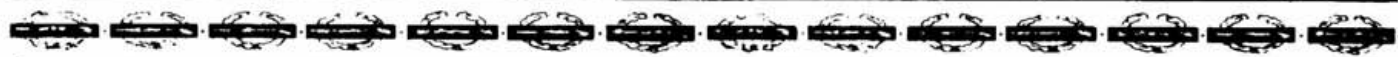
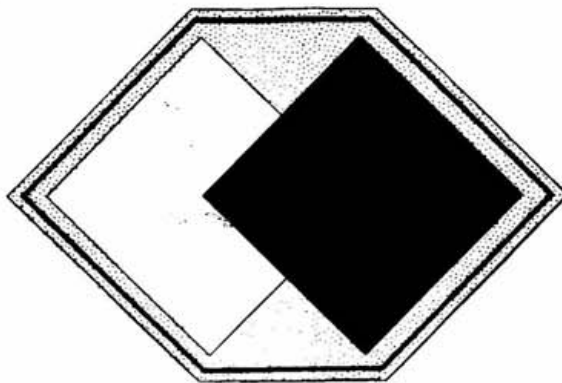


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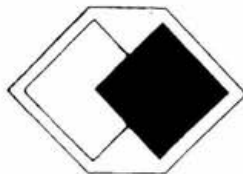
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President's Corner



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



Spring 1999

Dear Deadeyes, Wives, Families and Friends,

“Three times is a charm” the old saying goes. This marks our forty-second reunion (August 5, 6, 7) and it will be our third time in Denver (1971, 1979, 1999). Denver is a dynamic area, much has changed since our last reunion there.

During our planning meeting in October 1998, the committee had an opportunity to visit some of the tour areas and we were impressed with what we saw.

Hopefully, you will also take the time to greet your friends and welcome newcomers—some perhaps you may not have seen since World War II.

Each reunion is of increasing significance to me as it is to other Deadeyes. God has seen fit for us to return home from battle and be blessed with wives, children, grandchildren, and for some, great-grandchildren. You have had the opportunity to share many experiences with them.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Denver.

Sincerely,

Richard (Dick) Haglund, President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members:

It has been my privilege to be a member of the Planning Committee for the 96th Infantry Division Reunion for 1999. It is exciting for me to be involved with the planning of this reunion since I reside in Colorado. As a member of this committee, I was able to have an enjoyable visit to the Marriott Hotel in Denver. The hotel facilities are superb. There are excellent restaurants within the hotel serving everything from a Pan Pizza to gourmet dining. The hotel staff are courteous and willing to assist in making the time spent at their hotel a pleasant experience.

The Planning Committee selected tours so everyone can enjoy Colorful Colorado. The trip to the top of Pike's Peak via the Cog Railway is an outstanding experience. Flying W Ranch is such a fun way to enjoy an evening under the stars listening to the Flying W Wranglers serenade you with their music.

The Auxiliary Officers and myself invite you to join us at our General Meeting. There are several issues that need to be resolved and we would welcome your suggestions. It is your organization and with your help we can continue to maintain a successful Auxiliary. We are in need of ladies to serve as leaders of the Auxiliary. It has been for me an exciting time to work with the sisterhood that we call the 96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary.

We have a lovely room for our Ladies Luncheon and I eagerly look forward to sharing with you the entertainment that was selected for your enjoyment. The Molly Brown Victorian Fashion Show will be a delightful combination of ladies modeling Victorian dresses as well as music from that era.

Make your reservations and join us as we gather in Denver for the 1999 reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Association. If you cannot join us, be with us in spirit as we honor the men who served so proudly with the 96th Infantry Division.

In the bond of the 96th,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glendoris Cole".

Glendoris Cole, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

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

40 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Val Heinrich

ATTENDED ALL 41 REUNIONS

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

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARD

Thomas Roby

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Anne Obal

SPECIAL AWARD

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



notices

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

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 1999 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day in 1999 at the American Legion Post in Marysville, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. To get on the mailing list please contact RUSSELL WATTS -- 5107 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 thir Annual Reunion June 6, 1999, at the Gentle House on the Western Oregon University Campus. All Deadeyes and attached personnel are welcome. It will be POT LUCK at noon. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. For more information contact CECIL WILLIAMS -- 1218 King Rd., Winlock, Wa. 98596-9756 or RICHARD HAGLUND -- 1504 Euclid St., Steilacoom, Wa. 98388-3310

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DATE	PLACE	NUMBER	PRESIDENT	DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE
1958	St. Louis, Mo.	103	Minor Butler	
1959	Chicago, Il.	223	Minor Butler	
1960	Kansas City, Mo.	264	Hubert Hoffman	
1961	Detroit, Mi.	over 250	Morris Roberts	
1962	Dallas, Tx.	over 200	Willard "Hoss" Mitchell	
1963	Little Rock, Ar.	about 200	Jake Fisher	
1964	Portland, Or.	about 150	Patrick McDermott	Minor Butler
1965	Minneapolis, Mn.	330	Alex Markus	Richard Klassen
1966	Indianapolis, In.	364	Robert Huff	Ed Dakan
1967	Omaha, Ne.	351	Peter Pohl	Edmund Biggs
1968	Chicago, Il.	551	Paul Bauer	Harold Roetker
1969	Des Moines, Ia.	354	Robert Fitzpatrick	Alex Markus
1970	Detroit, Mi.	434	Henry White	LeRoy Collins, Jr.
1971	Denver, Co.	376	Edward Dunning, Jr.	James Breece
1972	New Orleans, La.	426	Joe Fritz	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, Il.	526	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, In.	433	James Breece	Sam Benson
1975	Kansas City, Ks.	482	Edmund Biggs	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, Tx.	462	Cyril Dean Sterner	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, Oh.	449	Tyson Shelton	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, La.	398	Douglas Burton	Henry White
1979	Denver, Co.	432	Atwell Champion	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, Il.	533	Fred Weeks	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, Wi.	487	Glenn Hamilton	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, Mi.	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, Tx.	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, Mn.	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, Ok.	549	Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, Ca.	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, Tn.	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, Il.	622	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, S.D.	632	Tom Roby	George Buttell
1990	Omaha, Ne.	660	James Warren	Donald Foster
1991	Spokane, Wa.	511	James Knight	Hubert Hoffman
1992	Louisville, Ky.	670	Joseph Garabedian	Tyson Shelton
1993	Sparks, Nv.	519	Robert Siefert	Louis DeLuca
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.	645	Robert Schmidt	Joe Fritz
1995	Lubbock, Tx.	416	Louis Canedo	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, Ia.	517	Glen Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, Mo.	550	Don Dencker	Iden Johnson
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.	416	John Elliot	Tom Roby
1999	Denver, Co.		Richard Haglund	
2000	Salt Lake City, Ut.			
2001	Omaha, Ne.			

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



DENVER MARRIOTT TECH CENTER
DENVER, COLORADO
(303) 779-1100
1999

HOTEL LOCATION

The Denver Marriott Tech Center is located at 4900 South Syracuse Street just off I-225. It is easily accessible to I-70 and I-225 and is fifteen minutes from downtown Denver. Local attractions include Colorado Springs/Pike's Peak, Estes Park, Denver Botanic Gardens, U.S. Mint, Denver Zoo, and Coors Brewery.

Directions to the hotel: From Denver International Airport (twenty-four miles), take Pena Boulevard to I-70 west to I-225 south. From I-225 south, take Yosemite Exit (two), continue west to DTC Boulevard; turn left (south). Proceed to East Union Avenue; turn right. Go west to South Syracuse Street; turn left. The Denver Marriott Tech Center is on the right.

HOTEL EXTRAS

The Denver Marriott Tech Center consists of 625 guest rooms. All rooms are equipped with individual climate control, remote-control cable TV with in room pay-per-view movies, AM/FM clock radio, two line telephone with message light, executive desk, iron and ironing boards, coffee makers and hair dryers. Other hotel services include a gift shop, safe-deposit boxes, valet service, beauty/barber shop, car rental desk, and concierge lounge. Enjoy some of the hotels many recreational facilities such as the indoor/outdoor pools, steam room, sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room. Golf, tennis, jogging and skiing are nearby.

Handicapped and nonsmoking rooms are available. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. Monday through Saturday check in time is 3pm; check out is noon. Sunday check out time is noon. The bellman will be happy to store your luggage if you arrive prior to 3pm. Early check in requests will be honored as rooms become available. Parking is free and RV parking is also available. Please call the hotel for details regarding RV parking.

