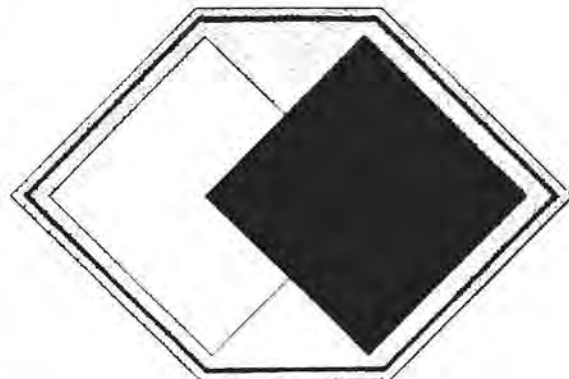


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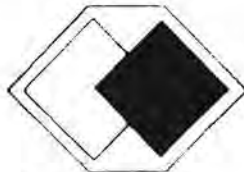
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President's Corner



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



SPRING 2001

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

This has been an exciting year for our Association because many members have been involved in numerous ceremonies, dedications, and other related activities. All of these events are building upon our legacy and we continue to make contacts within great circles of veterans and friends from all over the country and overseas.

At the conclusion of our last reunion I was once again deeply impressed by the powerful connectivity we experience when we are together. This connectivity seems to become even more intense as each year passes. Our bonds grow closer.

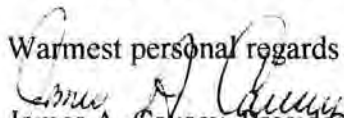
Great emphasis is now being placed on our accounts of what we have experienced in the past, how we are interacting now, and how we will continue to nurture our legacy for those who follow us into the future. For those of us who will record the final chapters of our WWII experiences, we are mindful that in record numbers, we are now fast closing ranks with our Creator. In the time we have remaining, there are two suggested guidelines that we address in our reflections. The training we received and the health care provided are areas of great interest to many persons.

Most of us at the outset of our military service, did not know that the empowerment we gained from our training would later become a matter of life and death. The care of the sick and wounded is the second area of major importance.

An excerpt from the 96th Infantry Division History has been sent to the U. S. Army Medical Department Museum at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The museum curator, G. Alan Knight, in a letter back to me stated, "The 4 life-saving innovations first used on Okinawa represent something we need to consider highlighting as a part of a World War II exhibit. Needless to say, this data will go into the archives under both the 321st Medical Battalion and the 96th Infantry Division".

Please be prepared to share your suggestions, ideas, and plans for your personal memoirs, future reunions, and how to make our reunions even better for you. We look forward to a happy reunion in Omaha.

Warmest personal regards and best wishes always to each one of you.


James A. Causey, President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES

ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Deadeye Friends,

When I have watched the national news and weather this last year, I have thought fondly of the Deadeyes that I knew across the United States. I have had many mini-vacations when I thought of the wonderful friends who live from coast to coast. I have hoped each of you were safe, warm, and healthy. Now it is time to make plans for the "2001 Omaha Odyssey" and anticipate conversations with the Deadeyes and their families. Spring brings great joy and the summer will bring new adventures. The 96th Infantry Division's 44th reunion offers a special time to hear about the past year and the plans for the future of wonderful friends.

I have certainly appreciated all the cards, telephone calls, and e-mails that I have received. Thank you for the support during the last year and the past years, as I have been an officer of the Ladies Auxiliary. With much help from the Deadeyes, the auxiliary members, the sons and daughters of the Deadeyes, and the grandchildren of the Deadeyes, the planned on site activities will provide opportunities to connect the generations through laughter, conversations, reading of individual's vignettes, preserving letters and pictures presentations, grandchildren's contests, and the special History room, where all reunion participants can share and learn from the 96th Infantry men about their respect for the young soldiers that did not come home to a free America. The reunion is a golden opportunity to allow your descendants to see, and to hear first hand about the lifelong bonds of the 96th Infantry Division. Give the gift of your time and share these special bonds with your sons, daughters and grandchildren and offer them a chance to learn what you value by listening to your conversations with new and old 96th friends. Invite them- we want to meet them! They will be glad you invited them!

Pack your best smile and plan to have your picture taken with Deadeye friends. We have some volunteer photographers to capture the smiles and bonds of friendship the night of the banquet.

The "2001 Omaha Odyssey" reunion is one where friendships will be renewed and new friendships formed. Make your plans to join us in person. If you cannot be with us in person, PLEASE write or call a Deadeye before the reunion so they can share with us your desire to be among the wonderful family of the 96th Infantry Division. We will read your note on the bulletin board. We do care and we do remember you!

Until we meet again.

Fondly,

"Sis" - Mary Eleanor
"Sis" - Mary Eleanor Wood Smith

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Charles Cole, John Elliot, Robert R. Glassman, Olan F. Hill, Roy Holmes, Stanley Lang, Mark F. Ralph, Donald Tolliver, Wallace Walters and Vester Wroten.

15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Wilbur Fite, Leonard Freeman, Ray Gullickson, Mervin F. Hill, Donald Shearer, Oscar Vickers and Edwin E. Wright. Also Elwyn Hollenbach.

20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Theodore Chrisman and Rolland F. Zech

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Edward DeWitt, Arnold Sauber, L. T. Stinnett, Eric H. Tengerstrom and Earl Thompson.

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Edward W. Funk, George McMahan, Fred Sears and Alfred Wasinger.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Alva Amelung, and John Obal.

40 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Robert D. Huff

ATTENDED ALL 43 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman and Clarence Snyder. Mary Lou White (Auxiliary Member) has attended all 43 Reunions.

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARDS

Robert D. Huff and Steve Melnyk.

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARD

Joyce Confer

notices

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2001 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day, May 19, 2001, at the American Legion Post in Marysville, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. To get on the mailing list please contact RUSSELL WATTS -- 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43229-5259 or JAMES KNIGHT -- 252 W. Franklin, Nelsonville, Oh. 45764-1151.

The Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their Annual Reunion June 3, 2001, 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, 2001 at the Polk County Museum. 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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Wednesday July 25th 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Thursday July 26th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday July 27th 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturday July 28th 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM

MERCHANDISE WORKERS APPLICATION FORM

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E-mail Address: _____

Day and time available to work: _____

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| 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 |
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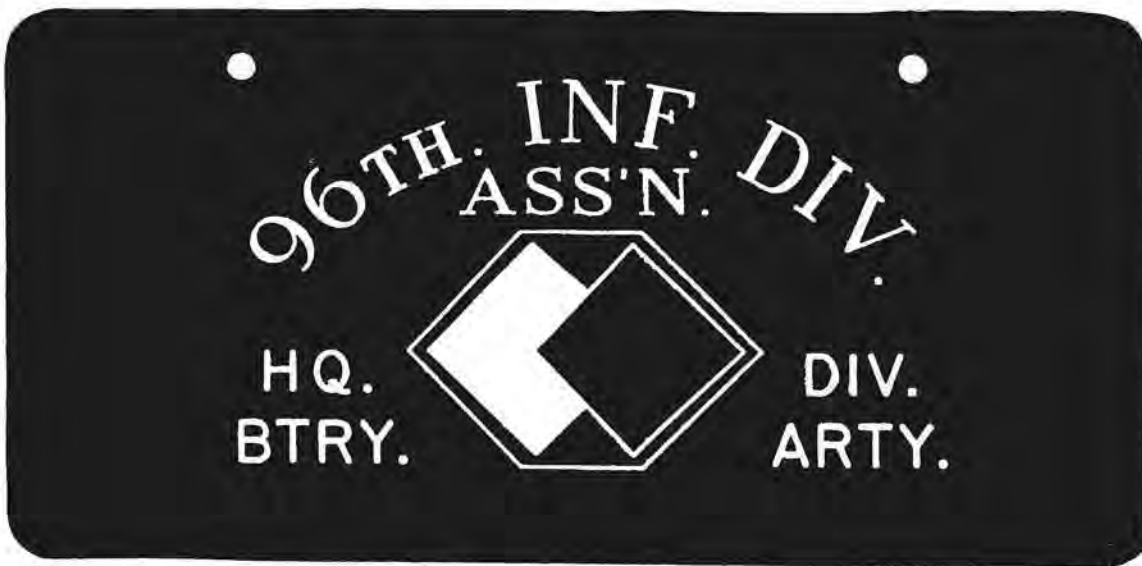
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96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 44th ANNUAL REUNION

JULY 24 - 29, 2001

HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL, OMAHA, NE

R & R (Location: TBA)

A cash and carry breakfast cart will be available on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings 6:30am – 9:00am offering the following items: assorted beverages - \$1; cinnamon rolls, donuts, muffins, pastries - \$1; bagels with cream cheese - \$1.50; whole fruit - \$1; boxed cereals with milk - \$1.50. Prices include tax, gratuity optional.

