



# Conventions



"TAKING YOUR WIFE ALONG ON A CONVENTION IS LIKE GOING A.W.O.L. WITH THE MILITARY POLICE."



"YOU? CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITALITY ROOM? - YOU?"



"I'M CHANGING MY DRESS. I'M NOT GOING DOWN INTO THE DINING ROOM LOOKING LIKE THAT."



"DO ME A FAVOR, TONIGHT LET SOMEBODY ELSE LEAD THE CONGO LINE"



"JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET YOU BACK TO OHIO!"



"WHERE ARE ALL THOSE FUN PEOPLE THIS MORNING WHO WERE HAVING SUCH A GAY TIME LAST NIGHT?"



"AND THAT'S NOT ALL. SEE THIS? BELLEAU WOOD, THIRD DAY."



"NEVER MIND YOUR ELECTRIC CANE. HERE ARE SOME NAMES OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY YOU MIGHT WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO."

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## INDIANAPOLIS IN REVIEW

DEADEYES began showing up early - several familiar faces were noticeable around the lobby by Tuesday night.

The ninth annual reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association was held at the Claypool Hotel on July 28, 29 and 30.



Former Mayor of Indianapolis, Albert Losche (left), welcomed the Association on Friday morning. President Robert Huff (right), was ready to open the first business session of our largest reunion to date.

A total of 364 men plus families checked in at the registration tables. This was 32 more than the previous record established just last year in Minneapolis.

Thirty two states were represented. Four states with best attendance were: Illinois 118, Michigan 54, Ohio 40 and Indiana 40. Do not belittle Indiana! There are only about 115 names on the mailing list from the entire state.

Companies with best attendance:

728 Amtrac	18
921 FA	18
383 K	15
381 I	15

Runnersup were: 382 C, 383 I, 361 FA, 362 FA, 321 Med, 796 Ord and 96 QM.

Eight men have perfect attendance and eleven more have missed only one reunion.

"Distinguished DEADEYE" award was presented to Ed Dakan from Mason City, Iowa. His interest in the Association goes back several years before the last two during which he has served as treasurer. Art work in the newsletter, decals and the calendar are some of his contributions.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE REUNION



Rev. Leonard F. Todd (left) of Moro, Illinois, conducted Memorial Services on Saturday morning, July 30th. He served with DEADEYES all the way, having been Regimental Chaplain for 382. He was introduced by Col. Cyril Sterner (right) C.O., 2nd Bn., 382.

His text was taken from John 15:13; Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Reverend Todd said that he believed that soldiers could best tell the real life meaning of the word "friend" because all men were the same in battle, a friend to others. Many comrades laid down their lives for their friends and others endured sufferings and hardships and thought of their buddies first in the line of duty.

Christ put true self to work by laying down his life. He brought life eternal to all who worship Him by suffering on the cross. This happened many years ago on Easter Sunday morning.

In recalling the Easter Sunday landing on Okinawa in 1945, Rev. Todd declared that there was a parallel between those dates separated by 1900 years.

"You men did not wait and ask questions when you were called. You and your buddies went and did your duty for your God, Country, family and last, yourself. When a man can perform this fourfold duty, he is indeed a friend to others."

### SALUTE

Sounding of Taps by John E. Moore concluded the Memorial Service.

John is 17 years old. He is the son of James C. Moore (H-382), 2462 Newland Street, Denver, Colorado 80214

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Alex Markus	Minneapolis	65
Robert Huff	Indianapolis	66

## FROM PRESIDENT PETER B. POHL

Indianapolis will be long remembered for the Hoosier Hospitality bestowed upon members of the 96th.

Ed and Hilda Biggs Reunion Chairman and Hostess, deserve the congratulations of the entire membership for a job well done. At lights out on Saturday night, this outstanding couple must have felt a glow of satisfaction for having entertained the largest group of DEADEYES to assemble anywhere in more than 20 years.

I want to give special recognition to Ed Biggs, who in spite of a coronary occlusion suffered November 1, 1965, worked many old rosters during his recovery period, thereby helping to assure record turnout. Ed has been directly responsible for the addition of at least 2500 names over the past year and he is not done yet.

Alex Markus, Richard Klassen and Ed Dakan also had a lot to do with our attaining of record membership during the past year.

You should know that the 96th Infantry Division Association can probably be regarded as one of the more successful groups of its type founded since WW II. It is entirely possible that right now our rosters contain a larger proportion of current addresses than any similar unit.

We have good days ahead. In the meantime, there are still more DEADEYES to be found and interested in our Association. This is our promise and it can be kept with your help.

Please plan to come to Omaha in 1967. Let us set another attendance record for the third straight year.

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### ABOUT REVERED TODD

Regimental Chaplain 382 until July 1, 1945

96th Division Chaplain July 1945 – October 1945

Discharged from service 1946

All of his ministry has been in the same area across the river from St. Louis. He has three more years to go for retirement.

Oldest of two sons lives with his family in Memphis, Tenn., where he is a doctor doing special work on bones and joints of the human body. He has his military time in, having served as a para-medical with the 101 at Ft. Campbell.

