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THE 40TH ANNUAL REUNION



**Step Back in Time
Experience Pioneer America
at the Museum of Appalachia
The 40th Annual Reunion**

**Knoxville, Tennessee
August 21-22-23, 1986**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Buddies:

This will be the last article which I'll write in the "Thunderbolt" as your president, but I sincerely hope I will be able to continue to serve this great organization in anyway possible. This has been a very busy year for those of us involved in preparing the type reunion for you that we believe you will enjoy. There has been a great deal of planning and preparation taking place over a period of three to four years. We, of the Dixie Chapter, hope that as our plans come to fruition, you will be able to enjoy our labors and that our 40th reunion will be a memorable one for you.

We have been overwhelmed by the response for our "Early Bird" meeting, "An Evening in Old Appalachia". To date we have more than four (4) bus loads who will be joining us and we are prepared to accommodate all who desire to make this a part of your reunion enjoyment.

The Executive board met with us on the 1st weekend in May, and we of Dixie, believe they were satisfied with the proposals presented for their approval.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of the executive board for their untiring support on behalf of this fine organization, and to all the members who have written to me with offers of assistance, advice, encouragement and also to those who have been critical. If it were not for your criticism we would not know how to improve.

The Dixie Chapter thinks we have a good program at the most economical cost to you, the membership and your invited guests. We are delighted to serve you in this capacity. Now it is up to you to make our 40th reunion a success by simply coming to Knoxville and being a part. I would make a special plea to those of E Co. and the 2nd Bn. 329th Infantry to "make my day" at the 40th reunion of the 83rd Division Association in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Y'all come on down to Dixie!!!

Carroll Brown

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Executive Board met with President *Carroll Brown* and Reunion Chairman *Meadows Minick* on May 2nd and 3rd to review plans and costs for the upcoming reunion.

Their presentation was exceptional. A lot of hard work and time was spent in preparing for this reunion. Both men along with the Dixie Chapter are to be commended. I'm sure all who attend the reunion will enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The hotel is ideal for a reunion. In my estimation it is one of the best we have ever had for a reunion. The lobby is the size of a football field. Each floor overlooks the lobby, giving you a good view thus making it easy to spot your buddies. All the meeting rooms are conveniently located. There is a beautiful swimming pool situated in a garden I'm sure many of you will enjoy this area. This hotel was built for reunions.

On the cost for the reunion, *Carroll and Meadows* had that broken down to the penny. The Executive Board has decided that the registration fee will be lowered at reunion time if at that time our income exceeds our cost. We are not looking for a profit for the association at this time. We want to keep the cost as low as possible for you.

We of the Executive Board want to thank the Dixie Chapter for their hospitality. When *Fran* and I went to their meeting in Williamsburg and then in Knoxville, I have never met a finer group. They make you feel so welcomed. Thanks again!

We missed *John Piscitelli* of the Executive Board and our Judge Advocate, *John Raikos* at the meeting. I heard that *Piscitelli* is well recuperating from his surgery. Looking forward to seeing both in August.

Other business taken care of at the meeting was the formation of an Audit Committee for the purpose of auditing the reunion finances. This committee will consist of two members of the Executive Board who will be appointed by the chairman. Their purpose is to assure all those who contribute to our reunion fund that those funds are used for the purpose intended. *Ralph Gunderson* and *Ames Miller* have been appointed to that committee.

Casey Szubski's story that was printed in the last Thunderbolt was what I had in mind when I asked you to tell your personal story, for all to share, in the Thunderbolt. I enjoyed it and I'm sure all of you did too. We're looking forward to more articles.

I hope you are participating in our membership drive. Get an article into your local newspaper or radio station. *Bob* tells me we are doing well. Let's all do our part and keep the association growing.

Before closing, I would like to thank *Ruby and Carroll Brown* for going out of their way to take me on a sightseeing tour of Knoxville, and driving me to the airport for my return trip home. Thanks Again!

Best Wishes to All.

Stan Bielen
Executive Board Chairman



FROM THE OFFICE SECRETARY- TREASURER REPORT

Here we are the final issue before the reunion. Can you believe another year has almost gone by. Here in the Office *Pearl and I* both agree that in some ways the year has slipped by us somehow. We never seem to get caught up. But that keeps us young and healthy.

Board meeting is over and all systems are go for the reunion. Your Board was well pleased with the plans that Dixie Chapter presented for their approval for the reunion. *Ames and Helen Miller* came over on Thursday evening so that we could leave early on Friday morning. We left here about 6:00 A.M. Friday. Stopped outside of Lexington and had our breakfast. We tried to stop every couple of hours so Pearl could get out and exercise her hip. Made it to Knoxville about one o'clock. Well pleased with our time. We stayed at the Hilton, the hotel the overflow crowd will be staying in. You will be well pleased with the accommodations that you have there. The Hyatt Regency is completely filled at this time but don't let that keep you away. You will enjoy the Hilton. It is just three blocks away, and the Dixie Chapter is planning limousine service to get you back and forth.

We missed having *John and Mary Raikos and John and Josie Piscitelli*. Will look forward to seeing them in August. We ate dinner on Friday night in the restaurant at the Hilton. On Saturday the women went to a Food Fair at the Convention Center. Pearl won a door prize which pleased her very much as she says she never wins anything. Of course they got some shopping in on both days. The Dixie Chapter entertained us at a Banquet on Saturday night.

The "Early Bird" Special on Wednesday night will be very good. They have quite a crowd coming for that so get your reservation in to *Carroll Brown*. I am sure you will enjoy that very much. They have a variety of entertaining arranged for you. Something for everyone. The Oak Ridge trip will be very informative. They have something planned that should suit every person so make sure and get your reservation in and come along with us for this reunion.

Ames and Helen have invited Pearl and I to go along with "G" 329th to Opryland on Saturday before the work begins. We plan on getting into Knoxville on Monday. Will meet you all there. Be prepared for a wonderful time.

Memberships are coming in at a good pace. There are still quite a few of you members who have not paid your dues but we have had new ones who have never heard of our organization so we are above our membership from last year. Isn't that wonderful? GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES IN AND BE A PART OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION! Nothing like it anywhere in the world. NOTHING LIKE WONDERFUL FRIENDS WHEN YOU GROW OLDER. Pearl and I thank all of you for your wonderful letters. We look forward to mail call every day. We would like to reach that 2000 mark in membership but we can't do it without the help of all of you.

Haran Martin wrote me a letter this week giving me the news that a buddy of mine who I have not seen since we left Europe may attend the reunion. Pearl and I both choked up when we read that letter. *Sam*, we are both looking forward to seeing you there with us. Don't disappoint us. Thank you *Haran*.

Well men I had better get this edition to the printer so you will receive it soon. All of you take care of yourselves and we sure look forward to seeing you in Knoxville. Wonder what they will have to eat at the Luau? Come along and find out.

Bob

REUNION CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It is difficult to believe that another year has gone by so rapidly, and that another reunion of this great organization is upon us again. It has been a short 40 years since it was organized.

The Dixie Chapter has been hard at work to make this Reunion as enjoyable and pleasant as possible. However, there always seem to be some minor problems that come up at every Reunion. When this happens, please be patient and understanding and we will work them out as they arise.

I thank you for the privilege to be your humble servant for this gala event. It has been a real pleasure to serve the best people this nation has to offer.

I just wish to say, please come to Knoxville, and enjoy yourselves with your buddies and friends. Let's show our love and friendship to one another and keep a tranquil atmosphere. The fellowship that we enjoy will always be remembered by each of us.

Sincerely,
W. Meadors Minich
Reunion Chairman



HISTORIAN'S CORNER:

Dear Buddies:

The History of the United States Army in World War II, E.T.O. are a series called the "Green Books" written by historians and published by the Department of the Army.

They were written for serious readers and historians who want to look back on the plans, places and times of our combat experiences in the overall picture.

They are fully covered by maps and pictures. They are heavy reading but well worth the time and effort.

You will find them in your library or they will be requested for you from other libraries.

I'll highly recommend them for those of you who were in any of the five campaigns. The pictures were taken by me in different areas of the Huertgen during November of 1944.

They have not been published before.

"We Were The Best"

Wm. Kent O'Connell
83rd M.P.



Nov./Dec. 1944 Hertgen Forest
(Left) Shot up town taken by the 83rd. (Top Rt.) Village of Krewinkel, we were strafed by the few Nazi planes left flying. (Middle) Ruined Sherman Tank. (Bottom Rt.) 83rd Defense Plt. G.I.



CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE

Due to the illness of one of our Chaplain's, *John Piscitelli*, Your Editor will try to get this report in.

The following are the list of names that have come to the office as having passed away since our last issue. Our prayers from the entire 83rd Infantry Division goes out to their loved ones. We pray that God will keep our deceased buddies in his hands and be with their families in their time of trouble.

Paul Toby Lawlor "I" 331st reported by *Perry H. Bobo*
Faye H. Davis 323rd reported by *John Shepherd*
Bob Piette "G" 331st reported by *Joe Maculuso*
John Teringo "G" 331st reported by *Lee Titus*
Sammy Schwartz "C" 330th reported by *David Benick*
Herbert M. Jensen 329th reported by wife *Mildred*
Harold Koozer "HQ" reported by *Bedford Hunter*
Leonard Snow No outfit reported by daughter
Ernest R. Snider "K" 331st reported by widow,
Mrs. Ernest Snider
John C. Gorman 2nd Bn. Hq. 330th reported to office
Nathan Soklove "H" 330th reported to office

These are the names of the men who have passed away since the last Thunderbolt. If we have missed anyone please send the names to the office or one of the chaplain's and we will have it in the Fall Issue of the Thunderbolt. We all pray for the complete recovery of our chaplain, *John Piscitelli*. John tells us that he will be attending the reunion. We are looking forward to seeing him there with us.

Bob Derickson
3rd BN.HQ. 329th

DIXIE CHAPTER

The 83rd members in the Winston-Salem area have organized in hopes of having regular dinner meetings on the last Friday of each month. This will be done to enjoy extra fun and fellowship. At their first meeting seven were in attendance. The members increased by the second meeting to sixteen. Good luck and fun to all of you. Be in touch with *Haran Martin* for information and join them.

This reporter missed the Thunderbolt deadline and therefore did not report on the Williamsburg meeting. Eighty four fun loving people enjoyed dinner and dancing with a good Country Music band. Our guests included *Bob and Pearl Derickson, Stan and Fran Bielen, Gale and Irene Baker*. We were glad to see *Larry and Mary Redmond*. Thanks to all of them for coming.

Officers for 1986-87 were elected as follows:

Jessie Pirkle	President
George Naylor	1st Vice-President
Chester Gray	2nd Vice-President
Haran Martin	Secretary-Treasurer
F.M. Haney	Chaplain
LeRoy McManaway	Reporter

New Members which makes our count now at 184 are: *Ellsworth S. Massie, Earl McDonald, James C. Redden and Robert Helper*.

Many thanks to *John and Virginia Cox* for being such grand host and hostess.

The May meeting in Knoxville was great. The Executive Board members met and worked hard helping the Dixie Chapter with thier plans for the 40th annual reunion at the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville, Tennessee on August 21-22-23, 1986. We are looking forward to seeing our many friends that we have met through the years, here in Knoxville, Ya' all come, hear?