Hotel Dining:

- Allie's American Grille*: Serving traditional breakfast and lunch favorites in an atrium-garden setting. Hours of operation are 6:30am - 2pm.
- Front Range Trading Post*: Freshly made two-fisted sandwiches and take-out snacks. Also featuring the *Gourmet Bean* coffees, frozen yogurt, pastries, soups & salads. Hours of operation are 5:30am - 1am Monday - Saturday and 6:30am - 1am on Sunday.
- Compari's*: Serves a variety of Northern Italian cuisine including fresh seafood, traditional pastas, gelati and sorbetti. Hours of operation are 5pm - 10pm. Reservations are recommended; please call ext. 224.
- Pizza Hut*: Order a delicious pizza made fresh at the hotel. Located in the Front Range Trading Post.
- Great Divide Micro Brew*: Featuring a traditional American menu. Hours of operation are 3pm Monday - Friday; 12 noon Saturday & Sunday and operates with seasonal closing times. Call ext. 166 for current hours of operation.
- Room Service hours of operation are 6:30 am - 1am, dial ext. 150.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

SuperShuttle offers transportation to and from the hotel at a current fare of \$17 one way and \$30 round trip. Shuttles are offered daily from 4am to Midnight. Airport departures are every fifteen minutes. All major credit cards are accepted. If you need service from the airport to the hotel proceed, directly to the SuperShuttle counter located at Baggage Claim/Level 5 of the Main Terminal. Counter staff will direct you to the appropriate shuttle loading area on Island 3. Departures from Denver Marriott Tech Center are every thirty minutes. Call SuperShuttle for a schedule or more information at (303) 370-1300.

NEARBY RV PARK

Cherry Creek Reservoir is located about 20 minutes from the hotel. For more information, please call (303) 690-1166.

WHEELCHAIRS

Should you need to rent a wheelchair while at the reunion, Rentax rents standard wheelchairs at \$12.10 per day and \$39.20 weekly. A current drivers license and major credit card are required. They will deliver to and pick-up from the hotel for \$30. Please call Rentax at (303) 972-9712 one month prior to reserve a wheelchair.

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DENVER **Marriott**
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The Denver Marriott Tech Center is pleased you have selected us for your upcoming visit.
Our staff looks forward to providing you with the finest in Marriott hospitality.

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2. Send us the entire number on the credit card you are using, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER or CARTE BLANCHE. *Please include the expiration date and your signature.* **Your card will be charged for the room deposit when your reservation is received and will also be used for final payment upon checkout.**

GROUP:

96th Infantry Division Reunion

THE DATES FOR THE MEETING ARE LISTED BELOW
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Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
P.O. Box 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 96th Infantry Division

OFFICE USE ONLY
Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS July 1, 1999

	PRICE PER	x	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	AMOUNT
Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. Registration Fee (Please refer to the enclosed application for Association/Auxiliary dues payment procedures)	\$ 3	x	_____	=	_____
Wednesday: Air Force Academy/Garden of the Gods	\$39	x	_____	=	_____
Wednesday: Flying W Ranch	\$41	x	_____	=	_____
Thursday: Pikes Peak Cog Railway	\$52	x	_____	=	_____
Friday: Auxiliary Luncheon	\$12	x	_____	=	_____
Friday: City Tour	\$20	x	_____	=	_____
Friday: Beer Bust	\$ 6	x	_____	=	_____
Saturday: Teller House Casino	\$35	x	_____	=	_____
Saturday Night Banquet	Mark your choice(s)				
Ribeye Filet garnished with sweet onion and tomato relish with a rosemary sherry sauce	\$28	x	_____	=	_____
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SPOUSE NAME _____

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Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by Friday, July 30, 1999 (less a \$3 processing fee). After that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm eastern time (excluding holidays), CALL (757) 625-6401 to obtain your cancellation code.**



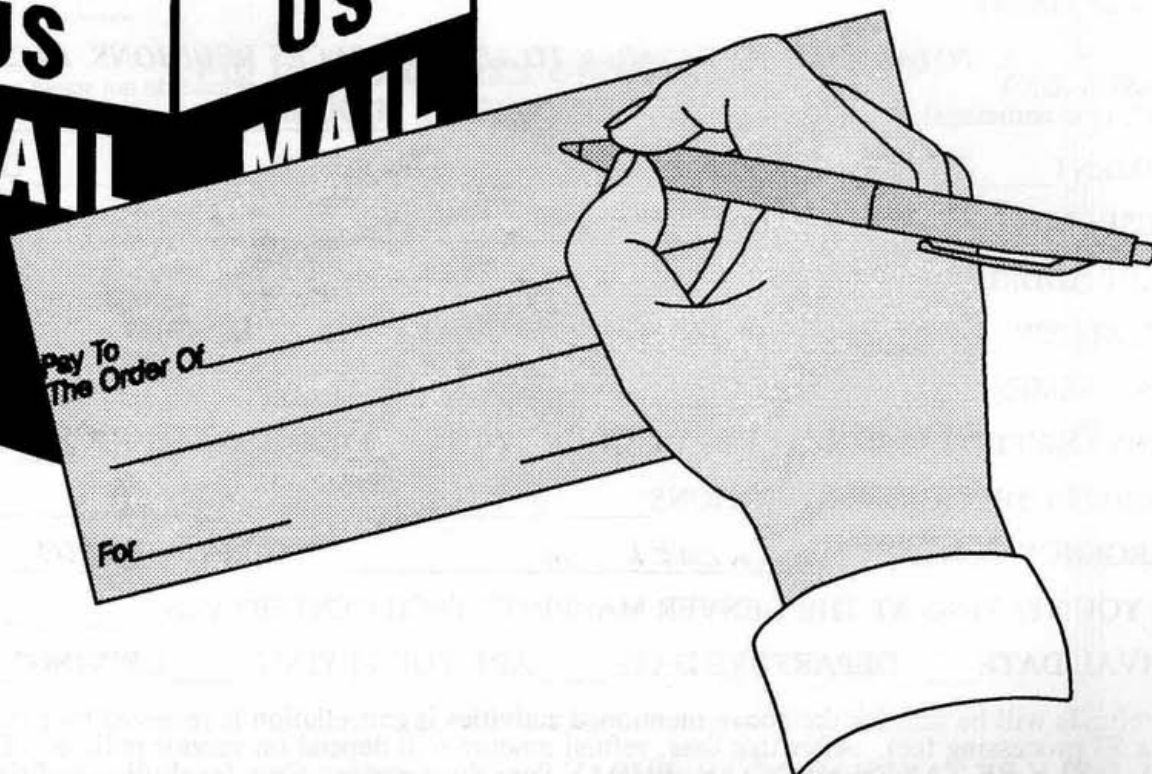
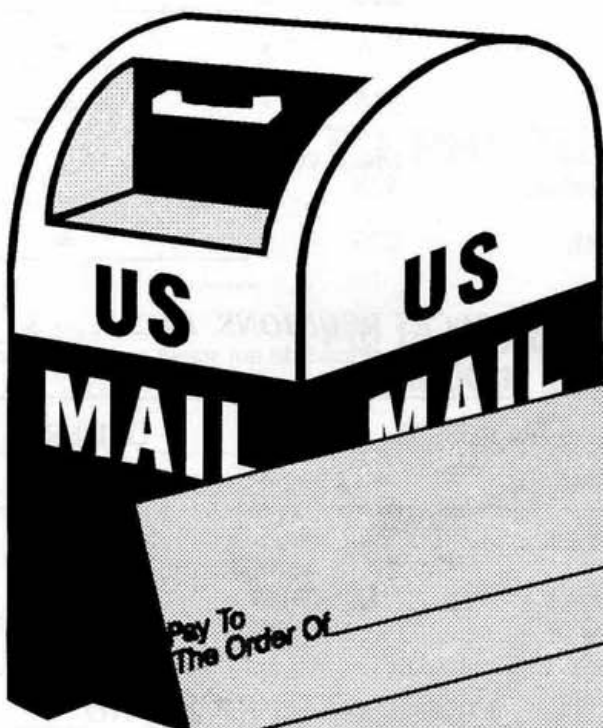
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96th INFANTRY TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

(Buses will board outside the Convention Services Entrance to the left of the Main Lobby as you are facing the doors)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS

- 8:30 Board bus for Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy.
- 9:30 Upon arrival, begin a self-guided tour of the Academy Visitor Center, with exhibits on cadet life and academy history, a theater, and gift shop.
- 10:00 Reboard bus for a visit to the Cadet Chapel. Tour the Protestant and Catholic sections of the Chapel as your guide narrates.
- 10:45 Reboard bus for the Officer's Club. Lunch will consist of a turkey and cheese croissant with lettuce and tomato, pickle spear, potato salad, fruit garnish, brownie or cookie, coffee and iced tea.
- 12:15 Reboard bus and proceed to Garden of the Gods, a 1,350 acre park with magnificent Redstone formations that date back 300 million years. There will be several photo opportunities amidst this magnificent scenery. Make a final stop at the Trading Post, where the finest in authentic Indian arts, crafts, and jewelry are featured. Light snacks are also available.
- 2:30 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 3:30pm.

