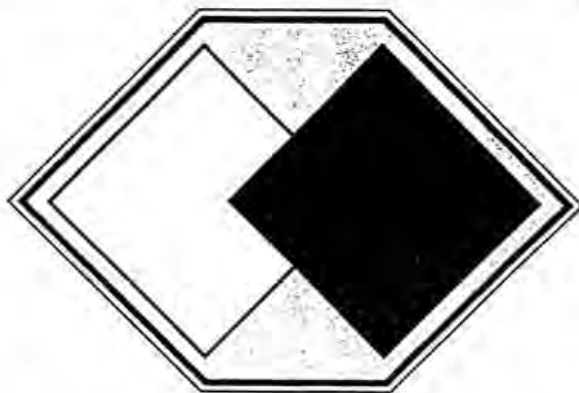
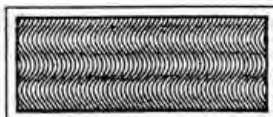


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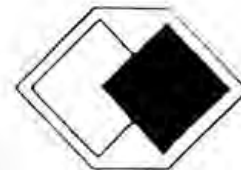
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Standing left to right - Raymond Boykin, E. Jay Thompson, Marvin Margoshes, Donald Dencker, seated are George McMahan, Edwin Wright, Steve Melnyk and George Rastall. Not pictured is Robert Schmidt, Treasurer.

2004 AUXILIARY OFFICERS



Standing left to right - Dorothy Daniels, Pat Causey, Ruth Siefert, Glendoris Cole seated are Ann Moritz, Dorothy Jacobson and Patricia McMillan.

**President's
Corner**



Dear Deadeyes, Auxiliary members, and all others interested in the 96th Infantry Division:

It was an honor and a privilege for me to accept the presidency of our organization at our reunion in Tulsa in July, 2003. I humbly accept the position with the hope that my physical and mental capabilities will be sufficient to perform the duties of the office in the proficient manner the members have come to expect. The greatest asset I will have in that respect is that all the officers and committees for the past year will remain the same with the exception of the 1st and 2nd vice presidents. They are all competent, hard working people and I am grateful for their continuing service. My election as president brings to my mind the phrase "Only in America". It seems to apply when an old Ozark hillbilly can attain that position. My wife, Faye, and I have been married for 55 years and with her continued help, support, and assistance I will do my best for the organization.

At the reunion in Tulsa it was decisively voted to dissolve our organization in 2005. For me, and I know for many others, it was not an easy decision to make. I have not missed a reunion since my first in 1985 and have formed many close relationships with my former comrades in arms, their wives and families as each of you have done but time marches on and I do believe the time had come for dissolving our organization.

At the Tulsa reunion it was voted by a close vote to have our 2004 reunion in Salt Lake City. As most of you know a new organization is being formed to carry on the legacy and heritage of the 96th Infantry Division in conjunction with the 96th Army Support Command headquartered in Salt Lake City. The membership will be open to anyone interested in the story of the 96th Infantry Division. By the time you read this I believe the necessary formation work will be done.

Now that we know we have only two more reunions let us think about all the great ones we have attended and endeavor to make these last two the best we can possibly make them so they will long linger in our memories as two very pleasant occasions.

With very best regards,

Edwin Wright-President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary ladies and Gentlemen of the 96th Infantry Division:

How can four days go by so quickly when one is having fun visiting and “remembering” with old friends and acquaintances? Everyone seemed to certainly enjoy the 46th Annual Reunion in Tulsa this past summer. If you were not able to attend, you were greatly missed by your ole buddies!

I feel very honored, yet humbled to serve as President of the 96th Infantry Division Auxiliary. I’m looking forward to working with the officers in making plans for the 47th Annual Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you attended the reunion in 2000 in Salt Lake City, I know that you have some really wonderful memories about the experience there. We could not have had better service, or respect from their citizens and restaurant employees. I am looking forward to going there again, and realizing that we will be able to see the beginning work of the museum. It will also be the next-to-last reunion for the 96th Infantry Division as a whole. With this being a reality, it makes the next two reunions very special to me. I cherish the time we have left to spend as a large group.

Our “military family” has begun to become an extended family with the children and grandchildren now attending the reunion with us. One of the daughters mentioned to me that the Memorial Service was really beyond words for her and made a lasting impression on her family after realizing the sacrifice and love for freedom that our 96th Division displayed during the war. Our generation and the generations to come could never thank you enough for the freedom we experience today. We have big shoes to fill, and deep footprints to follow. My prayer for our great Country is that we will never forget your sacrifice and that we will insure this freedom by being responsible citizens in the future by voting, serving, and giving personal sacrifices ourselves.

Also, Bob and I personally experienced the fact that members of smaller units are being adopted by other units and establishing close relationships of friendship. So we really are one big family at heart.

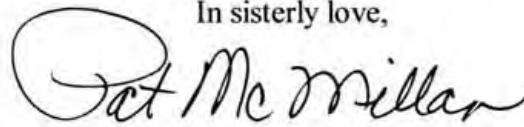
The officers for the 2003-2004 Auxiliary are: First Vice-President: Glendoris Cole, Second Vice-President: Ann Moroz, Secretary: Pat Causey, Treasurer: Ruth Siefert, Historian: Dorothy Jacobson, Chaplain: Dorothy Daniels. I want to thank these ladies for their commitment and work during this year and for the former officers and members of the Executive Board for their direction and leadership in the past.

I would like to thank each of the ladies that helped make this past reunion a success by giving of time and talents in the merchandise sales, decorating for the luncheon and banquet. If you would like to help in any of these areas this next year, please let us know. We will gladly put you to work.

Each year we are saddened to hear about illnesses and deaths of our Auxiliary members and spouses. We recognize their names at the luncheon and share a moment of silence in thought and prayer for their families. Please let us know if you are aware of any illnesses or deaths during this year. We want to know how you and your loved ones are doing and keep in touch.

Our officers will be at work during this year to make the 47th Annual Reunion of the 96th one of the best. Please make a special effort to make your calendar and we will see you in Salt Lake City, in July 2004. Remember, this will be our next to last meeting for our total 96th Infantry Division Auxiliary. Hope to see you there!!

In sisterly love,



Pat McMillan

**AUXILIARY'S PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR REUNION IN
TULSA, OK 2003**



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20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Glyn Hollingworth, Pete Spagnuolo.

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

George Robertson, Tom Roby.

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Whitney Champagne, Kenneth Dolan, Frank Dowell, Elmer Sweeter.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Karel Knutson, Russell W. Watts.

ATTENDED ALL 46 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman. Clarence Snyder & Mary Lou White (Auxiliary).

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Louis Canado, E. Jaye Thompson

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARDS

Deborah Hall, Mary Eleanor Woods Smith

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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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 Marcus	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	345	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, SD	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	Glenn Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, MO	550	Don Dencker	Iden Johnson
1998	Ft. Mitchell, KY	416	John Elliot	Tom Roby
1999	Denver, CO	407	Richard Haglund	James Knight & Don Dencker
2000	Salt Lake City, UT	322	Glyn Hollingsworth	Robert Huff & Steve Melnyk
2001	Omaha, NE	407	James Causey	Richard Haglund & George McMahan
2002	Kansas City, MO	309	Ernest Malkewitz	Joseph Garabedian & James Warren
2003	Tulsa, OK	273	Robert Cronshey	E. Jay Thompson & Louis Canedo
2004	Salt Lake City, UT		Edwin Wright	

TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE STRAND

by Jim Causey

Lorraine Strand passed away on April 25th, 2003 following a long illness.

Lorraine was an inspiration and a friend to all who knew her. Her determination and willingness to serve were hallmarks of her devotion to the 96th Infantry Division Association. She and her late husband, Harold, were co-editors of the Deadeye Dispatch for many years. After his death she continued to maintain the high standards of the publication. Even when her health was rapidly deteriorating, she desperately tried to continue her efforts.

Everyone's life in the Association has been touched by Lorraine. Her work and her love for the organization was most noteworthy. She has become a precious memory and is now a special part of our great legacy of service and loyalty. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. God bless you, Lorraine. Those of us who knew you are truly blessed for having had that opportunity.



LORRAINE'S DEADEYE FAMILY

Dedicate this issue of the Deadeye Dispatch

In Her Memory

OUR YOUNGER GENERATION SPEAKS OUT

WHAT ARE YOU MARCHING FOR?

By Ty Finke



The 4th of July has always been an important date in my family life. While I was growing up, my parents instilled in me a love of patriotic history by teaching me heroic Civil War stories of Robert E. Lee, and his horse, Traveler; Stonewall Jackson at the 1st Battle of Bull Run, and Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain on Little Round Top. Some may question the motives behind me hearing stories of war and death at such a young age. My parents, however, wanted me to learn about honor and integrity and duty to one's country so that I could grow up with an appreciation for the sacrifices that had been made so that I could live in freedom. Consequently, one patriotic song that has always been important to me is a song in which John Wayne asked "what are you marching for?" Every year I ponder this question from a new angle, and this year, my thoughts turned to the 96th Division. "What are you marching for?"

When the new 96th Division was officially incorporated into the wartime Army of the United States on August 15th, 1942, General Bradley told you what you were fighting for. He said you were going to be "well trained, tough physically and mentally, ready and eager to fight, not for our personal glory or advancement but for the honor of the division and the service of our county." You achieved the goals he set for you in many ways.

The war is long over, and the army has scattered, but the group of well trained, tough, eager, selfless, patriotic men remains connected by annual reunions like this one where you meet old friends, sound and whole. Overall, some of the most important people you have are each other. Men of the 96th Division, the Deadeyes, you will always have each other because you fully understand the impact the war left on your lives. You are the only ones who understand that in the heat of battle, it was no longer the cause that mattered. You marched for the man on your left. You marched for the man on your right. As the world around you shrank in those chaotic moments, they were what mattered.

My grandpa, Mr. Joseph Marlenga of Company A, 383rd Infantry out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, told me a few stories of his friends. His friends meant a lot to him and he was devastated to come back home with so few who truly understood. He told me a story of the night he spend in a trench. With a dead Japanese soldier who he had beat to death with the butt of his rifle simply to ensure his own survival. For those of you who had the privilege to know my grandpa, you know that he was a gentle, mild mannered man. Yet he survived. Due to haunting images that was left on my grandpa's mind, he didn't often share his war experiences. Now that he's entered his life in heaven, I am grateful for the few, but precious stories he did tell me. Stories of bravery and patriotism that I will pass on to my children someday. I will tell them, and they will understand that his stories are not to be forgotten. The 96th Division is not to be forgotten.

In preparation for my time with you today, I spent some time looking at some information about the 96th Division. As I turned pages, my eyes lingered upon the faces of many brave men each of which have their own stories to tell. Although every picture had it's own unique glow, it was a much stronger light that bound each picture together for a common purpose. The fire of patriotism was burning in the eyes of every soldier in every one of those pictures. As I glanced around the room today, I am honored to look into the burning eyes of those same soldiers. I know this not because we are here at the 96th Division Reunion. No, I know this because as I connect eyes with you, and you, and you I see that same flame flickering in your eyes. The flame of patriotism continues to illuminate your souls. As your fellow torchbearers pass away, you can keep their light flickering by telling your stories to people you care about. After all, where would we be without each and every one of you? What would our lives be like? I don't know what it's like to go through what you went through. I don't know what goes on in a soldier's heart as he is facing the enemy. You do. And because of that, I may never have to know the pain of those things. Thank you.

