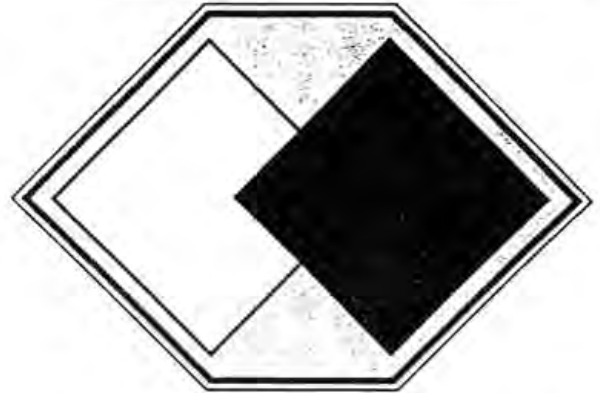
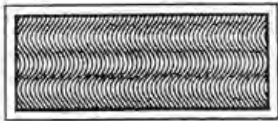


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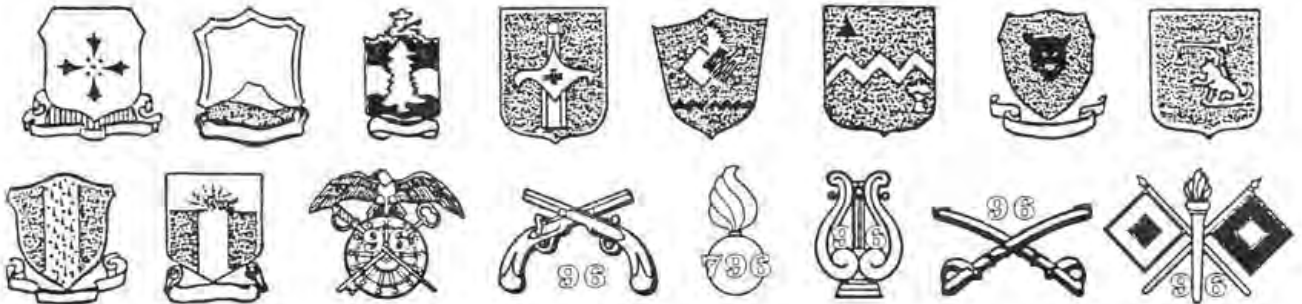
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President's Corner

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



Spring 2002

Dear Comrades-in-Arms, Wives, Children, Grandchildren, and Friends.

Welcome to Kansas City this July. Please check your Deadeye Dispatch and note the trips available as part of this years program. I trust you will enjoy one or more of them. These are all in addition to the great repartee we always have.

The events of September Past remind me of a couple of hymn titles: Ain't gonna study war no more, and We've a story to tell to the nations. Yes! We do have a Story to tell. Our numbers are falling all the while and our voices are getting fainter. We still remain heroes, although outshone by some current events.

A progress report from Tom Roby on his Continuation Committee may need a vote of all members. Your presence is needed.

A few of our numbers were in New Orleans Dec. 7,8, & 9 with 10,000 veterans to help dedicate the Pacific Wing of the National D-day Museum there. There was a two hour parade with live National TV coverage. One of my highlights was coming home and finding that my son spotted me riding in a deuce and a half as well as my daughter in law, both in different cities in Michigan.

Warmly,

Ernest W. Malkewitz, President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner



Dear Auxiliary and Association Members of the 96th Infantry Division,

As the time draws near for our 45th annual reunion, the pressure is on to provide a memorable 4-day Kansas City gala for you all. New merchandise has been ordered with the 96th logo displayed; special pins denoting the award of the Presidential Unit Citation; copies of the book "Love Company" written by Don Dencker, who will autograph your purchase; and many other numerous items.

The Ladies Luncheon will have a special guest drop by to share some juicy tid-bits about 'Life in the White House' and living with Harry.....now you can guess who it is! Just a reminder, if you have needlework or craft items to share, and wish to donate them as door prizes, we would appreciate this. Please put your name on your donation so the recipient may acknowledge them.

With all the fun things, we have the truly enjoyable time of catching up with our 96th friends and families. Not all news we hear will be good, as many have illness and have loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. Time is now very precious to us and we must make the most of our reunions .

