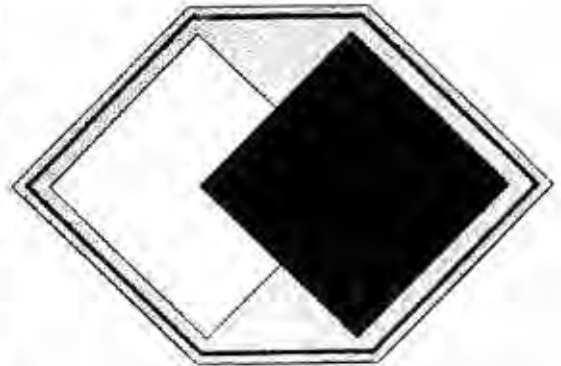


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President's Corner



Greetings to all Deadeyes and
their wives, members of the 96th
Infantry Division Association and
its Ladies Auxiliary:



Dear Deadeyes:

When we were young military men, we didn't realize that we would some day be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of that War. At that time, fifty years in the future seemed a long way off.

It was my privilege as local chairman to host the reunion in Lubbock. Your attendance was appreciated. It was a pleasure to see a good turn-out, and that our organization is still going strong. We must be doing something right, or maybe there is a purpose that we haven't yet fulfilled. Keep an ear to the ground, fellows. There may be a job for you that you have left undone.

The City of Lubbock was very helpful as the host city, and provided the Civic Center for our use. Our thanks to the Staff Officers and the Auxiliary who worked diligently at the reunion.

The Memorial Service was attended by many guests as well as members. It was organized by Douglas Burton. It was a pleasure to have a part in it. The Highlanders (Bagpipe Band) and a men's choir were new at the Memorial Service. It was a fine tribute to our members who fell in battle and along the way.

Our reunion was well covered by the newspaper and television. A Japanese television news team was there. Their coverage of the reunion and interviews will be on a Japanese T.V. Network.

The reunion for 1996 will be in Des Moines, Iowa, at the downtown Marriott Hotel. We look forward to a time of fine food and fellowship. More details will be in the Spring Dispatch.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President.

Sincerely,

Glen Amonett, President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members;

My mother once told me that nothing in life stays the same. At the time, I didn't understand what she meant. However, as I get older, it has become very clear to me. Changes are occurring everyday ... some are so insignificant, we fail to notice, while others are so traumatic, they seem to overwhelm.

Change is inevitable. And so it is with the 96th Infantry Division Association and Auxiliary. While friendships remain warm and cherished, changes in the organization are occurring. For example, this is the first year the Armed Forces Reunion Organization will be assisting us in the planning and managing of the reunion in Des Moines. This is a wise move, as it will significantly reduce the work load of our committee. Even so, the coming year will be a tremendous challenge.

How can we as members of the Auxiliary help? We have already begun by assuming the successful management of the merchandise project during the reunions. We can be sure, however, that there will be other changes and responsibilities we will want to adopt as we work to make our organization more efficient. The positive "can-do" attitude that the auxiliary has always displayed, will be even more important in the coming days. I know I can count on each one of you to do your part.

I am honored and proud to serve as your president during this exciting year and I pledge to do all I can to maintain the integrity of the 96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Schmidt, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

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10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Ernest Martinez, Wilbur Fite, Oscar Vickers, Edwin Wright, Robert Davis, James Hendricks, Peter Henz, Jack Loftus, James Henley, Arza Smalley, Earl Thompson, Byron Boals, Johnnie Kerry, Robert N. McMillan, James Russell, Clete J. Weist, Anthony Dombrowski, Donald K. Spence and Edward Mockrish.

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George McMahan, John Cramer, Edgar Jeswin, Charles Visockis, Kenneth Dolan, Alfred Latour and Fred Sears.

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Oscar Swanson, S.T. Morris, Alton Berger and Alva Amelung.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Robert Huff and Cloyce Rucker.

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE award went to Robert Schmidt.

OUR KIND OF GAL award went to Phyllis Schmidt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. People like you are the ones who make the Association one of the BEST.

TO ALL DEADEYES:

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The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Dead-eyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1996. For further information contact MILO THOMPSON -- 1018 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Mi. 49203-2848.

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 1996 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mothers Day in 1996 at the American Legion Post in Marysville, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. To get on the mailing list please contact RUSSELL WATTS, 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43229-5259

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 2, 1996, at the Old Officer's Clubhouse at Camp Adair, Benton County Park, Corvallis, Or. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be "POT-LOCK" at noon. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact CECIL WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Rd., Winlock, Wa. 98596-9756 or JOHN WYNN -- 221 Lylus Lane, Port Hadlock, Wa. 98339-9423.

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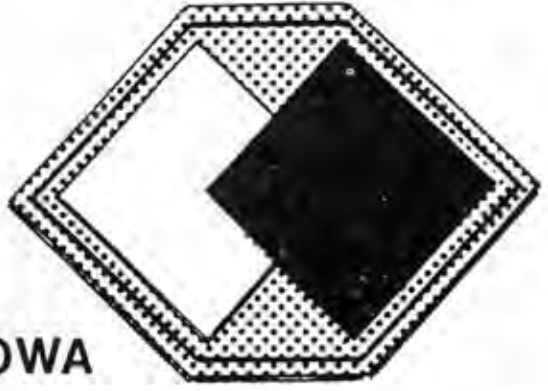
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DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNION

DES MOINES, IOWA



This is not a fairy tale, but *once upon a time a DEADEYE had to carry his house on his back....*



Now he puts up at one of the finest hotels.

NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

The DES MOINES MARRIOTT

7th AND GRAND

GRANDPA HERMAN BUFFINGTON'S WAR ACCORDING TO BRITTANY

AN ESSAY

PRELIMINARY

The legacy of today's Okinawans is the longest tradition of peace and hospitality in the world. These gentle people have rekindled a deep and fervent desire for a secure peace like their ancestors enjoyed for centuries. But at the end of W.W. II peace had come at a frightful price. More than a third of their population had been wiped out and their ancient culture destroyed.

In the spring of 1995 the United States and Japanese officials were jointly putting together plans to honor all U.S., Okinawan, and Japanese casualties of the war. Included was a near overload of receptions, dedications and wreath layings all scheduled to happen during the third week of June. Then the mayor of a city adjacent to Torii Station, Okinawa, added his original idea for a way to encourage people to be even more appreciative of peace.

The mayor proposed to ask American school-children to talk with their grandfathers about their experiences on Okinawa, then write essays. This would not be a contest. Rather, the essays would be displayed prominently during the celebration.

Someone connected with Valor Tours boosted the scheme in a letter that went out to the veterans of the 96th Division who had signed up to return to Okinawa.

One day during a visit and with a bit of prompting from Grandma Helen, young Brittany Buffington decided to write Grandpa Herman's story:

Herman Buffington was 18 when he entered the U.S. Army. He took his training at Fort McClellan in Alabama. His first Christmas in the Army was on a train going from Rome to California. Before he left for California, his family gave him a watch as a Christmas present. The watch was worn by many wounded soldiers, but the watch got back to him after he was wounded himself, and is now framed and hanging on the wall.

He went overseas by a ship and got very seasick. Herman went to Hawaii, Saipan, then Okinawa, crossing the Pacific Ocean. The name of the battle he was in was "The Battle of Okinawa." Okinawa is south of Japan. The battle lasted 81 days.

For his 19th birthday, he was in a fox-hole. The men had small phones and they sang happy birthday to him. He got shot in his right leg on his shin.