*\$39/Person includes bus, guide, and lunch.
FLYING W RANCH*

- 5:15 Board bus for the Flying W Ranch.
- 6:30 Upon arrival, browse around this authentic old western town with twenty-four different museums and gift shops. There is an Indian Pueblo designed after the great pueblos of Taos, a blacksmith shop, an underground Indian Kiva, an adobe jail, post office and much more. There is also a small mine tunnel available for touring, as well as an old-fashioned drug store, complete with soda fountain and antique pharmacy.
- 7:30 Round'em up for a real Chuckwagon Dinner at the Ranch in a unique, heated barn, or outdoors, weather permitting. The wranglers dish up a delicious supper of BBQ beef and BBQ Chicken, baked potatoes, chunky applesauce, homemade biscuits with honey and butter, famous Flying W beans, old-fashioned spice cake, and coffee, lemonade, or iced tea. Alcoholic beverages are not available. Dress is casual.
- 8:30 After supper, be entertained "western-style". Sit back and enjoy a root-en, toot-en stage show with real cowboys singing old songs of the West with slap-stick comedy thrown in for your enjoyment. It's just good, clean fun. You will be taken back to years gone by, to another era, to an atmosphere that will beckon you to escape for awhile and an evening long to be remembered.
- 9:30 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 10:45pm.

\$41/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner show.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY

- 1:00 After lunch on your own, board bus for the Cog Railway in Colorado Springs.
- 2:15 Begin boarding the train that will take you into the clouds.
- 2:40 The train departs for Pikes Peak. You'll travel nine miles skyward to an elevation of 14,000 feet. View a continuous panorama of breathtaking scenery. Be sure to wear a sweater as it tends to be cooler at the peak, from which you can see Denver seventy-five miles to the north and into New Mexico! At the peak you have twenty minutes to browse in the Summit House, which features an information desk, curio shop, and sandwich shop.
- 5:50 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 7:15pm.

\$52/Person includes bus, escort, and train ride.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

CITY TOUR

- 1:30 Board bus and travel westward to the foothills. Continuing up the canyon, drive to the top of Look-out Mountain, the site of Buffalo Bill's Grave. The view of the Eastern Plains is spectacular. Next, take a look at what's brewing in the Rockies. Coors Brewery, the largest brewery in the United States, uses 13,640-gallon kettles to brew their famous beer to perfection. Enjoy a thirty minute walking tour of the facility, followed by refreshing samples of Coors products in the hospitality lounge and free time to browse in the Coors & Co. gift shop. Next, tour the heart of the city, downtown Denver. Rich in frontier heritage, and coupled with modern growth, you will see both the old and the new in this "mile high city." Your guide will share exciting narrative as you drive by the Molly Brown House, home of "Unsinkable Molly"; Larimer Square, Denver's historic district; 16th Street Mall; Tivoli; Victorian-style mansions, many of which were built by successful gold miners; 9th Street Park; and the beautiful State Capitol building. This impressive edifice, a replica of our nation's capitol, was constructed from Colorado granite rock, marble, rose quartz and 24-karat gold. Catch glimpses of Denver's past, present, and future on this informative and entertaining tour.
- 5:30 Arrive back at the hotel at the latest.

Note: Maximum number of people for this tour is 225. Reservations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$20/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

TELLER HOUSE CASINO

- 12:15 Prior to boarding the bus, pick up a box lunch consisting of a ham and cheese on rye, pasta salad, chips, fruit, cookie, and a beverage. Enjoy lunch and the spectacular scenery as you travel the foothills of the Rockies and Clear Creek Canyon on your way to the Teller House Casino.
- 1:15 Arrive at Central City. Once described as the "richest square mile on earth" due to its success in mining, this city is rich in both history and Victorian charm. Begin your visit with a guided tour of the famous Teller House. Built in 1872, it was known as the finest hotel (outside of Denver) west of the Mississippi. Today, guests can try their luck with limited stakes gambling on a variety of slot machines, video poker machines, Keno, and blackjack. Be sure to keep an eye out for the infamous Teller House Ghosts, known for their love of hovering over live blackjack games and hearing the familiar jingle of the slot machines. You'll also want to visit The Face Bar with its painting of the mysterious "Face on the Barroom Floor", as well as several other amusing murals on the walls, which were discovered under layers of wallpaper during the 1932 renovation. The second floor is now home to The Teller House Museum, where you can view the priceless antique furniture and many of the original rooms that have been preserved.
- 3:15 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4:15pm.

\$35/Person includes bus, guide, box lunch, and Teller House tour.

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

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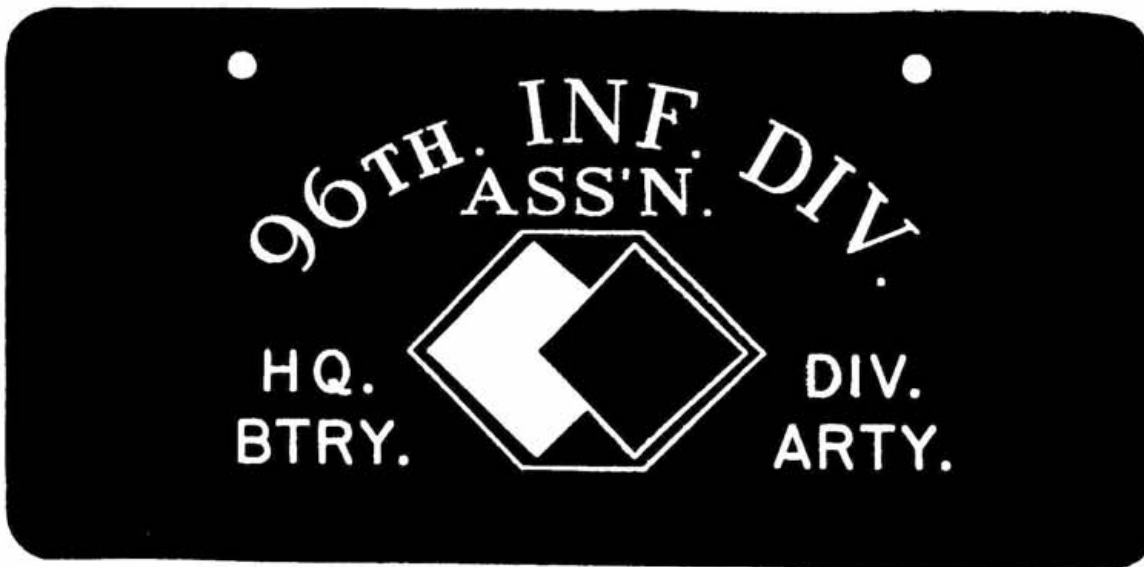
I have had requests for License Plate Size "96th Div. Assn." Plate. They are made of special outdoor Plastic, Blue background with White lettering. If your State has only one License Plate the "96th Plate will fit in place of Second License Plate.