Tuesday, July 24

2:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
Evening and dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 25

7:15am - 8:15am **Reunion Registration open**
8:45am - 3:15pm SAC Museum / Wildlife Safari (description follows)
1:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
1:00pm - 4:00pm Sale of Merchandise
5:45pm - 10:45pm Harvey's Casino

Thursday, July 26

8:00am Executive Committee Meeting
8:00am Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
9:00am - 5:00pm Sale of Merchandise
10:00am - 11:00am **Reunion Registration open**
10:00am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
11:45am - 4:15pm Henry Doorly Zoo (description follows)
2:00pm - 3:00pm Kathleen Roe Workshop (description follows)
3:30pm - 7:30pm **Reunion Registration open**
8:00pm - 11:00pm Reunion Kick-Off Party

Friday, July 27

9:00am - 9:30am Presentation of Presidential Unit Citation followed by General Open Meeting.
9:30am - 12:00pm 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting. (Afterwards, there will be a cash & carry lunch cart available 12:00pm – 1:30pm offering the following items: assorted beverages-\$1, deli sandwich-\$4, chef's choice salads-\$1, potato chips-\$.50, cookies and brownies-\$.75. Prices include tax; gratuity optional)
9:30am - 11:00am Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
10:00am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
11:00am - 1:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon. Featured entertainment:
12:00pm ASTP Luncheon. For information please contact Ernie Malkewitz at (616) 784-0465
12:00pm - 1:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
1:30pm - 6:00pm City Tour / Boy's Town (description follows)
2:00pm - 3:00pm Kathleen Roe Workshop (description follows)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Sale of Merchandise
4:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
7:00pm - 8:00pm Banquet Seating Assignments
8:00pm - 11:00pm Beer Bust and Dance

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 44th ANNUAL REUNION
JULY 24 - 29, 2001
HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL, OMAHA, NE**

Saturday, July 28

8:00am - 10:30am Sale of Merchandise
9:00am - 10:30am 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting
10:00am - 4:00pm Historical Room open
11:00am - 12:00pm Memorial Service
11:00am - 12:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
12:30pm - 4:30pm Old Market / Western Heritage Museum (description follows)
5:00pm Catholic Mass
6:00pm - 7:00pm Unit photographs (pictures will be taken during social hour)
6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Hour with Cash Bar
7:00pm - 9:00pm Banquet dinner
9:00pm - 12:00am Entertainment

Sunday, July 29

Farewells and departures.

Function Room names will be included on the final program included in your registration packet.

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 44th ANNUAL REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

SAC MUSEUM /WILDLIFE SAFARI

Wednesday, July 25

Board bus for the Strategic Air Command Museum and the Wildlife Safari. Tour the SAC Museum, featuring thirty of the world's most famous military aircraft and missiles. View the restoration process of warplanes and learn about SAC history in the museum's theater. At the Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari you will enter a world unlike any you have visited before! Begin an hour-long tour of the 360-acre park. The park serves as both a reserve for breeding and showcases the constantly changing panorama of wetlands, meadows, canyons, and prairies. Bison, pronghorn antelope, elk, sandhill cranes, and a countless variety of birds roam the park. Enjoy free time at the gift shop and visit the Sacred Hoop Garden. A lunch buffet will be provided at the Eugene T. Mahoney State Park between tour stops and will consist of your choice of three entrees, two vegetables, soup, salad bar, dessert bar, and beverage.

Note: Tour has a maximum of 175 people, reservations taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

8:45am board bus, 3:15pm back at hotel.

\$41/Person includes bus, escort, lunch, and admissions.

HARVEY'S CASINO

Wednesday, July 25

Board bus for Harvey's Casino. Upon arrival, you will receive a coupon book, valid for savings during your visit. Enjoy dinner on your own at the buffet, diner, or rooftop restaurant. Later, try your luck at Las Vegas style gambling. Choose from slot machines to various table games including Black Jack, Poker, Roulette, and Craps.

5:45pm board bus, 10:45pm back at hotel.

\$19/Person includes bus and escort. Dinner on your own.

HENRY DOORLY ZOO

Thursday, July 26

Board bus for the Henry Doorly Zoo, said to rival the best zoos in the country. Wander through Lied Jungle, the world's largest indoor rainforest to see animals swinging, swimming, slithering, and soaring in their natural habitats. Walk through Scott Aquarium, featuring a seventy-foot tunnel, as sharks and colorful reef fish swim around you. After lunch, gather at the IMAX entrance and enjoy the current film. A tram is available (weather permitting) for a nominal charge. Lunch on your own at the Tree Top Café or at one of the concession stands.

11:45am board bus, 4:15pm back at hotel.

\$28/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and film. Lunch on your own.

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 44th ANNUAL REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS, CONTINUED**

KATHLEEN ROE WORKSHOP

Thursday, July 26 and Friday, July 27

Enjoy a mini workshop by Kathleen Roe. Kathleen, Archivist for the New York State Museum, will discuss how to preserve letters and photographs in addition to instruction on oral histories to provide a memoir about one who served.

CITY TOUR / BOY'S TOWN

Friday, July 27

Board bus for a guided tour of Omaha. Drive through the Gold Coast area and see some of Omaha's upscale homes and estates. In downtown, points of interest include the Con Agra Headquarters, Heartland of America Park, and the Jocelyn Art Museum. Take a driving tour of Fort Omaha, established in 1868 as the headquarters for the Department of the Platte during the Indian Wars. Visit General Crook House, which has been restored to its 1879 authenticity. Enjoy a guided tour of Father Flanagan's Boy's Town. Founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan and incorporated in 1936, Boy's Town is a complete community for over 550 boys and girls having trouble at home (or no home at all). The complex is a world-renowned college preparatory and technical training facility. The tour will include stops at the Hall of History, Father Flanagan's home, and one of the chapels.

1:30pm board bus, 6:00pm back at hotel.

\$23/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions.

OLD MARKET / WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Saturday, July 28

Board bus for lunch and shopping on your own at the Old Market. Walk along cobblestone streets, once home to produce dealers, buyers, and transporters at the end of the 19th century. Today, the red brick warehouses house more than 100 businesses, including restaurants and specialty shops. Lunch options include Austin's Steakhouse, Destiny Café, Howard Street Pizza & Pub, Spaghetti Works, and more. Next, visit Union Station, home of the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Tour the train cars, listen to "conversations" of the train travelers (life-size bronze statues), and enjoy a treat at the old-fashioned soda fountain. The museum is the nation's first restored Art Deco railway station; housing exhibits of more than 100 years of Omaha history and memorabilia.

12:30pm board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel.

\$22/Person includes bus, escort, and admission. Lunch on your own.

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

**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
HOLIDAY CONVENTION CENTRE
OMAHA, NE
(402) 393-3950**

HOTEL LOCATION

The Holiday Convention Centre is located at 3321 South 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68124. The Centre is located in midtown Omaha, just ten miles or fifteen minutes to the Eppley Airfield. The Centre is only minutes to downtown's Old Market, two miles to crossroads Mall, and conveniently located in midtown Omaha at I-80 and 72nd Street. If you are driving, please call the hotel for accurate driving directions.