Herman did not know Helen while he was overseas.

The memory he remembers most was when they were crawling up a hill to take it away from the Japanese. A man got shot going up and it was a rule you couldn't help anybody going up. They came back down and Herman went to help the man. The man said, "Don't help me, you'll get killed." But he helped him up anyway and some men put him on a litter and the man said to Herman, "Don't let go of my hand."

When he and the man got to the aid station, Herman had to leave and go back up or he would be in trouble. His hand was still in the man's hand. The man said again, "Don't let go of my hand." Herman told a medic and gave the man's hand to the medic. But the minute Herman let go, the man died.



HERMAN (K-383) and HELEN BUFFINGTON flew to Okinawa with a tour group to take part in the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa Commemoration. On June 22 the Buffingtons gave Brittany's essay - unedited and on tablet paper - to Mr. Seitoku Asato, the man in charge of the museum where many artifacts that were seized by Americans during the war are being collected.

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BRITTANY BUFFINGTON, 10.
This girl has newspaper-
ing in her blood.



SANDBAGGED

Regarding the session with his grand-daughter, Herman says he was sandbagged. "My wife had mentioned the essay thing, but I didn't think much about it. One day Brittany was visiting us. That was when I found out we were going to have an interview."

Brittany had her pencil and pad ready. She started out with a few questions, then picked up on the incident about the soldier who was killed.

Helen was surprised, too. "I think she got information out of him that I had not heard before, so it was of interest to our entire family."

Herman Buffington is publisher of Jackson Herald, The Banks County News and Commerce News. Helen is Editor Emeritus. Their address: P.O. Box 908, Jefferson, Georgia 30549.

Brittany's dad, Scott, is likewise in the publishing business. Her mother, Tammy, teaches Special Ed.

By Ed Dakan B-381

DES MOINES IS THE PLACE TO BE

Situated at the crossroads of the United States, Des Moines' accessibility is unparalleled. U.S. Interstate 35 (running border to border) and Interstate 80 (running coast to coast) makes Greater Des Moines easy to reach by car. The Des Moines International Airport offers frequent arrivals and departures at very competitive rates. The airlines serving Des Moines are United, American TWA, Northwest, America West Express, ComAir (Delta connection), Chicago Express, U.S. Air Express, United Express, Skyway, Mesaba and Capital Air. The Airport is 10 minutes from downtown.

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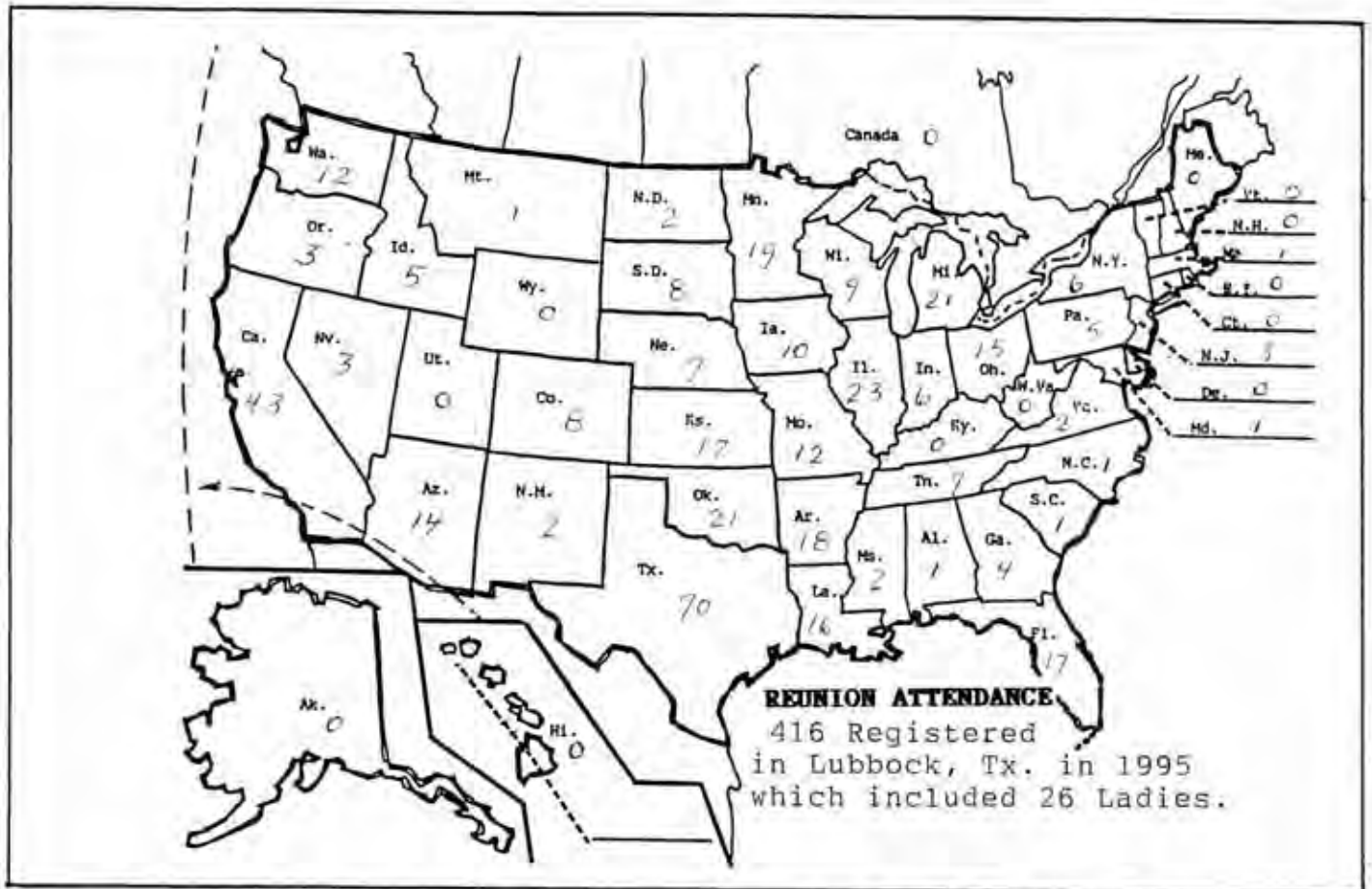
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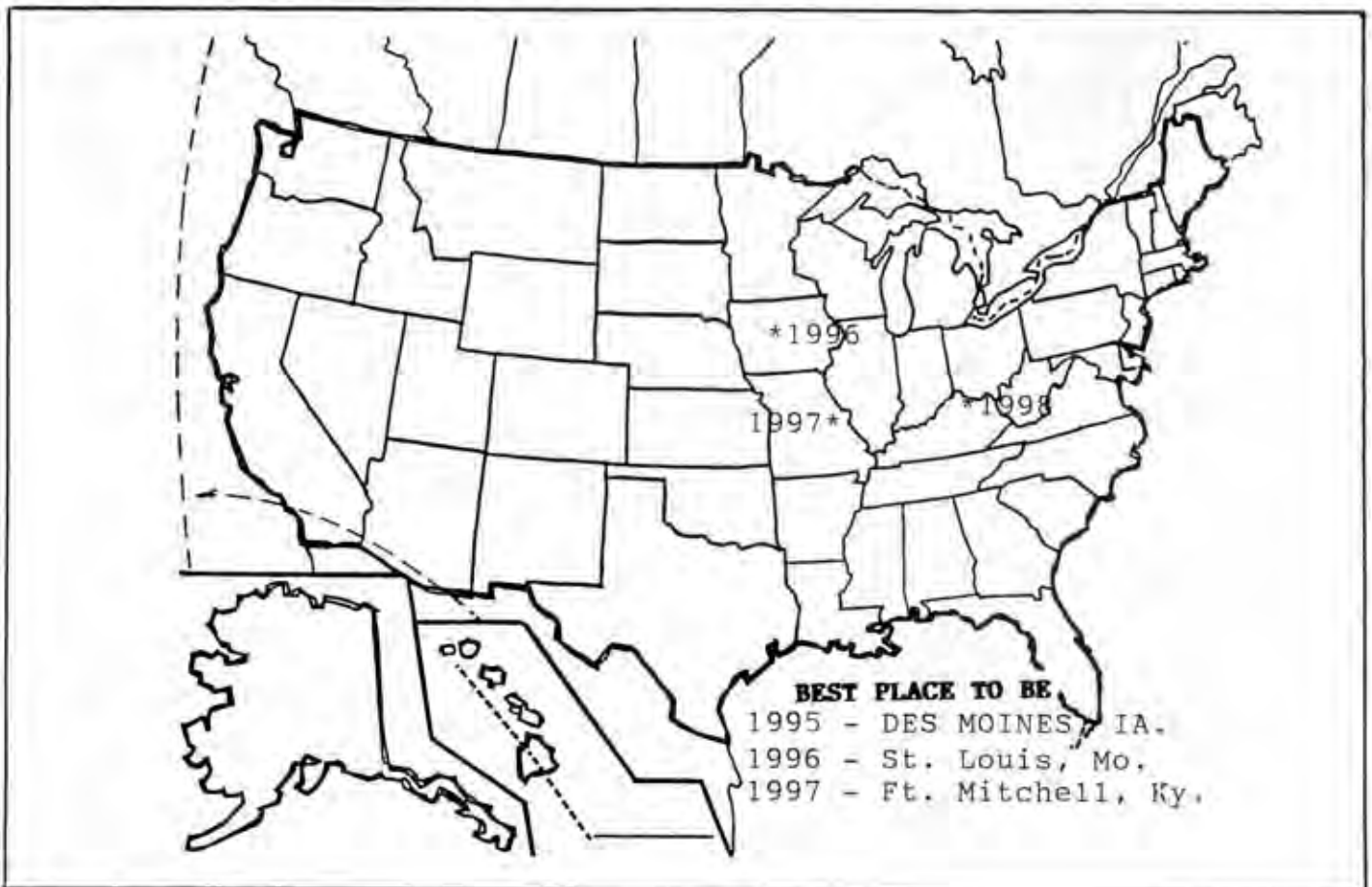
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The days for the Reunion has been changed for this year.

