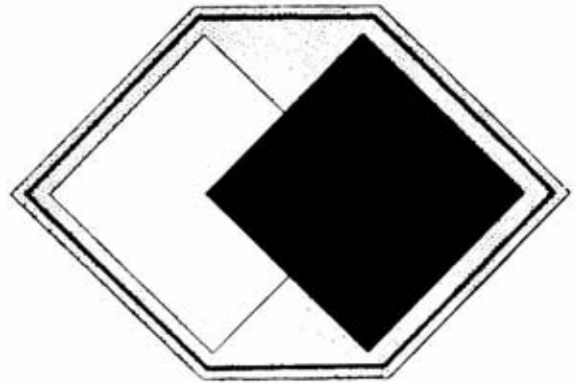


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### Deadeye Dispatch



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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, Wives, Relatives and Friends:

Our 40th Reunion in St. Louis is rapidly approaching. The Reunion Committee Chairman, Bob Siefert and local Deadeye Harry Brown have worked long and hard to put together a top-notch program. This year we are back to our usual weekend schedule with the Reunion Thursday July 24th through the Saturday evening banquet July 26th. Those of you who wish to come early for extended socializing are most welcome.

Our two Treasurers, Bob Schmidt and Ruth Siefert report a good response to the opportunity to obtain Life Membership in our 96th Infantry Division Association. I strongly urge you to select this option and to purchase the Life Membership Pin. the pin is very attractive.

Let's meet again in St. Louis in comradeship and extend the "Deadeye" tradition of being for ever buddies.

Sincerely,

Don Dencker, President  
96th Infantry Division  
Association

## Auxiliary Corner

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

**DEADEYES**  
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members.

The time is drawing near for our reunion in St. Louis. I am really looking forward to it.

You now will have the opportunity of buying Life Memberships in the Ladies' Auxiliary. An application for membership is found on another page of this Deadeye Dispatch. I hope a great number of you will join. Quite a few of you have already taken advantage of this option.

If you would like to work on the merchandise table, please drop a note to Glendoris Cole, 1323 Park Ave. Unit 18, Cannon City, CO 81212-4396 or to me. We would love to hear from you. The more we get to work, the less time each person will have to sell. Everyone is welcome; you will find it to be fun, too.

We had a grand time at the October meeting making plans for the Reunion. The entire Henry VIII Motel will be reserved for the 96th Infantry. Anyone you meet in the halls will be part of our big family, so say "hi" and make them feel welcome.

I urge you to make every attempt to pre-register for the Reunion and the extra events. The time you save can be well spent by visiting old friends and making new ones.

Hope your winter has been kind and your spring is glorious. See you in St. Louis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn G. Chapman".

Kathryn G. Chapman  
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

# AWARDS

## 10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Henry Armstrong, Paul Boyer, Troy Burk, Elmer Chapman, Royal Degan, William G. Davis, Ivan Davis, Goodman Eisenberg, Edward Elliott, Joseph Garabedian, Max Hymas, James G. Knight, Paul Lambrix, Richard Nauman, Arthur Reis, Robert Seiler, Charles Simon, Raymond Wander, Donald E. Wessel, Clete J. Wiest, and William Wynn.

## 15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Don Dencker, William A. Hood, John Kinkley, Peter Koenig, Lloyd Miller, Martin Ostry, Anthony Petrella, William Sax, Peter Spagnolo and Carl Weber.

## 20YEAR CERTIFICATES

Gerald R. Craig, Edward Foster, Paul C. Foster and Ralph W. Hettick.

## 25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Lawrence Albert, Robert Bartlett, Orville Caspers, Herman Claborn, Arnold Clemens, Whitney Champagne, Louis DeLuca, Frank Dowell, Edward Grebik, Daniel Hart, Roman Klimkowicz, Melvin Parrish, Harold Rabine, Anthony Skaronea, Alfred Wasinger and Arthur Miomek.

## 30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Marvin J. Anderson, Loren Brinkmeyer, Richard Ellis, John Obal, Stanley Smith, Billy Stubbe, and James Warren.

## ATTENDED ALL REUNIONS -- 39 Reunions

Joe Fritz, Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard VanEtten.

## DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARD

Robert Seifert

## OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Susan Johnson, Florence Thompson and Pat Glasscock

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Let us all meet in St. Louis, Mo. July 24, 25,26, 1997 for the 40th Anniversary of the 96th Infantry Division Association.

*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.*

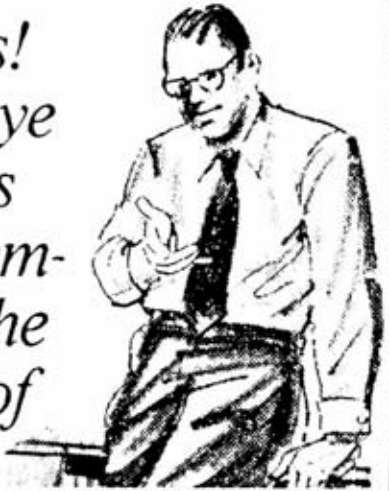
*I sit among the people  
Yet I'm a lonesome guy;  
The "new members" are as strangers  
And the "Old Timers" pass me by.*

*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*

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**WANT A UNIT ROSTER?**

If anyone wishes a Roster of your old outfit PLEASE REMIT \$5.00 to:

**Steve Melnyk, 7634 Fielding Ave., Detroit MI 48228-3232**

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# notices

The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1997. For further information contact MILO THOMPSON -- 1018 S. Thompson St., Jackson, Mi. 49203-2848

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The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 1997 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mothers Day in 1997 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

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The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 1, 1997, 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 RICHARD C. HADLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310

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The Wisconsin Battalion of the A.S.T.P. invites all A.S.T.P.ers that served in the 96th Infantry Division and their wives to their 1997 meeting to be held in Madison at the Edgewater Hotel located immediately NW of the Capitol on Lake Mendota. For more information and to reserve a place at the Saturday night banquet please send \$10.00 to Ernest Malkewitz -- 3330 Las Vegas Dr. NE., Belmont, Mi. 49306-9657.

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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.

The price for an Association Badge is \$ 5.50 with Choice of back

The price for an Auxiliary Badge is \$ 5.00 with Choice of back

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

Postage and handling is \$2 per badge or \$3 for two to same address.

Ass'n.



Auxiliary



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HENRY VIII HOTEL  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
WELCOMES

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION  
JULY 22-27, 1997

RESERVATION FORM \* FOR RESERVATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS CALL - (800) 325-1588 OR LOCAL (314) 731-3040  
RESERVATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE JUNE 22, 1997

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Room Occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check or Money Order For: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

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Standard Room (2 dbl. Beds) \$64.00 plus tax # of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Suite (parlor & 1 bedroom with 2 double beds, queen sofa sleeper)

King Bed \$64.00 plus tax # of persons \_\_\_\_\_

\$64.00 plus tax # of persons \_\_\_\_\_

All accommodations have refrigerators and wet bars.

\*Room rate will be available 5 days before and 5 days after the reunion for those who want to come earlier or stay later based on availability.

COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOVE \* DETACH AT DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Mail to: Henry VIII Hotel  
4690 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63044

FOR RESERVATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS CALL:

(800) 325-1588 OR LOCAL (314) 731-3040

CHECK IN TIME: 3:00 P.M. CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00 A.M.

BELOW PLEASE FIND PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RESERVATION

To guarantee your reservation, we require one night's deposit by enclosing either a CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR MAJOR CREDIT CARD NUMBER with expiration date.

We regret we cannot hold reservations after 4:00 p.m. on the date of arrival without guaranteeing the reservation with one of the above methods. Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation notification is received at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

We will make every effort to honor requests for specific room types and locations of rooms; however on occasion, we cannot meet such requests and reserve the right to provide alternate accommodations.

Reservations requested after DATE SHOWN ABOVE are subject to availability.

**DON'T FORGET**

**TO PRE-REGISTER**

**Fill in the blanks on the  
back of this page.**

## MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS!

Forty years ago Minor Butler had a Dream. Today it is a Reality.

The first meeting of the 96th Infantry Division Association was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, 9th & St. Charles St. in St. Louis in 1958. Minor Butler paid for the advance news of the meeting himself. He hoped donations would take care of the expenses. Approximately 103 Deadeyes attended the first reunion and decided to meet the following year in Chicago, Il. Minor was elected President.

Now forty years later the Association has a budget and about 6000 members on the mailing list. We are again meeting in St. Louis at Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center, July 24, 25 and 26, 1997. Let's make this the biggest reunion yet.

There is much to see in St. Louis. We can visit the Nation's tallest monument -- The Gateway Arch at 630 feet high. St. Louis is the home of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Buch Brewery. The Cathedral of St. Louis has one of the largest mosaic art collections in the world. This is only three of the many attractions to see in St. Louis.

MetroLink, St. Louis' light rail system, makes it easy to explore some of the most popular attractions.

Henry VIII is conveniently located on Lindbergh (U.S. 67), one-half mile north of I-70, and one mile South of I-270.

You can reach St. Louis by car, AmTrack, Greyhound Bus Line and by plane. The following Airlines are: Air Canada, American, American West, Continental, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, TWA, U.S. Air and United.

Don't forget! The place is the Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center, St. Louis, Mo. The Date is July 24, 25, 26, 1997.

Please PRE-REGISTER! When you Pre-register, this makes it possible for you to attend the activities of your choice.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS

Tour buses will depart from the Henry VIII Hotel and the Holiday Inn Airport North.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 DINNER CRUISE

- 5:30 Board bus for the St. Louis waterfront.
- 6:00 Board the Becky Thatcher paddlewheeler for a 1.5 hour cruise, with Captain's narration, as you enjoy a sumptuous dinner. Learn about the history of this great river when the Mississippi and the riverboat were the center of life.
- 8:00 Disembark from the paddlewheeler and board the President Casino on the Admiral. Choose between slots, poker, and blackjack machines along with 60 table games. Don't forget your spending money, but leave your cameras behind! Picture-taking is not permitted in the casino.
- 10:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 10:30pm at the latest.

*\$39/Person includes bus, escort, dinner cruise, and casino admission.*

- Note: Becky Thatcher can accommodate up to 225 people. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Buses will begin shuttling return services to the hotel at 9pm.