HOTEL EXTRAS

The Holiday Convention Centre has 6 floors and 383 guest rooms. Each guest room features remote control TV with cable, in-room movies, iron/ironing board, in-room hairdryer, and coffee maker. The tropical atmosphere in the beautiful Holidome is inviting for guests to relax. The Holidome indoor fun center has an indoor pool (accented with glass column waterfalls), 2 indoor whirlpools, sauna, state of the art exercise room, and a miniature golf area. Another fitness room is located on the 3rd floor of the hi-rise. There is a gift shop and a coin-operated laundry on site.

Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. Ample free parking is provided for overnight hotel guests. RV parking is allowed for guests of the hotel in the parking lot but no hookup service is provided. Check-in time is 3pm; check-out is noon.

Hotel dining:

- Benton's** serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Room service is available.

Note: Area restaurants include steakhouses (Anthony's, Outback, Austin's, The Drover), Seafood (Red Lobster, Kaki's Crabhouse), Italian (LaStrada, Olive Garden, Spaghetti Works, Grisanti's), and many others.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The Holiday Convention Centre offers complimentary airport transportation to and from Eppley Airfield. Upon arrival, call the hotel from the courtesy phone in the baggage claim area of the airport for pickup. Space is always limited on complimentary shuttles. You may want to consider other transportation services.

NEARBY RV PARK

RV parking is limited at the Holiday Convention Centre. The West Omaha KOA, Gretna, is approximately fifteen miles from the hotel and offers full hookup service. Call (800) 562-1632 for information, directions, and reservations.

WHEELCHAIRS

The hotel has a few wheelchairs available on a first-come, first-served basis for use on site only. Honeyman Rent All (402) 331-6013 rents standard wheelchairs. They will deliver, for a fee, to the Holiday Convention Centre.

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 THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH THE 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 22, 2001. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

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 6/22/01

| | Price Per | # of People | Total |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------|
| TOURS | | | |
| Wednesday: Sac Museum/Wildlife Safari (Tour has a maximum capacity of 175 people) | \$41 | | \$ |
| Wednesday: Harvey's Casino | \$19 | | \$ |
| Thursday: Henry Doorly Zoo | \$28 | | \$ |
| Friday: City Tour/Boy's Town | \$23 | | \$ |
| Saturday: Old Market/Western Heritage Museum | \$22 | | \$ |
| HOTEL FUNCTIONS | | | |
| Thursday: Kathleen Roe Workshop | Free | | |
| Friday: Auxiliary Luncheon. (Main entrée: Chicken Croissant Sandwich) | \$12 | | \$ |
| Friday: Kathleen Roe Workshop | Free | | |
| Friday: Beer Bust | \$ 6 | | \$ |
| Saturday Banquet (<i>Split entrée includes both a 4oz. Filet Mignon and 4oz Breast of Chicken in Mornay Sauce</i>) | \$28 | | \$ |
| Saturday Banquet Children's Plate 12 and under. (<i>chicken fingers, French fries, and dessert</i>) | \$10 | | \$ |
| REGISTRATION FEE | | | |
| Everyone who registers is required to pay the registration fee; which includes administrative expenses and materials. Everyone who registers will receive a nametag; which you may opt to discard. | \$ 3 | | \$ |
| Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions | | | \$ |

Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME (for nametags) _____

REGIMENT _____ COMPANY _____ BATTERY _____ OTHER _____

SPOUSE NAME _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____

IS THIS THE FIRST 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION YOU ARE ATTENDING? YES

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING? DRIVING? RV?

Full refunds will be sent for the above-mentioned activities if cancellation is received by 7/20/01 less a \$3 processing fee. After that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies and/or the resale of tickets. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm eastern time (excluding holidays).** CALL (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.



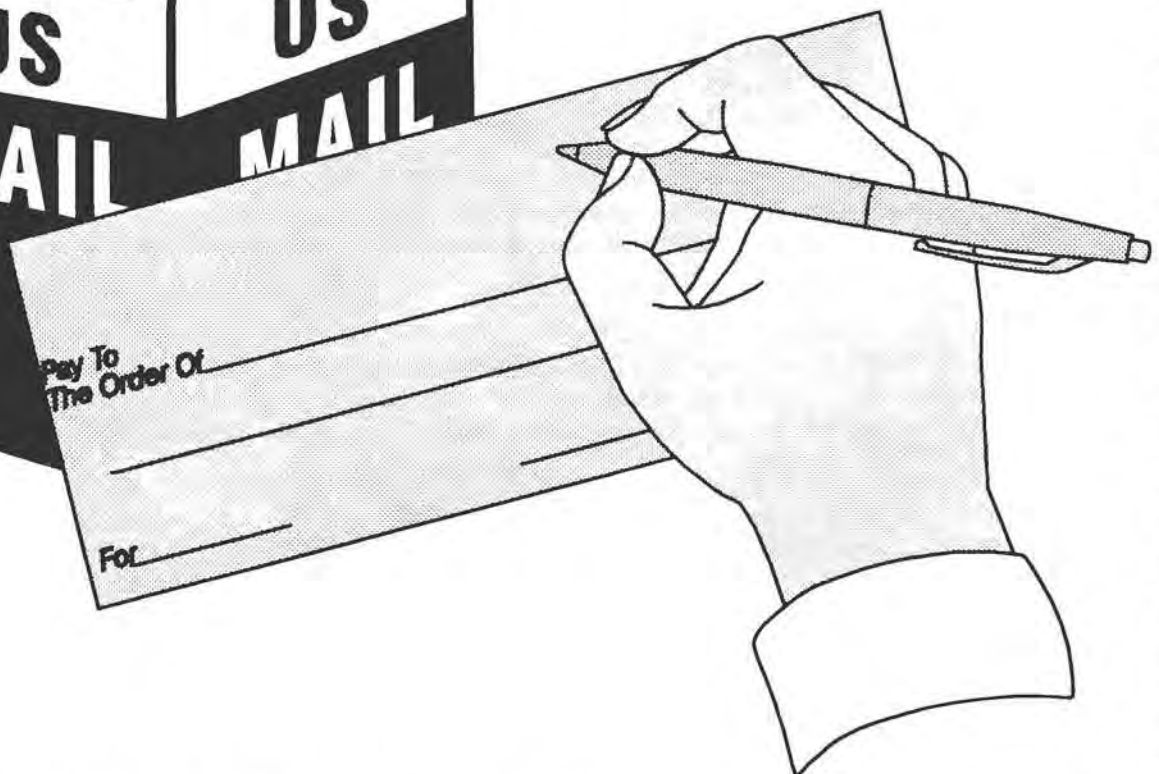
MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

ATTN: 96th Infantry

P.O. Box 11327

Norfolk, VA 23517



96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Back row: Donald Dencker, George McMahan, Raymond Boykin, Ernest Malkewitz and Lorraine Strand

Front row: E. Jaye Thompson, Bob Cronshey, Steve Melnyk and James Causey (Robert Schmidt Missing)

96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY OFFICERS



Muriel Haglund, Carol Wargo, Ruth Seifert, Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, Joyce Confer, Rosemary Cronshey and Betty Shearer

ASTP, Hear Ye!!! ASTP, Hear Ye!!!

All who wore the ASTP flaming pot patch before getting the Blue & White of the 96th, listen up!

Sign up for the next ASTP luncheon NOW!

WHERE: Omaha, NE, Holiday Inn Central

WHEN: Friday, July 27, 2001

TIME: 11:30 AM 'til 1:30PM

ROOM: TBA, check the bulletin board on arrival

**WHAT: cash bar, 11:30; soup 'n sandwich 'n salad
along with liberal amounts of good cheer**

PRICE: \$12.00, send check made out to me:

Cal Claus

1285 Luther Lane #155

Arlington Heights, IL 60004-8110

Tel # (847) 670-3258

For those who won't make it, but want to stay on our contact list, send me info about yourself by snail-mail, e-mail or fax. e-mail: <clauscn@home.com>

fax: 847 255 9338

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.

