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There's An Area At the Hotel Where You May Camp

Ted Hanna, Reunion Chairman for the Dearborn Reunion tells us that there is an area adjacent to the Dearborn-Hyatt which is a maximum, at the furtherest point, of 200 yards from the main driveway, and he has verified this with his contact at the Hyatt. Ted says that we will have no difficulty ground taping an area reserved for our people, all in one specific area, who might be attending with their motor homes, campers or trailers. THERE IS NO ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, but he is looking into the possibility of obtaining a portable generator.

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Auxiliary Corner

Hi, Girls,



I am looking forward to serving as your President this year, as it promises to be a very productive one.

As you know, the 1982 Reunion will mark our 25th year of reunions. With our Milwaukee Reunion now behind us, we are now focusing all of our efforts and enthusiasm on Dearborn, Michigan, the 96th Division's "Silver City."

The attendance at the Milwaukee business meeting in Milwaukee was very good. The luncheon tour of the Performing Arts Center, on stage, back stage, and the accoustics of the Bradley Pavilian and Todd Wehr Theater gave us a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes at a most impressive complex.

The luncheon sitting at the Bradley Pavilion, overlooking the beautiful Milwaukee River, provided a perfect backdrop for the highlight of the afternoon, the "Silk Stockings Revue". We all enjoyed this style show featuring actual costumes from various productions, modeled by the Laura Sherry League of the Milwaukee Reprotory Theater.

There were 201 in attendance at the Ladies' Luncheon. Many more of you wanted tickets and were disappointed to find the supply exhausted.

The reason for this was that our advance registration reservations indicated how many of you were interested in attending the luncheon. With this figure in hand, we finalized all necessary luncheon plans, including reservations. When the luncheon tickets went on sale, many of you who had not responded the the advance registration, decided to attend and very quickly, demand exceded supply.

So, to prevent a future disappointment, please respond to advance registration reservations in the future. We ask that you not send money, only that you indicate whether you'd be interested in attending a scheduled event. We really need those numbers in planning.

The Reunion Committee is hard at work in Dearborn. I'm looking forward to attending their planning committee meeting on November 7. Irene Hanna is doing a great job putting together our luncheon at the Dearborn Inn, with an accompanying program that promises to be innovative.

I'm sure you join me in anticipation of our "Silver Reunion" in Dearborn. Let's make it the best ever!

Sincerely Fran Marlenga - President

Ladies, Please Note....

The following Ladies received "Our Kind of Gal" awards at the Dinner Dance on Saturday evening, July 25, 1981.

Congratulations to Fran Marlenga, Kandi Hewitt, Jan Marlenga and Wannetta Skaronea.

Several of the ladies were introduced as having attended all 24 reunions of the 96th Infantry Division Association. We do not have the names of all the ladies who were introduced. Thanks Gals for attending and making sure that your husbands were in attendance.

We regret to report that Helen Stuckmeyer passed away on May 17, 1981, while on a cruise. Our sympathies and prayers go to Elmer and his children.

The Ladies Luncheon was a GREAT BIG success with 201 in attendance. Many of you ladies expressed a desire to go, but not enough tickets were available. PLEASE do send in your reservations (which will appear in the next Dispatch) so that no one will be disappointed. You do not need to send any money with the reservation.

Dog Tag Key To Mystery

Would you believe a dogtag lost 37 years was the key which allowed a completion of a 50 million dollar sewer project?

It seems that Bend, Oregon wished to construct a sewage treatment plat on federal ground northeast of the city. The Bureau of Land Management required an archeological study of the 750 acre site. Some 70 rings of rocks were found and no one could identify them. Archeologists wondered if they were associated with indians, homesteaders or sheepherders. Then someone found a dogtag lost in 1943 by Staff Sergeant A. L. Splettstoezer, 321st Field Artillery. A call to Tomahawk, Wi. found Spettstoezer had returned to his home town and was still living there. Several other Deadeys confirmed the rock rings were nothing more than simulated machine gun positions. The official 47-page report concludes, "The machine gun emplacements and foxholes are not eligible for listing on the "National Register" because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. Although they are associated with World War II, which significantly contributed to the broad patterns of our history, they are of minor importance to the entire event. They are less than fifty years old and have not achieved special significence or exceptional importance within that time span. They do not typify foxholes or gun emplacements under most combat conditions because they were not dug into the ground. Neither are they associated with particularly significant people".

We can quarrel with that last sentence.

The above article was contributed by Col. Dean Sterner, who was one of the persons contacted.





Columbus, Oh. Oct. 13, 1981

Dear "Deadeyes":

Greetings from Buckeye Country. I wish to thank the membership for granting me the privilege of serving as your President for the year 1981 - 1982.

I want to express my appreciation to the Milwaukee Committee - Ed Dakan, Joe and Fran Marlenga, Alton and Rhodia Berger, Don and Virginia Bloom, Percy and Evelyn Jones - for a very enjoyable and well planned reunion. As far as I can ascertain, it was probably the third largest attendance on record. As a member of a past reunion committee, I realize the time and effort required of a group of hard working, sincere, dedicated people to promote an outstanding reunion.