December 5th we lost Rosemary Cronshey, 1st Vice President of our Ladies Auxiliary. Rosemary stepped forward, when there was a need for a secretary in the Auxiliary and we were unable to fill the position; more of us need to follow her example. She will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Bob, and her family.

I have asked Carole Wargo, 2nd Vice President, to step into the position of 1st Vice President, so she will be wearing two hats and doing two jobs until we can fill this position. Please give Carole a hand by volunteering to help at the Merchandise Sales table; contact her now.

In a copy of the 1974/75 "Deadeye Dispatch", the 96th Infantry Division Association reunion was held at the Muehleback Hotel in downtown Kansas City, Missouri; my we looked younger 27 years ago. Now we will be staying at the prestigious Adam's Mark Hotel, so 'Grab your hat, direct your feet, to the SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET', and we'll see you in Kansas City in July!

Sincerely,

Joyce D. Confer, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

AWARDS

10 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Charles Beydler, George Brooks, John Elliot, Eino Filla, Olan F. Hill, Reino Jurvelin, Dale McComas, Paul Pittsley and Mark F. Ralph.

15 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Henry Armstrong, Merlin Bennett, Bob Davis, Wilbur Fite, Joseph Garabedian, James Knight, Ernest J. Martinez, Robert McMillan, Arthur Reis, James Russell, Charles Simon, Arza Smalley and Donald Spence.

20 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Kenneth L. Camp, Donald Dencker, John Kent, Wayne N. Role, Carl Weber and Rolland F. Zech.

25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Arnold Sauber and Eric Tengerstrom

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Arnold R. Clemens, John Cramer, Alvis Harrell, Melvin Parrish, Don E. Peterson, Harold Rabin and Arthur Ziomek.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Alva Amelung, Loren Brinkmeyer, Richard Ellis and James B. Warren.

43 YEAR CERTIFICATE

Val Heindrich

ATTENDED ALL 44 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman and Clarence Snyder. Mary Lou White (Auxiliary Member) has attended all 44 Reunions.

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARDS

Richard Haglund and George McMillan

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARDS

Alice Muff and Lela Russell

AUXILIARY FAITHFUL AWARD

Mary Lou White and Ann Obal

notices

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2002 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Oh. All Deadeyes and all attached units are welcome. For information 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 on June 2, 2002 at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 So. Warren St., Monmouth, Or. Arrival time will be 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Early arrivals will have a Saturday evening social gathering at the Monmouth Senior Center starting at 7:00 P.M. on June 1, 2002. 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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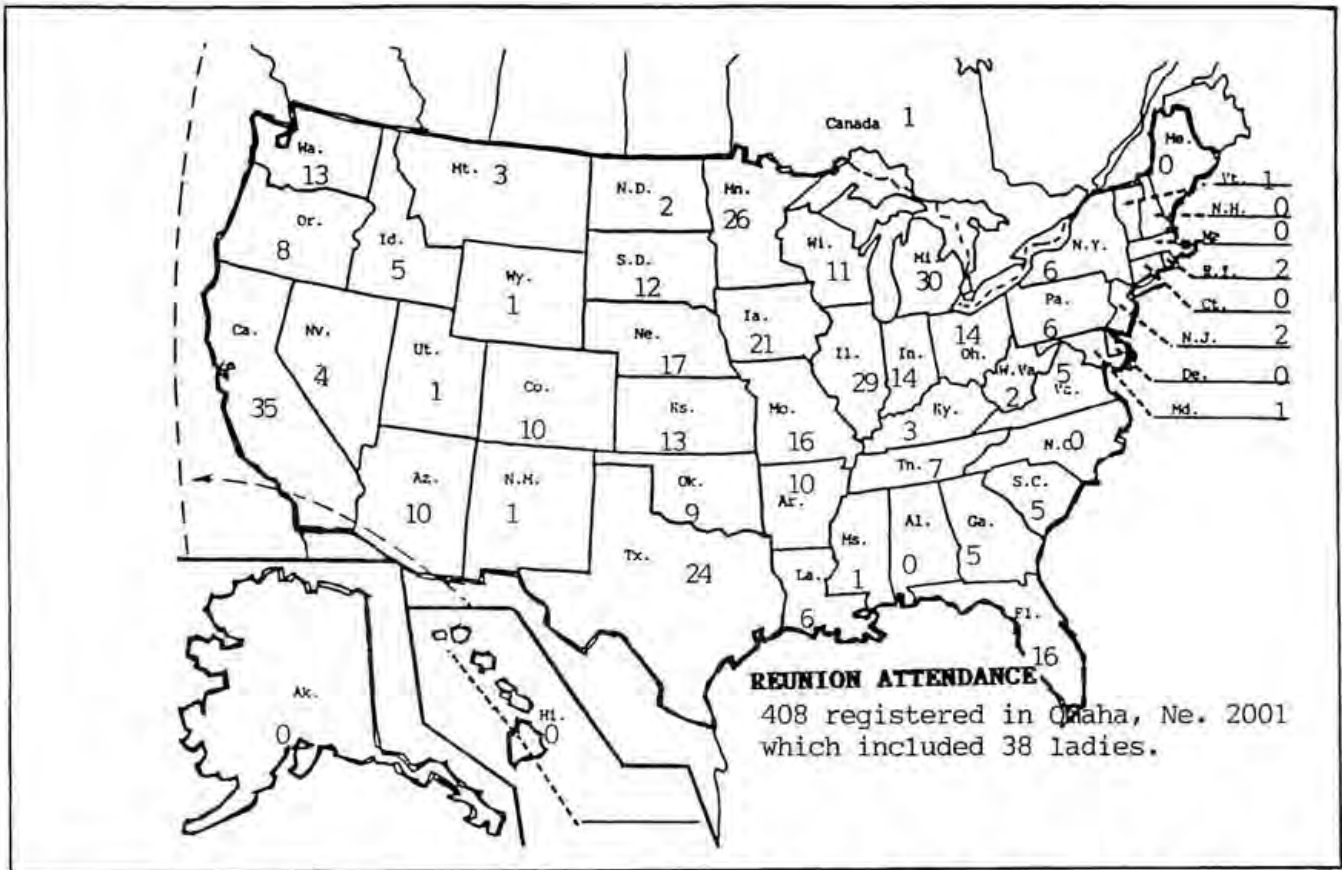
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NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNIONS



96th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Back row Left to Right -- Hubert Richter, Raymond Boykin,
George McMahan, Robert Schmidt
Front row -- Donald Dencker, Robert Cronshy, Ernest Malkewitz,
Steve Melnyk
Missing -- E. Jaye Thompson, Lorraine Strand, Robert Seifert

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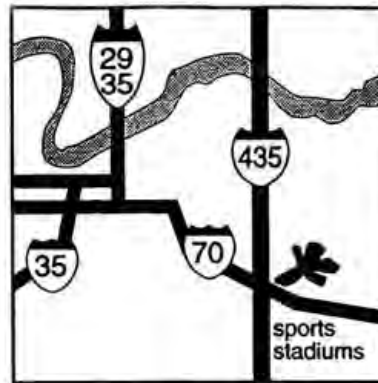


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Jacobson, Dorothy Daniels. Missing -- Rosemary Cronshey

I have a reservation at the Adam's Mark on _____.

Check in time 3 p.m.
Check out time 12 noon.

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1-70 and Truman Sports Complex
9103 East 39th Street
Kansas City, MO 64133
816-737-0200
816-737-4712 (FAX)
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From 1-70 East or West, take exit #9 Blue Ridge Cut-off. From the airport take 435 South to 1-70 East and take exit #9.

The Adam's Mark Kansas City is pleased to host the **96th Infantry Division Association Reunion, July 22-29, 2002**. To ensure accurate reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it to **Adams Mark Hotel-Kansas City, c/o Reservations, 9103 East 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64133** before **July 1, 2002**. Requests received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability.

Regular Rack Rate: \$149 \$164 \$179 \$184

Room type preference: Single Double Triple Quadruple
 Special Group Rate \$79 \$79 \$79 \$79

Number of Guests: _____
Special Requests (subject to availability)
 Roll-Away Bed (\$10 per night) Crib (no charge)
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 Nonsmoking Room
 King Bed Two Double Beds

All Adam's Mark hotels and facilities provide service to all persons, without regard to race or color, and Adam's Mark is committed to providing quality service and treatment to all of its guests and patrons. If you believe that you have experienced discrimination or have been treated unequally because of your race or color, Adam's Mark urges you to share your concerns with our Compliance Officer by calling the toll free number at 877-754-9940.

