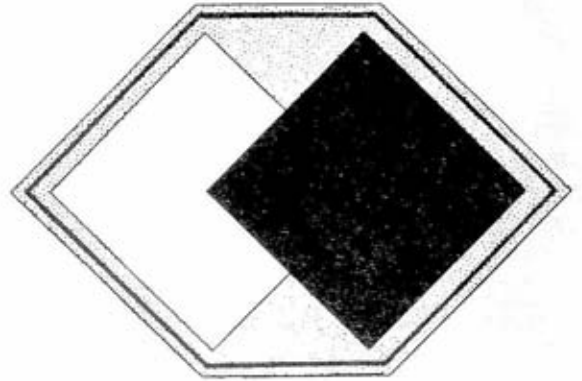


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President's Corner

Greetings to all Deadeyes and their wives, members of the 98th Infantry Division Association and its Ladies Auxillary:



Hello, Deadeyes, Wives and Families:

I would like to welcome you to the forty-first reunion July 23-25, at the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Ft. Mitchell is across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Drawbridge Inn hosted our planning meeting the morning of November 1, 1997. In the afternoon we had a whirl wind trip to visit the sites selected for our tours.

Check out these tour possibilities in this issue. There are other attractions as well, more than a person could visit during our convention.

The primary purpose of these reunions, however, is to seek out comrades who we seldom see or perhaps have not seen since World War II.

Fifty two years have passed since most of us Deadeyes came home. We are the lucky ones. Why, only God knows. Sadly our ranks are getting thinner. However, reunion attendance has stayed relatively stable. The reunions are of increasing importance to me. I am sure they are to other Deadeyes.

See you at the Drawbridge Estate in Ft. Mitchell!

Sincerely,

John W. Elliot
President

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES

ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Ladies of the 96th Infantry Division Association:

As President of your Auxiliary, I, along with my husband, attended the fall planning meeting at Fort Mitchell, KY. last November. It is at this meeting where the committee members consider ideas and suggestions to formulate the final plans for the next reunion - this being Ft. Mitchell in July of 1998.

The Drawbridge Estate at Ft. Mitchell (also known as Drawbridge Inn & Convention Center) is quite impressive in and of itself. There is a Main Building and a Garrison Building; the latter being within easy walking distance. All in all it seems to be a very desirable location for our reunion.

The most important message I can share with all of you is to "Pre-Register". This is a tremendous assist to those who are responsible for carrying out the overall plan as well as those arranging for the Ladies Luncheon.

If you do not now belong to the Auxiliary, please consider this as an invitation and come join us. We welcome new members and you will enjoy the experience.

Once again - please consider sending in your dues for a lifetime membership in the Auxiliary if you have not yet done so. The dues are only \$20.00. Encourage your husband to do the same - his lifetime membership is \$30.00. You will find forms in this or a previous DEADEYE DISPATCH to assist you.

At the Auxiliary General Meeting we will have several important things to discuss, so please come and share your ideas. If you would care to serve as an officer in the Auxiliary just leave your name with one of our present officers.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the Ft. Mitchell Reunion in July and hope you too will plan to come and join your friends for a good time.

Some of you know I have a hearing impairment. Therefore I will ask a friend to sit with me during the general meeting to make certain I hear everything correctly.

Most Sincerely,

Susan J. Johnson

Susan J. Johnson, President

96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Vernon Duncan, William J. Formeller, Ernest J. Gerstner, Edward J. Mockrish, Jack L. Summer, B. F. Thigpen, Harold Friedman, Henry Ahrenholz, Howard Bentley, Jesse Clausel, Jerald Stewart, Clarence Blessing, Hube Schneider, Lester Smith, Howard Stock, Harold Straube, Mike Martz, Ed Maurer, Herbert E. Fischer, Floyd Brehmer, John Baran, Wayne L. Page and Don Spence.

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30 YEAR CERTIFICATES:

Melvin E. Coobs, Iden Johnson, Sam M. Benson, Karl Knutson and Glenn Hamilton.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATE:

Tyson L. Shelton.

ATTENDED ALL 40 REUNIONS:

Clarence Snyder, Hubert Hoffman and Richard Van Etten.

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARD:

Iden Johnson

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARDS:

Ruth Brown and Glendoris Cole.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Lorraine Strand



I'm A New Member

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

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

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

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

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

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



Your Buddies Need You

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notices

The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 1998. 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 1998 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mothers Day in 1998 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 or JAMES KNIGHT -- 252 W. Franklin, Nelsonville, Oh. 45764-1151.

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 7, 1998 at the Gentile House on the Western Oregon University campus. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be POT LUCK at noon. Arrival time will be 9:30 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. For more information contact CECIL WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Rd., Winlock, Wa. 98596-9756 or RICHARD HAGLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310

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DRAWBRIDGE ESTATE

CINCINNATI, OHIO

606-341-2800

1998

HOTEL LOCATION

The Drawbridge Estate, at I-75 and Buttermilk Pike, is just five miles northeast of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The hotel is also five miles south of downtown Cincinnati and Covington's Riverfront.

Greater Cincinnati is one of the nation's most accessible areas, whether your travel is by auto or air. Greater Cincinnati is within five hundred miles of more than half of the U.S. population. Major interstates into Greater Cincinnati are I-75, I-71, I-74, and I-275 loop. Explicit directions from these major arteries are available from the hotel's guest services department.

HOTEL EXTRAS

The Estate comprises some 23 acres of lodging, dining and recreational facilities including the Oldenberg Brewery and Entertainment Complex. The Inn presently offers 500 fully equipped rooms. The main section of the Inn consists of 375 rooms which offer a residential look and amenities which create comfort and a feeling of home. Coffee makers are provided in guest rooms in the Inn. One hundred rooms are located within a detached building called the Garison, located 100 yards from the Main building. All general hotel facilities and services are available to Garison guests; however, the Garison features it's own outdoor pool and snack shop.

The hotel offers free parking, one heated indoor pool, two seasonal outdoor pools, two outdoor lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball and basketball courts, shuffleboard, horseshoes, an exercise-challenge jogging course, whirlpool, wet/dry sauna and select exercise equipment. Check in is at 3pm; check out at 12 noon.

Hotel dining includes:

-*Chaucer's*, a 24 hour coffee shop.

-*The Crossbow*, the area's liveliest nightspot; open Mon-Sat until 2am.

-*The Gatehouse Tavern*, serves dinner in an Old English "Castle" setting. Hours are Mon-Thurs 5:30-10pm; Fri-Sat 5:30-10:30pm; Sun 4:30-9:00pm.

-*Josh's*, serving a wide selection of continental cuisine for lunch Mon-Fri.

11:30am-2:30pm; serves dinner Wed-Sat; and brunch on Sunday 10am-1pm.

-Room service is available 6:30am-11pm.

Located nearby:

The Oldenberg Brewery Complex, located next to the hotel, includes the American Museum of Brewing History and Arts and the Oldenberg Brewery. You can enjoy a tour and/or tasting at one of America's premier micro-breweries. Burbank's Restaurant, featuring BBQ Ribs, serves lunch and dinner 11am-11pm Sun-Thurs or 11am-12pm on Fri-Sat. Coyotes, the areas largest Country/Western Music and Dance hall, is open Wed-Sun 7pm-2am.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Complimentary shuttle service is provided to and from the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The shuttle runs 24 hours a day seven days a week or upon request. No shuttle service is available 2-6am Sunday. Simply pick up the courtesy phone located in each baggage claim terminal and the "Coach to the Castle" is on the way to pick you up.

NEARBY RV PARK

The hotel has six RV parking spaces with electrical hookup only currently for \$15 plus tax per night. Please call the hotel reservations department to secure your space. The nearest park with full hook-up is the Florence RV Park, located 16 miles south of Cincinnati. Please call (606) 371-8352 for more information.

WHEELCHAIRS

Burlington Pharmacy Homecare rents wheelchairs by the week at \$20. A \$60 deposit must be paid and a refund of \$40 upon return of the chair. They will deliver. Call 1-800-548-5388 should you have need of a wheelchair or oxygen equipment. Ask for Yvonne Manning.