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

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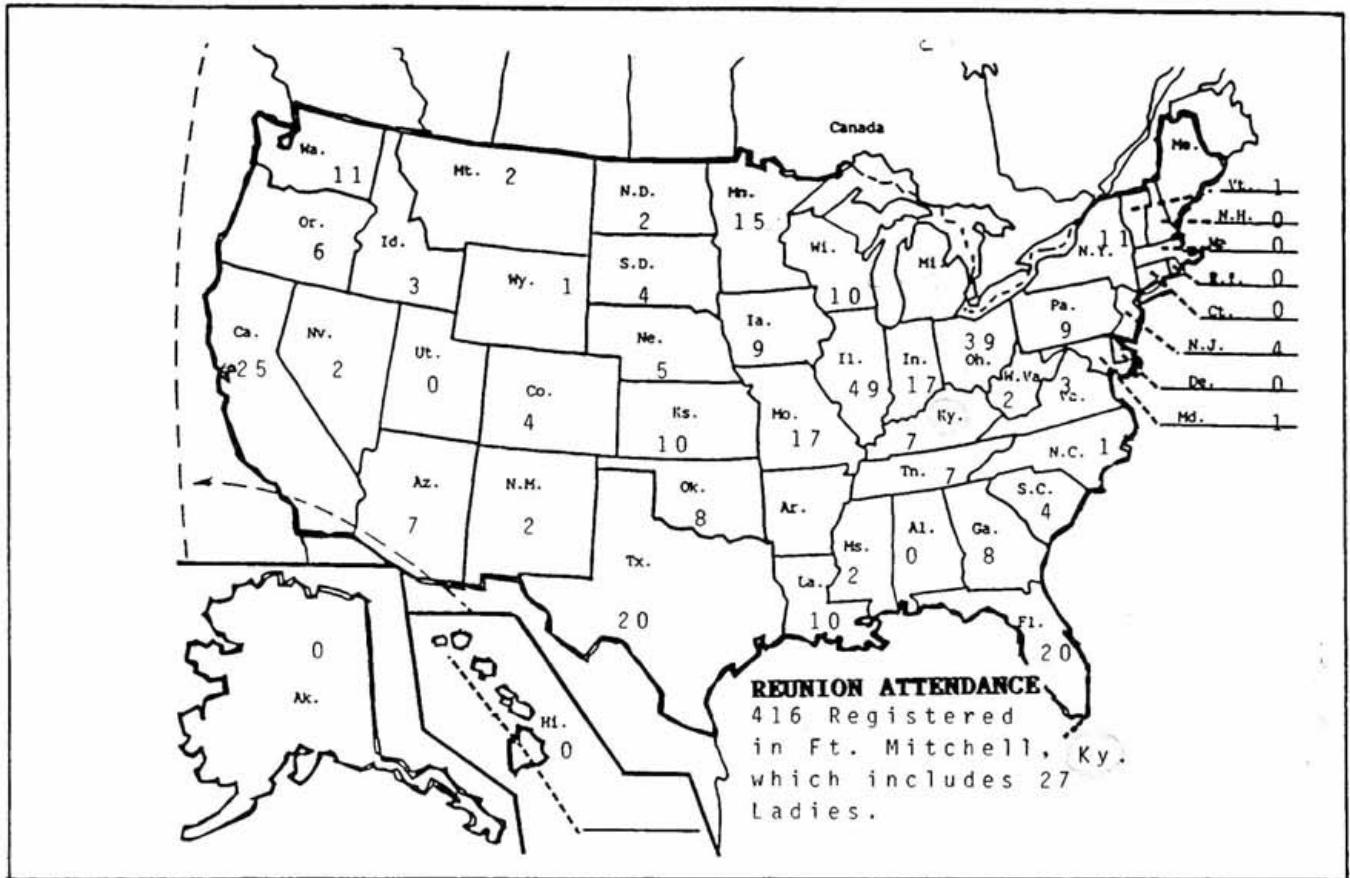
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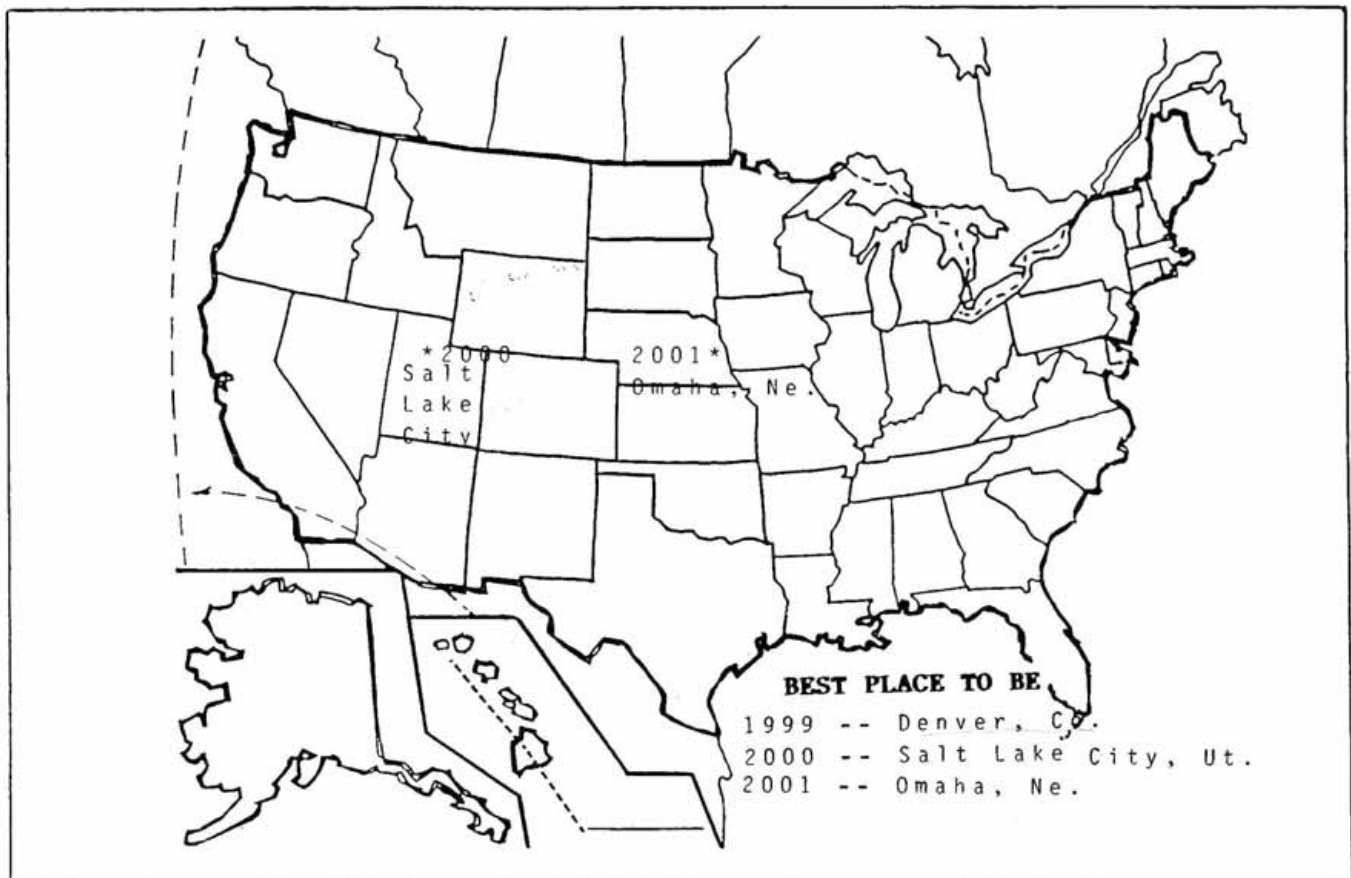
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NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS



**96th INFANTRY DIVISION - 42nd ANNUAL REUNION
DENVER MARRIOTT TECH CENTER
DENVER, CO**

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

R & R (Atrium).