Another son is in the air force stationed at Offutt A.F.B. near Omaha, Nebraska.

## ROSTER OF THOSE PRESENT AT INDIANAPOLIS

### 381st

HQ & HQ Co.  
Edward Grebik  
Andrew Murcko  
George Buttell  
John Kloeppel  
Fred Sutton  
Aloys Kirchoff  
Roy Oliphant  
Aaron Polak  
Adrian Pasternik

### ANTITANK

Warren Johnson  
James Sullivan

### CANNON

James Hinkley  
LeRoy Collins  
Glenn Hamilton  
DeeVeere Hershey  
Cloyce Rucker  
Lyle F. Hull  
Myron Bogue  
Raymond James

### SERVICE

Andrew Augusta

### MEDICAL DET.

Nick Panchula  
Clayton Oisten  
Bernard Sadoski  
Wm. Mc Cormick  
Richard Anderson

### 1st BN. HQ. Co.

Michael Cwian

### "A" Co.

Wm. D. Meyer  
John R. Hodges

### "B" Co.

Minor Butler  
John Byers  
Donald Brown  
Ed Dakan

### "C" Co.

Pete Spagnuolo  
Julius Glanzman

### "D" Co.

Edgar Jeswein

### 381st

"D" Co. cont'd  
Clyde Angles  
Donald Eberhardt  
Harold Davidson  
Sam Riberto  
Marvin Nevius

### 2nd BN. HQ Co.

Edward Dunning  
Robert Kline  
Ernest Vogt

### "E" Co.

LeRoy Larson  
Orville Towne  
Milford Birkmann  
Jack Pintacura  
Joe Fritz

### "F" Co.

Norman Langlo  
John Holt  
Melvin Vietti

### "G" Co.

Donald Reinke  
Lyle Roszell

### "H" Co.

Stewart Probert  
George Caswell

### 3rd BN. HQ. Co.

James Humburg  
Fred Sears  
Robert Richter  
William Criggar

### "I" Co.

Lloyd Wanbaugh  
Philip Galloway  
Walter Bodem  
Ray Radzivila  
Gus Dulakis  
Paul Foster  
Sidney Steiner  
James W. Smith  
Jacob Fisher  
Nathaniel Servi  
Milton Winter  
Leonard Meadows  
Thaddeus Pacyna  
Frank Dowell  
Marvin Anderson

### 381st

"K" Co.  
George Colbert  
Alfon Larson  
Stephen Allen

### "L" Co.

Charles J. Simon  
Donald Tolliver

### "M" Co.

Virgil Below  
George Mooney  
Paul Rush  
Harold Strand  
M.E. Socks  
Leo Wittig

### 382nd

HQ & HQ Co.  
Otto Campbell  
LeRoy Bookman  
Rev. Leonard Todd  
Alvin Blake  
Frederic First

### ANTITANK

Robert Hartzell  
Russell Watts  
Joe Gaal  
Philip Maresca  
Anthony Skaronea  
William Duncan  
Philip Casserly  
Percy Jones  
*OTTO CAMPBELL*  
SERVICE Co.  
Bernie Jones  
Joe Bomersback  
Paul Bauer

### MEDICAL DET.

Arthur Glick

### "A" Co.

Irvin Dickey  
Gilbert Babbs  
Arthur Staub  
Jack Dempsey  
Charles Slaughter  
Mitchell La Boda  
Galon Noll  
James Goettling

### 382nd

"B" Co.  
William Broschk  
Frank Rigelsky  
Alexander Markus

### "C" Co.

Albert Ward  
Ralph Heise  
Fred Peppel  
Frank Gibson  
Robert Rector  
Clarence Rogner  
Alva Amelung  
Phillip Hyster  
John Kinkley  
Richard Ellis

### "D" Co.

Arnold Sauber  
H.A. Maxey  
Roy Fenstra  
Carl Klemaier

### 2nd BN. HQ. Co.

Joseph Hayes  
Cyril Sterner  
Donald Wessel  
Wm. Chambers  
Douglas Fansler  
Harold Wagner  
Charles Haake  
Robert Fitzpatrick

### "E" Co.

Charles Runick  
Richard Lowe  
Earl Mannel  
George Chamberlain  
Gerald Turley  
Vernon Duncan  
William Weidler

### "F" Co.

Albert Buening

### "G" Co.

Franklin Nicholson  
Harold Fluck  
E.G. Wooters  
Hobart Pyle  
Albert Adkisson  
Howard Carrico  
Paul Garrett

### 382nd

"H" Co.  
Howard Mc Graw  
James Moore  
Wm. Dwenger

### 3rd BN. HQ. Co.

Robert Holm

### "I" Co.

Alton Berger

### "K" Co.

Andy Jacobson

### "L" Co.

Earl Sonnenberg  
Leon Gandeh  
Thomas Leach  
Alva Smith

### "M" Co.

Ned Haase  
Albert Lullo  
Fred Weeks

### 383rd

HQ & HQ Co.  
Walter Meehan

### ANTITANK

Milton Colliflower  
Leonard Nelson  
Martin Slagter  
Charles Downs  
Howard Ragsdale  
Lloyd Miller

