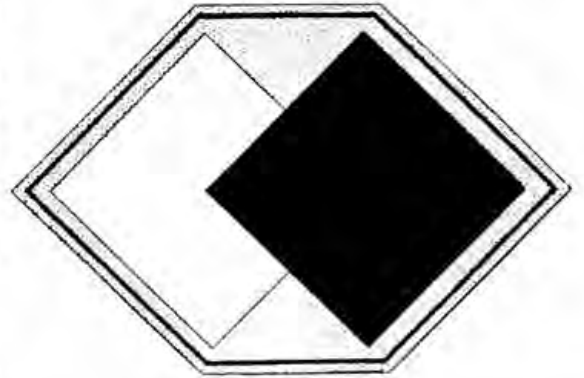


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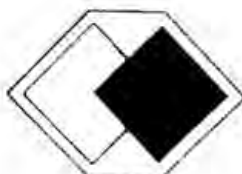
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# President's Corner



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



Dear Deadeyes,

I am always impressed with the cordiality and genuine friendliness present at the 96<sup>th</sup> Division reunions. The July 1998 meeting at Ft. Mitchell was no exception. My wife (Muriel) and I consider you our extended family. No first-timer(s) get ignored, —they get “adopted” by other units if no one from their unit attends. Many WW II vets, to whom I talk, wish their organizations would gather as the Deadeyes do.

The executive and auxiliary boards met at the Denver Marriott Tech Center on October 3, 1998 for a planning session regarding the 42<sup>nd</sup> Reunion. Bob Siefert, Reunion Chairman, and the reunion committee, are working with the Armed Forces Reunion group to assemble activities for us. One of the highlights will be the tour of the Air Force Academy.

Our reunion will meet August 5, 6, 7, rather than the latter part of July. This was done in order to get our preferred traditional schedule (Thursday through Saturday). Early Bird activities will take place prior to Thursday for those interested. Details will be listed in the Spring '99 issue of the Deadeye Dispatch. Come early—for those unable to come, join us in spirit.

Richard (Dick) Haglund, President  
96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

# Auxiliary Corner

**96<sup>th</sup> INF. DIV. ASSN.**

**DEADEYES**  
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members:

As I sit at my computer writing this letter for the Fall Issue of the Deadeye Dispatch, I am reminiscing about our reunion at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky and trying to find the words to describe the events. Words such as camaraderie, professional, sisterhood, networking, mentoring, compassion, continuity and laughter come to mind when I remember the reunion and the Auxiliary activities.

Susan Johnson, President of the Auxiliary, was unable to be at the reunion to chair all of the meetings and events. Susan requested that I, as 1st Vice-President, assume her responsibilities. While preparing to complete this role, I enjoyed the networking and mentoring of the Auxiliary officers, members and Past Presidents. The Auxiliary is without a doubt a very special sisterhood with their "can-do" attitude to accomplish all tasks assigned to the organization.

The Merchandise Sales Table was a positive success due primarily to Auxiliary members being willing to work with a professional attitude. There was such a feeling of camaraderie as we visited with everyone. I suggest you plan to join us-drop a note to Mary Eleanor Wood Smith or myself so your name can be placed on the roster of workers.

We now have 539 Lifetime Memberships within the Auxiliary. If you have not done so I would like to extend an invitation to you to join the Auxiliary. Lifetime Membership or yearly dues will assure the continuity of the group. We need you-come join us for some fun and much laughter.

I am honored to be serving as your President and look forward to an exciting year. Feel free to contact me should you have suggestions reference the Denver reunion. It is your Auxiliary and I would enjoy hearing from you.

Soon the majestic mountains of Colorado will begin to change colors and again we have an opportunity to view this great spectacle. My closing thought for you is to live well, laugh often and enjoy the color in your life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glendoris R. Cole". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Glendoris R. Cole, President  
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

# AWARDS

## 10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Vojko Baricev, Mercer Carey, R. F. Conger, Jerry Connolly, William J. Horton, Thomas Holiman, William Johnson, Everhardt S. Katterberg, Leslie L. Mund, Andrew Murcko, Edward J. Redlin, Alvin Rose, Earl Sonnenberg, Edward Stare, Fred Sutton, Henry B. Thoele, John P. Walsh, Ted Weber and Sam Wood.

## 15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Howard E. Anderson, Walter Bodem, David C. Bowen, Joseph Camilleri, Glyn Hollingsworth, Marvin Nelson, Edward Nowicki and Leonard C. Uchwart.

## 20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Jack Baran, Edward Bennett, Donald Foster, Fred Hagelans, Richard Haglund, Steve Melnyk, George Robertson, Tom Roby, and Robert Von Helle.

## 25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Lawrence Hartman, Elmer Sweeter, Milo Thompson, Mitchell Tottis, Orville L. Towne and Harold Wagner

## 30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Douglas B. Barton, George Caswell, Robert Maxwell and Russell Watts.

## 40 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Val Heinrich

## ATTENDED ALL 41 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard Van Etten.  
Mary Lou (Henry) White and Elaine (Clarence) Snyder have attended all 41 Reunions.

## DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARD

Thomas Roby

## OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Anne Obal

## SPECIAL AWARD

Ruth Siefert received a Special Award from Auxiliary President Susan Johnson.



# notices

The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1999. For further information contact MILO THOMPSON -- 1018 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Mi. 49203-2848.

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The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 1999 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day in 1999 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 Sassafra Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43229-5259 or JAMES KNIGHT -- 252 W. Franklin, Nelsonville, Oh. 45764-1151.

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The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 6, 1999, at the Gentle House on the Western Oregon University Campus. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be POT LUCK 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 RICHARD HAGLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310

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## REMINISCING!!

DATE	PLACE	NUMBER	PRESIDENT	DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE
1958	St. Louis, Mo.	103	Minor Butler	
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	Minor Butler
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	330	Alex Markus	Richard Klassen
1966	Indianapolis, In.	364	Robert Huff	Ed Dakan
1967	Omaha, Ne.	351	Peter Pohl	Edmund Biggs
1968	Chicago, Il.	551	Paul Bauer	Harold Roetker
1969	Des Moines, Ia.	354	Robert Fitzpatrick	Alex Markus
1970	Detroit, Mi.	434	Henry White	LeRoy Collins, Jr.
1971	Denver, Co.	376	Edward Dunning, Jr	James Breece
1972	New Orleans, La.	426	Joe Fritz	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, Il.	526	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, In.	433	James Breece	Sam Benson
1975	Kansas City, Ks.	482	Edmund Biggs	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	462	Cyril Dean Sterner	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	449	Tyson Shelton	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, La.	398	Douglas Burton	Henry White
1979	Denver, Co.	432	Atwell Champion	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, Il.	533	Fred Weeks	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	487	Glenn Hamilton	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, Mi.	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, Tx.	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, Mn.	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.	549	Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, Ca.	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, Tn.	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, Il.	622	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, S.D.	632	Tom Roby	George Buttell
1990	Omaha, Ne.	660	James Warren	Donald Foster
1991	Spokane, Wa.	511	James Knight	Hubert Hoffman
1992	Louisville, Ky.	670	Joseph Garabedian	Tyson Shelton
1993	Sparks, Nv.	519	Robert Siefert	Louis DeLuca
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.	645	Robert Schmidt	Joe Fritz
1995	Lubbock, Tx.	416	Louis Canedo	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, Ia.	517	Glen Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, Mo.	550	Don Dencker	Iden Johnson
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.	416	John Elliot	Tom Roby
1999	Denver, Co.		Richard Haglund	
2000	Salt Lake City, Ut.			
2001	Omaha, Ne.			

THREE DEADEYES -- Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard Van Etten have attended all 41 Reunions. Two DEADEYE GALs -- Elaine Snyder and Mary Lou White have attended all 41 Reunions.



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RESTAURANTS AND LOUNGES:

Allies American Grille seats 160, serves breakfast, lunch & dinner.  
Front Range Trading Post seats 40 serves breakfast, lunch & dinner.  
Comari's seats 160 and serves dinner.  
Great Divide Micro Brew seats 80 serves lunch and dinner.