Individually priced breakfast items will be on sale in the atrium Thursday - Saturday. Prices are as follows: coffee, tea, decaf - \$.50; fruit - \$1; breakfast breads, danish, and muffins - \$1; bagel and cream cheese - \$2; cold cereals with milk - \$2; soft drinks - \$1.50; juice - \$1.75. Tax is included; gratuity optional.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

2:00 Early arrival and registration until 7pm (Conference Foyer).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 Registration continues until 8am (Conference Foyer).
8:30 Board bus for the Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods. Return by 3:30pm.
11:30 Registration continues until 4pm (Conference Foyer).
1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 4pm (Conifer I).
5:15 Board bus for the Flying W Ranch. Return by 10:45pm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 Executive Committee Meeting (Larkspur Room).
8:00 Ladies Auxiliary Executive Meeting (Primrose Room).
10:00 Historical Room will be open until 8pm (Conifer 2-3).
10:30 Registration continues until 12:30pm (Conference Foyer).
1:00 Board bus for the Cog Railway in Colorado Springs. Return by 7:15pm.
2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Conifer I).
3:30 Registration continues until 7:30pm (Conference Foyer).
8:00 Reunion Kick-Off Party until 11pm (Columbine Center).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 General Open Meeting until 9:30am (Columbine Center).
9:30 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until noon (Columbine Center). Afterwards, individually priced lunch items will be on sale. Prices are as follows: deli sandwich - \$4.50; small compound salad - \$1; chips - \$.75; brownie or cookie - \$1; soft drinks - \$1.50; coffee, tea, or decaf - \$.50. Tax is included; gratuity optional.
9:30 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting until 11am (Evergreen D-F).
10:00 Historical Room will be open until 8pm (Conifer 2-3).
10:30 Registration continues until 12:30pm (Conference Foyer).
11:00 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon (Evergreen A-C). During lunch, enjoy Molly Brown's Victorian Fashion Show. Your hostess, dressed as Molly herself, will share a glimpse of authentic period clothing representative of the late 1800's through the early 1900's. Taped piano selections from the Broadway musical, "Unsinkable Molly Brown," accompany this festive activity. This luncheon will conclude promptly at 1pm.
1:30 Board bus for a guided city tour of Denver. Return by 5:30pm.
2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Conifer I).
4:00 Registration continues until 7pm (Conference Foyer).
7:00 Banquet Table Reservations until 8pm (Conference Foyer).
8:00 Beer Bust and Dance until 11pm. Entertainment by the Springs Band (Columbine Center).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 Sale of Merchandise until 10:30am (Conifer I).
9:00 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until 10:30am (Columbine Center).
10:00 Registration continues until 11am (Conference Foyer).
10:00 Historical Room will be open until 4pm (Conifer 2-3).
11:00 Memorial Service until 12:00 noon (Columbine Center).
12:15 Board bus for Teller House Casino in Central City. Return by 4:15pm.
5:30 Social Hour with a cash bar (Columbine Center).
6:30 Banquet Dinner until 9pm (Columbine Center).
9:00 Entertainment by the Springs Band until midnight (Columbine Center).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Farewells and departure.

Function room names are subject to change; please refer to the reader board daily.

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	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
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	- - - - -	_____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	- - - - -	_____
DONATIONS		- - - - -	_____
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AUXILIARY DUES ONLY:
REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO: 96TH Infantry Division Assn. Auxiliary
MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT, TREASURER
53034 Ormerod's Shores Road DEER RIVER, MN 56636

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

IF . . . this is a change of address, give old address as well as new!

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Name _____ Unit _____ (Co. Regt.) _____

New Address _____

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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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96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICIERS



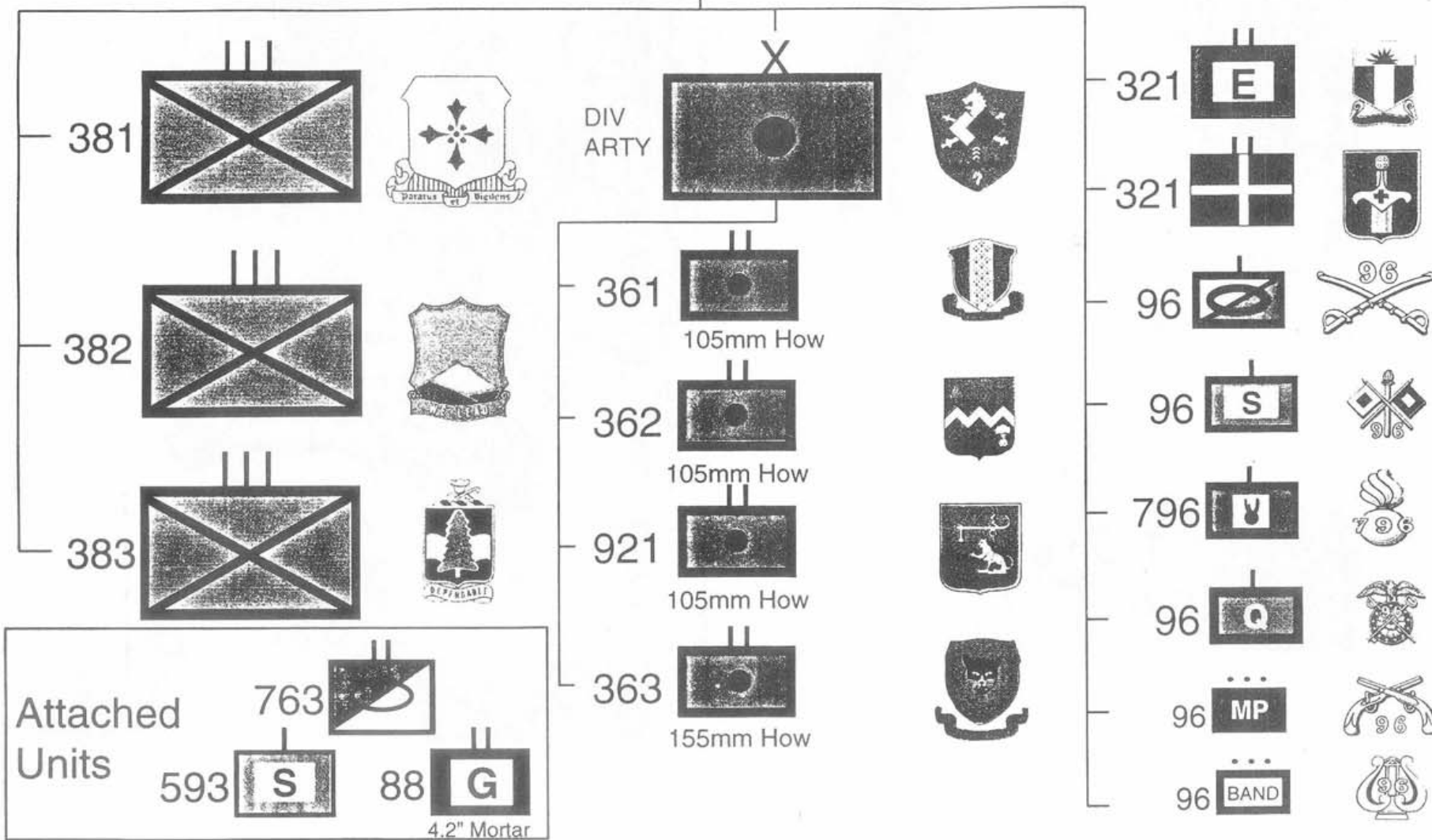
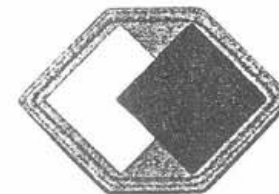
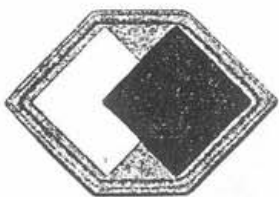
Back row left to right -- George W. McMahan, Lorraine Strand, Glyn Hollingsworth, Robert Schmidt and E. Jaye Thompson. Front row left to right -- Sam Benson, Richard Haglund, Steve Melnyk and James G. Knight.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY OFFICIERS



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

96th Infantry Division, 1944-45



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At the Denver Reunion we will be located just outside the Conifer Room. If you haven’t helped us in the past and would like to help, send me a note with your name and the time you will be available to work. Do you have any merchandise suggestions? We would love to hear from you!

Ruth Siefert, 53034 Ormerod’s Shores Rd., Deer River, MN 56636

TRANSPORTATION

From the Airport to the Marriott Tech Center

The Marriott Tech Center does not provide courtesy shuttle service to and from the Denver airport. This service is provided by the Super Shuttle service, or taxicab.

The fare for the shuttle is \$17.00 per person one way (\$30.00 round trip).

Arrangements to use the shuttle service are made at the Super Shuttle counter in the airport terminal. Taxicab fare will probably be a worthwhile savings if shared by four persons and may even be a slight savings for three persons.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

It has come to my attention that some Deadeyes who attended the Reunion in Ft. Mitchell were left off the list in the Fall Issue of the Deadeye Dispatch. you must register with Armed Forces to be on the list, Armed Forces sends copies of the registration forms and the list is made from those copies. I apologize to those Deadeyes whose names were not included in the Fall Issue.

The Deadeye Dispatch is mailed to DEADEYES or WIDOWS who have paid their dues. The Deadeye Dispatch is also mailed to Honorary members who have paid dues.