Abraham Lincoln spoke of the soldier's greatest comfort in Gettysburg Address. "We will not long remember what we say here, but we can not forget what they did here." We will never forget. I will never forget.

I will admit it - I shared a few tears with my grandpa as he told me his stories, but that wasn't all he shared with me. He gave me a piece of his heart. A piece for me to hold on to and to spread out, to keep him and his friends from the 96th Division living forever. It's up to my generation to keep your flames burning. So that when I get to heaven and I see my grandpa I can ask him, "Did I make you proud?" Hoping that maybe, I had grown up to be the woman in who he can see those pieces of his heart shining through.

As my children grow up, I plan on helping them to understand the importance of days such as the 4th of July, when thoughts can drift to what their purpose in life is. What am I marching for? At this moment, I am marching for my grandpa, because I know he would want me to give you the following message. As tonight comes to a close, and things with the 96th Division change, let the light of patriotism continue to burn in your hearts. Take a long look at the person to your left. Take a long look at the person on your right. They are who you are marching for.

Penny (Boals) Marrs
daughter of Byron and Gladys Boals, K Company, 383rd spoke to the group during the banquet at our reunion in Tulsa this year. Her introduction and letter from her son Tom to Herman & Helen Buffington should be of interest to all Deadeyes and worthy of repeating in this issue of the Dispatch.



My earliest recollection of the 96th Infantry Reunions is of a small trinket that my parents brought home to me from Kansas City in 1960 when I was just 9 years old. I personally attended 3 reunions in Chicago, Minneapolis and Denver before I was married and moved into another phase of my life as a wife, mother, AND a daughter.

While growing up around the 96th reunions, I met many of my dad's buddies and as a result, I became a member of the K Company, 383rd family who include many who are here tonight and many more who are no longer with us.

Because of the stories, camaraderie, caring and yes, TRUE LOVE shown by the members of my dad's unit, I learned about a time that I did not experience and a conflict that I did not understand.

My son, Thomas, was born in 1982 and has, all his life, sat with his "Grandpa Bill" always interested in his experiences in the army and his perspective as a rifleman and a platoon sergeant on Leyte and Okinawa. One of Tom's favorite things was to put on Grandpa's dress uniform and admire the ribbons and insignia.

Tom decided his senior year in high school to join the military. My dad's only advice to him was, "the Navy always has a bed", and, for heaven's sale! Don't join the Marines!" Tom *chose* the Army, and *requested* the Infantry, mostly because he wanted to carry on his grandpa's legacy, but also as a personal challenge. He entered basic training as a brash, cocky, self-confident, dramatic and occasionally irresponsible 18 year old boy. He came out a changed man. I remember asking him after graduation at Ft. Benning, GA, just when he lost his "smart alec" attitude? He replied, "Pretty much the first 10 minutes I was there!"

Tom is currently a specialist with the 101st Airborne Air Assault Division out of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He is a SAW gunner assigned to the 1st of the 327th, also know as, the Bastogne Bulldogs. Before he left for Iraq in March, the Division needed machine gunners to fill in as volunteers on the helicopters due to a shortage of qualified heavy weapons experts. He spent from March 20 to May 1 as a door gunner/crew chief on a Chinook helicopter flying 34 combat missions. He has since been reassigned back to his infantry unit and is now working somewhere around Mosul in northern Iraq.

The family that began as K Company, 383rd, has now become "the guys" of the 96th Division, the wives, sons and daughters, and on and on... The letter I am about to read to you was written by Tom to Herman and Helen Buffington, members of 383rd, K Company and part of ALL of our extended family. Now that the torch is about to be passed to another generation, my hope is that this letter will give you all comfort in knowing that those who come after you understand your passion for each other and why these reunions have mean't so much to all of us.

14 Apr 03 Operation Iraqi Freedom

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Buffington,

Please excuse my spelling and handwriting. I am writing this inside a helicopter with a flashlight, so please bear with me. I was very pleased to get your letter and I want you to know that it was the first one I have seen since I've been here. Anyway, I want you to know Sir, that if there is one man I look up to and admire in my life it is my grandfather, and if there is one man that he looks up to and loves it is you, Sir. I have heard many tales and stories about you since I was just a kid in school. You are a very special man, just like all the men who served in the War.

War today is not fought like it was back then, and sometimes courage, honor and brotherhood has been replaced by computers, politicians, and money. But there are a few of us who recognize what you outstanding men and soldiers did for us so many years ago and know that it still haunts you today, just as the pain and suffering of a people I've never seen before does to me over here. No one will ever know what it was like for you men over there and thanks to your sacrifice and patriotism we are safe and free. I hope the new generation Army does you proud and lives up to your expectations.

Thank you for your letter and your support. Please write to me as much as you can, and Ma'am, thank you for supporting your husband and the boys in World War II, just as my wife does for me and us now.

Your generation is probably the most incredible and wonderful one of our time. Thank you for all you have done for us in making this world closer to peace and we will take it from here and hope to do as good a job as you did.

From myself, the men of the 101st Airborne Air Assault Division, and the United States Army, thank you for your valor and integrity. Men and soldiers like you are scarce these days and you truly are the heart and soul of America. I am truly proud to follow your path. **DEADEYES LEAD THE WAY.**

With Love and Gratitude,

Specialist Thomas R. Marrs

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Daughter of Bob & Phyllis Schmidt***

One Daughter's Thoughts:

There are very few times in life when one has the opportunity to make a difference, to make the world a better place and to leave a legacy for future generations. Yet that is precisely what the men of the 96th Infantry Division did. In an era where heroes were a fact of daily life, at a time when men and women throughout the world were making sacrifices of epic proportion, these men distinguished themselves as few before or since.

Exemplifying the highest traditions of United States military service, the men of the 96th Infantry Division received that rarest of honors, the Presidential Citation for Extraordinary Heroism. As one of only a very few units ever so recognized, the 96th Infantry Division gave everything they had for their country and for the principles it represents. From Leyte to Okinawa, their spirit and love of country was unswerving throughout the Second World War. Since then, they have time and again demonstrated that same patriotism in their many acts of quiet charity and in their dedication to each other and to the honor of their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is time, at long last, to honor and to thank the men of the 96th Infantry Division. Their pride, their sense of honor and patriotism, made the world a better place. They did that noblest of deeds: they sacrificed their personal safety, indeed their very lives, to defend the principles we hold dear. For that, and for the love and generosity they shared with their country and with their families, it is time to honor them and commit ourselves to their legacy of duty, honor and country, to the freedom they defended for us and for future generations.

But we need the help of the men themselves to do this. It is my hope that the men of the 96th will do one more important thing for their families and for their country. Rather than simply keeping the spirit of the 96th Infantry Division to themselves, I hope that they will seize this opportunity to share it and spread it: to use the 60th anniversary of Leyte and Okinawa as the fitting time to end the formal business of the 96th and thereby pass the torch to a new generation. In so doing, they will allow their families and the country they fought to defend, the long overdue opportunity to recognize their achievements and to commit ourselves to our fathers' spirit of patriotism and sacrifice.

You can go on as before and allow the organization to dwindle and die.

Or you can make sure its spirit lives on forever.

Because I love my father and all of you who did so much for our country, I care about your legacy. With your help, we can make sure it lives forever.



SIGNS OF COURAGE

*I have a grandfather
who I call Poppy
He doesn't think that I'm a bother
When I ask him questions about him and his friends
Who fought throughout WW2
They fought hard until the very end
They were wounded every now and then
But they hung tough
And got back out there and fought again
They were in a division called the Deadeyes
Because they had the best shot to kill ratio in the war
They killed more enemies than everyone else in half the tries
They loved their country so much
That they would have given their lives
To keep us from having to do such
Today they get together once a year
They have a great time together; trust me, I should know
I went last year
I admire each and every one of them for their loyalty to their country
And I hope that if I ever have to do such a thing
I'll be as courageous as my Poppy*

By: Adam J. McCutcheon, Grandson of Edward J. Mockrish - 382nd Co. F
(Thanks for sharing this with us Adam)



**MY
GREAT GRANDPA
IS
A
DEADEYE**

TULSA REUNION HIGH LIGHTS



******* OUR NEW PRESIDENTS *******

EDWIN WRIGHT AND PATRICIA MCMILLAN



THANKS CAROLE AND BOB

YOU DID A GOOD JOB - TULSA'S REUNION WAS GREAT!



2003 “DISTINGUISHED DEADEYES”



E. Jaye Thompson and Louis Canedo

2003 “OUR KIND OF GALS”



Deborah Hall and Mary Eleanor Wood Smith

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION CITATION



Don Dencker, John Reed & H. Richard Heindel

THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



Ruth Siefert and Glendoris Cole

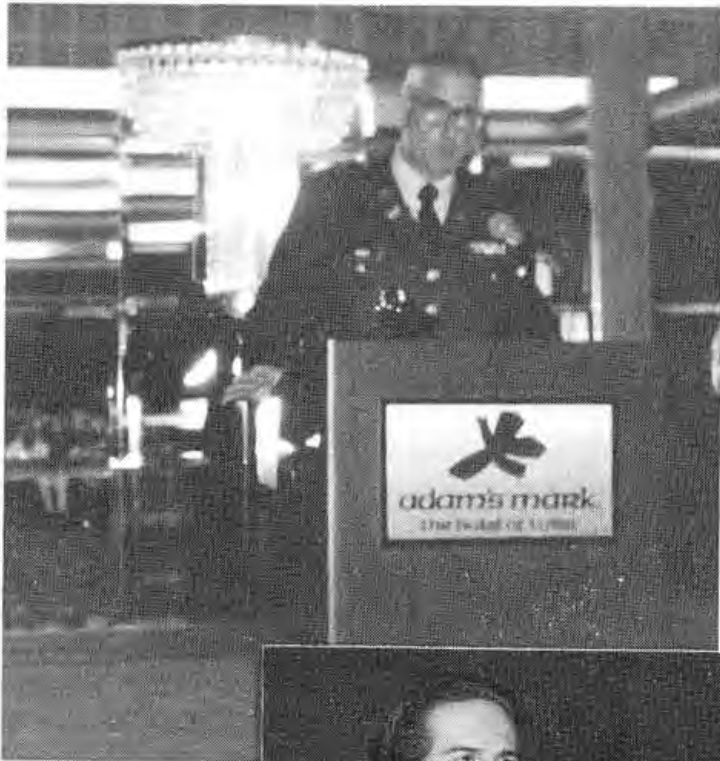
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Attaching "Leyte" Ribbon