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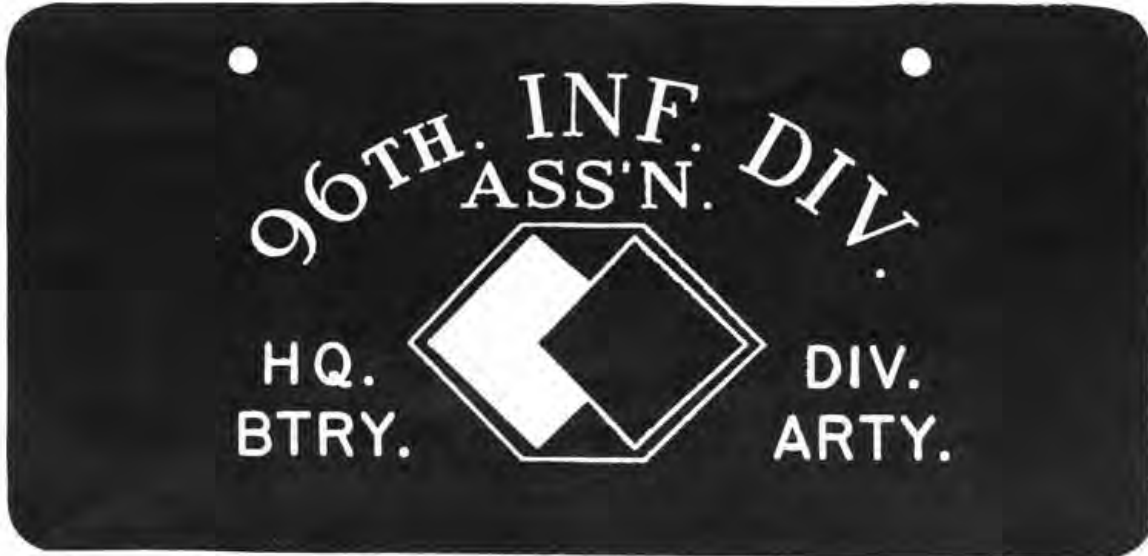
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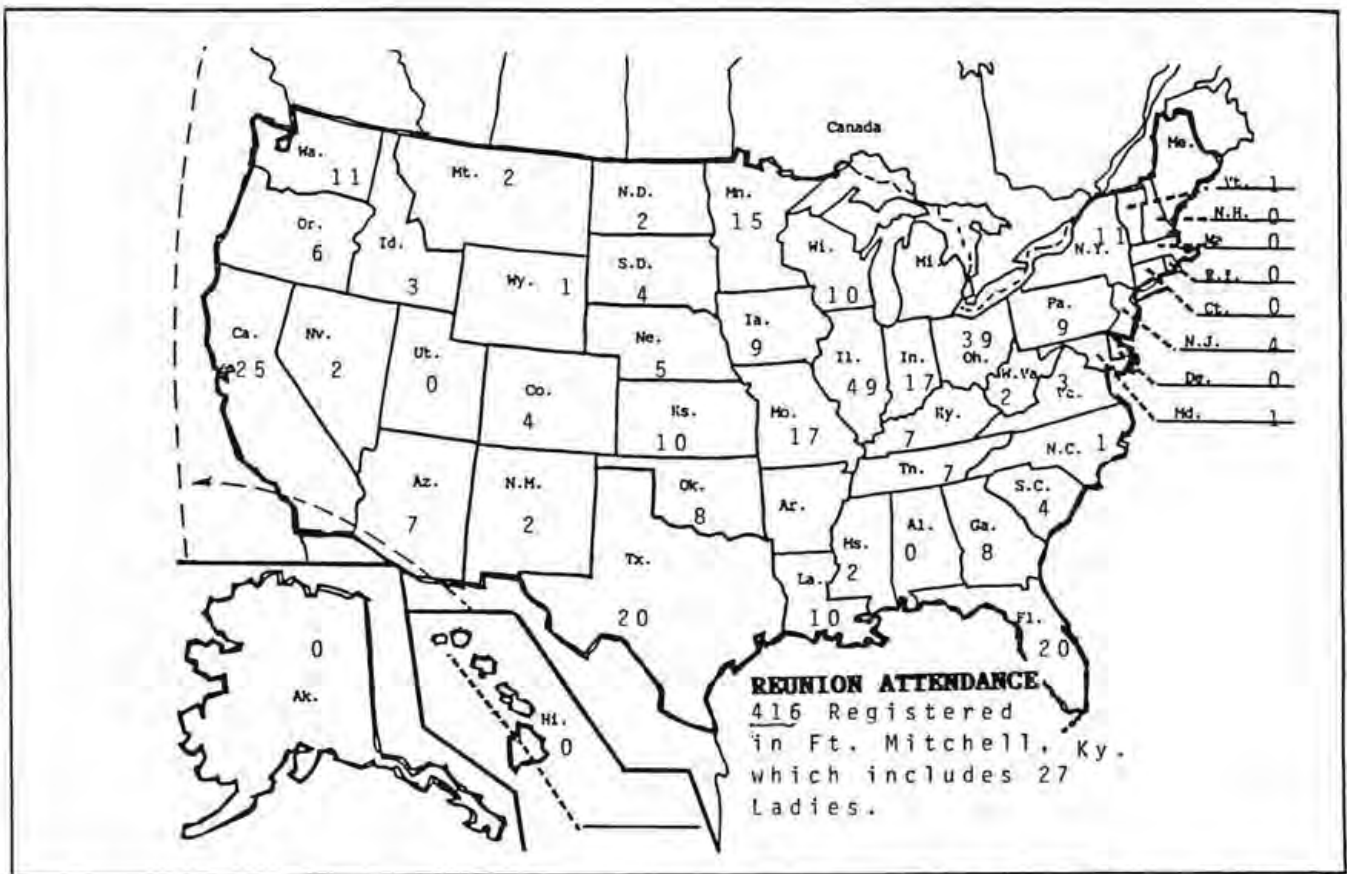
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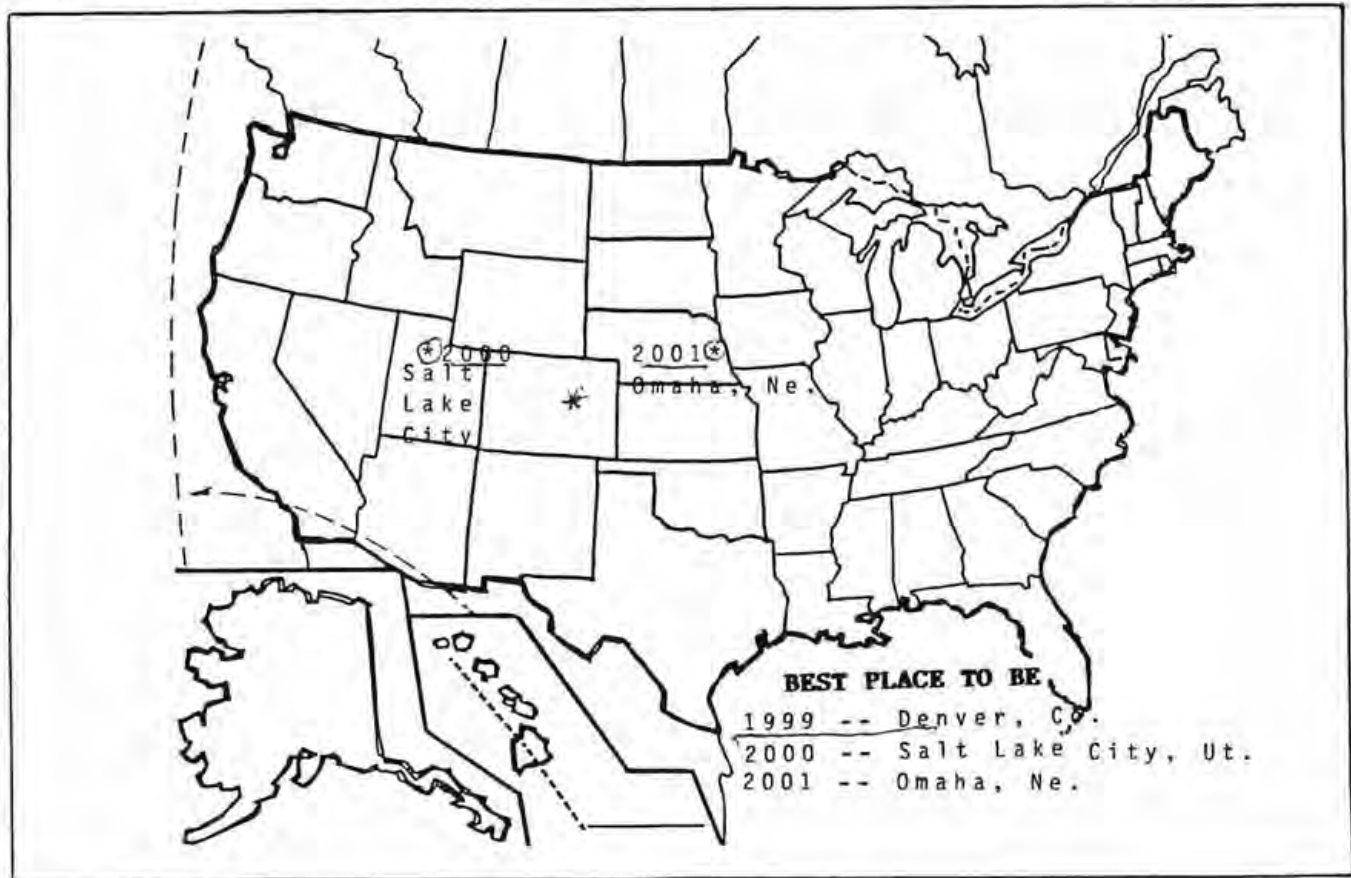
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**NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS**



## TREASURERS ' REPORT

For three years now, we've been talking about mandatory dues, either Life or Annual Membership. The main reasons are:

1. To require payment of dues to receive the Deadeye Dispatch and remain an active member of the Association.
2. To provide a more stable fund to help us manage our finances as we face the issues of the aging process - a growing concern.
3. To reduce the workload for all those involved with managing the Association.
4. To keep costs in line with income, etc..

