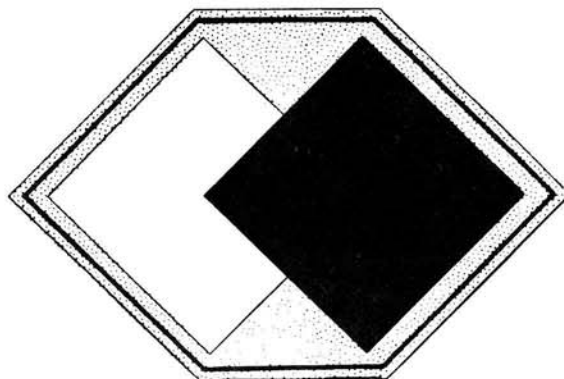


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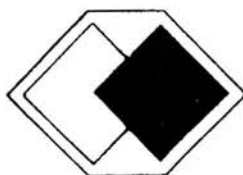
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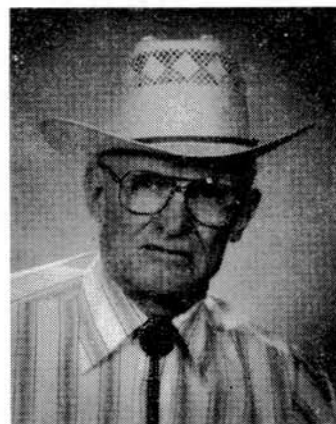
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President's Corner



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



Dear Deadeyes:

Welcome to the reunion of the 96th Infantry Division in Des Moines. It is a beautiful city with a winding river flowing through the downtown area, and skywalks connecting major buildings and parking garages. The flowing river is a beautiful sight to a West Texan.

Much preparation has been done for this reunion by Iden Johnson, with professional assistance. There are interesting activities available for your free time. Pre-registration by mail will make the program run much smoother.

Publication of another book about our Division will be delayed until more material comes in. A few personal accounts have been mailed to me and some to the publishers. That's all right. I'll send the data to the publishers.

Something different has been added this year. If you are a newcomer to our reunions, pick up a red ribbon at the registration desk. That will help us get acquainted and remember those who shared the work a half century ago in the far Pacific. The fellowship from a military career has endured many years. Our battle was completed before the Atomic bomb was unveiled. Okinawa placed intensive demands upon the courage and actions of individual soldiers, as infantry warfare has done through the ages. We represent the Army as it was in World War II when the fate of our nation depended upon our victory.

Friends, before Father Time thins our ranks further, join us in the reunion at Des Moines.

Glen Amonett, President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members;

In the fall issue of the Deadeye Dispatch, I spoke of changes that are occurring within the 96th Infantry Division Association. One change that affects the Auxiliary is that our President is now a member of the Division's Reunion Planning Committee. We are becoming more involved as time goes on.

As a member of this committee, I visited Des Moines, Iowa and was very favorably impressed. The hotel facilities are lovely and conveniently located. There are many restaurants close by .. from fast food to gourmet dining. The tours are excellent and all are within a short distance of the Marriott Hotel. The Chamber of Commerce has been working very hard to accommodate us in every way. And, even if the weather is inclement, an excellent, air conditioned skywalk system will enable us to get around easily.

With the help of some of the Auxiliary members, we have chosen a lovely room in which to have our Auxiliary Luncheon. There is room to seat 300 guests, so I would urge you to pre-register, to be assured of a place at the luncheon.

The Auxiliary General Meeting will have a full agenda, so plan to attend as your input is important to the success of our organization. Also, please give some thought to serving as an officer. We welcome your expertise. If you are interested, contact one of the officers or past presidents.

I would also like to extend an invitation to all who do not belong to the Auxiliary to join. It's easy to do. Send your name and \$2.00 dues along with your husband's dues and your membership card will be mailed to you. We welcome new members.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Des Moines. I'm sure you will have a good time.

For those who cannot be with us, I wish to send my best wishes and hope we will meet in the future.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Schmidt, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

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20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Carroll B. Simmons, Eugenio Gonzales, Arnold Sauber, Jacob Bitzer, Roy P. Davis, Edward DeWitt, Leonard Huff, Patrick McDermott, James Breland and Elmer Sweeter, and Cecil Phillips.

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Robert Huff and Cloyce Rucker.

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE award went to Robert Schmidt.


OUR KIND OF GAL award went to Phyllis Schmidt.

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

TO ALL DEADEYES:

Your dues are what pays for the "DEADEYE DISPATCH". Please mail your dues in today to Robert Schmidt using the following form.

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notices

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

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

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 2, 1996, at the Old Officer's Clubhouse at Camp Adair, Benton County Park, Corvallis, Or. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be "POT 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 JOHN WYNN -- 221 Lylus Lane, Port Hadlock, Wa. 98339-9423.

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The price for an Auxiliary 3 line badge is \$4.00 with pin back.

All badges will have the line "96th Inf. Div. Ass'n."

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**96th Infantry Division Reunion
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CUT-OFF DATE BUT NOT NECESSARILY AT THE SAME RATE. PLEASE APPLY 5% SALES TAX AND 7% HOTEL TAX TO THE ABOVE RATES.

CUT-OFF DATE is Wednesday July 3, 1996.

OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE:

Kirkwood Civic Center -- 4th & Walnut, Des Moines, Ia. 50309
Phone 515-244-9191 \$64.00

Savory Hotel -- 4th & Locust, Des Moines, Ia. 50309
Phone 800-798-2151 \$65.00

The Kirkwood Civic Center and the Savory Hotel are connected to the Marriott Hotel via the skywalk.

BE SURE TO STATE THAT YOU ARE WITH THE 96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

There is a 12% tax added to the price of rooms.

DON'T FORGET

TO PRE-REGISTER

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39th Annual Reunion

Marriott Hotel - Des Moines, Iowa
 July 26th, 1996 - July 30th, 1996

Schedule of Events:

Every Day and Evening

Friday July 26th

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday July 27th

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
 9:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Sunday July 28th

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday July 29th

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday July 30th

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 12:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 9:00 p.m. - Midnight

R & R
 Historical Room

Registration ***
 Sale of Merchandise

Registration ***
*Farmers Market &
 Tour of Des Moines*
 Registration ***
 Sale of Merchandise
Prairie Meadows

Executive Meeting
 Auxiliary Exec. Meeting
 Registration ***
Living History Farms
 Sale of Merchandise
 Registration ***
 Kick-Off Party

General Open Meeting
 Association Meeting
 Auxiliary Meeting
 Auxiliary Luncheon
Bridges of Madison Co.
 Sale of Merchandise
 Beer Bust

Sale of Merchandise
 Association Meeting
 Memorial Service
 Banquet Tbl. Reservations
Valley Junction
 Social Hour
 Banquet
 Dance - Danny Hartzler
 Orchestra

Rooms

Davenport/Dubuque - 3rd Level
 Waterloo - 3rd Level

Foyer - 3rd Level
 Foyer - 3rd Level

Foyer - 3rd Level
Bus Tour

Foyer 3rd Level
 Foyer - 3rd Level
Bus Tour

Cedar Rapids - 3rd Level
 Council Bluffs - 3rd Level
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 Des Moines/Hall of Cities - 3rd Level

Iowa Ballroom - 2nd Level
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Additional Registration Times will be posted at the Registration Desk

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Description of the Tours

Saturday July 27, 1996 - Farmers Market and Tour of Des Moines

Take your pick of fresh produce, pastries and crafts at the Downtown Farmers Market on Court Avenue. It's been called one of the best farmers markets in the U.S. by Bon Appetit Magazine. Afterwards, (the Market closes at 11:00 a.m.) enjoy a lunch of your own on Court Avenue. The restaurants nestled in this renovated 19th Century warehouse district will tantalize any tastebuds. Reboard the bus for a narrated tour of the Des Moines Metropolitan Area. Major points of interest will include the Iowa State Capitol Building, the largest state capital in the nation (known for it's 23 karat gold dome) and Camp Dodge which features the Iowa Gold Star Museum and the new Stark Armory. You will also see the three historical mansions of the area, one of which is now the residence of the Governor of Iowa.

Saturday July 27, 1996 - Prairie Meadows

Upon arrival, enjoy a buffet dinner in the Picnic Pavillion, a private facility for the 96th Infantry Division, which overlooks the tracks. Enjoy Thoroughbred and/or Quarter Horse racing. The first race is currently scheduled for 7:00 p.m. For your convenience there are betting windows in the Pavilion. After dinner, make your fortune playing slots! Over 1100 slot machines to choose from, filling two floors of the Midwest's most beautiful new casino. You have your choice of nickel, quarter, dollar, five-dollar and twenty-five dollar closely regulated slot machines that are set for high returns. BUSES WILL RETURN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING AS THEY FILL.

Sunday July 28, 1996 - Living History Farms

This 600 acre open air museum tells the amazing story of how Iowans combined hard work and advances in technology to transform the fertile prairies of the Midwest into the most productive farmland in the world. Visitors travel at their own pace through five historical time periods spanning 300 years.