We will be meeting Sunday, July 28, Monday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 30, 1995



NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS



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* * * * * MERCHANDISE CLOSE OUT SALE * * * * *

I'm A New Member

*I see you at the meetings
But you never say "Hello",
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know.

I set among the people
Yet I'm a lonesome guy;
The "new members" are as strangers
And the "Old Timers" pass me by.

But darn it, you people asked me in
And you talked of fellowship.
You could just step across the room,
But you never make the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "Hello",
Or stop and shake my hand,
Then go and sit among your friends
Now that I understand.

I'll be at your next meeting
Perhaps a nice morning to spend.
Do you think you could introduce yourself,
I want to be your friend.*

*Hey Guys!
The Deadeye
Who Keeps
Up His Mem-
bership is the
Backbone of
the Outfit!*



Your Buddies Need You

FINAL REPORT OF EASLEY AND MAY MONUMENT COMMITTEE

The Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley and Col. Edwin May Monument Restoration Committee is pleased to report successful completion of their assignment.

Both Monuments have been moved from their obscure location to the General Buckner Battlefield Site in Southern Okinawa. The monuments have been placed on a sturdy reinforced concrete base and we are under the permanent care of the Okinawa War Dead Society which owns the site. A bronze plaque was purchased and mounted to the concrete base.

On June 24, 1995, with the U. S. Army's fine assistance, the monument rededication ceremony was held in conjunction with the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa. Featured speakers were Major Gen. Waldo Freeman, Commanding General U.S. Army Japan and Claudius (Sandy) Easley, son of Gen. Easley.

This work was accomplished through the generous contribution of \$6,285 by Deadeyes and friends of the 96th Infantry Division.

The four accompanying photos were taken at the Rededication Ceremony on June 24, 1995.

Respectfully submitted.
Don Dencker, Chairman
Alva Smith
Dick McCarthy
Easley May Monument Committee

- Photo No. 1 -- Bronze Plaque now permanently attached to concrete base for Monuments.
- Photo No. 2 -- Restored Claudius Easley Monument
- Photo No. 3 -- Col. May Monument and Brig. Gen. Easley Monuments at Buckner Southern Okinawa Battlefield Site.
- Photo No. 4 -- Sandy Easley, son of Gen. Easley, and Deadeye Daryl Haerther at Rededication of Gen Easley and May Monuments.



Photo 1



Photo 4





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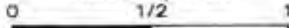


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The Des Moines Metropolitan Area

-  Active Interchanges
-  Planned Interchanges

Main Map scale



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-  Malls
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Back Row: Sam Benson, William Fahrney, Lorraine Strand, John Baran
John Elliott not pictured.

1995-1996 AUXILIARY OFFICERS



Front Row: Glendoris Cole, Susan Johnson, Kathryn Chapman, Jeanette Rodriguez
Back Row: Betty Shearer, Ruth Siefert, Phyllis Schmidt, Helen Robertson.
Shirley Stryker not pictured.

DEADEYES -- DO YOU REMEMBER When, the Place, How Many and Association Presidents?

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1959	Chicago, Il		223	Minor Butler
1960	Kansas City, Mo.		264	Hubert Hoffman
1961	Detroit, Mi.	over	250	Morris Roberts
1962	Dallas, Tx.	over	200	Willard "Hoss" Mitchell
1963	Little Rock, Ar.	about	200	Jake Fisher
1964	Portland, Or.	about	150	Patrick McDermott
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.		330	Alwx Markus
1966	Indianapolis, In.		364	Robert Huff
1967	Omaha, Ne.		351	Peter Pohl
1968	Chicago, Il.		551	Paul Bauer
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1970	Detroit, Mi.		434	Henry White
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1996	Des Moines, Ia.			Glen Amonett
1997	St. Louis, Mo.			
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.			

Four DEADEYES -- Joe Fritz, Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard Van Etten have attended all 38 Reunions. Three Deadeye Gals -- Teresa Hoffman, Elaine Snyder and Mary Lou White have attended all 38 Reunions.

THESE DEADEYES, WIDOWS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS RESISTERED IN LUBBOCK, TX. 1995

381 -- HQ.

Thomas Teague -- Picayune, Ms.
E. Jaye Thompson -- Mercer Island, Wa,

381 -- Anti Tank

Joseph J. Cahill -- Dallas, Tx.
Charles Cole -- Cannon City, Co.
Eldred Fryer -- Mineral Wells, Tx.
John Kloeppe -- Warrenton, Mo.
Robert Schmidt -- Stillwater, Mn.

381 -- Service

None

381 -- Medics

Marvin J. Anderson -- Viroqua, Wi.
Lestel Harvey -- Shelbyville, Mo.
Norman Thomas -- Fargo, Ok.