We feel the program is working out quite well. Soon the pertinent information will be completed. At that time we will summarize the results of this effort and the findings will be reported at the Denver Reunion. A report will also appear in the Dispatch.

As some of you know, we ran out of Life Membership Pins. We were able to order more and you can get one by placing your order on the Dues Application form. The cost remains at \$4.00.

Once again, remember dues are paid only to the Association Treasurer or the Auxiliary Treasurer. Do not send dues to Armed Forces, Inc. with your Reunion Pre-Registration.

If you have any questions, please contact either Treasurer.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Robert Schmidt  
Treasurer

Ruth Seifert  
Auxiliary Treasurer

**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New? \_\_\_\_\_

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OR			
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 6.00	- - - - -	_____
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HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$20.00	- - - - -	_____
OR			
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 5.00	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
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*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*

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96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICIERS



Back row left to right -- George W. McMahan, Lorraine Strand, Glyn Hollingsworth, Robert Schmidt and E. Jaye Thompson.  
Front row left to right -- Sam Benson, Richard Haglund, Steve Melnyk and James G. Knight.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY OFFICIERS



Left to right -- Ruth Siefert, Joyce Confer, Anne Obal, Glendoris Cole, Helen Robertson and Mary Eleanor Wood Smith.  
Missing: Betty Shearer



Front



Back



Larry Parker (104th Division) left and Cecil Williams (96th Division) right. Mr. Parker donated the Cake for the Pot Luck Dinner.

T R I V I A

JUST REMEMBERING!!!!

This will be the third time that Denver, Co. has hosted the 96th Infantry Division Association Reunions.

The First Denver Reunion was held in July 1971 at the Denver Hilton in downtown Denver. The rooms were \$20.00 per night plus tax. For four nights, we paid \$85.60.

Edward Dunning, Jr. was the Association President, Lila Buxton was Auxiliary President, Howard Ragsdale was Reunion Chairman and James Breese received the Distinguished Deadeye award.

Tours: A tour of the U. S. Mint. A chartered bus to Colorado Springs Air Force Academy then on the Flying W. Ranch for a chuckwagon supper. The price was \$7.00

Saturday night banquet was \$9.00 and we were entertained by the "Cloggers", a nationally known faction of the Lamar, Co. Dudes and Dames.

376 Deadeyes, widows and guests were in attendance.

The Second Denver, Co. Reunion was in July 1979 at the Regency Best Western Inn at 38th & Valley Highway. Prices for the rooms were: Singles \$36.00, Twins (2) \$48.00, Queen Double \$42.00 and Suites \$65.00 to \$200.00.

Atwell Champion was Association President, Virginia Alberts was Auxiliary President, Howard Ragsdal was Reunion Chairman and Willard "Hoss" Mitchell received the Distinguished Deadeye award.

There was a tour of Coors Brewery and a hospitality room after the tour. There was also a tour to Central City, Co. The Ladies who attended the Luncheon was treated to a style show by Joslins Department Store.

432 Deadeyes Deadeyes, widows and Guest attended.

Please PAY YOUR DUES and join us in Denver, Co. for another wonderful time in the "Mile High" City.

# The Story of G.I. Joseph Camilleri

By  
Ed Dakan B-381



BEGINNING IN 1984 WITH THE REUNION IN SAINT Paul, Minnesota, Joseph Camilleri (96th Signal) has showed up every year since then.

JOE CAMILLERI ARRIVED IN SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, in early 1940. He needed a bike to get around town.



In October 1942 the trainride from the Army Reception Center at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, to Oregon used up three nights and two days. The following morning those several hundred bedraggled draftees were lined up naked one more time for a physical inspection by the medics.

Right away after that, by an unknowable sorting process, Joseph "Joe" Camilleri and a few other men were parcelled out to the 96th Signal Company. An acting NCO led them away to their own area of Camp Adair.

From day one, Joe worried that his new friends were teasing: "Where are you *really* from?" The question was repeated so often that it had to be some kind of joke. He pretended to be aggravated. "You mean to tell me you don't know about Malta? What do you dumbbells know about geography?" In fact, nobody knew that there was such a place.

Soldiering together through thick and thin for the next three years fixed that and it worked both ways. Joe learned about "exotic" Texas or "wonderful" Minnesota et al while his comrades found out that Malta mattered a whole lot more than its relative size.

Malta's three inhabited islands and the two uninhabited ones - only 122 square miles in total - are nothing more than flyspecks on a

IN 1944 AT CAMP WHITE, OREGON, JOE WAS DETAILED to mark targets at the firing range. He ducked down into the concrete-lined pit during firing.



map of the world. This lovely island country lies basking in the Mediterranean Sea just south of Italy's toe and out beyond Sicily. Through the ages, perhaps earlier than Bible times, these rocky little pieces of real estate with a fine natural harbor have been coveted by selfish neighbors on all sides.

The British were the last foreigners in control; it was their military spending that kept things going through the end of World War I and for a while after that.

When Great Britain put up forts to guard their headquarters, one of the cannons was emplaced right next to the Camilleri farm, so of course the artillerymen had to be billeted nearby. Room was tight for everybody. Here was this Maltese family with its menagerie of livestock and poultry jammed together with soldiers and tools of their trade.

Joseph Camilleri was born in Mosta, Malta, in 1917 while the war was still going hot and heavy. In those days, it was customary for the new mother to stay in bed for a week or longer and have only some chicken broth with rice cooked in it to eat. As soon as she was up and around, there were farm chores to be done.

Baby Joe's day-care was turned over to the Tommies at their big gun. "Maybe that is why I liked the English and men in uniform," said Joe musing about those years.

"My mom took me to school when I was nine years old. The schoolmaster told her, 'We'll put him in kindergarten.' But she said, 'No! There are girls there,' so I skipped two years of kindergarten and stayed through the sixth grade. And I walked two miles each way carrying my sandals to save the leather.

"When I was 15 years old and out of school, I helped my brothers look after our few sheep and goats and feed the pigs. Later on, my paying job was working for a contractor for about one pound and one shilling (equal to \$5.25) a week wages. We buried telephone wire and built concrete machine gun nests."

Besides being crowded to the gunnels, Malta was desperately short of resources in the Great Depression of the '30s. Out-migration was not new to these unfortunate folk; it seemed like somebody was always leaving, many scattering to the United States, others to Australia and Canada.

Times were bad and tense, too. England and France were fighting again with Germany in 1939, a prelude to World War II. Joe was 22 years old. He wanted to follow his brother, Pacifico, who had gone ahead to the United States and settled in Saint Louis, Missouri. The Camilleri family accepted the idea that Joe's chances to make it in Malta did not amount to much.

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**PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS FLOURISH IN THE CAMILLERI BACKYARD in Sonoma, California. The fruit is tasty when peeled properly.**



**JOSEPH AND JEAN CAMILLERI WERE MARRIED 45 YEARS until her death in 1994.**



## The Story of G.I. Joseph Camilleri (Continued)

But the visa did not come easily. The American Consul in Valletta waved a list as long as his arm. "These are the people who want out," he said. His interview with this physically fit male did speed the case along.

Shortly after Christmas in 1940, Joseph Camilleri set out to relocate. He travelled by boat to Syracuse, Sicily, by train to Naples, Italy, where he boarded the Italian liner "Rex" to spend nine days at sea bound for New York, U.S.A. Finally, another full day on a train put him in Saint Louis where he moved in with his brother on Devonshire Avenue.

Joe had nothing but holes in his pockets. "I found a job at the Spencer Box Company. The next thing I had to do was to register for the draft. They classified me I-A, but very soon a big brown envelope came in the mail. 'You do not have to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America if you do not wish to, however we always have the right to send you back to where you came from.' I wrote down, 'No objection.'

"My brother jumped about two feet, 'That's nothing if you aren't arrested or something. You're crazy! Why do you want to get your ass shot off?'

"I said, 'So what. They accepted me here. This is where I am going to make my home. I might as well do something for it.'"