Monday July 29, 1996 - Bridges of Madison County

The most romantic country in the world. It has been famous for it's covered bridges and John Wayne Birthplace. In recent years it's been catapulted to worldwide fame by the popularity of Robert James Waller's novel "The Bridges of Madison County" and the filming of the movie version in the summer of 1994. While in Madison County you have the opportunity to visit Francescas' house (time permitting) where the majority of the movie was filmed. The aura of Robert and Francesca still lingers as you walk through the farmhouse propped as it was for the movie. Next visit two covered bridges as your guide creates a bridge between yesterday and today.

Tuesday July 30, 1996 - Valley Junction

In 1893 Valley Junction bustles with horse drawn traffic, a trolley line, eight-foot-wide sidewalks, and dirt street lined with tree banks, three drug stores and several boarding house. By the turn of the century, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad made Valley Junction a popular stop where 36 passenger trains arrived and departed daily. A century later, the charming past is thriving in Valley Junction. There are more than 120 specialty stores, art galleries, fashion boutiques, restaurants and antique shops.

RESTAURANTS -- DOWNTOWN

The Marriott Hotel serves:

Healthy Start Buffett - 6:30 am to 1:00 pm. Consists of fruit, yogurt, coffee - something light, price \$5.50.

Breakfast Buffet. 6:30 am to 11:00 am Price \$6.95

Brunch 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Price \$8.95

"Allies" on the second floor of the Marriott is open from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm on Sunday and re-opens from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm with an evening menu that runs from \$2.95 to \$14.95.

Mr. Filet Restaurant -- 1 block north of the Marriott (510 7th St.) on the West side of 7th St. and under the parking ramp. Breakfast prices run from \$1.25 to \$5.00. His week days start at 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. Open till 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Kirkwood Corner Cafe -- Located within the Kirkwood Hotel (4th & Walnut) is open Sunday from 7:00 am 3:00 pm. Same hours on Saturday. Through week they serve an evening meal.

Savory Hotel Restaurant -- (4th & Locust) Is open Sunday from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm. The Lounge also serves food and is open until 10:00 pm Sunday.

Java Joes -- (214 4th St.) Just south of the Kirkwood is open Sunday 9:00 am to 11:00 pm. Gourmet coffee, sandwiches, salads and snacks anytime.

Hotel Ft. Des Moines -- (10th & Walnut) Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. This is 4½ blocks from the Marriott.

Babes -- (417 6th) One block straight East of the Marriott, in the middle of the block on 6th St. Open Sunday from Noon to 8:00 pm.

PARKING

The City parking ramp located between High St. and Grand Ave. (½ block north of Grand) on Southbound 7th Street - enter the ramp from 7th St. - RATES are: 12 hours, \$4.00. 24 hours, \$5.00. 4:00 pm to 6:00 am \$1.00.

The City ramp on 4th St. - Northbound from Locust to Grand Ave. directly across the street from the East entrance to the Savery Hotel - RATES are: 12 hours \$3.50. 24 hours \$4.50 and 4:00 pm to 6:00 am \$1.00.

DES MOINES MARRIOTT

DES MOINES, IA

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HOTEL LOCATION

The Des Moines Marriott, located at 700 Grand Avenue, sits in the heart of the business and financial district of downtown Des Moines. The hotel is just off Interstate 235 at the 7th Avenue or downtown exit. Via skywalks, the hotel is connected to the Ruan Center, Veterans Auditorium, and Des Moines Convention Center, as well as shops and restaurants. Des Moines International Airport is only 10-12 minutes away.

Directions to the hotel: From the airport - head north on Fleur Drive to Locust Street. Make a right turn and continue east to 6th Avenue. Turn left onto 6th Avenue continuing one block to Grand Avenue. Turn left onto Grand Avenue and again continue one block. Hotel is on the corner of 7th and Grand.

From I-235 eastbound - Exit onto 7th Street. Make a right turn on 7th Street to Grand Avenue. Hotel is at 7th and Grand, entrance on Grand.

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HOTEL EXTRAS

The Des Moines Marriott offers 415 guest rooms with individual climate control, two telephones, and video services including messages and check-out. Color TV with free HBO, ESPN, and CNN is provided in each room. Take advantage of the hotel's fully-equipped health club, or have a dip in the indoor swimming pool or hydrotherapy pool. The hotel also provides valet and drycleaning services, as well as a beauty salon, gift shop, and safety deposit boxes for your convenience. Check in time is 4pm and check out is noon.

Several restaurants and lounges are available to suit every taste. Quenelles serves gourmet cuisine in an elegant atmosphere and is open for lunch and dinner. Allie's, open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, offers moderately priced meals in a casual dining room. Pitchers Lounge has dancing, great food and fun nightly. Finally, the Skywalk Lounge is the perfect spot for an after dinner drink in a quiet setting.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Complimentary hotel van service runs to and from the Des Moines International Airport. Shuttles run every 30 minutes from 5am - 11:30pm.

PARKING

Hotel parking rates currently are \$9.00 for self and \$9.00 for valet parking. This is for 24 hours (pass issued for in/out with date/time.) Parking is available at nearby city garages which all connect to the hotel via the city skywalk. Parking is complimentary at these facilities from 12midnight Friday until 12 midnight Sunday. Currently, these rates, based on 24 hour occupancy, apply:

Grand Avenue - \$5.00; 801 Grand - \$4.85; Locust - \$7.75

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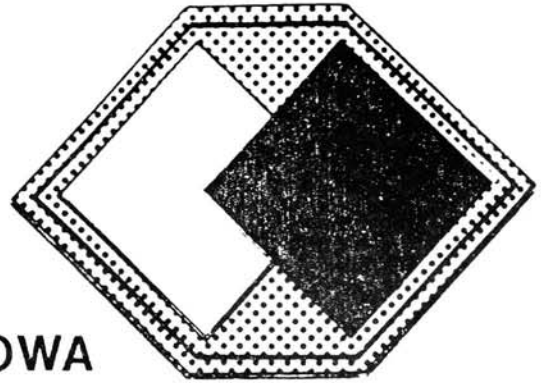
The Adventureland Campground in Altoona is 15 minutes from the Des Moines Marriott. Take Exit 142A at I-80 and Highway 65 to Adventureland Campground. Currently, full hook-up is available at \$18.95/night for 2 people. Call 515-265-7384 for more information.

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The DES MOINES MARRIOTT

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START MAKING PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION OF THE 96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION in St. Louis, Missouri, July 24, 25 & 26, 1997.

ATTENTION A. S. T. P. MEMBERS

Remnants of Companies B, C, D & H of the Wisconsin A.S.T.P. met in Madison, Wi. June 16th and 17th, 1995. There were 20 Veterans, with Wives and Aides -- 35 in all -- that assembled.

They formed the Wisconsin Battalion of the A.S.T.P. Mailings and inquiries located 6 men from B Company, 18 from C Company, 21 from D Company, and previously 37 from H Company, a total of 82 ready to stand muster. We are still looking for an original roster of B and C Companies with complete first names and middle initials.

Resolved to invite all former A.S.T.P.ers of the Division to a get together during the Deadeye Reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association.

The Wisconsin Battalion of the A.S.T.P. invites all former A.S.T.P.ers sent to the 96th Infantry Division to an informal luncheon on Tuesday, July 30th, 1996, at 1:00 P.M. at the Marriott Hotel (Deadeye Headquarters) in Des Moines, Ia. Luncheon will be \$12.00 and paid at the door. You may be seated at a table with your school's name on it.

If interested please send post card to:

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Please Indicate:
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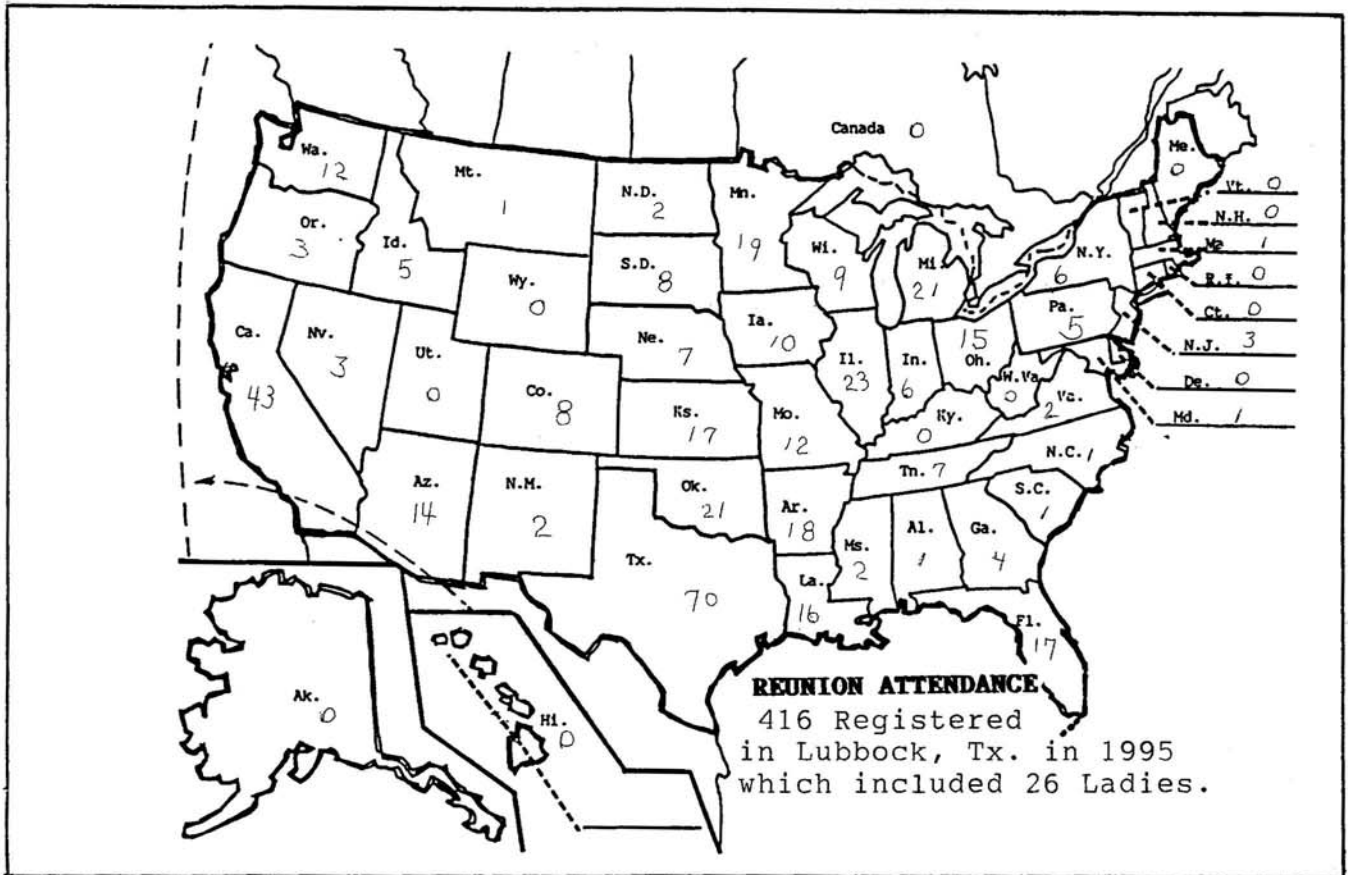
Your postcard will be your indication of interest, and a help in informing the hotel on how many to prepare for. Also please note if your wife or other guests will attend.

Membership in the Association is a privilege that is available to any soldier who served in the 96th Infantry Division or its attached units. This organization has grown from an embryo idea in 1958 until it has world-wide recognition. It fosters comradeship that was always a trademark of the Division.

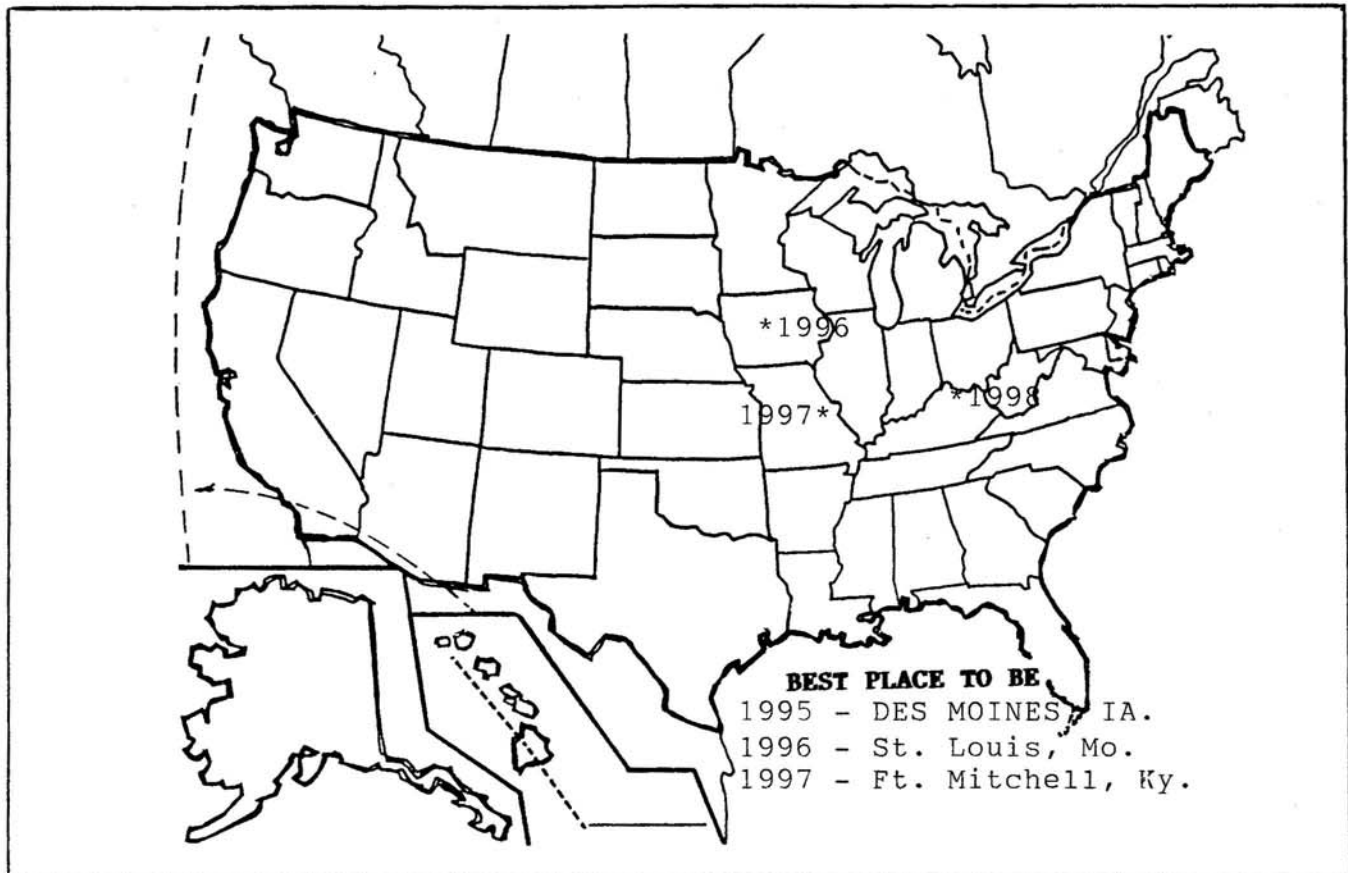
Your dues - \$6.00 per year - pay for the Deadeye Dispatch. Won't you please send your dues today!

IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE DEADEYE DISPATCH please drop a card to any officer or the Editor of the Dispatch.

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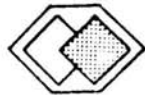
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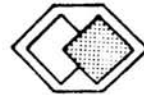
FROM YOUR TREASURER:

I would like to remind you that the Deadeye Dispatch should be paid for by dues. This is an expensive project, and while costs are continuing to rise, dues are dropping. Please help us out by mailing your dues to Bob Schmidt, Treasurer, using the form below. Donations are also welcomed.

For those who are pre-registering for the Des Moines Reunion, you will note that pre-registration forms and checks will be sent to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.. Provision has been made for you to include your dues payment along with your pre-registration.



96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION



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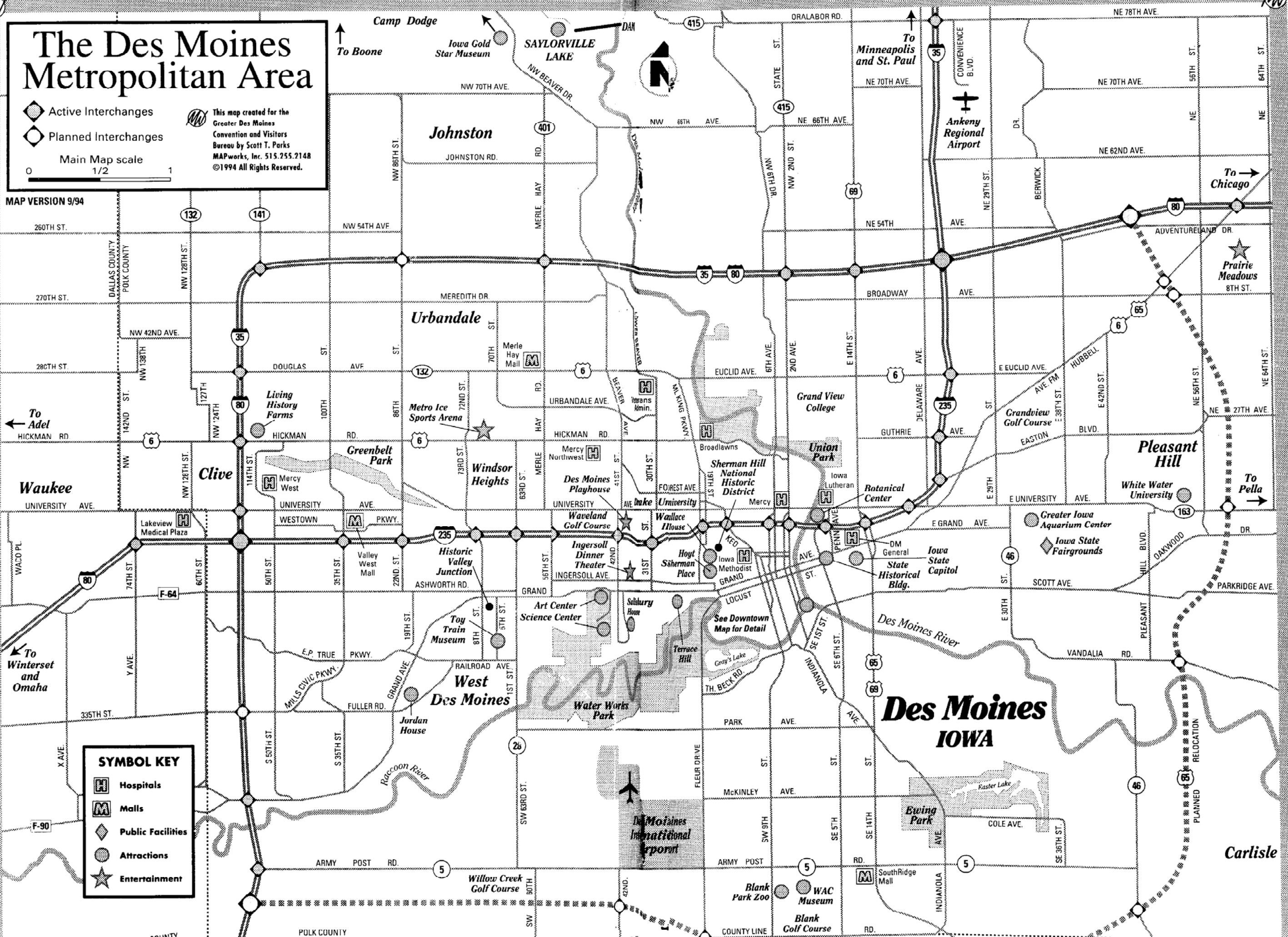
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John Elliot