After the reunion our next meeting will be in Burlington, North Carolina on October 10th and 11th. You will be hearing further details at a later date. The new officers handled their duties well as they took over their office at this meeting.

Our host and hostess were *Ruby and Carroll Brown* and we appreciate the hard work they did toward making this meeting a pleasure for all of us and all the effort they are putting in for a good reunion along with their committee's. We are proud and happy for Ruby and Carroll for being named: "MONROE COUNTY FAMILY OF THE YEAR."

LeRoy McManaway
Reporter

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Since I last reported to you we were successful in getting a good group of members and their wives to attend a dinner meeting. The group met at the La Fortunata Restaurant in Bayonne on Sunday May 18. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a great time.

Attending the dinner were *Irene and Ted Guzek, Hazel and Emil Wehling, Addie and Fred Rein, Mary and Charlie Sihlanick, Ida and Bernie Rosenberg, Paula and Frank Reichman, also Joe DePeri and Fran* with yours truly.

Bernie Rosenberg was the host for this affair, assisted by his charming wife *Ida*. Assisting with planning and invitations were *Fran and Stan Bielen*. I'm sure everyone attending enjoyed themselves and appreciate the great job done putting on this affair.

Manny Epstein called me from Florida telling me he was staying there until the end of May and therefore couldn't be with us. *Fred Klein* called to say he would be in Las Vegas at that time but was looking forward to getting together at a future date.

Joe Kusma (G-331) couldn't make it because he and his wife were returning from the tulip festival at Holland, Michigan, late that evening. *Joe* is one of *Captain Mac's* men and had dropped his membership in the association for the past few years. I hope I was persuasive enough to get *Joe* back as a member.

Transportation problems caused *Dot and Joe Skurka* and also *Ann and Sam Galati* to miss the dinner. Others who were invited failed to respond-so I can't tell you what their reasons were for missing a great time.

Because of the success of this meeting, we are planning another in October. *Mary and Charlie Sihlanick* are to be the hosts. So plan on attending and you won't regret it. This type of social meeting will help build our chapter to where it should be.

Other news - We have a new member joining our chapter. *Russell Whitehead* (F-329) from Ringoes, N.J. had called me telling me he would like to be a member of the chapter. We welcome you and hope your joining us will inspire others to do the same.

One other bit of news - *Mary and Charlie* are proud of their daughter *Linda* upon her graduation from Bergen Community College. We all wish her a great future.

In my last article I wrote about how *Bob Piette* was instrumental in getting *Joe Botti* to join us. Since then I have received a letter from *Joe* telling of *Bob's* passing away. They both had planned on attending the reunion together. All who knew *Bob* will miss him as he was a true gentleman. *Joe* still plans on attending so it will be a special thrill meeting him again.

Expect a good number of New Jersey Members to attend the reunion in Knoxville. When reunion time comes around there is a stirring and a special enthusiasm, reminds me of when they were all eager to get into the Army.

That's it for now. God Bless You All.

Stan Bielen 5

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

It's Western Steer Steak House, Bonanza, Rose City Cafeteria, and back to Western Steer Steak House and all with a good attendance and a good time, are some of the activities of The West Virginia Chapter. We aren't dead yet, just getting older.

Our Chapter Meeting was held at Glen Dale (near Wheeling), W. Va. on Saturday, June 7th, 1986 with several Members on hand to make for a good meeting. Those attending were: *Noel Lancanster and David Baker* from Moundsville, *Bob Glasgow and John Pollack* from Weirton and *Charles Marsh* from Youngstown, Ohio and Officers of The West Virginia Chapter. A very interesting and constructive meeting with dates and locations among other things being discussed concerning future meetings of our Chapter. We wish to thank *David Baker* for making plans for this Meeting at Glen Dale. *Larry Hoskins*, a continuous Member and who has shown very much interest in our Chapter, was ill and could not attend. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our next Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14th, at 2:00 p.m. at The Marriot Hotel in Charleston, W.Va. There will be an Election of Officers and a report of The Reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee, among some of the things on the agenda for this Meeting.

The West Virginia Chapter will be well represented at the Reunion in Knoxville in August this year. Here's hoping for a good time (why say that? You ALWAYS have a good time at the Reunions).

See you there!

Don W. Pettry
"B" 323 F.A.



West Virginia Chapter
Group picture taken at our Glendale (Wheeling)
meeting.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

There is no better way to start this column than to inform our readers that at the June meeting which has held at the VFW Post 1810, Brentwood, Pennsylvania we welcomed three new members into the fold. *Bill Harrold* of Div.M.P. from Greensburg, Pennsylvania; *George Kutska* of "H" 329th from Monessen, Pennsylvania and *John Caruso* of "HQ" 330th of Pittsburgh. Glad to have you aboard.

It is safe to say that the chapter will charter a bus to the reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee. Although we had hoped for a larger number to take the bus, it is still a sizable group.

The Spring Dance was held in May at the Monessen Elks. Although a number of our regulars were unable to attend it was still a good affair. Thanks to the Monessen gang. *Sam Klippa* was in the hospital at this time. *Paul Dietrich* was on a bowling tour; *Bill Mattes* was in Texas and *Emil Becker* was hospitalized again.

Gene Costanzo, *Joe Danylo* and *Jules Desgain* left for Europe on June 3 and returned on June 18. They were attempting to locate a person or persons of which

they have a photograph from 1945. While there they placed a wreath on the grave of an 83rd man. They left via U.S. Air and returned via Pan AM.

Green Thompson was in Montreal, Canada on April 25 as a member of one of two bowling teams presenting Local No. 24 Lithographers.

Glenn Wible, former Pittsburgh Chapter member who left us years ago to work in Los Alamitos, California has retired and is moving to Palm Harbor, Florida with his wife *Nell*. We hope to see them on special occasions in the future. They have two sons still residing in the Pittsburgh area.

Failed to mention that *Larry Leonardi*, our Executive Board member was also absent from the Spring Dance as he was attending the Executive board meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee at the time.

The photos of the men and women of the Pittsburgh Chapter were taken at the Christmas Party last year at the Oakmont, Pennsylvania Elks.

Francis G. Beerhalter
"H" 329th



CO. "H" 330th



Pittsburgh Chapter
Men and Women

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are once again, trying to get our news in for the next issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", so that our EDITOR can get it ready for the printer. This is about the most important issue of the year, as it is the last one before Reunion time.

To many of you Reunion time is just another word, that is because many of you haven't had the pleasure of attending one of our Reunions, and had the pleasure of meeting that long lost Buddy that you last saw 40 years ago. You can't begin to understand the real feeling of what it is to meet those long lost Buddies until you have had the chance of attending a Reunion.

This will be our 40th Annual Reunion, of them I have had the great honor and pleasure of attending 34 or 35 of them. To me it is one of the greatest pleasures of life. As we all know, we are all getting older and time is running out on us, so if you have never attended a Reunion, try to make at least one, it will be a pleasure that you will never forget.

As all you men of Co. "H" well know by now, I am working with the Reunion Committee on the ad book.

The returns from Co. "H" have been fair, but there still are many of you who have let us down. Although we still have some time, I am hoping that I will get as many ads as I did in the past, if not more. There are still about a dozen men from Co. "H" that I write to every year and never hear from them. It could be possible that they have passed away and their Wives just don't bother to let us know. I have a man here in the Philadelphia area that I have been trying to get in touch with. I have sent to every man listed in the phone book who has the same name, hoping that some day I will locate him.

This week I was reading the death notices in the newspaper and saw a man listed the same as the man I was trying to locate, so I looked in the telephone book and called and talked to his Wife and learned that it was our Co. "H" man. It was none other than *Nathan Soklove*. His Wife told me that he had received my letters but had failed to acknowledge receiving it.

Well Buddies, I guess that this is all for this year, I hope that I can be with many of you in Knoxville.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

MEMORIAL DAY -- 1986

The Philadelphia Chapter had Open House at Lou Volpi's Restaurant, hosted by *Lou & Lucy Volpi & Linda Coppola*.

Those in attendance were:

Al & Anna Belvedere, Albert, Jr., Rita & Family.

Al Jr. joined in the Rifle Squad and performed well, Lou & Lucy Volpi, Tommy & Linda Coppola & Family. Bill Pugh, but Virginia was ill and could not attend.

John & Marge Daum.

Harry & Marie Stevenson. Their Daughter Sharon joined us and baked a delicious Carrot Cake. Thank you Sharon.

Jim Prentice from Hartford, Conn. (very loyal Jim). Bernie Mendlesohn, but sorry Josey could not attend due to illness in the family.

Anthony (Dittie) & Ida Giannini.

George & Jean Pletcher - George did a great job as acting Chaplain for our good Buddy John Piscitelli because he was sick in the Hospital, but we are happy to say he is doing much better.

Larry & Mary Redmond & Bea Chavanne. It was nice to see Dave Rosenberg that day. We missed Ann.

Come on out Ann.

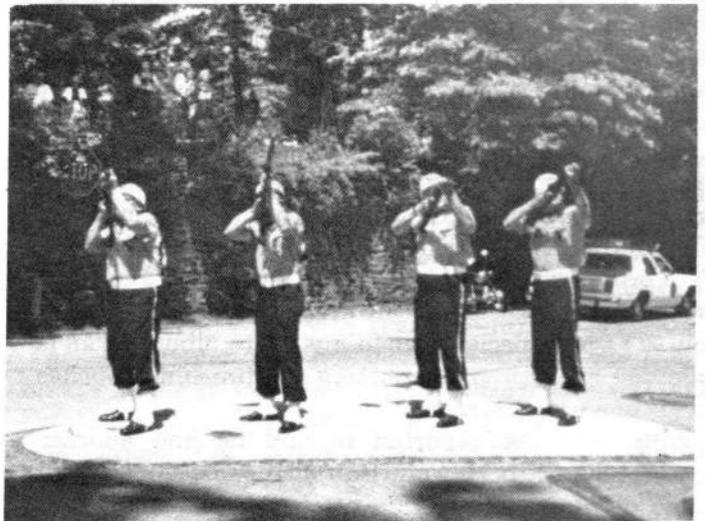
All of the Chapter Women plus our Grandchildren participated in Honoring our Chapter's Deceased Members. After the Ceremony, seven of the Men went to the Hospital to visit John Piscitelli. This is the first time John missed a Memorial Service in 30 Years. Stay well John because we missed you and *Josephine*.

Food & Beverage was enjoyed by all. Our 50-50 Drawing was won by *John Talsey*. one of Lou Volpi's friends. \$117.00.

Final arrangements are being made for our Philadelphia Chapter's Bus Trip to Knoxville, Tenn. We are looking forward to having a Good Time in Knoxville.

I, *Al Belvedere*, would like to congratulate all the Men and their families for participating in the Memorial Day Parade, Year after Year. It is also great to see our children & grandchildren participating.

substituting for John Piscitelli
Al Belevedere - Co. K - 331st Inf.



(Left) Philadelphia Chapter Honor Guard - Memorial Day 1986. George Pletcher, acting Chaplain, Bill Pugh, Anthony Giannini, Harry Stevenson, and Bernie Mendelsohn. (Top Rt.) Rifle Squad 1986. Lou Volpi, Al Belvedere, Jr., John Daum & Jim Prentice. (Left to Rt.) (Middle) Rifle Squad honoring the dead with three volleys. (Bottom Rt.) Philadelphia Chapter Women honoring the dead on Memorial Day 1986.