381 -- Cannon

George Almas -- Garfield Hghts., Oh.
Louis DeLuca -- Lafayette, Ca.
Glenn Hamilton -- Peoria, Il.
Serafino Morichetti -- Hurley, Wi.
Benton Morris -- Somerville, Tn.
Cloyce Rucker -- LaCygne, Ks.

381 -- 1st BH

None

381 -- Company A

Robert Ball -- Houston, Tx.
Roque Barrera -- Santa Clara, Ca.
Ronald H. Duncan -- Floral, Ar.
Dewey Jones -- Colorado Springs, Co.
Hans Kaufman -- Baton Rouge, La.
Mervin Lewis -- Paragould, Ar.
Charles Parlier -- DiGeorgio, Ca.
John Valenzuela -- Ventura, Ca.

381 -- Company B

Eugene Biles -- Lubbock, Tx.
Loren Brinkmeyer -- Eldorado, Ks.
Sam Dworaczyk -- Pearland, Tx.
Dean Jincks -- Ridgeway, Mp.
Gerald Wallace -- Altus, Ok.
Joseph White -- Stanhope, N.J.

381 -- Company C

Jimmie Albert -- Fritch, Tx.
Lawrence Albert -- Wichita, Ks.
John Baran -- Hot Springs, Ar.
Elmer Chapman -- Memphis, Tn.
Eino Filla -- LaCenter, Wa.
Peter Koenig -- Daytona, Fl.
Forest May -- New Smyrna, Fl.
Phillip Newell -- Willitts, Ca.
Gregory Pena -- Galveston, Tx.
Peter Spagnulo -- Tampa, Fl.
Robert Swart -- Cordell, Ok.
Gerald Vincent -- Duncan, Ok.

381 -- Company D

Sam Benson -- JeWitt, Tx.
Vernon Bleeker -- Mulshoe, Tx.
Nelton Duncan -- Wynne, Ar.
Edgar Jeswein -- Alsip, Il.
Bill Sax -- Rock Island, Il.
Earl Thompson -- Newtown, Mo.
Ted Weber -- O'Keene, Ok.

381 -- 2nd BH

Edward Elliott -- Declo, Id.
Daniel McCurdy -- Conway, S.D.

381 -- Company E

Betty Jean Arms (Harold) --
Granada Hills, Ca.
Raymond Boykin -- Noble, Ok.
Troy Burk -- Battle Ground, Wa.
Douglas Burton -- Selma, Ca.

381 -- Company E. continued

Clady Calder -- Dublin, Tx.
Virginia Camp (Donald) -- Fresno, Ca.
Louis Canedo -- San Diego, Ca.
Jacquelyn Carpenter (Jack) --
Flushing, Mi.
Robert Cronshey -- Logandale, Nv.
William Draper -- Vernon, Tx.
Joe Fritz -- Beatrice, Ne.
Fred Hagelgans -- Pasedena, Md.
Richard Haglund -- Steilacoom, Wa.
James Henley -- W. St. Paul, Mn.
Melvin Juric -- Sun Lakes, Az.
James Knight -- Nelsonville, Oh.
Jack Pintacura -- Flint, Mi.
Kenneth Poe -- Twin Falls, Id.
Herman Puryear -- Austin, Tx.
Paul Sather -- ElCajon, Ca.
Robert Siefert -- Deer River, Mn.
Loyd Stubbs -- Prin, Ar.
Orville Towne -- Muskegon, Mi.

381 -- Company F

Willard Bollinger -- Clayton, Mo.
C. D. Garrison -- Matador, Tx.
John M. Holt -- Indianapolis, In.
Leonard Setliff -- Cache, Ok.
William Williams -- Pomona, Ca.
Glen Wilson -- Enid, Ok.

381 -- Company G

Jack Summers -- Carlton, Mn.

381 -- Company H

Vojko Baricev -- New Orleans, La.
George Caswell -- Odessa, Tx.
William Fahrney -- Clackamas, Or.
Ray Gullickson -- Austin, Mn.
Carl Hage -- Montrose, Co.
Robert Maxwell -- Chicato, Il.
Alfred Weiss -- Teaneck, N.J.

381 -- 3rd BH

Edward Evans -- Salinas, Ca.
Sylvan Merritt -- Cle-Elum, Wa.
John Obal -- Omaha, Ne.
Arthur Reis -- Cicero, Il.
Robert J. Richter -- Cincinnati, Oh.
Fred Sears -- Clearwater, Fl.
Ray G. Williams -- Hammond, In.

381 -- Company I

Frank Dowell -- Newport Richey, Fl.
Edward DeWitt -- Luther, Mi.
Tressie Emerson (Albert Cooper) --
Cecotha, Ok.
Paul Foster -- Topeka, Ks.
Vera Gehrls (Wilmer) -- Clarence, Ia.
Thad pacyna -- Independence, Oh.
James W. Smith -- Sierra Vista, Az.
Don Spence -- Concord, Ca.
Calvin Stevens -- Vallejo, Ca.
Kelly Wong -- Portland, Or.
Arthur Ziomek -- Chicago, Il.

381 -- Company K

Floyd Brehmer -- Madison, Mn.
James Breland -- Langston, Al.
Irene Hanna (Ted) -- Barefoot Bay, Fl.
Alice Peightal (Preston) --
Erie, Pa.
Stanley Smith -- Coggan, Ia.

381 -- Company L

Theodore Chrisman -- Hallsville, Tx.
Robert Davis -- Mohopac, N.Y.
Richard Hagebrook -- Arizona City, AZ.
Edward Maurer -- Harshaw, Wi.
Steve Melnyk -- Detroit, Mi.
Charles Simon -- Mansura, La.
Donald Tolliver -- Vincennes, In.
Carl Weber -- St. Louis, Mo.

381 -- Company M

Virginia Alberts(Harm) -- Culbertson, Ne.
Ruth Below (Virgil) -- Fostoria, Oh.
Charles Beydler -- Cantonment, Fl.
Jam Glasscock -- Tulia, Tx.
James Hendricks -- Jacksonville, Il.
Jerry Ohm (sister Guy Goen) --
Richfield, Wi.
Danny Salin -- Duluth, Mn.
Valera Sawyers (Homer) -- Plainville, Ks.
Lorraine Strand(Harold) -- Glenwood, Ia.
James Woods -- Grady, N.M.

382 -- HQ.

John Wynn -- Port Hadlock, Wa.

382 -- Anti-Tank

Edward Bennett -- Dearborn, Mi.
William G. Davis -- Wynne, Ar.
Louis Fox -- Farmington, Mi.
Lawrence Hartman -- Rapid City, S. D.
Ralph Hettick -- Palmyra, Il.
Johnnie Karry -- Parson, Ks.
Billye Lay (Rudy) -- Midland, Tx.
Floyd Looper -- Bismarck, Ar.
Carlos Oropeza -- San Diego, Ca.
Orville Spicer Stillwater, Ok.
Russell Watts -- Columbus, Oh.

382 -- Cannon

Aaron Shaw -- Chatsworth, Ca.
Fletcher Veach -- San Antonio, Tx.

382 -- Service

Norma Bauer (Paul) -- Altamont, Il.
Hubert Rich -- Roseville, Ca.

382 -- Medics

Harold D. Prust -- Maplewood, Mn.
Charles Whitfill -- Hot Springs
Village, Ar.

382 -- 1st BH

None

382 -- Company A

James Vermillion -- Elk City, Ok.
Harvey Webb -- Dension, Tx.