### THURSDAY, JULY 24 CITY TOUR

- 10:00 Board bus for a guided tour of St. Louis. Take in Laclede's Landing, a revitalized 19th century warehouse district with cobblestone streets and cast iron street lamps. Drive through the Souard area and make a short stop at the market for fresh fruits and other produce.
- 11:30 Lunch on your own and free time at Union Station. First opened in 1894, this restored National Historic Landmark is now a festive marketplace with numerous restaurants, eateries, and specialty shops.
- 1:15 Reboard bus and continue the city tour with a stop at the New Cathedral to see one of the largest collections of mosaic art in the Western Hemisphere. Also take in Forest Park where the St. Louis Zoo and several museums are located.
- 3:30 Back at the hotel.

- Note: Due to the size of the group, we are unable to schedule a tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Please make these arrangements on your own by inquiring at the Henry VIII front desk.

*\$17/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.*

### FRIDAY, JULY 25 GRANTS FARM

- 1:15 Board bus for Grant's Farm.
- 2:00 Arrive at Grant's Farm. This 281-acre ancestral home of the Busch Family, is named after Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War Commander and the 18th President of the United States, who once lived on and farmed part of these grounds. Your adventure begins at Grant Station, where you will board a trackless train for a tour of the beautiful grounds. Your first stop is the Bauernhof courtyard where you can enjoy refreshments, or continue on to the Tier Garten for a close-up look at a fascinating variety of animals. Some exhibits allow you to pet and feed these animals! There are also regularly scheduled elephant and bird shows available. Afterwards, reboard the train for a scenic tour of the Deer Park. This 160-acre game preserve is home to thirty different exotic species, including bison, elk and antelope. Next pass Grant's Cabin, the log home built by Ulysses S. Grant in 1856. At the close of your adventure, you are invited to see the World-Famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses.
- 5:15 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 6pm.

*\$15/Person includes bus and guide.*

### SATURDAY, JULY 26 ST. CHARLES

- 12:30 Board bus for St. Charles. This 9-block National Register Historic District with its brick streets, gas lights and charming restored buildings, is the site for over 75 one-of-a-kind antique, craft and gift shops, plus a variety of quaint restaurants. You might consider tours of the Old Capitol buildings (Missouri's first), dating back to 1821 (small admission fee required). Enjoy lunch and time to shop on your own.
- 3:30 Reboard bus to return to hotel by 4pm.

*\$14/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.*

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

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**96th INFANTRY DIVISION - 40th ANNUAL REUNION  
HENRY VIII HOTEL  
ST. LOUIS, MO**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

R & R (Windsor Room, 1st Level & Sussex Ballroom, 2nd Level).  
Historical Room will be open during pre-determined times (Ascot Room, 2nd Level).  
Shuttle service between the Henry VIII and the Holiday Inn Airport North will be offered  
in conjunction with meetings and meal functions.

**TUESDAY, JULY 22**

- 12:00 Early arrival and registration until 6pm (Lobby).
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Lobby, adjacent to the Wellington Room).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

- 8:00 A breakfast buffet will be served on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace for the members and guests of the 96th Infantry Division until 10am.
- 8:00 Ladies Auxiliary Officers Breakfast Buffet (Reserved table in the Upper Terrace).
- 10:00 Registration continues until 4:30pm.
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Lobby, adjacent to the Wellington Room).
- 5:30 Dinner cruise/President Casino until 10:30pm.

**THURSDAY, JULY 24**

- 8:00 A breakfast buffet will be served on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace for the members and guests of the 96th Infantry Division until 10am.
- 8:00 Executive Committee Meeting (King James Room, 2nd Level).
- 8:00 Ladies Auxiliary Executive Meeting (Canterbury Room, 2nd Level).
- 8:00 Registration continues until 9:00am (Lobby).
- 10:00 St. Louis city tour until 3:30pm.
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Lobby, adjacent to the Wellington Room).
- 2:00 Registration continues until 7pm (Lobby).
- 7:00 Reunion Kick-Off Party until 10pm (Grand Ballroom).

**FRIDAY, JULY 25**

- 7:00 A breakfast buffet will be served on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace for the members and guests of the 96th Infantry Division until 9am.
- 9:00 General Open Meeting until 9:30am (Grand Ballroom).
- 9:30 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until noon (Hastings Ballroom). After this meeting luncheon items will be offered on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace with seating in the Wiltshire Ballroom.
- 9:30 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting until 11am (Bedford Ballroom, 1st Level).
- 11:00 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon until 1pm (Sussex Ballroom, 2nd Level). Entertainment by the Castle Ellis Madrigals.
- 1:15 Board bus for Grant's Farm until 6pm.
- 2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Lobby, adjacent to the Wellington Room).
- 7:00 Registration continues until 8pm (Lobby).
- 8:00 Beer Bust and Dance until 11pm. Entertainment by the Russ David Band (Grand Ballroom).

**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

- 7:00 A breakfast buffet will be served on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace for the members and guests of the 96th Infantry Division until 9am.
- 8:00 Sale of Merchandise until 10:30am (Lobby, adjacent to the Wellington Room).
- 9:00 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until 10:30am (Grand Ballroom).
- 11:00 Memorial Service until 12:00 noon (Grand Ballroom).
- 12:00 Banquet Table Reservations until 1pm (Lobby).
- 12:30 Board bus for St. Charles until 4pm.
- 4:00 Pictures until 6:30pm (Foyer, Grand Ballroom).
- 5:30 Social Hour with a cash bar (Foyer, Grand Ballroom).
- 6:30 Banquet Dinner until 9pm (Grand Ballroom).
- 9:00 Entertainment by the Russ David Band (Grand Ballroom).

**SUNDAY, JULY 27**

- 8:00 A breakfast buffet will be served on a cash and carry basis in the Upper Terrace for the members and guests of the 96th Infantry Division until 10am.  
Farewells and departure.



## ***HENRY VIII HOTEL***

***ST. LOUIS***

***314-731-3040***

***1997***

### ***HOTEL LOCATION***

The Henry VIII Hotel is located at 4690 N. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63044. Conveniently situated less than 3 minutes west of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, it is within easy access from two major Interstates, I-70 and I-270. Downtown St. Louis is only 20 minutes away.

### ***HOTEL EXTRAS***

Every room contains a refrigerator, wet bar, color television with remote control, and individual temperature controls. Non-smoking and handicapped rooms are available upon request. Recreation facilities include indoor and outdoor pools, lighted tennis courts, sauna, fitness center, and jogging trails. A gift shop, valet/laundry, and coin operated laundry facilities are available for the convenience of guests. The Henry VIII Hotel offers free parking and limited RV parking. Check-in time is 3pm and check-out time is 11am.

Opening daily at 4:30 pm, Duffy's Restaurant and Pub offers a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and comfortable setting seven days a week. Whether it be dinner with family and friends, or just a casual night out, Duffy's can please everyone. The Henry VIII Restaurant has a more intimate atmosphere with prices everyone will enjoy. Opening at 6:00 am, Henry's serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Henry's Lounge, adjacent to the restaurant, is ideal for cocktails before dinner or unwinding after a full day of meetings. Room service is available from 6:30 am until midnight.

### ***AIRPORT SHUTTLE***

The hotel offers complimentary transportation to and from the Lambert International Airport twenty-four hours a day. There are two courtesy phone locations at the airport. One is in the East Terminal and the other is in the Main Terminal. Just dial '48' and let them know you have arrived.

### ***NEARBY RV PARK***

The hotel has a few parking spaces for RV's (no hookups), but you may consider staying at the St. Louis RV Park in downtown St. Louis. It is located about 20 minutes from the hotel at 900 N. Jefferson, St. Louis, MO 63106. Please call 800-878-3330 for more information.

## ***HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT NORTH***

***ST. LOUIS***

***(314) 731-2100***

***1997***

### ***HOTEL LOCATION***

The Holiday Inn Airport North is located at 4545 North Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63044. The hotel is only one mile from the St. Louis-Lambert International Airport and is situated at the intersection of North Lindbergh and Interstate 70. Downtown St. Louis is just 15 miles from the hotel.

### ***HOTEL EXTRAS***

This hotel features 391 guest rooms with each room equipped with a coffee pot, remote control color television, free HBO, Disney, CNN, and ESPN. Many rooms offer private balconies overlooking their Holidome Indoor Recreation Center. Non-smoking and handicap rooms are available upon request. The Center features an indoor pool, sundeck, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room, game room, and indoor sport court for volleyball. The hotel provides ample complimentary parking. Check in time is 3pm and check out is 11am.

The Simmering Pot features many homemade dishes. Opening at 6:00am, the restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Spirit of St. Louis Sports Bar is a great place to meet friends. Room service is available from 6:00am until 11:00pm.

### ***AIRPORT SHUTTLE***

The Holiday Inn Airport North provides courtesy transportation to and from the airport. Use the airport courtesy phones to call for pickup anytime between 5:00am and 1:00am. The hotel also offers shuttle service to nearby shopping malls within a three mile radius.

### ***NEARBY RV PARK***

The hotel offers a few spaces for parking RV's but no hookups. Consider calling the Downtown St. Louis RV Park at 800-878-3330 for directions and information. This park is the closest to the Holiday Inn Airport North and is approximately 20 minutes away. It also has easy access to Interstate 70.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE REVISED BANQUET TABLE RESERVATION PROCEDURE IS OUTLINED BELOW. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS. A COPY OF THIS FORM AND THE GUMMED LABELS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT REGISTRATION.**

1. The gummed label attached is for your table reservation. This form holds ten labels, representing ten seats per table at the banquet. To make a reservation you must use the labels provided here. Each person is provided one label, so a couple must affix two labels to a form to reserve two seats. Absolutely no write-ins will be accepted, so that we can avoid any duplicate reservations being made.
2. Meet with the people you wish to sit with and assign one member to be the group spokesman. That person should gather the labels for those in his party and affix them to one of these forms. For convenience, everyone is given one of these forms. If there are more than ten people in your party then more than one form will be needed. There are master lists at registration of who has pre-registered to assist you with identifying your party.
3. On Saturday at 12noon tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so please form a line. Every group spokesman will be able to select a table or tables of his choice based on availability at the time. Once the table selection is made he will surrender the form(s) and will be given a reservation card with table number and number of seats reserved. The spokesman should then make every effort to alert those in his party of the table selection. An alphabetical listing will also be posted at the entrance door to the banquet with each person's table assignment. Once the doors open for the banquet go to your assigned table. If you need assistance finding your table there will be a host at the banquet to lend a hand.