783 ORDINANCE

Naturally everyone of us remembers where we were forty-two years ago on this date. The real problem is remembering where we were last week:

We are very sorry to have to report that *Elsie Perko* succumbed to her cancer in April. We all only met Elsie the one time, at the Owensboro reunion, *Ed*, and I know I speak for all the fellows, it was easy to tell she was a fine woman and a wonderful wife. We will miss her in Knoxville and we are so glad *Ed* that you will be coming to the reunion.

Had a nice conversation with *Doc* and heard he had a naturally wonderful vacation, visiting his new grandson in Calif. He says he's going to make him a CUB ball player. Why a Cub? You're right *Doc*, the Cubs need all the help they can get, having all those cast off Phille players! *Doc's* only disappointment on their month venture was the fact that *Lloyd Grayson* was under the weather and couldn't see *Agnes Doc*. Having talked to *Lloyd*, I know how eager he was for the visit but it won't be long before *Agnes* drags *Doc* over the mountains again.

Can you imagine, I also received an informative, uncensored letter, from our censor *Ivan Gilman*. He and *Pat* took the whole France tour, which included Normandy. *Ivan* graciously sent me all the National Park brochures and a photo of *Jr. Lewis's* grave. That brings back necessary, sad memories, and it will of course have a special page in my photo album. *Ivan* is enjoying his retirement putting the finishing touches on his mountain retreat.

Bob Hammond reported in and he had another wonderful trip to Hawaii. *Bob* also came up with all kinds of info. Bet you didn't know that the "Cap" in *Kimball's* name is a family name, something like "Rags". *Bob* wasn't able to meet *Cap* but he had a good conversation on the phone and he seems to be doing great. His new address is: *Basil "Cap" Kimball, P.O.Box 2714, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745. Phone:808-326-2088.*

Also got a nice letter and some old photo's from *Bill Stubno*. We know he will be enjoying his first reunion and we are all going to be enjoying all the photo's that *Bill* will be showing us.

Don Vandemergel wrote and said he was coming to Philly to see his old buddy *Zakerchemney*. I called *Don* and asked him to stop in on his way. *Don* said he would if he came, but he found *Zak* quite hard to understand so take note *Bryars*, that's what too many "suds" will do to your golf game.

Carl Frederick is doing another good job with the ad book and so are all you fellows who were contacted. It was good talking to *Bill Mannings* smiling voice and *Bill* is hoping to bring his good wife *Eloise* to the reunion.

Q. Boyette wanted to know who the Yankee was calling him. *Q.* sounds great, looking forward to Knoxville, and he just had a nice visit from *Percy Mohon* and "Easy" *Labbe*. It's always good to hear of these good-will visits.

Bill Appleby will probably be driving his new mobile home to the reunion and I hope *Earl Graham* brings his because *George Harris* would love to see him.

Ray Wiggins informs us of his 48th wedding anniversary and how does *Mimi* stay so young. The other "Ray" *Downing* and *Louise* are both in good health. They have seen "Big" *Jones* and all things being equal all the above mentioned should be at the reunion.

Just this minute called *Aubrey Wilcox* to get his latest medical report and it's good news. He doesn't have cancer, just a white cell count that ran away to 77,000. *Aubrey* is having trouble walking with the gout and doubts he'll make it to Tenn.

Lastly, *Ginny* and I are going to a wedding in Ohio this month and *Arthur* and *Millie* have convinced me it's safe to stay with them. I've kidded *Millie* so much about her blue bathing suit she now tells me she won't wear it on our visit. Yes, fellows, I'm taking my camera and I'll see you at the reunion for copies of the photos!

Hut two,
Rags Rangnow

Dear Robert:

Here is my check to cover the 1986 dues of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc.

Since my last letter to you, I have received letters from *Amby Tynan*, *Walter Harding* and *Alice Ann Costello*.

Walt Harding sent a couple of photos with the persons identified or I probably would not have recognized anyone.

Amby Tynan sent a newsletter filling me in on what had happened to the persons I had written about last year.

Alice Ann Costello wrote to me and enclosed a picture taken of me in 1943. Her letter was particularly welcome as I had not known that her husband, *Gerald*, was even married.

I am sending a recent picture of myself and my wife, *Mary Kay*, taken in my brother's home. We were married in December 1942 while I was a member of the 323rd FA Bn. We lived at Edinburg and Columbus, Indiana while the 323rd was at Camp Atterbury. We lived in Henderson, Kentucky while I was with the 323rd at Camp Breckenridge.

Trying to recall events of more than 40 years ago with infrequent contacts with the parties involved is most difficult.

I recall that a *Major George Hadesty*, 83rd Signal Company, and his wife, *Dottie* were good friends of ours, while we were at Camp Atterbury, Camp Breckenridge, and remained friends for many years after the WAR was over.

The picture you may keep. I am hoping that some of the people who have written to me may see it.

Allen H. Marshall
R.R. 2, Box 130B
Wisner, NE 68791

KENTUCKY CHAPTER CHATTER

Our Spring Meeting was held the weekend of April 4th in Owensboro, Kentucky. Does the world Owensboro awaken memories for most of you? Our National Reunion was held there in August 1984. *Bob Derickson* had made arrangements for us to have two nights for the price of one. Great deal! We wish all of you could have been with us at our Spring meeting.

Wilson and I went directly to the home of *Carol and Allison Shrawder* in Evansville, Indiana on Friday, April 4th. They took us on a sightseeing trip which included the two Kruckenmeyer and Cohen stores and Rose Marie. Wilson and I had never been to the Kruckenmeyer and Cohen stores so it was a real treat for us. The four of us had lunch together. In the evening, Wilson and I joined the Kentucky Chapter at the Executive Inn in Owensboro for dinner. Most of us had the Seafood Buffet. Remember that?!

On Saturday Bob Derickson made reservations for lunch for the group at Diamond Lake. They opened for restaurant just for us. Again quite a few of you may remember that. The food was real good especially the catfish. After lunch people kept looking in the Lake for the lost diamond. Needless to say, all they saw were ducks and fish.

In the evening most of us went to the Moonlite restaurant for barbecued food. Sounds like all we do is eat and drink and that is about it. *R.C. Hamilton* came to dinner and the meeting. We had not seen him for a long time and it was great seeing him again. We had 51 members, wives and guests in attendance for our meeting. Wilson Day won the 50-50 to the tune of \$28.00. It was announced that our Summer meeting would be held at Oxford, Ohio with Pearl and Bob Derickson as our hosts.

Our Summer meeting was held the weekend of June 14th and so I am hurrying this up to get in on the tail end of the time for the Thunderbolt. Some of the chapter members came in on Friday. Bob and Pearl

FLORIDA CHAPTER

It is with deep sorrow that I have to report that *Sam Schwartz* has passed away. *Sammy* was a very dedicated 83rd man. In the very short years that I knew him, he was like a brother to me. He worked very hard for our chapter, and our meetings were always a jam session with Sam telling us jokes. Our deepest sympathy goes to *Fritzi*, their son, *Elliott and family*, and to their nephew *Leo Schwartz* who is a member of the 83rd, on his passing. We will always remember him in our hearts.

The Florida Chapter met on April 26th at the Best Western Motel in Fort Lauderdale. *Ralph and Geri Gunderson* hosted this weekend, assisted by *Sylvain and Eunice Fishman*. Friday evening about 42 of us went to a fine restaurant called Catfish Dewey's for a delicious dinner. *Millie* and myself have just returned from a cruise to Mexico just in time to make this dinner. On Saturday, *Ralph and Geri* hosted a cocktail party at their home. As usual, their son *Rick* was our

took them to the Black Angus for dinner on Friday evening. *Larry and Sue Leonardi, Sam Klippa* from Pittsburgh Chapter were among the early arrivals. It was so good to have other chapter members with us. On Saturday morning they went out to breakfast. Pearl and Bob furnished lunch for all who came in early on Saturday. They served it out under the car port at the motel. The meeting was started there before we went for the Picnic at Miami University picnic grounds. We were glad to see *Bill and Nancy Ledger* with us for the first time. We had 66 members, wives and guests at the meeting. This was a picnic in the park. Pearl had one of her wings clipped. She had fallen and injured a shoulder so was wearing one of her arms in a sling. We wish you a speedy recovery Pearl.

Ames Miller brought two huge trays of his famous delicious fudge and we all pigged out on it. Wish I had a piece right now as I'm writing this.

We came back from the picnic and finished the meeting. Some of us did not stay at the motel overnight. *Herschel McIntosh* won the 50-50 pot. He won \$52.00 and was all smiles. It was a hot summer day and evening. Just the kind of weather for a picnic. For those who stayed, I hear they did not break up until late. Pearl and Bob were there arly Sunday morning and took them to still another restaurant where they had made arrangements to have breakfast served to just the 83rd. Everyone really enjoyed that also.

Theresa Ritchie and her daughter *Judy* were there for the meeting. Glad to have them with us. Pearl and Bob had some of their family there also.

A great big thank you to *Ed and Kathy Derickson* for all they do for the Kentuck Chapter when they spend a weekend there in June at their motel.

That's it folks, see you in Knoxville in August for our 40th annual National Reunion.

Vi Day

official bartender, keeping our glasses filled all afternoon. In the evening we had our dinner at the Motel in a private room followed by our business meeting. It sure was great seeing my buddies of Co A. 331st, *Sue and Larry Leonardi and LaVerne and Richard Ammon*. Also from Pittsburgh, our own *Wilbur Campbell*, who is part "A" 331st (we are getting up to you, Ralph). Also attending this dinner were the *Herhuth's* daughter and son-in-law and the Gunderson's son, daughter-in-law and their two beautiful girls. It was a delightful weekend, except that we missed *Sammy*.

Our next meeting will be in Winter Haven, about the end of November and will be hosted by the *Herhuth's and the Senger's*.

Have a wonderful summer, and hope to see you all in Knoxville, Tennessee in August. I'm very sorry to have missed the dinner the New Jersey Chapter had on May 18th but I did not get to New York until May 20th.

Dave Benick
"A" 331st

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

It is with very sad and heavy heart, that I take pen in hand to report the Warren Chapter news, for our Summer Issue of the Thunderbolt. One of our charter members and longtime friends, *John Teringo* passed away suddenly, June 10, 1986. He was rushed to the hospital last Tuesday afternoon, June 2nd. John played a round of golf that morning with our Chapter golfers and although he looked ill and very pale, he stuck it out and after golf we all had our usual coffee and doughnuts at a local bakery.

Later in the afternoon, he had breathing problems, so his wife *Olga* took him to the hospital. John had a history of heart problems since his first heart attack on New Years Day, 1964 and through the years has courageously survived two by-pass operations, yet he and *Olga* attended almost every reunion. He will be remembered by his hundreds of friends throughout the Association by his ready smile, quick witticisms, and his vast knowledge of sports. John was one of the best baseball players ever to play in Warren, and in the Army, he was the catcher and sparkplug on our Co. G. 331st softball team. We were Division Champs having the envious record of never losing a game while in the Army. Our deepest sympathy to wife *Olga*, son *John III*, daughter *Rebecca*, their spouses and four children.