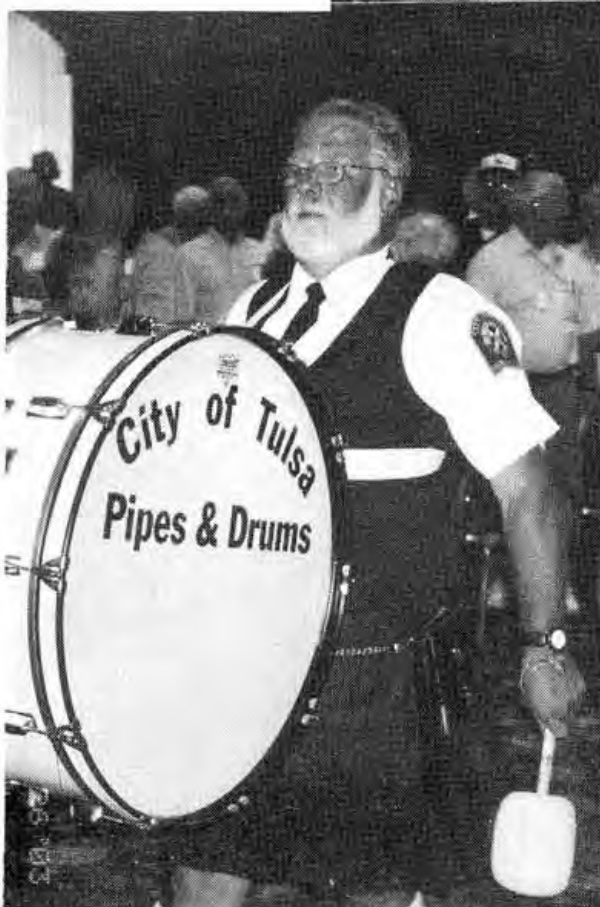
*** MEMORIAL *
SERVICE**



**Guest Speaker
John Reed**



**Thanks Doug!
You Did A
GREAT JOB!**



STATISTICS FROM LTC REED'S TULSA MEMORIAL ADDRESS, JULY 2003

U.S. BATTLE DEATHS IN WWII

TOTAL U.S. BATTLE DEATHS – ALL SERVICES	292131	
U.S. ARMY BATTLE DEATHS	225618	77.2 %
INFANTRY BRANCH BATTLE DEATHS	139910	62.0 %

[AIR CORPS 21.8 % ; ALL OTHER ARMY BRANCHES 16.2 %]

BG BRUCE CLARKE'S "STUDY OF AGF BATTLE CASUALTIES" - JAN 46

INFLUENTIAL STUDY LEADS TO THE ONE-YEAR COMBAT TOUR

THE SOLDIER FIGHTS PRIMARILY OUT OF SELF-RESPECT AND LOYALTY TO HIS COMRADES

ONLY 7 PERCENT OF MEN IN INFANTRY BATTALIONS SURVIVED 210 TOTAL DAYS IN COMBAT WITHOUT BEING KILLED OR WOUNDED

NOT *IF* THE RIFLEMAN GOT HIT BUT *WHEN* AND *HOW BAD*; *EVERYONE* IN THE INFANTRY BATTALION WAS AT GREAT RISK

REPLACEMENTS MUST NEVER BE "THROWN INTO THE LINE" WITHOUT AN ORIENTATION TO THEIR MISSION AND LEADERS

FOR EVERY SIX MEN WOUNDED ONE OTHER INFANTRYMAN BECAME A COMBAT EXHAUSTION "NON-BATTLE" CASUALTY

IN COMBAT, RIFLE COMPANIES DROPPED TO AND REMAINED AT 2/3 STRENGTH, EVEN AFTER RECEIVING REPLACEMENTS

UP TO 16% OF BATTLE CASUALTIES WERE DUE TO "FRIENDLY FIRE"

CASUALTIES IN THE WWII INFANTRY DIVISION

FULL PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF THE DIVISION	14253	
FULL STRENGTH OF A DIVISION'S 9 INF BATTALIONS	7839	55.0 %
INFANTRYMEN AS A % OF DIVISIONAL CASUALTIES		94.7 %

55 % OF THE MEN IN A DIVISION TAKE 95% OF ITS CASUALTIES

BATTLE CASUALTIES OF THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN WWII

KILLED IN ACTION	1563
DIED OF WOUNDS	473
WOUNDED IN ACTION	6708
MISSING IN ACTION	63
CAPTURED AND RETURNED	5
TOTAL BATTLE CASUALTIES	8812

THE INFANTRY RIFLEMAN - "745" - ON OKINAWA

100,383	TOTAL LANDING STRENGTH TENTH US ARMY	
6,840	INFANTRY RIFLEMEN, MOS 745	7 %
21,342	TOTAL TENTH ARMY BATTLE CASUALTIES	
9,448	RIFLEMEN BECAME CASUALTIES	44 %
<u>9,448</u>	RIFLEMAN CASUALTIES	
6,840	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	
138 %	REPLACEMENT RATE – i.e. OVER 100% OF "745s" ON OKINAWA BECAME CASUALTIES	

RIFLE COMPANIES OF THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON OKINAWA

FULL STRENGTH OF A RIFLE CO WHEN SENT OVERSEAS	193
NUMBER OF:	
745 RIFLEMEN	63
746 BAR GUNNERS & ASSISTANTS	18
721 BASICS	21
504 AMMO BEARERS	19
AVERAGE RIFLE CO STRENGTH IN COMBAT	65-70 %

B / 382 - BATTLE CASUALTIES ON OKINAWA WERE
146 % OF ITS LANDING STRENGTH

1ST PLATOON, L / 382 – OF 36 MEN WHO LANDED, ONLY 1 MADE
IT TO 22 JUNE 1945 WITHOUT BEING KILLED, WOUNDED, OR
EVACUATED OFF THE ISLAND AS A NON-BATTLE CASUALTY



**YOUR AUXILIARY
AT WORK!**



Some of our workers!

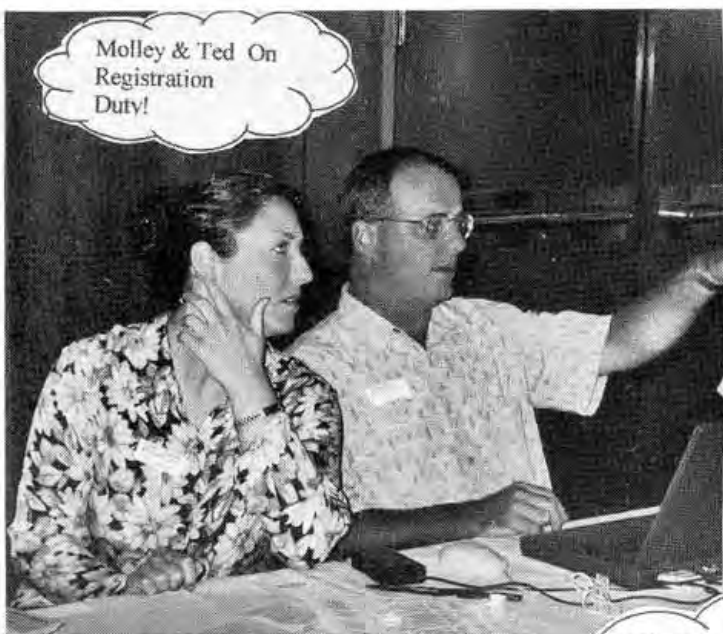


**AUXILIARY
AT PLAY!**

**Ladies Luncheon
With
Will Rogers to
Entertain us!**



BEHIND THE SCENES!



Molley & Ted On Registration Duty!



Ted gets a little help from hotel staff "Susan Flatt"



A HUG & THREE CHEERS FOR SUSAN!

Deb Hall - Our Florist Deb, Dotty & Glendoris Did all of the Flower Arrangements for our Reunion. We Appreciate Your Lovely Work Girls!



Glen, your napkin holders were GREAT! All 200 of the them! THANKS!



HELPERS!

BEHIND THE SCENES



AUDIT

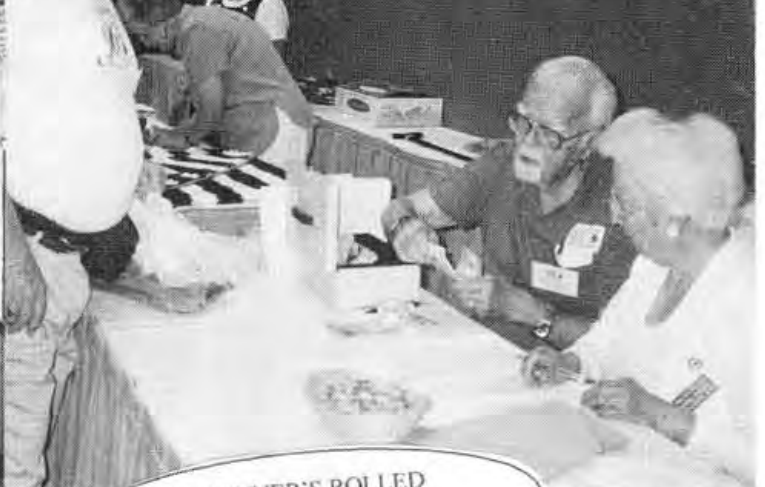
OUR CHAPLAIN GIVES THANKS!



CASH IS AS GOOD AS MONEY!



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON!



THE BANNER'S ROLLED UP - THE PARTY IS OVER-



THE BANNER COMES DOWN



WE SURE HAD FUN!

Florence meets one of George's Lovely Guests.



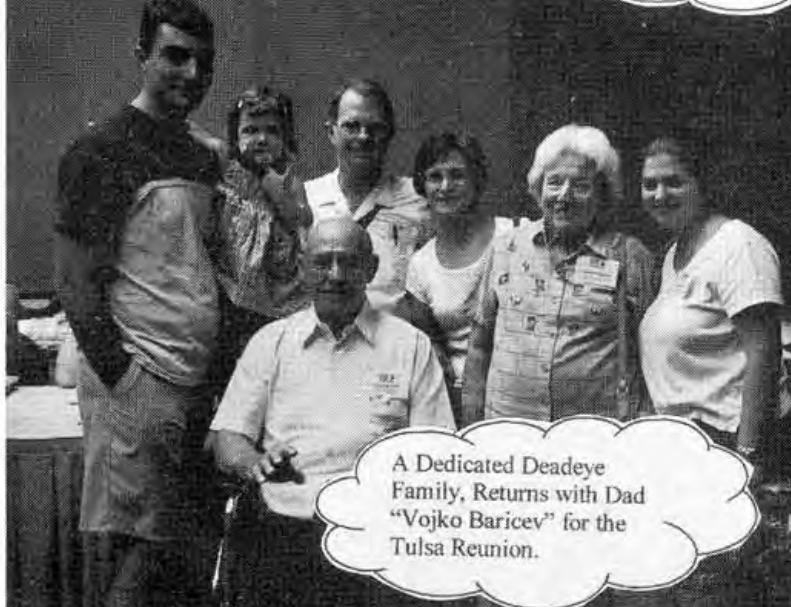
Kristie, Clara Belle & Thelma - Our Lovely Ladies From COMPANY "E"



It Must Have Been a Good Story, Ted!



Will says it's easy!



A Dedicated Deadeye Family, Returns with Dad "Vojko Baricev" for the Tulsa Reunion.



Service!!

WE SURE HAD FUN!



Our Most Talented CO.
H - 381st!!!!!! Can They
Be Outdone?



Marjorie Main Makes
Tulsa's Reunion!