Pfc. Joseph Camilleri did not perform any heroic deeds during his hitch with the 96th Signal Company; his job kept him behind the front lines. What he and his buddies in the wire platoon did was to string almost two thousand miles of telephone wire during the two campaigns to keep the different parts of the Division operating as a team. Joe simply did the best he could at the job he was given. And the wires did not grow naturally up there in those palm trees.

Joe recalled his initiation under enemy artillery fire. "The second day on Leyte we were laying wire from Division Headquarters forward to the 383d (Colonel May's) Regimental Headquarters. Off to our right on a hill, the Japanese wheeled out a gun and shelled us. Instead of getting down in a hole, I stood up and gawked around. Someone hollered, 'Get down, Joe.'

"About that time one of our 105s opened up. I got down in a hole. Then I heard a voice say, 'I think Joe got it.' Not me, but George Tucci, our Company Clerk, was killed, our only battle casualty for both the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns."

The "Signal Communique", the company's newsletter, mentioned the Camilleri name in connection with an incident that happened at the end of the battle on Okinawa. Joe had been looking around the bivouac area trying to find the source of unusual noises he heard at night. When he glanced up the side of a cliff, he saw two feet sticking out of a burrow.

Joe shouted, "Jap!"

Men came running with an assortment of weapons.

A smoke grenade failed to flush the person, so he was dragged out feet first. The scrawny fellow was an Okinawan who had been hiding there all of the 16 days that Signal Company had been in the area.

The Army discharged Joe at Jefferson Barracks in January '46. He decided to go into the baking business when the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company bakery (A&P) offered him a job.

"I took time off for a trip back to Malta in 1948. My family and friends were talking about me still being unmarried. 'What are you waiting for?'

"A friend, Dominique, told me about his sister. He thought I might like her, so one evening I went to visit. The next day I go propose. First, the banns had to be announced in the Catholic Church. This was January and we were married on the 21st of February."

Four daughters were born to the Camilleris in Saint Louis. Joe worked at the A&P bakery until it burned and went out of business, then the family moved to California. Joseph Jr. was born there. Joe's union connections helped him find employment with Wonder Bread.

Together, Joseph and Jean (Americanized from Giovanna) visited Malta 14 times. Their travels took them all over North America and Europe, especially Lourdes, France, more than once toward the end of her life.

When the street that runs past the Camilleri acreage on the outskirts of Sonoma, California, needed a name, Joe and his neighbor, Charlie Grech, agreed on "Mosta Way". With this token to remind him of his hometown so far away, Joe is proud to be a naturalized American citizen, but most of all, a DEADEYE to the bone.

Home Address: Mr. Joseph Camilleri, Sr. 720 Mosta Way Sonoma, California 95476
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Tokyo Rose And Vinegar Joe Agree:

## The 96th Tops All At Killing Japs

By PFC. GIL FEINSTEIN  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

96TH DIV., OKINAWA—It is seldom that Tokyo Rose and "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, new Tenth Army commander, agree on anything. But they did recently when both commented on the famous 96th (Deadeye) division of Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley.

"Tokyo Rose, in a frenzied burst of anger, screamed that the Deadeyes are 'Chicago gangsters—murderers released from the Chicago jails.'"

"'Vinegar Joe' didn't agree with that statement, literally, but he did go along with its general spirit by labelling the 96th a 'damn good sluggin' outfit.'"

### Given Large Order

The Deadeyes hit the coral beaches of Okinawa on 'Love Day, April 1.

The division landed on the narrow neck of the island with a mission of driving south with the 7th to capture the southern end of the island and its two main cities of Naha and Shuri—a task which eventually took five divisions.

Murderous fire from ill-famed Kakazu, Tombstone and Hack-saw Ridge greeted the Deadeyes when they turned south. The advance was halted while battalions of artillery poured tons of heavy explosive shells in the Jap positions and Navy bombers bombed and strafed the enemy. Battleships, cruisers and destroyers poured in broadsides.

In the words of Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, XXIV Corps commander, it was "the greatest fire support of any one assault in the

Pacific." Some observers compared it with Cassino. The barges hurt the Jap—but he wasn't licked. He came out of his fortifications and caves and let loose with machine guns, mortars and artillery.

### Costly Cave Fighting

Tanks and self-propelled 105s poured direct fire into the caves, but in the end it was the infantry which advanced from cave to cave with grenades, flame throwers and satchel charges.

But possession of the top of a hill meant the job was only half done. The Jap is a great rear slope defender.

Effective artillery or tank support is difficult there, and the division lost more men blasting a way down the other side. Every cave had to be sealed.

Kakazu Ridge never was really taken. It was outflanked and made untenable at the cost of thousands of American casualties.

### Cracked Shuri Line

In the first 30 days of the campaign, the 96th took two of the main Jap fortifications. After a few days rest, they went back and helped crack the vaunted Shuri line, then drove on south. At the end of the 78th day of the campaign, the 96th had been in the line 68 days.

Recognition of Deadeye accomplishments came in a letter from the late Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner to Gen. Bradley.

"I wish to congratulate you and all members of your command for your part in driving the enemy away from his Shuri line and forcing him to the present area for final destruction. While all the divisions in the line have contributed to this end, I regard the capture of Conical Hill by the 96th division as the most important single factor in the collapse of the Shuri position, since it opened the way for the envelopment of the hostile right and forced the enemy's immediate withdrawal."

### Kill 20,000 Japs

By mid-June, official estimates credited the Deadeyes with killing 20,000 Japs, the biggest bag of any division on the island, but the price was highest of any XXIV corps division. Only two or three survivors remain in some of the original platoons left from Leyte. More than one company lost all its officers; one company has had seven commanders; one regiment has had three.

There are ugly knolls and ridges on Okinawa that are indelibly

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imprinted in blood-stained letters in the archives of the division.

There was Kakazu Ridge, up which the 383rd and 381st Infantry regiments charged. Oboe Hill, where rain-soaked doughboys of the 382nd Infantry hung on for days. Conical Hill where men of the 381st and 383rd fought for 19 agonizing days.

AND IN 1998

## World War II veterans gather for 41st reunion

FORT MITCHELL — Several hundred 96th Infantry Division World War II veterans who fought in the Philippines and helped conquer Okinawa attended their 41st reunion Saturday.

More than 700 veterans and their spouses were at Drawbridge Estates to remember and to maintain old friendships.

Don Dencker, past president of the 96th Infantry Division Association, said the camaraderie of the veterans survives because of what the men suffered through during the war.

A memorial service was held to honor those who died during the war and those who have died since. Tom Roby, who served in Company C of the 382nd unit, spoke during the service.

MEANWHILE:

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In Honolulu...

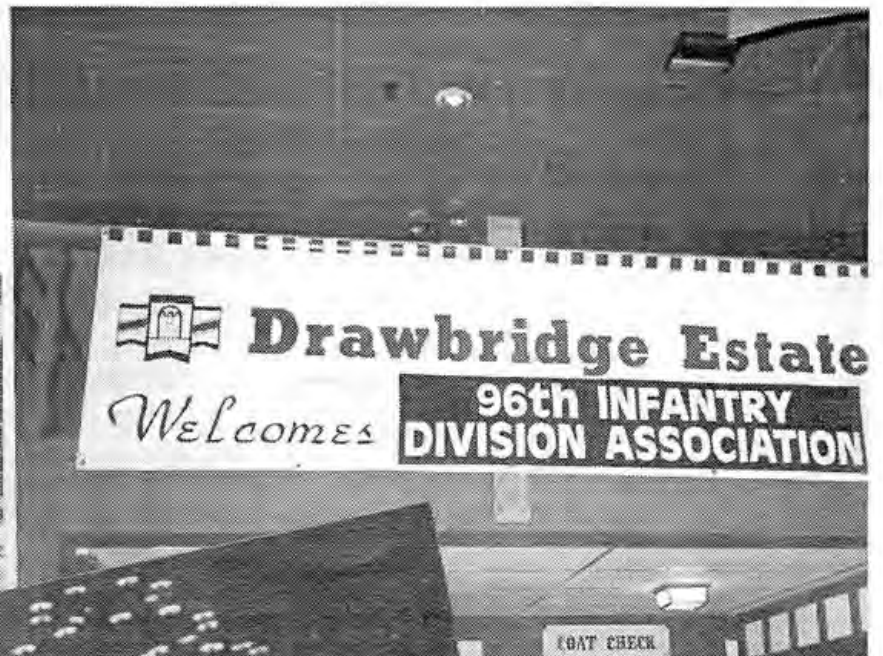
THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Dancing: 11:15 a.m., USO Victory club; 1 p.m., The Breakers; 3 p.m., USO Army-Navy club, music by the Trademen; 8:15 p.m., USO Victory club.

