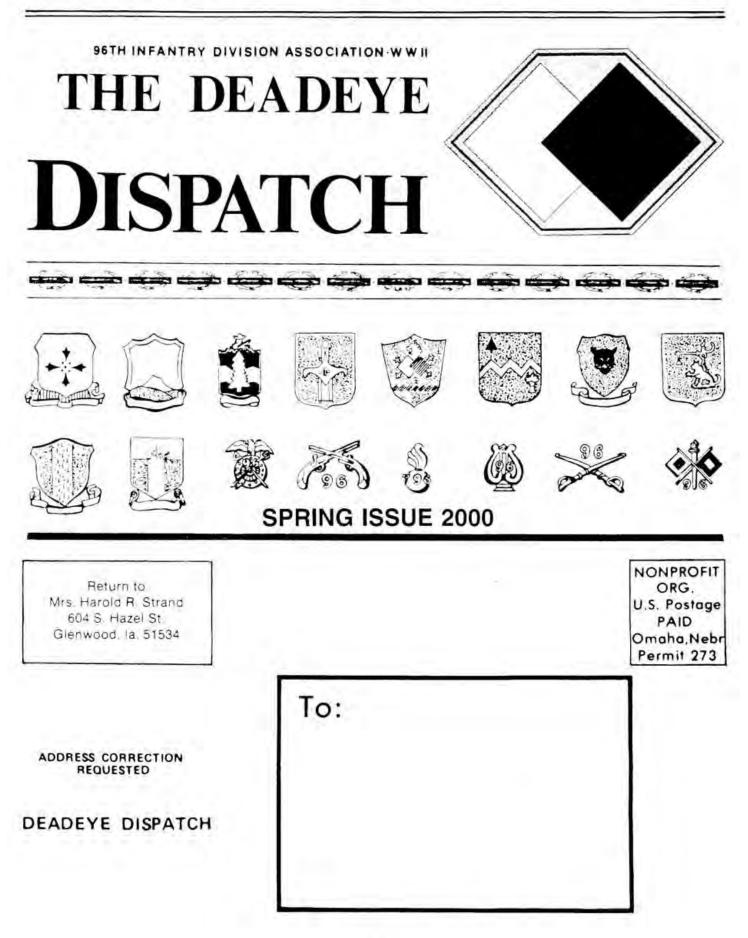
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Greetings to all Deadeyes and their wives, members of the 96th Infantry Division Association and its Ladies Auxiliary:



Spring 2000

Dear Deadeyes, Wives, Children, Grandchildren, and Friends,

The 43rd annual reunion is in Salt Lake City, Utah this year. Spring is here in Memphis, after a very mild winter, and I hope all of you are making plans to be with us in Salt Lake City.

The committee headed by Robert Siefert has done a great job of arranging for a good time for all. The Little America Hotel is luxurious, with enough room for everyone to stay. There are several restaurants in the hotel, and many fine dining places nearby.

It was a joyous occasion to see so many children and grandchildren at the Denver reunion. So, please continue to bring them with you each year.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Salt Lake City July 26-29, 2000.

Sincerely,

Glyn E. Hollingsworth, President 96th Infantry Division Association





Dear Auxiliary Members:

We are well into the millennium and now it is time to start planning to attend our 43rd reunion in Salt Lake City in July. There is so much to see and do! A MUST to take in is the Morman Tabernacle Choir rehearsal on Thursday, and there is no charge. Last November the city was trying out their new rail system and it will be ready for us in July, also at no charge. The tour of Salt Lake City is most interesting, so you have wonderful choices of things to see and do. Please take advantage of these activities and enjoy them!

The Ladies Luncheon on Friday will be yummy-we are going to have door prizes donated by our members so if you feel that you have some crafty things or something else that you would like to donate, please bring them along. It is greatly appreciated.

Get your luggage out and ready to go in July! And, as always, plan on having a good time and seeing your friends. Looking forward to seeing all of you.....

In the Bond of the 96th,

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Anne Obal President, Ladies Auxiliary

DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Kelly Caldwell, Calvin Claus, Torrence Dohl, Sylvan Merritt, Mike Misko and Harold Stryker.

15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Paul Jukuri, Russell Packard, Robert Schmidt and James Short.

20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

John Bornnong, Lestel G. Harvey, Fred Hagelgans, Ambrose Hermann, Ernest Malkewitz and Karl Sinning.

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES NONE

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES Alvis Harrell

40 YEAR CERTIFICATES NONE

ATTENDED ALL 42 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman, Clarence Snyder and Richard Van Etten; Deceased 9-16-99 Mary Lou (Henry) White and Elaine (Clarence) Snyder --Auxiliary members.

DISTINQUISHED DEADEYE AWARDS

James Knight and Donald Dencker

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARDS

Helen Robertson and Betty Shearer.

SPECIAL AWARD

Thelma Burton received a Special Award from Auxiliary President Glendoris Cole.

Hubert Richter received a Special Award from Association President Richard Haglund.

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The Michigan Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association invites all Deadeyes to attend their Annual Reunion in 2000. 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 2000 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day in 2000 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., Coumbus, 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 3, 2000, at the Gentle House on the Western Oregon University Campus. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Early arrivals will have a Saturday evening social gathering on June 2, 2000 at the Gentle House, 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 DEADEVE
1958	St. Louis, Mo.	103	Minor Butler	
1959	Chicago, 11.	223	Minor Butler	
	Kansas City, Ks.	264	Hubert Hoffman	
1961	Detroit, Mi. o		Morris Roberts	
	Dallas, Tx. o		Willard "Hoss" Mitc	hell
1963	Little Rock, Arab		Jake Fisher	
1964	Portland, Or ab		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
1959	Des Moines, la.	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, 11	516	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, 11.	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 Sterner	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, Mî.	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, Tx.	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, Mn.	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
	Oklahoma City, Ok		Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, Ca.	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
	Memphis, Tn.	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
	Peoria, Il.	622	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, S.D.	632	Tom Roby	George Buttell Donald Foster
	Omaha, Ne.	660	James Warren	Hubert Hoffman
1991	Spokane, Wa.	511	James Knight	Tyson Shelton
1992	Louisville, Ky.	670	Joseph Garabedian	Louis Deluca
1993	Sparks, Nv.	519	Robert Siefert	Joe Fritz
1994	Hot Springs, Ar.	645	Robert Schmidt	Robert Schmidt
1995	Lubbock, Tx.	416	Louis Canedo	Robert Schmidt Robert Siefert
1995	Des Moines, la.	517	Glen Amonett	Iden Johnson
1997	St. Louis, Mo.	550	Don Dencker	Tom Roby
1998	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.	416	John Elliot	James Knight & Don
1999	Denver, Co.	407	Richard Haglund	James Knight a Don Denc
2000	Salt Lake City, U	t.	Glyn Hollingsworth	
2001	Omaha, Ne.		- 1410 00-01 0100 4-00-000	



LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL & TOWERS SALT LAKE CITY UTAH (801) 363-6781 1999

HOTEL LOCATION

Little America Hotel & Towers is located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City at 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The hotel is just minutes from the city's main business district, sport arena, Temple Square, Utah Symphony, Ballet West, nightclubs, restaurants, and theaters. The Salt Lake City Airport is just 7 miles from the hotel.