RESERVATION REQUEST

Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center

2477 Royal Drive
I-75 & Buttermilk Drive
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

We are pleased you will be staying with us. Our staff will be prepared to extend a warm southern welcome. To guarantee your reservation for late arrival (after 6:00 p.m.), please enclose a check or money order for the first night's stay or indicate a complete credit card number. Don't forget to include the expiration date and your signature.

The Drawbridge Inn can not hold your reservation past 6:00 p.m. without exercising one of the above procedures. Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation is received 1 day or at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

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REPRESENTING 96th Infantry Division Association, July 21-26, 1998

TO RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS THIS CARD MUST REACH US BY June 29, 1998

Please reserve accommodations as indicated below. I understand you cannot ensure exact room location or rate, and in such case a room at nearest location and rate will be reserved.
CHECK-OUT TIME 12:00 NOON. ROOMS USUALLY AVAILABLE BY 3:00 P.M. RENTAL CARS AVAILABLE ON SITE.

MAIN BUILDING	GARISON BLDG. (Detached)	Name _____
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\$10.00 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON/CHILDREN UNDER 18 FREE IN SAME ROOM.

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DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Credit Card No. _____

Arrival Before 6:00 P.M. Yes No

Expiration Date _____

Reservation Guaranteed Yes No

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Reservations Are Released at 6:00 P.M. Unless Payment is Guaranteed or Prepaid.

TYPE OF ROOM: SMOKING NON SMOKING

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY TO GROUP RATES/FOR INFORMATION CALL (606) 341-2800 1-800-354-9793 (Out of KY.) 1-800-352-9866 (In KY.)

DON'T FORGET

TO PRE-REGISTER

**Fill in the blanks on the
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**96th INFANTRY DIVISION - 41st ANNUAL REUNION
DRAWBRIDGE ESTATE, FT. MITCHELL, KY
GREATER CINCINNATI AREA**

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

R & R (House of Tudor).

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 1:00 Early arrival and registration until 7pm (London Lobby).
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (House of Tudor).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 7:00 Continental breakfast items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis until 9am (House of Tudor).
- 7:30 Registration continues until 8:30am (London Lobby).
- 9:30 Wright Patterson/U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton until 3:30pm.
- 11:00 Registration continues until 5pm (London Lobby).
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (House of Tudor).
- 6:00 Dinner cruise until 10pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 7:00 Continental breakfast items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis until 9am (House of Tudor).
- 8:00 Executive Committee Meeting (Monks).
- 8:00 Ladies Auxiliary Executive Meeting (Ploughmans).
- 8:30 Registration continues until 10am (London Lobby).
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 9pm (Beowulf).
- 11:00 Board bus for Tower Place and Museum Center. Return by 4:30pm.
- 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (House of Tudor).
- 1:00 Registration continues until 7pm (London Lobby).
- 7:00 Reunion Kick-Off Party until 10pm (London Hall).

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 7:00 Continental breakfast items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis until 9am (House of Tudor).
- 9:00 General Open Meeting until 9:30am (House of Stuart/York).
- 9:30 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until noon (House of Stuart). Afterwards lunch items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis (House of Tudor). Items include: deli sandwich - \$4; chef's choice of salads - \$.75; potato chips - \$.50; brownie - \$.75; assorted sodas - \$1.25; coffee, tea, decaf, or iced tea - \$1.
- 9:30 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting until 11am (House of York).
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 9pm (Beowulf).
- 11:00 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon. It will conclude promptly at 1pm. (Canterbury Hall). Entertainment by the Sweet Adelines.
- 10:30 Registration continues until 12:30pm (London Lobby).
- 1:30 Board bus for a city tour of Cincinnati. Return by 4:30pm.
- 2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (House of Tudor).
- 3:00 Registration continues until 7pm (London Lobby).
- 7:00 Banquet Table Reservations until 8pm (London Lobby).
- 8:00 Beer Bust and Dance until 11pm. Entertainment by the Pete Wagner Band (London Hall).

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 7:00 Continental breakfast items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis until 9am (House of Tudor).
- 8:00 Sale of Merchandise until 10:30am (House of Tudor).
- 9:00 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until 10:30am (London Hall).
- 10:00 Registration continues until 11am (London Lobby).
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 2pm (Beowulf).
- 11:00 Memorial Service until 12:00 noon (London Hall).
- 12:30 Board bus for River Downs Racetrack. Return by 4:30pm.
- 2:00 It's picture time. Bring your cameras to the Grendal/Woden Rooms if you wish to take pictures of your group. A photographer will not be provided this year.
- 4:00 R & R Room closes for Banquet set-up.
- 5:30 Social Hour with a cash bar (London Lobby & Grendal/Woden).
- 6:30 Banquet Dinner until 9pm (London Hall).
- 9:00 Entertainment by the Pete Wagner Band until midnight (London Hall).

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 7:00 Continental breakfast items will be available on a cash-and-carry basis until 9am (House of Tudor). Farewells and departure.

96th INFANTRY TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

(Buses will board outside the Main Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

WRIGHT PATTERSON / U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM

- 9:30 Board bus for Dayton and the United States Air Force Museum, "where the eagles rest." This museum is adjacent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. Exhibits, including approximately 200 aircraft and missiles, tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers to the Space Age. Lunch will be on your own at the cafeteria upstairs. For a nominal fee, enjoy the featured Imax presentation. Or visit the President's Hangar behind the museum which houses fifty planes, eight of which were former Presidential Aircraft. Your guide will escort interested parties to this hangar immediately upon arrival.
- 2:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 3:30pm.

\$24/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.

DINNER CRUISE

- 6:00 Board bus at the hotel.
- 6:30 Board one of the BB Riverboats for a two and one half hour dinner cruise. Enjoy all of the sights of the Ohio River, a great buffet including carved roast beef, baked mostaccioli, green beans, corn, potato, tossed salad, rolls with butter, coffee or tea, and chef's selection of dessert, while being entertained by a contemporary dance band. A cash bar will be available.
- 9:30 Disembark from the riverboat and reboard bus to return to the hotel by 10pm.

\$48/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

TOWER PLACE / MUSEUM CENTER

- 11:00 Board bus for lunch on your own at Tower Place. Choose between the food court and several full service restaurants.
- 1:00 Reboard bus for the Museum Center located at Union Terminal.
- 1:15 Tour the Cincinnati History Museum. This museum traces the growth of the Queen City and American cities in general since the late 18th century. On your own, and for a nominal fee, you may also visit the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.
- 2:45 Gather at the theater entrance. The Omnimax Theater takes movies to new heights, depths, and widths. This spectacular facility wraps you in a hypersensory experience while you sit under a multi-story, seventy-two foot domed screen. Through special technology, the Omnimax gives you the feeling of being *in* the picture, so you can experience every scene, every motion, with eye-opening clarity.
- Featured film: TBA.
- 4:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4:30pm.

\$30/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

CITY TOUR

- 1:30 Board bus for a guided tour of the "City of Seven Hills," but first take Riverside Drive in Northern Kentucky from which the view of Downtown Cincinnati is spectacular. Stop at the Basilica of the Assumption, a small scale Notre Dame with gargoyles and flying buttresses of French Gothic design. The cathedral contains the largest stained glass window in the world. Cross the Roebling Suspension Bridge into Cincinnati and learn the history of this river city. Drive by the Taft Museum, Riverfront Stadium, and more. Continue through Eden Park and Mt. Adams, from which you are offered great views of the city's skyline. See the diverse downtown architecture of Fountain Square and the Procter & Gamble Headquarters
- 4:30 Back at the hotel.

\$19/Person includes bus, guide, and admission.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

RIVER DOWNS RACETRACK

- 12:30 Board bus at the hotel for a "day at the races."
- 1:00 Arrive at River Downs Racetrack and enjoy a picnic buffet from your own private trackside tent area while you enjoy thoroughbred racing. Betting windows and a cash bar will be available in the tent. Buffet includes cold fried chicken, chilled sliced baked ham, breads and rolls, vegetables and dip, potato or pasta salad, baked beans, fresh sliced tomatoes, onions, pickles, condiments, assorted cookies, iced tea, lemonade, and soft drinks. Rain or shine.
- 4:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4:30pm.

\$35/Person includes bus, guide, buffet lunch, and racing program.

This outing requires a fifty person minimum.