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DO YOU REMEMBER -- When, Place, Presidents and Chairmen. Distinguished Deadeyes

DATE	PLACE	PRESIDENT	CHAIRMEN	DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE:
1958	St. Louis, Mo.	Minor Butler	Minor Butler	
1959	Chicago, Il.	Minor Butler	John Cook	
1960	Kansas City, Mo.	Hubert Hoffman	Charles Downs	
1961	Detroit, Mi.	Morris Roberts	Maurice Fried	
1962	Dallas, Tx.	Willard Mitchell	Dutch Stolze	
1963	Little Rock, Ar.	Jake Fisher	Rocky Dunn	
1964	Portland, Or.	Patrick McDermott	Keith Burbridge	Minor Butler
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	Alex Markus	Peter Pohl	Richard Klassen
1966	Indianapolis, In.	Robert Huff	Edmund Biggs	Ed Dakan
1967	Omaha, Ne.	Peter Pohl	Douglas Mack	Edmund Biggs
1968	Chicago, Il.	Paul Bauer	Alex Markus	Harold Roetker
1969	Des Moines, Ia.	Robert Fitzpatrick	Iden Johnson	Alex Markus
1970	Detroit, Mi.	Henry White	Ted Hanna	LeRoy Collins, Jr.
1971	Denver, Co.	Edward Dunning, Jr.	Howard Ragsdale	James Breece
1972	New Orleans, La.	Joe Fritz	Willard Mitchell	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, Il.	Iden Johnson	Glenn Hamilton	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, In.	James Breece	Edmund Biggs	Sam Benson
1975	Kansas City, Mo.	Edmund Biggs	John Rader	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	Cyril Dean Sterner	Howard Carrico	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	Tyson Shelton	Russell Watts	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, La.	Douglas Burton	Alfred La'our	Henry White
1979	Denver, Co.	Atwell Champion	Howard Ragsdale	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, Il.	Fred Weeks	Tom Owens	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	Glenn Hamilton	Ed Dakan	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, Mi.	Russell Watts	Ted Hanna	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, Tx.	Ernest Qualls	Savy Calderera	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, Mn.	Harm Alberts	Peter Pohl	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.	Virgil Below	Tyson Shelton	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, Ca.	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, Tn.	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, Il.	Donald Foster	Henry White	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, S.D.	Tom Roby	Leroy Larson	George Buttell
1990	Omaha, Ne.	James Warren	Patrick McDermott	Donald Foster
1991	Spokane, Wa.	James Knight	John Elliott	Hubert Hoffman
1992	Louisville, Ky.	Joseph Garabedian	David Rafferty	Tyson Shelton
1993	Sparks, Nv.	Robert Seifert	Peter Pohl	Louis DeLuca
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.	Robert Schmidt	John Baran	Joe Fritz
1995	Lubbock, Tx.	Louis Canedo	Glen Amonett	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, Ia.	Glen Amonett	Iden Johnson	Robert Seifert
1996	St. Louis, Mo.	Donald Dencker		
1997	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.			

## DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE DEADEYE DISPATCH? IF SO, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION .....

As reported in the fall Deadeye Dispatch, your Executive Committee and general membership approved a new dues policy at the meeting in Des Moines, Iowa in July.

The fall issue of the Deadeye Dispatch stated that you must be a current dues paying member by August 1, 1997 to remain on our mailing list. That may have been misleading. It's true you would be current for the '97 reunion but the next two Dispatches (Fall '97 and Spring '98 are actually covered by '98 dues. This may not have been too clear in the past when we weren't insisting on dues payments to receive the Dispatch.

To avoid any misunderstanding, we have decided to extend our dues paying deadline thru the Fall '97 Dispatch until January 1, 1998. At that time our 1998 Dispatch mailing list must be cut off so it can be readied for the Spring '98 issue.

By 1998, we will be collecting dues before each fiscal year (8/1-7/31) and not before or during the year or not at all as in the past. This is consistent with all dues and publication efforts everywhere. The Dispatch and future reunions will require "upfront" money more than in the past for efficient planning. Remember, dues pay for the printing and mailing of the Dispatch.

So, once again, look at your membership card. If it reads 7/31/98 or beyond, you are current thru July of the year shown. If your card reads 7/31/97 or earlier, you must pay your dues, either Life Membership or Annual to be current or you will no longer receive the Dispatch. If you lapse, you may become current at any time by paying your dues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either treasurer who will be happy to assist you.

These changes (new dues policy, the use of Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., etc.) are all designed to eliminate a lot of work and allow us to plan for an efficient organization for as long as possible. Our future plans will be reviewed at every reunion.

Robert Schmidt  
Association Treasurer

Ruth Siefert  
Auxiliary Treasurer

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Served: Co/Rgt/etc. \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$30.00	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
ANNUAL DUES (OPTION)	\$ 6.00	- - - - -	_____
DONATION	- - - - -	- - - - -	_____
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 LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

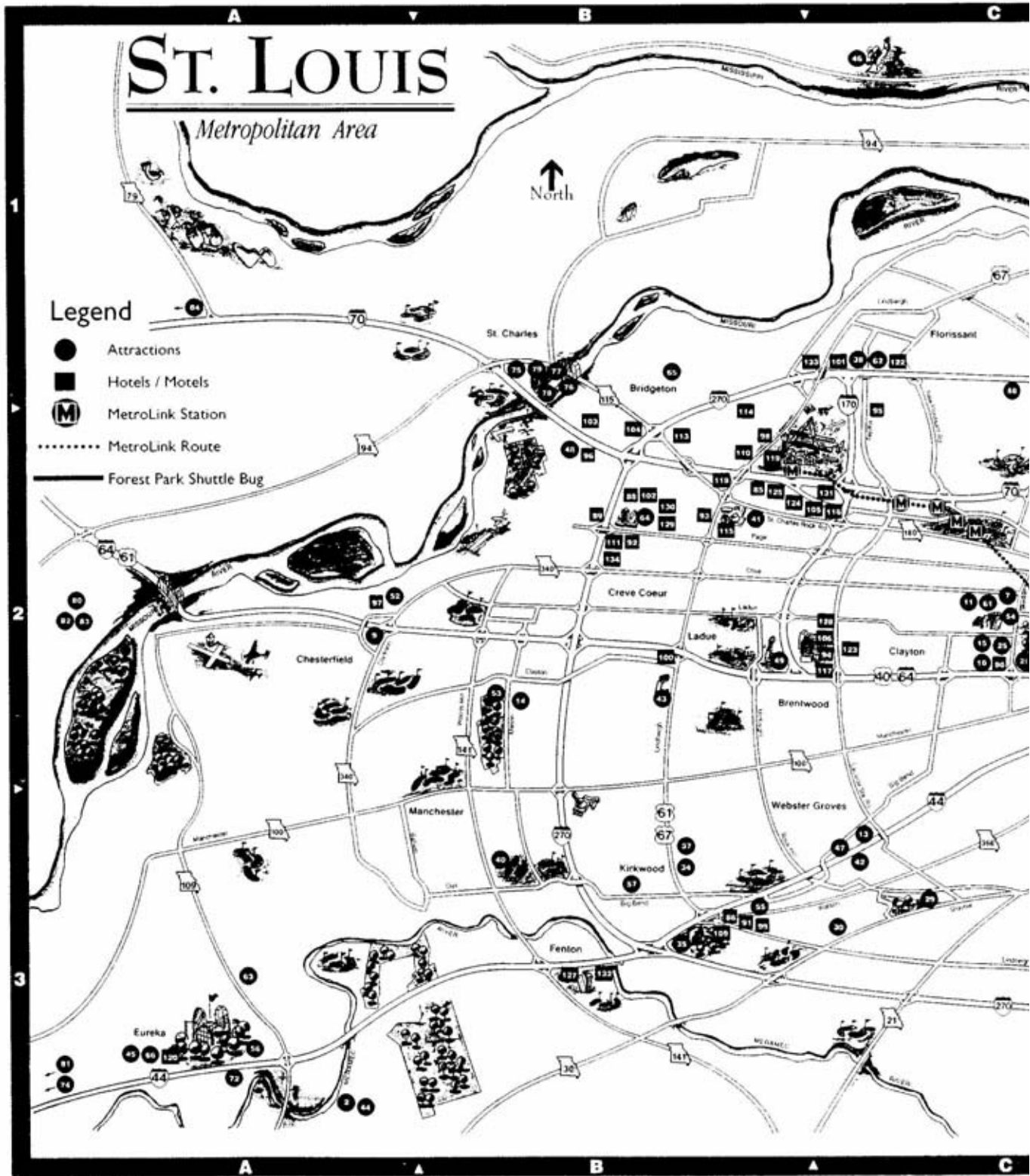
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$20.00	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
ANNUAL DUES (OPTION)	\$ 5.00	- - - - -	_____
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AUXILIARY DUES ONLY: MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT, AUXILIARY TREASURER  
HCR3, BOX 463 DEER RIVER, MN 56636-9335