Driving Directions:

-From the Salt Lake City International Airport take "I-80 East City Center Exit." Stay in the left lane. Go approximately 4 miles. Take Exit 121 to "600 South City Center" Exit. Watch lane signs carefully. Coming off the freeway ramp proceed two blocks straight ahead. Turn left onto Main Street where you will see the hotel.

-From Interstate 15 North or South, take Exit 121 and follow directions above.

-From Interstate 80 eastbound, go past the International Airport; take Interstate 15 South for less than one mile; then take Exit 121 and follow directions above.

-From Interstate 80 westbound, take Interstate 15 North; travel about 4 miles and take Exit 121. Follow directions above.

HOTEL EXTRAS

Little America Hotel & Towers features 850 spacious, individually decorated guest rooms. Each guest room features a 31" color TV, in-room movies, hair dryers and iron/ironing boards. For recreational activities, there is a complete health club facility, a Jacuzzi, sauna, weight equipment, stationary bicycles, treadmills, dressing rooms and 2 pools one of which is indoor/outdoor and open year-round. The hotel also features a variety of specialty shops located on the lobby level, offering everything from small necessities, souvenirs, men's and women's clothing and fine gifts. TRAX the city's light rail systems will be operating by mid December 1999. It will provide a rapid mode of transportation to downtown shopping and attractions, only five blocks away. The station will be conveniently located just across the street from Little America. Best of all, the light rail ride to downtown falls within the free fare zone!

Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. Complimentary parking is available to all guests and visitors. Check in is 3pm; check out is 1pm.

Hotel dining:

Little America Coffee Shop serves breakfast throughout the day and has a traditional coffee shop menu. Hours of operation are from 5am to 12 midnight.

Little America Dining Room serves a breakfast buffet Monday-Saturday from 7am-10am, and Sunday from 8am-2pm, a luncheon buffet Monday-Friday from 11am-2pm, and fine dining Monday-Sunday from 5pm-11pm. On Sunday, a grand buffet is served in the hotel ballroom from 9am-2pm.

Westgate Lounge is open daily from 12noon-11pm and offers live entertainment for enjoyment. Room service is available 6am to 12am.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The hotel provides complimentary transportation to and from the airport on regularly scheduled shuttle vans, which run every 20 minutes, on the hour between 6am to 10pm. Upon arrival and after retrieving your luggage, call the hotel from the courtesy phone in the baggage claim area. Pick up is outside the baggage claim area. Taxicabs are also available for transportation to and from the airport; the current cost is \$12 one-way.

NEAREST RV PARK

RVs can be parked in the hotel parking lot overnight only if you are staying as a guest in the hotel. The VIP Campground is the closest RV park and is only 5 miles from the hotel. For more information and reservations, please call (800) 226-7752 or (801) 328-0224.

WHEELCHAIRS

The hotel does have a complimentary wheelchair on site for use by hotel guests. Should you need a wheelchair rental throughout the reunion, rentals are available upon request. Guests should let the hotel know when making their room reservations that a wheelchair will be needed.

LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL & TOWERS 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

- Check out time is 1:00 p.m.; therefore, guest rooms may not be available until 3:00 p.m.
- All room types are based on availability.
- · The sales office must approve all hospitality suite requests.
- Please telephone changes and request confirmation of your reservation by calling our Reservations Department at 1-800-437-5288. Reservation Fax: (801) 596-5911.
- \$10.00 additional for extra person.

Little America Hotel & Towers wishes to extend its gracious service and hospitality to you!

96th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION JULY 25-30, 2000

GUEST INFORMATION

Please make reservations for	person(s)	Deluxe Rooms	
Name(s)			
Address		Reunion Rate \$84	.00 Single or Double Occupancy
City/State	Zip		
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Arrival Date	Time		
Departure Date	Time	2 Persons, 1 Bed	
Smoking/Non-Smoking room pre	ferred		
Additional persons		2 Persons, 2 Beds	
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Deposit Amount \$	Credit Card Type		Expiration Date
Credit Card Number		Name of Credit Card I	
Signature			

One night's pre-payment by check or major credit card is required to confirm accommodations. All credit cards used to pre-pay will be charged immediately. Please return reservation and deposit by June 23, 2000 Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 24-hours hours prior to ARRIVAL

CUT OFF DATE: Reservation request received after June 23, 2000, will be confirmed, subject to room availability.

DON'T FORGET

TO PRE-REGISTER

Fill in the blanks on the back of this page.

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 23, 2000. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

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Thursday: Gardner Historic Village/Kenneco	tt Copper Mine	\$27		\$
Friday: City Tour		\$18	-	S
Saturday: Park City/Utah Winter Sports Park	0	\$33		\$
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96th INFANTRY DIVISION - 43rd ANNUAL REUNION LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL & TOWERS SALT LAKE CITY, UT JULY 25 - 30, 2000

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Bus boarding location: TBA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum / Antelope Island

- 9:00 Board bus for the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum, home to one of the finest collections of old and current military aircraft in America. You will see over fifty aircraft including the B-17G "Flying Fortress," C-47 "Sky Train," P-51D "Mustang," and many more. Also included at the 40-acre museum is a film and gift shop.
- 11:15 Reboard bus for lunch at the Hill Air Force Base Officers Club. Lunch will consist of a deli sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, dessert, and a beverage.
- 12:45 Reboard bus for Antelope Island, the largest of the Great Salt Lake's ten islands. Rich in scenic beauty and natural features, Antelope Island is home to deer, bobcats, coyotes, many varieties of birds and waterfowl, and a small herd of elk. The most famous inhabitant is the American bison. Originally introduced in 1893, this world-renowned herd now numbers 600, and is managed by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. As you drive the 7.2-mile causeway, take in the serene beauty of the lake as you approach the island. Upon arrival, stop at the Visitor Center which includes interpretive exhibits, and a bookstore/gift shop. Snacks are available at Buffalo Point near the Visitor Center. Time permitting, your guide will take you on a short driving tour of the island and will point out the wildlife available. Please do not approach bison, as they are unpredictable animals and can be quite dangerous if they feel threatened.
- 2:45 Return to the hotel by 3:30pm.

\$38/Person includes bus, guide, lunch, and admission.

Dinner at the Historic Joseph Smith Memorial Building

- 5:15 Board bus for the historic Smith Building, one of the oldest and newest landmarks in Salt Lake City. From 1911 to 1987, this building served as a world-class hotel. Today eight of the ten floors are devoted to office space for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. En route your guide will explain your options as follows: take a guided tour through the beautiful gardens in Temple Square, visit the Family Search Center and learn how to begin your search utilizing libraries in your own hometown, take a guided tour of the Smith Building, or view the featured film presentation (to be announced).
- 7:00 Enjoy dinner in the Empire Room, which has been restored to its original elegance. Dinner will consist of a spinach salad; a grilled trio of petit e filet mignon steak, chicken sausage, and sliced pork loin; parslied potatoes, onions, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls, warm apple crepes with ice cream and caramel sauce, and sparkling white grape juice. Sorry, no alcoholic beverages or coffee can be served (Mormon law), as there is a chapel on the premises. During dessert, your guest speaker, Marci Alley, an active choir member for fifteen years, will present the dynamics of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
- 9:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 9:30pm.
- Note: This outing requires a minimum of 60 people and a maximum of 200 people. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$42/Person includes bus, escort, dinner, and guest speaker.