MEETINGS: Our March meeting was hosted by *Babe and Theresa Gautschi* and in April we went to Youngstown, Ohio to the home of *Joe and Angie Phillipone*. At both meetings, we enjoyed fabulous food, followed by the usual liquid refreshments and bull sessions, that are prevalent when good friends get together.

SICK CALL: *Louise Bellay* was in the hospital in May and is now okay and back to work.

Ted Halubka underwent surgery in May and is now recuperating at home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Mike and Liz Skovran* on the marriage of son *Dennis* and lovely wife *Mary Ann*, on May 24th.

Well folks, that's all for now from Warren, and from all of us to all of you - Good health and good luck.

Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter



John Teringo
1921-1986
Co. G - 331st Infantry

G COMPANY, 331st INFANTRY

As of this date, I have had good response from the letter that I sent out to the men of G Company. I was really expecting more replies from the fellows around Nashville and Knoxville. I may receive more before I turn in our list to the Dixie Chapter. I must inform you that one of die heart G Company man, *Bob Piette* passed away in the latter part of March. It was only a few days after I had written the letter to the Men of G. Company. We are always sorry to hear about the death of a buddy, but we do have to realize, that each year we get older, and all of those aches and pains that have accumulated over the years, finally get the best of us. *Bob Piette*, was one helva soldier, but he always believed that smoking would help him. One day early in March, I called *Bob*. This was after the operation, with all of his troubles, he was still stealing a cigarette now and then. I am still concerned about some of the older fellows. One, *Phillip Wiggenhauer*. I understand he is bedridden, and unable to walk. He said that he followed me for to long a time during the War. If you get a chance drop *Phil* a card to let him know that G Company is still behind him. His address: 27 Brookside Circle, Wilbraham, Ma 01095.

Another of our buddies that I haven't heard from in a couple of years, *Vance Tuttle*. He was doing fine the last time I saw him in Kentucky, but no word since then. Let us hear from you, *Vance*. The fellows from Warren, Ohio are planning on attending the reunion, along with *Mort Gaynor*. We can always expect a crowd, because I know a lot of the fellows don't believe in writing. *Gene Costanzo* is on his way to Europe, he is going over to look up some of those little girls he kissed. If I know *Gene*, he's hoping those little girls have grown up to be middle aged beauties. Have a good time, *Gene*.

I have sent an article to the Thunderbolt about the Regimental Colors that *Bob Piette* had kept in his possession for many years. He brought the colors to me last year at the Pines, and fortunately General *York* was present. I presented the Colors to him, he has informed me that the Colors were given to the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga. If any of you men ever travel in or around Fort Benning, you should stop in to see the Museum. Dedicated to those men that served in the "QUEEN OF BATTLE".

It is not to late for you to make your reservations in Knoxville, the Dixie Chapter has an excellent program for those that attend.

Capt Mac

BOSTON REPORT

Boston has been doing very well on paid up Membership this year. *Pat DiGiammerino, Charlie Miller and Frank Scott* of Boston have been very active since our reunion at the Pines.

A special meeting was held at *Romeo Maynard's* house in Westport, MA. Members of the Boston Chapter presented Romeo with a wall plaque for his outstanding service as President of the Boston Chapter. Romeo has been in poor health recently. His lovely wife "*Livie*" has been giving him excellent care. At the close of the meeting it was voted to go to dinner and a show at a local nightspot. *Charlie Lussier* was there for his fine leadership around the Fall River area. I was not in attendance because of a family commitment. Everyone said they had a real good time.

Larry Arrigo has been ill since coming back from a cruise for 14 days. He is improving, but I don't think that he will be at the reunion in August. His wife *Fran* is doing a marvelous job taking care of him. It is difficult to get Larry to slow down.

Frank Scott had his foot operated on since the last issue of the *Thunderbolt*. Frank has made good progress and will be at the Reunion in August.

On June 8th, a meeting was given by the Miller's in Lynn, MA. *Charlie Miller* did up the hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies and of course we had TEA being a Boston Chapter Party. HA! HA! A little Irish Coffee too! *Kent O'Connell* I had yours too. *Pat DiGiammerino and Ray Bjork* took a quick dip in the pool. They were alright. Mae West was around them. The Mae West Belts were XXXX-Large. *Charlie* laughed so much he burnt my hot dog! Boy! what Irish Coffee will do to people. It was too bad that *Bernie Cove and Don Bowar* could not make it. Boys, you missed a good time. Thanks to *Charlie* and his brother-in-law.

A little bird told me that *Vitie Athocius* had a heart by-pass operation. However, I am told he is doing well and will be rooting for good old Boston College next season. Hope to see you and your wife *Julie* at the Reunion.

Jim Prentice just came back from *Phillie*. We were sorry to hear *John Piscitelli* was in the hospital. He is doing well after a serious operation. John, have a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of *George Connors* on the recent death of his daughter.

That's it for now. See you in Tennessee. *Amby Tynan*



(Left) Don and Rhoda Brower, Bernie and Jean Cove, Dom and Louise Lafallo, Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino at the Dodge's Inn, NY. (Top Rt.) Pat DiGiammerino presenting the plaque to Ex. Pres. Romeo Maynard. (Middle) Charlie Lussier, Larry Arrigo, George Connors and Romeo Maynard. (Bottom Rt.) Bernie Cove, Sam-the Baker, with friends in the Kitchen of the Pines Hotel.

**83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
40TH ANNUAL REUNION
HYATT—REGENCY, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1986

4:30 p.m. "A Night in Appalachia" Advance registration required Tour Museum and Area,
Meal and entertainment.
Transportation provided.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1986

9-11:30 a.m.	Registration	Lower Lobby
9:30-4:00 p.m.	Gatlinburg Tour or Shopping at West Town	Lobby
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Registration	Wm. Blont Room
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Cash Bar	Poolside
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Luau (Dinner)	Lower Lobby
9:00-midnight	Dancing	

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1986

GOLF TOURNAMENT

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Lower Lobby
9:00-11:30 a.m.	Registration	Lower Lobby
10:00-12:00	Business Meeting	Lower Lobby
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Ladies Fashion Show	
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	On Your Own
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Visit Oak Ridge or Shopping	Lobby
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Registration	Lower Lobby
2:00-4:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Wm. Blount Room
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Cash Bar	
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Dinner	Lower Lobby
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Hill Billy Night Dress informal or your best "hill billy outfit"	Lower Lobby
9:00-12:00 p.m.	Dancing	Lower Lobby

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1986

GOLF TOURNAMENT

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00-11:30 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
10:00-12:00 Noon	Business Meeting	Lower Lobby
10:00-12:00 Noon	Ladies Trip to Zoo or Free Time	Lobby
2:00-4:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Wm. Blount Room
2:00-2:30 p.m.	Memorial Service	Lower Lobby
4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Lower Lobby
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Cash Bar	
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Lower Lobby
9:00-?		Lower Lobby

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1986

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Farewell	
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Dear Bob & Pearl,

It was so nice seeing and being with you in Knoxville the weekend of April 30-May 1st. I am already looking forward to the reunion there in August, and being with you again.

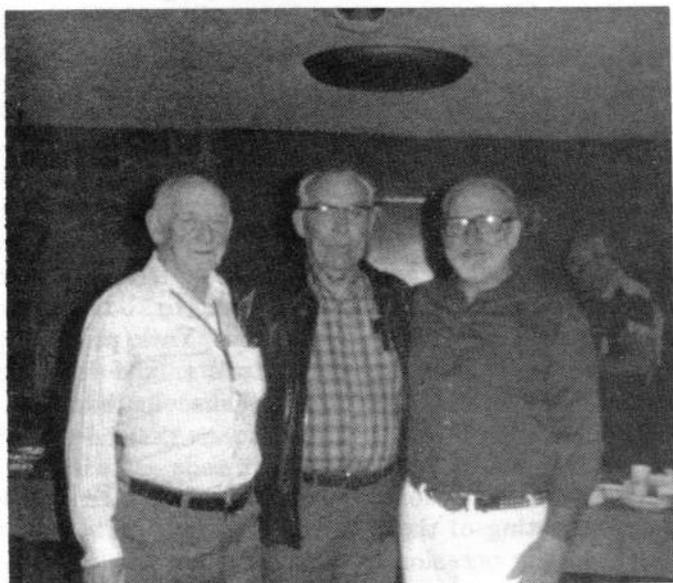
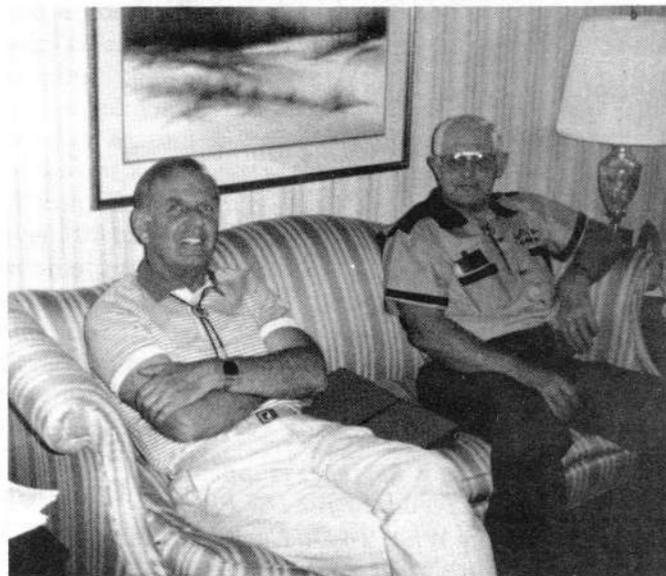
Bob, if it is possible for you to put this letter in the next issue of the Thunderbolt I would appreciate it very much. I just want all of my friends from the 83rd to know how much I appreciated the cards, letters, telephone calls and flowers that were sent to me during my stay in the hospital back in March and April. As you know I had throat surgery on April 9th, and I am very happy that things turned out so good for me. Never could I imagine how it would feel to be without a voice for over three weeks, but now my voice is coming back and I am thankful to God for that. The doctors had told me that my voice would come back, but I was beginning to wonder about this. To have friends in the 83rd, both men and women, that are concerned about you makes me a very happy person. My thanks to everyone that cared and prayed for my recovery.

I have another favor to ask of you. I am enclosing a picture taken in Gatlinburg, Tenn. at the Christmas party of the Dixie Chapter. This picture is of *John Wells, Curtis Sharpe and Me*. This was a reunion for the three of us from Co. F. 330th after 41 years. John and I had been in contact some years ago, but through the help of *Dick and Lessie Riddle* we were able to contact Curtis. What a joy it was for us to get together after so many years. We have shared visits since our reunion, and Curtis and his wife, *Clara*, plan to attend their first reunion in Knoxville in August.

Thanks again. Hope to see you in Knoxville in August.

Regards,
O.L. Cook

Just glad to have seen you looking so well, O.L. at the Board meeting. Take care of yourself and we will see you at the reunion.