Lorraine Strand, Editor
Deadeye Dispatch

ASTP REPLACEMENTS

ATTENTION: All who were ASTP replacements into the 96th Division way back when! We've arranged a luncheon on August 6, 1999, during the Denver 96th Division Reunion. Plans are to gather in the Pikes Peak Room of the Denver Marriott Tech Center for a cash bar at 11:30 A.M. and lunch at high noon. Menu: Caesar Salad, Beef Stroganoff, veggies, dessert and beverage. For Vegetarians: Pasta Primavera. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Send check to Cal Claus, 1285 Luther Lane #155, Arlington Heights, Il. 60004-8110. Questions or comments call (847) 670-3258 or e-mail clauscn@home.com

A FIGHT WITH JAPANESE PARATROOPERS

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From "The Deadeyes, The Story of the 96th Infantry Division", The Battery Press

On the night of the 6th, the Japs struck.

Just before dusk a force of 38 transport planes, supported by bombers and fighters, roared in from the sea. About 30 planes were shot down, but the Japs were able to land approximately 250 men at one end of the San Pablo airfield (see ivfap 2.) Meanwhile, 400 to 500 Japanese ground troops had penetrated through to nearby Bun airfield, and a few parachutists landed there.

Both fields were in the zone of the 11th Airborne Division, but in anticipation of just such an attack, the 1st Battalion of the 382d Infantry had been attached to the 11th Airborne and ordered into positions in the airfield area. Its Company B killed three of the paratroopers before they reached the ground that evening, and a number more were shot during the night. In the morning they killed several of the Japs who were coming out of the hills.

The same morning (the 7th), A Company moved into position with one company of the 11th Airborne who were attempting to retake the San Pablo field. It was a day of confusion, for the Japs were wearing American uniforms taken from Air Forces personnel, and action was more of a brawl than an organized battle. Casualties were fairly heavy on both sides; one of the wounded was Lt. Donald F. Rentz, company commander.

When dusk approached, the company found themselves alone—the unit of the 11th Airborne had pulled out unexpectedly. They moved around several hundred yards to the right, looking for a suitable place to dig in, and finally picked a spot near the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry of the 38th Division (this division had not been committed to the Leyte fight, inasmuch as they were only using the island for a staging point; nevertheless, elements of the 149th were moved to the airfield area when the counter-attack was made.)

The general confusion of the battle was typified by a Jap who strolled calmly into A Company's perimeter that evening under the impression it was a Japanese position. Pfc. Ruben Rybal, who was digging his foxhole, put the visitor out of business with his shovel, then went back to digging his hole.

During the night the Japs moved forward bringing two machine guns into position directly in front of A Company. When it began to get light in the morning, they let loose, and pinned our men flat to the ground. The fire was so low that it was suicidal even to raise one's head up to shoot back, but Pfc. Warren G. Perkins braved the flying bullets long enough to spot the enemy guns and shout directions to a nearby mortar squad.

They laid in a barrage at the dangerously close range of fifty yards and knocked out one of the Jap guns with the first round.

The falling mortar shells were a surprise to the enemy and they started milling around in consternation. Pfc. Ova A. Kelley took note of their confusion and decided to cash in on it. Until then Kelley, a husky, dark-haired mortar ammunition bearer, had been known chiefly for his faithful attention to his pet carabao, "Satan," who in return carried loads of ammunition for the company, but he was about to win a more enduring fame.

Ignoring the continuing fire, he sprang to his feet and charged into the enemy's midst. The rain of the night before had clogged many of the rifles, but that didn't bother Kelley. He shot one until it jammed, then dropped it and grabbed another. He used rifles, carbines, and armloads of grenades, and before his comrades knew what happened, had completely disorganized the bewildered Japs.

Then the other men in the company, electrified, followed Kelley in his reckless charge. By the time they reached the airstrip, they had killed over thirty-five Japs and eliminated their main defense line. While most of the company stopped to pick up souvenirs, Kelley pushed on alone to see if any Japs were left. Once out in the open, he was a perfect target for a sniper, and a bullet struck him down. Company A was then ordered relieved, so Kelley and one other man too seriously wounded to walk, Cpl./Sgt. John W. Garlington, were left under the care of Pfc. Max Scherzer until they could be evacuated by the 38th Division.

Confusion was still paramount, and evacuation slow and disorganized. As he lay in his foxhole, waiting to be moved, Kelley was hit by another bullet, and this time instantly killed. That night, while standing guard over Garlington, Scherzer also was killed.

Kelley had displayed the kind of calculating courage that comes once in a campaign. He was directly responsible for cracking the Jap line as well as extricating his company from a treacherous position. It is part of the tragic fate of war that he was killed after his job was finished, thus never knew that the nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, was posthumously bestowed upon him by President Truman. It was the only one earned on Leyte by a Deadeye.

Charles Slaughter's story

Now, as to Dec 7 on Leyte. We were in a rest area behind the lines getting ready to see a movie when the Jap planes flew over with their doors open. We were (Co. A) told almost immediately to get everything together - we would be moving out. Before dawn we were trucked up towards the Burie Airstrip and began fighting at dawn. The Japs were everywhere and the fighting was terrible. We had casualties almost immediately. I was told to go with the men carrying out the wounded. There was a swamp area we had to wade through to get out to the road. On the road we found an abandoned truck so we loaded the wounded on and drove down the road. We finally met an ambulance and we talked the driver into taking our wounded. On our return trip we found the rest of our battalion, headed by Col. Dill. He asked us about the fighting on the Strip. We got back into the truck and Col. Dill stopped us because he said the road was mined. We had just

driven out that road.

We rejoined our company and fought until dusk when the 38th Division came up to relieve us. It was too late for us to move so we dug in very quickly and could not dig very deep. There was gunfire all night and as dawn broke we were getting men wounded while they were still in their holes. We had one mortar with us and fired one round. When it hit, the Japs jumped up and started to run. We jumped up and started firing. Kelly, who had spent most of his time in the brig - in the States, went completely crazy. Instead of reloading he would take a rifle away from somebody else and kept on firing. When things finally settled down - Kelly kept going out towards the planes sure that there was still a Jap out there. There was - as Kelly turned around to come back a Jap raised up out of a cockpit and wounded Kelly in the back.

The 38th Division men, first time in combat, merely watched us. They were to take over and we (Co. A) were to get back to the battalion. As we started out, the only officer we had, Lt. Wynn, told me to go back and see if someone was with Kelly. If not, I was to stay with him. When I went back, I found our medic with him and he assured me that he would stay with him. The 38th men moved out leaving Kelly and the medic alone. Kelly was given credit for killing some 30 Japs. We were all firing almost as fast as possible. Who shot who would have been impossible to know. He was given the Congressional Medal of Honor. I'm glad he got the medal and that I'm alive to tell about it.

Bob Jackson's story:

We were relieved and went to the battalion area along the Dagami--Burauen road. on December 4, while contemplating hot food, showers and mail in a coconut grove A Company had taken over, we were put on alert. A large force of Japanese had crash landed transport planes at the end of San Pablo airstrip near Dagami. The 11th Airborne Division, in control of that sector, was having trouble. A Company, as the closest unit, was sent to secure the left flank and was attached to the Airborne Division.

In order to maintain contact with the Company and the Battalion, company commander Lt. R. ordered me to take the company jeep and a company radio to move along the road toward Dagami to transmit signals. The company moved toward the airstrip and came under 11th Airborne control. The tropical night fell quickly and I pulled into an Air Force service company encampment. The radio man and I were fed, but were not feeling very safe among these rear-echelon troops. We felt we might be in more danger from them than from the Japanese. we dug in at the edge of their perimeter and kept our own watch.

The radio, which had been acting up, went out completely so i was useless. I had no idea where the company was (I had no map). Overnight we had heard horrible rumors from the Air Force that the Japanese had landed experienced airborne troops from China all over the area. Massacre was in the air! The radio man and I moved out in the jeep, driving along the hubcap deep muddy road toward Dagami, trying the radio all the

time. We encountered no Japanese but saw some parachute lines draped over telephone lines.

We met the remnants of A Company walking toward us carrying their wounded. I was particularly struck by a squad leader from the 3rd Platoon (which I'd trained) being helped along. He had a huge bandage where he had received a wound near his eye. He had always been a whiner but he was taking this with real bravery. I was proud of him and all the company. I loaded the jeep with as many wounded as possible and sent it back to Battalion Aid Station. Lt. R. had been wounded and while I talked to him an ambulance picked him up. He conferred his .45 Colt with a shoulder holster on me. His evacuation also made me company commander.