Front Row: Steve Melnyk, Don Dencker, Glen Amonett, Robert Schmidt
Back Row: Sam Benson, William Fahrney, Lorraine Strand, John Baran
John Elliott not pictured.

1995-1996 AUXILIARY OFFICERS



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

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96th Infantry Division Association blue and white caps may be ordered from Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, Ca. 93662. The cost is \$6.00 postpaid. The caps will also be for sale at the reunion. The cost there is \$5.00. All profits will be placed in the Association treasury.

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A few size Extra Large and Extra Extra Large 96th Infantry Division Logo Windbreakers are available for sale at the reduced price of \$15.00 including postage. Send your order with check or money order to:

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

I'm A New Member

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

*I sit 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

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

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
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.		330	Alwx Markus
1966	Indianapolis, In.		364	Robert Huff
1967	Omaha, Ne.		351	Peter Pohl
1968	Chicago, Il.		551	Paul Bauer
1969	Des Moines, Ia.		354	Robert Fitzpatrick
1970	Detroit, Mi.		434	Henry White
1971	Denver, Co.		376	Edward Dunning, Jr.
1972	New Orleans, La.		426	Joe Fritz
1973	Peoria, Il.		526	Iden Johnson
1974	Indianapolis, In.		433	James Breece
1975	Kansas City, Mo.		482	Edmund Biggs
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.		462	Cyril Dean Sterner
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.		449	Tyson Shelton
1978	New Orleans, La.		398	Douglas Burton
1979	Denver, Co.		432	Atwell Champion
1980	Springfield, Il.		533	Fred Weeks
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.		487	Glenn Hamilton
1982	Dearborn, Mi.		476	Russell Watts
1983	Houston, Tx.		376	Ernest Qualls
1984	St. Paul, Mn.		591	Harm Alberts
1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.		549	Virgil Below
1986	Fresno, Ca.		428	Louis DeLuca
1987	Memphis, Tn.		607	Anthony Pavell
1988	Peoria, Il.		622	Donald Foster
1989	Rapid City, S.D.		632	Tom Roby
1990	Omaha, Ne.		660	James Warren
1991	Spokane, Wa.		511	James Knight
1992	Louisville, Ky.		670	Joseph Garabedian
1993	Sparks, Nv.		519	Robert Siefert
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.		645	Robert Schmidt
1995	Lubbock, Tx.		416	Louis Canedo
1996	Des Moines, Ia.			Glen Amonett
1997	St. Louis, Mo.			
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.			

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

NOT EXACTLY A LOVE-IN IN LUBBOCK

At the reunion in Lubbock, DEADEYES played host to a four-man team straight from Japan's Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS). Those Oriental guests roamed in the background with their video camera and lights. They covered the meetings, the memorial service and the Saturday night function - everything from start to finish - all the while mixing in interviews.

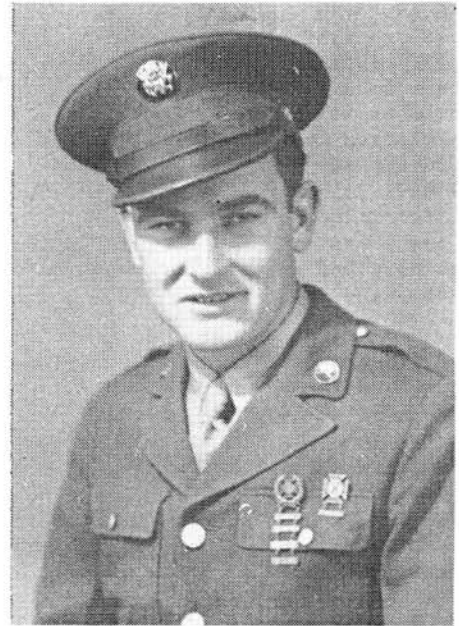
A spokesman for the TV people said their mission was to film a documentary for airing back home. And their focus centered on current feelings and emotions as expressed by veterans of the 96th Infantry Division toward their adversary in World War Two. Had the old warriors mellowed through the years?

Consider the fact that a half-century ago, to Americans the Japanese had been tenacious and vicious enemies. And where the men of the 96th were concerned especially, one and all of them were shameless villains from the Japanese point of view. Suppose such sentiments persisted to this day.

Imagine big bold headlines on the newspapers for Thursday, July 27, 1995, that might have screamed "Japanese Inside 96th Perimeter in Lubbock." Certainly the infiltrators would have been routed.

Times change. This time peace was not disturbed. What happened was not exactly a love-in with the outsiders from abroad; they were mostly ignored. No doubt about it, though, there were overheard scattered unhappy mutterings - taken to indicate a preference for the Japanese to be somewhere else.

DEADEYES and their families socialized and handled business as usual.



ALBERT H. BALES (F-383) died June 3, 1945, the day after he was wounded. At that time his company was stuck in the mud about two miles north of the Yuza-Dake Escarpment. In spite of everything, Albert had been writing daily letters to Delma. When the letters stopped, she knew something had happened. Her inquiry to the company commander was answered before the War Department got around to confirming by mail. After the fighting was over, Albert's foxhole buddy, Orrie Gruwell, now living in Mountain Ranch, California, filled in the details.



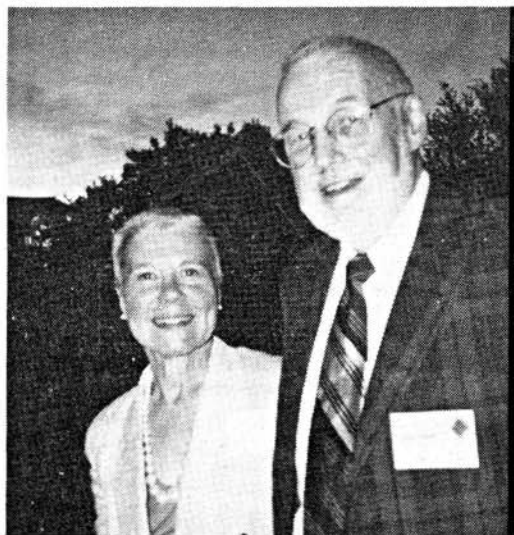
MR. KO YOSHIOKA, anchorman for TBS, chose to interview MRS. DELMA (BALES) SCOTT and daughter MRS. JOLETA EDINBURGH in the History Room at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday night. He followed a format similar to the one used with the Ohms the day before, but expanded to include Joleta's comments. Mr. Yoshioka's manner was quiet, totally without expression and unhurried while his questions were filtered through the interpreter then waiting for the answers to be translated back to him. Meantime, he appeared to study the interviewee intently and encourage them to ramble.

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GUY A. GOEN (M-381) was killed on April 17, 1945, in the shadow of Kakazu Ridge. In June 1995, the Ohms accompanied the Valor Tours group to Okinawa. There, with the help of a military guide who was familiar with the terrain, they located the position where Guy's unit had been dug in.

JERRY OHM, the sister of Guy Goen, and her husband KARL hooked up with the DEADEYE reunion in Sparks, Nevada, in 1993 and again the following year in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At the 1995 reunion in Lubbock, when the Japanese asked Jerry to tell her story for the video, she responded, "I'll be happy to talk about my brother."