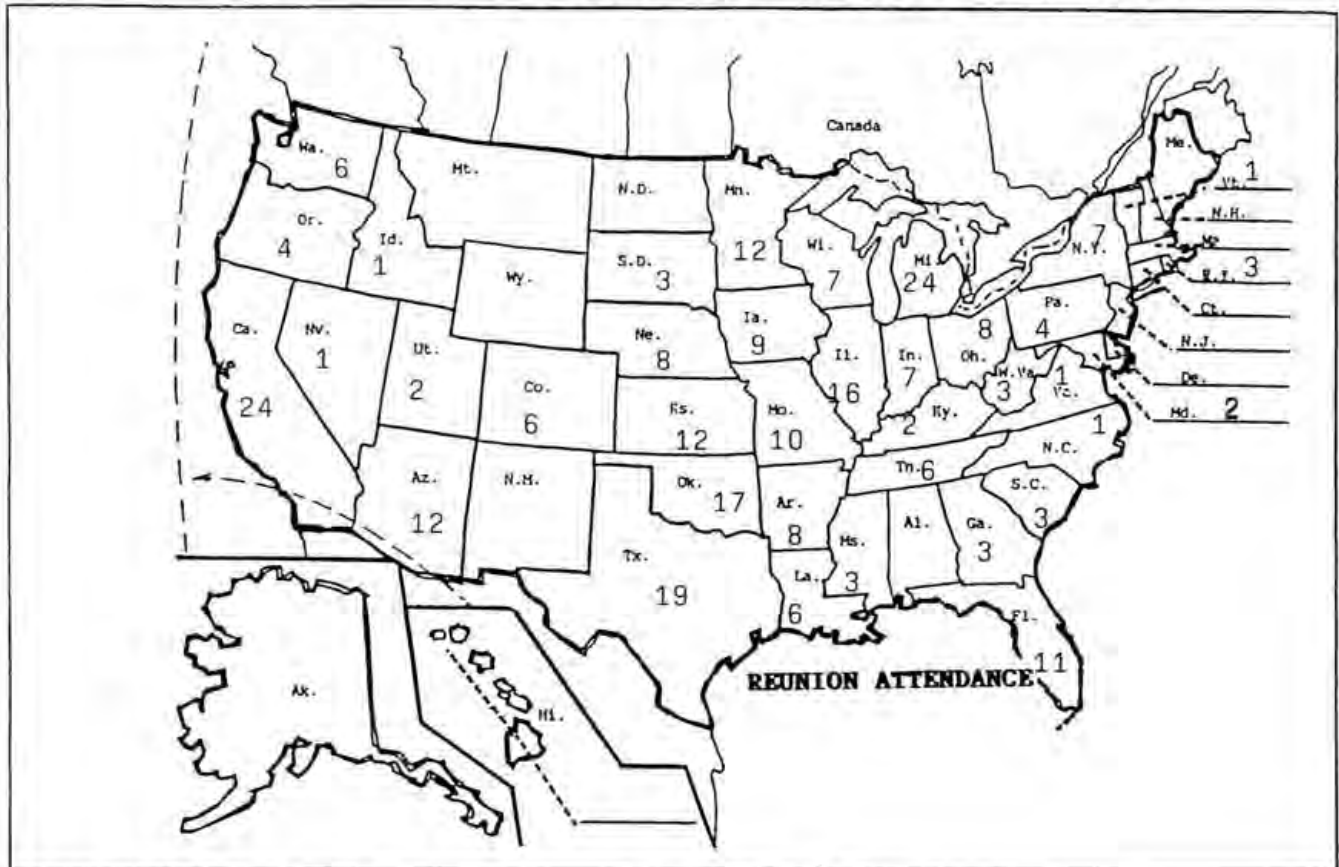
Yes, Al,
you've
"Got
Milk"!!!



The Lobby - A Great
Place to Visit

Can you make it
an even dozen!

**273 REGISTERED AT OUR 46TH REUNION IN TULSA, OK. - 2003
CALIFORNIA & MICHIGAN LED WITH 24 EACH**



381 HEADQUARTERS

Mannell, Leon - Topeka, KS
Sears, Fred - Clearwater, FL
Thompson, Jay - Mercer Island, WA

381 SERVICE

None

381 ANTI-TANK

Beeler, Arlene - Newaygo, MI
Bjorklund, BJ - Cloverdale, CA
Bree, Harold - Melbourne, KY
Caldwell, Kelley - Mountain Home, AR
Cole, Charles - Canon City, CO
Easter, Wayne - Harper, KS
Fryer, Eldred - Mineral Wells, TX
Hall, Deborah - Littleton, CO
Sawicki, Jim - Phoenix, AZ
Schmidt, Robert - Stillwater, MN
Trybulski, AL - Saginaw, MI
Williams, Earl - Council Bluffs, IA

381 CANNON

Hamilton, Glenn - Metamora, IL

381 MEDICS

Harvey, Lestel - Shelbyville, MO
Thomas, Norman - Fargo, OK

381 - Company A

Parlier, C. F. - Arvin, CA

381 - COMPANY B

Brinkmeyer, Loren - El Dorado, KS
Palmer, Tony - Sasakwa, Ok

381 - COMPANY C

Baran, John - Hot Springs, AR
Causey, James - Liberty, MS
Chapman, Elmer - Memphis, TN
Filla, Eino - Lacerter, WA
Kurak, Alex - Minneapolis, MN
Spagnuolo, Pete - Tampa, FL
Stryker, Harold - Victor, NY

381 - COMPANY D

Benson, Dorothy - Hewitt, TX
Duncan, Nelton - Wynne, AR
Kelcourse, Richard - Columbus, NJ
Thompson, Earl - Newtown, MO
Weber, Ted - Enid, OK

381 - COMPANY E

Boykin, Raymond - Noble, OK
Burton, Douglas - Selma, CA
Canedo, Louis - San Diego, CA
Carpenter, Jacquelyn - Flushing, MI
Cronshey, Bob - Logandale, NV

TULSA, OK REUNION REGISTRATIONS - CONTINUED

381 - COMPANY E - CONTINUED

Edmunds, Duane - Blaine, MN
Fritz, Phyllis - Beatrice, NE
Hagelgans, Fred - Pasadena, MD
Haglund, Richard - Steilacoom, WA
Jacobson, Dorothy - Fridley, MN
Knight, James - Nelsonville, OH
Puryear, Herman - Austin, TX
Richter, Hubert - Kingston, NY
Siefert, Robert - Deer River, MN
Stubbs, Ernestine - Prim, AR
Tomcal, Evaline - Chesaning, MI
Towne, Leona - Muskegon, MI

381 - COMPANY F

Bollinger, Bill - Clayton, MO
Holt, John - Indianapolis, IN
Williams, Bill - Pomona, CA

381 - COMPANY G

Pridgeon, Arden - St. Joseph, MI

381 - COMPANY H

Baricev, Vojko - New Orleans, LA
Dryer, William - Park Falls, WI
Malone, Velma - Kansas City, MO
Maxwell, Robert - Chicago, IL
McCarthy, Frank - Hamburg, PA
Nicholson, Paul - Abilene, KS
Weiss, Alfred - Teaneck, NJ

381 - COMPANY I

Dowell, Frank - Newport Richey, FL
Emerson, Tressie - Checotah, OK
Wong, Kelly - Portland, OR
Ziomek, Arthur - Chicago, IL

381 - COMPANY K

Brehmer, Floyd - Madison, MN

381 - COMPANY L

Annis, Francis - Flushing, MI
Chrisman, Theo - Hallsville, TX
Davis, Bob - Goshen, NY
Frazier, Dottie - Terre Haute, IN
Hageboeck, Richard - Arizona City, AZ
Maurer, Edward - Harshaw, WI
Melnyk, Steve - Detroit, MI
Sartain, George - Tulsa, OK
Simon, Charles - Mansura, LA
Staats, Arvon, Oklahoma City, OK
Tolliver, Donald - Vincennes, IN
Weber, Carl - St. Louis, MO

381 - COMPANY M

Below, Ruth - Fostoria, OH
Beydler, Pamela - Contonment, FL
Chadek, Robin - Glenwood, IA
Floyd, Horace - Troy, MS
Garabedian, Joseph - Fresno, CA
Gonzales, Joe - Renton, WA
Hendricks, Margaret - Jacksonville, IL
Hollingsworth, Glyn - Collierville, TN
Lundberg, Darrell, San Diego, CA
Malkewitz, Ernest - Comstock Park, MI

381 - 3RD BN. HQ COMPANY

Altig, Lorain - Hemet, CA
Obal, John - Omaha, NE
Scherger, Albert - Naples, FL

382 - ANTI TANK

Davis, William - Wynne, AR
Karry, Johnnie -
Oropeza, Carlos - San Diego, CA
Pittsley, Paul - Boscobel, WI
Rastall, George - Pensacola, FL
Triplett, Renwyn - Middletown, VA
Watts, Russell - Columbus, OH

382 - CANNON

Wargo, John - Hazleton, PA

382 - COMPANY B

Holmes, Roy - Memphis, TN
Iseli, John - Abilene, KS
Mak, Martin, St. Joseph, MI

382 - COMPANY C

Amelung, Alva - Minerva, OH
Boyd, Walter - Waco, TX
Champagne, Whitney - Lake Charles, LA
Craig, Gerald, Burton, MI
Ellis, Richard, Athens, MI
Heindel, H. Richard - Farmington, UT
Margoshes, Marvin - Hastings on Hudson, NY
Roby, Thomas - Watertown, SD
Russell, Lela - Curtis, NE
Thompson, Mary - Fort Worth, TX

382 - COMPANY D

Bornong, John - Sioux City, IA

382 - COMPANY E

Duncan, Vernon - Jacksonville, FL
Harbison, John - Tulsa, OK
Shelton, Juanita - Elk City, OK

TULSA, OK REUNION REGISTRATIONS - CONTINUED

382 - COMPANY F

Armstrong, Hank - Castle Rock, WA
Boyack, John - Vacaville, CA
DeRoss, Ino - Weed, CA
Graves, John - Standish, MI
Huber, Donald - Lake Geneva, WI
Lovsin, Bette - Willowghby, Oh
Niele, Pasquale - Hyde Park, NY
Mockrish, Edward - Greenville, SC

382 - COMPANY G

Parrish, Melvin - Commerce City, CO
Smalley, Arza - Alexandria, VA

382 - COMPANY H

Cihlar, Joe - Oak Brook, IL
Cisko, Joseph - Port Richey, FL
Combs, Everett - De Soto, TX
Hollenbeck, E. - Tecumseh, MI
Jasnoch, Nancy - Ogallala, NE
Kellegrew, Kent - Chatsworth, CA
Sanglier, Louis - Lewiston, MI
Schram, Norman - Rogers, AR
Short, Margaret - Carmel, CA
Staver, Kenneth - Saginaw, MI
Van Doornik, Donald - Holland, MI
Watson, Norman - Charles City, IA

382 - COMPANY I

Daley, John - Lynwood, IL
Frazier, Charles - Beechgrove, IN
Keselowski, Lee - Schoolcraft, MI
Miles, Leon - Mountain Home, AR

382 - COMPANY K

Brooks, George - Kalamazoo, MI
Fite, Wilber - San Antonio, TX
Garber, Andrew - Hobart, IN
Johnson, Jesse - North Little, AR
Lazarick, Leonard - Holland, PA
Pohle, Russell - Angels Camp, CA
Seiler, Robert - Portland, OR
Walsh, John - Larkspur, CA
Wright, Edwin - Rogersville, MO

382 - COMPANY L

Bourgeois, Peter - Houma, LA
Dencker, Donald - Sun Prairie, WI
Glassman, Bob - Hays, KS
Moroz, Michael - Mt. Laurel, NJ
Young, Dick - Claremont, CA

382 - COMPANY M

Roberts, Warren - Tulsa, OK

382 - MEDICS

Whitfill, Charles - Hot Springs, AR

383 - MEDICS

Connolly, Jerry - Garden City, NY

383 - 1ST BN. HEADQUARTERS

Barth, Norma - Toledo, OH
Hamilton, Newell - Mesa, AZ
McMillan, Robert - Springdale, AR
Vickers, Oscar - Coahoma, TX