382 -- Company B

None

382 -- Company C

Alva Amelung -- Minerva, Oh.
William Ballard -- Seagonville, Tx.
George Blair -- Iowa City, Ia.
Henry Callihan -- Houston, Tx.
Whitney Champagne -- Lake Charles, La.
Van Champion (Atwell) --
Baton Rouge, La.
John Chuba -- Yucaipa, Ca.
Richard Ellis -- Athens, Mi.
James Fluty -- Oklahoma City, Ok.
Peter Henz -- Arlington, Tx.
Walter Kleinschmidt --
Jacksonville, Il.
Neil Potter -- Griswold, Ia.
Thomas Roby -- Watertown, S.D.
Robert Russell -- Curtis, Ne.
Francisco Sotelo -- Sunnyvale, Ca.

382 -- Company D

Georgette Albert (Loyd) --
El Paso, Tx.
Geneta Apple (Aubrey) --
Dardanelle, Ar.
Donald Bloom -- Monroe, Wi.
John V. Bornong -- Rapid City, S.D.
Richard Brooks -- Odessa, Tx.
Charles Gustus -- Homestead, Fl.
Arthur R. Risley -- Canadian, Tx.
Arnold Sauber -- Dundas, Mn.
Vester Wroten -- Forrest City, Ar.

382 -- 2nd BH

David Brown -- Mablevale, Ar.
Walter Cohen -- Austin, Tx.
Arthur Cross -- Belton, Tx.
Robert Dianovsky -- Chicago, Il.
Marcellus Theisen -- Upsala, Mn.
Alfred Wasinger -- Franktown, Co.
Don Wessel -- Rapid City, S.D.

382 -- Company E

Jack Bernardi -- Reno, Nv.
Louis Bosco -- Clearwater, Fl.
Vernon Duncan -- Jacksonville, Fl.
Talmadge Lively -- Nederland, Tx.
Bill Parham -- Ada, Ok.
Tyson Shelton -- Elk City, Ok.
Irene Snyder (Jesse) -- Bellevue, Mi.

382 -- Company F

Henry Armstrong -- Castle Rock, Wa.
Melton Arriola -- Big Springs, Tx.
Samuel Brown -- Burns, Tn.
Ino DeRoss -- Weed, Ca.
John Kent -- Battle Creek, Mi.
Tony Lovsin -- Willoughby, Oh.
Pasquale Miele -- Hyde Park, N.Y.
Edward Mockrish -- Greenville, S.C.
Brandon Neal -- Chico, Ca.
Wayne Page -- DeSmet, S.D.
Robert Rachal -- Lena, La.
Howard Shafer -- Levelland, Tx.

382 -- Company G

Albert Adkison -- Decaturville, Tn.
Glen Amonett -- Petersburg, Tx.
John Caulley -- Clinton Twp., Mi.
Charles Harmany -- Allentown, Pa.
Richard Jones -- Roseville, Ca.
Gwendolyn Martin (Thomas) --
Creston, Wa.
Robert Massey -- Kennedale, Tx.
Franklin Nicholson -- Salem, In.
Melvin Parrish -- Commerce City, Co.
Arza Smalley -- Alexandria, Va.
Ronald Stabnow -- Battle Lake, Mn.

382 -- Company H

Everett Combs -- DeSota, Tx.
Elwyn Hollenbeck -- Tecumseh, Mi.
James W. Hunt -- McCleary, Wa.
Raymond Lewis -- Roland, Ar.
James H. Short -- Berkley, Ca.
Donald VanDoornick -- Hamilton, Mi.

382 -- 3rd BH

None

382 -- Company I

Alton Berger -- Westby, Wi.
Al Goldstein -- New York City, N.Y.
Ralph Van Orsdal -- Long View, Tx.

382 -- Company K

Cledith Bourdeau -- Coalinga, Ca.
George Cale -- Germantown, Tn.
Wilbur Fite -- San Antonio, Tx.
Leonard Huff, Jr. -- Rivera, Tx.
Jesse Johnson -- No. Little Rock, Ar.
Russell Pohle -- Angels Camp, Ca.
Anthony Shock -- Hot Springs
Village, Ar.
Elmer Volness -- Fargo, N.D.
John Walsh -- Larkspur, Ca.
Clete Wiest -- Long Beach, Ca.
Edwin Wright -- Rogersville, Mo.

382 -- Company L

Don Dencker -- Sun Prairie, Wi.
Robert Glassman -- Hays, Ks.
Alva Smith -- San Juan Capistrano, Ca.
Earl Sonnenberg -- Rockton, Il.
Lester Taube -- Willingford, N.J.

382 -- Company M

Samuel Avery -- Frankfort, In.
Harold Gilbert -- Houston, Tx.
Eugenio Gonzales -- Eagle Pass, Tx.
Stanley E. Lang -- Beverly Hills, Fl.
Kenneth Morgan -- Duncan, Ok.
William Procknow -- Oxford, Wi.
Fred Weeks -- Sycamore, Il.

383 -- HQ.

William Davis -- Paducah, Tx.
Earl King -- Detroit Lakes, Mn.

383 -- Anti-Tank

None

383 -- Medics

William Bunevich -- Rocky River, Oh.
Garnol Coppock -- Little Rock, Ar.
Lester Guengerich -- Sun Lakes, Az.
William Horton -- Portsmouth, Oh.
Ernest Martinez -- Conyers, Ga.

383 -- Cannon

Leland Frinnon -- Midland, Tx.
Don Emswiller -- Bonham, Tx.

383 -- Service

Tommy Burchfield -- Houston, Tx.

383 -- 1st BH

Norma Barth (Victor) -- Toledo, Oh.
Newell Hamilton -- Mesa, Az.
Iden Johnson -- Grinnell, Ia.
Robert McMillan -- Springdale, Ar.
Edmund Nowicki -- Dearborn, Mi.
Oscar Vickers -- Coahoma, Tx.

383 -- Company A

Robert Huff -- Indianapolis, In.
Patrick McDermott -- Las Vegas, Nv.
George Robertson -- Cambridge, N.Y.

383 -- Company B

Charles Bertrand -- Cameron, La.
Harold Hammond -- Lenexia, Ks.
Gerald Means -- Cherokee, Ok.
Aaron Overstreet -- Austin, Tx.
James Sellers -- Austin, Tx.
Harold Sletten -- Northridge, Ca.
Gerald Stewart -- Santa Fe, N.M.
Elmer Sweeter -- Canton, S.F.

383 -- Company C

Keith Cochran -- Dewey, Az.
John Ensor -- Oakton, Va.
Leslie Mund -- Salmond, Id.
Donovan Petersor -- Merrifield, Mn.
John H. Ryan -- San Angelo, Tx.
Lovie Rhodes -- Honey Grove, Tx.
Johnnie Sain -- Kingston, Ok.

383 -- Company D

Donald Shearer -- Glendive, Mt.
Earl Zinc -- Algiers, La.

383 -- 2nd BH

Charles Branson -- Winfield, Ks.
Charles Cunningham -- Kingston, Tn.
Reino Jurvelin -- Coeur D'Alene, Id.
Jack Roe -- Exton, Pa.
Lawrence Winters -- Montrose, Co.

383 -- Company E

William Hood -- Pittsburg, Ks.