Our past President Glenn Hamilton served in a commendable manner, and his selection of Elmer Stuckemeyer as the 1981 Distinguished Deadeye, after 6 years dedication and an Assistant Treasurer, was very appropriate.

I also wish to thenk the rest of the Officers and the Executive Committees for their assistance during the past year. Especially, I wish to express my appreciation of the manner in which our new Treasurer - Anthony V. Skaronea - fulfilled his duties during the Milwaukee Reunion. Tony had a hard act to follow succeeding Glenn Hamilton's 6 years as Treasurer.

The Auxiliary is to be commended for their well planned meetings and decorations for the banquet tables.

I always appreciate points of wisdomand ideas, so if any one has suggestions to help make our Reunions more enjoyable please feel free to contact me of one of my Officers. I particularly look foreard to advice and direction the Executive Committee - since it is composed of past officers who have "been through the mill" and involved with our previous reunions.

Since hearing about the 96th Infantry Division Reunions, Jo and I have attended all reunions - starting with Indianapolis in 1966, missing only 1972 due to my hospitalization. We have made so many wonderful friends - in addition to my unit buddies - that we try to schedule additional time in order to see everyone. As a past president once said "IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK", I urge everyone to make a sincere effort to attend future reunions

and renew old and new acquaintances. Set aside the last weekend in July for attending the Annual Reunions.

I sincerely compliment all of the members who have been faithful attenders over the years - since the conception by Minor Butler and his buddies - that have helped to build the 96th Infantry Division Association to it's present organization.

Since our Dearborn Reunion will be our 25th (Silver) Anniversity, I have been promised by Ted Hanna and his Michigan buddies that we will have a memorable time. I'm "holding the faith."

SEE YOU IN DEARBORN IN '82.

Best regards,

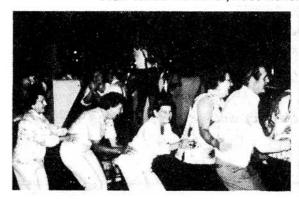
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Fran Takes the Gavel, Russ Honors Glenn...And, Fun in Milwaukee!





Our Thanks to Auxiliary President Fran Marlenga for the pictures that are featured in this issue of the DISPATCH.

Alex Markus supplied the picture of President Glenn Hamilton receiving the President's Plaque from President-Elect Russell Watts.

We did not receive any pictures from the photographer in Milwaukee. After many telephone calls, we discovered that she moved to Seattle, Wa. and took all the negatives with her.

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Meets April 24, 1982 at Jackson, Michigan. Reunion Chairman - Milo Thompson

TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE - 1985

In order to have adequate time for the committee to function, It is requested that petitions to host our 1985 Reunion be directed to Committee Chairman ERNEST QUALLS <u>not later</u> than May 1, 1982.

Such petitions will be accompanied by the name, address, and phone number of the ON-SITE Chairman and his assistents - together with a program and committments of the City and/or Convention Center involved.

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Enclosed is check for two years dues. Was with Anti Tank Co. 383. Would like to hear from all of my buddies. Enjoy reading the dispatch.

Jefferson W. Graves R. 1 Elmer, Ok. 73539

Am sending Dues for the wife and myself. I enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch, and keep tract of what's with the old Buddies. Since I am retired on disability, it is almost impossible to make this reunion. Would like very much to see the guys from 382 Reg. Hq. since we were like a family for such a long time.

I want to wish each one of you a happy reunion and that you meet as many of your old buddies as possible. Have fun!.

Morris L. Moseng E. 602 Bridgeport Spokane, Wa.

Deadeye Dispatch is the greatest news off the Press! My family and I enjoy every word of it. I miss most of the reunions due to ill health. The ones I attended ar were fun filled and the fellowship of my old buddies, made all efforts of attending worthwhile. May God always bless the officials of the Association and LONG LIVE THE 96th DEADEYES!!

Wilson Revere 382 Anti Tank Rt. 7, Box 623 Covington, La. 70433

WE NEED MORE NOTES FOR "MAIL CALL". YOUR BUDDIES ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU.

MAIL CALL....

Enclosed is my membership application together with my check in ayment of my annual dues.

was in Co. A of the 383 and was injured in some manuevers along the southern California coast when a block of nitro-starch exploded. I was taken from the beach to the naval hospital at Coronado and then to Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys. I lost an eye and sustained some other injuries and was in the hospital a number of months and to make a long story short, the rest of went to the South Pacific without me.

I had lost track of my old friends and comrads in the 96th Division until recently I met with Frank Sierawski of Lansing, Michigan. I believe Frank was in the 381st. Frank brought me up-to-date on the Division and told me about your annual reunions and the Deadeye Dispatch.