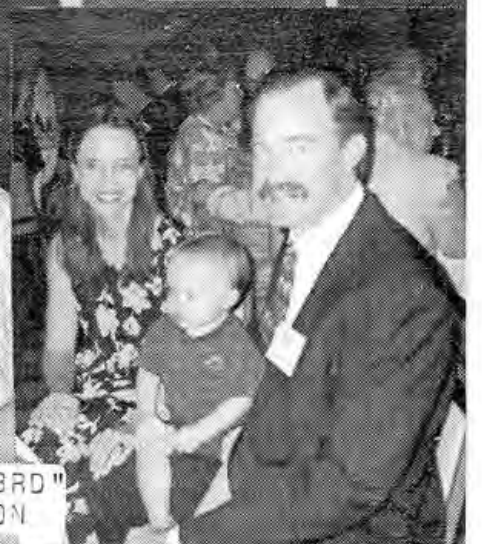
Round the island: Buses leave daily, 10:15 a.m., from Capitol Market (across from postoffice) for five-hour trip.

Deep sea fishing: Trips arranged any day by USO Rainbow club; 48 hours notice required.

Waikiki swimming: The Breakers, Foyal Hawaiian hotel, Moana hotel; Ft. DeRussy (Army personnel only).



NOW THE "3RD" GENERATION



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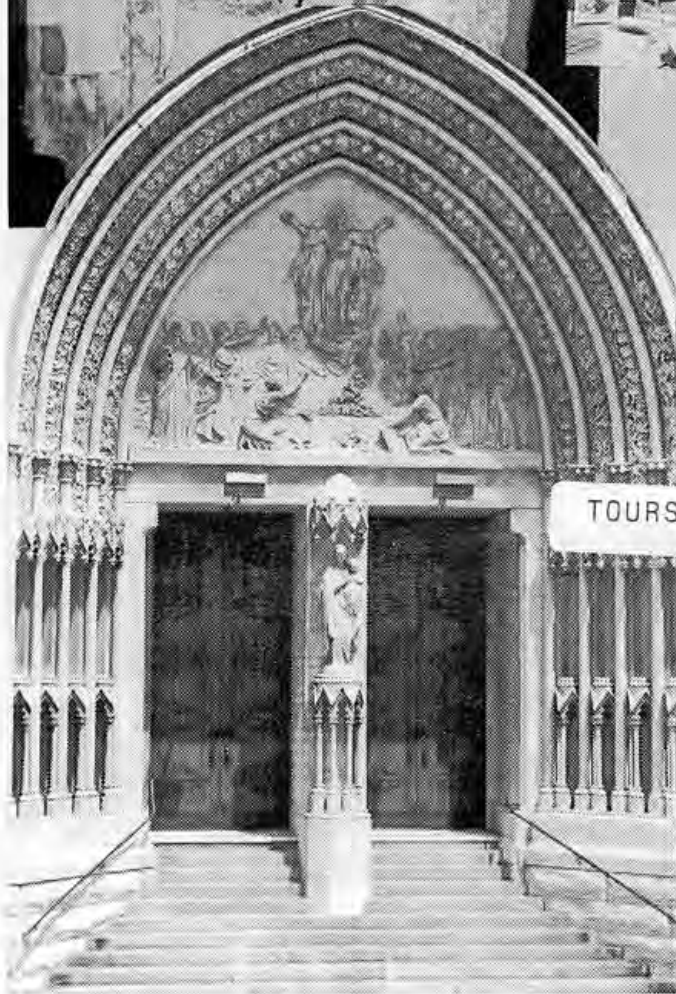




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# WELCOME DEADEYES

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.



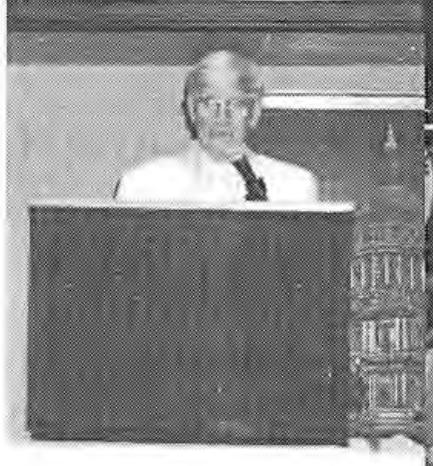
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96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INTERNET HOME PAGE

A 96th Infantry Division Association Internet Home Page is being established at:

<http://members.aol.com/infantry 96>

At this time our Home Page website has not been completed and it will be expanded in the future. Links will also be provided to other World War II Divisions who in turn will have a link to the 96th Division Site.

The Association wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to Jeff Riggleman of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin for the many hours of his effort to establish our Home Page.

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Thanks to all of you who helped with the selling of merchandise at the reunion in Ft. Mitchell. You did a great job and I hope you had fun doing it. A special thanks to the fellow who donated his bird houses for us to sell! We still have a few "Deadeye" Potato chip clips to sell and will be looking for sales volunteers for the Denver Reunion.

Auxiliary Merchandise Committee

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We have purchased more "Life Membership" pins. If you are a Life Member and would like one send your Treasurer \$4.00 with your name and address. They will be happy to mail you one.

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PLEASE, PLEASE pay your dues. Every Deadeye ought to pay his dues. Your dues pay for the DEADEYE DISPATCH.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION MONUMENT DEDICATION  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

April 1, 1999 at 10:30 A. M.

Through the generous contributions of Deadeyes and friends, the 96th Infantry Division Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii will be dedicated on April 1, 1999, at 10:30 A. M. A small scale illustration of Memorial Monument Bronze Plaque is shown below:

**96TH INFANTRY "DEADEYES" DIVISION, U.S.ARMY, WWII**  
**THIS MONUMENT DEDICATED TO 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIERS**  
**KILLED IN ACTION ON LEYTE, PHILIPPINES AND OKINAWA, JAPAN**  
**AND TO ALL DEADEYES WHO FOUGHT WITH DISTINCTION AND UNCOMMON VALOR**  
**TO DEFEAT IMPERIAL JAPAN**

**96TH INF. DIV. MEN MEMORIALIZED AT THIS NATIONAL SHRINE SERVED IN:**

**381ST, 382ND AND 383RD INFANTRY REGIMENTS**  
**361ST, 362ND, 363RD AND 921ST FIELD ARTILLERY BN.**  
**96TH DIV. HQ., 321ST MEDICAL AND 321ST ENGINEER BN.**  
**96TH RECON. TROOP AND 96TH SIGNAL, QUARTERMASTER & ORDNANCE CO. & MP PLT.**  
**ATTACHED TROOPS: 763RD TANK BN. AND 88TH CHEMICAL MORTAR BN.**  
**593RD JOINT ASSAULT SIGNAL AND 3240TH QM SERVICE CO.**

**DEDICATED BY THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOC., APRIL 1, 1999**

There will be a 96th Infantry Division Patch above the main tablet and a Combat Infantry Badge below.

All 96th Infantry Division Veterans, wives and friends are invited to attend this dedication ceremony. The ceremony will be ably supported by the U. S. Army Hawaii, the 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks and the Cemetery Director. A Dedication Ceremony Program will be prepared.

The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) is the final resting place for many of our comrades killed in action on Okinawa plus some from Leyte. The cemetery is at 2177 Puowaina Dr., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. DO NOT take a Tour Bus to the Cemetery as they are not allowed to stop within the cemetery grounds.

Pacific Monument Ad Hoc Committee:

Don Dencker, Chairman  
Dick McCarthy  
Larry Ulrich

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#### PACIFIC MONUMENT DEDICATION TOUR

A significant interest has been expressed in providing a Hawaii Tour which will include the dedication service on April 1, 1999 for the 96th Infantry Division Memorial Monument at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The Tour duration would be one week and could include one other Hawaiian Island in addition to Oahu.

This Tour WOULD NOT be sponsored by the 96th Infantry Division Association or supported with Association funds.

Anyone interested in this Tour should write to:

Don Dencker  
1375 Musket Ridge Drive  
Sun Prairie, Wi. 53590-3436  
Phone: (608) 837-7479

DON'T FORGET THE DENVER, CO. REUNION AUGUST 5, 6 & 7, 1999.

## LEYTE COMBAT EXPERIENCE INFORMATION WANTED

An Author who is preparing a book about the campaign on Leyte during World War II is seeking information from Deadeyes who were involved in that battle. His objective is to present a "mainstream account of the battle" and not present the battle as a secondary event to McArthur's return to the Philippines, or as a backdrop to the Naval Battle of Leyte Gulf or as a prelude to the assault on Luzon.

Mr. Derks says: The deeds of the 96th and the units that fought alongside them, deserve better than to remain the opening chapters on a book about retaking the Philippines -- they deserve their own book. With your help I intend to tell this story, not to provide bona fides to your struggles -- your actions speak for themselves -- but so that a wide audience can appreciate those actions, and come to respect the men of the 96th as I do.