383- 3RD BN. HEADQUARTERS

Bentley, Howard - Columbus, OH
Weber, Leonard - Friend, NE

383 - 3RD BN MEDICS

Martinez, Ernest - Conyers, GA

383- COMPANY A

Carroll, Tom - Plano, TX
Daniels, Grady - Granbury, TX
Haerther, Daryl - Strasburg, CO
Huff, Robert - Indianapolis, IN
Roberts, Wayne - Terre Haute, IN
Robertson, George - Cambridge, NY
Robinson, Glenn - South, WV

383 - COMPANY B

Black, Jim - McMinnville, OR
Bowman, Arvin - Shelbyville, KY
Carter, Charlie - McAlester, OK
McCarthy, Richard - Coos Bay, OR
Means, Gerald - Cherokee, OK
Norman, Jack - Ooltewah, TN
Reineck, James - Granbury, TX
Sletten, Harold - Northridge, CA
Stewart, Gerald - Benson, AZ
Sweeter, Elmer - Canton, SD
Switzer, Frank - Danville, IL

383 - COMPANY C

Cochran, Keith - Dewey, AZ
Ensor, John - Oakton, VA
Harper, Royce - Lincoln, NE
Hufstetler, Charles - Simpsonville, SC
Mund, Leslie - Salmon, ID
Myers, John - Clarksville, TN
Peterson, Don - Merrifield, MN
Sagurton, ED - Vero Beach, FL
Stinnett, L.T. - Rock Island, IL

383 - COMPANY D

Zinc, Earl - Algiers, LA

TULSA, OK REUNION REGISTRATIONS - CONTINUED

383 - COMPANY F

Bates, Herb - Glen Ellyn IL
Carey, Bernice - East Jordan, MI
Gruwell, Orrie - Sutter Creek, CA
Hachen, Robert - Charlotte, NC
Haynes, Henry - Auburn, NE

383 - COMPANY G

Caspers, Orville - Swaledale, IA
Cramer, John - Dixon, IL
Cryder, Alvin - Skiatook, OK

383 - COMPANY H

Barlow, Henry - Denton, TX
Birchfield, Shirley - Seattle, WA
Book, Richard - Miles, TX
Conrad, Earl - Englewood, FL
Dawson, Estel - Banning, CA
Hill, Betty - Mesa, AZ
Martz, Michael - Yorkville, IL
Stock, Howard - Lone Tree, IA

383 - COMPANY I

Bennett, Merlin - Plainview, TX
Brown, Harry - St. Louis, MO
Coobs, Melvin - Boise, ID
Freeman, Martha - Byars, OK
Harbert, Mary - Grand Junction, CO
Hood, William - Pittsburg, KS
Morris, S. T. - Holdenville, OK
Phillips, Iva Dean - Memphis, TX
Snyder, Clarence - Shenandoah, IA
Weidler, Charles - Paradise Valley, AZ
White, Mary Lou - Mackinaw, IL
Wright Wood, Ruth - Oregon, IL

383 - COMPANY K

Boals, Bill - Tucson, AZ
Brown, Les - New Palestine, IN
Buffington, Herman - Jefferson, GA
Buskirk, Red - LaMirada, CA
Emmons, Ray - Eugene, OR
King, Paschal - Kingsport, TN
Reames, Marvin - Kingfisher, OK
Sinnen, Claude - Shakopee, MN
Stewart, Glenn - San Carlos, CA
Strenski, Raymond - Green Bay, WI
Tinker, Dorothy - St. Louis, MO
Wolf, Herbert - Waitsfield, VT
Wood, Sam - Spartanburg, SC

383 - COMPANY L

Helsel, Erma - Slow Low, AZ
Novak, Kathryn - Pasadena, CA
Stubbe, Billy - Ayr, NE
Warren, James - Faribault, MN

383 - COMPANY M

Dolan, Kenneth - Denver, CO

DIVISION ARTILLERY

Foster, Don - Topeka, KS

96TH RECONNAISSANCE

Borkin, Edward - Wixom, MI
Juhl, Jim - Princeton, WV
Leidigh, Frank - Beaver Falls, PA

96TH SIGNAL

Camilleri, Joseph - Sonoma, CA
Clements, Calvin - Lubbock, TX
Hoffman, Hubert - Wichita, TX
Jukuri, Paul - Westland, MI
Lisle, George - Chesterfield, MD
Pohl, Peter - Stacy, MN
Walters, Wallace - Glendale, AZ

361 FIELD ARTILLERY

Heinrich, Val - Sarasota, FL
Knutson, Karel - Puposky, MN
Moynihan, Charles - Sun City West, AZ
Rabine, Harold - New Baltimore, MI
Russell, James - Burnet, TX

362 FIELD ARTILLERY

Secrest, Leonard - Clarkston, MI

363 FIELD ARTILLERY

Hill, Merwin - Verona, IL

321 - MEDICS

Creason, Arthur - Hannibal, MO
Harrell, Alvis - Mt. Vernon, IL
Munshaw, Joseph - Oregon, MO
Sinning, Karl - Sioux Falls, SD

796 ORDNANCE

Confer, Ben - Carmel, CA
Jones, Harry - Sherman, WV
McMahan, George - Houston, TX
Nickerson, Chloris - Truman, MN

OTHER REGISTRATIONS

Buffington, Scott - Jefferson, CA
Cain, John - Mequon, WI
Finke, Tim & Janice
Hannig, Scott - Chicago, IL
Larson, Alfon
Reed, John - Salt Lake City, UT
Weber, Steve - St. Louis, MO

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

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AWARD OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BADGE

By direction of the President, pursuant to paragraph 19 1, Section II, Armed Forces of the Philippines Regulations G 131-052, this Headquarters, dated 24 April 1967, as amended, the PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BADGE is hereby awarded to


96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
UNITED STATES ARMY

for acts and services of exceptional gallantry and heroism rendered by its officers and men during the Leyte Campaign, from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. The 96th Infantry Division landed with General Douglas MacArthur in Leyte on 20 October 1944. Capturing the critical terrain of Catmon Hill which was fiercely defended by elements of the 16th Infantry Division of the Imperial Japanese Army, the Division advanced through deep swamps and penetrated to Tubon-Tubon which was heavily infested by the enemy. After four days of attack, counterattack and heavy losses of personnel and equipment, the Division succeeded in defeating the enemy. Again, in December 1944, the Division participated in the counterattack against the 2nd Parachute Brigade, Imperial Japanese Army which was then assaulting the airfields and supply depots in Central Leyte Valley. By these achievements, the 96th Infantry Division, United States Army, greatly contributed to the success of one of the decisive battles of World War II and earned the lasting admiration of the Republic of the Philippines and its people.

BY ORDER OF THE DEFENSE MINISTER:

OFFICIAL:

FABIAN C VER
General, AFP
Chief of Staff


SIMFORO L DIQUE
Brigadier General, AFP
The Adjutant General



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
Awarded to the 96th Infantry Division
Shortly after the end of World War II

(This is a repeat of the Original Order
of the Armed Forces of the Philippines)

96th Infantry Division Award Confirmed by U.S. Army General Order No.47,

**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION OKINAWA BATTLE HERITAGE EXHIBIT
FORT DOUGLAS MILITARY MUSEUM, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedication and Opening Day, June 14, 2003**



Sign at Entrance to Fort Douglas Military Museum

**Maj. Gen. James Collins, Commander,
96th Regional Readiness Command,
U.S. Army Reserve, Speaking at
Exhibit Opening Ceremony, with
Col. Voyles, Museum Director
In foreground**



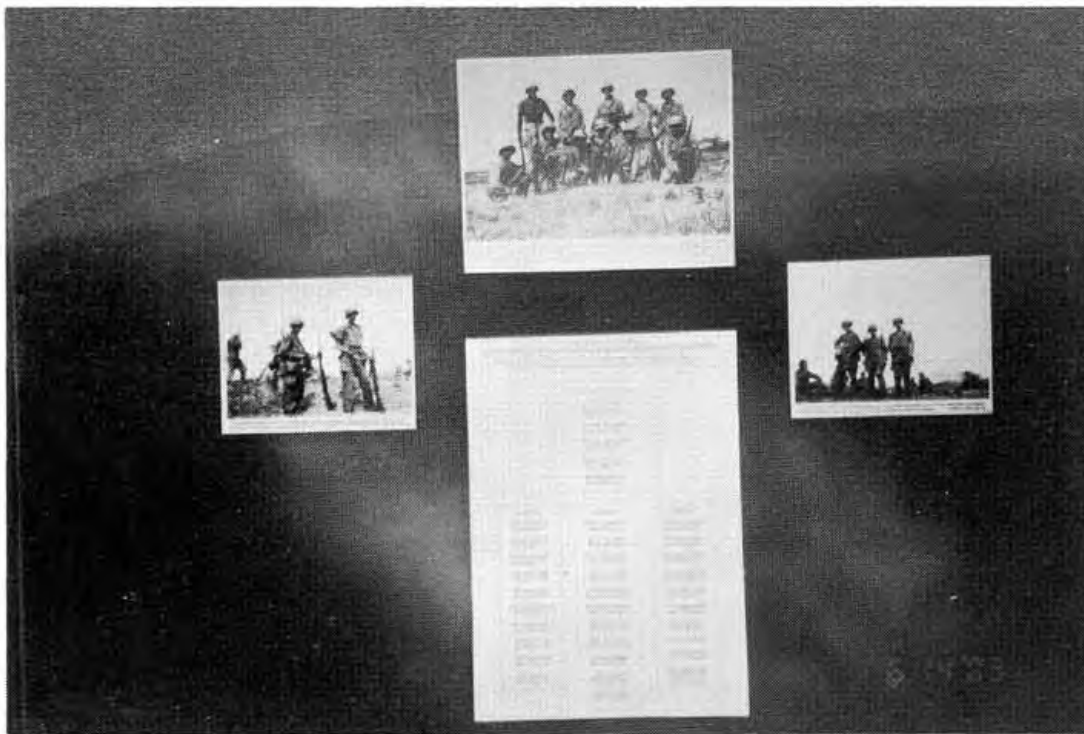


The 96th Division in the Pacific and on Okinawa

Okinawa Battle Map No. 1



Okinawa Battle Map No. 3



The Fate of 1st Platoon, Co. L, 382nd Infantry on Okinawa



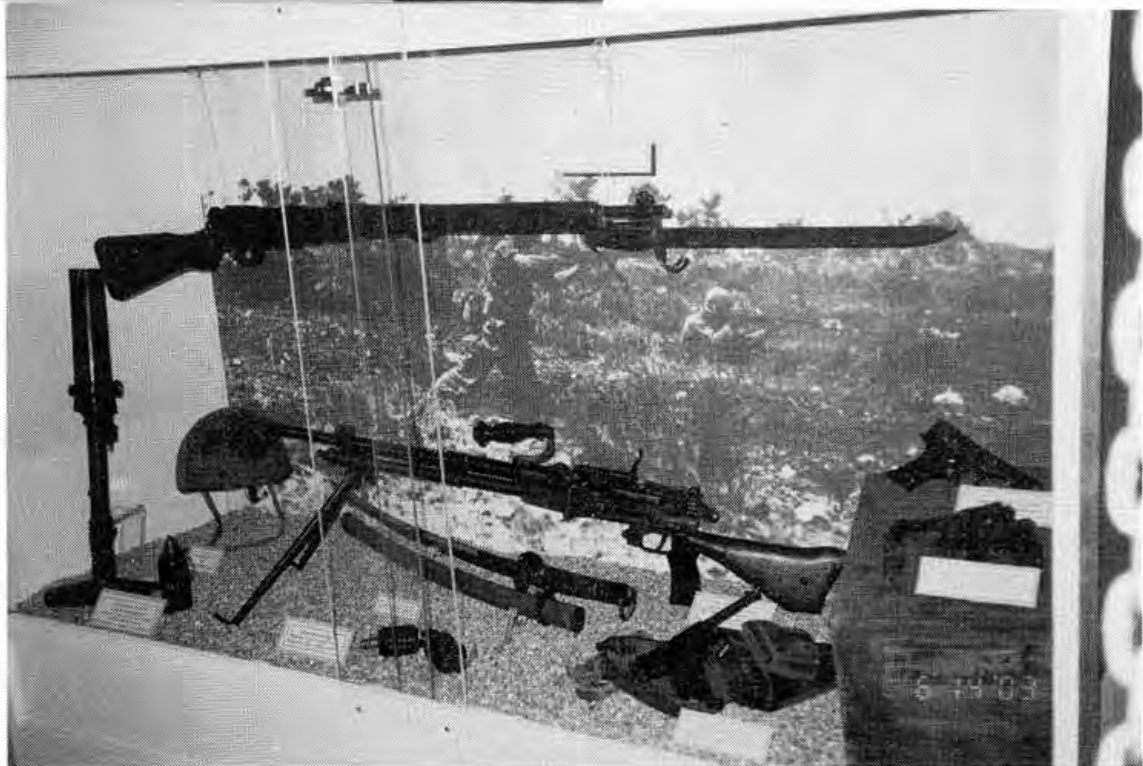
**Advancing 96th Infantryman on Okinawa
(Museum Figure)**