To complete this part of the story I have to relate what happened to the company. In joining the 11th Airborne they immediately came under small arms and knee-mortar fire. Without notice, the 11th pulled out and the company faced the night completely on their own and without radio support. It made a perimeter near the airstrip and dug in for the night. In the morning they found themselves facing two machineguns and a company of Japanese firing directly over their heads. Several men were wounded, including the company commander. The mortars brought fire in as close as they dared but could not dislodge the enemy. Of a sudden, one of the company's least effective soldiers got mad and went charging at the enemy, throwing grenades and firing his M-1. It threw the enemy off and the rest of A Company also charged cleaning out the Japanese company. As they moved Out in clean-up operations, a sniper shot the soldier who had started the charge. He received the Metal of Honor.

ROBERT A. JACKSON

4502 KINGSWAY, ANACORTES, WA 98221:(360)293-8369:bobjack@anacortes.net

Bob Jackson, formerly of the 1st Battalion of the 382 Inf, is trying to put together a story about the nasty little fight we had with the Japanese paratroopers on December 7 and 8, 1944 on Leyte. He has a couple of stories but those nights were so chaotic any further stories would be helpful. It was this little battle, by the way, that produced the only Congressional Medal on Leyte, awarded posthumously to Ora Kelley. Bob welcomes all stories at Robert A. Jackson, 4502 Kingsway, Anacortes, WA 98221 or via e-mail at bobjack@anacortes.net. Thank you.

I have enclosed what I have so far. I vaguely remember Slaughter but his story fills some gaps for me as I was not in the fight at the airstrip but heard about it afterward. Interesting that two divisions (we'd have called them "route step") let us down. The only good thing I can remember about the 11th Airborne is that they were so messy they left a gallon of grain alcohol at Lubi airstrip when they pulled out and I put it to good use as an incentive for patrolling.

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC
(PUNCHBOWL) HONOLULU, HAWAII**



**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL MONUMENT
INSTALLED FEBRUARY 23, 1999**

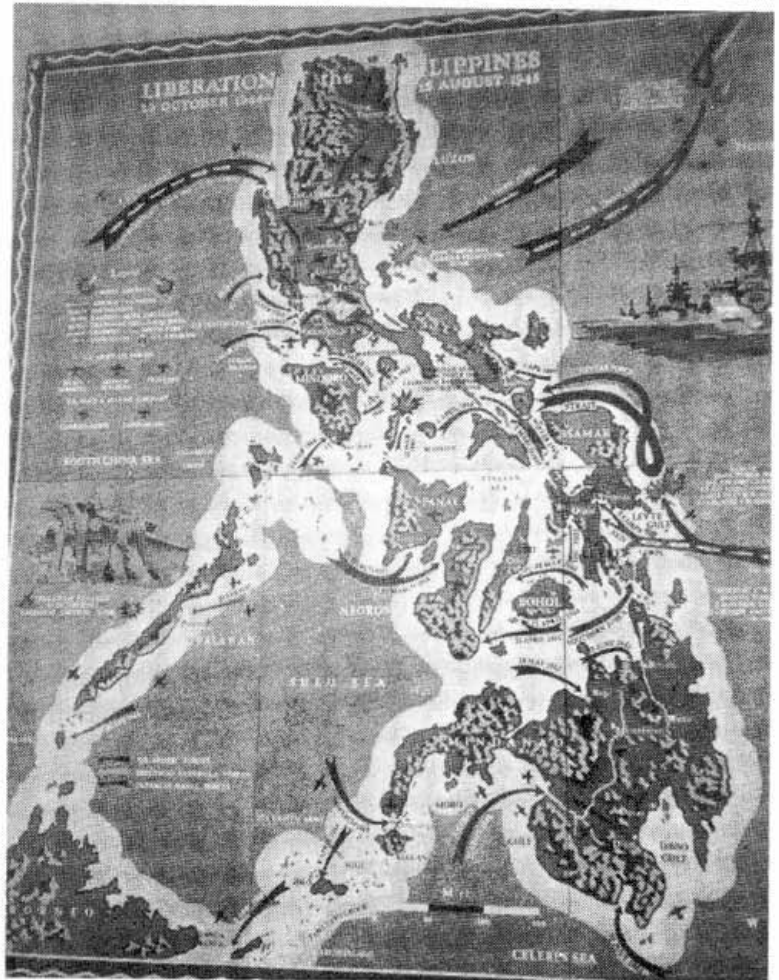
**THE DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL MONUMENT WAS HELD AT 10:30 AM,
APRIL 1, 1999, 54 YEARS AFTER THE LANDING ON OKINAWA.
A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF DEADEYES, WIVES AND FRIENDS
ATTENDED THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY.
THE UNITED STATES ARMY 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION PROVIDED THEIR
BAND, HONOR GUARD, FIRING DETAIL, CHAPLAIN AND BUGLER.
SPLENDID ASSISTANCE TO OUR EFFORT WAS PROVIDED BY
MR. G.E. CASTAGNETTI, CEMETERY DIRECTOR AND HIS STAFF**

**MOSAICS AT THE
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BATTLE OF OKINAWA



**LIBERATION OF THE
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**AT: <http://hometown.aol.com/infantry96>
Or use search engine AltaVista and type in "96th Infantry Division"**

The site is being expanded as time allows. Some feature now installed include:

**"UNITS" section: Insignias of 96th Infantry Division Units.
Division Organization Chart.**

**"MEMORIALS" section: Monument Plaque @ National Memorial
Cemetery of the Pacific.
Okinawa, Japan monuments.
Leyte, Hill 120 96th Infantry Division Veterans
Memorial Park.**

**"LINKS" section: Brg. Gen. Claudius Easley Biography from Arlington
National Cemetery website.**

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In Memorium...



“Taps”

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

Aloysius Wojcik -- 361 FA
per Wife -- 4-6-98

Ivan Covey -- 383 - D
per Rex J. Hurst -- 1-17-98

John A. Bowlan -- 381-G
per Post Office

Edward J. Murphy -- 381 - Hq. & Hq.
per Wife -- 3-18-98

Max E. Watson -- 363 FA
per Wife -- 2-16-98

Thomas Case -- 381 - B
per Wife -- 12-28-97



William A. Lengquist -- 382--Service
per Wife -- 4-4-98

Jess Love -- 383 Service
Per Don Whitney --

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per Jim Glasscock -- 4-18-98

William Uhrich -- 381- E
per Robert Schmidt -- 4-1998

Nenchie Morrell -- 381-E
per Post Office

George Cale -- 382 - K
per Glyn Hollingsworth -- 11-2-97

J. W. McQuirter -- 728 AMT
per Post Office -- 1-10-91

Iden Johnson -- 383 - 1st BH
per Harold Reese -- 5-17-98

David LaVine -- 383 - A
per Brother -- 10-27-97

Paul Steward, Jr. -- 921 FA
per Wife --

Bernard Walker -- 383 - 1st BH
per Wife -- 9-3-97

Louis Reuter -- 381 - G
per William Filter -- 5-7-98

George W. Carter -- 381 - 1st BH
per mail -- 2-22-98

Dave Sevush -- 763 Tank
per mail -- 1-19-98

Fayette A. Sims, Jr. -- 321 Medics
per Mail -- 9-9-97

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per Selma Peterson -- 5-12-98