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

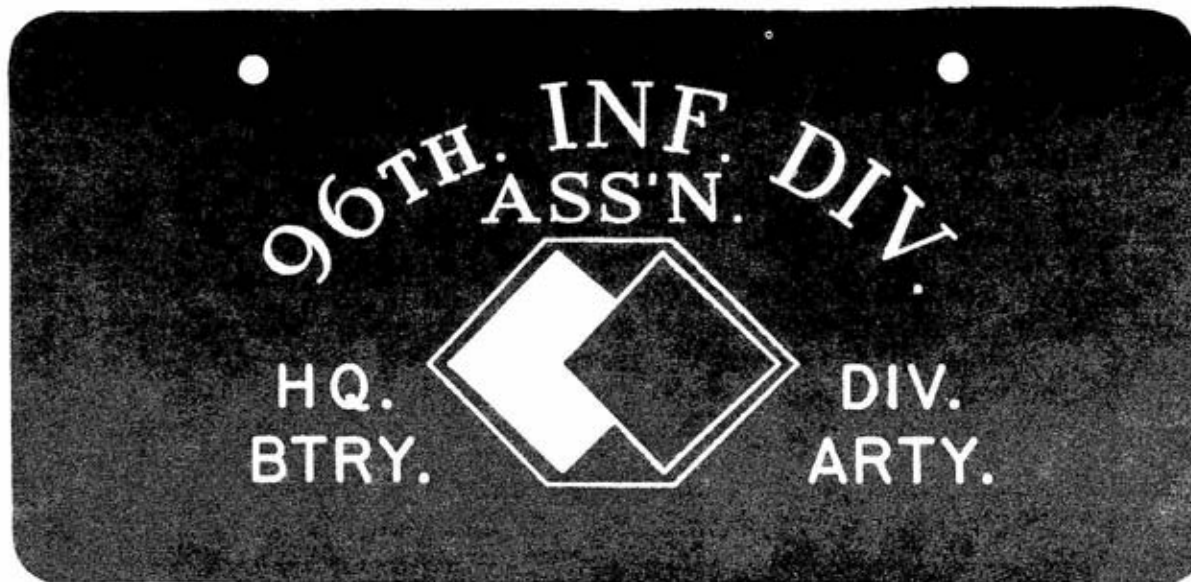
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I have had requests for License Plate Size "96th Div. Assn." Plate. They are made of special outdoor Plastic, Blue background with White lettering. If your State has only one License Plate the "96th Plate will fit in place of Second License Plate. The size of the Plate is 12" x 6" x 1/8".

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED ME TO MAKE THE "96th INF. DIV. ASS'N." PLATE AVAILABLE FOR ASSOCIATION AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

The price for "96th Inf. Div. Association Plate" is \$13.00 each.

Postage and handling is \$3.00 each.



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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 Choise 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

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Treasurers' Report

Concerning

Dues and the Deadeye Dispatch

As you know, your Executive Committee and general membership approved a new dues policy at the meeting in Des Moines in July of 1996. It is now necessary to be a current dues paying member to receive the Dispatch. You have the option of paying your dues annually or taking a Life Membership (see the last 3 issues of the Dispatch for details). This change was made to insure the future financial status required to keep the organization going as long as possible. Current status will be presented to the membership at each reunion and in future Dispatches.

It looks very good now and dues are still coming in even after the deadline mentioned in the Dispatch last fall.

The Fall '98 and Spring '99 Dispatches are covered by 1999 dues. So, if your membership card reads 1998 or earlier, you must pay your dues by August 31, 1998 in order to continue receiving the Dispatch. Unless you are current, your name will be dropped from the mailing list before the Fall '98 issue is mailed.

Life members will remain on the mailing list for the life of the organization. Anyone can get back on the mailing list by paying their dues.

Dues must be mailed only to the Association Treasurer or the Auxiliary Treasurer. Dues will no longer be paid with reunion pre-registration. If you have any questions, please contact either treasurer.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Robert Schmidt, 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	- - - - -	_____
OR			
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 6.00	- - - - -	_____
DONATIONS		- - - - -	_____
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: _____

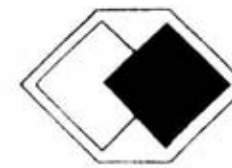
ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ - _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$20.00	- - - - -	_____
OR			
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 5.00	- - - - -	_____
DONATIONS		- - - - -	_____
TOTAL		- - - - -	_____

AUXILIARY DUES ONLY:
REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO: 96TH Infantry Division Assn. Auxiliary

MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT, TREASURER
HCR 3, BOX 463 DEER RIVER, MN 56636-9335



PROGRAM

ASSEMBLE CALL.....Lois Arbell
 Lebanon American Legion Post #

TO THE COLORS.....Larry Pribyl
 Corvallis American Legion Post #11

NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Flo Arbeiter
 Soloist, Corvallis, Ore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Glenn Perry
 NW Chapter Historian & Chaplain

INVOCATION.....Glenn Perry
 NW Chapter Historian & Chaplain

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS.....John Pfaff
 362 F.A. Bn. 96th Division

ORIGIN OF CAMP ADAIR.....Polk County Historical Society
 Benton County Historical Society

ROLE OF THE 96TH IN WORLD WAR II.....John Elliot
 President, Deadeye Association

UNVEILING MONUMENT & PLACING THE WREATH.....
 Delores Lusk and Bill Lusk

ACCEPTANCE..... Cecil Williams
 383 Inf. Reg.

MESSAGE.....Douglas Burton
 NW Chapter 96th Division

GOD BLESS AMERICA..... Flo Arbeiter
 Corvallis, Ore.

TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE.....Honor Guard
 Corvallis American Legion Post #11

TAPS ECHO LOWERING FLAG.....Lois Arbell
 Lebanon American Legion Post

BENEDICTION.....Glenn Perry

DISMISSAL.....John Pfaff

INSCRIPTION ON MONUMENT

Organized on September 5, 1918, (World War I).
 Demobilized January 7, 1919. Became Oregon's
 Reserve Division in 1923. Activate to active duty
 August 15, 1942, at Camp Adair with orders to be
 Combat Ready as soon as possible. Trained at Camp
 Adair, Fort Lewis, San Luis Obispo, and Bend
 desert. Left United States July 25, 1944, for Hawaii.
 Landed on Leyte on October 20, 1944, as one of the
 first Combat Units to invade the Philippines. 603
 killed, 1,401 injured. Landed on Okinawa on April
 1, 1945. 1,598 killed, 5,614 injured. Returned to
 Philippines July 1945 for training on invasion of
 Japan. Returned to United States in March, 1946.

“This Memorial is dedicated to
 those killed in action, to those
 wounded in combat and to all
 those gallant men who served
 as Deadeves.”

The above inscription will be on a 96th Division memorial marker to be dedicated by the Northwest Chapter on June 6, 1998, at Camp Adair, Oregon. This marker will finalize erection of all divisions, 70th Infantry, 91st Infantry, and 104th Infantry that trained at Camp Adair. The park, located in the midst of a Wild Life Refuge, is located in the middle of the camp area, just off State Highway 99W north of Corvallis, Or. The annual business meeting of Northwest Chapter will be on Sunday, June 7, 1998.

Funds from Lusk Memorial who was a member of 361 FA Battery, have been contributed to this marker.

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REMINISCING!!!