### CANNON Co.

Ferris Horsley  
Clyde Miller  
Everette Shawgo

### MEDICAL DET.

William Conner  
Clyde Jett, M.D.  
Robert Loftus  
Lee Wright  
Melvin Dustmann  
William Schutt

### 1st BN. HQ. Co.

Edwin List  
Francis Hess  
Harold Hoffenbacher

## INDIANAPOLIS ROSTER – CONTINUED

### 383rd

1st Bn. Hq. Co.  
Donald Fritz

### "A" Co.

Darold Light  
Robert Muehleise  
Donald Monroe  
Vince Baron  
Robert Huff

### "C" Co.

Cecil Collier  
Clarence Plotner  
John Cook

### "D" Co.

Earl Hankammer  
Louis La Bonte  
James Camburn  
Carl Davis  
Michael Torpey  
Henry Graziani  
Iden Johnson  
Richard Jordan

### 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.

George Hatfill  
William Bryson  
Floyd Coppinger

### "G" Co.

James Caffney

### "H" Co.

Carl Lange

### 3rd Bn. Hq. Co.

Edward Stare  
Arnold Kuester

### "I" Co.

A.E. Von Holle  
Lee Wright  
Clarence Snyder  
Ray Dickinson,  
(WW I)  
John Mc Mullen  
Gunner Swanson  
Buil Martin  
Oscar Swanson  
Melvin Coobs  
Henry White  
Eugene Brooks  
Arnold Kuester

### 383rd

### "K" Co.

Arnold Kuester

William Conner  
Charles Rhodes  
Larry Blanchette  
William Sanders  
Thomas Turner  
Nordahl Buros  
Harold Hollenbach  
Richard Klassen  
Hugh Coykendall  
Robert Flanagan  
Robert Clements  
George Buxton  
Harold Ewert  
Floyd Shurter

### "L" Co.

A.C. Talbod  
Harold Edwards  
Kenneth Wicklund  
Milton Shepsky  
Paul Eastin  
Milton Rezac  
Ruben Leal  
Arnold Kuester

### "M" Co.

Gotleib Hardt  
Simeon Garriott  
Edward Funk  
Harvey Kingery

### Division Troops

Division Artillery  
Roy Grub

### 921st FA

J.W. Rutkowski  
J.L. Morelock  
Clifford Williams  
Joseph Kozeluh  
Vince Megna  
Hubert Outland  
Arthur Easter  
Tony Laurito  
Clarence Cox  
Andrew Hosnedl  
William Ramsey  
John Thill  
Williard Thomas  
R.R. Glenn  
John Laskowski  
Lawrence McIntosh  
John Milanzk  
Lawrence Kelsey

### 361st FA

Robert Holloway  
Robert Kerr

E.C. Stuckmeyer  
Victor Hosman  
Kenneth Camp  
James Hudson  
Henry Fuller  
Fred Werts  
Richard Van Etten  
Thomas Owens  
Val Heinrich  
Raymond Herrman

### 362nd FA

John Wilcyk  
Lester Jarvey  
Gordon Ott  
Albert Corwin  
John Huggins  
Paul Burkhardt  
Charles Benson  
Charles Kunkle  
Emmett Cassidy  
James Merritt  
Miles Haberley  
Gerden Burke

### 363rd FA

Neil Romines  
Russel Byers  
Elden Wilker  
Merwin Hill

### 321st Medics

Harry Thoele  
Alvis Harrell  
Jack Weinstein  
Dean Davis  
Dante Giannetti  
Bernie Scanlan  
Anthony Doucet  
George Koranda, MD  
Bertrand Nathan  
Walter Hamilton  
Kenneth Boeldt  
B.W. Kimbrell  
Clyde Mc Clintock

### 321st Engineers

Harold Mc Collum  
Clare Pennington  
Thomas Berry  
Robert Woods  
Robert Brinkman  
Harvey Buettner

### Division Hq.

George Bock  
Paul Breen  
Eugene Alexander

Lyle Brabander  
Charles Ratz  
Neil Grostefon

### Recon

Kenneth Eyer  
Ernest Qualls  
Anthony Abbott

### 796th Ordnance

Joseph Mate  
Herbert Harris  
Eugene Laake  
Armond Grube  
W.J. Armstutz  
Alex Hueseman  
John Taflinger  
Charles Brandon  
Jewell Brooks  
Henry Waniger

### Signal Co.

Peter Pohl  
Hubert Hoffman

### Quartermaster

Jack Fugate  
Shirley Levy  
Denver Suttle  
Joseph Skubic  
Edmund Biggs  
Dr. Gaston Shook  
Gregory Chappers  
John Johnson  
George Kolley  
Charles Freiberg  
D.H. Edmondson  
Noah Boese  
Cecil Chapen

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### **ABOUT THE MAILING LIST:**

Beginning with this newsletter, it has been necessary to make new addressograph plates for the entire mailing list to prepare for the mandatory use of zip-code numbers. Please check for accuracy. Your old outfit in abbreviated form is also included. If it is not mentioned, your outfit is not known for sure and is not included with any roster. The corresponding secretary would like to have this information.