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 | - - - - - | - - - - - | _____ |
| TOTAL | - - - - - | - - - - - | _____ |

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

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

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

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

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



Your Buddies Need You

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. Reg.) _____

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. Reg. _____

New Address _____

Old Address _____

Remarks _____

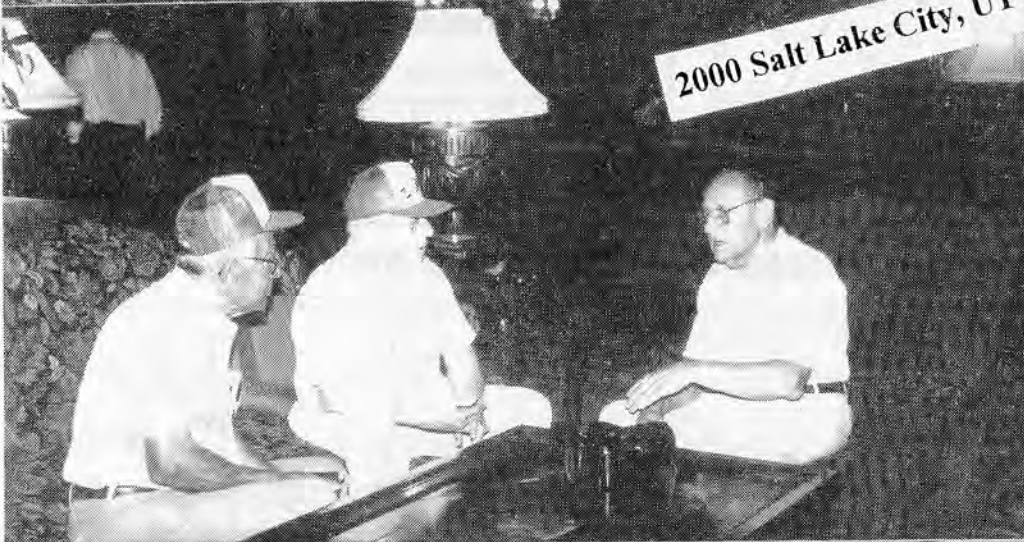
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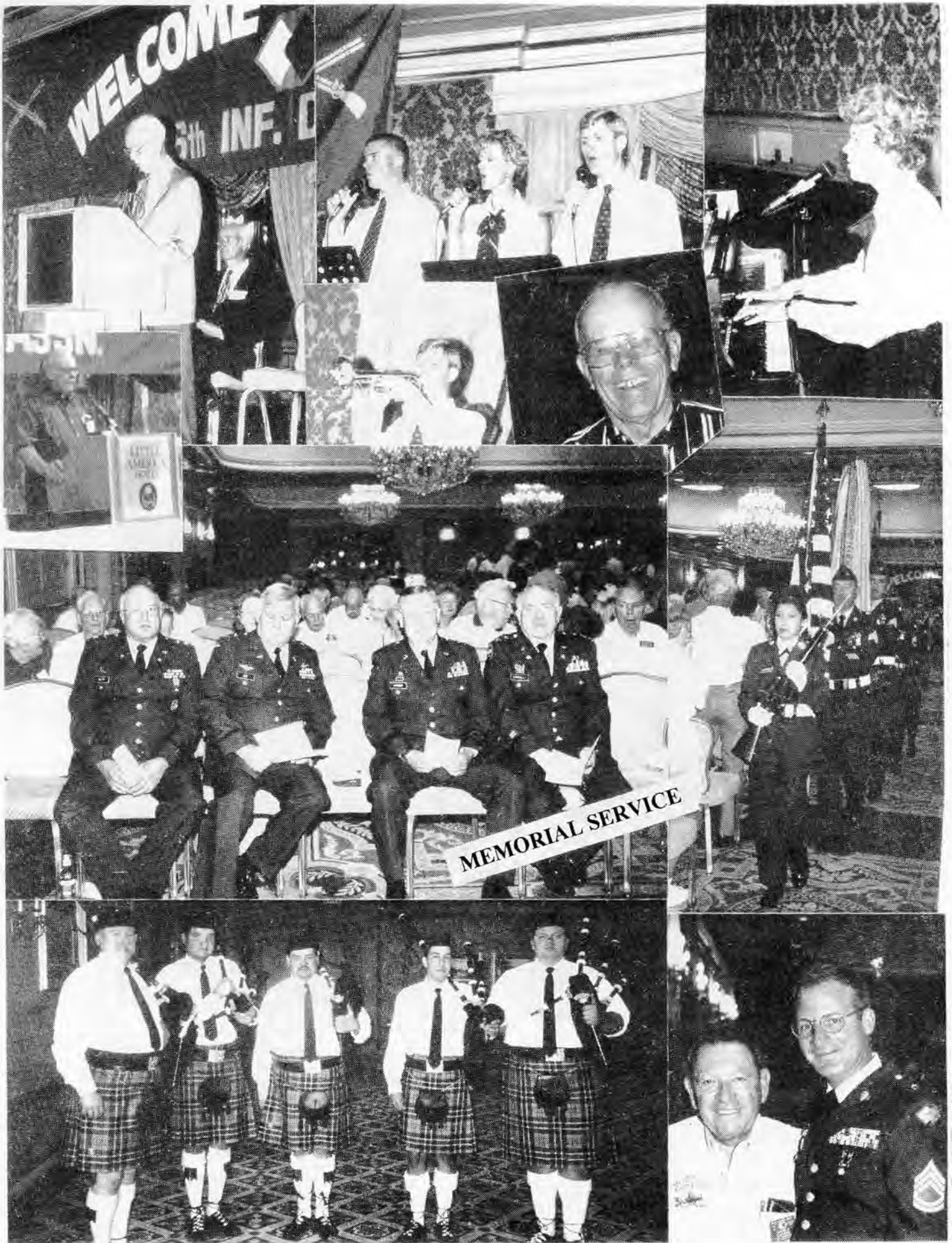
Do you get your DISPATCH promptly?

Be sure we have your correct address in full . . . and . . . your ZIP Code!



2000 Salt Lake City, UT Reunion





MORE ON THE MICHIGAN RE-ENACTOR GROUP

This is a follow up on the report in our Spring 2000 Dispatch article on the Michigan group of re-enactors that identifies itself as a 96th Division Company -- Co. L 383. The son of Jim Pendergrass, who was in that company from start to finish back in World War II, is an Honorary Lifetime member of our organization. Please refer to that article for additional information. We've been working with Michael Lechenet to keep current on their activities.

Here are a few pictures of recent events they have participated in.



Jim Pendergrass and Michael Lechenet and their restored 1942 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton truck.



Jim Pendergrass with their truck and a display at an event.



At Fort Custer, Battle Creek Mi. Note the markings on the truck.



On Patrol at an Event



Some of the Group on a Parade Day



The Enemy

In addition to the truck they have two jeeps -- all in top condition. They participate in a lot of local events and show the 96th markings on all their vehicles. Maybe we can see these people in action in the future. See the bulletin board in Omaha, Ne. for more pictures, etc.

Robert Schmidt, Treasurer
96th Division Infantry Association



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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FOR
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OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED ENEMY.

1ST APRIL 1945 TO 30TH JUNE 1945

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2001



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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Military Awards Branch

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND
ALEXANDRIA, VA
22332-0471



February 7, 2001

Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
ATTN: Jeff Michels
516 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510-3703

Dear Senator Wyden:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you further information concerning a Presidential Unit Citation recommendation for soldiers of the 96th Infantry Division in recognition of their heroic service in the Pacific Theater during World War II. You referred the recommendation to the Secretary of the Army on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Donald O. Dencker.