**The Okinawa Battle Monument
With Names of 14,005 U.S. Killed**



Introductory Panel with H. Richard Heindel, Architect & Artist and Son of Harold Heindel, Co. C, 382nd Infantry, KIA on Okinawa. (Richard's Work is Evident Throughout the Exhibit.)



Display of Japanese Weapons with background photo of advancing 381st Infantrymen

96th INFANTRY DIVISION HERITAGE FUND

Do you want to help preserve the magnificent World War II Heritage of the 96th Infantry Division? The Officers and the Executive Committee of the 96th Infantry Division Association hope that you will help preserve our cherished Heritage by contributing to the 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund.

The objective of our 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund is the preservation of the Legacy of the 96th Infantry Division through the establishment of Museum Quality Displays of 96th Division related historical Photographs, Artifacts and Memorabilia at selected locations for permanent public viewing.

Our first Heritage Exhibit, The Okinawa Battle, was completed, dedicated and opened for public viewing on June 14, 2003 in a separate room at the Fort Douglas Military Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah. This 96th Infantry Division Okinawa Battle Heritage Exhibit has already received many compliments as to its effectiveness in showing the Deadeye Divisions part in this last battle of World War II. We are greatly indebted to the work and effort put into this exhibit by Mr. H. Richard Heindel, whose father, Harold was killed in action on Okinawa while serving with 96th Infantry Division; and by John Reed, History Professor, University of Utah. Further, much appreciation is extended to the Deadeyes who generously contributed enough money to complete this first exhibit.

A 96th Infantry Division Leyte Battle Heritage Exhibit is in the planning stage. When enough contributions are received it will be constructed, hopefully by reunion time, 2004.

Donald Dencker, Association Historian



Please Send Your Contribution to:

Robert Schmidt, Treasurer
96th Infantry Division Association
1284 McKusick Road, Lane N.
Stillwater, MN 55082-4162

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59TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR

April 17 through April 23, 2004

Association Historian, Don Dencker, Company L, 382nd Infantry, 96th Division will again lead one more Army Oriented Okinawa Battlefield Tour. The Tour emphasis will be on area fought for by the 96th infantry Division. The Tour includes Round trip air travel from San Francisco to Okinawa; hotel accommodations for 6 nights; private sightseeing coach; breakfast every day and entrance fees for \$2,500 per person

Places to be visited include Kakazu Ridge, Tombstone Ridge, Hacksaw Ridge and Needle Rock, Zebra Hill, Dick Hills, Charley Hill, Conical Hill and Yeaju (Big Apple) and Yoza Dake Escarpments. We will also visit the Brig. Gen. Easley and Col. May Monuments at the Buckner Site; attend ceremonies at the Torii Station Army Base; and visit the Cornerstone of Peace Monument which has the names of all who died during the battle, including 14,005 Americans killed.

Once described as a 'ghastly corner of Hell', Okinawa today is a delightfully colorful, safe and hospitable island.

The 96th Infantry Division Association is not involved with this tour.

This Tour is organized by Valor Tours, Ltd. who specialize in Battlefield Tours. Valor Tours sponsored the highly successful Okinawa Tours in 1995, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

A brochure containing details of the 2004 Okinawa Tour is being prepared.

For a brochure, and complete information, call or write to:

Valor Tours, Ltd.

10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965

1-800-842-4504

-or-

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1375 Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

608-837-7479

Ticketing for World War II Memorial Dedication Events

Any Deadeye or Deadeye group going to the World War II Memorial dedication ceremonies or events on May 28th or 29th, 2004 please call Don Dencker as soon as possible relative to tickets for events requiring tickets. Ticketed events are:

Salute to World War II Veterans (May 28th and 29th)

Pre-Dedication Ceremony Show (May 29th)

WWII Memorial Dedication Ceremony (May 29th)

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DEDICATION CELEBRATION * MAY 27-30, 2004

OFFICIAL DEDICATION EVENTS

The four-day Dedication Celebration planned by the American Battle Monuments Commission will run over Memorial Day weekend 2004, from Thursday, May 27th through Sunday, May 30th. Titled *Tribute to a Generation*, dedication activities will commemorate the Memorial and celebrate the contributions of America's World War II Generation.

Tribute to a Generation: Dedication Ceremony

The Dedication Ceremony will recognize the important addition of the Memorial to the National Mall area as a unit of the National Park System, and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the World War II generation. President Bush has been invited to receive the Memorial on behalf of the nation.

Pre-Ceremony entertainment beginning at Noon will include live music, video images of the wartime era, and historical information about the building of the Memorial.

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2004
Time: Gates open at 11:00 a.m. EDT
Pre-Ceremony Show 12:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. EDT
Dedication Ceremony 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT
Location: Memorial Site on the National Mall
Admission: Free, ticketed event.

Tribute to a Generation: Salute to World War II Veterans

The armed forces ceremonial units stationed in Washington, DC are planning to join in rendering a musical and narrative salute to *all* World War II Veterans. Elements from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard will assemble at the MCI Center in downtown Washington to perform a special tribute for the veterans.

Dates: Friday, May 28, 2004 Matinee and evening performances
Saturday, May 29, 2004 Evening performance
Times: To be announced.
Location: MCI Center
Washington, DC
Admission: Free, ticketed event
Sponsored By: The Salute to the World War II Veterans is being sponsored by the American Battle Monuments Commission

Tribute to a Generation: Memorial Service

They prayed in the foxholes...in the blazing heat of the desert...in dense jungles, and in the bitter cold European winters. Across the oceans their loved ones also prayed...from houses of worship large and small...in factories...and across America's heartland. On May 29, 2004, the World War II Generation will again gather in prayer on the day *their* Memorial is dedicated.

An interfaith service of remembrance, dedication, and celebration will be held at the Washington National Cathedral, *A National House of Prayer for all People*. Due to the limited seating in the Cathedral, there will be controlled access to avoid overcrowding. Details regarding admission to the Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Alternate viewing sites in Washington, DC will be available for those wishing to view the service with their family and friends.

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT
Location: The Washington National Cathedral
Admission: Free, ticketed event

Tribute to a Generation: National World War II Reunion

The Reunion will be a place where WWII Generation honorees from across the country can meet, mingle and reminisce with others who served in uniform and on the home front during World War II; and, to celebrate the building and dedication of *their* Memorial. It will be a place where family, friends and others can share the celebration with the generation that preserved the freedom of the United States of America.

The Reunion will be held outdoors in tented pavilions and stages. There will be entertainment, presentations of oral histories, equipment displays and activities for children to learn about the contributions of the WWII generation.

Dates: Thursday, May 27, 2004 through Sunday, May 30, 2004
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EDT Daily
Location: The National Mall
(Between 3rd and 7th Streets; close to the National Air & Space Museum)
Admission: Free and open to the public; tickets not required
Produced By: The National World War II Reunion is being produced by The Smithsonian Institution, Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage in partnership with The American Battle Monuments Commission.

Seating/Tickets/Invitations

Invitations to the events are not required.

A special seating area will be designated for members of the World War II generation at the Dedication Ceremony. The American Battle Monument Commission's challenge is to accommodate all who deserve a seat, while meeting a demand that will likely exceed the number of seats available.

Due to space constraints, we cannot guarantee all individuals will have a seat. Event ticketing and seating arrangements will be issued this fall. Opportunities will be provided for individuals and groups to obtain tickets, with the World War II generation being given priority. Sections of seats will not be reserved for individuals or groups. ABMC is working closely with other government agencies and experts in major event management to devise the best possible solution for this challenge, so all may enjoy the celebration in a safe and secure environment. As the seating plans evolve, information will be available on the World War II website www.wwiimemorial.com, the toll free telephone number (800-639-4992), the fall 2003 Newsletter, and the media.

Tens of thousands are expected to attend the dedication activities, particularly members of the World War II generation. While extraordinary efforts are being made to accommodate everyone, all should be prepared for long lines, unpredictable weather and other inconveniences associated with large crowds. Everyone entering the Memorial site for the Dedication Ceremony will be required to clear security, which may necessitate waiting in line.

To obtain Event Ticketing information, call 1-800-639-4992

World War II Memorial Dedication Ceremonies 96th Infantry Division Veterans Block of Hotel Rooms

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May 27 -15, May 28 -40, May 29 -40 and May 30-15



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Tribute to a Generation
May 27-30, 2004