JERRY'S INTERVIEW

Jerry and Karl Ohm, 4760 Pleasant Hill Road, Richfield, Wisconsin 53076, did not quite know what to expect when they were escorted by the Japanese TV people to a completely empty field on the outskirts of Lubbock. At the site the anchorman finally decided on a suitable camera angle to avoid shadows. Then, with only the sweltering Texas sky for a backdrop, he asked Jerry how it was growing up with Guy.

Jerry recalled the good times when she enjoyed being a kid sister - a raft of memories that will stick with her always. "There were just the two of us. Guy would put up with a lot of stuff from me. He was a very loving brother. Like when he delivered papers on his bike, he would let me ride along on the back."

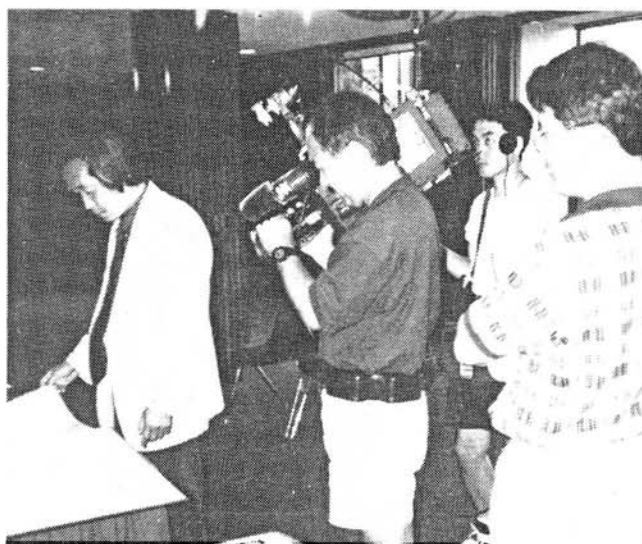
The interviewer wanted to know her reaction when Guy was drafted. "Well, being a teenager, I just didn't take it very seriously at first. He will be back in a little while," she said.

Did your brother mind being drafted? Did he want to go to war? Jerry's answer caused the anchorman to change the subject. "He had to because of Pearl Harbor."

Next came a series of questions having to do with the news that Guy had been killed. "I was very bitter and had a hatred," she said, "but now that I am older I understand that the servicemen of both countries believed that they were defending their country...."

And the followup to that exchange was do you still hate the Japanese? Answer: "'No.'

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The crew from the Tokyo Broadcasting System put in a lot of time sorting through old newspaper clippings and scrapbooks of the Ninety Sixth Infantry Division Association.

'They were just anxious for me to say 'no.'"
What did your brother want to become if he had lived? "I suppose he may have become a horticulturist. He loved nature."

Notes: The Ohms had had experience with the Japanese media during their earlier visit to Okinawa. It was their impression that these people still do not understand why the Americans tried so hard to destroy Japan.

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On Saturday night when Jerry and Karl were leaving the Civic Center, they met Mr. Yoshioka at the door. He asked in plain English, "Are you going to the dance?" The startled Karl replied, "We hope to see you in Tokyo."

DELMA'S INTERVIEW

"Albert came AWOL for Joleta's first birthday on January 26, 1945, the only one he ever got to share and also her first Christmas," said Mrs. Delma (Bales) Scott, 2003 Malivar, Clyde, Texas 79510, as she relived the awfulness of having to deal with the death of her husband. And amongst the tears of despair was the dread for a future that included the prospect of rearing a daughter alone. "It seemed as if my world had collapsed."

"When I think of the things Albert and I talked about, perhaps he had a premonition of death," Delma said. "If he didn't return he wanted Joleta to grow up knowing his family

as well as mine. He expected me to discipline her because he felt he had been brought up in a very permissive way, having been an only boy."

"He wanted me to work at something where I wouldn't be competing with men - that is why I later chose the Extension Service," she said.

Delma told about first returning to her parents home in Baird, Texas, and finishing out a term teaching Science and Math at the local school. "After that I went to graduate school at Texas Tech University to qualify as a Home Demonstration Agent. My first job with the Extension Service began August 1, 1946 in Fisher County, Texas. It was very difficult for me to work with young couples and their children - to see them bend down and pick up their children. I felt the war had cheated me of that privilege."

Delma said Albert's remains were brought to Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery. His grave is only a stone's throw across the fence from where he left.

In 1947, Delma married Jearl Scott and moved to a cotton farm near Lubbock. A son, Bobby Wayne, was born in 1957. He turned out to be an Ag Teacher at Panhandle State University, Goodwill, Oklahoma, and a college rodeo coach.

Joleta married a mechanical engineer. She is a Crisis Councilor for a co-op of several schools around Crosbyton, Texas, also she has a private practice for family and marriage counseling.

Jearl Scott died in 1987.

By Ed Dakan B-381

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WE WILL BE MEETING SUNDAY JULY 28, MONDAY JULY 29 and TUESDAY JULY 30, 1996.

The days for the Reunion has been changed for this year. This change came about thru no fault of the Officers and Reunion Committee.

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In Memorium...



"Taps"

God, in his infinite Wisdom, has summoned more "DEAD-EYES" who served their country faithfully and well in war and peace. The 96th Infantry Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families.

Henry C. Black -- 382 HQ.
per Wife -- 4-2-95

Thomas R. Fox -- 381-BH
per Wife -- 3-22-95

Walter E. Reaux -- 381-
per Chester LeBlanc -- 4-17-95

Alfred E. Strangfeld -- 383-K
per Donald Strangfeld --

A. J. Fuegen -- Div. Art.
per Post Office --

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William J. Washburn --
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Clarence E. Laur -- 381-K
per Wife -- 9-23-91

Ed McClelland -- 383-1st BH
per Wife -- 9-3-94

Don Miner -- 383-H&H
per Post Office --



Paul Shirley -- 382-F
per Dick Haglund -- 3-31-95

Thomas Leach -- 382-L
per Wife -- 9-18-94

Vincent H. Boushell -- 381-I
Per D. K. Spence -- 1-11-95

Robert Lech -- 382-C
per Tom Roby -- 2-15-95

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per Wife -- 3-8-95

Paul Wagner -- 381 Medic
per Stanley Braden -- 2-23-95

James Sturges -- 381-G
per James Sawicki -- 3-15-95

Marvin W. Hoffman -- 361-FA
per Wife -- 12-13-94

Carl Willford -- 728 AMT
per Wife --

Kenneth Williams -- 383-1st BH
per Wife -- 9-22-94

Brice Wallace -- 381-1st BH
per P.O. --

Howard F. Smith -- Recon.
per Post Office

Rolland Tackett --
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Charles E. Reanier -- 382-D
per Post Office

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per Tom Roby -- 2-1995

Vincent J. Lazza -- 361-FA
per Steve Melnyk --

David L. Guinn -- 383-H
per Janette Guian -- 6-30-88

Charles W. Downen -- 381-A
per Wife -- 5-16-95

Wesley B. Laffen --
per Wife -- 6-8-94

Lyle D. Born -- 382-3rd BH
per Mail -- 1-28-95

Russell Dreschler -- 381-SVC
per Wife -- 1-10-95

Lilzie J. Mouton -- 382-H
per Wife -- 7-20-94

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per O. W. Diamond -- 3-8-95

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William C. Duggins -- 381-2nd BH
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George Renwick -- 381-B
per Post Office

Joice L. Seiver -- MP
per Wife -- 5-12-94

Roy P. Davis -- 383-M
per Steve Melnyk --

Howard Kern -- 382-A
per Wife -- 5-20-91

Willard L. Howen -- 381-2nd HQ
per Wife -- 6-3-93

Ben W. Renfree -- 382-E
per Wife -- 1-1995

G. W. Carroll -- 728 AMT
per Mail -- 1-1993

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per Donald R. Kennedy -- 2-19-95

Wayne Nagel -- 382-G
per Son -- 9-22-94

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LeRoy P. Collins, Jr. -- 381-Cannon
per Louis DeLuca -- 5-5-95

Paul R. Fisher -- 728 AMT
per Wife -- 6-25-93

Robert Hedlund -- Div. Hq.
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Joseph J. Cisco -- 382-H
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Robert R. Glenn -- 921 FA
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William Cissell -- 383-F
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Harold S. Shaffer -- 321 Eng.
per Wife -- 6-29-95

Sylvann Stennett -- 383-C
per Paul Eifert, Jr. -- Fall 1993

Lawrence McIntosh -- 921 FA
per Wife -- 7-10-95

Harold B. Hoffenbacher -- 383-1st BH
per Iden Johnson -- 8-14-95

Werner Forsberg -- 382-M
per Fred Weeks -- 9-19-95

Joseph Charles Hart -- 383-D
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Calvin Stevens -- 381-I
per Edward DeWitt -- 10-29-95

Therkel Jorgenson -- 383-1st BH
per Iden Johnson -- 11-2-95

Amerigo Morrone -- 381-B
per Margaret Morrone -- 4-28-95

Leon Weiss -- 921 FA
per Wife -- 10-24-95

Kenneth Brown -- 921 FA
per Dowaine Kinser -- 7-16-95

Seymour Brodel --
per Post Office

Arnold Westman -- 796 Ord
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Donald R. Stieper -- 383-I
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William Elbersen --
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Robert P. McLauren -- 796 Ord.
per Ben Confer -- 8-21-95