The recommendation for award of the Presidential Unit Citation was forwarded to the Army Unit Awards Board for consideration. The Board determined that the degree of action met the criteria for the proposed award. On January 10, 2001, on behalf of the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army approved an award of the Presidential Unit Citation for the 96th Infantry Division.


The citation and certificate for the Presidential Unit Citation are enclosed. The individual ribbons (emblems) will be issued by the Soldier Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania upon verification of each eligible individual's entitlement by the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri. The Center of Military History will process the appropriate streamer for the 96th Infantry Division and it will be furnished from the Commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Soldier Systems Directorate, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This correspondence will serve as authorization for the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to be annotated to military personnel records, pending announcement in Department of the Army General Orders.

Consistent with tradition and Army regulation, awards and decorations should be presented with an appropriate degree of formality in a fitting ceremony. If you need assistance to have this award presented, please contact the Adjutant General's office at your nearest Army installation.

It is an honor to issue this symbol in recognition of the faithful and dedicated service to our Nation by the soldiers of the 96th Infantry Division.

Sincerely,


Laurel D. Gunnane
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief, Military Awards Branch

Enclosures

Copy Furnished:

Center of Military History
ATTN: DAMH-FPO
103 Third Avenue
Fort McNair, Southwest
Washington, DC 20319-5058

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARDED TO 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Our long delayed Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism and gallantry in action against the enemy in the conquest of Okinawa was finally approved by the U.S. Army Chief of Staff and signed by Secretary of the Army Caldera on 10 January 2001. The Presidential Unit Citation is exactly as initiated by the U.S. Army XXIV Corps through their General Order No. 125 dated 24 August 1946. This original Presidential Unit Citation was not signed by the U.S. Army Chief of Staff or became lost in the War Department and thus, never became a fact.

The Presidential Unit Citation is for the entire 96th Infantry Division and certain attached units, including the 763rd Tank Battalion.

We can be extremely proud of our Presidential Unit Citation as Army policy with respect to the Presidential Unit Citation states that "Only on rare instances will a unit larger than a battalion qualify for the decoration." The 96th Infantry Division becomes only the third or fourth full World War II Army division to receive this prestigious award.

Please make certain that news of our award is made known to all Deadeyes, Ladies Auxiliary members, family and friends. Survivors of deceased 96th Infantry Division Okinawa battle veterans should also be notified, wherever possible.

The Presidential Unit Citation Emblem is a ribbon, of bright ultramarine blue in color within a gold frame with laurel leaves. The ribbon is worn above the right breast pocket. We are also entitled to a Presidential Unit Citation Streamer for display on the 96th Infantry Division Flag.

A copy of the Presidential Unit Citation Certificate and the Citation are presented on the following two pages.



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REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the instructions at the bottom before filling out this form. Please print clearly or type. If you need more space, use plain paper.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible.)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|---------------|--|----------|---|--|
| 1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (Last, first, middle) | | 2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | | 3. DATE OF BIRTH | | 4. PLACE OF BIRTH | |
| 5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.) | | | | | | | |
| BRANCH OF SERVICE | | DATES OF SERVICE | | CHECK ONE | | SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD (If unknown, please write "unknown.") | |
| | | DATE ENTERED | DATE RELEASED | OFFICER | ENLISTED | | |
| a. ACTIVE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| b. RESERVE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| c. NATIONAL GUARD | | | | | | | |
| 6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? If "YES" enter the date of death. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ | | | | 7. IS (WAS) THIS PERSON RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. **REPORT OF SEPARATION** (DD Form 214 or equivalent) This contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next of kin, or other persons or organizations if authorized in Section III, below. NOTE: If more than one period of service was performed, even in the same branch, there may be more than one Report of Separation. Be sure to show EACH year that a Report of Separation was issued, for which you need a copy.

An **UNDELETED** Report of Separation is requested for the year(s) _____

This normally will be a copy of the full separation document including such sensitive items as the character of separation, authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and dates of time lost. An undeleted version is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.

A **DELETED** Report of Separation is requested for the year(s) _____

The following information will be deleted from the copy sent: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.

2. **OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED** _____

3. **PURPOSE** (OPTIONAL--An explanation of the purpose of the request is strictly voluntary. Such information may help the agency answering this request to provide the best possible response and will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.) _____

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

I. **REQUESTER IS**

Military service member or veteran identified in Section I, above Legal guardian (must submit copy of court appointment)

Next of kin of deceased veteran _____ (relation) Other (specify) _____

2. **SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO** (Please print or type. See instruction 3, below.)

Name _____ Signature of requester (Please do not print.) _____

Street _____ Apt. _____ Date of this request _____ Daytime phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ E-mail address _____

This form is available at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprs/180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Web site.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please detach this portion before submitting request.

1. **Information needed to locate records.** Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on this form. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available." Include as much of the requested information as you can.

2. **Restrictions on release of information.** Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. Others requesting information from military personnel/health records must have the release authorization in Section III of this form signed by the member or legal guardian, but if the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, surviving next of kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the public. The next of kin may be any of the following: unmarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Employers and others needing proof of military service are expected to accept the information shown on documents issued by the military service department at the time a service member is separated.

3. **Where reply may be sent.** The reply may be sent to the member or any other address designated by the member or other authorized requester.

4. **Charges for service.** There is no charge for most services provided to members or their surviving next of kin. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will be notified as soon as that determination is made.

SEE REVERSE FOR PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENTS

LOCATION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent.

1. **Health and personnel records.** In most cases involving individuals no longer on active duty, the personnel record, the health record, or both can be obtained from the same location, as shown on the chart. However, some health records are available from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Records Management Center (Code 11). A request for a copy of the health record should be sent to Code 11 if the person was discharged, retired, or released from active duty (separated) on or after the following dates: ARMY—October 16, 1992; NAVY—January 31, 1994; AIR FORCE and MARINE CORPS—May 1, 1994; COAST GUARD—April 1, 1998. Health records of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic, and usually are available from Code 11 a week or two after the last day of active duty.

2. **Records at the National Personnel Records Center.** Note that it takes at least three months, and often six or seven, for the file to reach the National Personnel Records Center (Code 14) in St. Louis after the military obligation has ended (such as by discharge). If only a short time has passed, please send the inquiry to the address shown for active or current reserve members. Also, if the person has only been released from active duty but is still in a reserve status, the personnel record will stay at the location specified for reservists. A person can retain a reserve obligation for several years, even without attending meetings or receiving annual training.

3. **Definitions and abbreviations.** DISCHARGED—the individual has no current military status; HEALTH—Records of physical examinations, dental treatment, and outpatient medical treatment received while in a duty status (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL—Temporary Disability Retired List.