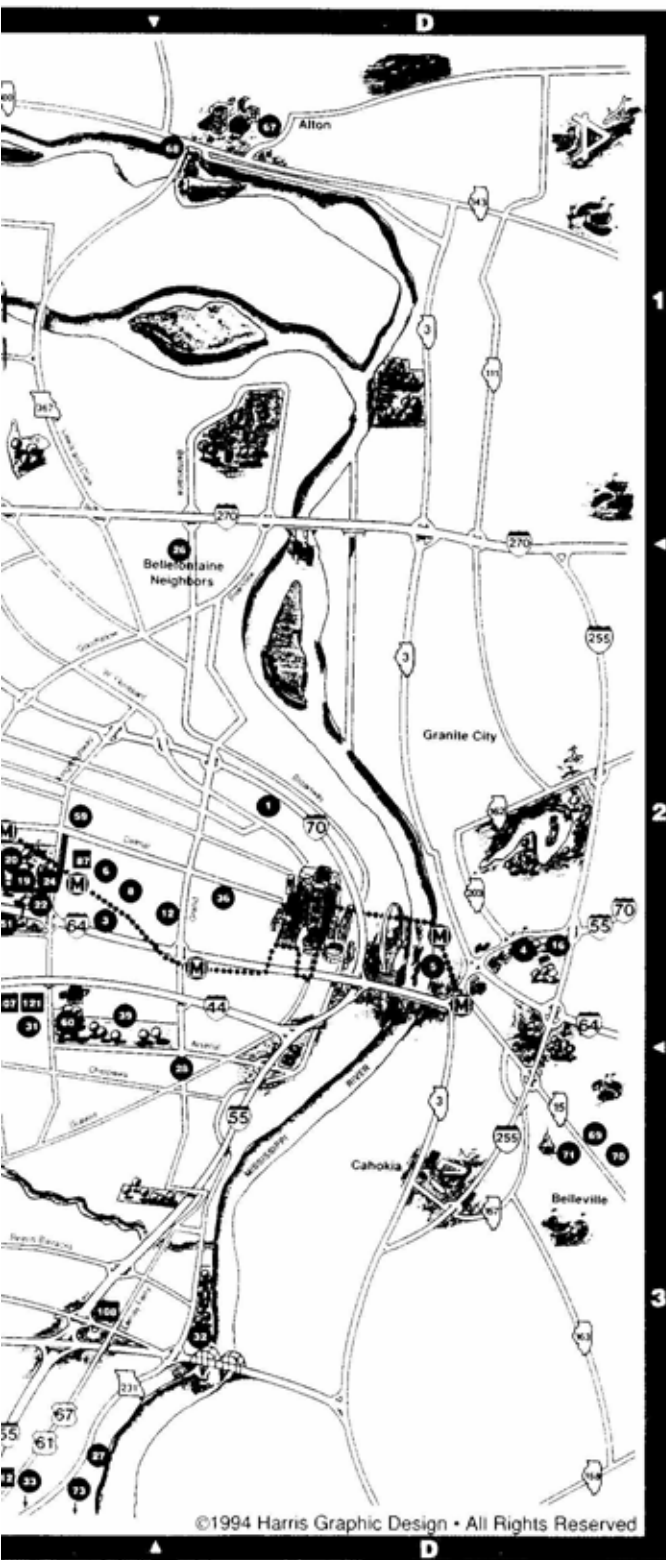
● Metro Area Attractions

- 1 Bissell Mansion Mystery Dinner Theatre, D-2
- 2 Black Madonna Shrine, A-3
- 3 Bob Kramer's Marionettes, C-2
- 4 Cahokia Mounds Historic Site & Interpretive Center, D-2
- 5 Casino Queen, D-2
- 6 Cathedral of St. Louis (New), C-2
- 7 Center of Contemporary Arts (COCA), C-2
- 8 Central West End, C-2
- 9 Chesterfield Mall, A-2

- 10 Concordia Historical Institute, C-2
- 11 Craft Alliance, C-2
- 12 Cupples House, D-2
- 13 Dance St. Louis, C-3
- 14 Dog Museum, B-2
- 15 Edison Theatre, C-2
- 16 Fairmount Race Track, D-2
- 17 Forest Park, C-2
- 18 \* History Museum, C-2
- 19 \* Jewel Box, C-2
- 20 \* The Muny, C-2

- 21 \* Saint Louis Art Museum, C-2
- 22 \* St. Louis Science Center, C-2
- 23 \* St. Louis Zoo, C-2
- 24 \* Steinberg Rink, C-2
- 25 Gallery of Art, Washington University, C-2
- 26 General Daniel Bissell House, D-2
- 27 Golden Eagle River Museum, C-3
- 28 Grand South Grand, D-3
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- 30 Hawken House, C-3
- 31 The Hill, Italian Neighborhood, C-2

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- 54 St. Louis Walk of Fame, C-2
- 55 Sappington House, B-3
- 56 Six Flags Over Mid-America, A-3
- 57 Stages St. Louis, B-3
- 58 Taille de Noyer Home, C-2
- 59 The Ville Neighborhood, C-2
- 60 Tower Grove Park, C-3
- 61 University City Loop, C-2
- 62 Victorian Country Doll & Toy Museum, C-1
- 63 Wabash Frisco & Pacific Mini Steam Railroad, A-3
- 64 West Port Plaza/ West Port Playhouse, B-2
- 65 Western Jesuit Mission Museum, B-1
- 66 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, A-3

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- 67 Alton, IL, D-1
- 68 \* Alton Belle Casino, D-1
- 69 Belleville, IL, D-3
- 70 \* Eckert's Country Store & Farms, D-3
- 71 \* National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, D-3
- 72 Eureka, MO, A-3
- 73 Kimmswick, MO, C-3
- 74 Meramec Caverns, A-3
- 75 St. Charles, B-1
- 76 \* Casino St. Charles (license pending), B-1
- 77 \* First Missouri State Capital, B-1
- 78 \* Goldenrod Showboat, B-1
- 79 \* Shrine of St. Phillipine Duchesne, B-1
- Wineries
- 80 \* Augusta Winery, A-2
- 81 \* Ferrigno Winery, A-3
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- 83 \* Mount Pleasant Winery, A-2
- 84 \* Stone Hill Winery, A-1

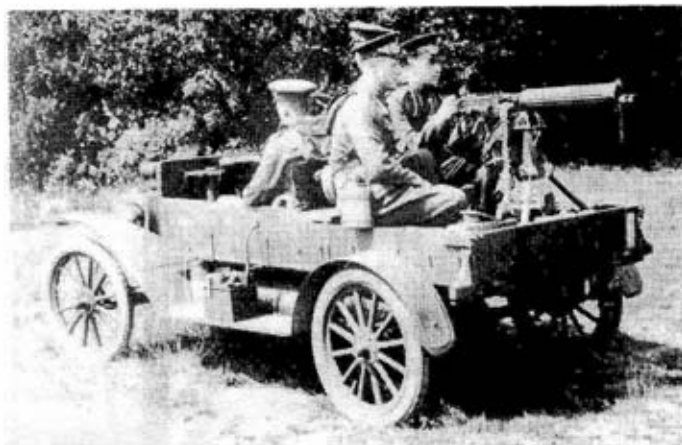
■ Hotels/Motels

- 85 Best Western Airport Inn, B-2
- 86 Best Western Kirkwood Inn, B-3
- 87 Best Western Inn at the Park, C-2
- 88 Best Western Westport Park Hotel, B-2
- 89 Budgetel Inn, B-2
- 90 Cheshire Inn & Lodge, C-2
- 91 Comfort Inn, B-3
- 92 Comfort Inn Westport, B-2
- 93 Congress Airport Inn, B-2
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- 96 Doubletree Club Hotel Riverport, B-2
- 97 Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center, A-2
- 98 Econo Lodge, B-2
- 99 Econo Lodge South, B-3
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- 101 Hampton Inn St. Louis/Florissant, C-1
- 102 Hampton Inn Westport, B-2
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- 105 Holiday Inn Airport Oakland Park, B-2
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- 43 Plaza Frontenac, B-2
- 44 Poco Loco Western Town, A-3
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- 47 Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, C-3
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- 50 St. Louis Ambush Soccer, C-2
- 51 St. Louis Blues Hockey, C-2
- 52 St. Louis Carousel/Thornhill, A-2
- 53 St. Louis County Pops, B-2

Converted Model T could have the Vickers machine gun in front or the back, and carried four men. It lacked power and four-wheel drive, but was in use 25 years before the Jeep. The British used the Model T in Mesopotamia and Egypt where it gave a good account of itself in the desert. The vehicle could be stripped down to just 1200 pounds and could cope with rough tracks.



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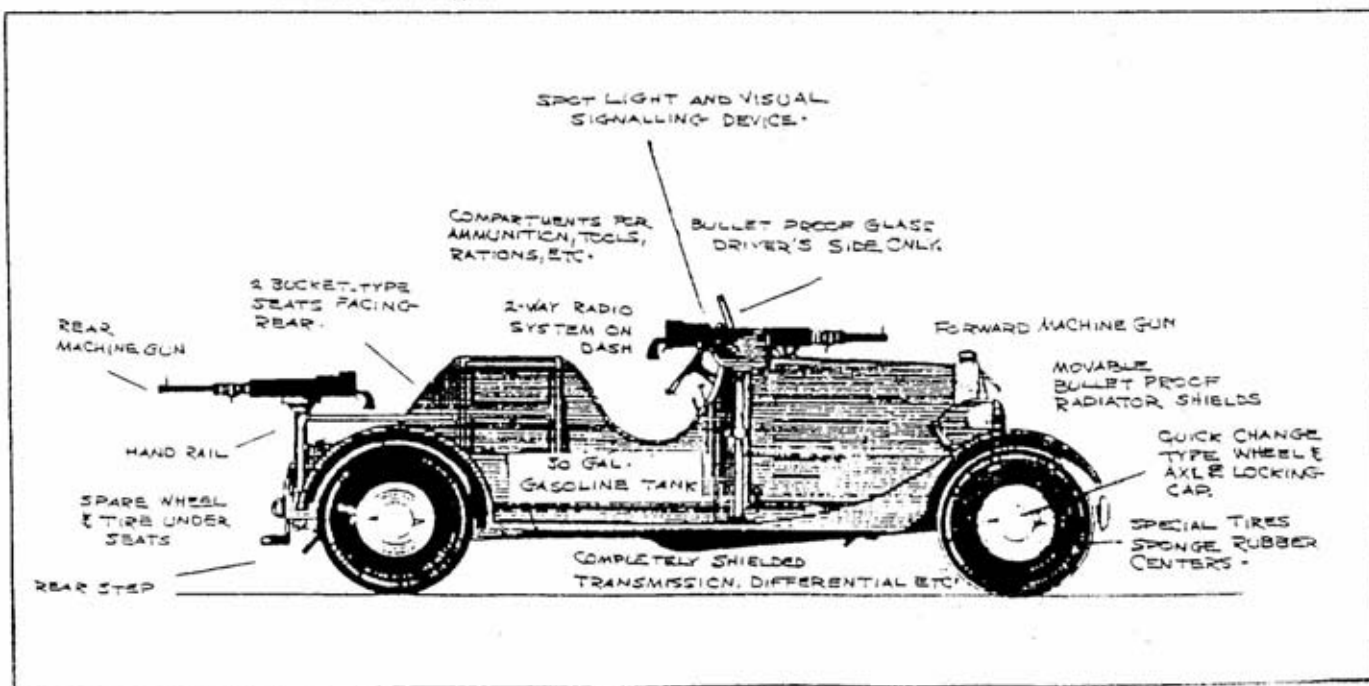
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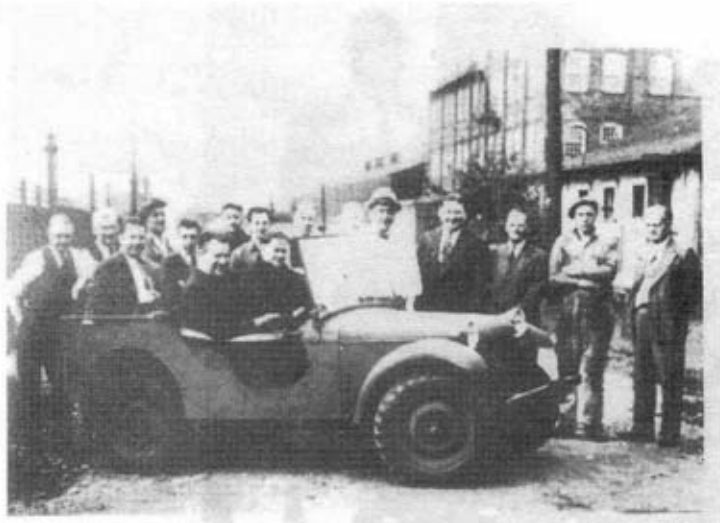
## When the Army and the Go-Devil Engine Got Together

An inexpensive fast reconnaissance vehicle had been the US Army's dream for 30 years. What the Army wanted was a vehicle to replace the horse and the motorcycle, to carry cargo and people. The Army tested Ford, Chevrolet and Bantam road cars and those from other manufacturers as well, but none could fill the bill.