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Gardner Historic Village / Kennecott Copper Mine

- 11:30 Board bus for lunch on your own at The Park Food Court at ZCMI Center Mall, adjacent to Temple Square.
- 1:15 Reboard bus for Gardner Historic Village, a nostalgic cluster of old-time stores and a museum. From sofas to souvenirs, Primitive Country to Victorian, you'll find the goods to be of excellent quality and reasonably priced. The original mill is listed on the National Historic Register.
- 3:15 Reboard bus for the Kennecott Copper Mine, man's largest excavation. Three quarters of a mile from top to bottom, this magnificent expanse could easily shelter two Empire State Buildings stacked one on another. Observe an operation whose cumulative sales from extracted ore exceed, eightfold, the yields of the Comstock Lode, the Klondike, and the California gold rush combined. On the way to the mine learn about the Great Salt Lake, the Dead Sea of the Americas, and the explorers who discovered it. Upon arrival, view the 13-minute film and stop by the House of Copper Gift Shop.
- 5:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 6pm.
- Note: If registrations warrant, the group may need to be divided. Half of the group would follow the itinerary above, and the other half would do the same tour in the reverse order. Please board the buses with those you would like to tour with.

\$27/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch is not included.

FRIDAY, JULY 28.

City Tour

- 1:30 Board bus for a guided city tour of Salt Lake City. You'll see famous sights along the way, including Brigham Young's homes, the historic Union Pacific Railroad Depot, and the Utah State Capitol. Visit Temple Square, the symbolic heart of the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Square includes the six-spired Temple Tabernacle, Assembly Hall, monuments and the elegant gardens for which the area is known. You'll also see the Governor's Mansion and some of Utah's most opulent homes, built nearly a century ago. Next, visit the military museum located at Fort Douglas. There you will see displays tracing the history of the military in Utah. Drive through the University of Utah campus, home of Olympic Village and the ceremonies for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Enjoy the spectacular views of the city, valley, and lake.
 - 5:30 Back at the hotel at the latest.

\$18/Person includes bus and guide.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Park City / Utah Winter Sports Park

- 12:15 Board bus for a scenic ride into the Wasatch Mountains as you head into the famous resort town of Park City. Enjoy a box lunch en route to include a deli sandwich, fruit compote, chips, dessert, and a beverage. Upon arrival, a Winter Sports Park representative will board your bus and give you a one-hour guided tour of this 387-acre park. Don't be surprised to see construction crews and equipment roaming around as they prepare to host the 2002 Winter Olympic venues for the luge, the bobsled, and the Nordic jump. Then, stroll into yesteryear! Enjoy free time in historic Park City. This once rowdy mining boomtown is now a bustling ski and summer resort. The old establishments that line Main Street now house charming specialty shops, unique art/history museums, and diverse eateries.
- 3:45 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4:45pm.
- Note: Please pick up your box lunch prior to boarding the bus. You must show your tour ticket. \$33/Person includes bus, guide, box lunch, and admission.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices

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DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

R & R (Mezzanine, Sun Valley Room & Private Pool Area).

The Little America Coffee Shop is open from 5am - midnight daily offering a traditional coffee shop menu. The Little America Dining Room is open from 7am -10am for breakfast Monday - Saturday, and Sunday from 9am - 2pm. A lunch buffet is offered Monday - Friday from 11am - 2pm, and fine dining from 5pm - 11pm.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

2:00 Early arrivals and registration until 7pm (Wasatch Room, 2nd Level).

2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Tucson Room, 2nd Level).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 7:30 Registration continues until 8:30am (Wasatch Room, 2nd Level).
- 9:00 Board bus for Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum, lunch at the Officer's Club, then scenic tour of Antelope Island. Return by 3:30pm.
- 1:00 Registration continues until 5pm (Wasatch Room, 2nd Level).
 1:00 Sale of Merchandise until 4pm (Tucson Room, 2nd Level).
- 5:15 Evening and dinner at the historic Smith Building. Return by 9:30pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 8:00 Executive Committee Meeting (Arizona Room, 1st Level).
- 8:00 Ladies Auxiliary Executive Meeting (Idaho Room, 1st Level).
- 9:30 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting until 11am (Grand Ballroom C, 1st Level).
- 9:30 Registration continues until 10:30am (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level).
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 8pm (Flagstaff Room, 2nd Level).
- 11:30 Board bus for lunch on your own at The Park Food Court at ZCMI Center Mall, visit Gardner Historic Village, then tour Kennecott Copper Mine. Return by 6pm.
- 2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Tucson Room, 2nd Level).
- 3:30 Registration continues until 7:30pm (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level). Evening and dinner on your own. Consider taking the city's light rail system (evening shuttle times are limited) to Temple Square and experience the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir at their weekly rehearsal from 8pm - 9:30pm.
- 8:00 Reunion Kick-Off Party until 11pm (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- 9:00 General Open Meeting until 9:30am (Grand Ballroom A-B, 1st Level).
- 9:30 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until noon (Grand Ballroom A-B). Afterwards, men will be on their own for lunch in the coffee shop or dining room.
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 8pm (Flagstaff Room, 2nd Level).
- 10:30 Registration continues until 12:30pm (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level).
 11:00 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon (Grand Ballroom C, 1st Level). Featured entertainment: Jim Kimball. His presentation, "Remembering Uncle Golden" illustrates the life of a Mormon and a local celebrity. Jim relives Uncle Golden's use of humor and amusing observations about the ironies of Mormon life. This luncheon will conclude promptly at 1pm. 12:00 ASTP Luncheon (Arizona Room, 1st Level). The coordinator is Mr. Ernie Malkewitz (616) 784-0465.
- 1:30 Board bus for a guided city tour of Salt Lake City to include a stop at the Fort Douglas Military Museum. Return by 5:30pm.
- 2:00 Sale of Merchandise until 5pm (Tucson Room, 2nd Level).
- 4:00 Registration continues until 7pm (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level).
- 7:00 Banquet Table Reservations until 8pm (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level).
- 8:00 Beer Bust and Dance until 11pm. There will be a disc jockey playing your favorite music from the 1940's for your listening and dancing pleasure (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).

96th INFANTRY DIVISION - 43rd ANNUAL REUNION LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL & TOWERS SALT LAKE CITY, UT JULY 25 - 30, 2000 (Continued)

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- 8:00 Sale of Merchandise until 10:30am (Tucson Room, 2nd Level).
- 9:00 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting until 10:30am (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).
 10:00 Registration continues until 11am (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 1st Level).
- 10:00 Historical Room will be open until 4pm (Flagstaff Room, 2nd Level).
- 11:00 Memorial Service until 12:00 noon (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).
- 12:15 Board bus for the Utah Winter Sports Park and the resort town of Park City. Return by 4:45pm. 5:00 Catholic Mass (Arizona Room, 1st Level).
- 6:00 Social Hour with a cash bar (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).
- 7:00 Banquet Dinner until 9pm (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).
 9:00 Entertainment until midnight (Grand Ballroom, 1st Level).

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Farewells and departure. You might consider visiting Temple Square for the televised broadcast of Music and the Spoken Word. Doors open from 8:30am to 9:15; the program is from 9:30am to 10am. The light rail does not operate on Sunday.

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

REGISTRATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASTP LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, JULY 28

ATTENTION AUXILIARY LADIES

The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, JULY 27 at 9:30 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom C, 1st floor.