Herbert M. Emslander -- 381-
Robert Schmidt -- 8-23-95

Edward S. Wesneski -- 382-M
per Daughter -- 6-1985

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Leslie A. Calhoun -- 362 FA
per Peter Pohl -- 9-29-95

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per Earl Zinc --

Richard Matches -- 383-D
per Earl Zinc --

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per Attorney --6-17-94

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per Daughter --

E. D. Kemper -- 382-C
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per Robert Schmidt -- 5-12-93

Leo L. Fleming -- 381-E
per Wife -- 2-6-95

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per John H. Hunt --

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Wilbur (Bill) Warman -- 382-K
per Wife -- 11-12-95

Cornelius A. Bostater -- QM
per Wife -- 7-24-95

Stanford M. Lindley -- 383-B
per Wife -- 11-28-95

Robert Faber -- 383-K
per Robert Schmidt -- 8-8-95

Wilfred T. Griggs -- 383-2nd BH
per wife 5-28-95

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per Wife -- 3-19-94

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per Wife -- 1-3-95

Utah C. Everett -- 382 -- 2nd BH
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per Nephew -- 3-1994

Harry L. Hartman -- 383 Medics
per Wife -- 10-1995

Rodney R. Ramsey -- QM
per Wife -- 2-18-95

Rocky Dunn -- 381-E
per Robert Siefert -- 7-1995

Connie M. Vierth -- 381-3rd BH
per Fred Sears -- 1-24-96

Joseph J. Kozeluh -- 921 FA
per John L. Morelock -- 12-2-95

Dean A. Davis -- 321 Medics
per Alvis F. Harrell -- 12-5-95

Howard Gano -- 382-M
per Fred Weeks -- 1-30-96

Leroy J. Baker -- 381-K
per Stanley Smith -- 1-22-96

Joe Donahoe -- 381 SVC
per John Rader -- 1995

Ralph J. Lucanio -- 321 Medics
per Karl F. Sinning -- 12-20-95

Curtis N. Shelton -- 383-E
per Wife -- 10-28-92

John A. Ryan -- 381-Cannon
per Wife -- 1-6-96

Gairold Alvin Hansen -- 381-Service
per Robert W. Johnson -- 1-18-96

John Minock -- Signal
per Hubert Hoffman -- 2-12-96

Elmer B. (Bernie) Scanlan -- 321 Medics
per Alvis F. Harrell -- 2-11-96

William L. Volpa -- 321 Eng.
Per Douglas Burton -- 1-1996

August Imholtz -- Div. Hq.
per Stanley Smith -- 5-17-95

Harold Heinrich -- 381 SVC
per John Rader -- 1994



Am enclosing dues for myself and Auxiliary dues for my wife. We are sorry not to be able to make the Reunion in Lubbock, but it coincides with a trip which we will be making to Alaska. God willing, we'll see you at the 1996 Reunion.

Merwin F. Hill -- 363 FA
4725 W. Waupecan Rd.
Verona, IL. 60479-8025

Enclosed is dues for 1995 and a bit more to help defray the high cost of everything this day and age. I was sent to Camp Adair, Or. with a Cadre from the 7th Infantry Division at Ft. Ord, Ca. I arrived the 1st of July in 1942. It was a vast valley of beautiful apple trees and wheat field plus other farming. Each Battalion was assigned one Barrack as they were just getting the Camp built on the east side of the Highway. I was a 1st Sgt. of Service Btry. 921 FA In November we started getting in the 15000 new men, mostly from the Midwest -- one of the best gangs of men that I served with during World War II. In April of 1943, I was sent to Ft. Sill to artillery classes on teaching Artillery. I received a commission and was Instructor at several bases after that for the rest of the War. I was discharged December 1 at Ft. Bragg, N.C. I had a large family of six girls and a lovely Wife who passed away in 1991 after serving with me for 56½ years. We got to go to the Reunion in Peoria, IL. in 1988, and have never forgotten it -- meeting all the old men and their wives after so many years. Hope to make the Reunion next year.

Leo G. Atkins -- 921 FA
5 Catalina Ave.
Salinas, Ca. 93901-1319

It's good to be a member of a great organization. I joined the Division on May 8, 1945. It's good to be with a good group of fellows that I served with 50 years ago.

Arvin Bowman -- 383-B
2157 Burk Branch Rd.
Shelby ville, Ky. 40065-9006

We miss being at the Reunions, but we have family widely spread. Our priorities have to be made to be with the growing fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. We anxiously await the Dispatch. Enclosed money for dues and keep the extra to help on expenses.

Alvin & Marjorie Nelson -- 381 SVC
157 Cedar Valley Rd.
Fairfield Bay, Ar. 72088-2609 ,

It is once again a pleasure to send my annual dues and then some. Just keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I get a nostalgic feeling of yesteryear when I read it.

Rubin Garfinkel -- 383-1st BH
509 Cedarwood Dr.
Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516

I was part of the Original Cadre of the 96 Infantry Division and joined the group in April of 1942 at Camp Adair Oregon, before the construction crew was finished. It was my first assignment after graduation from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. I was the Pioneer and Ammunition Platoon Leader for the First Battalion of the 383rd. I left the Division and went to New Caledonia in February of 1942 as a replacement to the 37th Division. I was assigned to Company C of the 148th Infantry, an Ohio National Guard Division. We made the Beachhead landing on Luzon in the Battle to recover Manila. I was hit by machine gun fire February 9, 1944. I was retired as a Captain July 3, 1946, for physical disability. I have a stiff right knee.

George R. Salget
4921 Rucker Ave.
Everett, Wa. 98203-3309

Enclosed is my check for membership dues. The Deadeye Dispatch brings back many memories of over fifty years. Where has the time gone? Hope to see you in Des Moines.

Harvey Pontius -- 361 FA
5508 N. Wilson
Fresno, Ca. 93704

We enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch and are enjoying good health. Enclosed is sufficient for mine and Mildred's dues for 1996. Use the extra for whatever.

John Max Harbison -- 382-2nd BH
4441 S. Birmingham
Tulsa, Ok. 74105-4349

I just noted that my membership in the Division Association expired in July, so I have enclosed my check to cover two years membership. I have added extra to help cover postage. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch, particularly "Mail Call." Though I did not serve in the Division during WW II, my service in the Division was limited to the time I served in Enlisted Reserve Corps as a Sergeant and assigned to the Division from September 24, 1940, until I was ordered to Active Duty in August 1941.

As you may know, the Division was organized in 1923 as an "on paper" Division for the Pacific Northwest Reserves. Many Reserve Officers and Enlisted Reserve Corps Men from the NW were assigned to the Division. Some of the Officers were given two weeks of Active Duty for training during the 1920's and 1930's, but Enlisted Men were not given any training periods, issued no uniforms, received no pay, attended no drills, had no idea who their commanding officer was, promotions were rare if any and instructed to inform the Military Area Hqs of any change of address.

The ERC members were issued a warrant indicating their grade, when they enlisted. Most of the ERC members came from the Citizens Military Training Camps. If you attended camps for four summers, you could enlist in the ERC as a Sergeant for three years. You could sign up for the 10-series Correspondence Studies and when you completed these, you could take a physical exam and appear before a Board of Regular Army Officers and if you passed, you were commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Reserve. This was an easy way of obtaining a commission, other than West Point and college ROTC. In 1940, there were only 3,233 ERC members in the Army Reserve Nation wide. There were only 21 ERC members from the Northwest, ordered to active duty and I was one of them.

I was shipped overseas in February 1942 and ended up here in Australia. I was in a cadre of 32 enlisted men sent over for assignment to Gen. MacArthur's Hqs. in Melbourne, when he arrived from the Philippines. He only brought his Chiefs of Staff out with him, so we were the initial enlisted staff. I was promoted to Warrant Officer in 1943 and assigned to another unit in New Guinea. After serving in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, I finally got back home in March 1946, after four years out here in the Pacific.

I was out of the Army for two years, but had gone back into the Oregon National Guard as a Warrant Officer and was commissioned and ordered back to Active Duty in 1948 and stayed in until I retired as a Major in 1963.

I had married a Brisbane gal in 1943, so we came down here with our kids in 1964 for a two year visit and just stayed on. My wife and I have had fourteen trips back to the States in the past 31 years, so we have not lost track of our friends and relatives back in Oregon. I have a ham radio station, so chat with my old ham friend back in Oregon and they keep me up on the news from back home.

There can't be too many old soldiers around today, who were assigned to the 96th Reserve Division back in 1940. I am proud to have been a member of the Division, even though it was in a Reserve status.

William A. Bentson
15 Kapunda Street, Toowong
Brisbane, Queensland Australia 4066

Here are the dues for 1996 for myself and my wife, and a little extra to help keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I'll never get to a National Reunion, but like reading about them.

Robert B. Carney -- 382-3rd BH
380 - 10th Ct.
Gold Beach, Or. 9744-9714

Enclosed is my check for dues and for Marjorie. You are doing a great service for all of the 96th. We wish all of the best to the BEST. God Bless.