The Japanese viewed Leyte as the decisive battle and if you wish to assist in the preparation of this book, please contact:

Mr. Tracy Derks  
5618 Spring Lodge  
Kingwood, Tx. 77345  
Phone -- (281) 360-6344

## NAME RUBBING FROM OKINAWA BATTLE MONUMENT

The Okinawa Battle Monument built by the Okinawa Government has 240,000 names on it including 14,005 U. S. Names of our service men killed in the battle. Almost all 96th Infantry Division men killed are inscribed on the Monuments plaques.

Our Okinawan friend, Alex Kishaba has offered to provide a rubbing of the name of any 96th Infantry Division man when requested by our Association members. Simply mail to Alex Kishaba, clearly printed, your name and address and the name of the Deadeye killed on Okinawa. Mail to:

Mr. Alex Kishaba  
Arakaki 541, Nakagusuku-Son  
Okinawa, Japan 901-24

THESE DEADEYES, WIDOWS, DAUGHTERS, & SISTERS REGISTERED IN FORT MITCHELL, KY.

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Fred A. Sutton -- Terre Haute, In.  
E. Jaye Thompson -- Mercer Island, Wa.

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N O N E

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Robert Schmidt -- Stillwater, Mn.  
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Earl Williams -- Council Bluffs, Ia.

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Peter Koenig -- Daytona Beach, Fl.  
Suds Morichetti -- Hurley, Wi.  
Joannie Morris (Benton) -- Somerville, Tn.  
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Orville Spicer -- Stillwater, Ok.  
Renwyn Triplett -- Middletown, Va.  
Russell Watts -- Columbus, Oh.

382 -- CANNON

Martin Ostry -- Wellington, Fl.

382 -- MEDICS

Harold A. Prust -- Minneapolis, Mn.

382 -- 1st BN. HQ.

N O N E

382 -- COMPANY A

Tom Panagoulas -- Millbrae, Ca.

382 -- COMPANY B

Ruth M. Broschk (William) --  
Colombia Station, Oh.  
Roy Holmes -- Memphis, Tn.  
John Iseli, Jr. -- Abilene, Ks.  
Martin Mak -- St. Joseph, Mi.  
Anthony Pintaure -- Seierville, In.

382 -- COMPANY C

Alva Amelung -- Minera, Oh.  
Bill Ballard -- Seagoville, Tx.  
F. George Blair -- Iowa City, Ia.  
Walter L. Boyd -- Waco, Tx.  
Whitney Champagne -- Lake Charles, La.  
Van Champion (Atwell) --  
Baton Rouge, La.  
John Chuba -- Pahrump, Nv.  
Gerald R. Craig -- Burton, Mi.  
Richard T. Ellis -- Athens, Mi.  
Jack Hawkins -- Thornville, Oh.  
Peter Henz -- Arlington, Tx.  
John W. Kinkley -- St. Marys, Oh.  
Walter Kleinschmidt --  
Jacksonville, Il.  
Thomas Roby -- Watertown, S. D.  
Alvin B. Rose -- Acworth, Ga.  
Charles B. Schilliger -- Columbus, Oh.  
Francisco Sotelo -- Sunnyvale, Ca.  
Marvin Strickland -- Elberfield, In.  
Albert B. Ward -- Fishers, In.

382 -- COMPANY D

Geneta Apple (Aubrey J.) --  
Dardenelle, Ar.  
Donald Bloom -- Monroe, Wi.  
John V. Bornong -- Sioux City, Ia.  
T. W. Dohl -- Venice, Fl.  
Edward Hrubey -- No. Royalton, Oh.  
Arnold M. Sauber -- Dundas, Mn.

382 -- 2nd BN.HQ.

Philip Burnes -- Winnsboro, S. C.  
Robert J. Dianovsky -- Chicago, Il.  
Robert Fitzpatrick -- Pontiac, Il.  
Mike Misko -- Livonia, Mi.  
Harold Wagner -- Chicago, Il.  
Alfred Wasinger -- Franktown, Co.

382 -- COMPANY E

Vernon Duncan -- Jacksonville, Fl.  
Max Harbison -- Tulsa, Ok  
Tyson L. Shelton -- Elk city, Ok.  
Irene Snyder (Jesse) -- Bellevue, Mi.

382 -- COMPANY F

Hank Armstrong -- Castle Rock, Wa.  
Cledith Bourdeau -- Coalinga, Ca.  
John Boyack -- Vacaville, Ca.  
Ino B. DeRoss -- Weed, Ca.  
Charles Harmany -- Allentown, Pa.  
John B. Kent -- Battle Creek, Mi.  
Tony Lovsin -- Willoughby, Oh.  
Pasquale C. Meiele -- Hyde Park, N.Y.  
Edward Mockrich -- Greenville, S.C.  
Brandon Neal -- Chico, Ga.  
Russell J. Packard -- Saginaw, Mi.  
Wayne Page -- DeSmet, S. D.  
Carl J. Pullen -- Perrysburg, Oh.  
Rolland Zech -- Sandusky, Oh.

382 -- COMPANY G

Albert Adkisson -- Decaturville, In.  
John F. Caulley -- Powder Springs, Ga.  
Robert Massey -- Kennedale, Tx.  
Franklin Nicholson -- Salem, In.  
Melvin Parrish -- Commerce City, Co.  
George Ray -- Des Plaines, Il.  
Arza G. Smalley -- Alexandria, Va.  
Fletcher Veach, Jr. -- San Antonio, Tx.  
Marshall White -- Lake Charles, La.

382 -- COMPANY H

Dolores Cisko (Joseph) --  
Port Richey, Fl.

Keith Hand -- Coloma, Mi.  
Robert Hendricks -- Stephens, Mn.  
Elwyn Hollenbeck -- Tecumseh, Mi.  
W. James Hunt -- McCleary, Wa.  
Fert Mehlhoff -- Banning, Ca.  
Louis J. Sanglier -- Lewiston, Mi.  
Norman A. Schram -- Rogers, Ar.  
James H. Short -- Berkeley, Ca.  
Kenneth Staver -- Saginaw, Mi.  
Donald VanDoornik -- Hamilton, Mi.

382 -- 3rd BN HQ.

N O N E

382 -- COMPANY I

Alton O. Berger -- Westby Wi.  
Charles L. Frazier -- Beech Grove, In.

382 -- COMPANY K

George B. Brooks -- Kalamazoo, Mi.  
Frank Brown -- Gatlinburg, Tn.  
Wilber Fite -- San Antonio, Tx.  
Jesse Johnson -- No. Little Rock, Ar.  
Leonard Lazarick -- Holland, Pa.  
Russell F. Pohle -- Angels Camp, Ca.  
Robert Sieler -- Portland, Or.  
Anthony Shock -- Hot Springs, Ar.  
Elmer Volness -- Fargo, N. D.  
John P. Walsh -- Larkspur, Ca.  
Clete J. Weist -- Long Beach, Ca.  
Edwin Wright -- Rogersville, Mo.

382 -- COMPANY L

Don Dencker -- Sun Prairie, Wi.  
James Foster -- Alexandria, Oh.  
Bob Glassman -- Hays, Ks.  
Marvin Margoshes -- Tarrytown, N. Y.  
Michael Moroz -- Mt. Laurel, N. J.  
Alva V. Smith -- San Juan Capistrano, Ca.  
Earl Sonnenberg -- Rockton, Il.  
John A. Stratman -- Cincinnati, Oh.

382 -- COMPANY M

Samuel B. Avery -- Frankfort, In.  
-Eugenio E. Gonzales -- Eagle Pass, Tx.  
Robert H. Johnson -- Chicago, Il.  
Stanley E. Lang -- Beverly Hills, Fl.  
Kenneth R. Morgan -- Duncan, Ok.  
Jim Patterson -- Albuquerque, N. M.  
Fred Weeks -- -- Sycamore, Il.

383 -- HEADQUARTERS

N O N E

383 -- SERVICE

Tommy Birchfield -- Houston, Tx.  
Robert Meyers -- Homewood, Il.  
Andrew P. Polka -- Romulus, Mi.  
Donald Whitney -- Watervliet, Mi.

383 -- ANTI-TANK

N O N E

383 -- CANNON

Lee G. Hickok -- Champaign, Il.

383 -- MEDICS

Bill Bunevich -- Rocky River, Oh.  
Les Guengerich -- Sun Lakes, Az.

383 -- 1st BN. HQ.

Jack Barron -- White Lake, Mi.  
Norma Barth (Virgil) -- Toledo, Oh.  
Wm. J. Horton -- Portsmouth, Oh.  
R. N. McMillan -- Springdale, Ar.  
Edmund A. Nowicki -- Dearborn, Mi.  
Oscar Vickers -- Coahoma, Tx.

383 -- COMPANY A

Robert Huff -- Indianapolis, In.  
George Robertson -- Cambridge, N. Y.