DATE	PLACE	NUMBER	PRESIDENT	DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE
1958	St. Louis, Mo.	103	Minor Butler	
1959	Chicago, Il.	223	Minor Butler	
1960	Kansas City, Mo.	264	Hubert Hoffman	
1961	Detroit, Mi.	over 250	Morris Roberts	
1962	Dallas, Tx.	over 200	Willard "Hoss" Mitchell	
1963	Little Rock, Ar.	about 200	Jake Fisher	
1964	Portland, Or.	about 150	Patrick McDermott	Minor Butler
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	330	Alex Markus	Richard Klassen
1966	Indianapolis, In.	364	Robert Huff	Ed Dakan
1967	Omaha, Ne.	351	Peter Pohl	Edmund Biggs
1968	Chicago, Il.	551	Paul Bauer	Harold Roetker
1969	Des Moines, Ia.	354	Robert Fitzpatrick	Alex Markus
1970	Detroit, Mi.	434	Henry White	LeRoy Collins, Jr.
1971	Denver, Co.	376	Edward Dunning, Jr.	James Breece
1972	New Orleans, La.	426	Joe Fritz	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, Il.	526	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, In.	433	James Breece	Sam Benson
1975	Kansas City, Ks.	482	Edmund Biggs	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	462	Cyril Dean Sterner	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	449	Tyson Shelton	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, La.	398	Douglas Burton	Henry White
1979	Denver, Co.	432	Atwell Champion	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, Il.	533	Fred Weeks	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	487	Glenn Hamilton	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, Mi.	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, Tx.	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, Mn.	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.	549	Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, Ca.	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, Tn.	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, Il.	522	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, S.D.	632	Tom Roby	George Buttell
1990	Omaha, Ne.	660	James Warren	Donald Foster
1991	Spokane, Wa.	511	James Knight	Hubert Hoffman
1992	Louisville, Ky.	670	Joseph Garabedian	Tyson Shelton
1993	Sparks, Nv.	519	Robert Siefert	Louis DeLuca
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.	645	Robert Schmidt	Joe Fritz
1995	Lubbock, Tx.	416	Louis Canedo	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, Ia.	517	Glen Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, Mo.	550	Don Dencker	Iden Johnson
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.		John Elliot	
1999	Denver, Co.			

THREE DEADEYES -- Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard Van Etten have attended all 40 Reunions. Two DEADEYE GALS -- Elaine Snyder and Mary Lou White have attended all 40 Reunions.



Her Active Duty Military Career Began at Camp Adair

By
Ed Dakan B-381

Helen Gribble figured she knew what she was getting into when she enlisted in the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah, in November 1942. During nurse's training at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City one of her supervisors who had been an Army nurse in World War I tried to convince the whole class to join up. Not many were persuaded.

With nurse's training out of the way and on top of that a post grad course in pediatrics at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Helen returned to work as a supervisor at St. Mark's.

The girl from Hagerman, Idaho, with the initials ANC (Army Nurse Corps) appended to her name for the duration of World War II did not enlist in a grand patriotic gesture, nor did she carry on like a female activist with an agenda. In fact, she was p.o.'d at a boyfriend. Too many times he had been gone for too long on hunting and fishing jaunts. This particular big game hunt was planned to last one whole month!

When the boyfriend came home, Helen was gone. The Army had her.

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Her Active Duty Military Career
Began at Camp Adair (Continued)

As promised, the first stop was at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco for a short period of orientation, but what came later was a downer. According to the word from the head nurse there would likely be hard times ahead for the group.

Helen was unhappy when she heard the news. "It had been decided that we needed to go to Camp Adair, Oregon. A big new camp was being opened and they didn't have any amenities or anything - that didn't appeal to me." She began having second thoughts....

The reality of Army life was not all that it was 'cracked up to be.' Without a doubt she had gotten into a hell of a mess. Helen made up her mind to eat crow or whatever.

"I wrote to the boyfriend that I had dumped and told him that I would marry him. He sent me back a clipping that said the only way out of the Army for a nurse was to get pregnant. Of course it wasn't that way when I went in, but he thought it was. Besides, he wasn't too much for kids. As far as he was concerned, I could just stew in my own brew."

Literally dangling at the end of her rope, Helen abandoned all efforts to escape and went off to Camp Adair with about a dozen other nurses.

More nurses arrived daily during the winter months of '43. Everything was happening so fast because trainload after trainload of draftees who would be turned into DEADEYES were filling up the camp. Living conditions were fairly rustic even in the nurse's quarters at the hospital.

Helen remembered, "My room had an iron bed with a mattress and sheets, a blanket and a pillow, but no curtains and no dresser. I made curtains from material that I bought in town

and we put orange crates together to make dressers. My closet was a great big cardboard box that stood on one end. Naturally the longer we were there the more comfortable things became.

"We went to work in shifts as nurses. There was no actual roll call, though we had to go out and do exercises. They made us take walks - hikes up and down the hills."

Since the Army did not commission nurses to begin with, they were considered as being comparable to 2d lieutenants - part of the Army, but in some ways not yet in the Army. Their dress uniform was a Navy blue blouse with a lighter blue skirt. All of that changed eventually to olive drab and the nurse's uniforms were patterned after the men's, including the hat.

The beehive that was Camp Adair allowed few diversions. Sometimes even a visit to the PX could be more or less exciting. One evening Chaplain O'Keefe offered Helen and her companions a ride in his Jeep over to the 382d Officer's Club. That became the starting place for the whirlwind romance between Lt. Helen Gribble, ANC, and Lt. Cledith Bourdeau, AUS.

During the next few months before the 96th moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, in May '43, Cledith kept his dates with Helen by walking to and from the 382d area to the other end of the camp where the hospital was situated. And those nighttime miles did add up for him and a fellow officer who always came along for company. The new man in Helen's life had a day job that used up a lot of time, yet a telephone call and a letter followed whenever he got back to his place. Wasn't that romantic?

Helen was busy, too. "The first day I went on duty, I was assigned to a ward that was full of meningitis. Men were terribly sick with stiff necks and backs and headaches. In the more advanced cases the victim's head would be bending backwards toward his knees. Try to imagine that.

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① CLEDITH AND HELEN BOURDEAU WERE married December 29, 1945, just three days short of three years after they met at Camp Adair. (Reunion in Des Moines, IA - 1996)

② LT. HELEN GRIBBLE AND LT. CLEDITH Bourdeau became engaged in the spring of 1943, then romance was put on hold until the war ended. In those early days, Army nurses did not have their own uniforms.

③ LT. GRIBBLE'S OVERSEAS DUTY ASSIGNMENT was to New Caledonia, a center to which the sick and wounded men were being evacuated from the fighting on islands across the Pacific Ocean.

AT THE 31ST STATION HOSPITAL IN New Caledonia in 1943, Lt. Helen Gribble shared living quarters with three other nurses.



*Her Active Duty Military Career
Began at Camp Adair (Continued)*

"Maybe the people who set up the hospital could never have expected such an outbreak, so they had no good technique at all. And the GIs who were taking care of the meningitis patients didn't know anything about what they were dealing with.

"I asked the assistant head nurse to let me teach those boys about contagious diseases. They had to quit taking their smoke breaks with the workers from other parts of the hospital. There would be no more open wards with just a sheet barrier between the beds. The meningitis cases were isolated into their own private rooms and given their own caretakers."

The cause of the outbreak was never discovered, though its swift spread certainly had something to do with the close confinement of persons. There were 45 cases of meningitis in Camp Adair, but only one death. Everybody in the Division from top to bottom had to take a sulfa tablet. No physical activity was permitted while this was going on, so training was called off for a day or two. The main aftereffect of the drug was a bad hangover. After the alarm had subsided the 9th Service Command sent investigators to study the problem and the way it was handled.

In the midst of all that, Helen and Cledith found time to become engaged.

The month of May '43 was moving time. Helen's medical team shipped out for New Caledonia, a French territory in the Southwest Pacific. Cledith's outfit trucked north to Oregon for further training and more than another year stateside before heading out for its fateful campaigns on Leyte and Okinawa.

Thank Heaven for V-Mail.

Thank Heaven for V-J Day.

Fast forward to December 1945.

Lt. Helen Gribble, ANC, was putting in her time supervising a cancer ward at Letterman General. When the ship with Cledith aboard docked in Los Angeles Harbor, there was Helen to meet it - practically in her wedding gown. Captain Bourdeau's terminal leave started just before Christmas, but the wartime travel restrictions kept him from leaving California during the holidays.

What Helen really wanted was a full military wedding at Letterman. All of the arrangements had been made for weeks. Also, the chaplain had asked General 'Vinegar Joe' Stilwell to decorate Cledith with his Distinguished Service Cross at the same time (refer to *The DEADEVES* p. 52).

A rather low-key wedding did happen December 29, 1945, in Coalinga, California, Cledith's hometown. The Bourdeaus have lived there ever since. They raised five kids.

Home Address: Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Bourdeau 315 Harvard Avenue Coalinga, CA 93210
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ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES AND DEADEYE GALS!

Please check your membership cards. If it does NOT read Life Membership, 1999 or beyond, you will not receive any more Issues of the Deadeye Dispatch.