### THANK YOU FROM EDMUND BIGGS

Since my illness about a year ago I have received hundreds of phone calls, telegrams, letters, cards and visits.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone. I think that my friends have had a direct and beneficial effect on my recovery.

Edmund Biggs  
213 Wayside Drive  
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

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### OLD ROSTERS ARE USEFUL

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a summary of attendance at the reunion in Indianapolis. The good showing of several units is not accidental, but a direct result of letters having been written. Many of those first letters were sent by Ed Biggs as he checked out old rosters.

If you are not sure whether Ed has worked your old roster, send it to him anyhow. He will make a copy, then return the original to you.

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### DON'T GET LOST

Klassen is trying to keep an up-to-date roster. Send Dick your change of address, your buddy's or any news that may involve our members.


Under remarks on the coupon printed below, you can let him know how you feel about the idea to have the Division History reprinted.

If the coupon does not have enough room for your story or suggestion, just write a letter to him. Dick likes a full mail box.

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 <p><b>SEND TO</b> <b>RICHARD KLASSEN</b> 929 S. Myrtle Kankakee, Illinois <b>60901</b></p>	<p><b>TO INSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF <i>Deadeye Dispatch</i></b> <b>AND OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE ADVISE</b> <b>THE REGISTRAR OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS</b></p>	
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### PROFILE

Col. Cyril D. Sterner (Picture on page 3)  
46 Ripley Drive  
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35809

Colonel Sterner was C.O. of 2nd Bn., 382 from start to finish. This man proved his leadership on Leyte, then fate put him and his men where the action was; right down the middle of Okinawa through Ginowan, over Nishibaru Ridge, Tanabaru Escarpment and the ordeal at Shuri.

Company E of his battalion was awarded Battle Honors by the War Department.

Among many personal awards and decorations, the Colonel wears the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Since 1963, this Nebraskan (or Corn Husker) has been assigned as Land Combat Commodity manager of the Missile Command for the Aircraft Weapons Program. His job is concerned with developing firepower systems for helicopters, bringing a new kind of operational capability to Viet Nam. MICOM does not actually manufacture hardware, it does conduct basic investigations as well as exploratory and advanced testing and reliability evaluations of equipment in the field.

The Colonel and Harriett, his wife, have four girls. He lists them as follows: Michael - junior at Auburn Univ. in Ala.; Jan - freshman at Univ. of Nebr.; Cindy - 11th grade; Teresa - 7th grade.

His hobbies are photography, restoring antique furniture, radio and TV repair and golf. Latest sideline is Historian for the DEADEYES.

The list of foreign places visited reads like a geography book of the world.

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## TAPS

God, in His infinite wisdom, has summoned 46 more Deadeyes who have served their country faithfully and well in war and peace. The 96th Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families. Most of the following names were obtained from old rosters recently worked. Where known, year of death has been listed.

381st – 1st Bn. Hq.	Ora Green*	May 1957
	Leonard Yarwood	
	Robert Van Winkle	
	Stanley Zajkowski	
	Charles Riley	
	Rex V. Noe	
"E" Co.	William Draper	
	John Karpinski	
382nd – Antitank	Clayton Lowes*	1962
	Ellis Kile	
"D" Co.	Clarence Carroll*	Nov. 1965
"G" Co.	Joseph Surowiec	
383rd AT	Wayne Hobson*	May 1966
383rd – "D" Co.	Peter Badaracco*	
"K" Co.	George Shaw	
	John Whatley	
921st – Field Art.	Marvin Adams	
	Peter Aguilar	
	Clifford Carter	
	Harold Cornett	
	John Covington*	May 1959
	Bill Dewey	
	Alberto Garza	
	William Hart	
	Earl Keck*	Dec. 1963
	Anton Kopic	
	Everett Lockhart	
	Rethel Mc Cutcheon	
	Charles Moats	
	Lewis Phillips	
	James Rankin*	Dec. 1949
	Tauns Suomala	
	Glenn Sweeney*	June 1953
	Walter Unteidt*	March 1954
	A.L. Wickersham	
361st – Field Art.	William Reeves	
	Charles Schanck	1950
	Richard Stenseth*	Nov. 1961
	Hugh Glase	
362nd – Field Art.	Ott Mc Cune	
	Clayton F. Neilson	
	Terry Mann*	April 1966
321st – Med. Bn.	Glen (Granny) Anderson	
Div. Hqs.	Felix Kiarsis	
96th Recon	James Drewry*	Dec. 1965
	Joseph Munizza	



### NEW LEADER

Peter B. Pohl, President-elect, served as Reunion Chairman in Minneapolis in 1965. Ann has held several offices in the Auxiliary.

### REUNION PICTURES

All pictures ordered in Indianapolis from the roving photographer should have been received. If yours have not arrived, write to: Convention Faces, 643 Ft. Wayne Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Send picture number. If this does not get results, send same information to Ed Biggs.

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### USE DECALS

Decals are ready for the reunion in Omaha. One decal will be sent with every membership card, unless more are requested. Here is an opportunity to let other people know about the Association by display of these decals on your automobile, in your place of business or vets club.