Sid Breit -- 381-B
8811 63rd Dr. #306
Rego Park, N.Y. 11374

Am in good health and active in hunting, fishing, gardening and shop work. Always like to hear from my former 96th Deadeyes via the Dispatch.

William J. Alcorn, M.D. -- 381 Medic
2102 Albany
Hot Springs, S.D. 57747

Enclosed find my dues for my membership in the Association. Am also including dues for my wife, Rita. I am very proud to be a member, and I truly enjoy receiving the Dispatch and reading about the men I served with on Leyte and Okinawa. I wear the Deadeye patch proudly on my hat and my uniform when I have occasion to wear them. God Bless all of you. I am looking forward to someday being able to attend a reunion.

Bud C. Elkind -- 921 FA
28 Jackson Ave.
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570-3110

It is time to pay my dues and for my wife for 1996. Sorry I could not make the last reunion, cause I was not in good health. I see by the Dispatch, Company C -381 was well represented.

Joseph Navarrette
5894 Newberry St.
Detroit, Mi. 48109

I was a replacement -- a Draftee, but I was very glad to be with the veterans of Leyte and Okinawa. I came in about April 7th, 1944. I like the Dispatch. My check for dues for 1996 enclosed.

Earl H. Schuster -- 383-G
Box 593
Cavalier, N.D. 58220-0593

Enclosed please find my check for 1996 dues for myself and for my wife. I enjoy the Dispatch very much. I have tried several times to buy the FIRST edition of "The Story of the 96th Infantry Division" brown cover book. It is no longer available, but maybe someone knows where I can purchase this book or would like to sell their copy. Please notify me by mail.

H. John Granda
7600 59th Ave. No.
Minneapolis, Mn. 55428-3240

Here is enough dues for two years for myself and for my wife and a bit more to help keep the Dispatch coming. We enjoy it very much and read it from cover to cover. Sorry we couldn't make Lubbock, due to not feeling well, but if we can we will be in Des Moines, Ia. As age creeps up on us, we can't plan to far ahead.

Ralph Mikolaiczik -- 382-B
2039 Division St.
Saginaw, Mi. 48602-1908

Enclosed find check for my dues and for my wife's dues plus a little extra. We enjoy getting the Deadeye Dispatch and read it from front to back. I was happy this year to receive the Liberation Medal from the Philippines. We are both in good health and enjoying our retirement. Will try to attend another reunion sometime.

Glen A. Mitchell -- 382-B
P.O. Box 220
Bridgeport, Ne. 69336-0220

My last reunion was in Louisville and I had a wonderful time. Looking forward to Iowa and hope to see many of "M" Co. 381 friends. I'm one of the New Boys -- April 1945.

Horace M. Floyd
4937 Moonglow Dr.
Troy, Mi. 49098-5411

I haven't sent dues for some years. We haven't attended any reunions for sometime either. Seems something happens every year around that time. This year Walter had bypass surgery in February. He is doing pretty well. We do enjoy reading all the news so keep us informed.

Walt & Rose Schnell -- 362 FA
1634 S. 12th
Lincoln, Ne. 68502

Here are my dues. I hope I'm not too late. Am still fine these days. The weather is cold here in Montana -- some snow but not to much below here. Keep the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I like to read it.

Nickolas Reiss -- 383-E
420 W. 3rd St.
Anaconda, Mt. 59711

Here is money for my dues and a little more. I'm sorry I have not been to any of the reunions, but I am in bad health. I have cancer and go to the doctor every day. I would love to hear from any of the guys who were in Company D 381.

Wesley Brown
902½ Tennessee Blvd.
Delhart, Tx. 79022

Sorry to say, my dues are in arrears. Sort of crept up on me. Last time I paid them, you were in a transitional mode, and there was quite a delay, and so my feeling for the time to pay my dues sort of got out of wack. Looks like you are well settled into the Treasurers job now. We also have our new membership cards, which, as I recall had been a problem back in early 1994. If I recollect correctly, this year should be my tenth year within the fold of the 96th Inf. Division Association. I believe I first learned about the Association back in 1985 while on a visit up here in the Portland area. I was thankful for that, as I have had the pleasure of getting in touch with several dear friends from the war days through the Association. This fact has surely enriched the past ten years of my life for sure. Due to being about half way through the next year's dues, I will pay for two years this time and am enclosing a check. Am sorry I did not take care of this last summer.

Frank Zimmerman -- 383-B
940 SE Second St.
Gresham, Or. 97080

Enclosed are my dues for 1996. Enjoy the Deadeye Dispatch very much. Keep up the good work and God Bless you all.

Eddie Giddings -- 383-3rd BH
P. O. Box 24
Coushatta, La. 71019-0024

L. T. Stinnett and other 383-C members of the Association who regularly come to the annual reunions, are making an all-out effort to increase both membership and attendance this year at the Des Moines meeting. Letters to all who were in 383-C have been sent to current addresses, and we're hoping for a large turnout this year.

Donovan Peterson
HC87 Box 5810
Merrifield, Mn. 56465-9611

THESE PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP

Anyone who knew Donald Abel, 362 FA who was killed in action on Okinawa is requested to contact Tom Tomasma, C Company, 362 FA at: Box 142 - Glen Arbor, Mi. 49636. Telephone 616-334-3690

Jim Fornear, 22242 Germain St. #6, Chatsworth, Ca. 91311 would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew James Fornear, Company K 381 Infantry who was killed on Okinawa, April 19, 1945

Bill Tremor, 898 Breckenridge Dr., Benton, Ar. 72015 would appreciate receiving any information about his uncle, Charles M. Tremor who was killed on Leyte.

Carrie Lee Bryant, Rt. 1, Box 374, Jellico, Tn. 37762, seeks to hear from anyone who knew her husband, PFC Oliver C. Bryant, 383 Infantry. Her son and two daughters would also like to learn more about their Dad's experiences in the 96th Infantry Division.

Larry Mathews (Phone 509-452-1712) would like to hear from anyone who knew his brother, a machine gunner in the 96th Infantry Division.

ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES -- A Message from Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

In years past, we believe those people who did not pre-register, who just showed up at the reunion, were accommodated somehow. Our company policy is this: At the cut-off date (concerning tours) the number of buses we keep is determined. However many seats are left on the last bus determines how many tickets we can sell on site. It will never be more than 44 seats, and in most cases considerable less. Please be informed that if you do not pre-register, you run the risk of not being able to sign up for the various outings on site.