ALERT

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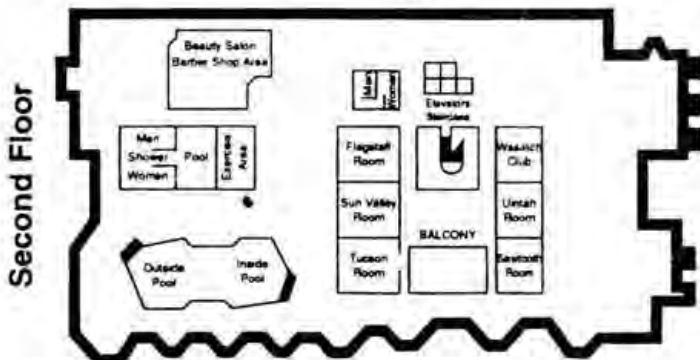
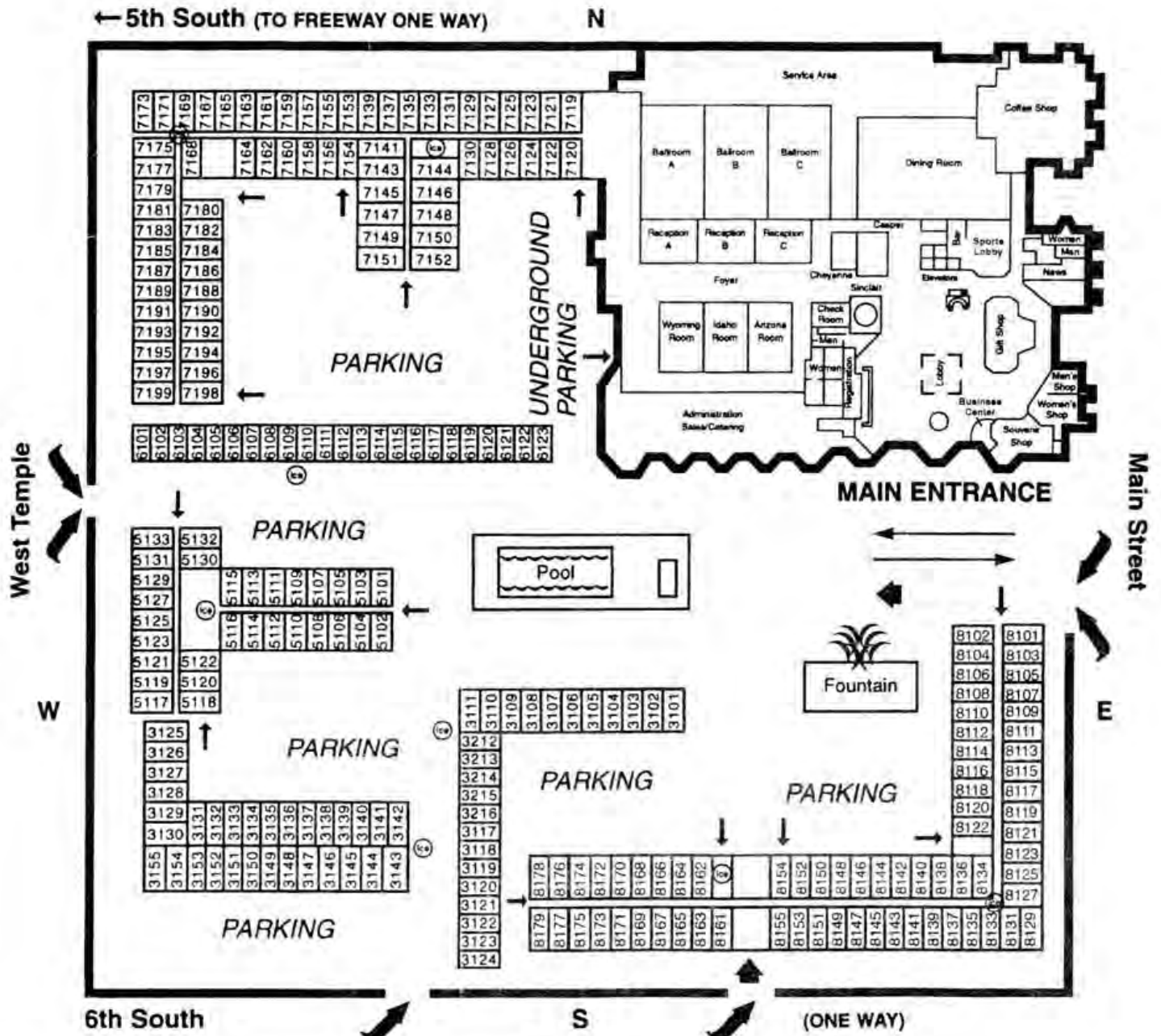
Metro must receive your order no later than April 1, 2004 so that it can process the order and mail the farecards to you.

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Diorama in Fort Douglas Museum honors Deadeyes

Meet Richard Heindel, Architect and Artist

by EDDAKAN B-381

The H. Richard Heindel story is that of a son who never had a chance to know his father who was killed in the war. And the father, Harold L., would never know about his son's outcome. Richard is the father of seven children, widely recognized in his profession and with yet one more way to honor his family name by making a memory come almost alive in a museum.

Harold L. Heindel's draft number came up in the summer of 1944 when good men were hard to find anywhere around Idaho Falls, Idaho. Married and with two kids, he nearly missed the train that would haul him to Fort Douglas, Utah, for induction. The goodbyes to his family were not easy.

Harold's 13-weeks basic training at Camp Fannon, Texas, readied him for shipment overseas by Christmas Day of '44. In Hawaii, jungle training and amphibious training were piled on before the long voyage to Leyte Island where he was assigned as a replacement rifleman to Company C of the 382d Regiment, 96th Infantry Division.

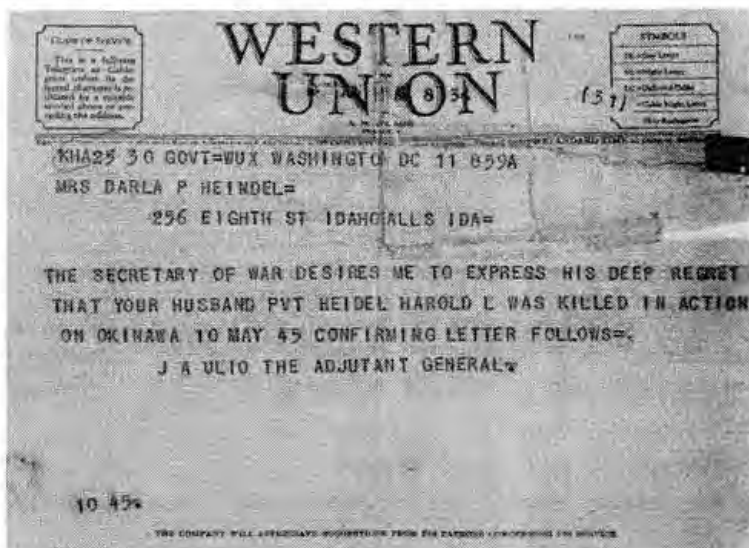
The company was still short-handed when its convoy of LSTs headed north for an Easter Sunday rendezvous with the Japanese enemy on Okinawa. Private Heindel was killed in action May 10, 1945, in the shadow of Zebra Hill, just south of Kochi. That end to his brief and brutal combat experience changed his family's lives forever.



HAROLD L HEINDEL
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On his right was buried
Warren V. Perkins A-382

On his left
Truman F. Delozier K-382





H. Richard Heindel, RA
Architect
715 Somerset Street
Farmington, UT 84025

96th Infantry Division Association display
Fort Douglas Museum, Salt Lake City, Utah



Meet Richard Heindel,
Architect and Artist (Continued)

Young Richard was soon to be five years old when the war took his father away. Today, so many years later, any remembrance of their lives together is sketchy. Richard's thoughts about World War Two became centered by the happening on an evening in June 1945 - his mother's reaction and his own childish inability to comprehend. "Mother and I were getting ready for bed. I had my pajamas on when the doorbell rang. She opened the door and a uniformed man was standing there. He handed her the telegram. It was what she thought it would be. Mother sat down on the arm of our easy chair, sobbing. That's what I remember - my mother's sorrow."

Testimony to the human cost of the three months-long battle were the 1,504 grave markers in two huge cemeteries. Harold Heindel was buried in the last row of the 96th Division Cemetery No. 1. Richard recalls that his mother's cousin who was stationed on the island shortly after the war, went to visit the grave. In a letter which he wrote, "The cemetery is very impressive...located between two small knolls and faces down to the East China Sea. It is beautiful with shrubs and wild plants all around. The neatness of the little white crosses made me kinda 'choke up'."

All of the military cemeteries on the islands in the Pacific were emptied out in the years following the end of the war. Harold's remains were returned to his next of kin, wife Darla, since married again. To Richard the memories of that homecoming have stayed fresh. "In 1949, when my dad's body was brought to Idaho, the military still provided escort even that many years after the war. We had a formal interment ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery in Idaho Falls. A flag was draped over the coffin and there was a military salute with rifles firing. The officer in charge gave me the empty cartridges, also a blank that was not fired. As he presented me with the flag that covered my father's coffin he told me I should never forget the great sacrifice my dad had made for my country and for me and my family," Richard said."

Heindel went on to graduate from Idaho State College on his father's G.I. Bill entitlement. In those years the war in Vietnam was using up men fast. "I was in the R.O.T.C. program on my way to becoming a second lieutenant. One day a letter from the Army informed me my draft status was changed because my grandfather had had only one son and I was an only son, I would not be going anywhere," Richard said. "That kind of bothered me in a way and it still does now."

The relationship between the Association and the Regional Support Command (formerly A.R.C.O.M.) strengthened through the years after Anthony Pavell, president 1986 - 1987, went on his own, to be honored guest at their annual conference. Meantime, the 96th had been looking for a suitable place to display memorabilia which remained boxed up at a location in Oregon.

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**Meet Richard Heindel,
Architect and Artist (Continued)**

Donald Dencker, current historian, worked out an arrangement with the powers that be at Fort Douglas Museum to renovate a room by installing glass showcases. The 96th Infantry Division Association provided funds for the materials used in the project, the museum furnished labor and expertise, John Reed, an instructor in history at the University of Utah - also a Lt. Colonel in the R.S.C., but not functioning as such, though maintaining contact with Brig. General Collins all the while.

Richard Heindel was titled Architect and Artist for the whole works.

What it all amounted to was a project of the 96th Infantry Division Association with some shared accountability and credit.

**Fort Douglas Museum
ready for visitors**

The sandstone building in which the museum is housed was built in 1875. Its floors are layed out in stairstep fashion down the side of a mountain. On the downhill end of the building, visitors enter the Battle Display Room by walking down an incline which represents the open front-end ramp of a Higgins Boat (L.C.V.P.). That feature provides the illusion of landing on Okinawa, besides eliminating a hazardous stairs.

Recreated here is a glimpse of the primitive kind of warfare which was fought on Okinawa. Richard Heindel chose to portray his father as the stand-in for thousands of the 96th's soldiers who finally won the war in the old fashioned way by belying up to the enemy amidst boulders on a ridge.

The Display consists of four panels. Panel "A", map of the island with identifying landmarks. Panel "B", mural of part of Zebra Hill with a rifleman advancing up the hill on May 10, 1945. Kochi Ridge is in the midground and the hills are beyond. Panel "C", mural of Item, How, Easy, Charley, and Conical Hills. (The shelling of Conical Hill started about May 7, 1945. The main attack on Conical was on May 11.)

A detail not to be overlooked in this scene is the shattered tree with only three leaves on a twig. Richard explained that he had been painting on the mural late one night when something inside him told him to add three leaves to the tree. One leaf was to have a nick out of it, another was to be half of a leaf, and the third was to be a complete leaf.

The leaves which are not there are to honor those men who gave all they had to give. This Display and the Exhibit is homage to those who served on Okinawa, that they shall not be forgotten. Panel "D", panoramic photo of the Cornerstone of Peace, Okinawa.

Each of the panels measuring four feet by eight feet constitute a diorama of which the focal point is a life-size manequin rigged in equipment and clothing as if for an assault. The figure is outfitted realistically from the World War Two helmet on his head, a grenade in his shoulder harness, to the boots on his feet. He cradles a M-1 in hands which are specially sculpt to fit. His tired and glassy eyes search the devastated terrain

Enough said.

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**H. Richard Heindel
and sister Darla
Jean, 1949, fol-
lowing formal in-
terment of their
father, Harold L.
Heindel, in Rose
Hill Cemetery,
Idaho Falls, Idaho.**

More About H. Richard Heindel

H. Richard is an architect and artist. He has designed a broad range of building types. One which he enjoys is schools. He believes that schools, when properly designed, can provide a positive opportunity for youth and the community.

In 1997 he became a partner in a local firm and at the same time, managing architect for the Olympic Village which was to serve as housing for 4,000 athletes that competed in the 2002 Winter Olympics. For that purpose, during the final design phase, a portion of Fort Douglas was transferred to the University of Utah.