When the world found itself once again on the brink of another major war, the need for a light reconnaissance vehicle became urgent. As

*This drawing by Lt. H.G. Hamilton appeared in the American Cavalry Journal in 1935. The article, entitled "A light cross country car", is often regarded as the first clear expression of the military need for a vehicle of this type.*





After 48 days of 18-hour shifts, the engineering team at Bantam's Butler, Pennsylvania factory posed for this group photo. Harold Crist is seated in the driver's seat; Karl Probst is leaning on the spare wheel. Without the help of this hard working and creative group, Bantam would never have been able to design, get approved or build the first 'Jeep' in such a short time. Today, Detroit takes longer to design prototype door handles for its new cars than this complete vehicle took to produce.

late as June 27, 1940, after the German mechanized divisions had chased 340,000 British and French troops into the ocean at Dunkirk, the US Army's Quartermaster Corps Ordinance Technical Committee released specifications for a new military vehicle:

- 1) Four-wheel drive
  - 2) Minimum speed 3mph
  - 3) Empty weight 1300lb\*
  - 4) Payload 600lb
  - 5) Wheelbase 80in
  - 6) Height 36in
  - 7) Track 47in
  - 8) Ground clearance 6.5in
- \* Empty weight later revised to 2423lb

Of the 135 companies that were asked to submit plans by July 22 and followup with 70 finished examples within 75 days, only two companies bothered to reply. Bantam, a company on the ropes financially, was one of those.

Karl Probst, consulting engineer to the Bantam Car Co. of Butler, Pennsylvania, started with the chassis from a Bantam roadster. He scrounged parts - a Continental four-cylinder engine, Warner gearbox, Spicer transfer case to the front wheels, axles from a Studebaker Champion car and some sheet metal from a salvage yard. Then he and Harold Crist, the plant manager, drove the finished vehicle 200 miles to Camp Holabird for testing by the Army. They met the deadline by minutes.

After the Jeep was driven until it broke, the Army was impressed.

Bantam received a contract for 70 more Jeeps which were delivered in time to take part in the first mechanized maneuvers of the Army the following spring.

Ford and Willys finagled copies of Bantam's blueprints during the testing at Camp Holabird.

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This is a typically restored Jeep.... The Willys MB design was accepted as standard by the Army in November 1941 then both Willys and Ford were awarded contracts. Nearly 649,000 Jeeps were turned out in the next five years with Willys completing a new Jeep every 80 seconds at the peak of its production. By the end of World War II the US Army calculated that it had ten years' supply of new and used Jeeps stockpiled all over the country.



JEEP - When the Army and the Go-Devil  
Engine Got Together

Months later Ford developed a prototype utilizing its Ferguson Dearborn tractor engine and Model A transmission, a combination with too many problems to fix.

Willys had a powerful, rugged and reliable four-cylinder engine called the Go-Devil that had been used in its 1938 Whippet. The Go-Devil engine finally persuaded the Army to favor Willys with a first contract to supply 16,000 Jeeps each unit costing \$739.

Bantam built only 2675 of its version of the Jeep. After losing out to Willys, Bantam finished out the war years making trailers and aircraft landing gear.

The war emergency caused Willys to agree to share its patents and specifications, including the Go-Devil engine, with Ford. That was why the bulk of the DEADEYES would never know an Army without Jeeps.

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A T T E N T I O N -- All Deadeyes and Dispatch Readers.

A young man contacted me about his grandfather who was in the 96 Infantry Division Artillery during the war. He doesn't know the battalion, company, etc., but he is interested in contacting anyone who knew him during that time.

His grandfather was James J. McGuire and he passed away in 1958.

If anyone reading this knew James J. McGuire, please contact his grandson at this address:

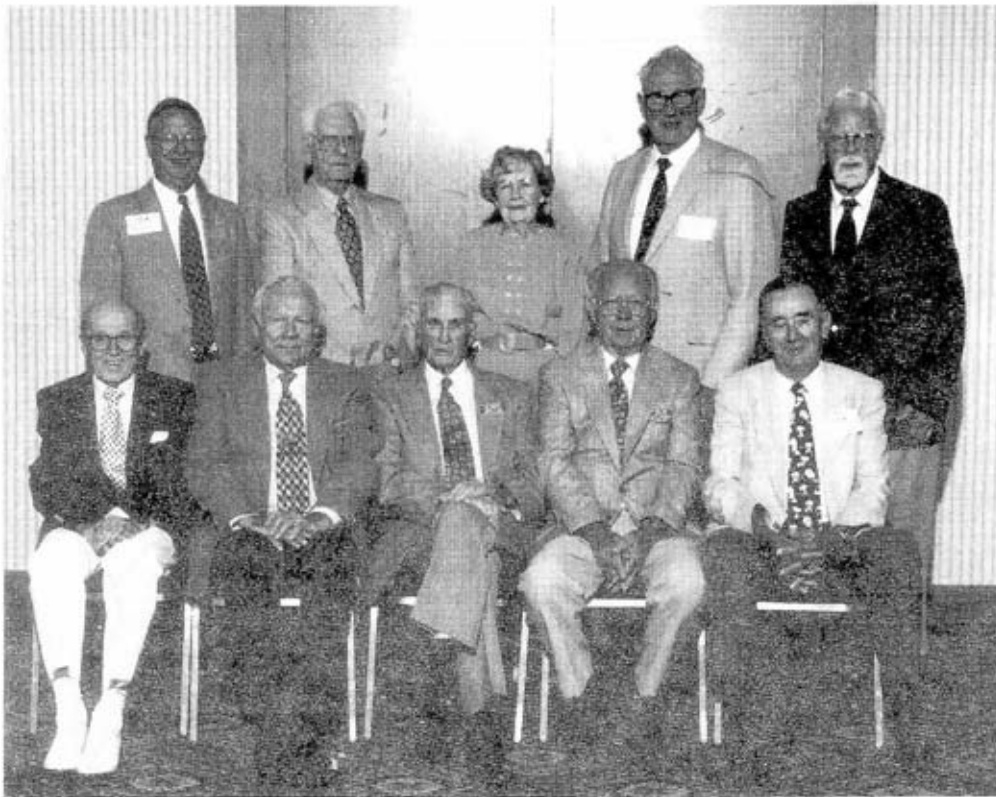
James Hannon  
6940 Kentucky Ave. N.  
Brooklyn Park, Mn. 55428

Mr. Hannon just wants a little information. Two phone numbers are: 612-209-3594 or 612-561-1853

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. You can either write or call Mr. Hannon or contact me at the reunion in St. Louis.

Robert Schmidt, Treasurer



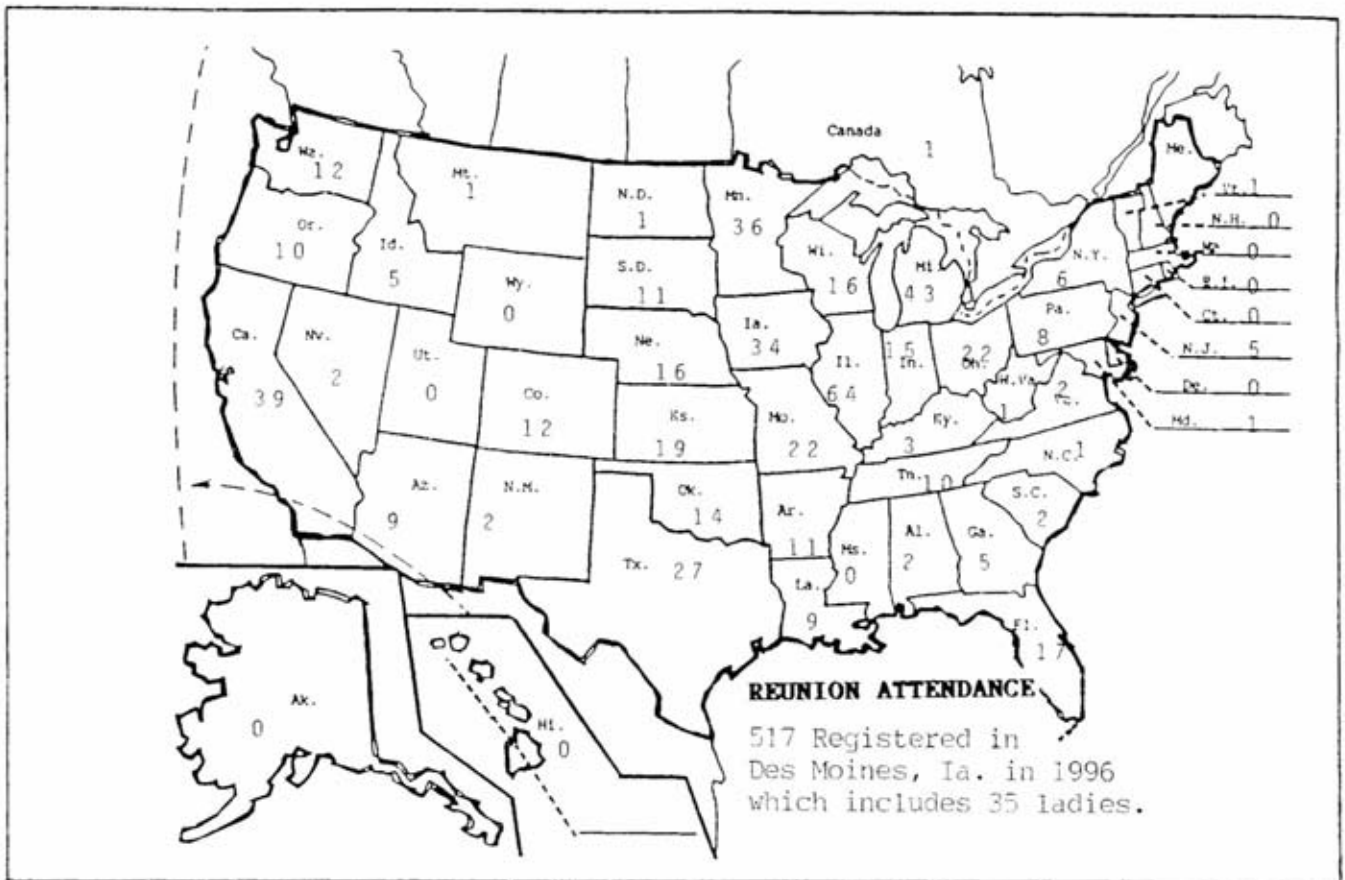


Top Row: left to right -- Harry Brown, Milo Thompson, Lorratne Strand, John Elliott, Richard Haglund.  
 Bottom Row: Steve Melnyk, Don Dencker, Sam Benson, William Fahrney, Robert Schmidt.