383 -- Company F

Bernard Barr -- Grand Rapids, Mi.
Mercer Carey -- East Jordan, Mi.
Dennis Dunniphin -- Quincy, Ca.
Orrie Gruwell -- Mountain Ranch, Ca.
Daniel Ramirez -- Montebello, Ca.
Irving Soderlund -- Marietta, Ga.
Keith Trowbridge -- Manhattan, Ks.

383 -- Company G

Orville Caspers -- Swaledale, Ia.
John Crâmer -- Dixon, Il.
Ivan Davis -- Coyville, Ks.
Marshall White -- Lake Charles, La.

383 -- Company H

Robert Abbott -- Winter Haven, Fl.
George Becknal -- Lubbock, Tx.
Richard Birchfield -- Seattle, Wa.
Jerry Connolly -- Long Island, N.Y.
Olan Hill -- Mesa, Az.
William Langford -- Tacoma, Wa.
Frank Wilkinson -- Lake Charles, La.

383 -- 3rd BH

Jack Loftus -- Missouri Valley, Ia.
John Massura -- Chicago, Il.
Lloyd Miller -- Abilene, Tx.
Nels Olson -- Huron, S.D.

383 -- Company I

Merlin Bennett -- Plainview, Tx.
Harry J. Brown -- Ballwin, Mo.
Herman Claborn -- Rising Star, Tx.
Melvin Coobs -- Bosie, Id.
Lindley Evans -- San Antonio, Tx.
Leonard Freeman -- Stratford, Ok.
Walter Frickey -- Hastings, Ne.
Daniel Hart -- Tyrone, Ga.
Chester LeBlanc -- Lafayette, La.
Charlie Lee -- Lake Charles, La.
Maynard Ludwig -- Platteville, Co.
S. T. Morris -- Holdenville, Ok.
Cecil Phillips -- Memphis, Tn.
Clarence Snyder -- Shenandoah, Ia.
Roger C. Stevens -- Wichita, Ks.
Oscar Swanson -- Minneapolis, Mn.
Charles Weidler -- Paradise Valley, AZ.
Mary Lou White (Henry) -- Mackinaw, JI.

383 -- Company K

Byron B. Foals -- Tucson, Az.
Herman Buffington -- Jefferson, Ga.
John W. Elliott -- Cheney, Wa.
Raymond Emmons -- Eugene, Or.
Arnold Kuester -- Prescott Valley, Az.
Marvin C. Reames -- Kingfisher, Ok.
Margaret Rhodes (Sister Charles)
St. Elmo, Il.
Albert Warminski -- Hawthorne, Ca.

383 -- Company L

Milton Shepsky -- Mesa, Az.
Melvin Staggs -- Enon, Oh.
Billy Stubbe -- Ayr, Ne.
James Warren -- Fairbault, Mn.
Herbert Williford -- Searles, Tx.

383 -- Company M

Roy P. Davis -- Amarillo, Tx.
Fenreth Dolan -- Denver, Co.
Edward Funk -- Muskegan, Mi.
Perry Pederson -- North Branch, Mn.
Lawrence Ulrich -- Cincinnati, Oh.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Peter Fritz -- Phoenix, Az.
Ellis Hosbach -- Bethel Park, Pa.

728 AMPH

Anthony Dombrowski -- Buffalo, N.Y.

Divi. Art.

Donald Foster -- Topeka, Ks.

Quartermaster

John Davis -- Blanco, Tx.
Horace Elliott -- Waco, Tx.
William Formiller -- Chicago, Il.

M. P.

Jacob Bitzer -- Philadelphia, Pa.
Jack Kelly, Arkansas City, Ks.
Milo Thompson, Jackson, Mi.

RECON.

Edward Borkin -- Livonia, Mi.
Kenneth Eyer -- E. Peoria, Il.
Ernest Qualls -- Lebanon, Mo.
Jerry Wilson -- Tampa, Fl.

Signal

Joe Camillieri -- Sonoma, Ca.
Douglas Chastain -- Tracy, Ca.
Calvin J. Clements -- Lubbock, Tx.
Hubert Hoffman -- Wichita, Ks.
Cleo Richards -- Lubbock, Tx.
Harold Straube -- Marine, Il.
J. P. Tatman -- Dellvale, La.
Warren Terry -- Sheboygan Falls, Wi.

921 FA

Robert Berner -- Zephyr Hills, Fl.
William Dougherty -- Van Nuys, Ca.
Dale Gardetto -- Carlsbad, Ca.
John N. Johnson -- Thousand Oaks, Ca.

361 FA

Robert Akin -- Olton, Tx.
Nelson Brink -- Hennessey, Ok.
Val Heinrich -- Sarasota, Fl.
Karel Knutson -- Puposky, Mn.
Charles Moyrihan -- Fremont, Ca.
Harold Rabine -- New Baltimore, Mo.
Andrew Rodriguez -- Houston, Tx.
James Russell -- Burner, Tx.
Richard Van Etten -- Toledo, Oh.

362 FA

Joseph Battaglia -- Mesa, Az.
Arnold Clemens -- Adams, N.D.
Eugene Dye -- Sacramento, Ca.
Wayne E. Gifford -- Richardson, Tx.
Oliver Haecher -- San Antonio, Tx.
Vincent Jacobson -- Antelope, Ca.
George Kearney -- Franklinton, N. C.
Ira Lambert -- Abilene, Tx.
LeRoy Middleton -- Jonesboro, Ar.
Joseph Morrow -- McAllen, Tx.
Michel Tottis -- Scottsdale, Az.
Charles Visockis -- Springhill, Fl.

363 FA

R. L. Minnich -- Longview, Tx.

321 Medics

Estle Crabtree -- Batesville, Ar.
Arthur Creason -- Hannibal, Mo.
Jack Diamond -- Lubbock, Tx.
Alvis Harrell -- Mt. Vernon, Il.
Alice Muff (Hubert) -- Crete, Ne.
Bernie Scanlan -- Springfield, Il.
Karl Sinning -- Ocala, Fl.
Martha Vallery (Milton) -- Forest Hill, La.

321 Eng.

Marshall Allen -- Oak Grove, La.
Robert Brown -- Lubbock, Tx.
Jesse Clausel -- Corinth, Ms.
John H. Jackson -- Osage City, Ks.
Alfred Latour -- Lafayette, La.
Alyne Sherfield (Samuel) --
Dinuba, Ca.
Carroll Simmons -- King City, Mo.
Eric Tengerstrom -- Cicero, Il.
B. F. Thigpen -- Amarillo, Tx.
Elmer Winter -- Jackson, Mn.

763 Tank

None

796 Ord.

Ben Confer -- Los Osos, Ca.
George McMahan -- Houston, Tx.
Chloris Nickerson (Russell) --
Truman, Mn.

JASCO

Donald Richardson -- Troy, Mi.

Cav.

None

SPECIAL GUEST

Claudius (Sandy) Easley (Son of
Gen & Inez Easley) --
Washington, D.C.



Enclosed is a check for dues for myself and wife, Mary. We enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much and look forward to getting it. Thanks to all who make it possible for us to keep in touch through the Dispatch.

Jack W. Cross -- 383-Can.
5068 N. Wyatt Dr.
Eldorado, Ar. 71730

This check will cover my Association dues and my wife, Caroline's Auxiliary dues. In the past five years, I have recovered from cancer of the appendix, retired from my practice of Ophthalmology and Caroline has retired as Society Editor of our local newspaper.

Samuel H. Brown -- 381--Medic
3 Penrose Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Co. 80906

Enclosed is my check for dues and a bit more. Thanks for sending me the Deadeye Dispatch. I love to read it. The last Reunion I attended was in Houston, Tx. in 1983.