There are stories galore about strangers noticing the decal, then starting us on the trail of a lost DEADEYE. Write to Dakan for decals.

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

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\*Confirmed by letter. Others are derived from returned mail and do not guarantee accuracy. An example: Newsletter to Victor Hosman (361-FA) was returned in June, 1966 marked "deceased". A month later he attended the reunion.



## HISTORY:

"The history of the world is but the biography of great men." Thomas Carlyle

One of the main aims of the Association has been to perpetuate comradeship of those who served as DEAD-EYES. Consequently, the office of Historian was created one year ago at the reunion in Minneapolis.

Col. Cyril D. Sterner, (C.O., 2nd Bn., 382nd), accepted the job of collecting memorabilia about the wartime activities of the 96th. He brought to the reunion in Indianapolis a newspaper size scrapbook in which he had compiled man pictures and reports.

As work on this valuable project continues, Colonel Sterner has said that he can use just about anything that anyone might send to him. Unusual pictures, news clippings, glossy prints showing views of camps and maneuvers would be suitable. He is looking for pictures and such documents. Company and battalion group pictures could be useful, if reproducible.

Historian Sterner has been negotiating for a collection of DEADEYE DISPATCHES. Also, there is a chance that a copy of the War Department History of Leyte may be available. However, it is his hope that individual members will dig down in their dresser drawer, old trunk or closet and find something important to add to the story of the DEADEYES.

Send to: Col. Cyril D. Sterner  
46 Ripley Drive  
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35809

Copies will be made and originals returned, if requested.

An exhibition of 96th historical items will be held at every reunion.

## SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH A CHECK

Being strictly non-profit, whatever income the Association has must be used in ways that benefit the whole group and go toward objectives set out in the charter.

None of the offices or anyone else connected with the 96th Infantry Division Association receive any pay. They do their work gratis.

You men help take care of newsletter expenses and other incidentals necessary to keep the Association growing by paying \$3.99 dues now. As a receipt for your membership, you will receive a distinctive and attractive card with the Division emblem.

Although the coupon printed below does not mention Auxiliary dues, you may include \$1.00 for your wife, thereby saving a stamp. Be sure to identify any extra remittance so that proper amount can be forwarded to Auxiliary treasurer to finance their worthy projects.

## ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CHANGE IN DUES

During a business session in Indianapolis, an amendment was passed by the membership present that, beginning on August 1, 1968, Association dues will be increased to \$4.00. Dues will remain at \$3.00 until that time. Those members who pay dues in advance may do so at the \$3.00 rate.

Rather than restrict mailing of the newsletter after building a roster of nearly 7,000 current addresses, the change in dues was recommended by a finance committee after careful study.

## SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH A CHECK

<b>ED DAKAN</b> 96th Inf. Div. Assn. P. O. Box 725 Mason City, Iowa 50401		<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>		<b>CLIP OUT AND MAIL TODAY</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement			
<b>Here are \$3.00, my annual membership dues for the year</b>				JUL 31 1967 <input type="checkbox"/>	
				JUL 31 1968 <input type="checkbox"/>	
NAME _____		Unit Served _____			
<small>Please Print (Last) (First) (Middle)</small>		<small>(Co. or Btry.)</small>			
Address _____				Army Serial No. _____	
City _____		State _____		Zip _____	
Make Remittance Payable To 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION				Signature _____	



### SATURDAY NIGHT IN INDIANAPOLIS

**Above** — Ed Dakan, Treasurer, was recipient of Distinguished Deadeye Award. His partner at dinner was Mrs. Easley.

**Right** — Walter Bryant, Banquet Speaker. At just about this time in the entertainment, a laughing DEADEYE who got the point of a story, fell off of his chair.

**Below** — Surveying the remains of a feast were Hilda and Edmund Biggs, Hostess and Reunion Chairman, along with a group of chow hounds. Left to right around the table: Anita and Lyle Brabander, Ray and Doris Dickinson, Norma and Paul Bauer.



## MAIL CALL

From: Wallace Christman  
2423 Beaumont  
Green Bay, Wisc. 54301

381st - C

From: Miles Haberley  
5609 Villa Road  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37918

362nd - FA

Just received the Divisions Association House Organ, and certainly found it extremely interesting. Particularly some of the personal notes that have been incorporated in it.

Dick, I had the pleasure of meeting you last year when attending my first reunion at Minneapolis, but I am unable to make the one this year at Indianapolis. However, I am please to enclose my check for \$3.00 which I wish you would forward to Ed Dakan.

When the next issue of the Association News comes out I would very much appreciate it if you would ask for the location or addresses of tow of my foxhold buddies, if you do not have them on the roster (I don't). They are both from 381st C Co. One of the boys was Bill Kolarik from Ohio and the other was our company medic - "Doc" Winans of New York.

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From: John Edwards  
Box 160  
Enderby, B.C., Canada

383rd - K Co.

Just returned from a nine month motorscooter trip around the world through 20 countries. I was please to receive the Deadeye Dispatch in my accumulated mail.

