River, Mass., his home town. . . . Bob Cain operates a filling station and is general mechanic in Melrose, Mass. and Roland J. Dacier has bought a place in Marlboro, Mass., and has a job with the U. S. Government. . . . A baby girl for the Leo Schneider's arrived recently.



**Yes! You Should Attend
The Reunion In Cleveland,
August 20, 21, 22**

To each and every one of us as specific days draw near we remember special occasions throughout the course of a year

It's someone's anniversary or the birthday of a friend, or perhaps some social function that you plan to attend

Important days, Historic days, Legal Holidays too, each month has it's quota I'll try to prove to you.

So, starting with September if I may upset tradition, I promise the succeeding months will be in their right position.

The first Monday in September is a Legal Holiday, set aside and dedicated to Labor so they say

Then again we think of it for still another reason, we more or less accept it as the end of the Summer Season

October is World Series time, also Columbus Day, then of course there's Hallowe'en pranks and fun come what may

Election Day, Armistice Day, and Thanksgiving to remember, each at a different time but all three in November.

In December we have Christmas and it's funny in a way, all year you save your money and then spend it in a day

January 1st. New Year's Day creeps up on us real fast, and we wake to the realization that another year has past

January doesn't have much else, a birthday here and there, Posters for the "POLIO DRIVE" are hanging everywhere.

February has to offer us three days right in line, a day for Lincoln and Washington and of course St. Valentine.

In March we have St. Patrick's Day also the first day of Spring, the green busts out all over, the Irishman has his fling

Often time in April there are two important days, the end of Lent (Good Friday) and the Easter Holiday

Next comes Decoration Day, a day we set apart in memory of departed loved ones and vacation season starts

Also in the month of May our flowers start to bloom, replete in all their splendor for next month's bride and groom.

June gives us much to think about, there are weddings in the making and from bachelor to benedict is quite an undertaking

July 4th, Independence Day, and freedom from all our fears, in the land of the free and the home of the brave for 177 years

Now I've finally come to August, in a round about sort of way, a really, truly important month and I have this much to say

It's Convention Time once again, a chance to meet your pals, to get in on the fun and festivities, BRING ALONG THE GALS.

TO THE HOTEL HOLLENDEN IN CLEVELAND TO EACH OF YOU WE BECKON, AND BY ALL MEANS DON'T FORGET THE DATE — AUGUST 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Harry Lockwood—329

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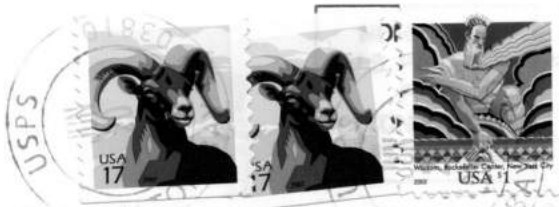
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