Rowland Normaond -- 382-F
114 Hwy. 3041
Bunkie, La. 71322-4333

Enclosed find check to cover the dues. Don't remember if I paid for 1994. Keep up the good work. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch -- except for "Taps." Have a Happy meeting in Lubbock, Tx.

Richard P. Woods -- 382-L
P.O. Box 98
Honey Creek, Wi. 53138-0098

I am enclosing herewith my personal check in payment of annual dues for myself in the 96th Infantry Division Association and for my wife, Mary Louise, in the Auxiliary. I served in the 96th Division from its inception in late 1942 until transferred to the 31st Division for transportation home in November and December 1945. I was Regimental Sergeant Major for the 383rd Infantry Regiment during the Philippine Invasion and the Okinawa Invasion and campaign with the rank of Master Sergeant. I enjoy reading about the current happenings of former members and especially of the 383rd Infantry, in the Deadeye Dispatch. Keep up the good work.

John D. Murphy
1 Elm Court Colonie
Albany, N.Y. 12205-5006

Enclosed is my check for dues for Lillian and myself for 1995 and a little more. I would surely miss the Dispatch, so keep it coming. We could not make the Lubbock Reunion. We had a Granddaughter's wedding.

James R. Veitch -- 383-H
815 Duke Dr. Apt. 234
Grand Forks, N.D. 58201-3987

Enclosed please find check for membership. I was in the MP Platoon throughout my service. Partook in the invasion of Leyte and Okinawa. We enjoy the Dispatch very much. Sad to note that so many of us are now passing away.

Arthur "Termite" Lunde
1746 - 16th St. S.
Fargo, N.D. 58102-4830

Enclosed is my check for my dues and for my wifes dues. We have not been able to get to any of the reunions, but we appreciate your good work. Keep it up.

Paul Stewart, Jr. -- 921 FA
1090 W. Johnston Ave.
Hemet, Ca. 92543

Enclosed are our dues. We both really enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch and appreciate all the dedicated Officers who give of their time to get it out. We read it from cover to cover.

Max & Marian Warner -- 381-AT
3780 Lake Crest Dr.
Yorba Linda, Ca. 92686-1508

Everett M. Combs
347 Squirebrook Dr.,
DeSoto, Tx., 75115

Co. H 382



Deadeye Dispatch

I have just returned from Lubbock, Tx. and the 50th anniversary reunion of our Division. I am compelled to write and thank those responsible for the function, and to express my feelings about a couple of incidents. I have for approximately 45 years⁺ trying to find Joe Cisco, who was the one who put me on his back after I was wounded in the Tabontabon assault, and crawled out of the ditch, across 2 roads, and back to the aid station. He saved my life the first time. I was able to get his Widows address in Florida, and contacted her by phone to learn of Joes death 5 years ago. But I was able to express my feelings to her, and filled a big void in my heart. I know Joe, in his place in the hereafter knows my feelings about him.

I also appreciate putting my mode into rewind for more than fifty years, and visiting with my good buddies and officers in Co. H.

We discussed another topic also, and that was feeling that there needs to be a memorial made to President Harry Truman for saving my life the second time, along with thousands of others by making the "RIGHT DECISION" on Aug. 6, 1945. Enclosed in a snapshot of me in a T shirt I had made for the occasion. I have had many complimentary remarks on it, and I am proud to say not one derogatory on the shirt.

I am enclosing also a donation to the Dispatch to be used in any manner you desire. I love all the Deadeyes, and hope to make the DeMoines reunion.

Everett M. Combs

July 12, 1995

Robert R. Glenn Jr.
900 North Broad #6106
Brooksville, FL 34601

Ms. Lorraine Strand
604 So Hazel St.
Glenwood, Iowa 51534-1860

Members of the 921st Artillery and 96 Division:

"I would liked to make this year's reunion. This old man's body just won't make the trip." Dad has said this often in the last few years.

I wanted to let you men of the Division that knew Dad, know that he is not doing well. For the last fifteen years, he has been battling skin cancer and a month ago had a lengthy operation. He survived the operation quite well, only to develop a contagious infection in the wound. He had a stroke following a second operation to treat the infection. He is home now, bed ridden and partially paralyzed on the right side. He has difficulty speaking and when he does, it is quite slurred. Lenora Miller and Dad married two years ago and Lenora is taking care of him at home. His daughter Betty came in from Michigan, his two sons, Keith (from Washington DC) and myself (From near him in Florida), were all together with him this last week end. We all hope for the best and if he can't get better, pray it won't be too much longer.

Dad has always talked a great deal about the most significant event in all your lives, the training, the battles, achievements, the men of strong character he knew and mostly the friendships; all formed in the club that can only be joined if you were there. Time has taken it's toll and though each that knew Dad will miss him in a different way, we all share a common grief in the passing of anyone that effected our lives so much. If he could speak now, I know that he would wish you well.

Sincerely


Bob Glenn Jr

Editors Note: I was notified of Col. Glenn's death (7-15-95) on Sunday. I received this letter from his son on Monday. I felt that all who knew Bob Glenn would be interested in this letter.

Please give me an extension of three years on my dues. I am presently paid through July 1995. Balance to Deadeye Dispatch fund. The Officers, men and women of the Association have done a magnificent job in keeping the old 96th alive and well. Please keep up your interest and hard work which has resulted in a division legacy we can all be proud of. I will miss you in Lubbock this mid-summer, but plan on 1996.

Jerry Sheller -- 383-M
4107 NE 96th
Seattle, Wa. 98115

Enclosed find my check for my dues and also for my wife. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch from cover to cover. Keep up the good work.

Joseph T. Navarrette -- 381-C
5894 Newberry St.
Detroit, Mi. 48109

Enclosed please find a check to cover our dues and a little extra to use as you see fit. Please continue the good work with the "DEADEYE." We really enjoy reading it from cover to cover. My wife and I hope to attend the reunion next year.

C. LaVere & Marjory Brighton -- 382-L
1203 Division St. Lot #57
Adrian, Mi. 49221-4224

My last Reunion was in St. Paul. At 85 with a stroke my reunion days are impossible except in spirit and prayer. I enjoyed Chicago 1968, Cincinnati 1977, Milwaukee 1981 and St. Paul 1984. I was part of the Memorial Services. Enclosed is my check. I think I am paid up. The extra will help a little. I remember all the Deadeyes and their loved ones -- living and deceased -- in my Masses and Prayers. Okinawa should get more recognition that it has on our 50th! Carry on your good work. Love.

Father Edward Konisky
64 Parkwyn Dr.
Delmar, N.Y. 12054-4129

Enclosed find my check for my dues. I don't know yet, if i will get to go the reunion this year. I miss all my friends I have made in the years I have been going.

Donald C. Brown -- 381-B
142 Old Athens Pike
Sweetwater, Tn. 37874



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 96TH U.S. ARMY RESERVE COMMAND
McKEAN HALL, STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84113-5007



96th Infantry Division Association
President
Louis J. Canedo
4057 Loma Alta Dr.
San Diego, Ca. 92115

1 May, 1995

Dear Fellow DEADEYES,

This is just a short note to let you know the current status of the 96th Army Reserve Command, headquartered here at the Stephen A. Douglas Armed Forces Reserve Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

As you know, in this day of drastic political and economic changes, our armed forces are also going through some rather unique changes. Military installations are closing down due to budgetary cuts and streamlining our forces seem to be the plan of the day. Many Army and other service reserve commands are currently going through some major changes and restructuring, with some even becoming nonexistent. The 96th ARCOM is no stranger to upcoming changes as well.