I am very much looking forward to my future associations with my comrads in the 96th Infantry Division. While I did not get overseas and did not engage in combat, I have always been a proud son of the "Queen of Battle".

George R. Wilhoit, Jr. Commerce Bank Building Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901

On behalf of the President, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of your annual reunion.

The 96th Infantry Division has a proud heritage of service to our country, earning the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation during World War II, and participating in the Leyte and Ryukyu campaigns in the Pacific Theater.

The hardships and sacrifices endured during your service have contributed to the cause of peace in the world. Your dedication, pride and esprit is an inspiration to the soldiers and citizens of our nation.

Best wishes for a most successful event.

Llyle J. Barker, Jr. Brigadier General, US Army Acting Chief of Public Affairs Washington, D.C. 20310

I enjoy receiving the Deadeye Dispatch and thank you for sending it even though I have been derelict in supporting it. Enclosed are this years dues and a few extra. I was in Co. E of 382 and would like to hear from any of the old company or others that may remember me.

Paul Shirley 10213 61st Ave. E. Puyallup, Wa. 98373





Your Editors are asking you for HELP. In order for us to correctly make a change of address, we must have your OLD address along with the NEW address. We have found that there are many similar names on the mailing list, and we do not want to omit anyone who is interested in receiving the Deadeye Dispatch.

MAIL CALL

I appreciate the Deadeye Dispatch. My health does not permit me to attend the Reunions, You all have fun! Wish I could share it with you.

Wilbert J. Armstat 796 Ord. 105 C Paddock Circle Port Richey, Fl. 33568

I read the notice in VFW Magazine about the 96th Inf. Div. Assn. Reunion in July 23-25 in Milwaukee.

I wish to convey to you and all others my best wishes for a good gathering.

On invitation, I joined a 96th Inf. Div. Assn., out of Chicago many years ago, but heard no more of it. I would be pleased to receive information you have available about the 96th Association.

I was with the Division from March 1944 to December 1945 as 2nd NCO for Intelligence & Operations in the Fire Control Center of 921st Field Artillery.

Hazen Booth P.O. Box 12916 Florence, S. C. 29504

MAIL CALL....

This is a direct appeal to all our 381st anti-tank buddies to make Dearborn the meeting place for us to renew old friendship in 1982. I'm sure there's a lot of you from the mid west area receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. We surewould like to see you at the 25th reunion of the 96th Division in Dearborn to help us make it the biggest one ever. "Hot Rocks" Perrin, "Chubby Roles, "Sully" Sullivan, Warren P. Johnson, John Koeppel, "Swede" Carlson, "Smitty" Smith, and especially the Michigan bunch -- "Fearless Fostick" Foster, Buffy Beeler and "Try" Trybulski will all be there to greet you. PLEASE COME!

Al Trybulski 381st Anti Tank 3224 Gil Haven Ct. Sanford, Mi. 48657

Can some Deadeye help me with the following information:

- (1) At what spot was Gen. Easley killed and what unit of the Division was he observing at the time?
- (2) When did the Division have the 37mm AT gun replaced on Okinawa by the 57mm and was the replacement complete or did battalion AT platoons retain one or mor 37mm guns when the larger ones arrived?
- (3) I would like to contact a skilled Japanese translator. The widow of Col. Hiromichi Yahara, (G-3 for the Japanese 32nd Army which defended Okinawa) lcaned me a history of the battle written by her late husband. It is in Japanese and to my knowledge has never been translated into English or cited in any of the literature.

My thanks to those Deadeyes who responded to my various inquiries and those who volunterred information. I have a large New York publisher interested in the book and when it is published, I will try to get a notice in the "Dispatch". It's working title is "At All Costs" but it may be published under another title.

I enjoyed the Milwaukee Reunion. It was my first and quite an emotional experience for me.

Keep up the good work you are doing.

Ted Navratil
3d Bn. Hqs. Co. 382
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It's a great pleasure to hear from the 96th Deadeye Division again. We had a lot in common 36 years ago and hope the years have left you well and blessed. I don't know how many original men that we trained with were left after Leyte and Okinawa. My outfit left a few behind also. The 593rd was the outfit that supplied the 381, 382 and 383 with naval shore fire control for your landings plus the star shells at night. I was shore fire control F.O. #6 -- with me we also had attached Air Force for the air strikes we used. I was with you for about 40 days on Leyte

MAIL CALL

(Oct. 20 to Thanksgiving) and 80 or 90 days on Okinawa (April 1 to July).

Although our eyes grow dim, our backs stiff, our memories are clear through the years. I hope to hear from your and my Buddies in the 96th -- all battalions as we were always attached to the assault battalions and assault companies. We were never qualified for the combat infantry badge.

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An excellent program can be expected by all. In addition to the gaiety, comradeship, achievements and solemnity, we have all come to enjoy, many extras are planned befitting the occasion of a silver anniversary.

The Spring edition of the Dispatch will contain a more descriptive account of what we all expect to be our best attended and super reunion.