Unfortunately, I am committed to leave here by boat July 27th for the South Pacific again and cannot attend the Indianapolis reunion.

After hearing people's opinions about the Viet Nam war in countries all around the world, I must agree with the letter that John V. Chamberlain wrote to a Baltimore paper and was reprinted in the Deadeye Dispatch. "While the American people are led to believe that China is to blame for this war, it is the Russians who are supplying the weapons and ammunition to keep it going. What kind of secret agreement has U.S. and Russia made?"

I was glad to see the address of Bill Connor in the dispatch. He was one of the best medics Co. K, 383rd had.

Enclosed find money order for \$3.00 which I know is necessary for postage to keep the men of the 96th together. I am grateful to you for accepting the responsibility and using your time in fulfilling the job of secretary for the 96th.

What better way to celebrate the 4th of July than to drop a note to the corresponding secretary of my favorite World War II Division. By way of introduction, I was on the original cadre which formed the Division at Camp Adair. I had command of Battery B, 363rd FA then shortly thereafter was promoted to Executive Officer of the 362nd FA Bn. under Lt. Col. Jenkins. I was certainly sorry to hear in the most recent newsletter that he had passed away. Could you tell me the circumstances.

Back in Knoxville working for TVA I built up the 822 Tank Bn. (Heavy) and took it back on active duty for a couple of years during the Korean War. Left it at Camp Polk, La. after finishing basic training. Through the pipeline to Korea where I took command of the 6th Tank Bn. with the 24th Division.

Best news I saw in the Dispatch was the letter from Charles Benson, the best survey officer I came in contact with during the war. He always put us right on target.

Good luck in your efforts to promote the Association. July is our busy time of the year in the Division of Finance, TVA, but if it is at all possible, I hop to see some of the old gang at Indianapolis.

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From: Andrew Jablonsky  
3139 Mountain Pk. Blvd. N.  
Issaquah, Wash. 98027

381st - Hq. Co.

My greetings to the 1966 Reunion of the 96th Deadeye Division. I had really planned on being with you this year, but a new job and promotion plus having to move from Tacoma, Wash. to Issaquah, Wash. necessitates my staying home. However, I will, to the best of my ability, try to meet you in "67" in Omaha, Nebr.

My best wishes to all my buddies, especially those of the Hq. & Hq. Co. of the 381st. Edward Grebik called on me when in Portland, we had a real gab fest. Was really grand seeing him and his good wife, Ruth. If you have the address of any from the Seattle area, I would appreciate the, as I am close enough to look them up.

Wishing you all a happy time at the convention believe me, my spirit will be with you all.

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**WRITE A LETTER TODAY!!!!!!**

## MAIL CALL

From: Albert Gunter  
Box 837  
Ruidoso, New Mex. 88345

796th - ORD

From: James Taylor  
13930 Marion  
Detroit, Michigan

381st - Service

Received the Dispatch today and it is sort of like a letter from home used to be over across the creek. I see names of boys that I knew and things that happened and wish it were possible to attend the doins you are having this summer in Indiana, I know you guys will have a lot of fun visitin.

I got a very startling surprise one time in Waco, Texas several years ago; I met the brother of General Easley that was nearly his spitin image. I looked at the feller and told him I knew a man that was his twin and when he told me his name was Easley, I couldn't believe it. Most of the boys knew of General Easley, but to me he was a very fine man and a friend of the G.I. Thank goodness we had little guys like him with us over there.

On the Taps roll I noted many of our buddies that had to make the trip over the hill and knew many of them as personal friends.

Many hundreds of the boys were my friends there at Camp White and all the way, but may not have remembered me, I had the little Dodge 4 by 4 from the 796th, we did everything from mendin pots to makin Tommy Guns fire backwards.

Thanks for listnin.

Editor: This was a long, newsy letter and I would like to reproduce it in its entirety, but lack of space prevents it.

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From: Edward T. Foley  
14 Masconomet Road  
Ipswich, Mass. 01938

382nd - F Co.

Thank you for the Bulletin; wish I could be with you this year and my old friend Rev. Leonard F. Todd, the finest chaplain in the service. I attended the Detroit convention and enjoyed it very much.

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### STATEMENT

DEADEYE DISPATCH is the official publication of the 96th Infantry Division Association. All communication should be directed to the Corresponding Secretary who also serves as editor.

Aims are to promote activities of the Association and serve its members in every way possible. Your comments, questions, pictures, anecdotes and suggestions are solicited.

The Deadeye Dispatch just received is a sign of a lot of work by some people. Consequently, I have sent in my \$3.00 to Ed Dakan.

Was shocked to read in the newspaper (was it 4 years ago) that my show buddy Dick Kesner was killed. Seeing his name again in the "Taps" column reminded me of the many shows we put on together. His violin playing was a joy to listen to - truly a master.

I was shocked to see another name on the "Taps" list; Mortimer Rappaport. He was in 381st Service Co. - also entertained, a fine singer. I am curious as to what happened - and if this news is correct.. After the war he changed his name to Dean Parker for show purposes and was seen on TV as a part of the chorus of the old Gary Moore show. He was also on a summer replacement show shortly after Gary Moore left the air. Could it be the change of name or do you have definite word of his demise? Would appreciate hearing an answer to my question about Mortimore.