PLEASE pay your Dues. Dues pay for the Deadeye Dispatch.

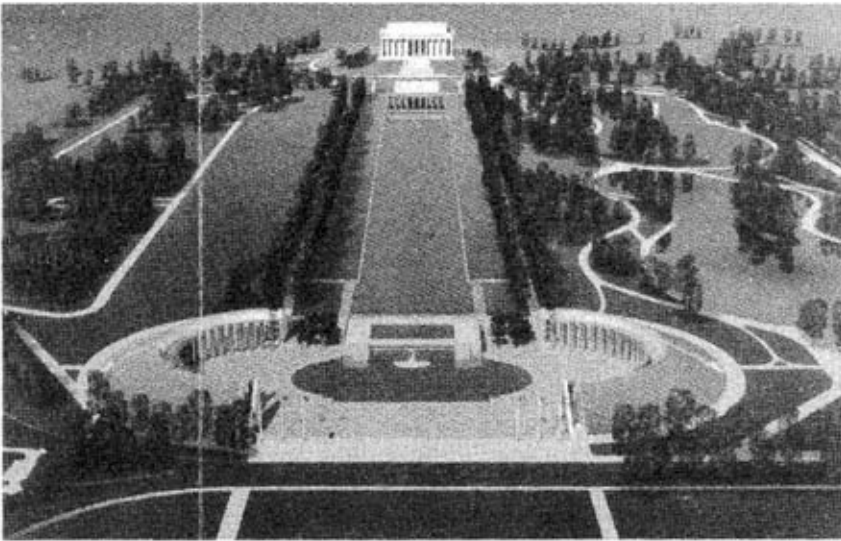
ALL A.S.T.P.ers: PLEASE RESERVE Saturday July 15th, 1998, at 12:30 P.M. for this years Luncheon at the Drawbridge Estate, Fort Mitchell, Ky. The cost will be \$10.00. To expedite please send for advanced registration to:

Calvin K. Claus
1285 Luther Lane, Apt. 155
Arlington Heights, Il. 60004-4691

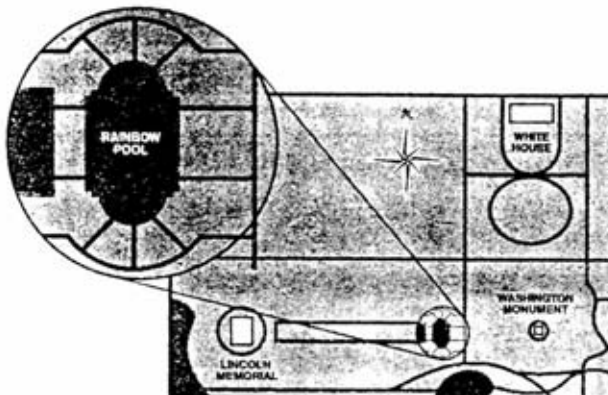
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

FINALLY, a World War II Memorial is to be built in Washington, D. C. This effort is being headed up by former Senator Bob Dole.

Your Association Executive Committee has approved the donation of \$1,000.00 for this WW II Memorial. Association members will be asked to approve this donation at our upcoming Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, Ky.



A view of the WW II Memorial



The World War II Memorial will be located on the Mall in Washington, D.C., directly between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Members who wish to donate may send their contributions to:

**World War II Memorial Fund
American Battle Monuments Commission
P.O. Box 96766
Washington, D.C. 20090-6766**

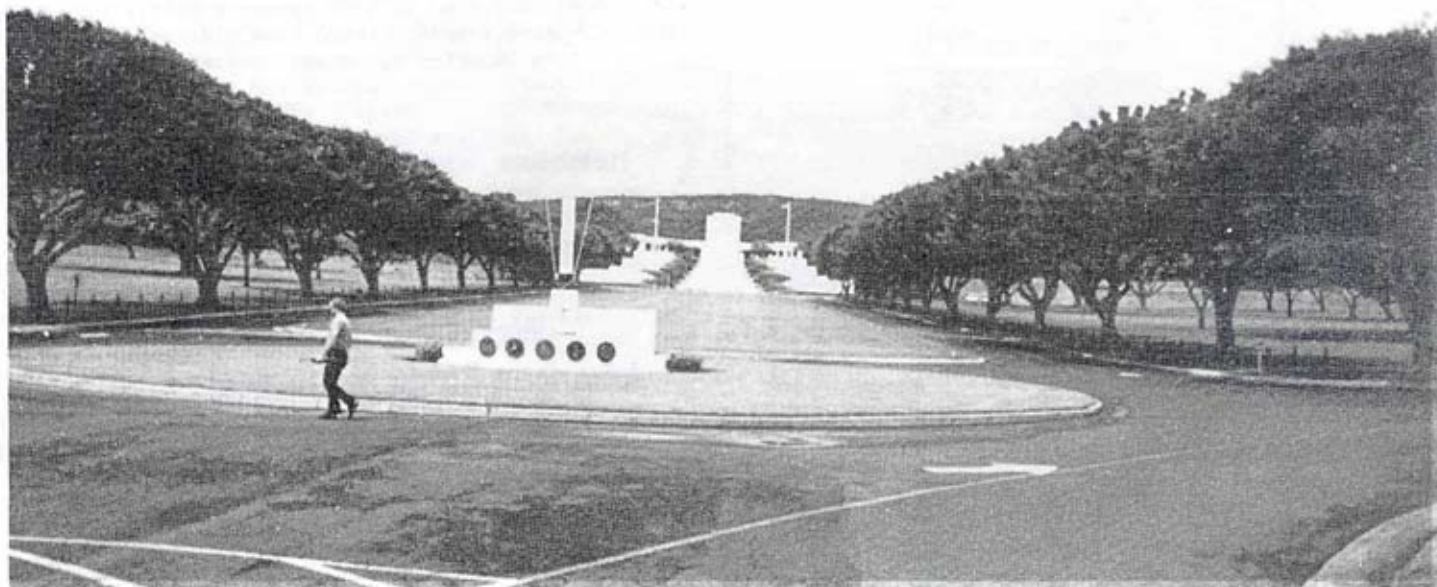
DEADEYES -- CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED

You can help to purchase and place a 96th Infantry Division Memorial Monument in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

We are one-half there in donations. Help make this possible with your donation for a Monument Dedication by Memorial Day 1999.
NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC PHOTOS:



Many 96th Infantry Division Dead are buried in the Grassy Area behind the Flagpole.



Formal Area of the Cenetry -- With Tablets listing missing in Action.



27th Infantry Division Monument



Typical 96th Division Grave Indicating only 382nd Infantry



Fourth Marine Division Monument



TILE MOSAIC
Battle of Okinawa

Our Honored Dead are NOT identified as being a member of the 96th Infantry Division.

The Monument will memorialize the contribution made by the 96th Infantry Division towards victory in the Pacific and will identify as Deadeyes, the 96th Infantry Division men buried in the War Memorial Cemetery.

Pacific Monument Committee: Don Dencker, Dick McCarthy and Larry Ulrich.

Make Checks payable to 96th Infantry Division Association

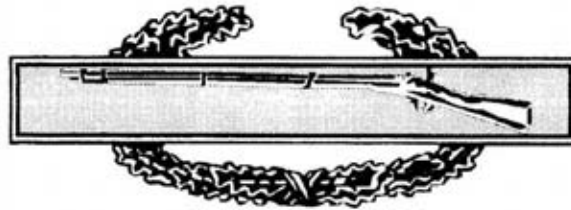
Donation by _____

Address _____

Unit _____ Amount \$ _____

Please state for PACIFIC MONUMENT FUND.