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



ORDER BLANK FOR 96th DIV. ASS'N. BLUE AND WHITE PERMANENT NAME BADGES

PLEA	SE PRINT OR TYPE	
96th ()	NF. DIV. ASS'N.	
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First Name	Initial Last Name	
City	State	\$ 5.50
TYPE OF BACK, MARK ONE: PIN	SPRING CLIP MILITARY PINS	6200
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	TOTAL	
Make remittance payable to:		
Donald J. Foster 4217 SW Emland Dr. #2 Topeka, Ks. 66606-2137		
Badges to be mailed to: First name	Last name	
Address		
City	StateZip	

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. ASSN." 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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HAWAII MEMORIAL DEDICATION VIDEO'S ARE STILL AWAILABLE! * * ORDER FORM * *

COST & SHIPPING: \$15.00 NAME: ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE ZIP CODE

Payable to: 96th Infantry Div. Assoc. Auxiliary Mail to: 96th Infantry Div. Assoc. Auxiliary Ruth Siefert, Treasurer 53034 Ormerod's Shores Road, Deer River, MN 56636

If you bought a tape of the Hawaii Memorial Dedication from us at the Denver Reunion and found it to be faulty when you got home, we have a couple suggestions. Did you try adjusting your tracking on your VCR machine? If that doesn't do it <u>MAIL</u> your tape back to <u>LARRY</u> <u>ULRICH, at 7840 BLOME RD., CINCINNATI, OH. 45243-1306</u>, and he will reproduce it and return it to you. We want you to be satisfied.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Visit the 96th Infantry Division Association Site on the World Wide Web

At: http://www.hometown.aol.com/infantry96

Or use search engines: Alta Vista or Yahoo and type in "96th Infantry Division"

This site is still under construction and now has been expanded to include:

Guest Book: Sign Our Guest Book and View Our Guest Book Information about 2000 Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Congressional Medal of Honor Award Texts for our 5 CMOH Winners

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report right now on total finances except we're doing well and dues are still coming in.

Another summary will be presented and passed out at the Reunion in Salt Lake City, Ut., which will give all current figures. We like to have all members aware of out financial status and take part in future reunion plannings, etc.

A few things that will help us do a better job:

- Please send reunion room reservations to the Hotel and not to us. We just have to forward them to the hotel. It will save time and expense.
 - You don't have to pay Annual Dues after becoming a Life Member.
 - 3. Please send your dues to the Treasurer.
 - Many have paid Life Memberships twice or more -- not necessary.

DONATIONS are gratefully accepted.

We look forward to hearing from our members and seeing them at our reunions.

Robert Schmidt Association Treasurer Ruth Siefert Auxiliary Treasurer

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

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Address:		New?
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES OR	\$30.00	
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 6.00	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN	\$ 4.00	
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AUXILIARY DUES ONLY: REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO MAIL TO: RUTH SIEFERT 53034 Ormero		

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 Membership is the Backbone of the Outfit!

Your Buddies Need You

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

TO INSURE PROMPT DELIVERY OF **Deadeye Dispatch** and other information, please advise the editors of any address change.

Name	Unit	
		(Co. Regt.)
New Address		
Old Address		

SEND TO: Mrs. Harold Strand, 604 S. Hazel, Glenwood, Iowa 51534-1860 USE YOUR ZIP CODE! Postal Service requires a FULL ADDRESS!

	WANT A UNIT ROSTER?
If anyone wishes a Roster of	your old outfit PLEASE REMIT \$5.00 to:
Steve Melnyk, 7634	Fielding Ave., Detroit MI 48228-3232
Name	Unit Co. Regt.
New Address	
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Old Address	
Remarks	

Do you get your DISPATCH promptly? Be sure we have your correct address in full...and...your ZIP Code!



Back Row Left to Right -- Robert Schmidt, George McMahon, Ernest Malkewitz, Glyn Hollingsworth.

Front Row Left to Right -- E. Jaye Thompson, James Causey, Lorraine Strand. Sam Benson and Don Dencker absent

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY OFFICERS



Joyce Confer, Mary Eleanor Smith, Betty Shearer, Ruth Siefert, Anne Obal, Rosemary Cronshey, Muriel Haglund.

MEMORABILIA MERCHANDISE ON SALE IN THE TUCSON ROOM AT THIS YEARS REUNION IN SALT LAKE CITY, UT July 25th - July 29, 2000

New items on sale: Women's Pins, Men's 96th logo belt buckles, golf balls & tees and the DENIM SHIRTS many of you requested, plus more of your favorite items!

WE WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIME

Tuesday 2:00 to 5:00 Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 Thursday 2:00 to 5:00 Friday 2:00 to 5:00 Saturday 8:00 to 10:30

If any of you would like to help us sell merchandise complete this form and return it to me. Joyce Confer, 2530 Bay Vista Lane, Los Osos, CA 94302-4416, telephone #1-805-528-2058. If you have any questions about selling or scheduling feel free to call, write to me or see me or the cashier on duty during the reunion in the Merchandise (Tucson) Room located on the second floor above the hotel lobby.

MERCHANDISE WORKERS APPLICATION FORM
Name:______Telephone:_____

Address:

Time Requested :

Check scheduled time (above) & daily schedule of events.

Notice of ASTP luncheon! Date: Friday, July 28, 2000 Time: 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM

Place: The Arizona Room in the Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, where the 96th Association will be meeting

All who were eligible to wear the "flaming pot" patch of the ASTP as well as the 96th Division patch are welcome. Come for soup, salad, and sandwich. A cash bar will be open from noon 'til 1:00. To reserve a place at the table send your check for \$15.00 to:

Cal Claus 1285 Luther Lane #155 Arlington Heights, IL 60004-8110 Tel. (847) 670-3258 e-mail: clauscn@home.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES!!!!!

"DON'T SEND ME IN"

Let me float in a boat 'Till the enemy's remote, Don't send me in. Let me land in the sand With the generals and the band, Don't send me in. Send me back to the farm Raising pigs and pullets Big Beefsteaks for civilian gullets. Don't mind the guns but I can't stand bullets. Don't send me in. Just turn me loose; Let me dally in the galley While the beach is under fire On my caboose in my sack it seems a racket But you know how fast I tire. Oh, it's a lie. I'm not shy But I'm much too young to die. Don't send me in. I would gladly volunteer For a mission in the rear. Don't send me in. You can have my souvenirs, I don't have many Keep your medals 'cause I don't want any. Just want to carry home a healthy fanny. Don't send me in. (Parody of "Don't Fence Me In")

COMPANY L -- 383 INFANTRY LIVES ON

Our Dispatch Editor, Lorraine Strand, received a letter and some pictures, shown here, from a man in Michigan named Michael Lechent. We talked and decided that I would attempt to put something together for the Dispatch. It looked very interesting to us and for our members.

It seems Michael is a member of a group of World War II reenactors who try to keep our history alive with parades, memorials, living history encampments, battle reeactments, public displays, etc.

Most of the group have been involved in this acitivity five to ten years or more. There are quite a few other groups like this across the country. They don't glorify war but attempt to keep our people aware of our military history and to honor veterans for the sacrifices they made.

They have a strong interest in the 96th Division. A good friend of Michael's and a member of their group is James Pendergrass, the son of a Deadeye, James A. Pendergrass, who was in Company L 383 regiment under the leadership of one Willard "Hoss" Mitchell, a name we all know.

Notice the name of their group on the pictures show here. James was with the Division from its start in 1942 to its deactivation. He was proud of his company and the Divisions accomplishments and felt honored to have been a Deadeye. He passed away in February, 1996.