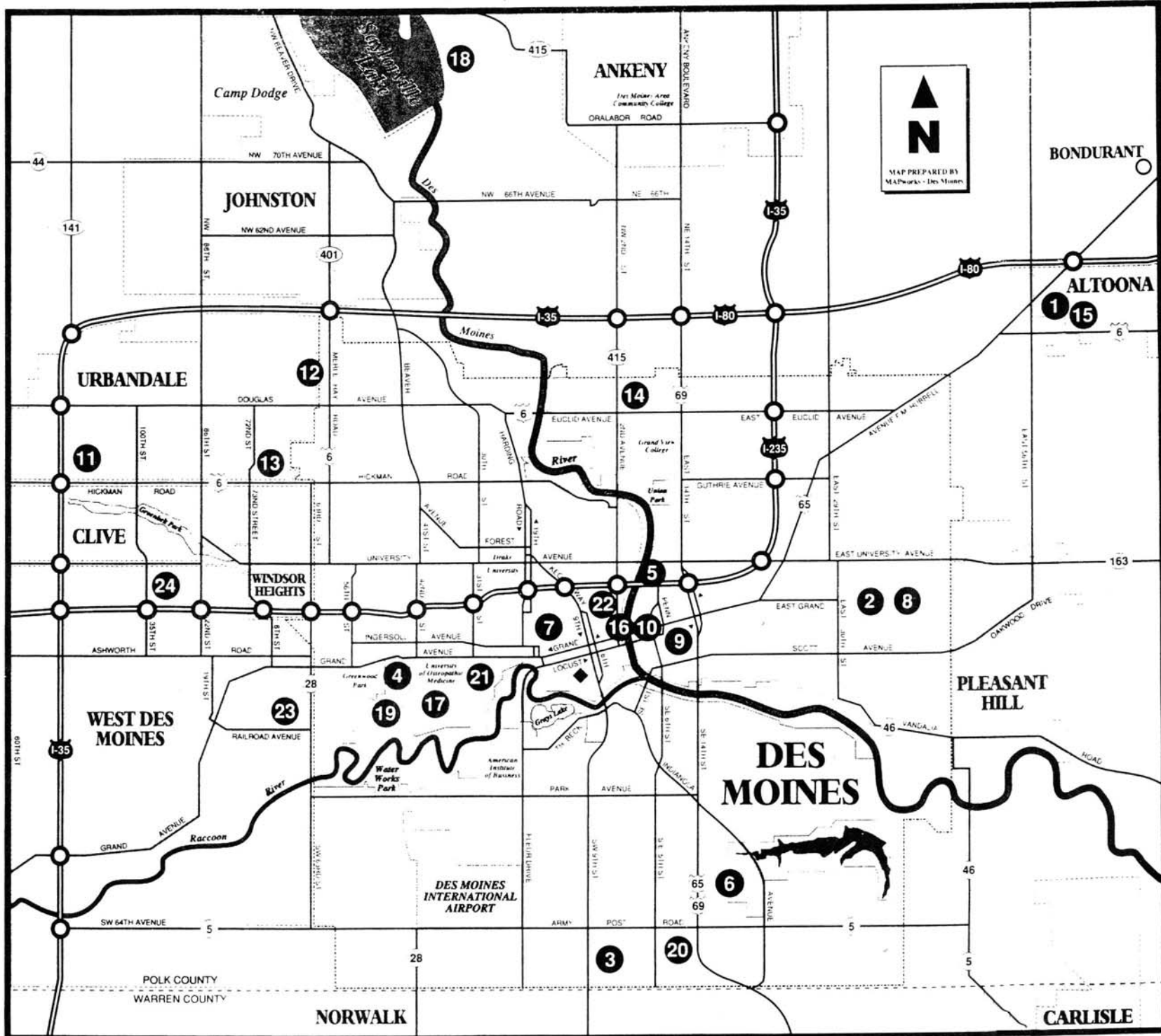
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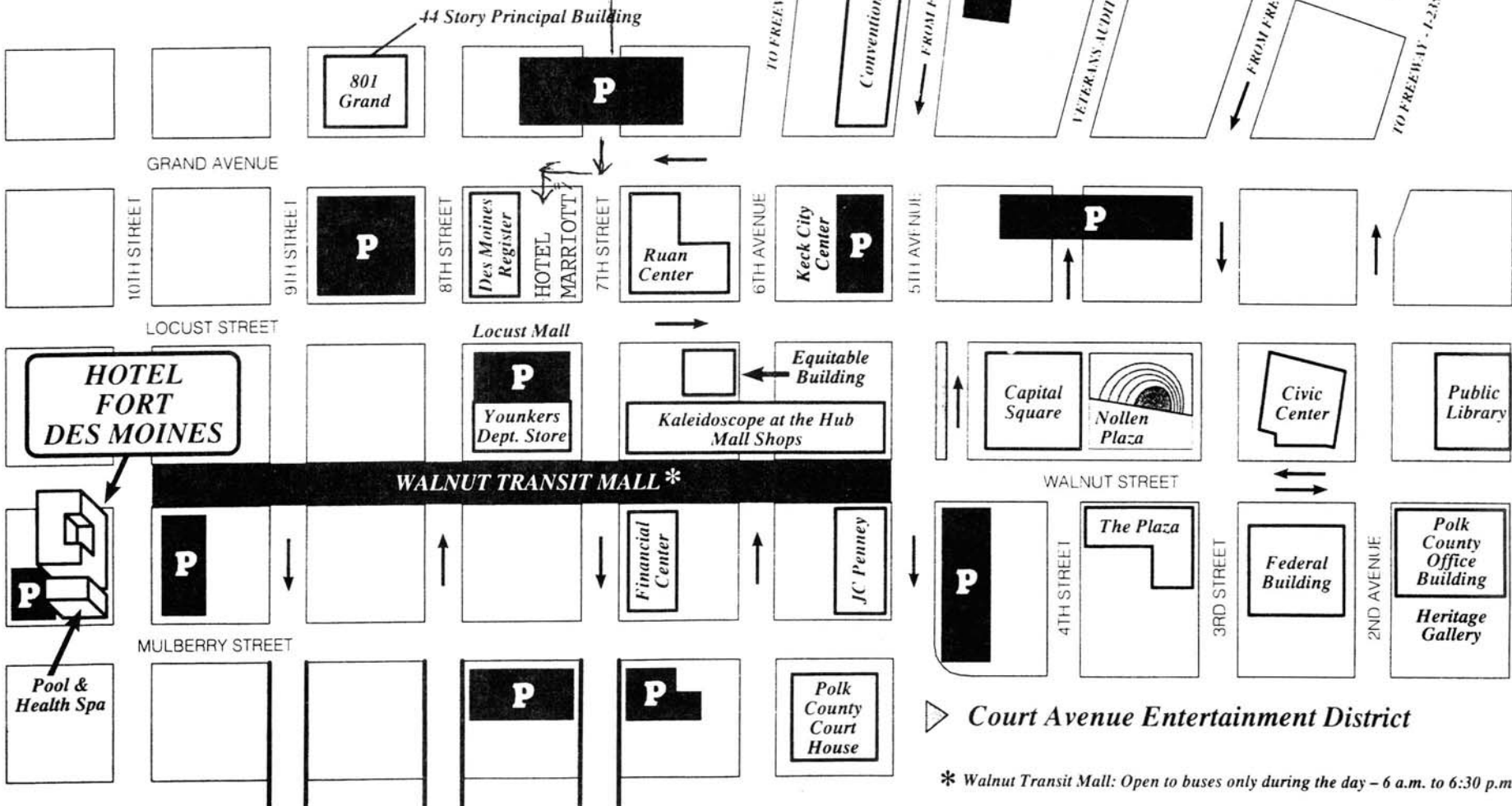
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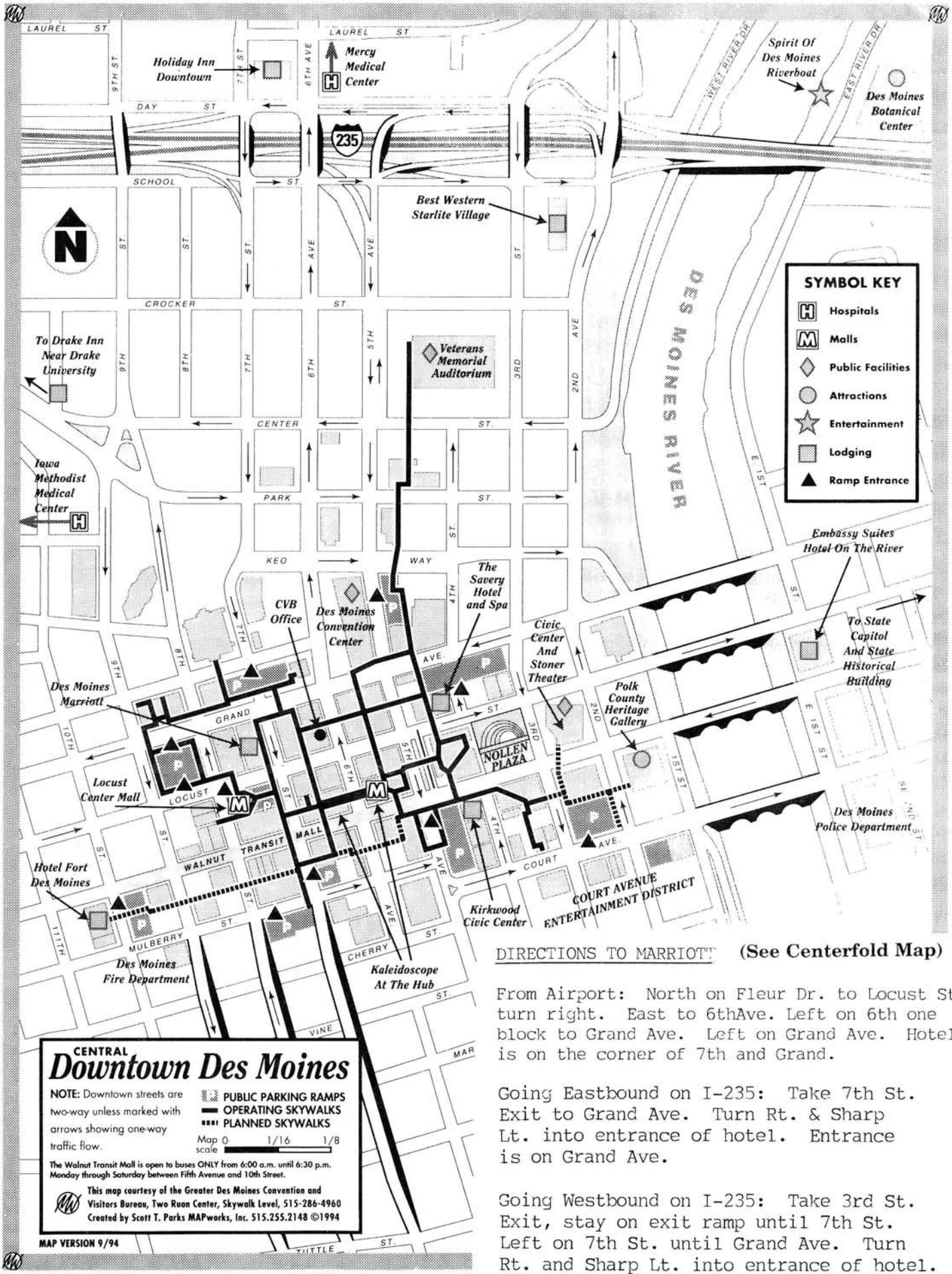


The Des Moines Riverfront Greenbelt

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Map scale: 0 1/16 1/8

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

Going Eastbound on I-235: Take 7th St. Exit to Grand Ave. Turn Rt. & Sharp Lt. into entrance of hotel. Entrance is on Grand Ave.

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