4. **Service completed before World War I.** The oldest records pertaining to military service veterans are at the National Archives, for service that was completed before the following dates: ARMY—enlisted, 11/1/1912, officer, 7/1/1917; NAVY—enlisted, 1/1/1886, officer, 1/1/1903; MARINE CORPS—1/1/1905, COAST GUARD—1/1/1898. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address.

| BRANCH | CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER | WHERE TO WRITE ADDRESS CODE ▼ |
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| AIR FORCE | Discharged, deceased, or retired with pay (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.) | 14 |
| | Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay | 1 |
| | Reserve, retired reserve in nonpay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force | 2 |
| | Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force | 13 |
| COAST GUARD | Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.) | 14 |
| | Active, reserve, or TDRL | 3 |
| MARINE CORPS | Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.) | 14 |
| | Individual Ready Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve | 5 |
| | Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, or TDRL | 4 |
| ARMY | Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.) | 14 |
| | Reserve, or active duty records of current National Guard members who performed service in the U.S. Army before 7/1/72 | 7 |
| | Active enlisted (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL enlisted | 9 |
| | Active officers (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL officers | 8 |
| | Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/72) | 13 |
| | Current National Guard officers not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/72) | 12 |
| NAVY | Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.) | 14 |
| | Active, reserve, or TDRL | 10 |

| ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) - where to write/send this form | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSRP 350 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721 | 5 | Marine Corps Reserve Support Command (Code MM1) 15303 Andrews Road Kansas City, MO 64147-1207 | 8 | U.S. Total Army Personnel Command 200 Stoval Street Alexandria, VA 22332-0400 |
| 2 | Air Reserve Personnel Center/DSMR 6760 E Irvington Pl #4600 Denver, CO 80280-4600 | 6 | National Archives & Records Admin. Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB- Military), Textual Services Division 700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20408-0001 | 9 | Commander USAEREC Attn: PCRE-F 8899 E. 56th St. Indianapolis, IN 46249-5301 |
| 3 | Commander CGPC-Adm-3 U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20593-0001 | 7 | Commander U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command ATTN: ARPC-ALQ-B 1 Reserve Way St. Louis, MO 63132-5200 | 10 | Naval Personnel Command 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3130 |
| 4 | Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030 | | | 11 | Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020 |
| | | | | 12 | Army National Guard Readiness Center NGB-ARP 111 S. George Mason Dr. Arlington, VA 22204-1382 |
| | | | | 13 | The Adjutant General (of the appropriate state, DC, or Puerto Rico) |
| | | | | 14 | National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 |

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and E.O. 9397 of November 22, 1943. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then filed in the requested military service record as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Transportation (Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

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**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARD CEREMONY
96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
9 AM JULY 27, 2001**

At the General Open Meeting of the 96th Infantry Division Association and Ladies Auxiliary, the U.S. Army will formally present to us the 96th Infantry Division Presidential Unit Citation. This Award Ceremony is at 9 AM Friday, July 27th during our annual reunion that is held this year at the Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, Nebraska.

The U.S. Army presenter will be Lieutenant General John M. Riggs, Commander, First Army, Atlanta, Georgia. General Riggs has had a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Army and we are fortunate to have him make the presentation to the Association.

Pfc. Wilma E. Riggs, the father of General Riggs, was a Deadeye (Co. I, 383rd Infantry) who was wounded on Okinawa and who was awarded the Bronze Star Medal there. Unfortunately Wilma Riggs died when John Riggs was a child. General Riggs in an E-mail stated: "You know, with my father's service with the 96th during World War II, I literally grew up reading the Division's History. I honestly think that this had an impact on my deciding to go into the Army and ultimately spending my life in uniform. So you see, I also owe a great personal debt to the 96th Infantry Division."

We hope to have good television and newspaper coverage at the Ceremony.

Please spread the word to encourage a large attendance at our 44th Annual Reunion and a tremendous turnout at the Presidential Unit Citation Presentation Ceremony.

**Remember: 9 AM, Friday, July 27, 2001
Holiday Inn Central
3321 So. 72nd street
Omaha, Nebraska
Phone: (402) 393-3950**



Dedication
of
Beauford T. Anderson Hall



December 15, 2000
Fort McCoy, Wisconsin

Congressional Medal of Honor winner, S/Sgt. Beauford T. Anderson of Company A, 381st Infantry Regiment, 96th Infantry Division was memorialized during an impressive ceremony at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin on December 15, 2000 by the bestowing of his name on a new 15 million dollar building. S/Sgt. Anderson won his Congressional Medal of Honor on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa on April 13, 1945.

Obtain Your Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) Ribbons are issued by the Army Soldier Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. However, a person has to apply to the National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) in St. Louis, Missouri for the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. Complete Standard Form 180 (See Reproduction on next page).**
 - a. Section II.3. Purpose - I request Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon for 96th Infantry Division service on Okinawa during April 1 through June 30, 1945 period.**
 - b. Section III.2. Send Information/Documents To - enter your name and mailing address here. (PUC Ribbon will be sent to address indicated).**
- 2. Attach to Standard Form 180 Copy of an Army document indicating Service with 96th Infantry Division on Okinawa between April 1 and June 30, 1945.**
- 3. Send Completed Form 180 and attached document to:**
National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The Military Personnel Records Branch will process your application and will complete and send Form DA-1577 Request for Issuance of Medals, to the Army Soldier Support Center in Philadelphia, PA.

The Army Soldier Support Center will mail the PUC Ribbon to you at the address you have stated in Section III.2. on Form 180.

Be sure to fill out completely the front of Form 180. The PUC Ribbon is worn over the right breast pocket.

Don Dencker, Historian
96th Infantry Division Association

Beauford T. Anderson

“Citizen Soldier”

At the time of his enlistment, **Beauford T. Anderson** was a lifelong Wisconsin resident. He was born in Eagle River, Wisconsin on July 6, 1922 and joined the Army at Solders Grove, Wisconsin in 1942. Anderson was assigned to the newly activated 96th Infantry Division, which was ordered into active military service on August 15, 1942. Hans Kaufman knew **Beauford T. Anderson** well during the months of training at Camp Beale, California. He said of Anderson, “He was always teaching us something -- teaching us to survive, and teaching us to be better soldiers.” Looking out for his buddies, both in training and in combat, just seemed a natural style for **Anderson**.

Technical Sergeant **Beauford T. Anderson** typified the spirit of most soldiers of the 96th Infantry Division, who generally were not career soldiers, but rather, citizen soldiers. They were taken from all walks of life, and they were handed a mission that demanded bitter sacrifice. These men took on and executed that mission with nobility of spirit. The combined battle fatalities of the United States Armed Forces at Okinawa totaled 14,005 with another 32,500 wounded. A significant percentage of these casualties were incurred by the men of the 96th, the division which was in the center of the attacking line during the bitter early weeks of the drive south. The 96th incurred the worst casualties of any division that fought in Okinawa.

On Memorial Day of 1946, the former Technical Sergeant **Beauford T. Anderson** received the Medal of Honor from President Harry Truman. The ceremony was on the White House grounds and Technical Sergeant **Anderson** was in the company of four other Medal of Honor recipients. He was the first member of his regiment to receive the Medal of Honor, and one of two members of the 96th Infantry Division to receive the Medal of Honor as a result of the fighting for Kakazu Ridge on Okinawa. All told, five members of the 96th Division received the Medal of Honor for combat in the Pacific Theatre. Only two of these men, including **Beauford T. Anderson**, survived the war.

Representing the 96th Infantry Division Association at the Fort McCoy ceremony were President Jim Causey, Mrs. Pat Causey, Vice President Ernie Malkewitz, Mrs. Lorraine Malkewitz, Treasurer Robert Schmidt, Reunion Chairman Bob Siefert, Ladies Auxiliary treasurer Ruth Siefert, Historian Don Dencker, LaMont Clark of the 96th Recon Troop and Mrs. Janice Clark. We were royally treated by the Army Reserve. Guests of honor were James Anderson, son of Beauford Anderson and his wife Barbara Anderson who came from California for the dedication ceremony..