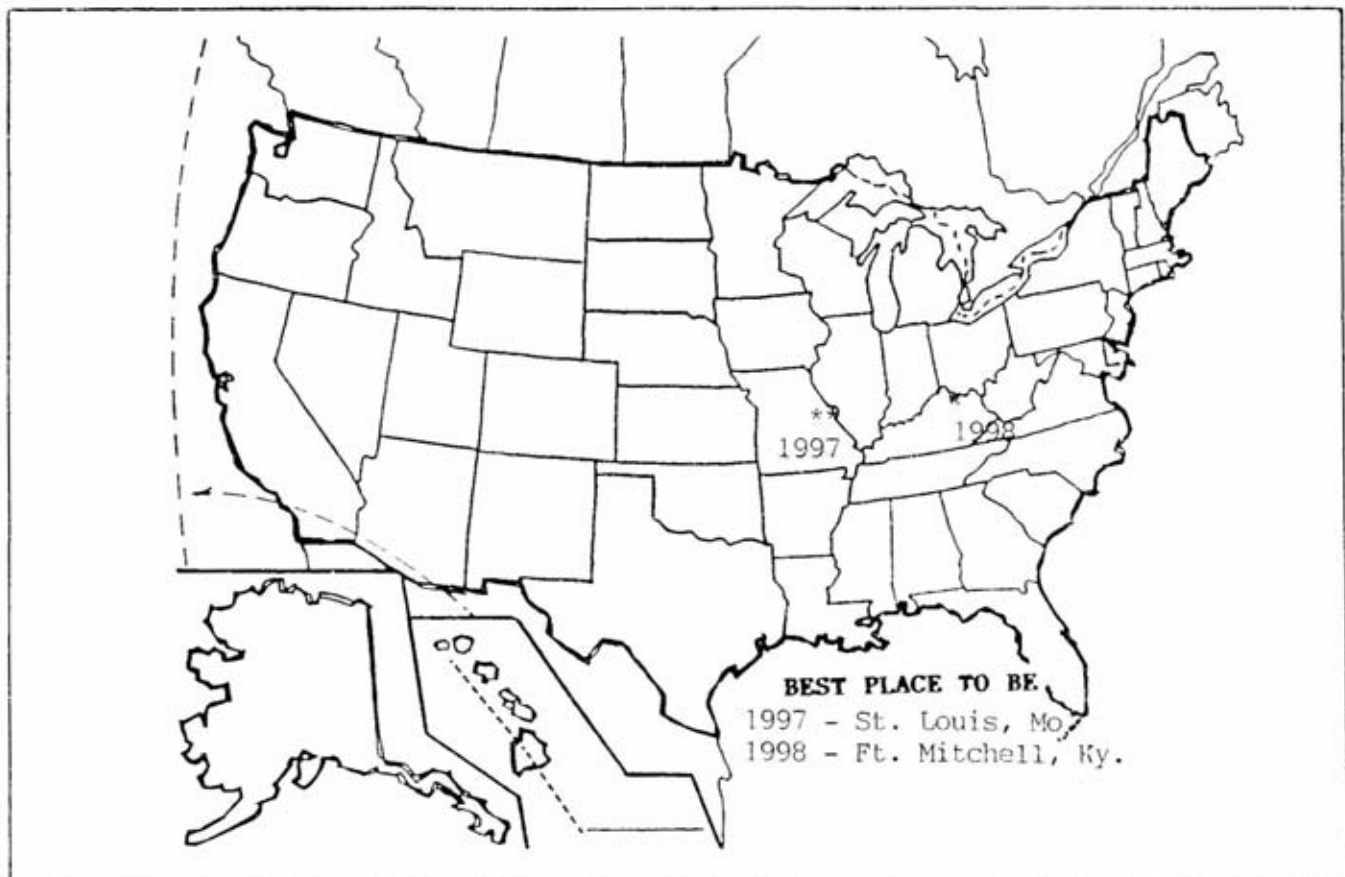


Top Row: Left to right -- Ruth Siefert, Betty Shearer, Glendoris Cole.  
 Bottom Row: Anne Obal, Jeannett Rodriquez, Susan Johnson, Kathryn Chapman, Florence Thompson, Helen Robertson





**NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS**



96TH \*\*\*\*\*  
INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION                      M E M O R A B I L I A

On sale at this year's reunion in the King Henry VIII Hotel lobby during the following times:

Tuesday	July 22	1:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	July 23	1:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday	July 24	1:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday	July 25	2:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday	July 26	8:00 - 10:30 AM

T-Shirts   Cards   Watches   Teddy Bears   Pens   Caps   and More!  
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ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES:

Since postage has gotten so high and printing costs have gone up, your DEADEYE DISPATCH will be mailed only to your home address. - We cannot afford to have two mailing addresses. If you wish to have an extra copy of the Deadeye Dispatch mailed to your winter home, please remit \$2.00 to your Editor.

NOTICE

96th Infantry Division Association blue and white caps may be ordered from Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, Ca. 93682. The cost is \$6.00 postpaid. The caps will also be for sale at the reunion. The Cost at the reunion is \$5.00. All profits will be placed in the Association treasury.

Meet me in St. Louis at the Reunion July 24, 25 and 26, 1997

## THE REUNION

What is it that binds combat veterans together? It isn't friendship. We all have friends.. You can go to a company picnic or a convention and you will not feel the same emotion in the air as when you attend a veteran's reunion.

It is something beyond regular friendship. It is the knowing that "YOU AND THEY HAVE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK." It is the deep-rooted emotion that brings you together. It is the knowledge that when things were tough, you and your buddies stuck it out and lived through it all.

You can attend high school reunions and college reunions, company conventions, and the whole civilian works, but there isn't the **BAND OF BROTHERS** feeling that is felt when combat buddies get together.

You and your buddies may have less hair on top and a lot more inches around the belt line, but deep within all of you, is the same comradeship that you had during those horrible days of war. When combat buddies meet, whether it is ten or forty years, it seems like yesterday. All of the memories begin to assemble in your mind, memories that you thought had been pushed back into the recesses of your memory bank. "**Whatever happened to ....**" and "**Remember when....**" You try not to let on that these old veterans mean a lot to you, but by the time the flag is furled, the bills paid and the car packed, there is a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye as you part company with the men who once lived and fought beside you.

You tell your wife: "**Damn, it was good to see them again.**" And it was! Yes, memories flood your mind as you head for home. No one knows the feelings except those of us who were there. You wonder if you will see any of them again. Combat was hell and you may have many terrible memories of death and destruction, but the memory of total camaraderie with men who shared that hell will forever be embedded in your heart. There is no friendship like that of combat buddies. It is something that last forever.

**May God bless you and the United States of America.**

-- From a DEADEYE -- 381 Anti-tank

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Otto E. Osterburg -- 763 Tank  
per Wife -- 4-28-96