(Left) John Wells, Curtis Sharpe and O.L. Cook in Gatlinburg, TN., Dec. 1985. (Top Rt.) Ginny Gunderson, Pearl Derickson, and Sue Leonardi, Knoxville, TN., May 1986. (Below Rt.) Stan Bielen and Bob Derickson, Knoxville, TN., May 1986.

FACE TO FACE

*When I Shave Each Morning
As I Look In The Mirror I See,
A Pleasant Looking Gentleman
Who Looks A Lot Like Me,*

*Then I Give Him A Big Smile
And He Smiles At Me Too.
I Can Hardly Wait Each Morning
Just To See What He Will Do.*

*As I Get Out Of Bed This Morning
I Wonder If My Look Alike Is There.
Yes He Most Certainly Is
Brushing His Teeth And Combing His Hair.*

*Now I Didn't Shave This Morning
I've Wondered All Day If He'll Be,
Gone By Tomorrow Morning,
Or Will He Be Waiting There For Me.*

*So As I Look Into The Mirror
Yes He's There, He's Not Gone.
I Wonder If I Could Shave One Morning
If I Was There All Alone.*

*I Hope This Will Never Happen
And He Will Never Leave His Place.
I Wouldn't Know What To Do Each Morning
If We Didn't Meet Face To Face.*

Haran R. Martin
148 Queensbury Rd.
Winston Salem, N.C. 27104
Co. G-331st

REGIMENTAL COLORS

331st INFANTRY

Each and every Regiment and Division in the Army has it's own colors. These colors together with the American Flag were the inspiration for the men of those units to be proud and to develop an *esprit de corps* within their unit. They were proud to be part of the unit, that had the best officers, the best non-commissioned officers, and the best enlisted men in the Army. Each man thought that his unit was the best, and was willing to fight, to uphold the honor of that unit.

The Regimental Colors was a banner which depicted the Regimental Crest. These colors were carried in every parade, usually by a member of the Regiment, that had proven to be the member with outstanding Military Bearing. It was indeed an honor for that member to be selected, because it gave him the privilege of marching in front of the entire Regiment, where everyone could see him.

The Regimental Colors of the 331st infantry Regiment were carried proudly during our march through Europe. They were proudly displayed whenever the conditions warranted.

For those members of the 331st Infantry that served in the Army of Occupation in Germany, it was a pleasure for them to see the Colors wave so proudly over the Headquarters of the 331st Infantry Regiment in the Country that they had helped Conquer.

Unfortunately, for many of us, when we received our orders to return home, we neglected to find out what would happen to the colors. I realized, too, that it was not our responsibility to be the guardian. We left that task for some member of Regimental Headquarters.

In the 331st Infantry, we were fortunate to have someone with the foresight of Mr. Dowdy. Mr. Dowdy was a Warrant Officer assigned to Service Co. He assumed the responsibility for the care of the Regimental Colors. He tucked the Colors and the American Flag in his belongings and carried them back to the States.

These colors remained in Mr. Dowdy's possession for many years. He attended many of the reunions, and only in the later years of his life did he reveal to some one that he taken it upon himself to safeguard the Regimental Colors. Many years ago, Mr. Dowdy had given the Colors to Bob Piette of G. Company. Bob told me on a number of occasions that he had the Colors in his possession. Last Year at the reunion, at the Pines, Bob Piette brought the colors to the reunion and presented them to me. The members of the 331st Infantry were fortunate last year to have their Regimental Commander, LTG Robert York, present at the reunion. I informed Gen. York that I had the Regimental Colors, and that because he had commanded the Regiment during the war, that he should have the Colors.

The Regimental Colors were presented to Gen. York at the meeting of the 331st Infantry. I knew that it was a happy occasion for him, and I was pleased to have made the presentation.

On April 15, I received a copy of the letter that Gen. York had received from the Headquarters of the Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga. (a copy of the letter is printed blow). I had a feeling that The 331st Infantry Regiment's Colors would end up at the National Infantry Museum. When Gen. York was the Commandant of the Infantry Museum.

(Also listed below is an excerpt from the Infantry Museum.

Joe Macaluso

LTG Robert H. York
U.S. Army Retired
6235 Caminito Buena Suerte
San Diego, California 92120

APRIL 15, 1986

Dear General York:

The National Infantry Museum is honored to add the colors of the 331st Infantry Regiment to our collection. On behalf of Fort Benning and the National Infantry Museum, please accept our thanks for this gift.

Enclosed are copies of our donation certificate for your signature. Please sign and return one to us; the other is for your records.

I hope you and Mrs. York are well and that you will pay us another visit. And again, thank you for this fine artifact.

Sincerely,
Z. Frank Hanner
*Curator, National
Infantry Museum*

Concerning the upgrading of the 83rd Infantry display, if items could be donated that were actually used by infantrymen who served in the 83rd Division during World War II and were used in battle, that would add much to the display. Some possibilities would be knives carried or captured in battle, including bayonets; captured flags or guidons or flags or guidons used by the Division while fighting in Europe; combat uniforms worn by 83rd soldiers into battle, including helmets, caps, and scarves; captured enemy equipment such as uniforms, radios, canteens, boots, packs, shoes, etc.; propaganda leaflets picked up on the battlefield, arm bands, road signs; and weapons surrendered to or captured by the 83rd.

Anything donated should have as much history with it as possible—for example, when and where it was captured. Such information should also be furnished about U.S. items: who wore or used the item, what battles it was used in, etc. If the history of the piece is to be saved it must be properly recorded.

Another possibility you might like to consider is a stained glass panel depicting the 83rd insignia. Experience has shown that costs run \$100 to \$200 for a 16" x 18" panel.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Hello Buddies:

Greetings from Cleveland Chapter to all of you Thunderbolts out there. It won't be long now and we'll all be enjoying our lasting friendship again. This time in Tennessee.

I was extremely shocked to hear that my good buddy *Frank Albano* died. *Mort Goldman* told me to drop him a line saying he was real sick. So I did, that was during the Holidays. *Albano* was the little guy that looked like *Col. Sanders* passing out matches at the Reunions each year. We'll all miss him, I'm sure, as he was a good little guy, conscientious and a true 83rd buddy.

We had our Memorial Day Parade yesterday, May 26. The weather was great for a change and our Chapter was well represented again. *Lindsey, Uher, Szubski* and *Tresziak* took over the rifle duties again and did a commendable job once more. There were 14 members present. *Lou and Priscilla Donnelly* drove up from Salem, Ohio to join us.

Our monthly meeting was held after the festivities, and a good time was had by all that attended. *Emily and Chester Czech* did their usual bang-up job of keeping the food and refreshments moving. The women played cards and indulged in "girl talk", the men sat around and discussed the Reunion, then later on we got a poker game going. The *Klugiewicz's* came in from Erie, Pennsylvania for the meeting traveling over 100 miles each way. That's what I call being loyal to an organization such as ours. My lady friend, *Alice*, enjoys the girls and fits right in as if she had been here all along, which makes me feel good too. Congratulations to the *Meczka's* becoming grandparents, son Mike adopted a baby, (sex unknown at the moment). *Mary* is going to California for the Christening. I also heard that the *Donnelly's* became instant Grandparents, details not known yet, one of the newly weds has two children, which is which I don't know either. All in all, it's nice to hear things of this nature, death and sickness is hard to bear and is bad news.

I am enjoying some fabulous walleye and perch fishing in Lake Erie. Things are really looking up since the State of Ohio banned all gill netting. The fish population is literally exploding in the lake and I'm hoping to get my good buddy *Rollie Warner* out to enjoy a day of fishing. He just can't make plans as he is busy around the house fixing this or that. Maybe I'll grab him by the butt and drag him out this coming week.

Aside to *Mort Goldman*, I did write to *Frank Albano* as you asked me to and I don't know if he got to read my letter.

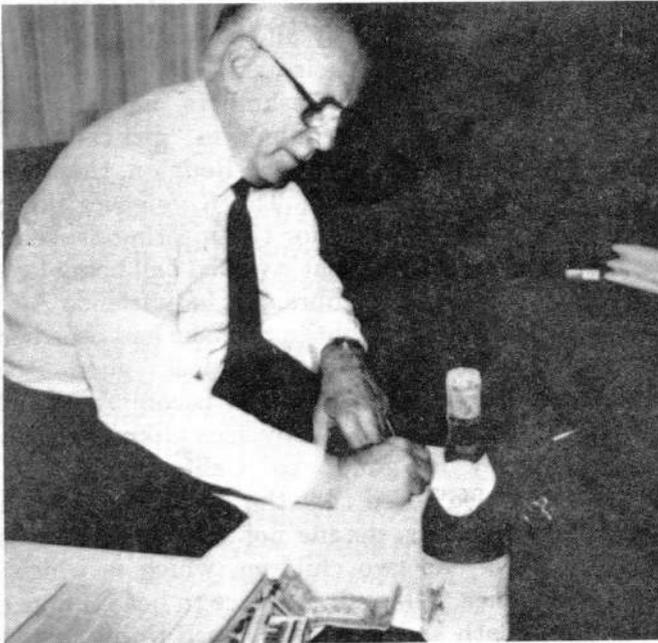
There isn't any news so I'll get this over with and wish all you TBolts the best of health always.

Take care and fight nice, you guys, see you all this August in Tennessee.

Respectfully
Al Uridel



WOJG Allen H. Marshall, Personnel Officer, 323rd FA BN, Sept. 1942 to Oct. 1943 with his wife, Mary Kay, March 9, 1986



Efrim Fruchtman with Tontine Bottle

323rd REPORT

Victor Bravman is recovering from his operation at 209 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021.

Don Willis writes me that he is ready take on any of you Yankees. I guess he has been reading too many Southern Books in his retirement. Donald I was on the telephone with *George Polites* and he asked me if you could get out of you *Rocking Chair* now.

Erwin Erhardt has been watching the Cincinnati Reds everyday. Erwin if they don't start doing better, Boston could send a Little League Team out there to help.

I am hoping "*Chuck*" *Hensley* will make it this year to the Reunion. I will send him a Road Map so he can get out of Guyhoga Falls. OH.

John Pollack has been very good at keeping in contact with me. John puts a personal touch to Europe as he went back to the familiar place that we all saw in 1944. John said he will take me with him the next time.

Alvis Waldrep had a nice chat on the telephone with me. He and his wife are going to try to make the Reunion. Knowing his wife, Alvis will answer Roll Call in Tennessee.

Don St. John and *Bill Shaner* are keeping busy in Altoona, PA. They play sports with the "Ole Folks." I still can play the "Hot Corner" for the 83rd in Boston, MA with *Tom Papileas* the Manager.

Ralph Morgan had a wonderful visit from *Efrim Fruchtman*, which got *Frank Wirth* to Falls Church, VA. They had a real blast and a lot of laughs. Since their party I checked out the Calvados. It was still sealed up. *Ralph Morgan* sent me a picture of *Efrim* signing the Tontine Contract (see picture enclosed).

Thanks to *Ralph Morgan*, *Bob Costello*, *John Pollack*, *Erwin Erhardt*, *Walt Harding*, *Lesli Taylor* and *Willie Snodgrass* for their help this year with the memorial page for the departed comrades of the 323rd, Headquarters.

Dallas Williams informed me that *Jack Knight's* wife died suddenly at their home. Our condolences to Jack and his daughter.

Hope to see you all in August.