Young James is an Honorary Lifetime Member, receives the Deadeye Dispatch. He works with the group in their various events and in researching our Divisions History and the Leyte and Okinawa Battles.

They are very interested in following our organization and perhaps getting more involved with us in the future. We plan to keep in touch and inform our members as appropriate. They have already interviewed a few of our members and hope to do more in the future.

Young James would like to have contact with anyone from Company L or others who knew his father, have some pictures, etc about James Sr. If anyone has such information please contact him at:

> James Pendergrass 135 Portage St. Mendon, Mi. 49072 or Phone 616-496-8388

Look on the bulletin board in Salt Lake City for more on this and other news of interest.

Robert Schmidt, Treasurer

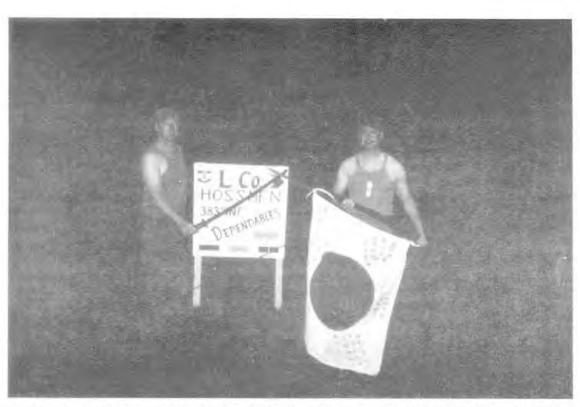


Michael Lechenet driving and James Pendergrass with some of the boys in the back.



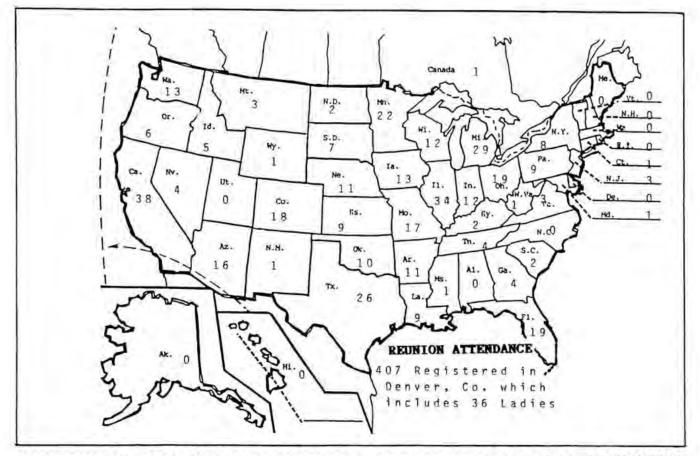
James Pendergrass with BAR and Michael Lechenet in the sunglasses



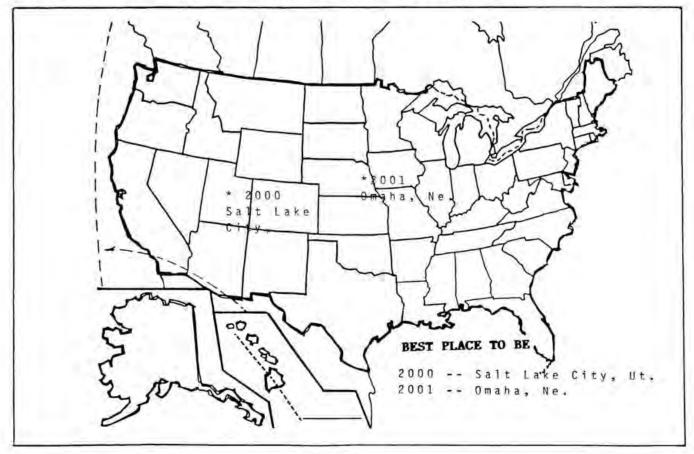


James Pendergrass with sword and Brian Blaga with rifle Paris, Illinois in 1999





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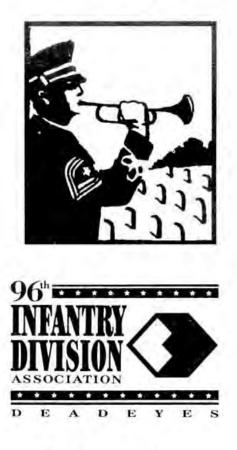


96th Infantry Division Association Ceremonies Arlington National Cemetery November 19, 1999

Living Memorial Tree and Monument Dedication

November 19, 1999 10:30 AM

Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia



The Program Cover

115 Deadeyes, family members and friends were in attendance

Memorial Monument Dedication

Program

Introduction

Donald Dencker Past President, 96th Infantry Division Association, Co. L, 382nd Infantry

> Sound Attention (Please Stand) Bugler, U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own)

Post the Colors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance Lawrence Ulrich Co. M. 383rd Infantry

Retire the Colors U.S. Army Color Guard

Invocation Chaplain (Major) David Acuff U.S. Army, Arlington National Cemetery

Dedication Message Senator Ron Wyden, Oregon Presented by Molly McCarthy, Staff Assistant

Dedication Remarks Brigadier General David Irvine Deputy Commanding General, 96th Regional Support Command

Keynote Address James Causey Vice President, 96th Infantry Division Association, Co. C. 381st Infantry

> Dedication Remarks Claudius M. Easley, Jr. Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Retired)

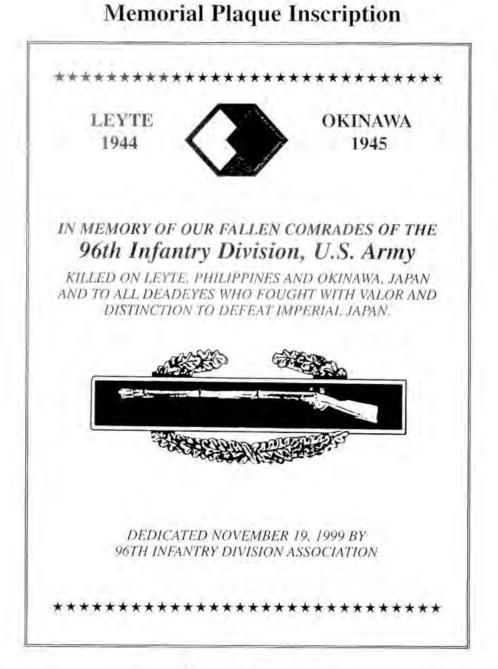
Unveiling of the Monument and Placing of Wreaths Richard McCarthy, Co. B. 383rd Infantry Leonard Lazarick, Co. K, 382nd Infantry

> Taps Bugler, U.S. Army Band

Benediction Chaplain (Major) David Acuff

> Dismissal Donald Dencker

A video tape of our Arlington Monument Dedication Ceremony and of our Wreath Presentation at the Tomb of the Unknowns will be on sale at our Reunion for \$15.00



Monument Committee: Donald Dencker(Chairman), Lawrence Ulrich, Richard McCarthy

The 96th Infantry Division Association wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard), Arlington National Cemetery Director and suff, and to the Deadeyes and friends whose contributions made this memorial possible,

We were also presented a Plaque from the 321st Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve by Lt. Col. Jonathan Ives, Commanding Officer. This Plaque will be on display at our Salt Lake City Reunion

BG DAVID IRVINE REMARKS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIALIZATION ARLINGTON NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY 19 November 1999

The late Michael Shaara, wrote a celebrated book about the Battle of Gettysburg which he entitled Killer Angels. I've been told by one who knew him that the book was written in response to a sort of taunt by some European friends that America had no sacred places. Shaara chose to write about Gettysburg because he believed it to be sacred ground, and no American would disagree. But it is not the only ground sacred to the nation. The land upon which we here stand today is also hallowed. As is every remote spot on Earth where the nation's freedoms have been paid for with American lives. The battlefields of 55 years ago, a continent and a wide ocean away, at Leyte and Okinawa, were hallowed by the sacrifice and courage of the soldiers of the 96th Infantry Division who fought and died there, and in whose honor this living tree is today planted on the singularly sacred grounds of Arlington Cemetery.