William F. Anderson, jr. -- 362 FA  
per Wife -- 6-20-95

Leonard A. Kanske -- 321 Medic  
per Brother -- 1991

Arthur J. May -- 321 Eng.  
per Wife -- 10-6-94

Raymond K. Ridgeley -- 728 AMT  
per Wife -- 4-12-95

Joseph Lomonaco -- 382 Cannon  
per Post Office --

William C. Breitenfield -- 383-K  
per Wife --

Cosimo D. Purpea -- 321 Eng.  
per Wife -- 6-10-95

Theron I. Peterson -- 383-D  
per Post Office --

Don W. Smith -- 363 FA  
per Wife -- 1-4-94

George J. Buttell III -- 381 HQ.  
per Edward Grebik -- 5-2-96

Fred D. Bugino -- 361 FA  
per Niece -- 3-20-95

Steve Mazrimas -- 796 Ord  
per Wife -- 10-1994

Joel P. Neal -- 382-D  
per Mail --

Tommy R. Malone -- 381-E  
per Wife --

Horace E. Gaddis -- 382-H  
per Steve Melnyk --

Dean D. Walker -- 381-E  
per Post Office -- 5-6-91

Charles O. Colo -- 921 FA  
per Wife -- 2-13-96

Melvin Gill -- 381-C  
per Mrs. Herbert Fish -- 5-7-96

Jack Podbevsek -- 921 FA  
per Wife --

Alvin R. Uhde --  
per Wife -- 7-5-87

George W. Bamba -- 382-M  
per Wife -- 4-12-96

Grank L. Geraldts -- 361 FA  
per Wife -- 1-9-96

John Polodna -- 382-E  
per Vernon Duncan -- 3-19-96

Charles Bourdon -- 381-A  
per Wife -- 2-23-96

George H. Pierce -- 382 HQ.  
per Juanita Taylor -- 4-9-96

Erwin H. Stathman -- 381-K  
per Post Office --

Walter T. Chester -- 382-E  
per Twin Brother -- 12-11-93

H. H. McClain -- 383-  
per Wife -- 6-29-96

Gottlieb (Guy) Hardt -- 383-M  
per Wofe -- 6-3-96

James Breland -- 381-K  
per Harold Williams -- 8-5-96

Howard A. Ragsdale -- 393-AT  
per Art Parrish -- 3-14-96

Earl Starrock -- 321 Eng.  
per Elmer Winters --

Herbert Lemke -- 381 Service  
per Wife -- 10-8-96

Leonard Birkenfeld -- 381-M  
per Wife -- 5-9-96

Roger Palladino -- Band  
per Ralph Cunningham -- 12-6-96

Herbert W. Johnson -- 381-H  
per Hospital --

Kenneth Rath -- 381-F  
per Wife -- 8-23-96

Lloyd A. Spargo -- 382 Medic  
per Wife -- 6-10-96

Herbert W. Johnson -- 381-H  
per Health Care Center --

Harry T. Otto -- 363 FA  
per Post Office --

Frank S. Votava -- 383-3rd BH  
per Post Office --

Charles F. Holm -- 383-H&H  
per Post Office --

Arville Kitzman -- 382-H&H  
per Edward R. Jorgenson -- 12-13-96

Otho W. Bishop -- 381 Cannon  
per Mail -- 12-3-96

Cecil O. Ball -- 763 Tn  
per Wife -- 6-16-96

Adolph L. Koelling -- 321 Eng.  
per Wife -- 8-31-96

Charles W. Bertrand -- 383-B  
per Wife -- 3-16-96

Louis F. Schier -- 381-H&H  
per Wife -- 1996

Vincent L. Anderson -- 921 FA  
per Wife -- 11-27-96

Cecil Don Collier -- 383-C  
per Norma Bauer -- 12-10-96

James Nelson -- 383-D  
per Earl Zinc -- 11-13-96

Gerald D. Bear -- 381-M  
per Wife -- 11-2-96

Joseph H. Hood -- MP  
per Post Office --

Denzel S. Stringer -- 381-A  
per Post Office --

Chester R. Pikul -- 921 FA  
per Post Office --

David E. Ryan -- 382-1nd BN  
per Robert Fitzpatrick -- 11-10-96

Phillip A. Allicon -- 383-3rd Bn  
per Estate Executor -- 7-15-96

Delmar Price -- Signal  
per Son -- 1-3-97

Cecil A. Beall -- MP  
per Mail -- 7-17-95

Everett W. Garrison --  
per Wife -- 8-13-96

Obert P. Olia -- 381-AT  
per Wife -- 11-13-96



Kenneth Simonson -- MP  
per Wife -- 1-25-96

W. R. McLauren -- 381-D  
per Ted Weber -- 9-1996

Millard Baxtrom -- 381-H&H  
per Edward Grebik -- 8-11-96

George Villano -- 383 Service  
per Robert Meyers -- 6-6-96

Thomas McCarthy -- 383-E  
per Norma Bauer -- 1979

Andrew A. Augusta -- 381-B  
per Wife -- 6-2-76

Melvin C. Hehning -- 382-1st Bn  
per Mail -- 12-28-95

David F. Goldberg -- 382-D  
per Thomas Underhill -- 2-5-97

Robert C. Shocky -- 383-I  
per Wife -- 12-14-96

Hans H. McLain -- 383 Medic  
per Granddaughter -- 1996

Gerald H. (Jake) Jacobson -- 381-E  
per Robert Seifert -- 2-7-97

Benjamin L. Burdick -- Div. Art.  
per Ted Weber -- 12-11-96

Joe Snider -- 382-G  
per Ted Weber -- 4-27-94

Earl Hivon -- 381-H&H  
per Edward Grebik -- 9-17-96

Clarence Hartley -- 382 Service  
per Norma Bauer -- 5-25-96

Howard W. King -- Recon.  
per Brother -- 1-25-97

John Bienkowski -- 361 FA  
per Son -- 8-24-96

Ted Sanecki -- 383-A  
per Wife -- 11-15-96

Milton Shepsky -- 383-L  
per James Warren -- 2-1996

William Smedley -- 382-AT  
per Russell Watts -- 1-22-97

Glenn E. Parks -- 383-3rd Bn  
Per Wife -- 2-10-97

Walter Fuhrman -- Signal  
per Wife -- 1-20-97



Fall In For...

## *Mail Call!*

Enclosed find my check for life time membership in the 96th Division Association. Many thanks to each and everyone for getting the Dispatch out and on to us "Ole Deadeyes." We really appreciate and thank you for your time and efforts.

Frank Wilkinson -- 383-H  
4128 Weaver Pl.  
Lake Charles, La. 70605

Life Membership Dues -- a very good idea. Keep up the good work. See you in St. Louis.

M. C. O'Shea -- 383-H&H  
200 E. Saddlewood Cir.  
Highland Ranch, Co. 80126-2281

Haven't been to any reunions lately because of the wife's ill health. Did get to ten of them and enjoyed every one. Keep the Dispatch coming -- look forward to it.

Chuck Briggs -- 382-M  
7474 Crocker Rd.  
Holton, Mi. 49425

Life has been good to me. I have a wonderful family. I correspond with several buddies. Enclosed are my dues and some extra to help the Association.

Art Nemichek -- 382-F  
2704 NW 61st St.  
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73112

December, 29, 1995

Dear Dead eyes,

It has taken me several weeks to gather my thoughts and before the year ends, I wanted to let you know that my husband, Wilbur "Bill" Warrman died November 12, 1995.

Bill was a radio man with Company K - 382. And, like the Deadeyes during World War II, Bill fought a good fight to the end. But, after nearly 32 years of strokes, coronary heart disease, Parkinson, gynecitic arthritis and 19 visits to the hospital, there was no fight left.

But, during the early years of our 48 years of marriage, did I hear about the Deadeyes A LOT!

I heard about his leg becoming entangled in the chain to lower the ramp on the landing craft during the invasion of Leyte. He always felt the fellows who got him out of that mess while shells, etc were falling around the landing craft really saved his life.

I also heard the story about Colonel Hill going across the bridge at Tabontabon. Did any-  
one, but Bill, know why the colonel needed a  
"grapefruit cocktail" after that crossing? As a  
radio man, Hill was beside the colonel from  
the time the decision was made how they were  
going across. Hill told me that Colonel Hill pulled  
out his gun (a side arm, I believe) and told the  
Bill he'd be d - - - d, if he was going to get his  
feet wet and charged across the bridge. Every-  
one else followed. Why did this particular in-  
cident stick in Bill's mind? Because on the  
other side of the bridge, the colonel checked  
his weapon and found there were no bullets  
in it!

The last incident I would like to share with  
you is the time on Okinawa when Bill, always  
the piano, later organ, playing musician at  
heart found a pump organ in a field. It was  
too much of a temptation and for a few  
minutes he played for the fellows, some  
with him, others as they passed. In a few  
minutes he was home again, entertaining.

I understand the 96<sup>th</sup> Division had a reputation as the "bad boys" while they were stationed on the West Coast during training before going overseas. So, I hope the reunion going on in Heaven doesn't get out of hand and the deadies there don't get guardhouse time.

Circumstances always prevented me going to a 96<sup>th</sup> reunion, but Bill would have enjoyed going so much. So, to all of you still with us here on earth, Bill told me about you and from hearing from some of you over the years, I can understand why Bill thought you were all part of the best damned outfit we had during World War II.

Sincerely  
Margaret Warman

Mrs. Wilbur Warman  
161 Sassafras St.  
Coloma, Mi. 49038

I GOT A CALL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO FROM WALTER RAUTIOLA WHO LIVES NORTH OF YOU IN ANGORA MN. HE SAID HE SAW MY STORY IN THE DEADEYE DISPATCH AND THOUGHT WE MAY HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED AT THE SAME TIME, MAYBE ON THE SAME PLANE. AT THE TIME HE CALLED I HAD NOT RECEIVED THE DISPATCH, IT ONLY CAME TODAY, SO I ASKED "WHAT STORY?"

MY SON HAD ASKED ME TO TELL HIM ABOUT MY TIME IN THE ARMY SO I STARTED WITH BEING DRAFTED AND WENT THRU THE WHOLE THING. THE STORY WALTER SAW WAS AN EXCERPT FROM THAT STORY. I DON'T REMEMBER SENDING IT BUT OBVIOUSLY I DID.

I'M INCLUDING ANOTHER EXCERPT WHICH HAS TO DO WITH MY FIRST DAY ASHORE AS OPPOSED TO THE OTHER ONE CONCERNING MY LAST DAY ASHORE. I ONLY SPENT 13 DAYS THERE SO IT'S NOT TOO HARD TO REMEMBER MOST OF THEM.

I'M GOING TO GO FOR THAT LIFE MEMBERSHIP, LOOKS GOOD TO ME.

EDWIN UTVICK I-383  
7640 BLUESTONE DRIVE  
RENO, NV 87511-3301

### OKINAWA "D" PLUS 13

AS AN INFANTRY REPLACEMENT I SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS IN A TENT CITY ON THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN. FINALLY WE WERE LOADED ABOARD ANOTHER SHIP AND AGAIN, WE DIDN'T KNOW OUR DESTINATION. THE SEA WAS CALM, THE DAYS WERE WARM, THE BOW WAVES SENT THE FLYING FISH RACING ALONGSIDE US. WE STALLED IN A GROUP OF ISLANDS WITH NOTHING MUCH TO DO EXCEPT UNLOAD SOME GARBAGE INTO A SMALL BOAT.

WE SET SAIL AGAIN AND REACHED LAND ALTHO WE WERE NOT TOLD WHERE WE WERE. WE CLIMBED DOWN THE SIDE OF THE SHIP ON A CARGO NET AND INTO A BOAT WHICH TOOK US ASHORE. IT WAS APRIL 13, 1945. "D" PLUS 13 ON OKINAWA.

WE WERE TO DIG IN ON AN AIRFIELD. WE DUG OUR SLIT TRENCHES AND PUT UP OUR TWO MAN PUP TENTS. WE FOUND THAT THE THREE VARIETIES OF CANNED C RATIONS HAD BEEN CHANGED TO MORE PALATABLE MENUS AND THAT THE TROOPS AHEAD OF US HAD ALREADY THROWN AWAY SOME THAT WE HAD NEVER TASTED.

AFTER GETTING SET FOR THE NIGHT WE SLITHERED INTO OUR TWO MAN PUP TENT WHICH HAD THE ENTRANCE OPEN BUT WE HAD A THING CALLED A MOSQUITO BAR, A THING LIKE A FLEXIBLE SCREEN THAT COULD BE HUNG OVER THE ENTRANCE TO KEEP THE BUGS OUT.