Amby Tynan

P.S. Today I received word of the death of *Chester Zubeck*. I am enclosing a paragraph from one of the men about Chet which says it all.

In this day and age when Loyalties all too often are measured by "what's in it for me?" Chet held firmly to the ways of our youth. He was faithful through thick and thin to his family, his friends, his outfit, his church and his nation. He worked hard at being a real man in every sense of the word. Our hearts go out in grief to his wife, his sister, his children and his grandchildren. We are richer human beings for having known a soldier the likes of Chester Zubeck.

Dear Mr. Derickson:

I am trying to locate my brother, David Marshall Wilson, who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. If there is a fee for running this ad, I will be happy to pay for it. And may God bless you.

To David Marshall Wilson, your twin brother is Daniel Woodrow Wilson. My name is James Overton Wilson, Jr. I was adopted in 1947, so please get in contact with me. I am your younger brother.

James Overton Tumlinson
Box 537
Dillard, Oregon 97432
Phone: 503-679-7303

Can any of you men help this person?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are heading down the homestretch of another great year in the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. To those of you who have taken an active part in the Association, you should feel mighty proud to see how successful our Association has been. We who have had the great Honor and Pleasure of having served as Officers in the Association, extend a special vote of thanks and confidence to those of you who have been dues paying members over the years and have done your part to keep this Association the great Organization that it is.

At the present time, our paid up membership is quite strong, but with the help of those of you who have names and addresses of former Buddies that we do not have on file, could help the Association by trying to get them to join. Obtaining Membership in an Organization like this takes some sales work, and you can become a salesman. Granted, being a salesman for the 83rd Infantry Division Association is a non-salaried position, as a matter of fact it costs you twenty-two cents for each letter you send out, but when you know that you have obtained another paid up member for the Association it is a great feeling.

Well Buddies, by the time you get to read this letter, it will be almost time to travel to Knoxville for the 40th Annual Reunion. The Dixie Chapter has been hard at work trying to make this a Reunion to remember. As you know, I have been hard at work trying to help the Dixie Chapter with their Ad Book. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you who so generously helped with your Ads. I have been disappointed in several that I haven't heard from, but I suppose that we must realize that we are all getting older and many of us are now living on fixed incomes, so we can't be as ready to take an ad as we have in the past. I am well aware of this fixed income problem as I have been on it for several years. Let us remember, the most important thing in the Association is paid up Membership. Let us all do our part to keep the name 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION the number one name in Veterans Associations. Hoping to see you all in Knoxville.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

DEATH COMPENSATION RELATING TO DEATHS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1957 For Survivors of Deceased Veterans

Coverage

Death compensation payments are authorized for surviving spouses, unmarried children under 18 (as well as certain helpless children and those between 18 and 23 if attending a V.A.-approved school), and dependent parents or servicepersons or veterans who died before January 1, 1957, from service-connected cause not the result of willful misconduct. If service-connected death occurred after service, the veteran's discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable.

Surviving spouses, children, and parents eligible for death compensation under this section may elect to receive DIC payments instead. They may not thereafter choose death compensation. For surviving spouses and children, DIC is the greater benefit. For dependent parents, it may or may not be depending on annual income.

Definition of Surviving Spouse

(a) Date of Marriage - Generally, to qualify, a surviving spouse must have married the veteran at least one year prior to his or her death unless a child resulted from the union.

(b) Residence with Veteran - the surviving spouse must have lived continuously with the veteran from the time of marriage until the veteran's death, except where there was a separation due to the misconduct of, or procured by, the veteran without fault on the part of the spouse.

(c) Surviving Spouse's Remarriage - The surviving spouse's remarriage following the death of the veteran makes her or him permanently eligible for compensation based on the death of that veteran unless the purported marriage is void, has been annulled or ends in death or divorce. A surviving spouse may also be eligible if she or he has lived with another man or woman openly as the spouse. Should such relationship end, she or he may re-apply for benefits.

(d) Purported Marriages - If she or he meets the other qualifications, a person who married a veteran without knowing that a legal impediment to the marriage existed may be eligible for compensation in certain cases.

Definition of Dependent Parents

Parents are held to be dependent for death compensation if their income is insufficient to provide reasonable maintenance for themselves and for members of their family under legal age. Proof of dependency must be submitted to V.A. upon application for death compensation under this section.

Nature of Benefit

Monthly payments to eligible survivors are at rates of \$87 for surviving spouse, only with higher amounts if there are eligible children: children only \$67, \$94 and \$122 for one, two or three children respectively with \$23 for each additional child; and \$75 for one dependent parent or \$40 each for two dependent parents.

Additional Allowance for Surviving Spouses or Parents in Need of Aid and Attendance

A surviving spouse or parent who qualified for death compensation may be granted a special allowance for aid and attendance if a patient in a nursing home; or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require regular aid and attendance of another person. The additional allowance is \$79 monthly, which is payable in addition to the basic death compensation rate for which the surviving spouse or parent otherwise qualifies.

Where to Apply: Any V.A. Office.

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED DEATH COMPENSATION

**For Surviving Spouses and Children
of Deceased Spanish-American War.**

**Mexican Boarder Period, World War I, World War II,
Korean Conflict Period and Vietnam Era Veterans
who have died of Nonservice-connected Causes**

Conditions of Veteran's Service

The veteran must have had 90 days of wartime service, unless discharged or retired sooner for service-connected disability, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. If the veteran died in service not in line of duty, benefits may be payable if the veteran had completed at least two years of honorable active service.

Definition of Surviving Spouse

(a) Date of Marriage - Generally, to qualify, a surviving spouse must have married the veteran at least one year prior to his or her death unless a child resulted from the union; or in the case of Vietnam Era veterans; the marriage occurs prior to May 8, 1985.

(b) Residence with Veteran - A surviving spouse must have lived continuously with the veteran from time of marriage until veterans death, except while there was a separation due to the misconduct of or procured by the veteran without fault on the part of the spouse.

(c) Remarriage - Remarriage following the death of the veteran makes the surviving spouse ineligible for pension based on the death of that veteran unless the purported remarriage is void or has been annulled or terminated by death or divorce. A surviving spouse may also be ineligible if after death of the veteran she or he has lived with another man or woman and held herself or himself out openly to the public to be the spouse. Should such relationship terminate, she or he may reapply for benefits.

(d) Puported Marriage - If she or he meets the other qualifications, a person who married a veteran without knowing that a legal impediment to the marriage existed, may be eligible for pension in certain cases.

Eligibility Requirements

Surviving spouses and unmarried children under age 18 (or until age 23 if attending a V.A. approved school) of deceased veterans of these wars or conflicts may be eligible for pension based on need if they meet the applicable income standards.

Otherwise qualified children who became permanently incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defect before reaching 18 may receive a pension as long as the condition exists or until they marry.

Pension is not payable to those whose estates are so large that it is reasonable they look to the estates for maintenance.

Aid and Attendance or Housebound

A surviving spouse who is a patient in a nursing home or otherwise determined to be in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person, or is permanently housebound, may be entitled to higher income limitations or additional benefits, depending on the type of pension received.

IMPROVED PENSION

Effictive December 1, 1983, the improved pension program provides for the following annual rates, generally payable monthly, reduced by the amount of the annaul countable income of the surviving spouse or dependent children.

Surviving spouse without dependent children - \$3,695

Surviving spouse with one dependent children - \$4,841

Surviving spouse in need of regular aid and attendance without dependent child - \$5,912

Surviving spouse in need of regular aid and attendance with one dependent child - \$7,056

Surviving spouse permanently housebound without dependent child - \$4,518

Surviving spouse permanently housebound with one dependent child - \$5661

Increase for each additional Dependent child - \$935

Pension rates for surviving children:

Child alone - \$935

Each additional child - \$935

PROTECTED PENSION PROGRAMS

All surviving spouses and children who were on the rolls December 31, 1978, who do not elect improved pension, may continue receiving pension under the prior law at the rate they were receiving on that date. Monthly payments shall continue as long as their income does not exceed the applicable income limitation or they do not lose a dependent.

INCOME LIMITATIONS FOR SECTION 306 SURVIVORS

Surviving spouse without dependent child(ren) - \$6,273
Child(ren) alone - \$5,126
Surviving spouse with child(ren) - \$8,435

INCOME LIMITATIONS FOR OLD LAW SURVIVORS

Surviving spouse without dependent child(ren) \$5,490
Child(ren) alone - \$5,490
Surviving spouse with child(ren) - \$7,919

REIMBURSEMENT OF BURIAL EXPENSES

Eligibility

Veterans must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Service-Connected Death and Burial Allowance

Eligibility is established if the veteran died as a result of service-connected disability.

Nonservice-Connected Death Burial Allowance (Deaths prior to Oct. 1, 1981)

Eligibility is established if the veteran served during a period of war, was entitled to service-connected compensation at the time of death or was discharged or retired for disability incurred in line of duty. Eligibility is also established if the veteran died while hospitalized or domiciled in a V.A. facility or other facility at V.A. expense.

Nonservice-connected Death Burial Allowance (Deaths on or after Oct. 1, 1981)

Eligibility is established if the veteran were entitled at the time of death to pension or compensation (or but for the receipt of military retired pay would have been entitled to compensation). Eligibility is also established if the veteran died while hospitalized or domiciled in a V.A. facility or other facility at V.A. Expense. After October 1, 1982, eligibility may also be established in cases of certain indigent veterans whose remains are unclaimed.

Plot or Internment Allowance

Eligibility for the plot or internment allowance is established if the requirements for the burial allowance are met. Eligibility is also established if the deceased were a veteran of any war, or was discharged or retired from service because of a disability which was incurred or aggravated in line of duty.

Who May Claim Reimbursement

Funeral Director, if unpaid, otherwise person who bore veteran's burial expenses.

Nature of Benefit

Payment, not to exceed \$300, toward the veteran's burial expenses. Claim must be filed within two years after permanent burial or cremation. Additional costs of transportation of the veteran's remains may be allowed if the veteran died while hospitalized or domiciled in a V.A. Hospital or domiciliary or at V.A.'s expense or died in transit at V.A.'s expense to or from a medical facility.

Payment of an amount not exceeding \$150 as a plot or internment allowance in addition to the \$300 basic burial allowance when the veteran is not buried in a National Cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States Government.

Burial or plot allowances may not be paid to the extent that they were paid by the deceased's employer or by a State agency or a political subdivision of a State. However, when a veteran is interred in a cemetery or a section of a cemetery owned by a State or a political subdivision of a State which is reserved solely for veteran's burials, the plot allowance of up to \$150 may be payable to the State or the political subdivision thereof.

Payment of an amount not exceeding \$1,100 or the Federal Death Benefit whichever is greater, as a burial allowance if the veteran's death is service-connected. this payment is in lieu of the \$300 basic burial allowance and the \$150 plot-internment allowance.

The V.A. will pay the cost of transporting the remains of deceased, service-disabled veterans to the national cemetery nearest their home having available grave space.

Where to Apply: Any V.A. Office.

BURIAL FLAGS

Eligibility

The deceased veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and must have been either a wartime veteran or one who served after January 31, 1955, or a veteran who served at least one enlistment during peacetime, unless discharged or released sooner for disability incurred in line of duty. V.A. may also issue a flag for a veteran who is missing in action and is later presumed dead.