Mail to: Mr. Robert Schmidt, Treasurer
96th Infantry Division Association
1284 McKusick Road Lane No.
Stillwater, Mn. 5508204162



The Combat Infantry Badge:

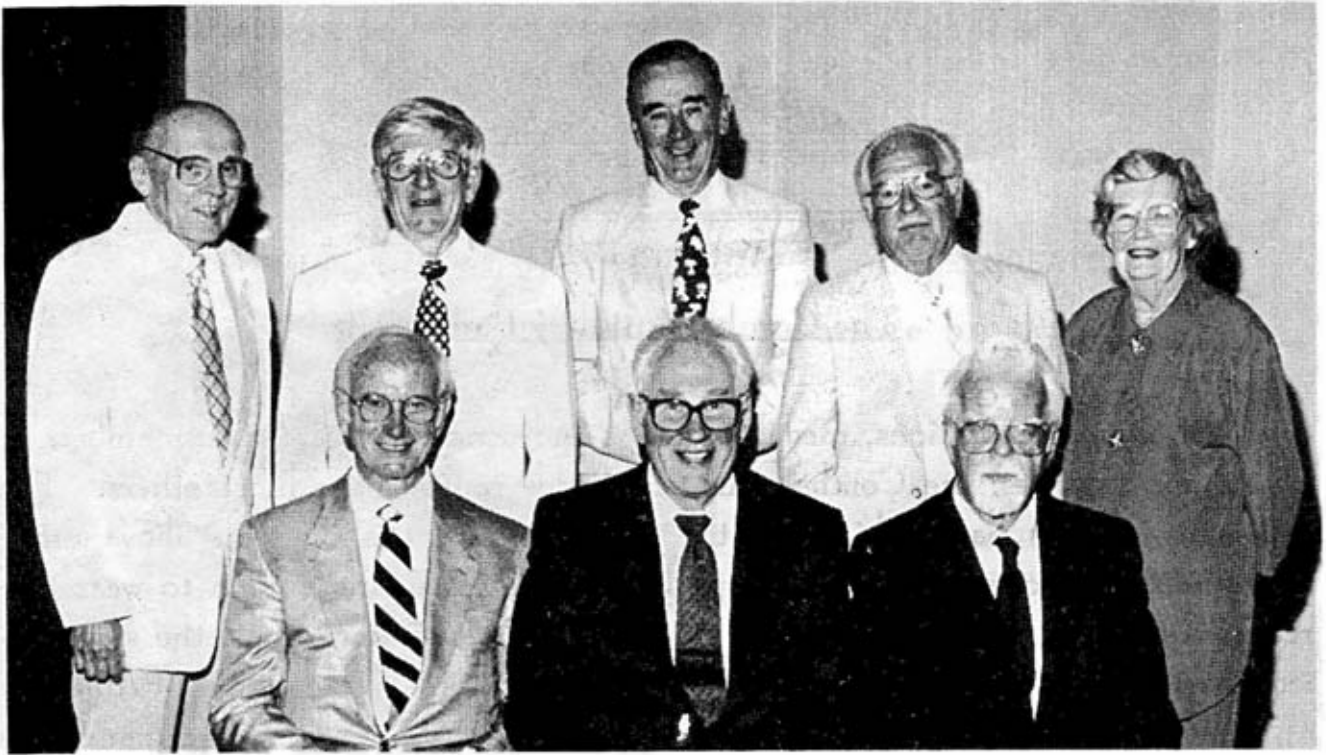
Of all the decorations, medals, ribbons and pendants awarded to members of the Armed Services, the Combat Infantry Badge ranks above most others. The placement of this badge, high on the left breast of the uniform above other decorations, symbolizes the patriotic pride of those fortunate enough to wear this treasured emblem; an emblem which identifies those who have made the sacrifices necessary to maintain the freedoms that we enjoy in these United States of America.

Who are these people who proudly wear this emblem on their uniforms? They are your fathers, brothers, sons, cousins. They are from the farms, villages and cities that span this great nation. They are from all walks of life. They represent all generations who have "**been there, done that**" in the preservation of our independence for more than two centuries. These young, untested kids stormed the beaches and became battle hardened veterans within hours. Uncommon valor became commonplace as they slogged through the steamy, vermin infested jungles, fought off swarms of mosquitoes and challenged the fanatical defenders of far-flung lands. They have struggled to survive and to overcome the enemy in the frozen, snow-covered mountains and among the ever shifting sands of arid desert lands.

These "hairy-chested, two-fisted" men are the "trained killers" who will give their last bit of candy to a hungry kid. These are the men who will cradle a wounded comrade's head while shielding his face from the driving monsoon rains. These are the unsung patriots who proudly wear the Combat Infantry Badge. These are the people who can hold their heads high and march four abreast into Independence Hall to reaffirm our allegiance and to express our gratitude to the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence who risked everything.

If you want to know the price of freedom, ask the man who wears the *Combat Infantry Badge*.

James W. Smith
M/Sgt. Ret. USA



Top Row:
Steve Melnyk, James Knight, Robert Schmidt, E. Jaye Thompson, Lorraine Strand

Bottom Row:
Glyn Hollingsworth, John Elliot, Robert Haglund



Top Row:
Helen Robertson, Glendoris Cole, Mary Eleanor Smith, Betty Shearer

Bottom Row:
Ruth Siefert, Susan Johnson, Anne Obal

In Memorium...



96th INF. DIV. ASSN.
DEADEYES

“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.