383 -- COMPANY B

Clarence Blessing, New London, Mo  
Arvin Bowman -- Shelbyville, Ky.  
David C. Bowen -- Spencer, Oh.  
Herbert Fischer -- Whitehouse, N. J.  
Ernest J. Gerstner -- Conyers, Ga.  
George Hannig -- Chicago, Il.  
Richard J. McCarthy -- Coos Bay, Or.  
Dick Nauman -- Metamora, Il.  
Gerald W. Stewart -- Santa Fe, N. M.  
Elmer Sweeter -- Canton, S. D.

383 -- COMPANY C

Spencer A. Bullard -- Lakewood, Co.  
Walter Egeland -- Two Harbors, Mn.  
Bos Ensor -- Oakton, Va.  
Joe Humber -- Harrodsburg, Ky.  
Leslie Mund -- Salmon, Id.  
Vasalia Nickita -- Rapid City, Mi.  
Don Peterson -- Merrifield, Mn.  
Ed Sagurton -- Vero Beach, Fl.

383 -- COMPANY D

Blaire J. Barton -- Medina, Oh.  
John Armesto -- Buffalo, N. Y.

383 -- 2nd BN. HQ.

Herbert W. Bekermeier --  
Bloomington, Il.  
Charles E. Cunningham --  
Kingston, Tn.  
Joseph McCaffrey -- Tallahassie, Fl.  
Jack Roe -- Exton, Pa.  
Reino A. Jurvelin --  
Coeur D'Alene, Id.  
William C. Vallery -- Cincinnati, Oh.

383 -- COMPANY E

Mary Schroeder -- Oshkosh, Wi.

383 -- COMPANY F

Herbert J. Bate -- Glen Ellyn, Il.  
Mercer H. Carey -- East Jordon, Mi.  
Vern Corbin -- Cincinnati, Oh.  
George M. Resetco -- Bethlehem, Pa.  
Alvin Sellers -- Philadelphia, Pa.  
Kit Soderlund (Irv) -- Marietta, Ga.  
Lou Stone -- Orlando, Fl.

383 -- COMPANY G

Orville Caspers -- Swaledale, Ia.  
John cramer -- Dixon, Il.  
Wallace Wood -- Muskegon, Mi.

383 -- COMPANY H

Robert Abbott -- Winter Haven, Fl.  
Joseph Babinsky -- LaGrange Park, Il.  
Richard Birchfield -- Seattle, Wa.  
Jerry Connolly -- Garden City, N.J.  
Earl N. Conrad -- Englewood, Fl.  
Estel L. Dawson -- Banning, Ca.  
Orlan Hill -- Surprise Az.  
Mike Kogut -- Chicago, Il.  
Michael R. Martz -- Yorkville, Il.  
Charles S. Ronzio -- Kitchener,  
On. Canada  
Howard Stock -- Lone Tree, Ia.  
Dick Williams -- Moscow, Id.

383 -- 3rd BN. HQ.

Howard Bentley -- McDermott, Oh.  
Ernest J. Martinez -- Conyers, Ga.  
John A. Massura -- Chicago, Il.  
Edward W. Stare -- Cincinnati, Oh.  
Edwin J. Tilton -- Columbus, Oh.  
Tony Zerites -- Crown Point, In.

383 -- COMPANY I

Merlin Bennett -- Plainview, Pa.  
Harry Brown -- St. Louis, Mo.  
William G. Burd -- San Jacinto, Ca.  
Herman Claborn -- Rising Star, Tx.  
Leonard Freeman -- Stratford, Ok.  
Don B. Hart -- Tyrone, Ga.  
William A. Hood -- Pittsburg, Ks.  
Arnold M. Kuester -- Prescott Valley,  
Az.  
Charlie Lee -- Lake Charles, La.  
S. T. Morris -- Holdenville, Ok.  
Clarence Snyder -- Shenandoah, Ia.  
A. Bob VonHolle -- Villa Hills, Ky.  
Alverda Wartman (Kline) --  
Moline, Il.  
Charles R. Weidler --  
Paradise Valley, Az.  
Mary Lou White (Henry) --  
Mackinaw, Il.

383 -- COMPANY K

Les Brown -- Greenfield, In.  
Herman Buffington -- Jefferson, Ga.  
John W. Elliot -- Cheney, Wa.  
Ray Emmons -- Eugene, Or.  
Paschal A. King -- Kingsport, Tn.  
Margaret Rhodes (sister Charles) --  
St. Elmo, Il.  
Ray Strenski -- Green Bay, Wi.  
Dorothy Tinker (Carl) -- St. Louis, Mo.  
Ed Uscinowicz -- Westland, Mi.  
Herbert Wolf -- Waitsfield, Vt.  
Mary Eleanor Wood Smith (Daughter  
Sam Wood) -- No. Augusta, S.C.  
Sam Wood, Sr. -- Spartan, S. C.  
Arthur M. Young -- Clarkesville, Ga.

383 -- COMPANY L

Erma Helsel (John R. Crabb)--  
Show Low, Az.  
Bill Stubbe -- Ayr, Ne.  
James Warren -- Fairbault, Mi.

383 -- COMPANY M

George E. Cowan -- Alton, Il.  
Kenneth Dolan -- Denver, Co.  
Edward Funk -- Muskegan, Mi.  
Sadie Hardt (Gottlieb) --  
Palatine, Il.  
Martha J. Holman (Eugene) --  
Princeton, Mo.  
Perry Pederson -- No. Branch, Mn.  
Edward J. Redlin -- Naples, Fl.  
Lawrence P. Ulrich --  
Cincinnati, Oh.

DIVISION ARTY.

Donald J. Foster -- Topeka, Ks.

QUARTERMASTER

William Formeller -- Chicago, Il.

M. P.

Melvin Barton -- Nashville, Mi.  
Jacob F. Bitzer -- Philadelphia, Pa  
Milo Thompson -- Jackson, Mi.

RECON.

Ed Borkin -- Wixom, Mi.  
John McLeod -- Roseville, Mi.  
Lois Qualls (Ernest) -- Lebanon, Mo.  
Clarence Zerrusen -- Hillsboro, Il.

SIGNAL

Joseph Camilleri -- Sonoma, Ca.  
Calvin Clements -- Lubbock, Tx.  
Emmett Dunaway -- Omaha, Ne.  
Hubert Hoffman -- Wichita, Ks.  
Paul L. Jukuri -- Westland, Mi.  
Clarence Keegstra -- Wayland, Mi.  
Marvin H. Nelson -- Superior, Wi.  
William Roberts -- Louisville, Ky.  
Marvin Steele -- Unionville, Mo.  
Harold Straube -- Marine, Il.

921 F. A.

Billy R. Elkins -- Columbus, Oh.  
Edward F. Gliwa -- Chicago, Il.  
Ambrose Hermann -- Muscatine, Ia.  
Henry Jacobson -- Beachwood, Oh.  
John L. Morelock -- Chicago, Il.

361 F. A.

Charles C. Hale -- Elizabeth, W.V.  
Val Heinrich -- Sarasota, Fl.  
Roman J. Klinkowicz --  
No. Olmsted, Oh.  
Karel Knutson -- Puposky, Mn.  
Neil S. Nelson -- Pontiac, Mi.  
Harold J. Rabine -- New Baltimore, Mi.  
Richard Van Etten -- Toledo, Oh.

362 F. A.

Joseph Battaglia -- Mesa, Az.  
Arnold R. Clemens -- Adams, N. D.  
Eugene R. Dye -- Sacramento, Ca.  
Oliver E. Haecker -- San Antonio, Tx.  
LeRoy Middleton -- Jonesboro, Ar.  
Ray Yarbrough -- Bayou Vista, Tx.

363 -- F. A.

Coleman Burke -- Harrodsburg, Ky.

321 MEDICS

Arthur A. Creason -- Hannibal, Mo.  
Jack Diamond -- Lubbock, Tn.  
Alvis F. Harrell -- Mt. Vernon, Il.  
Adelbert W. Miller -- Richmond, Mi.  
Alice J. Muff (Hubert) -- Crete, Ne.  
Karl F. Sinning -- Ocala, Fl.  
Harry R. Thoele -- Tuetopolis, Il.  
Martha W. Vallery (Milton) --  
Forest Hill, La.

321 ENGINEERS

Marshall Allen -- Oak Grove, La.  
Jesse H. Clausel -- Corinth, Ms.  
Carroll Simmons -- King City, Mo.  
Eric Tengerstrom -- Cicero, Il.  
B. F. Thigpen -- Amarillo, Tx.  
Elmer Winter -- Jackson, Mn.

728 AMPH.

Anthony Dombrowski -- Buffalo, N. Y.