Beauford Anderson Hall Dedication
Fort McCoy, Wisconsin December 15, 2000



Association President Jim Causey, Pat Causey, Barbara Anderson and Jim Anderson, son of Beauford Anderson



**Jim and Barbara Anderson with Dedication Luncheon Cakes
And U. S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Center
Command Sergeant Major and Officers**

Dedication of 96th Infantry Division Plaque
11 AM Saturday June 23, 2001
Admiral Nimitz Museum and
National Museum of the Pacific War
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624



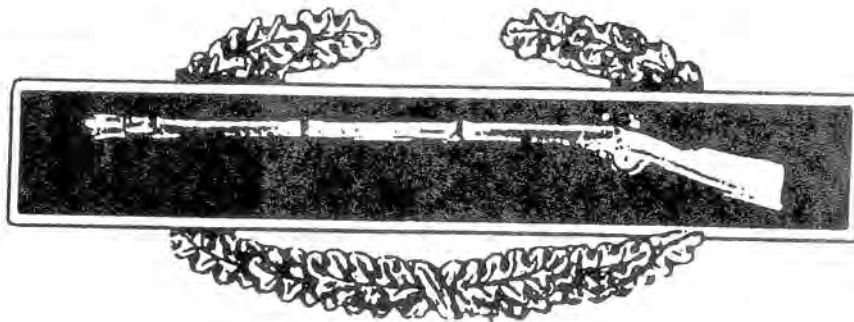
LEYTE
1944



OKINAWA
1945

*IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES OF THE
96th Infantry Division, U.S. Army*

*KILLED ON LEYTE, PHILIPPINES AND OKINAWA, JAPAN
AND TO ALL DEADEYES WHO FOUGHT WITH VALOR AND
DISTINCTION TO DEFEAT IMPERIAL JAPAN.*



*SERVED UNDER ADMIRAL NIMITZ IN PACIFIC OCEAN
FORCES DURING OKINAWAN CAMPAIGN*

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION FOR OKINAWA

*DEDICATED JUNE 23, 2001 BY
96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION*



Deadeyes, Auxiliary Members, Family and Friends are invited to attend the 96th
Infantry Division Plaque Dedication Ceremony. Let's Have a Good Turnout.
Don Dencker, Historian

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

**Our Website Now Has It's Permanent Domain At:
<http://www.96th-infantry-division.com>**

**Our site counter in one year recorded 11,146 visits.
(Feb.19,2000 to Feb.19,2001)**

**Guest Book: Use our Guest Book that is becoming a good way to locate Deadeyes
and information about their service in the 96th Infantry Division.**

**Your webmaster is looking for War Stories to add to the website. Send your story to
dizzydon@aol.com**

Medal of Honor Winner Beauford Anderson Remains Moved to Arlington National Cemetery

From: Robinett, Jon H COL
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2001 7:50 AM
To: ARRTC - All Staff List
Subject: FW: Medal of Honor Services - Ft. Meyer Chapel 7 May 01

The following was sent to GEN Shinseki reference re-interment of Beauford and Phyllis Anderson from California to Arlington. The issue was raised during a casual conversation after the dedication of Anderson Hall. It is nice to see that the Army Reserve was able to expedite this process and help the Anderson Family receive the honors it so well deserved.

COL Robinett

The text below is an exsum regarding the memorial/funeral services for Beauford T. (Medal of Honor awardee) and Phyllis Anderson.

Executive Summary

A ceremony at 1300 hours, May 7, 2001, will honor World War II hero Beauford T. Anderson. The Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, is coordinating a memorial service at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer and re-interment in Arlington National Cemetery for Anderson and his wife, Phyllis, whose urns are being transferred from California. During World War II, Anderson served as a sergeant in the 96th Infantry Division (Organized Reserve). He received the Bronze Star Medal for his courage on Leyte and the Medal of Honor for his actions on Okinawa. President Harry S Truman presented the Medal of Honor to him on Memorial Day 1946. After the war, Anderson served as an Army Reserve warrant officer and second lieutenant, as well as the mayor of Seaside, Calif. On December 15, 2000, the new \$15.3 million dormitory of the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center (ARRTC), at Fort McCoy, Wis., was dedicated as Beauford T. Anderson Hall.

This poem appeared on the back of the MEMORIAL PROGRAM.
Salt Lake City, Ut. 2000

JUST A SIMPLE SOLDIER

(Author Unknown)

*He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast
And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past,
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done
in his exploits with his buddies: they were heroes, everyone.
And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bob has passed away
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.*

*No he won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life,
He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way;
And the world won't note his passing: 'tho a soldier died today.
When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great,
Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed, and unsung.*

*Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?
The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the services that he gives,
While the ordinary soldier who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal, and perhaps a pension small.*

*It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago
That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.
Should you find yourself in danger with your enemies at hand,
would you really want some cop-out with his ever waffling stand?
Or would you want a soldier who has sworn to defend
His Home, his kin, and country, and would fight until the end?*

*He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin
But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:*

OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, FOR A SOLDIER DIED TODAY.

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.