I HAD JUST DOZED OFF, CUDDLED UP TO MY M-1 RIFLE WHEN I HEARD A WHOOSHING SOUND, THEN A THUD. MY TRAINING TOLD ME THAT THIS WAS AN DUD ARTILLERY ROUND. I THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO HEAD FOR MY SLIT TRENCH. I STARTED CRAWLING OUT OF THE TENT AND FORGOT ABOUT THE MOSQUITO BAR WHICH I GOT TANGLED UP IN AND COULDN'T FIND MY WAY OUT OF. FINALLY I JUST STOOD UP AND GOT RID OF IT AND DIVED INTO MY SLIT TRENCH AS THE SECOND ROUND LANDED SOUNDING LIKE WHEN TWO BOXCARS CLANG TOGETHER. I COULD HEAR THE SHELL FRAGMENTS SAIL THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A WHIRLING SAW BLADE.

SEVERAL MORE LANDED THAT NIGHT, WE LOST 3 AIRPLANES. IN THE MORNING THE "WISE GUYS" WHO THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T NEED A SLIT TRENCH, WERE DIGGING FURIOUSLY. BY THE TIME THEY HAD THEM COMPLETED, WE GOT ORDERS TO "MOVE OUT."

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Co. I - 383



I enclose another check fo help membership and other expenses. At my age (born in 1910 and a stroke) I have my niece nearby to help maintain my funds, etc. She (Mary Pludrzynski) and her husband and boys keep their "eye" on me. Recently, about 3 years ago, I found John Murphy and his wife living in Albany, N.Y. His children and grandchildren live in Delmar. We have many Reunions. In Leyte and Okinawa he attended my services. Occasionally they both attend my services where I assist in Albany.

Father J. Konisky -- Chaplain  
64 Parkwyn Dr.  
Delmar, N.Y. 12054

Here is my check for Life Membership. I don't know if I owe you more. I love reading the Dispatch, so be sure to keep it coming. I have never made a reunion and possible never will now. I am not able anymore to run around much -- my legs just don't carry me to good.

Robert L. Palmer, Sr. -- 921 FA  
Rt. 4 106 Paul Ave.  
Champaign, Il. 61821

Enclosed is dues for life membership with a little extra, -- know the Association can use it. I really enjoyed our reunion at Des Moines, seeing many of the men again and the courtesy of the staff of the Marriott Hotel. This was my second reunion (first at Lubbock) and I'm looking forward to the 97 reunion at St. Louis. Keep them Coming.

Art Creason -- 321 Medic  
717 Rock St.  
Hannibal, Mo. 63401

Enclosed please find my check for dues for myself and my wife. Also a little extra to add to the kitty. I enjoy reading the Deadeye Dispatch very much. I've located three more former Deadeyes here in the Minneapolis area. It's a good feeling to talk to someone here locally from the 96th. Keep up the good work.

John Granda -- 363 FA  
7600 - 59th Ave. No.  
Minneapolis, Mn. 55428-3240

My husband, Harold, and myself receive your paper regularly. My husband is a Veteran from World War II having served his country in the Philippines. He wishes to become a life member os your splendid organization. He can't be an active member since a 5-way Heart operation, plus extra surgery.

Marian A. & Harold Campau  
12955 Martin  
Warren, Mi. 48493

13 July 1996

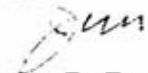
Guess I better get this check in the mail before I lose it.

Enclosed is my dues plus a little extra for expenses.

Unfortunately I am not in a position to attend the conventions--but never forget the 96th or its members. My beloved & I did attend in 1975 & 1977, and I dropped in at the 1970 (first I knew of) and the 1982 (both in the Detroit area).

The best time I had in the Army was when I was able to put on entertainment for the troops, recruits, Service Clubs, USOs, etc. And especially after we landed in Camp White when Dick Kesner (violinist), Emilio Chiesa (accordionist)--both from 96th Div Band--and I (as CARLO the magician) were assigned to the 4th War Bond Drive, where we played at theatres in various Oregon and northern California towns.

Camp White Special Services tried to get us transferred into their organization, but Gen. Bradley nixed that. So back to our regular army assignments.

  
James E. Taylor  
9339 Spicer Rd  
Brighton MI 48116-8838

Service Co., 381st Regt

From: Robert Meade  
237 N Alford St  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Enclosed is a check for membership in the association. I was part of the cadre from Camp Roberts to Camp Adair. Was originally the Service Btry, 927 th FA Bn clerk, later Hq Btry supply sargent. Left from Fort Lewis to go ASTP program at U of Md. Then to Texas and the 102nd div and to the ETO.

I have been trying to locate some missing people who were in the 362nd FA when it occurred to me that I might be on some else missing list. Located this address via Vet Locator@prodigy.com on the internet.

*Bob Meade*

Enclosed find my annual dues, and may I take this opportunity to compliment those people responsible for editing the Dispatch. It is an excellent publication for the 96th Division and we veterans who have been through WW II as members of it. I am fine and going through those "golden years" with normal aches and pains, failing eyesight, hearing aids, etc. I do hope to attend the 1997 reunion at St. Louis. Recently had a fine letter from our former Company "C" Commander, Phillip Newell. He met some friends of mine, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Ohm at the Des Moines Reunion. Mrs. Ohm's brother was killed on Kakazu Ridge. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who was in Company C, 1st Battalion, 381st.

Wallace P. Christman  
2643 Beaumont St.  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Enclosed is my check for dues for me and my wife. We have been well and have been hunting and fishing. We were unable to make it to Des Moines because of the dates. I have been keeping in touch with four of my buddies since the war ended. All four of us have had open heart surgery. We enjoy the Dispatch very much -- especially the letters.

Gilbert Bohlman -- 383-F  
720 E. 4th St.  
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103

Enclosed is my check for my annual dues and a little donation. We have enjoyed the reunions very much. Had to cut the one in Des Moines short because of bad health. Planning to be at St. Louis, Mo. and hope to see all our buddies and friends. Have made our reservations.

Earl F. Machart -- 321 Eng.  
8604 Moody Ave.  
Burbank, Il. 60459-2538

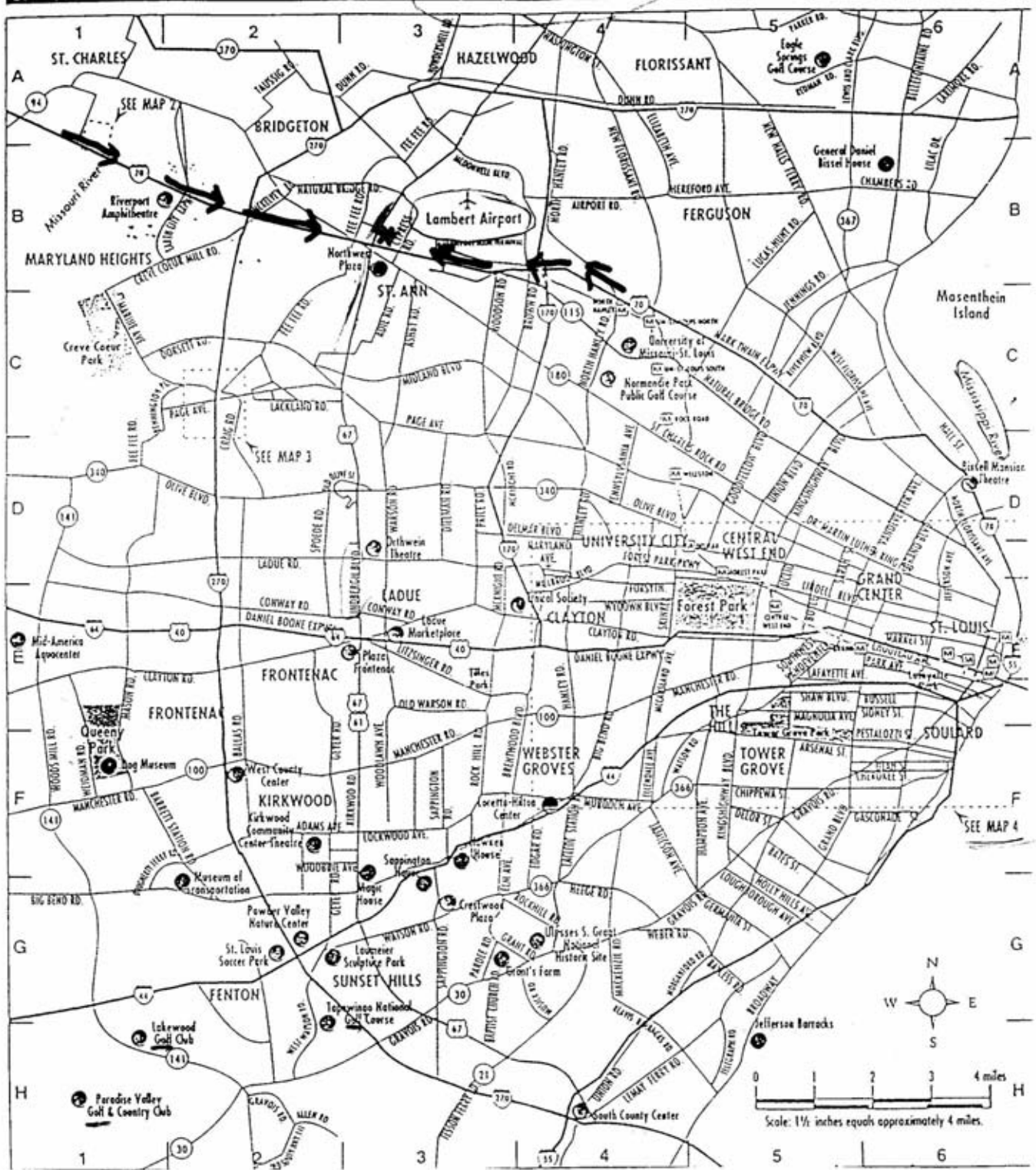
Life membership was a great idea. I don't have to remember whether I paid this year or not. It's in now. I enjoy every page of the Deadeye Dispatch. I'm hoping to make it to St. Louis next summer. It's hard to believe it is over 50 years ago.

Raymond Radzivila -- 381-I  
24 Jackson Dr.  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603-5710

Great idea on the dues. Hope all have joined in. May not outlive the opportunity to go to all the Conventions, but not the Dispatch. See you in St. Louis.

Roy Oliphant -- 381-H&H  
11932 Westwood Dr.  
Carmel, In. 46032

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