Asa C. Winchester -- 321 Medics
per Alvis Harrell -- 2-1996

Benton Morris -- 381 Cannon
per Cloyce Rucker -- 4-25-97

Darrel Farrer -- 363 FA
Per Post Office

Chester Ball -- 381-2nd BN
per Wife -- 3-19-97

William F. Collins, Jr. -- 921 FA
per J. H. Freeman -- 4-21-97

Elroy Genrich -- 382-C
per Daughter -- 12-11-96

Ivan S. Iverson -- 382-F
per Wife -- 12-10-96

James G. Ward --
per Post Office

Ralph C. Horton -- 382-B
per Post Office --

Albin C. Luberda -- 383 G
per Post Office -- 8-10-96

Raymond Peterson -- 383 B
per Estate Executor --



Eugene Brooks -- 383-I
per Mary Lou White -- 3-25-97

Robert J. Richter -- 381-3rd BN
per John Obal -- 4-8-97

Walter Fuhrman -- 363 FA
per Wife -- 1-20-97

Nick Fiocca -- 321 Medics
per Wife -- 2-23-97

Eugene S. Cox
per Wife -- 10-22-95

Harold Brenner -- 381-B
per Wife --

James M. Dragvold -- 381-K
per Wife -- 9-9-91

John H. Hunt -- 796 Ord.
per Wife --

David L. Hohns -- 381-C
per Mail -- 3-1997

Archie J. Babcock --
per Post Office -- 1986

Edward T. Hynes -- Signal
per Post Office --

Cecil Massey -- 728 AMT
per Post Office --

Arthur Cross -- 382-F
per Daughter -- 8-5-96

Stanley Rackas -- 381 Service
per Post Office

J. H. Chandler -- 381-2nd BN
Per C. Chandler -- 1991

Tom E. Sweeney -- 381 C
per Peter Koenig -- 3-9-97

Charles Bouse -- 831 E
per Post Office

Kirby Lee Forrest -- 382 B
per Wife -- 11-5-96

Raymond J. Lezotte
per Wife -- 1-1996

Walter Phillips --
per Mail -- 5-1-97

Floyd V. Weatherly -- 383 Service
per Wife -- 2-13-96

Walter E. Frickey -- 383-I
per Elaine Snyder -- 6-2-97

John Kegley -- 363 FA
per Post Office --

Vernon Bleeker -- 381-D
per Wife -- 5-14-97

Pat Casey -- 796 Ord
per Wife -- 1-22-96

Francis R. Dugger -- 383 Headquarters
per George Oller -- 5-16-97

Carl G. Johnson -- 382-G
per Son --

Alfred J. Berglas -- 383-K
per Post Office

Clarence Wicklund -- 383 M
per George Cowan -- 7-19-97

Bernard Rashis -- 382 D
per Richard Brooks -- 6-1994

Donald Trent --
per Post Office

Charles E. Gay -- 382 G
per Wife -- 4-9-97

Edward R. Tate -- 728 AMP
per Wife -- 1-6-97

Charles Kmiecik -- 382 C
per Post Office

Roland Lieck -- 381-1st BN
per Wife -- 9-18-95

H. W. McKelvey -- 383-I
per Mail --

Donald A. Schwuchow -- 921 FA
per Mail -- 3-3-97

Joe Earl Williams -- 362 FA
per Sister -- 4-21-96

Joe J. Fritz -- 381 E
per Robert Siefert -- 6-2-97

Paul E. Greer -- 383 M
per Wife -- 5-2-97

Eugene Brown -- 383 F
per Orrie Gruwell -- 5-14-97

Alfred F. Engelken --
per Wife -- 5-17-96

Robert J. Forton -- Recon.
per Wife -- 1-10-97

Ted R. Johnson 381 K
per Wife -- 3-21-97

Earl F. Machart -- 321 Eng.
per Walter Gorell -- 1997

Floyd Blair -- 321 Eng.
per Ralph Mikolaiczik -- 7-10-97

Paul G. Reiseig -- 382-D
per Janet Reiseig -- 11-4-95

Joe A. Rohla -- 921 FA
per Dowaine Kinser -- 5-3-97

Vincent Kurkowski -- 362 FA
per Theresa Kurkowski --

Ray Alston -- 382-G
per Wife -- 7-19-97

George C. Riddle -- Signal
per Harold Straube -- 8-21-97

Byrl Cummins -- Signal
per Wife -- 10-4-97

Walter Phillips -- 383 B
per Mail -- 5-1-97

Elmer Rauenkranz -- 381 3rd BN
per Elmer Shady -- 9-1997

Thomas Zorn -- 382 M
per son -- 3-2-95

Leroy Easterbrook -- 728 AMT
per Mail -- 1-7-96

Lafayette L. Loyd -- 361 FA
per Wife -- 6-24-97

Ralph K. Sebolt -- 382 AT
per Post Office

Carl McReynolds -- 383 Headquarters
per Mail

John Wynn -- 382 BN. HQ.
per Richard Haglund -- 12-2-97

Walter Wulfers -- 383 E & H
per Richard Haglund

Robert Illum -- 381 G
per Wife -- 4-15-97

John Rielak -- 381 Cannon
per Post Office

Byron King -- 383 1st BN
per William G. Brown --

Lloyd Tedford -- 381 Cannon
per William G. Brown --

Hartsel Acord -- 383 Cannon
per Ralph W. Murphy -- 1-1997

Wesley Brown -- 381 D
per Wife -- 5-31-97

Charles Downs -- 383 AT
per John Rader -- 9-26-97

Gene Westergaard -- 381 2nd BN
per Iden Johnson -- 10-24-97

George J. Dietrich -- Div. Hq.
per Wife -- 9-22-97

Lindell L. Cadwell -- 363 FA
per Post Office

Charles Lowry -- 383 3rd BN
per Post Office

Clarence C. Moes -- 321 Eng.
per Wife -- 12-4-96

Casper Wolf -- 383 L
per Post Office

Richard J. Land -- 361 FA
per Mail -- 1994

Willard Hartness -- 383 A
per Wife -- 6-14-97

Walter Gospodarec --
per Wife -- 11-11-97

Leslie R. Lusk -- 361 FA
per Son 12-5-97

Edwin N. Sprank --
per Wife -- 1-1997

Irving Soderlund -- 383 F
per Mercer Carey --

James Hanna --
per Mail -- 11-22-97

Walter J. Lopienski -- 383 B
per Wife -- 11-25-97

George Buxton -- 383-K
per Ruth Below -- 11-9-97

Ronald Keith Carlson --
per Douglas Burton -- 1-31-98

Jerome E. DeBrun -- 381-H
per Daughter -- 10-2-96

Jacy E. Hasley -- 383-E
per Frank Bolton -- 9-1997

William J. Kolarik --
per Son -- 7-9-97

Egbert R. Milstead, Jr. -- 381-I
per Wife -- 12-28-97

Paul Boileau -- 381 Hq.
per Clarence Blessing -- 1998

Daniel Jack Lundberg -- 921 FA
per Dowaine Kinser -- 3-11-98

Aaron L. Wheeler -- 383 A
per Wife -- 9-18-97

Joseph L. Womack -- 383 1st BN
per Wife -- 10-12-97

Vester C. Bell -- 363 FA
per Stepson -- 5-16-96

Ivan E. VanHouten -- 381 3rd BN
per John Obal -- 1-22-98

Grover W. Howard -- 381-snd BN
per Wife -- 1-31-98

Loren K. Soth --
per Iden Johnson -- 2-9-98

Delmar E. (Duke) Hansen -- 381-D
per Frank Bolton -- 2-1998

John W. Mulhern -- 796 Ord.
per Ben C. Confer -- 2-9-98

Jack P. Kramer -- 382-L
per Alva Smith -- 2-6-98

Bud Beeler -- 381 Anti Tank
per Wife -- 2-13-98

Cleo Green -- 383-K
per Wife -- 10-12-97

MERCHANDISE SALES

Once again we are ready to get together for our 42nd Reunion. The Auxiliary will have outstanding merchandise for sale at our Merchandise Table. Anyone who would like to help sell certainly will be welcome. Men make very good sales persons too. If interested please contact:

Anne Obal
4219 Mason Street
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ATTENTION ALL DEADEYES!

Any former member of the 96th Infantry Division (or family member) who has any items pertaining to the Division days they would like to contribute to the Oregon Military Museum may send them to the historian or bring them to the next Reunion.

Milo Thompson, Historian
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REMEMBER!!!

Plan now to attend the 96th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

1998 -- Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center -- July 23, 24 and 25, 1998,
Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

1999 -- Marriott Tech Center -- August 5, 6 and 7, 1999, Denver, Co.



I'm sorry I am late with my dues. I always enjoy reading the Dispatch. I like very much hearing about my old Army Buddies. I am very proud to have been a Deadeye of the 96th Division.

Carl H. Barnhart -- 363FA
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I received a request from one of our members asking how many enlisted men from the 96th received direct commissions on Leyte. Would all those men who did receive direct (battlefield) commissions drop me a line to that effect? It won't tell us accurately, but will perhaps give our buddy the answer for which he is searching.

Milo C. Thompson, Historian
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Enclosed is my check for membership dues and a donation for the Pacific Monument Fund. I met some wonderful guys in the 96th -- especially in the 3rd Battalion 383 Company M Mortar Platoon. I shall never forget them. May God Bless all of you as HE did while we were fighting those battles.

Wilson Gilmore
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I'm enclosing a check for my lifetime membership dues. Have been to several reunions in the past, but at my age may never be able to go again. Do appreciate the Dispatch.

John T. Hickerson -- 382-K
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I would like to contact ASTP's such as myself assigned to 382 Anti-Tank Company, then later to 382 Regimental Headquarters Defense Platoon. I was an ASTP at the University of Chicago. I'm still working full time.

Eugene R. Johnson (Bob)
1083 American St.
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Enclosed is my check for Life Membership. I look forward to the Dispatch Booklet. I am retired Motor Inspector from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. I was married for 44 years before becoming a widower. I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I was in 321st Engineer Company H and S. I joined the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair and I left Mindora in December of 1945. I have never attended a reunion but I plan on attending the next reunion. Good Luck To All of You.

Daniel Polverini
103 Lincoln Place
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Enclosed is my check for the Life Membership in the Association plus a small donation. I joined the Division two days before we boarded ship in Hawaii for the Philippines and was evacuated from Leyte with a Purple Heart. I have not been to a Reunion. I'm sorry I was not in St. Louis, as I missed an opportunity to see my Company C. O. I plan to attend the Northwest Chapter meeting next June.

Alfred W. Stanley -- 381-F
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Thanks for the leadership, effort and Deadeye Dispatch. I was privileged to join the 96th Division as a Platoon Leader of a Rifle Platoon for the last half of the Okinawan Battle. It was the best Rifle Platoon in the U. S. Army, and numerically we were the First Platoon of the First Company, of the First Battalion of the First Regiment of the 96th Division. That equates to the 1st Platoon A Company 381st Infantry Regiment. We often thought they lost track of whose turn it was to assault and just started over with Number One. Our Code name was Sebonay Able One. They certainly were the "ABLE ONES!" Sending my dues for life membership -- an excellent idea. Keep up the good work. Would love to hear from any of the "ABLE ONES."

Sam Watkins -- 381-A
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Enclosed is my check and application for Life Membership. Thanks to all you active members for keeping our Association alive. Also thank to all those members of Company H. 381st who attend the reunions and represent the rest of us. Maybe next time!

James F. Gibson
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Enclosed is my check for the Life Membership in the 96th Division Association. I see by the Deadeye Dispatch that I have made 20 of the 40 reunions. I was one of that 103 that made the first one. Don't know how many more I can make. I have had 3 by-passes. Keep up the good work.