796 ORDINANCE

Robert Bartlett -- Saginaw, Mi.  
Ben C. Confer -- Los Osos, Ca.  
Harry Jones -- Sherman, W. V.  
George McMahan -- Houston, Tx.  
Chloris Nickerson (Russell) --  
Truman, Mn.  
Maurice O'Connell -- Montague, Mi.

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Frank Tiedge -- Portsmouth, Oh.  
David C. VanBuskirk -- Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Not a Member - from Cruise Co.

ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES

As the designated contact person between the 96th Infantry Division Association and Turner Publishing Company, I wish to inform you that you have been given another opportunity to order the second edition of the Division's History.

The second edition should be ready for distribution by January 1999. The price is \$49.95 plus \$5.00 for S&H from

Turner Publishing Company  
P. O. Box 3101  
Paducah, Ky. 42002-3101

The book will contain all the new stories and photos as well as all that that was in Volume I.

Louis J. Canedo -- 381-E

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES. Dues pay for the Deadeye Dispatch.



I got with the 96th Division in October 1942 and was with them until February 1946. I believe it was one of the best units around. Am sending a check for my Life Membership -- don't want to miss one copy of the Deadeye Dispatch.

James K. Wist -- 381 - G  
6 Montgomery St.  
Fayetteville, Ar. 72701-2279

Enclosed is my check for Life Membership. I enjoy reading the Dispatch. Keep up the good work. You are doing a great job. Due to a lot of health problems, can't make any of the reunions but enjoy reading about those who are able to attend.

Wayne (Snuffy) Smith -- 382 - C  
709 E. Franklin St.  
Paxton, Il. 60957-1844

Enclosed is my check to continue my membership and the "Deadeye Dispatch." While I write this, you honorable veterans are enjoying another reunion. Sorry I am not there; it would have been my tenth starting in 1985 after learning about the organization on a trip to Leyte in October 1984 for the 40th anniversary of our landing. As a westerner, you can be quite sure that I'll be at the next one in Denver, Co. However, as far as my military service is concerned, I still feel (although 50 years in California) that I'm a kid from North Dakota who was inducted at Fort Snelling, Mn. in 1943.

Hal Sletten -- 383 - B  
8426 Rathburn Ave.  
Northridge, Ca. 91325-3716

Keep up the good work for the 96th Infantry Division Association. Enclosed a check for my dues. I'd hate to miss getting the Deadeye Dispatch. I read it from cover to cover. Sorry I couldn't make it to the reunion this year.

Elmer Madsen -- 383 - F  
Box 85  
Graceville, Mn. 56240-0085

Just received my copy of the Deadeye Dispatch, and was delighted to read the story on Cledith and Helen Bourdeau. Cledith and Helen were in the tour group "Reunion for Peace" in 1984, along with my wife and I -- The 40th Anniversary of the Leyte Landing. We Survived the Baguio Hotel fire and have seen each other at annual reunions. I would enjoy hearing from other former members of the Division band -- the best Army Band that ever was. Enclosed is my check for my Life Membership.

Ray Herbert -- Band  
827 Karen Drive  
Chico, Ca. 95926

Enclosed is money for dues and something for expenses. I have never attended any of the reunions but long wanted to. In my later years when I could have gone, I couldn't locate a buddy to go with me. I'm now 80 years old and retired from the Federal Government. I enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch.

Robert J. Gradwell -- 381 - B  
11808 Grandview Ave.  
Silver Springs, Md. 20902-2036

Please find enclosed my dues and a little for postage. Also, so that I do not miss my copy of the Dispatch please note that I have moved from St Petersburg, Fl. My new address is, 4641 Heatherwood Way, Pace, Fl. 32571. My new E-mail address is, [bill@algeo.com](mailto:bill@algeo.com) I am still interested in corresponding, by US or E-mail with any of the 321 Med. Bn., or anyone else that who enjoys sending and receiving mail.

I have never been able to attend a reunion, and will not make the one coming up in July this year. But I shall always be proud to have served in the 96th Infantry Division.

Sincerely



Bill Algeo

321 Med Bn. Co. C & HQ. Co



I cannot attend reunions because of poor medical problems, but will be with you in spirit. I became a member of the 96th Division in July 1943 at Fort Lewis, Wa., a day before we left for the 3 month training problem in The Oregon Desert. I left the Division after War when we were on Mindoro. It was privilege to have served.

Kenneth Cullen -- Div. Medics  
1914 N. Nantucket Dr.  
Lorain, Oh. 44053-3224

Enclosed a check for Lifetime Membership and donation for the Memorial. I enjoy getting the Dispatch very much as it is in a way to keep up on what's happening. I hope to make the Reunion in Denver as I attended the last one held there.

Rollin R. Nelson -- 382 Service  
16625 Gilliam Rd.  
Dallas, Or. 97338

We send greetings to all attending the 41st Annual Reunion. We enclose our lifetime memberships with hopes to attend perhaps in 1999. We have enjoyed several in the past years. Best Wishes to All.

Milo & Jan Braaten -- 381 - H  
P. O. Box 711  
Hettinger, N. D. 58639-0711

Enclosed find my dues check. Your Deadeye Dispatch is getting better all the time. Keep it up, as it is such an important publication. Under "Taps" I saw my platoon Leader listed -- Lt. Thomas Sweeney. One hell of a soldier -- 381 regiment 1st Battalion Company C. Also William H. Kolarik without any designation as to outfit. He was my foxhole buddy on Leyte and Okinawa and he was from 381 regiment Company C. To all Company C Comrades I say Hello.

Wallace P. Christman  
2643 Beaumont  
Green Bay, Wi. 54301

Lynn J. Fandal -- 839 Clark St. -- Pass Christian, Ms. 39571 is a nephew of William Galatas. Mr. Fandal is seeking information about William Galatas who was mustered out of the army shortly after the War ended. He soon became very ill and spent most of his life in the Veteran Hospital in New Orleans. After several years of research, it was proven that his illness was caused by a rat bite. The rat carrying this disease was only located on Leyte Island. Due to this disease William Galatas had several Ribs and one Lung removed trying to 'cut away' the infected areas. He died of suffocation in 1963. IF ANY ONE REMEMBERS HIM PLEASE CONTACT Mr. Fandal at the above address or phone him at 228-452-3694.

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31 July 1998

Mr. Milo Thompson  
1018 S. Thompson  
Jackson, MI 49203-2848


Dear Mr. Thompson,

I certainly owe you and all the Deadeyes a tremendous apology for my failure to ship Deadeye material to Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky for your recent reunion as I had promised to do.

As I explained on the phone I had all the material ready to ship and left instructions for some of my volunteer staff to ship the boxes out while I was on vacation. I was, to say the least, upset to find out that they had failed to do so!

The experience has forcibly confirmed the old adage "if you want it done right do it yourself". However I accept full responsibility for this goof and ask that you extend my sincere apologies to all "Deadeyes"

Sincerely,



MAJ Stephen C. McGeorge USA (Ret)  
Director  
Oregon Military Museum

Enclosed is my dues for one year. I enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much, but have never been able to attend any of the reunions. I was in the group that hit Leyte October 20th, 1942, then on to Okinawa April 1, 1945. I was discharged December 22, 1945. Went into service September 28, 1940. God took care of me and I came back all in one piece. I am now 78 years old with lots of past memories of the 96th Headquarters. I have the old 1947 History Book of the 96th Division.

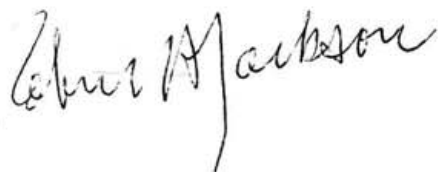
Russell Ray -- Division Headquarters  
315 Davis Ave.  
Lancaster, Ky. 40444-1313

ROBERT A. JACKSON  
4502 KINGSWAY ANACORTES, WA 98221 bobjack@anacortes.net

Somewhere on the Internet I came across your name as a connection to the 96th Division Association. As we veterans of the fighting on Leyte and Okinawa are getting older we are becoming fewer, too. I'd like to make some kind of connection. I don't promise to come to large roundups because I am not much of a social animal but I'd like to, if possible, find some old friends.

I was a platoon leader and executive officer in the 382nd Inf. Regiment. Those of us who took those raw - how very raw - recruits in at "Swamp Adair" can't be a very large number any more. My last connection was many years ago with Capt. Walter Trott in Connecticut, I think. I called the last known address of my friend, platoon sergeant and first Sargeant, Charles Pozzini, in Stillwater, MN only to find he had died just a few months before. That discourages correspondence.

So, please put me on your mailing list and if you need members, let me know. Our almost twin division, the 104th, is having a reunion in Portland, OR in September. Maybe the 96th could have one at Corvallis, a nice little University town.



-- 382 -- A & B



The Denver Marriott Tech Center is conveniently located at the intersection of Interstates 25 and 225 (Exit 199) on the city's southeast side.