In 1962, I enlisted as an intelligence analyst in the 96th Infantry Division G-2. To my knowledge, CW4 David Layton and I are the only two remaining soldiers in an active Reserve status who served with the 96th Division. Today, I sit in General Easley's chair as the Deputy Commander of the 96th.

The 96th is no longer an infantry division - it's a logistical command. In 1967, the Division became what's now called an Army Reserve Regional Support Command. Today, we provide command and control for nearly all Army Reserve units in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Others have recalled the heroic service and sacrifice of the Division's soldiers in World War II. I was not even two years old on April 1, 1945, when the Division landed on Okinawa, and so it's a unique honor to be here today with the veterans of that assault, whose history I have only read about in my 35 years of service with the 96th.

The Division's structure changed, but the legacy didn't. We still remember. On June 19, 1945, the Assistant Division Commander, BG Claudius Easley was killed on Okinawa, at the front, while directing fire at a machine gun that had just killed his aide. As the 96th's Deputy Commander today, I, figuratively, sit in General Easley's chair, although I don't believe he was a "chair" kind of guy. Part of the Division's legacy is directly tied to General Easley. Not just marksmanship training, from which the Deadeye nickname came, not just his engaging style of leadership. If, as historian Stephen Ambrose claims, most World War II generals didn't spend much time at the front, General Easley is all the more remarkable. His front-line leadership has looked every subsequent deputy commanding general of the 96th square in the face, and he has made it clear where we, as generals, are expected to be.

You who so honorably followed the Division's flag in 1944 have every right to ask what has become of the legacy you left for those who followed. When we think of those soldiers who lost their lives on Leyte and Okinawa, it is easy to ask how such a sacrifice can ever be repaid, as if some kind of "repayment" as the world normally thinks of it, could even be possible. The greatest honor we who follow can accord to those who died is simply to assure you Division veterans that the commitment of today's Deadeyes to serve and excel is no less selfless or determined than was yours.

The blue and white Double Diamond shoulder patch still goes into harm's way, and your legacy of courage in the face of great danger is still, very much, a living inspiration. Just as you veterans responded to the nation's call in 1942, today's Deadeyes have packed their duffle bags and to serve shouldered their rifles in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and Bosnia. We've sent hundreds of Deadeves this year to provide humanitarian aide in Guatemala. We've built roads in Honduras, and provided dental care for Native Americans in Alaska. We've piped gasoline in Korea, and we've hauled ammunition in Germany. Your shoulder patch has been just about everywhere in the world the Army has been in the last 30 years.

What you began 55 years ago is still soldiering on. It's an honor to serve in your outfit, and I am so very happy to convey the reverent best wishes of a new generation of Deadeyes to you who made history as the 96th Infantry Division in World War II.



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

November 19, 1999

To the Friends and Families of the 96th Infantry Division:

I am sorry I am not able to be with you today. I would, however, like to express my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the brave men of the 96th Infantry Division of World War II, their families and friends.

This division holds particular interest and an eternal place of honor for all Oregonians. The division was headquartered in Portland from 1921 to 1942. Its soldiers also trained in Bend and Camp White in southern Oregon before departing to serve their country in the Pacific during World War II.

Every member of the 96th Division served their country with honor and courage. These brave soldiers fought in some of the most decisive battles of the Pacific, including Leyte and Okinawa. It was during these fierce campaigns, unfortunately, that the 96th Division became one of the hardest hit divisions of the Armed Forces. All told, five Congressional Medals of Honor, as well as numerous other medals, were awarded to the men of the 96th Division.

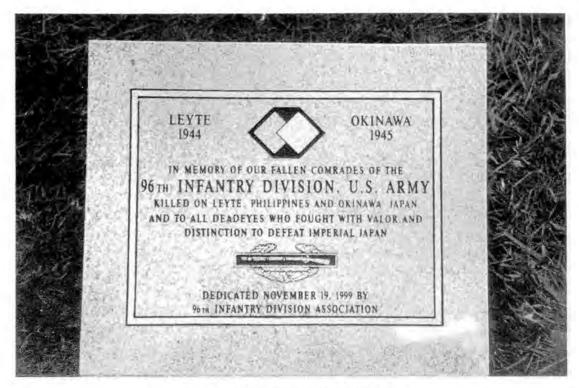
I want to thank the members of the Monument Committee of the 96th Infantry Division for giving so much time and energy to make this special day possible. Your living Memorial Tree and Monument Dedication will serve as a reminder of the important contribution the men the 96th Infantry Division gave to our nation.

Sincerely,

RON WYDEN United States Senator

The Message from Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon was ready by Molly McCarthy, daughter of Deadeye Dick McCarthy. Before World War II, the Headquarters of the 96th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Reserve was in Portland, Oregon

Monument and Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony



Monument with temporary inscription-To be covered by a Bronze Plaque



Ceremony Participants, left to right: Lt. Col. Ives, 321st Engineer Bn., James Causey, C/381, Leonard Lazarick, K/382, Claudius (Sandy) Easley, Jr., Richard McCarthy, B/383, Don Dencker, L/382, Molly McCarthy, Larry Ulrich, M/383, Chaplain (Maj) David Acuff and Brig. Gen. David Irvine, 96th Regional Support Command

Wreath Presentation at the Tomb of the Unknowns



Presenting the 96th Infantry Division Wreath



96th Infantry Division Association Website Visit Our Site at: http://www.hometown.aol.com/infantry 96

Our Site has been expanded to include: Counter installed Feb 18, 2000 with 1,000 visits reached on Mar. 21, 2000 Guest Book: Sign or Guest Book and view entries: Over 127 as of Mar.21, 2000 Year 2000 Salt Lake City Reunion Program Little America Hotel Information Little America Hotel registration Form Arlington National Cemetery Monument Dedication Program & Wreath Presentation at Tomb of the Unknowns, Nov. 19, 1999 Combat Infantry Badge Commemoration at Elgin, Illinois Distinguished Service Cross Award List Division History Source on the Web: Barnes and Noble

I wish to acknowledge the work of my Son-in-law, Jeff Riggleman for his many hours of effort to establish and expand our website. Don Dencker, Webmaster

Total Number of Guests 115

96th Infantry Division

Record 115 Name: bob cosby Website: cosbyrec@msn.com Referred by: Just Surfed On In From: ponte vedra beach, florida Time: 2000-02-25 03:48:43 Comments: My father,Don Cosby, served in Co. H, 383rd Inf. Regt.,in Leyte, and in Okinawa during World War II. He was killed by a drunken driver in 1949 in front of our house while waiting for the bus. Does anyone remember him? I have no memories of him since I was less than two year's old at the time of his death.

Bob:

I pesume your dads name was Alvin D. Cosby. Alvin D. Cosby is listed in our Division History as from H/383 and was awarded the Bronze Star on Okinawa.