In the near future the 96TH U.S. ARCOM will no longer be an Army Reserve Command. It will be known as the U.S. Army 96th Regional Support Command (96th RSC). Although significantly smaller in size, (approximately 1/3 of our total strength has been cut), the 96th will still be a viable, cohesive Army Reserve Component, ready and quite able to help defend our nation. In many respects our responsibilities will be enhanced and our mission more encompassed.

Many things have changed for the 96th, but tradition and heritage remain the same. The Double Diamond will still be worn with pride and honor. The men and women in the 96th RSC will still serve proudly, and the tradition of those who so valiantly served before them, will be carried on.

THE DEADEYE TRADITION CONTINUES TODAY AS ALWAYS.

cc:
Mrs. Strand
604 S. Hazel St.
Glenwood, Ia.

Respectfully Yours,

Steven H. Leitch, MSG
96th US ARCOM (soon to be the RSC)
Public Affairs Office

I am enclosing a check to pay my Association dues for the next year plus a little extra to help along. Sorry that I was not able to make the Lubbock Reunion. I am still recovering from lower back surgery. Do hope to be at the 1996 meeting. I did get to the reunions at Fresno, Spokane and Sparks. Had a chance to get re-acquainted with Bill Brosch and with Chet Bullock -- both Co. B 382 comrades and both of whom are now deceased. The leaves are falling. I appreciate the efforts that you all are doing to keep the spirit of the Deadeyes alive. Really do enjoy getting the Dispatch.

Charles A. Desmond -- 382-B
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Short note to let you know I appreciate receiving the Deadeye Dispatch. I often think of the persons I knew that are gone. Its a gift, I am still around, active and enjoying life

E. R. Johnsen -- 382 HQ
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Enclosed is my check for membership dues. I look forward to the next Dispatch. Really do enjoy it, and read every line from front to back. Keep it coming. Thought sure I would get to make the reunion in Lubbock since it was so close, but I was in the hospital at that time. I'm looking forward to the others -- maybe next time!.

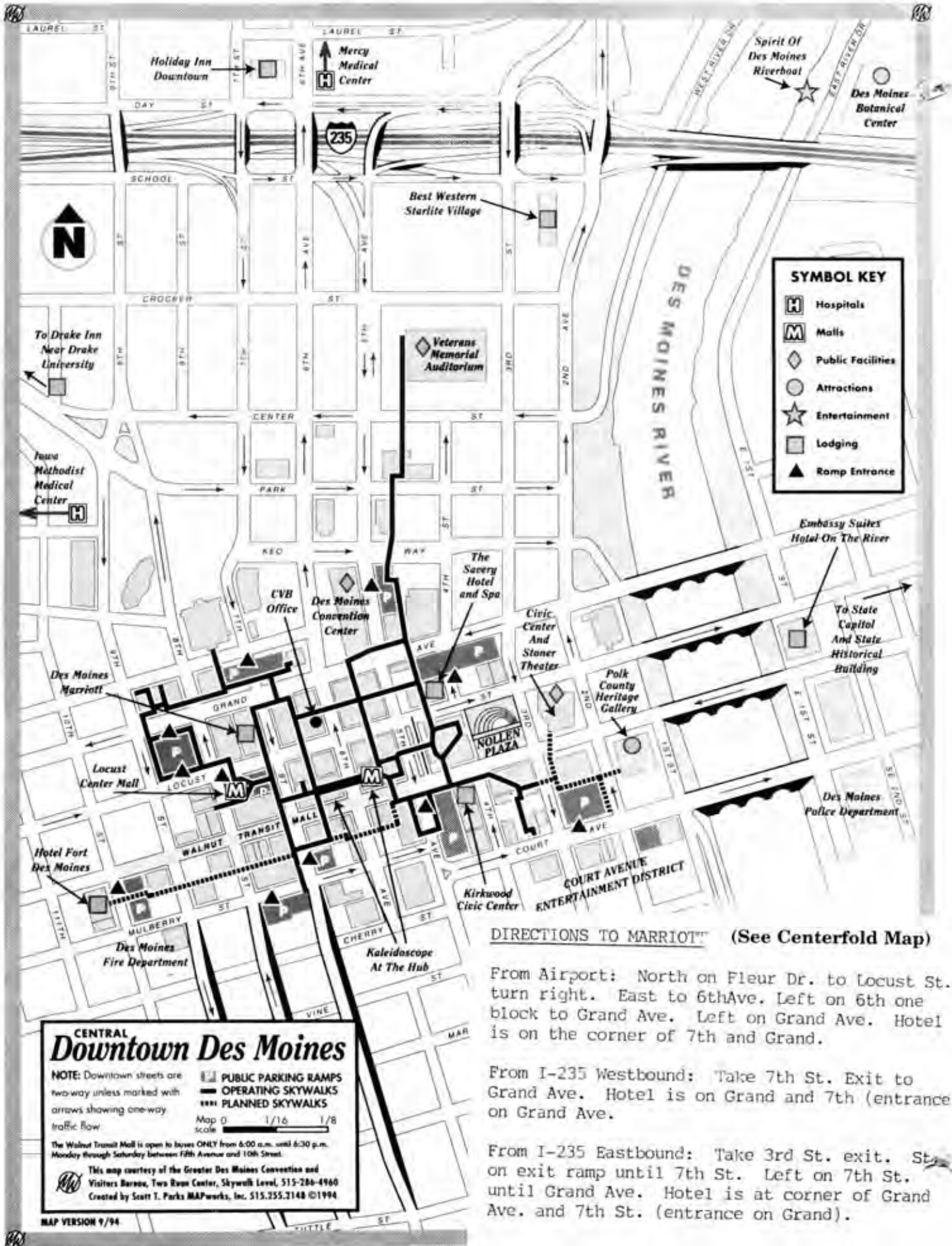
Paul E. Edwards -- 381 Service
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DeSoto, Tx. 75115

Enclosed is a check for any past dues that I might have. Please keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming.

Walter C. Phillips -- 383-B
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Enclosed is a check for our dues plus the extra for the Dispatch expenses. We so look forward to receiving it. We miss not being able to attend the reunions. Bill's health doesn't warrant it. We enjoyed the ones we were able to attend. Best regards to all, expecially "His Boys" of M Company 381.

Mary Peckrul for
William Peckrul -- 381-M
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**CENTRAL
Downtown Des Moines**

NOTE: Downtown streets are two-way unless marked with arrows showing one-way traffic flow.

Public Parking Ramps
Operating Skywalks
Planned Skywalks

Map scale: 1/16, 1/8

The Walnut Transit Mall is open to buses ONLY from 6:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday between 5th Avenue and 10th Street.

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DIRECTIONS TO MARRIOTT™ (See Centerfold Map)

From Airport: North on Fleur Dr. to Locust St. turn right. East to 6th Ave. Left on 6th one block to Grand Ave. Left on Grand Ave. Hotel is on the corner of 7th and Grand.

From I-235 Westbound: Take 7th St. Exit to Grand Ave. Hotel is on Grand and 7th (entrance on Grand Ave).

From I-235 Eastbound: Take 3rd St. exit. St. on exit ramp until 7th St. Left on 7th St. until Grand Ave. Hotel is at corner of Grand Ave. and 7th St. (entrance on Grand).