Nature of Benefit

American flag to drape casket of veteran, after which it may be given to next of kin, close friend or associate of the deceased.

Where to Apply: Any V.A. Office or most local Post Offices.

BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES

Eligibility

Burial is available to any deceased veteran of wartime or peacetime service (other than for training) who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable at all Veterans Administration national cemeteries. Members of the Reserve and the Army and Air National Guard who die while performing or as a result of performing active duty for training may also be eligible.

Burial is also available to an eligible veteran's wife, husband, widow, widower, minor children and, under certain conditions, to unmarried adult children.

Headstones and markers are provided for the gravesites of those interred in national cemeteries. No application is required.

Detailed information regarding eligibility and internments is contained in V.A. pamphlet titled,

"Internments in National Cemeteries." Copies may be obtained from any V.A. office.

Arlington National Cemetery (Department of Army)

This cemetery is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army and burial is limited to specific categories of military personnel and veterans except in the case of cremated remains to be placed in the columbarium. For information you should write to the Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211 or telephone (202) 695-3252 or 3250.

Where to Apply:

Any V.A. office will provide information and other assistance in filing burial request applications. Applications should be made only at the time of death of the veteran or that of an eligible dependent by contacting the Director of the National Cemetery desired. Ordinarily this is done by the attending funeral director.

HEADSTONE OR GRAVE MARKER

Headstones and markers are provided for the gravesites of those interred in national cemeteries. No application is required.

Eligibility

Headstone or grave marker is available for any deceased veteran of wartime or peacetime service (other than for training) who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and is buried in a private cemetery. Members of the Reserve and Army and Air National Guard who die while performing or as a result of performing active duty for training may also be eligible.

Nature of Benefit

A headstone or grave marker is provided without charge and shipped at Government expense to the consignee designated. The cost of placing the marker in a private cemetery must be borne by the applicant. Applicants are cautioned to assure the correctness of all information.

The benefit does not apply to members of a veterans family who are buried in an private cemetery but does apply to the family members buried in a veteran's cemetery owned by a State.

Where to Apply:

Forward applications (V.A. Form 4-1330) to the Director, Monument Service (42), Department of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420. Any V.A. office will provide the information and other assistance.

Inquiries

Information regarding the status of a headstone/marker application for placement in a private

cemetery can be obtained by writing to Director, Monument Service (42), Department of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420 or by calling (202) 275-1494 or 1495.

Inquires regarding the headstone/marker for a gravesite in a national cemetery can be obtained from the director of the National Cemetery involved.

HEADSTONE OR GRAVE MARKER MONETARY ALLOWANCE

Eligibility and Nature of Benefit

The V.A. may pay an amount not to exceed the average actual cost of a Government headstone or marker as partial reimbursement for the cost incurred by the person acquiring a non-Government headstone or marker for placement in a cemetery other than a national cemetery. The amount normally changes from year to year. Effective October 1, 1983, it was \$68.

Where to Apply: Any V.A. Regional Office. Ask for V.A. Form 21-8834.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES For Next of Kin of Deceased Eligible Veterans or of Persons Who Were Members of the Armed Forces at Time of Death

Eligibility

Eligibility for a deceased veteran is based on having a discharge other than dishonorable. Eligible recipients include the next of kin (widow, widower, oldest child, parent or oldest sibling), a relative or friend upon request, or a authorized representative acting on behalf of such relative or friend.

Nature of Benefit

The certificate expresses the country's grateful recognition of the person's service in the Armed Forces and bears the signature of the President.

Where to Apply:

Notice of a veteran's death is normally received in one of V.A.'s regional offices and that facility identifies the next of kin from the veteran's records and requests the certificate from Washington, D.C. Next of kin of veterans need not apply. Others should apply to a V.A. regional office.

MEMORIAL MARKERS AND MEMORIAL PLOTS For Certain Veterans Whose Remains are Nonrecoverable, Not Identified, Buried at Sea, Donated to Science, or Cremated and Ashes Scattered

Eligibility

A memorial headstone or marker may be furnished on application of a close relative recognized as the next of kin to commemorate any eligible veteran (including

a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service) whose remains have not been recovered or identified, or were buried at sea, (whether by the veteran's own choice or otherwise); were donated to science, or were cremated and the ashes scattered without interment of any portion of the ashes. The memorial may be erected in a private cemetery in a plot provided by the applicant or in a memorial section of a national cemetery.

Where to Apply:

Forward applications (V.A. Form 40-1330) for memorial markers to Director, Monument Service, (42), Department of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420. Any V.A. office will provide information and other assistance in filing applications.

OVERSEAS BENEFITS

Medical Benefits

Veterans with service-connected disabilities should obtain a statement of the disabilities from the V.A. office that maintains their medical records before going overseas.

The statement will enable the veteran to obtain emergency treatment or hospitalization - paid for by the V.A. - when proper application for medical benefits and the statement are presented to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate in a foreign country. Application for treatment should be made in advance or within 72 hours of need for emergency care.

The Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Manila is the only overseas hospital where V.A. - paid care is available to veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities. Veterans may be admitted on a space-available basis and then only if they cannot afford other hospitalization.

Other Overseas Benefits

Certain V.A. educational benefits are available overseas to eligible veterans, their spouses and children. Details on the availability of these benefits should be obtained from V.A. when planning an extended trip or permanent move overseas.

V.A. will mail compensation and pension checks to most overseas locations, but G.I. home loans are not available for overseas properties.

Veterans residing in foreign countries should contact the nearest American Embassy or Consulate for information or assistance.

APPEALS

All Prospective V.A. Beneficiaries

Eligibility

Claimants have the right to appeal determinations made by a V.A. regional office or hospital which they believe are unfavorable to them. Not all field determinations are appealable but those dealing with

compensation or pension benefits, education benefits, waiver of recovery of overpayments, and reimbursement of unauthorized medical services are typical issues which may be appealed to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Time Limit: Where to File

A claimant has one year from the date stamped on the notification of the determination within which to file an appeal. An appeal is initiated by filing a "Notice of Disagreement" in which the claimant expresses his or her dissatisfaction and requests appellate review. This Notice of Disagreement should be filed within the V.A. facility responsible for making the determination.

Following receipt of a Notice of Disagreement, the V.A. office will furnish the claimant a "Statement of the Case" setting forth the issue, facts, applicable law and regulations, and the reasons for the determination.

In order to complete the request for appeal, the claimant must file a "Substantive Appeal" within 60 days after the date stamped on the Statement of the Case, or within one year from the notification of the original determination, whichever is later.

Board of Veterans Appeals

The Board of Veterans Appeals is responsible for rendering all final decisions. A personal hearing on appeal may be arranged any time following the filing of a Notice of Disagreement. The personal hearing may be held in Washington, D.C., before a traveling section of the Board at a nearby V.A. office, or before a board of the V.A. office acting as agents for the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Additional information on appeals may be found in V.A. pamphlet 1-1, "Board of Veterans Appeals, Appeals Regulations and Rules of Practice," available from V.A. (01C1), Board of Veterans Appeals, Washington, D.C. 20402. The appellate decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals have been indexed to facilitate access to the contents of decisions (BVA Index 1-01-1). The index is published quarterly in microfiche form with an annual cumulation. It is organized to provide citations to BVA decisions under subject terms chosen to describe the issues adjudicated in the appeals. Cases which pertain to the same issues are grouped together in the index under alphabetically arranged subject terms. The index is available at V.A. regional offices and at Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C. Microfiche Board of Veterans Appeals, Washington, D.C. 20420.

NON-V.A. BENEFITS

There are various benefits available to veterans and their dependents which are not administered by the Veterans Administration. These are summarized below with information as to how to contact the proper agency.

RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

(1) For private employment and State or local government employment. Contact any office of the Veteran's Reemployment Rights, U.S. Department of Labor.

(2) For Federal Employment. U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Contact any of its regional offices or any Federal Job Information Center.

Eligibility

1. Private employment and State or local government employment. Employees must have left other than temporary employment to enter military service; must have served not more than 5 years after August 1, 1961, after leaving the employment to which he or she claims restoration, provided that any service over four years was at the request and for the convenience of the government; must have been separated honorably or under honorable conditions; and must be qualified to perform the duties of that job or, if disabled while in military service, some other job in employer's organization of comparable seniority, status, and by Federal law if released from military training or service on or after December 3, 1974. The time limits on active duty (other than for training) for not more than 90 days, by the length of such active duty.

2. Federal employment, including employment by the U.S. Postal Service. Generally the same as for private employment.

Nature of Benefit

Restoration in the position the veteran would have attained had he or she not been absent, or in another position like seniority, status, and pay, including all benefits falling due after reemployment which would have accrued by seniority. Protection against discharge without cause for 1 year (6 months in the case of a Reservist or Guard member returning from initial active duty for training, or a member of the Selected Reserve returning from a call-up to active duty, other than for training, for not more than 90 days).

Applying for Re-employment

A veteran must apply to his preservice employer within 90 days after separation from active duty or release from hospitalization continuing for not more than a year immediately after active duty. For Reservists and National Guard members returning from initial active duty for training of 3 consecutive months or more, and for members of the Selected Reserve returning from active duty (other than for training) for not more than 90 days, the application period is 31 days instead of 90. Reservists and National Guard members returning from other types of military training duty must report back to their employer for the next scheduled work period after their return home, allowing for hospitalization and necessary travel and rest time.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The purpose of unemployment compensation for veterans is to provide a weekly income for a limited period of time to help veterans meet basic needs while searching for employment. The amount and duration of payments are governed by Federal and State laws and vary considerably. Benefits are paid from Federal funds.

Recent changes in Federal law have resulted in eligibility restrictions. Veterans should apply immediately after leaving service at their nearest State employment service/job service (NOT at the V.A.) and present a copy 4 of their DD Form 214 to determine their eligibility and benefits.

JOB-FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Assistance in finding jobs is provided to veterans through State employment/job service local offices throughout the country. The local Veterans Employment Representatives provide functional supervision of job counseling, testing and employment placement services provided to veterans. Priority in referral to job openings and training opportunities is given to eligible veterans, with preferential treatment for disabled veterans. In addition, the job service assists veterans who are seeking employment by providing information about job marts, on-the-job and apprenticeship training opportunities, etc., in cooperation with V.A. Regional Offices and Veterans Outreach Centers.

Veterans should apply for this kind of help at their nearest local State employment/job service office.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

(I will send this information to you if you request it)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN EMPLOYMENT

Federal legislation prohibits employers with federal contracts or subcontracts of \$10,000 or more from discriminating in employment against Vietnam-era and all disabled veterans. It also requires these contractors to take affirmative action or positive steps - to employ and advance in employment Vietnam-era and all disabled veterans.

Vietnam-era veterans are covered by this program through 1991. Disabled veterans, covered throughout their working life, are those with a 30 percent or more disability and those who discharge or release from active duty resulted with a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Legislative requirements are administered by the U.S. Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Complaints may be filed with that office or the local Veteran's Employment Representative at the local State employment service office.

CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The Secretary of a military department, acting through a Board for Correction of Military Records, has authority to correct any military record when he considers it necessary to correct an error or remove an injustice.