Alfred R. Kozisek -- 381-I
per Wife -- 6-15-1999

William C. Wallace -- 382 Hq.
per Wife -- 2-26-2000

Carl Andersen -- 321 Eng.
per Gerald Petersen -- 4-21-2000

Douglas Chastain -- Signal
per Clarence Keegstra -- 1997

John C. Pearson -- 382 Service
per Edward L. Cavitt --

Richard H. Bullard -- 363 FA
per Daughter -- 1997

Hazen M. Smith -- 382 -- 3rd BN
per Son -- 4-14-2000

Louis A. Novak -- 383-L
per Wife -- 12-15-1999

R. J. Johnson -- 381 Anti-Tank
per Alexander Trybulski -- 1-2-2000

Kenneth P. Killmon -- 383 Medics
per Newspaper -- 3-23-2000

Nelson J. Brink -- 361 FA
per Wife -- 3-31-2000

Harlan Mielke -- 383-F
per Wife -- 3-8-2000

Melvin W. Hayes -- Calavry
per Wife -- 4-14-2000

Marvin Steele -- Signal
per Clarence Keegstra -- 4-21-2000

William Wilhite -- 382-E
per John Harbison -- 5-10-2000

Kenneth H. Parks -- 381-L
per Wife -- 3-7-1999

Gilbert Bettman -- HQ. & HQ.
per Post Office

Llewellyn Orphan --
per Wife -- 5-24-1999

Frank Westra -- 382-L
per Roy VanVork -- 12-5-1998

Cecil Phillips -- 383-I
per Wife -- 11-24-1999

Edward E. Bennett -- 382 Art.
per Russell Watts -- 6-3-2000

Edward Gibbons --381-3rd BN
per Glyn Hollingsworth -- 6-1-2000

Owen A. Vandervort -- Signal
per Wife -- 2-2-2000

Eugene R. Dye -- 362 FA
per Wife -- 4-3-1999

Ruel Swain -- 321 Eng.
per Gerald Peterson -- 6-3-2000

James E. Dowding -- 382-F
per Wife -- 5-7-2000

Anthony Lovsin -- 382-F
per Wife -- 5-30-1999

Mike Misko -- 382-2nd BN
per Steve Melnyk --

Jack R. Robertson -- 381-G
per Steve Melnyk --

Gerald W. Oller -- 383-A
per Robert Huff -- 7-8-2000

James Liston -- 321 Eng.
per Elmer Winter --

Paul Edward Redway --
per Donald Dencker -- 11-29-1999

Tyson Shelton -- 382-E
per Russell Watts -- 8-23-2000

Hubert Rich -- 382 Service
per Daughter -- 9-1999

Max Warner -- 381 Anti-Tank
per Robert Schmidt -- 8-20-1999

Richard Birchfield -- 383-H
per Jerome Connolly -- 7-2-2000

Richard Williams -- 383-H
per Jerome Connolly -- 8-2000

Claude Wilson, Jr. -- 363 FA
per Wife -- 8-9-2000

Mitchell Tottis -- 362 FA
per Wife -- 5-28-2000

Ralph Kinscher -- 381-I
per Paul Foster -- 6-23-2000

Robert Nechodom -- 382-C
per Daughter -- 8-29-2000

Dewey Jones -- 381-A
per Daughter -- 1020-1999

Harold Hall -- 383 Service
per Donald Whitney -- 10-1-2000

Alfred E. Solheim -- 382 Medic
per Wife -- 10-3-2000

Serafino A. Morichette -- 381 Cannon
per Wife -- 9-3-2000

Alvin W. Clements -- 363 FA
per Calvin Clements -- 10-30-2000

Edward F. Foster -- 381 Anti-Tank
per Al. Trybulski -- 10-19-2000

Louis R. Groza -- 321 Medic
per Larry Claydon -- 11-29-2000

Howard Patrick -- Art.
per Wife -- 9-23-2000

Jacob Bitzer -- M.P.
per Leonard Lazarick -- 11-7-2000

John Chuba -- 382-C
per Son -- 12-6-2000

Perry Pederson -- 383-M
per Post Office --

Arnold Hinz -- Signal
per Wife -- 1-14-2000

Warren Terry -- Signal
per Daughter -- 12-14-2000

Leonard Nunley -- 382 Anti-Tank
per Russell Watts -- 10-2000

Leonard Freeman -- 383-I
per Harry Brown -- 1-5-2001

William Beard -- 383-D
per Earl Zinc --

Norbert Wernchirshin -- 381-E
per Douglas Burton --

Walter J. Linhart -- Signal
per Wife -- 2-26-2000

Joseph P. Marlenga -- 383-A
per Wife -- 1-24-2001

Wayne Ploger -- 362 FA
per Benjamin Wheeler -- 2-11-2000

Martin G. Burns -- 383-Cannon
per Russell Watts -- 2-18-2001

Tyrus G. Harbert -- 383-I
per Harry Brown -- 3-4-2001

James D. Harrell -- 382-L
per Donald Dencker -- 2-7-2001

Ernest Zimmer -- 382-L
per Donald Dencker -- 4-23-2000

Maurice Glen Cox -- 381-M
per Donald Dencker -- 11-7-2000

Carl M. Blase -- 362 FA
per Arnold Clemens -- 5-17-2000

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Susan Johnson (Iden) Past President
D.O.D. -- 8-17-1999

Evelyn Jones (Percy)
D.O.D -- 9-7-1999

Florence Williams (Cecil)
D.O.D. -- 9-1999

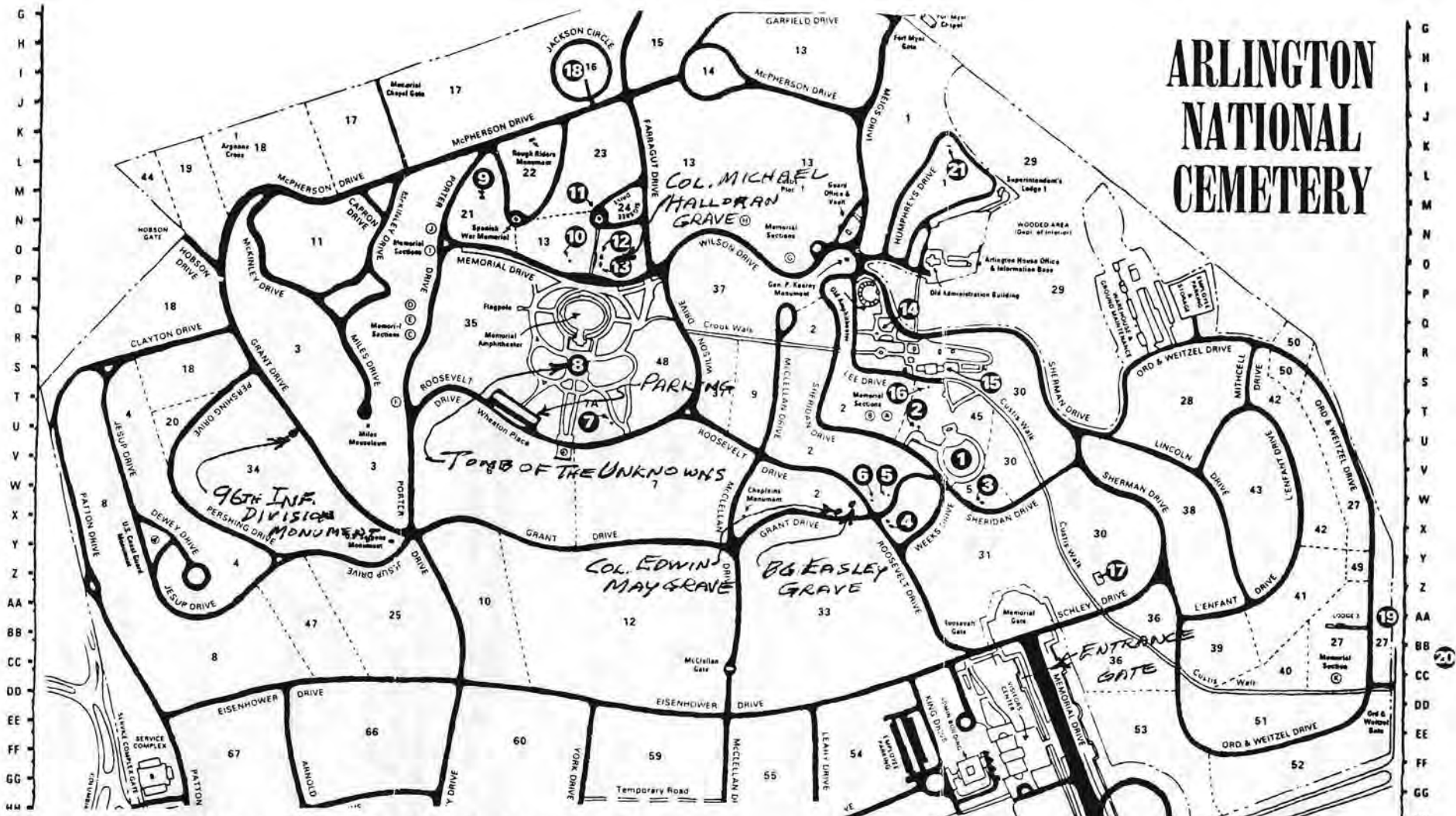
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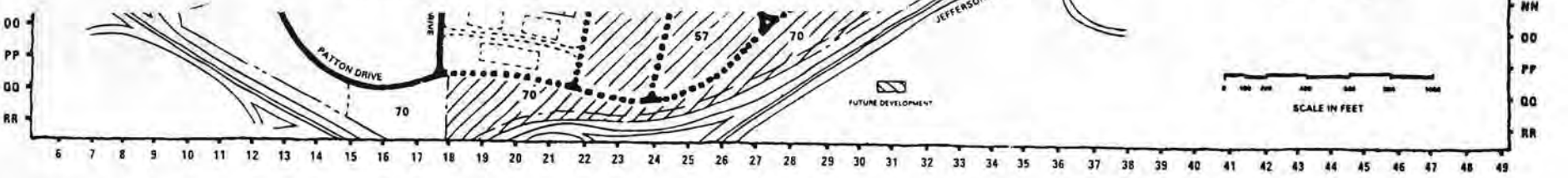


ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION MONUMENT & GRAVE LOCATIONS

Map shows location of 96th Infantry Division Monument and location of graves of Brig. Gen. Easley, Col. May and Col. Halloran.

Go to Information Counter in Visitor Center for exact Grave Numbers and Section Location





Thanks so very much for the email regarding the upcoming Presidential Unit Citation for the 96th. If ever an outfit deserved this award, it certainly is the Deadeyes.

I completed 27 years in professional fire service and witnessed many, many example of heroism. But, I must tell you that I saw more raw courage in one day on Okinawa that overshadows every other act of heroism I've seen in the rest of my 80 years.

I am so proud to have served with these men, and am humbled to have been associated with them.
Bob

Ps...is a copy of the Division's history available and, if so, how much and where can I get it?

I have a copy of a book from the Government Printing Office titled, "Okinawa, The Last Battle". Have you seen it?...a wonderful account, I think.

Robert C. Dick
Company C, 763rd Tank Bn.

Steve Havard is interested in contacting anyone who knew his father, Eugene Havard (Company L 383 Infantry). Eugene Harvard was wounded on Okinawa on April 13, 1945. Steve Havard is interested in visiting with anyone who knew his father.

Telephone No. 334-344-6664

Steve Havard
4081 Springdale Road
Mobile, Al. 36609

WE NEED LETTERS OR NOTES FOR MAIL CALL.

* Holiday Inn just off I-80 on 72nd Street.