After Heindel met Donald Dencker, historian, in April of 2000, he became an associate member of the 96th Infantry Division Association. The following spring, April 2001, Richard accompanied Don's group on a tour of Okinawa, later on, Dencker called Heindel and asked if he would be interested in helping with the development of the Okinawa Exhibit at the Fort Douglas Museum.

Richard considered this to be the opportunity of a lifetime and immediately agreed to be part of the team which would put the project together.

MEMORABILIA MERCHANDISE

The handling of the sale of 96th Infantry Division Association memorabilia (Merchandise) was offered to the Ladies Auxiliary by the Executive Committee and accepted by the Auxiliary several years ago. To ensure that all memorabilia (Merchandise) offered for sale at a reunion is consistent with the Association's policy on solicitation it should be approved by the Ladies Auxiliary's Merchandise Committee.

**Ruth Siefert, Merchandise Committee Chairman
1-218-659-2891 e-mail: rsiefert@paulbunyan.net**

Sale of Merchandise Notice

Salt Lake City Reunion will be the last reunion to purchase 96th Infantry Division Memorabilia!

96th Infantry Division Association Website

Our Association Website is now Permanently Located at:

<http://www.96th-infantry-division.com>

Our Site has had 45,750 visitors during the past 43 months.

VISIT THE WEBSITE TO:

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Get Information of Value to Deadeyes, Family or Friends.

Please View Our "Guest Book" and Help Deadeyes and Others Locate Deadeyes and Provide 96th Infantry Division Service Information.

Minnesota Historical Society World War II History Roundtable

"INVASION OF OKINAWA - THE JAPANESE HOMELAND"

7:00 P.M. Thursday, January 8, 2004

**SPEAKERS: Don Peterson, Company C, 383rd Infantry, 96th Infantry Division
Stuart Lindman, Company A, 321st Medical Bn, 96th Infantry Div.
Don Dencker, Company L, 382nd Infantry, 96th Infantry Division
Tucker Giblin, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division**

PLACE: Fort Snelling, Minnesota History Center

**DIRECTIONS: Follow "Historic Fort Snelling" signs to East side of Highway 55,
East of Fields and North of Fort Snelling Chapel.**

Deadeyes, Family Members and Friends within driving distance are urged to attend. Attendance at this monthly World War II program has reached 400 in recent months. If you have questions, Contact Don Dencker at (608)837-7479.

NOTICES

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2003 Reunion Saturday, May 15th, 2004 at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, OH. All Deadeyes and attachment units are welcome. For information contact Russell Watts - 5107 Sassafra Rd., Columbus, OH 43229-5259 or James Knight - 252 W. Franklin, Nelsonville, OH 45764-1151.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their meeting June 6, 2004 at the Monmouth, Oregon Senior Center, 180 So. Warren St. Monmouth, OR. Arrival time will be 9:00 - 10:00 AM. A Saturday afternoon (June 5th) special activity will be held for early arrivals. (details in the Spring Newsletter and Deadeye Dispatch) Following the activity will be a no-host dinner at Jay's Restaurant from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Then a strawberry shortcake social will be held at the Senior Center at 7:00. The regular Sunday meeting planning is in progress, your input is welcome. For more information please contact Richard (Dick) Haglund, 1504 Euclid, Steilacom, WA 98388-3310 or John Pfaff, 20 S. 4th, Independence, OR, 97531. Haglund phone: (253) 588-8310 Pfaff phone (503) 838-1854.

Thank you!

I would like to thank all of you that helped make the get together in Tulsa, in July, a big success. I could make a long list of names and I would surely offend someone by leaving his or her name off the list, there were so many. Not only those that were always visible but the many of you that were always there behind the scenes doing the job assigned to you or in some cases doing small things that were not asked. The lady's of the Auxiliary outdid them selves in decorating the Banquet room, outstanding!

Hoping to see you all in Salt Lake City in July next year.

Bob Cronshey - Past President 96th Infantry Division Association

A special thanks to **Faye Wright** for the lovely flag afghan she donated for our merchandise room raffle. The winner of the drawing was **Deb. Warrell**.

PUC Certificate, Citation, Ribbon & Lapel Pin are still available at our Tulsa, OK reunion or by mail, see address below.

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Total - - - - - \$ _____

REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO: 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MAIL TO: ROBERT SCHMIDT, TREASURER
1284 MCKUSICK ROAD LANE NORTH, STILLWATER, MN 55082

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION AUXILIARY ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Husband's First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES \$20.00 - - - - - \$ _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$ 5.00 - - - - - \$ _____

DONATIONS: - - - - - \$ _____

TOTAL: - - - - - \$ _____

AUXILIARY DUES ONLY:
REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO : 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. AUXILIARY
MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT, ,TREASURER
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Want a Permanent 96th Division Association Blue & White Name Badge?

The Executive Committee authorized me to present a plan to the membership to make badges available for Association and Auxiliary members. **NOW AVAILABLE FAMILY MEMBER BADGES.**

The price for as Association Badge is -----\$5.50 with choice of back

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The price of a Family member Badge is -----\$5.50 with choice of back

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All Badges will have the "96th Inf. Div. Ass'n." and "Div. logo" on them.

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Ass'n,



ORDER BLANK FOR 96TH DIV. ASS'N.
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NAME BADGES
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City _____ State _____ \$5.50

TYPE OF BACK, MARK ONE: PIN _____ SPRING CLIP _____ MILITARY PINS _____ MAGNETIC _____

96TH INF. DIV. ASS'N. AUX.

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

City _____ State _____ \$5.00

TYPE OF BACK, MARK ONE: PIN _____ SPRING CLIP _____ MILITARY PINS _____ MAGNETIC _____

96TH INF. DIV. ASS'N FAMILY

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

City _____ State _____ Relationship _____ \$5.50

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Make remittance payable to:

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MAGNETIC PIN BACKS \$1.75 EACH _____

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TOTAL _____

Badges to be mailed to:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

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To All Deadeyes in Tulsa:

I wish to thank President Bob Cronshey for the special presentation in awarding, to my husband, Tom, the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Tom had waited 58 years for the Purple Heart, being told that records were lost, burned, etc. He was completely overwhelmed when his name was announced.

Our daughters, Cathy, Lisa and Beth and myself have been determined, for many years, that he should be awarded this honor. He was wounded on June 2, 1945. He had three surgeries on his left hand. He was also wounded in his chest with his spoon being crumpled and a ring being broken.

There were five states represented at the presentation with approximately 30 family members and friends attending. I hardly knew Tom in 1945 but I am proud to be his wife of 54 years. We are both from the Tulsa area, so this was a great homecoming for our family.

Thanks for the many congratulations, e-mails, the standing ovation and especially, to Bob Cronshey for the perfect presentation. If anyone has a video of the presentation, please contact us at the address above.

With many pictures and memories, I say "Thank You".

Lucille Carroll

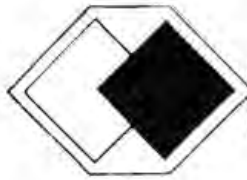
Wife of Tom Carroll - 383rd Regiment, Co. A. 3013 Natalie Dr., Plano, TX 75074

e-mail: Tom3013@wmconnect.com

1st Lt. Raymond M. Bush
Service Company, 382, Infantry Regiment
Killed in Action on Okinawa, April 10, 1945

Anyone with 96th Infantry Division Service Information about Lt. Raymond Bush
Please Contact: Alex Wensowitch, 1703 Lyndale Drive, Ennis, TX 75119, Phone:
(972)875-8630

In Memorium...



96th INF. DIV. ASSN.
DEADEYES



“Taps”

God in his infinite Wisdom, has summoned more “DEADEYES” who have served their country faithfully and will in war and peace. The 96th Infantry Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families.

Charles Lange
per wife 5/9/02

Forest Stewart - 381st - HG Co.
per John Obal - 11-4-02

Harold Curtis - 382 Co. K.
per H. Bloyier - 2002

Ray Gullickson
per wife - 7/23/03

Loyd Stubbs - 381 Co. E.
per wife - 3/12/-2

Tom Bensussen
per wife - 1/12/02

Roy P. Davis - 383 Co. M.
per wife 7/27/03

Sherman Dickrow-382 2nd BM H
per wife - 6/10/03

Gerald Safferman
per Vincent Collara - 5/9/03

Robert R. Swart - 381 Co. C.
per wife - 5/20/03

Harold Straube
per A. Pohl - 5/3/03

Walter Weddle - 381 AT Co.
pr Barbara Weddle - 4/20/03

Donald Blair - 383 Co. E.
per David Bowen - 6/2/03

Peter Koenig - 381 Co. C.
per Bill Culp - 8/29/03

Floyd Bishop
per PO

Joseph Sciara -381 Reg Hg Co
per E. J. Thompson - 7/17/03

Orval Linn
per PO

James Henly - 381st Co. E
per wife - 4/6/03

Frank Sotelo - 383 Co. C.
per Tom Roby - 8/25/03

Frank Uryniah
per wife - 5/3/03

LeRoy Larson - 381 E. Co
per wife - 4/25/03

Dan Hart
per Harry Brown - 8/30/03

Lawrence William
per son 5/03

J. Colline - 921 FA HQ
per Duane Kinsu -3/16/03

TAPS - CONTINUED

Harold S. Gilbert - 382
per wife - 3/24/02

Lorentz C. Hamilton
per family

William Bear - 382 Co C,
per wife - 2/4/02

Albert Hollway
per son - 12/29/02

Richard E. Anderson
per Anthony Hruban - 9/20/02

John "Jack" Stevens - 382 M&L
per son Chris Stevens - 09-17-03

Ralph G. VanOrsdol - 381- Co I
Per Grandson Jason VanOrsdal
08-30-03

George O. Sanders, Jr.
382- 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.
Per son Kevin Sanders -06-27-03

Joseph J. Picone
381 - 1st Bn. Hg. Co - 05-19-03
per grandson Joe Picone, Jr.

Kenneth F. Case
381- 1st Bn. Hq. Co.
per nephew Bill Stahl - 05-16-03

George "Herb" Willifred
383 - Co L
per wife Patsy - 01-26-03

Glen E. Whitacre -383-Service
per Renwyn Triplett - 04-22-03

Clayton Hall - 382 - Co F
per grandson Ralph Berrier, Jr.
04-22-03

Jesse Thomas - 383 - Co E
per son Steve Thomas -12-07-02

Lloyd Bengston - 383
per Shane Olson - 01-09-03

Peter J. Fritz - Division Hq. Co.
per Ellis Hosbach - 09-26-03

Ellsworth M. Tissue -
per Fran Marlenga -07-17-03

Jack Loftus - 383 - Hg. Co.
John Obal - 4-30-03

Edward Evans - 381st - Hg Co.
John Obal - 9-12-03

WORDS TO "TAPS"

According to Arlington National Cemetery, home of the Taps project, the first words put to the music were *"Go to sleep, go to sleep."* Later, many more verses were added. Here are some of the more popular ones.

*Day is done, gone the sun,/From the hills, from the lake,/From the skies./ All is well,
safely rest,/God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep./May the soldier or sailor,/God keep./ On the land or the
deep,/Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, must thou go,/ When the day, and the night/ Need thee so?/ All is well,
Speedeth all/To their rest.*

*Fades the light; and afar/Goeth day, And the stars/Shineth bright,/ Fare thee well; day
has gone,/ Night is on.*

*Thanks and praise, for our days,/ 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,/'Neath the sky,/ As we
go, this we know,/ God is nigh.*

The Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