Everett D. Shawgo -- 383 Cannon
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Here is my dues for Life Membership and also for my wife's Life Membership in the Auxiliary. This will keep us from falling behind and hope is keeps the Deadeye Dispatch coming. I enjoy reading about all the Deadeye news.

Dwight H. Rappi -- 381-G
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Thanks for the Deadeye Dispatch. I've been able to attend three of our Reunions. I still love all of the men of the 96th. I enjoy the letters in the Dispatch and commend you and others that work so hard to make this possible. Check for Life dues enclosed.

Raymond Greer -- 382-E
5104 Burrow Dr.
No. Little Rock, Ar. 72116

Enclosed is my dues for this year. I hope to get to the next Reunion. Couldn't make this year as we were in the process of moving to Albany, Or. from Beaverton. We like it fine here as this is where I grew up and went to school before the war.

George H. Ashford -- 381-M
2463 Del Rio Ct. SE
Albany, Or. 97321-6372

Enclosed is my check for 1998 dues. I have been to 3 reunions so far. It is hard for me to get away. I joined the 96th Division at Camp Adair, Or. in November 1942.

Earl H. Korring -- 383-D
2211 5th Ave.
Nebraska City, Ne. 68410

Good idea, having instituted this lifetime membership. I was with this company up to the time after Bend, Oregon maneuvers. It was then that I was hospitalized due to a freak accident. I never went with the guys overseas, since I was incapacitated. However, I was shipped to the European Theater during the Bulge. I am enclosing my check as noted on the Application. Keep sending the Deadeye Disoatch.

Rubin Garfinkel -- 1st Bn. Hq. 383
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It is with regret that I have not been able to attend even one of the past thirty-nine reunions. At this time in my life I cannot recall any good reason for not attending in any of those years and hope to finally accomplish that venture in 1998. I have always scrutinized the list of each year's attendees' and seldom see the name of any buddies with whom I served. Probably, like me, they just stayed home; but time has quickly passed and as is often stated, "We're not getting any younger."

Enclosed is my dues for a life membership and a little extra for years I may have missed. Also, I collect pins for a hobby and wonder if it is possible to get the pin for the 383rd regiment? I certainly would appreciate any of my old buddies to contact me in the event they would like to correspond on occasion.

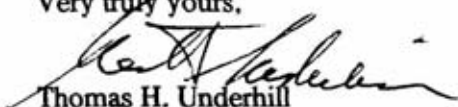
William T. Peregrin -- 383-K
8571 Ravendale Rd.
San Gabriel, Ca. 91775-1121

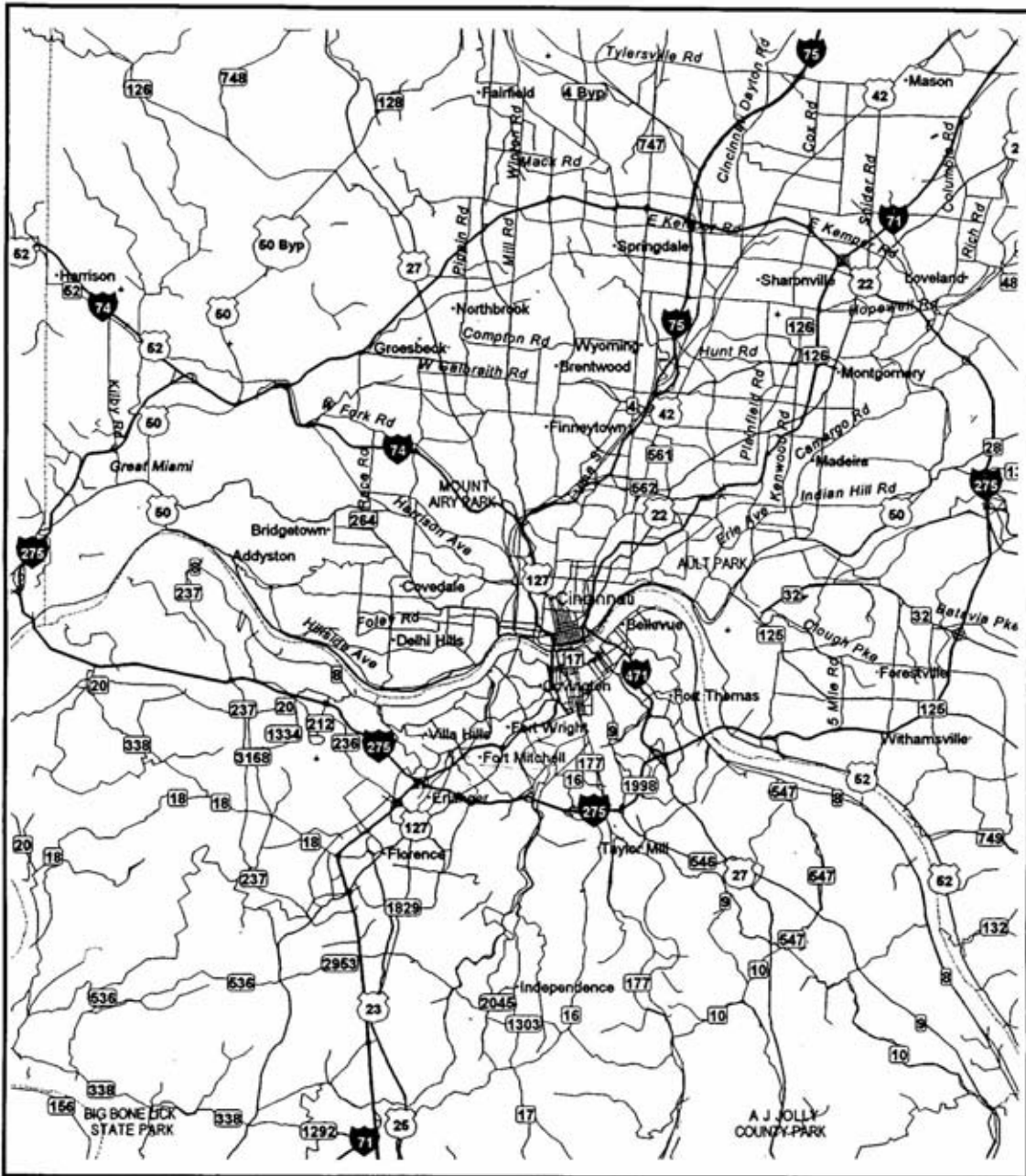
I enclose herewith an additional contribution to the MONUMENT FUND. Does the Ad Hoc Committee have a cost figure in mind at this time and how short is the fund from reaching the goal?

When I was evacuated from Okinawa on July 4, 1945, my duffle bag and all its contents (including a fifth of Three Feathers Whiskey) remained with Hq Co 3rd Bn 381st, Except for the bottle of whiskey which was consumed by Willie Bannister of Norman, Okla, et al., the rest of the contents never caught up with me.

The only item which I would appreciate having from the duffle bag, at this late date, would be the Regimental Insignia. If any member of the 381st in the Association has an extra one laying around the house, I would certainly appreciate receiving it.

Very truly yours,


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on the following:**

Attractions

- Barleycorn's Riverboats
- Basilica of the Assumption
- Carroll Chimes Bell Tower
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Cincinnati Zoo
- Covington Landing/
BB Riverboats
- Paramount's Kings Island
- Krohn Conservatory
- Oldenberg Brewery and
Entertainment Center
- Riverbend
- Museum Center at
Union Terminal

Sports

- Cincinnati Bengals/
Cincinnati Reds
- Coney Island
- Cincinnati Cyclones
- River Downs Racetrack
- Turfway Park Racetrack

Shopping

- Florence Mall
- MainStrasse Village
- Tower Place Mall
- Watertower Square

Hotels

- The Ho Jo Hotel
- Bluegrass Convention Center
- Commonwealth Hilton Hotel
- Drawbridge Estate and
Convention Center
- Embassy Suites --RiverCentre
- Holiday Inn - Airport
- Holiday Inn - Florence
- Holiday Inn - Riverfront
- Holiday Inn - South
- Quality Hotel--Riverview
- Radisson Inn Airport
- Signature Inn - Turfway
- Wildwood Inn & Fundome