Sherman Y. Suggs -- 381- C
per Wife -- 11-29-97

Russell Baker -- 383 - Medic
per Wife -- 4-17-97

John Nickovich -- 383 - 2nd BH
per Wife -- 1-6-98

Harold Williams -- 381 - M
per Wife -- 6-13-98

Benedict Nowak -- 381 - M
per George H. Ashford -- 12-1997

Junior A. Fredericks -- 383 - I
per Carl Reed -- 6-11-98

Roy Braun -- 796 Ord.
per Ben C. Confer -- 5-31-98

Charles A. Thibodeaux -- 382 - L
per Chester LeBlanc -- 7-3-98

Robert T. Rachal -- 381 - F
per Anthony Skaronea -- 7-1998

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

Harold L. Hammond -- 383 - B
per Elmer Sweetter -- 9-29-97

Charles E. Lynch -- 362 FA
per Michell Tottis -- 6-29-98

Harold R. Edwards -- 383 - L
per B. W. Stubbe -- 7-17-98

Ira Pugh -- 321 Eng.
per Richard Haglund -- 2-1998

Warren Taylor -- 361-FA
per Richard Haglund -- 4-17-97

Webb Trimble -- Div. Hq.
per Richard Haglund -- 6-8-98

Rollin Nelson -- 382 Service
per Richard Haglund -- 6-21-98

Gordon Marshall -- 382 - F
per Brandon J. Neal -- 7-18-98

Peter Bernik -- 381 - Hq. & Hq.
per Edward Grebik -- 6-18-98

Anton Mach -- 321 Medic
per Steve Melnyk -- 12-9-97

Peter Durich -- 383 - D
per Earl Zinc --

Jack Summers -- 381 G
per Robert Schmidt -- 8-19-98

John L. Fitzgerald -- 382-K
per Leonard Lazarick, Sr. -- 8-18-98

Daniel (Jack) Lundberg -- 921 FA
per John Elliot -- 3-11-98

Lindley J. Evans -- 383 - I
per Harry Brown -- 8-11-98

John M. Henley -- 381 - H
per Wife -- 9-15-98

Harry Branton -- 382 - E
per Brother -- 7-11-98

Thomas O. Perrin -- 381 - M
per Wife -- 10-30-98

Riley Walling -- 382-K
per Edwin Wright -- 12-27-97

Tom Dargie -- 382 - E
per Brandon J. Neal -- 7-1998

Otto Kaderabek -- 381 Service
per Edward Grebik --

Leon Ricks-- 383 - I
per Dan Hart -- 1997

Peter H. Brucher -- 381 Service
per Robert W. Johnson -- 8-6-98

Peter J. Kouzios -- 382 Hq.
per Wife -- 8-9-98

Joseph Battaglia -- 362 FA
per Arnold Clemens -- 8-22-98

Frank R. Crandall --
per John Elliot -- 1997

Orville Osthus -- 381 - M
per Wife -- 9-2-98

Gordon Marshall -- 382 -
per Donald Dencker -- 7-18-98

Joe S. Drozd -- 382 - F
per Anthony Skaronea -- 10-13-98

Clarence Blessing -- 383 - B
per Art Creason -- 11-14-98

Delbert C. Lowe -- 363 FA
per Wife -- 10-31-98

James I. Bowen, Sr. --
per Wife -- 11-14-98

W. S. Ouder Kirk -- 321 Eng.
per Wife -- 5-29-98

Steve Zulock --
per Post Office -- 6-26-97

Maurice O'Connell -- 796 Ord.
per Son -- 12-20-98

George Wilcox -- 381 - E
per Richard Haglund -- 10-20-98

Beauford T. Anderson -- 381-A
per Donald Dencker --

Robert T. Snodgrass -- 383 - L
per Wife -- 12-17-98

J. A. Smith -- 381 - E
per Wife -- 11-8-97

Carl F. Wiesinger -- 383 - 1st BH
per Wife 4-29-97

Chester LeBlanc -- 383 - I
per Mary Lou White -- 1-21-99

Reynold Huffman -- 383 - D
per Rex Hurst -- 12-20-98

John Kinkley -- 382-C
per Ruth Below -- 12-30-98

Thomas Ray Thomas -- 381 AT
per Wife -- 12-26-98

Glenn G. Miller -- Recon.
per Wife -- 12-24-98

Clarence F. Hauber -- 383-F
per Daughter -- 2-2-98

Maxwell S. Austin -- 362 FA
per Russell Watts -- 2-2-99

Andrew Rodriguez -- 361 FA
per George M. McMahan -- 2-1999

William H. Smith -- 383-L
per Billy Stubbe -- 3-1-99

James A. Hendricks -- 381-M
per Wife -- 3-6-99

Walter Rantiala -- 381-E
per Gerald Peterson -- 3-7-99

Jerry B. Wilson -- Recon.
per Wife -- 2-15-99

Clay P. Joiner -- 383-AT
per John Rader -- 2-2-99



It is always nice to receive the "Deadeye Dispatch" -- my wife and I read it thoroughly. Time has gone by quickly. It will be 57 years since I was inducted to serve my beloved country as a young man. Thanks to all of you who put so much effort and time in making each 96th Reunion a success and a memorable one. Wish we could attend them all but our health is such we can't. We hope to make it to the Denver if at all possible. Best wishes to everyone and may God bless each and everyone of you who do a great job. Enclosed is extra for stamps or whatever.

Frank Yugovich -- 383-B
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CAN YOU HELP THIS LADY?

My name is Elana Boggs. I am an eighteen year old college student from Louisiana. Recently I read a copy of the Deadeye Dispatch. It interested me because my grandfather, Webster Farley Boggs, was member of the 96th Infantry. Unfortunately, my grandfather died when my father was just a boy. I don't know much about my grandfather and I want to know more. My father doesn't talk much about him and I feel uncomfortable asking him. I am hoping that someone will read this that knew him. He served in the Pacific -- The Philippines. He fought in WW II and the Korean War.

Elana Boggs
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I HAVE JUST BECOME A LIFE MEMBER AND RECEIVED MY FIRST DEADEYE DISPATCH. IT HAS BEEN OVER 52 YEARS SINCE I HAD MY OWN COPY OF THE DEADEYE DISPATCH.

IN READING THE "FALL ISSUE 98" I FOUND A MISQUOTE BY P.F.C. GIL FEINSTEIN, IN STARS & STRIPES AS TO WHAT TOKYO ROSE SAID ABOUT THE 96th. OUR COMPANY, THE 321st.MED.BN.CO.B WAS LISTENING TO TOKYO ROSE THAT DAY. SHE CAME ON THE RADIO EVERY DAY ABOUT 5 PM.AND THE REASON WE ALL REMEMBER IS BECAUSE ALL US GUYS FROM CHICAGO AND NEW YORK HAD A GOOD LAUGH ABOUT HER STATEMENT. SHE SAID, AND I QUOTE,"THE 96TH.INF.DIV.IS THE MOST BLOOD-THIRSTY DIVISION EVER ENCOUNTERED IN THE PACIFIC, THEY ARE ALL NOTHING BUT CHICAGO AND NEW YORK GANGSTERS AND NONE WILL EVER LEAVE OKINAWA". THE DAY BEFORE, THERE WAS A LANDING OF IMPERIAL MARINES AGAINST THE 96th, BUT BY THE TIME SHE MADE THE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DAY, THEY HAD ALL BEEN WIPED OUT. THEY WERE ALL BIG GUYS, I SAW THEIR DEAD BODIES.

THE MAIN REASON WE ALL LIKED TO LISTEN TO HER RADIO STATION IS BECAUSE SHE HAD ALL THE LATEST MUSIC FROM THE STATES.

SINCERELY,



CHARLES J DE PAUL
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PS: I RECEIVED THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN, IT IS A VERY GOOD LOOKING PIN. PROUD TO WEAR IT. THANKS

A CAPTAIN IS DEAD

On the evening of May 7, 1998, Capt. (Maj. Ret) Louis Reuter Jr., "G" Co., 381st Inf. passed on to Greater Glory. We say "Greater Glory", but what glory could surpass what this former, even mannered college professor accomplished in camp and on the battlefields of Okinawa.

Every company in the 96th felt their C.C. was the greatest. However, there was no question in the minds of all the men who served under Louis Reuter that he was the officer and gentleman referred to in the annals of war. This, plus more, was our Captain and Company Commander. A hero (two Silver Stars practically back to back), a leader, an inspiration, confidant, and a spiritual presence that all soldiers need as they slog through the mud, dust, debris, and misery of combat.

Captain Reuter was shot through the head on May 11, 1945 at a forward observation post over-looking Yonabaru. As usual he was leading his men.

He was incapacitated for the rest of his life, but in spite of his disability he maintained his spirit and bearing until the end.

The 96th Inf. Division had its share of outstanding leaders and heroes (five Medals of Honor and other awards too numerous to mention), but the unsung heroes were the men who were picked from peaceful civilian existence and who fought bravely in the fields and fox holes of battle until the war was won. Louis Reuter was such a man, and in words that G.I.'s everywhere will understand..."he flat got it done!"

Respectfully,

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Art would like to hear from anyone who
Knew his father:

Pfc. Ramon M. Villescasc
Co. K, 383rd Infantry



U.S. Army Photo July 4, 1945
Pfc. Ramon Villescasc, Roswell, N.M.

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Would like to hear from anyone who knew his father: J.D. Powell of Co. B, 381st Infantry
Who was wounded on Okinawa on June 18, 1945

Jeff Erwin, E-mail: jeffro59daman@webtv.net

Is seeking information about the 921st Field Artillery Battalion which his father served in.



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