About 10 members of Co. H. 383rd infantry come to our reunions. If you send me your mailing address I will have your request made in the spring issue of The Deadeye Dispatch.

Don Dencker Co. L, 382nd Infantry

Thanks very much for your rapid response. The information contained in your note is correct. I would appreciate anything else you could find out via the Deadeye Dispatch. My mailing address is 437 East Monroe Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

FROM THE ARCHIVES!!!!!

WEDDING (G.I. STYLE)

Wilt thou, John, have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as the War Department or Army personnel will allow?

Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, take her to the movies, and come home promptly when on pass?

I Will.

Wilt thou, Mary, take this soldier as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind leave hours, training schedules, sudden orders, uncertain mail connections, furlough cancellations, and large batches of laundry?

Wilt thou obey him, serve him, love, honor and wait for him; learn to wash, fold and press his summer uniform, keep the smoking lamp lighted at home for him; and have plenty of patches to sew on his shirts?

I Will.

I, John, take thee, Mary, as my wedded wife from 5P.M. until 7:30 A.M. or at such time as permitted by my company commander, passes subject to change without notice, for better or worse, for earlier or later, and I promise to write home at least once a week.

I, Mary, take thee, John, as my wedded husband, subject to the orders of the Officer of the day, changing my residence whenever the Division moves, to have and to hold as long as my regular allotment comes through and the gas board is generous; thereto I give my throth.

You are now man and wife.

DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE ACTIVITIES YOU WISH TO ATTEND.



"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.

> Lyle W. Randolph -- 362 FA per Wife -- 3-23-99

Raymond Huttl -- 383-D per Earl Zinc --

John C. Pearson -- 383 Service per Edward L. Cavitt --

Carl Molvig -- 381-F per Mary Parsley -- 2-11-99

Frank Duncan Smith -- 383-E&G per Robert Schmidt -- 6-26-96

George E. Lawyer -- 381-A per Wife -- 10-18-98

Warren Afflect -- Div. Hg. per Richard Haglund -- 6-1990 per Richard Haglund -- 4-1997



Stanley H. Asmussen -- 796 Ord. per George McMahan --

Edarald Weisert -- 383-I per Wife -- 3-17-99

Wayne W. (Snuffy) Smith -- 382-C per Wife -- 3-3-99

Bernard Good -- 321 Medic per Wife -- 3-9-99

Gilbert Kiblinger -- 381 Cannon per Glenn Hamilton -- 5-4-99

Marcel Oubre -- 382-2nd Bn per Wife -- 8-5-98

T. J. Creamer -- 728 AMT per Niece --

Wayne R. Mackling -- Signal per Wife -- 9-19-98

Carl Weisinger --

Robert Spencer Shoemaker -- 382-1st Bn. per Richard Haglund -- 4-29-99 Ralph Luciano -- 321 Medic Sterling Edward Kinney -per Wife -- 12-1995 per B. F. Thigpen -- 5-14-99 Bertrand Nathan -- 321 Medic Col. John H. Hoye -- 382-L per Larry Clayton -- 6-14-99 per Wilber L. Hite -- 5-6-99 William H. Cravens -- 381-L George Hannig -- 383-B per Ann Dunning -- 6-26-99 per Elmer Sweeter -- 6-26-99 Ralph B. Caporalette -- 383-L Harvey Hahn -- 382-C per Steve Melnyk -per Tom roby -- 2-22-98 Glen Eidman -- 383-D Pursel Pepper -- 383-E per Earl Zinc -per Son -- 7-15-99 Leonard F. Meadows -- 381-I Thomas Ray Holiman -- 381 Anti Tank per Paul Foster -- 5-1998 per Wife -- 12-26-98 Brown Burgess -- 382-L Merlin "Bud" Baler -- 382-L per Don Dencker -- 7-17-99 per Don Dencker -- 7-26-99 Sidney Schyman -- 382 Anti Tank James Pendergrass -- 383-L per Walter Dimond -- 6-1995 per Son -- 2-3-96 Percy P. Jones -- 382 Anti Tank Richard Van Etten -- 361 FA per Russell Watts -- 9-9-99 per Norma Barth -- 9-16-99 Paul E. Stroble -- 921 FA Louis J. Tolladay -- 382 Service per Son -- 9-16-99 per Wife -- 1-13-99 Joseph Mate -- 796 Ordinance James R. Ermet -- 383-F per Ben C. confer -- 9-12-99 per Mercer Carey -- 5-21-99 Patrick H. Axton -- 362 FA Paul Horstmeier -- 796 Ordinance per Arthur Creason -- 9-29-99 per Joyce Lloyd --

Sam Bonacci -- 382-F per Newspaper -- 10-28-99 Walter S. Zajac -- 382-1st Bn, Edwin J. Tilton -- 383-3rd Bn.

Karl F. Osborne -- 382 Cannon per Daughter -- 11-4-99

Howard Oliver -- 363 FA per Wife -- 12-2-99

per Wife -- 9-10-99

H. A. McElroy Jr. -- 381-M per Post Office -- 4-18-98

Roy Herbert -- Band per Douglas Burton -- 12-1999

Eldon Wilson -- 383-C per Robert Schmidt -- 1-8-99

Harold Brinkley -- 381-K per Douglas Burton -- 4-15-99

William Boverhof -- Hq. George Caswell -- 381-H per E. J. Katerberg -- 1-3-2000 per Wife -- 1-17-2000

Charlie S. Lee -- 383-I per Marshall White -- 1-2-2000

Paul K. Wilkison -- 381-E per Orville Towne -- 3-1999 James W. Smith -- 381-I per Edward DeWitt -- 1-13-2000

per Orville L. Towne -- 5-1999

per Russell Watts -- 11-17-99

per Harry Brown -- 11-24-99

Marshall Allen -- 321 Engineers

Cecil Phillips -- 383-I

per Wife -- 10-25-99

Ernest Scoggins -- QM

Albert Kobinsky -- QM

per Veterans AdministraTION

George Dunn -- 381 Cannon

per John Obal -- 12-29-99

Robert W. Sharp -- 381-2nd Bn.

per Gerald Petersen -- 1999

Nolan Tucker -- 381-E

per Post Office

Robert Fitzpatrick -- 382-2nd Bn.Carl Hagberg -- 321 Engineersper Wife -- 2-1-2000per Gerald Peterson -- 1999

Gunnar Swanson -- 383-I James A. Yarborough -- 321 Medic per Clarence Snyder -- 1-12-2000 per Alvis Harrel1 -- 2-3-2000 Andrew Murcko -- 381 Hq. & Hq. per Edward Grebik -- 12-3-99

George E. Salget -- 383-2nd Bn. per Richard Haglund -- 10-1998

Al Baber -- 381per Louis Canedo -- 2-2000

John A. Stratman -- 382-L per Daughter -- 12-15-99

Carl R. Blessing, Sr. -- 361 FA per Wife -- 9-19-99 Lee Johnson -- Div. Hq. per George McFall -- 1-9-00

Andrew Jablonsky -- 381 Hq. & Hq. per Edward Grebik -- 2-18-00

Willie B. Holeman -- 383-K per Sam Wood -- 2-16-00

Earl Sonnonberg -- 382-L per Donald Dencker -- 1-4-00

Marion McGee -- 321 Engineers per newspaper -- 3-23-00

notice

96th Infantry Division Association blue and white caps may be ordered from Douglas Burton, 11279 S. Fowler Ave., Selma, Ca. 93662. The cost is \$6.00 Postpaid. The Caps will also be for sale at the reunion.