Some veterans may encounter situations in which they feel they have been victims of error or injustice related to their military service. Applications for correction of a military record, including review of discharges granted by courts martial, may be considered by a correction board.

Generally, a request for correction must be filed by the veteran, survivor or legal representative within three years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. However, the board may excuse failure to file within the prescribed time if it finds it would in the interest of justice to do so. In order to justify correction, it is necessary to show to the satisfaction of the board that the alleged entry or omission in the records was in error or unjust. Applications should include all evidence which may be available such as signed statements of witnesses or a brief of arguments supporting the requested correction. Application must be made on DD Form 149, which may be obtained from any V.A. Office.

MEDALS

Medals awarded while in active service will be issued upon individual request to the appropriate service: ARMY - Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Components, Personnel and Administration Center. ATTN: AGUZ-PSE-AW, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.

COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

Honorably discharged veterans with service-connected disability rated at 100 percent, unmarried surviving spouses of members or retired members of the Armed Forces, recipients of the Medal of Honor, eligible dependents of the foregoing categories, and eligible orphans are entitled to unlimited exchange and commissary store privileges in the United States. Certain reservists and dependents are also eligible. (Entitlement to these privileges overseas is governed by international law, and privileges are available only to the extent agreed upon by the foreign government concerned.) Certification of total disability will be given by the Veterans Administration. Assistance in completing DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card) may be provided by the V.A.

CREDIT FOR FARMS, HOMES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION (FHA) JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT DISABLED VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM NATURALIZATION PREFERENCE REVIEW OF DISCHARGES

(Information for the above six titles will be sent upon request or you can contact the nearest V.A. Office.)

DEATH GRATUITY

Military services provide death gratuities to surviving spouses and dependents. A sum equal to 6-months pay of the deceased but not less than \$800 nor more than \$3,000 is paid to the deceased veteran's spouse, children, or if designated by the deceased parents, brothers, or sisters. This is paid as soon as possible by the command to which the deceased was attached. If not received within a reasonable time, application should be made to the service concerned. The death gratuity is payable in case of any death in active service, or any death within 120 days thereafter from specified causes related to active service.

SOCIAL SECURITY CREDITS

Monthly retirement, disability, and survivors benefits under Social Security are payable to a veteran and dependents if he or she has earned enough work credits under the program. A lump sum death payment of \$255 also is made upon the veteran's death and can be paid only to the veteran's eligible spouse or child entitled to benefits. In addition, the veteran may qualify at 65 for Medicare's hospital insurance and medical insurance. Medicare protection also is available to people who have received Social Security disability benefits for 24 months and to insured people and their dependents with permanent kidney failure who need dialysis or kidney transplants.

Active duty (or active duty for training) in the United States uniformed services has counted toward Social Security, since January 1957, when taxes were first withheld from a serviceperson's basic pay. Service personnel and veterans receive an extra \$300 credit for each quarter in which he or she received any basic pay for active duty or active duty in training after 1956 and before 1978. After 1977, a credit of \$100 is granted for each \$300 of reported wages up to a maximum credit of \$1,200 if reported wages are \$3,600 or more. No additional Social Security taxes are withheld from pay for these extra credits. Also, noncontributory Social Security credits of \$160 a month may be granted to veterans who served after September 15, 1940, and before 1957.

Further information about Social Security credits and benefits is available from any of the more than 1,300 Social Security offices. For the address and phone number, look in the telephone directory under Social Security Administration.

ATTENTION VETERANS, VETERANS' FAMILIES

The V.A. administers benefits for certain veterans, children, and parents of veterans. All are described in this pamphlet.

To file a claim, it will be necessary to identify the veteran. If the veteran, in turn, had ever filed a V.A. claim and the veteran's file number ("C" number) is known, the file number serves as identification.

Otherwise, it will be necessary to establish the veterans identity by submitting the veterans full name and a copy of discharge from service or military service number, branch of service, and dates served.

The V.A. advises keeping the above information and the veteran's government insurance number, in a safe, convenient location. Also, a statement regarding burial preference (location and type of burial) should be included in the veteran's personal papers.

If not already on record in V.A. files, the following documents will be required for claims.

(a) The veteran's death certificate for all claims where the veteran died outside of service or outside of a V.A. hospital.

(b) The veteran's marriage certificate for all claims where the veteran died outside of service or outside of a V.A. hospital.

(c) The children's birth certificates, whether claim is made in the child's own right or by the surviving spouse.

(d) The veteran's birth certificate if the parents of the veteran wish to establish eligibility.

Immediate Death Benefits

The immediate benefits following the death of the veteran - a burial flag and burial in national cemeteries (see text of pamphlet for full details) can be secured with the aid of the funeral director handling the veteran's funeral. The funeral director's requests are usually sufficient to alert the V.A. insurance division so that an insurance claims form is sent to the veteran's beneficiary without injury on the beneficiary's part.

GI Insurance

If the funeral director has not alerted the V.A. at the time of the veteran's death, families in the eastern half of the United States should send their insurance claim to the V.A. Regional Office and Insurance Center, P.O. box 8079, Philadelphia, PA 19101. Families in the western half of the nation should address the V.A. Regional Office and Insurance Center, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, Fort Snelling, St. Paul, MN 55111. Be sure to send the complete name of the veteran and number of the policy or, if the number is unknown, identify the veteran by file number, military serial number or the branch and dates of military service, and date of birth.

Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

Designated beneficiaries of those deceased persons covered by SGLI or VGLI may submit their claim to

the Office of Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, 213 Washington St., Newark, NJ 07102. They should send the full name of the insured member together with other identifying information such as military serial number, branch of service, dates of military service, Social Security number and dates of birth and death. Claim forms may be secured from the nearest V.A. office, or by writing to the Office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance at the above address.

Burial Expense Reimbursement

The funeral director will also assist in filing for Reimbursement of Burial Expenses.

Compensation

If the veteran's death was service-connected, the surviving spouse and minor children may be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

Pension

Nonservice-connected death may entitle the surviving spouse and veteran's minor children to pension payments.

Parents Compensation

In certain cases, parents may be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

Children's Benefits - Restoration or Entitlement to, Upon Termination of Child's Marriage

Entitlement to benefits payable to or on behalf of a child which has been denied or terminated by reason of the child's marriage may be restored if the marriage is terminated by death or dissolved by a court decree.

Children's Education

Children of veterans who die or become permanently and totally disabled because of service-connected disabilities or of service personnel who are missing in action or prisoners of war may be eligible for Dependent's Educational Assistance.

Surviving Spouse's Education

Surviving spouses of veterans who died as a result of service-connected disabilities are entitled to educational assistance.

Spouse's Education

Spouses of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled because of a service-connected disability and spouses of servicepersons who are missing in action or prisoners of war are eligible for educational assistance.

Home Loans for Surviving Spouses

Unmarried surviving spouses of veterans of any period of service occurring since September 16, 1940, whose deaths were service-connected, are eligible for a G.I. Home Loan.

Home Loans for Spouses

Spouses of service personnel who are missing in action or prisoners of war are eligible for a G.I. Loan.

Death Gratuity

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This will serve as the official notification to those of you who have not paid your dues for the year 85/86, which are due on or before August 1st, 1986.

Please refer to your 83rd membership card. If it shows August 1985, and you have not paid your dues in the last month, you are delinquent. So, please respond immediately and provide the financial support that is needed for the continuity of your association.

On the other hand, if you are in such financial circumstances that you require assistance, please notify your Secretary so that a confidential notation can be placed on your record, and we will continue your membership.

Our thanks go out to all of you who responded promptly to our dues requests, and to the many of you who so generously contributed additional amounts to help a buddy. It is our sincere hope that those who have not paid their dues to date, will be taking care of this in the very near future.

Bob Derickson, Exec. Sec'y-Treasurer.

Reunion will be held at the HYATT REGENCY HOTEL in KNOXVILLE, TN. The dates are August 21, 22 23, 1986. Start making your plans to attend the 40th Reunion.

86-87 DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

Deadline for ALL articles to be published in Thunderbolt must be at this office by Sept. 10, Dec. 10, March 10, and June 10.

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Bob

**83rd Infantry Division Assn.
1986 Meeting
August 21-23, 1986**

Please use this reservation form now instead of one for the Hyatt. The Hyatt if full and of the overflow will be housed at the Knoxville-Hilton which is three blocks away. Headquarters for all functions of the reunion will be at The Hyatt Regency.



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plans for the 83rd Division Association Handicap Golf Tournament are progressing very well so complete the entry form in this issue of the Thunderbolt and send it in as soon as possible.

On August 15, 1986 there will be a drawing of names to make up foursome and on for starting times. Husband and wife entrants will remain together for the two (2) day event.

The tournament will be held on August 22nd and 23rd over the first nine holes of the Pine Lake Golf Course.

Green fees and a cart for nine (9) holes will be \$11.00 on Friday - \$12.00 Sat. and starting times will begin at 7:30 a.m. each morning.

The Callaway Handicap system will be used to determine net scores and two trophies will be awarded in the womens' and two in the mens'.

One for low gross score and one for low net.

If you plan to get in a few practice rounds before the tournament mention that you are from the 83rd Infantry Division Association and you may get a special rate.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Knoxville.

Paul Bryars
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GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

CALLAWAY HANDICAP SYSTEM

PAR 36

36-40	Deduct	1/2 of Worst Hole
41-65	Deduct	1 of Worst Hole
46-50	Deduct	1½ of Worst Hole
51-55	Deduct	2 of Worst Hole
56-60	Deduct	2½ of Worst Hole
61-65	Deduct	3 of Worst Hole
Double Par		Is Maximum
Maximum		25 OFF
1/2 stroke Counts as whole		
9th Hole Never Deducted		

All Those Interested In The Golf Tournament

Please Return This Form To

Paul Bryars
2840 Ross-Hanover Rd. Lot 4
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

If you prefer to form your own foursome it is perfectly OK. Just list the names on your entry slip.



Man's Name _____

Woman's Name _____

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION

The 83rd Infantry Division Association Incorporated was formed by three men (all residents of the District of Columbia and Citizens of the United States). They are Alan F. S. Mackenzie, Gurney S. Jaynes, and Daniel G. Hagman. This organization's birth date was in 1946 and is having it's 40th Reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee August 21-22-23, 1986.

The 83rd Infantry Division Association holds a reunion every year at different locations through the United States. By doing this it allows more men to have the opportunity to attend regularly. Now we are finding that our attendance is growing larger and larger since we have more fellows retiring and less family responsibilities. It is a wonderful sight and feeling to see these men meet up with old buddies they haven't seen since they were discharged. You can also make a lot of new friends that helped make the Division have the outstanding record it owns. From the time it landed on the Omaha Beach and Utah Beaches through Normandy, Ardennes, Brittany, Rhineland and Central Europe where we ended up 40 to 50 miles short of Berlin to wait for the Russians to join us at the Elbe River.

Now we would like you members out there to take this center fold page from your book to the editor of your local newspaper or broadcasting facilities in your vicinity. That way we can pass the information about our reunion on to those 83rd men who do not know about this organization. They may wish to join our organization or go to a reunion to meet a buddy they haven't seen for a long time.

We would like to thank you in advance for doing this and for helping us make the 83rd Association even greater.

Please send any request for information to:

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