Keep up the good work

Editor: The only info I have is a returned newsletter marked "Deceased". Does anyone have more info?

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From: Robert Peacock  
410 E. Walnut  
Goldsboro, N. C.

382nd - B Co.

I was in B Co. 382nd where on Leyte, November 4th, 1944, I have been told my company lost 35 killed and 68 wounded while trying to take a ridge near Dagami. I was wounded that day - spent 10 months in the hospital, and the man who recovered me from my very exposed position was Sgt..Sharky. As dusk fell and some good while after everyone had "regrouped" at the LOD, a Cpl. Greenbaum came back after me with 3 other men. They toted and swam me probably a 1000 yards back to the LOD where the remnants of the 1st Bn. were dug in. I am anxious to contact any people of B Co., 382nd who might know of these friends.

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**WRITE A LETTER TODAY!!!**

## MAIL CALL

From: Allen B. Schall  
770 Osage Dr.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216

381-1st Bn. Hq. Co.

Enclosed are my \$3.00 dues for the DEADEYES. I think you do a tremendous job on the publication. You might wish to have the address of Major George M. Wilcox, formerly Captian, E Co., 381st. It is: P.O. Box 1274, Concord, North Carolina.

You might also wish to know that Jack Blair, formerly 1st Lt., E Co., 381st was retired several years ago as a Major as a result of wounds suffered while serving as an Advisor in Viet Nam. His son, Capt. John Blair, III, was recently severely wounded while commanding a Green Beret Detachment in Viet Nam and has been recommended, I believe, for the Congressional Medal.

I was a member of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 381st and although now a resident of Pittsburgh, before entering the Division in October, 1942, claimed Saginaw, Mich. as my home town.

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From: Mrs. Wayne Hobson (Helen)  
4510 Van Dyke Ave.  
San Diego, California

383rd - MED

I received the Deadeye Dispatch and now I write to inform you of my husbands passing away May 15, 1966.

Wayne was with the 383rd Infantry Regt. as a medic.

He died very suddenly of a heart attack while visiting in Palm Springs, California.

He was a very happy man and enjoyed life to the fullest.

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From: Mrs. Bruce R. Maltman  
134 Mahaffey Road  
Kelso, Wash. 98626

363 FA C-Bat.

I am enclosing a check for \$3.00 dues for my husband, Bruce. He trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., in North Carolina, then Camp Adair and Ft. Lewis. After Leyte and Okinawa, he was discharged Dec. 24, 1945 at Ft. Lewis, so he was home for Christmas.

He took your last Dispatch along to read high up on the slopes of Mt. St. Helens at 3200 ft. in a 50 ft. tower where he serves as a fire warden with Natural Resources.

Bruce often talks about the fellows, especially Captain Harlow who was killed on Okinawa.

I know that he appreciates the news, but just neglects to send his dues.

From: Dean D. Haith  
13521 Branford St.  
Pacoima, California 91331

381st - Cannon

Please find enclosed a check for \$5.00 to pay for my dues to the 96th Div. Assoc. Sure wish that I could be at the meeting next month, but am not able to make it this year. Give my regards to all the fellows who are from 381st Cannon Co. Glad to hear that Mr. Rucker does attend the meetings. Yes, I know him well and noticed his name in the paper that I received some time ago. Was very nice to get said paper.

Right now, I am in the process of moving my electronic film coating plant, so will not attend the meeting in Indianapolis. Next year I am going to attend the meeting in Nebraska, for that is my home state, although have been in Los Angeles since 1937.

A 96th Division meeting was held here in Los Angeles with only a small news ad in the paper at that time. There was a very large turnout. I am wondering whether anyone has put an ad in the Los Angeles paper this time, for I will bet that there are many old 96th fellows who live here now.

I do not remember what the dues are, so just apply this check to my dues or any fund that needs help, then please advise me how I stand.

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From: Edward L. Jorgensen  
129 Avenue I  
Brooklyn 30, N.Y.

382nd - Hq. Co.

I know that I should have written a long time ago to you or someone else who are working so hard to build a 96th Division Association. I, along with thousands of others, have been receiving newsletters and invitations which have been too often overlooked.

Let me assure you that many of us gold bricks will be coming out of the weeds during the next few months to join up and pay up.

Please add my \$3.00 to the till for this years dues, then use the other \$3.00 enclosed for the delinquent right behind me - when he pays up, apply the dues to the next dead-head.

Then there will be at least two more ex-deadheads who begin to show a little appreciation for the work that the officers and committes are going for the Association.

Thanks again for your efforts. I hope to be able to attend one of the next reunions.

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WRITE A LETTER TODAY

## AUXILIARY REPORT

Norma Bauer

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Biggs did a tremendous job of preparing the many details necessary for our enjoyment at the reunion. The ladies and teenagers had many planned activities for each day.

Claypool Hotel furnished the Florentine Room for the teenager's use throughout the reunion. William "Bang" Meyer brought a juke box with latest hits for their enjoyment. Don Biggs, Ed's brother, supervised the youngsters activities during the banquet on Saturday evening.

Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored a luncheon Thursday noon in the Chateau Room, Claypool Hotel. Mrs. Reid, a milliner, spoke on the subject of Hats. She modelled historical, personality and fashionable hats during her delightful speech. One dozen white milk glass candy dishes were awarded as door prizes.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Bauer accompanied 38 women and teenagers on a tour of the Indiana State Capitol and Museum. At this early time, individuals were present from 11 states. All of those on the tour received a free souvenir, "Indiana - State of Surprises".

Friday afternoon many wives and teenagers accompanied their husbands and fathers on a tour of the Allison Pow-erama and the Indianapolis Speedway.

Friday evening about 80 teenagers of the DEADEYES enjoyed a free "Root Beer Party". Games, prizes and refreshments were supervised by Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Markus and Mrs. Bauer.

Saturday morning the teenagers accompanied their parents to the impressive Memorial Service conducted by Reverend Todd. Mrs. B.F.(Edna) Johnston, Auxiliary member, served as pianist.

The Auxiliary's business meeting was held on July 29th with Mrs. Pohl presiding. A telegram from Mrs. Jacob (Cecile) Tatman, 1965-1966 First Vice President, was read. Her husband had suffered a heart attack and could not attend the reunion.

There was considerable discussion of the treasurer's report and several questions were answered about the Auxiliary finances.

Most of the dues money received in 1962, 1963, 1964 and part of 1965 were spent on the Official Colors which were presented to the Association in July 1965 at Minneapolis. The Auxiliary have purchased table decorations for the banquets every year. Until July, 1965 all door prizes for the Auxiliary luncheon, food and prizes for the teenager's activities had been donated by the Auxiliary officers. During the 1965 and 1966 reunions, money from Auxiliary dues purchased nearly all of the inexpensive food and prizes.

Two deaths were reported: Mrs. Paul Jukuri of Detroit, Michigan and Mrs. William Weidler of Ocheyedon, Iowa. Mrs. Weidler was a charter member of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Pete (Ann) Pohl was presented a gift in appreciation for her work in the Auxiliary.

### REGARDING AUXILIARY DUES

Dues are \$1.00 per year. It is and has been the custom of the Auxiliary to accept projects that have been suggested by the Association or to originate projects that directly promote the Association. Numerous projects await the availability of funds.

Send your dues to Mrs. Joe (Rose) Fritz or Ed Dakan. One dollar will pay your dues from August 1 until July 31 of the following year.

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## FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I would like to emphasize that our reunions have always been friendly and orderly affairs. The program has been geared to interest the entire family, not just the men. Our planning committee knows that some members do not drink, also that a few do nothing but drink (almost), but men can tolerate liquor much better than the boys we once were.

At none of the nine reunions has there been a serious incident. Never has a hotel had to reprimand us for someone's conduct.

Here is a letter that was received by me soon after the reunion at the Claypool. My purpose is to let you know the friendly attitude of the management.

Dear Mr. Klassen:

I do wish to thank you and your fine organization for selecting the Claypool on the occasion of your recent convention. We most certainly enjoyed having you here and I do hope we will have this pleasure again in the future.

All your functions were orderly and well organized and I can honestly say that I have never worked with a more cooperative or congenial group.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,  
Raymond O Meredith,  
General Manager  
Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis

Now our headquarters were at the Claypool, but several families, especially those attending for the first time, registered at nearby hotels or motels. When asked why, their usual reply was that they wanted a place to fall back on if the situation got out of control.

It seems to me that we have an obligation to our host hotel. They always set aside complimentary rooms and gathering areas for our convenience. To be able to afford to do this, the hotel must realize a profit on rooms sold to guests. Special rates have been available and hospitality of the very best.

Richard Klassen  
929 South Myrtle  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901



## LOOKING AHEAD TO OMAHA IN 1967

The Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel, 18th and Douglas Sts., Omaha, Nebraska, will be headquarters for the tenth annual reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association. Dates are July 27, 28 and 29, 1967, in the city that proclaims itself to be the gateway to the west.

Travelling one day from Omaha will place you in the mountains of Wyoming or Colorado. Conversely, our reunion site is only one days drive from such hometowns as Chicago, Duluth, Little Rock, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Scottsbluff, Fargo or Lamar (Colorado).

A hotel reservation coupon will be printed in the spring issue of DEADEYE Dispatch. At same time, our reunion program and schedule of activities will be announced.

### Things to see in Omaha:

**Boys Town** – Located 10 miles west on U.S. 6. A community founded for homeless boys by Father Flanagan, now a bustling institution with many permanent buildings, governed by the boys. Visitors welcome.  
(Free)

**Offutt A.F.B.** – Just 12 miles south on U.S. 73 and 75 near Fort Cook. (SAC Base)

**Union Pacific Historical Museum** – Not far from downtown, 15 and Dodge Sts., in Union Pacific Headquarters Building. Thousands of fascinating items connected with the railroad's history, including a fine Lincoln display of which a replica of his funeral car is a part.  
(Free)

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