My name is Wm. T. Ripley. I am 27 years old and a graduate of Ball State University, where I majored in History. Because of my interest in the Second World War, I founded the Military History Preservation Society in 1986. Since that time it grown to include both US and foreign uniforms, weapons, equipment, etc. I eventually hope to have a display facility for the public to come and view the artifacts. In the meantime items are taken out on display to schools, historical societies, libraries, and the like.

In 1987, to help the organization, I began contacting veterans of the Second World War. To date over 3,500 veterans from 32 countries have been contacted. All the replies are being complied into a book of veterans "war stories" telling of the war as seen through the veterans eye, and not some "official" source.

I feel it very important to preserve the artifacts and memories of this violent era so present and future generations will remember the sacrifices made during this time.

I would like to invite all veterans of the Second World War who read this to reply. I am looking mainly for stories of time in service. In particular, those of combat, but also those of humorous content, camp life, rations, basically anything the veteran cares to recall. I just ask that besides the story the veteran also include his name, rank, unit, and photo of himself while in service.

> Wm. T. Ripley 104 E. Water Pendleton, In. 46064

Jim Cagney is interested in anyone who knew his brother, Pfc. Joseph Philip Cagney, who was a member of the ASTP group at the University of Wisconsin before being assigned to the 96th Division, 381st Regiment, Company K. My brother took part in the Catmon Hill engagement on Leyte and was wounded on October 29th, 1944. He died of his wounds on October 30, 1944. He was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously for heroic action. I would like to hear from anyone who knew my brother and especially anyone who had specific information as to why he received this award.

Jim Cagney 296 Country Club Drive Prospect Heights,IL 60070 e-mail:MAC.JAC@worldnet.att.com

I found an issue of the Deadeye Dispatch while rummaging in my Grandma's house. My Grandpa was an Infantryman in the 96th. I have been looking for anyone that knew him. He died in 1991. I was only 10 at the time, so I never got a chance to hear his Army stories. If I did, I just didn't understand them. I've become really interested in people in the military and joined the Women's Relief Corp (Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic). I would have loved to have talked to my Grandpa, but it's not possible now. Will you please help me? His name was James M. Dragvold. He was a Pfc infantryman in Company K 381st Infantry regiment. He served from October 1942 until the Spring of 1945. He served in the Philippines and was wounded on Okinawa. Any help you can give me will greatly appreciated. Take care and God Bless.

> Janette Dragvold RR 1 Box 54 Whalan, Mn. 55949 (507) 467-3343 J. Dragvold@mailcity.com

We have a letter from an Honorary Lifetime member who is the brother of a Deadeye who was a casualty on Okinawa. He would like to contact anyone who served with and knew his brother, Sgt. Jacob L. "Louie" Merker, 382 Regiment Company G. He can be contacted at this address.

Harry Merker P. O. Box 1147 Banning, Ca. 92220-0008

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

As we have discussed I am interested in contacting persons of the 381st Regiment 96th Division who could have known my brother Pete Koslow.

Pete went into the army at Ft. Benning and then into the ASTP (A-12) program at the Univ. of Wisconsin. He subsequently was shifted to the reactivation of the 96th Infantry Division (I believe at Camp White).

Pete was killed April 11, 1945 during the battle(s) of Okinawa as member of Company A, 381st Regiment. My understanding is that he with three others went on a recon when hit by mortar fire.

I have been fortunate in talking to several persons of the 381st who remembered Pete in respect to basketball while at U. of Wisconsin. Now my interest is in finding if there are any Company A survivors who might have been fortunate enough to have survived and have some memory of the events on the day Pete was killed. I understand that around April 10 or 11th, the Japanese put forth one of the most horrific artillery/mortar barrages of the war and it was probably in the action at this time my brother was killed.

If there are survivors that knew my brother, I would be so happy to hear from them.

Sincerely,

6116 Jim Koslow

405 W. Southwood Drive Woodland, CA 95695

> Tel.: 530 666 2594 email: jaklo@mindspring.com

I would like to publicly thank Don Dencker and his committee for the organization of the wonderful and touching ceremony at Arlington Cemetery November 19, 1999. A Commemorative plaque and a living tree were dedicated to the 96th Infantry Division and it's fine War time record. It is gratifying to know we have dedicated people like Don to work in perpetuating the memory of our fine Division.

> Jerry Connolly -- 383-H 365 E. Stewart Ave. Garden City, N. Y. 11530

notice

The Denver Reunion is now past history and we are looking forward to Salt Lake City. It was very encouraging to see so many "FIRST-TIMERS" in Denver. Please do come again.

Once again your Editor is making a plea to All Deadeyes who have moved since the last Dispatch to **PLEASE** send in your change of address. I get many phone calls and letters telling me that no Dispatch was received -- lots of time no change of address was received, you are a "Snow Bird" or you did not pay your dues. We can not keep two sets of addresses. If you are a Snow Bird and send me a note and \$2.00 your Editor will send you an additional copy of the Deadeye Dispatch. The Post Office **DOES NOT** forward the Dispatches. They are returned to me and I must pay 50¢ for each returned copy.

It is important to have CORRECT ADDRESSES.

Lorraine Strand, Editor

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL ACTIVITIES YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN.

Hope to see you all in Salt Lake City, Ut. July 27, 28 & 29, 2000.

Little America Hotel 500 South Main Street Salt Lake City,, UT 84101 (801) 363-6781 fax: (801) 596-5911

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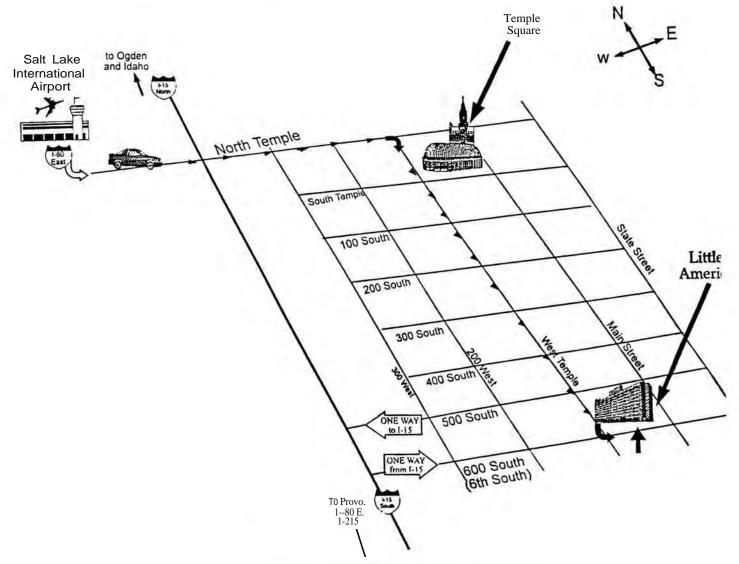
From: Salt Lake International Airport To: Little America Hotel, downtown, SLC

Follow signs leaving airport for 1-80 East. Immediately after, take exit marked "North Temple".

- Follow North Temple approximately 6 miles east into the city.
- Tum right onto West Temple. Head seven blocks south on West Temple.
- Turn Left onto 600 South (6th South).
- Travel 1/2 block east on 600 South (6th South).

The entrance to the hotel is on the left-hand side of the street.

Referring to this map, please follow the arrows.



(these directions subject to change due to construction)