Name: _____
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Telephone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____
Departure: _____
Additional Guest (s): _____

I have enclosed a check in the amount of one night's room rate plus 13.6% occupancy tax.
 Please charge one night's room rate to the following credit card:
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Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

I understand that I am liable for one night's room rate, which will be covered by my deposit in the event that I do not arrive, cancel less than 48 hours prior to arrival, or depart earlier than scheduled.

Name of Credit Card Holder

Signature of Card Holder

- Check-in time after 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Occupancy tax is subject to change.
- Cancellation or modification of reservation must be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid forfeiture of deposit. Ask for and retain cancellation number until you receive refund of deposit.
- No charge for children under 18 when sharing room with parents and using existing bed space.
- All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable at departure.

Please call 816-737-0200 for reservation assistance.
We look forward to being of service!

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TO PRE-REGISTER

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

Want a Permanent 96th Division Association Blue & White Name Badge?

The Executive Committee authorized me to present a plan to the membership to make badges available for Association and Auxiliary members.

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

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

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

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Auxiliary



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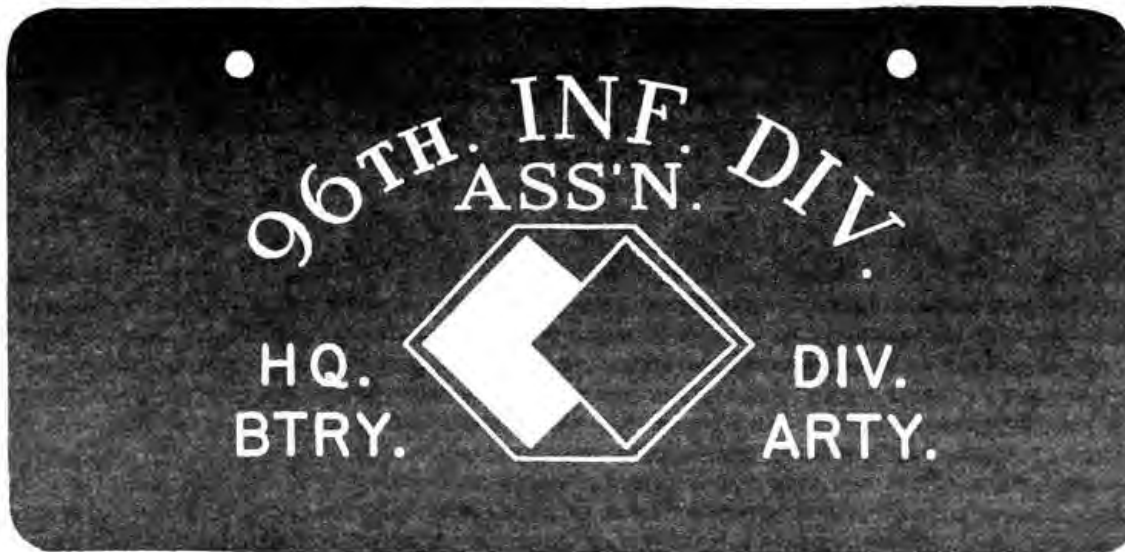
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I have had requests for License Plate Size "96th Div. Assn." Plate. They are made of special outdoor Plastic, Blue background with White lettering. If your State has only one License Plate the "96th Plate" will fit in place of Second License Plate.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

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

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The Adam's Mark has 374 spacious guest rooms. Each guest room has an iron and ironing board, hair dryers, and remote-control color TV. The hotel features a well-equipped health club with sauna and whirlpool, an indoor pool open all year round, an outdoor pool open after Memorial Day, and a gift shop for sundry items and souvenirs.

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

Hotel Dining:

Remington's, for a complete dining experience dine in one of Kansas City's best steakhouses for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Player's Sports Bar, watch sports action on big screen TV's in this relaxed atmosphere

-Room service is available

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The Adam's Mark Kansas City will provide complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport over the reunion dates beginning at 8:00am until 10:00pm daily. Estimated travel time to and from the airport is approximately 30-minutes. Anyone with special transportation needs due to physical challenges will need to contact the hotel directly at (816) 737-4770 no later than July 1 to make arrangements. Upon arrival in Kansas City call the hotel at (816) 737-0200. State your arrival terminal and airline. Look for a bronze/gold van with the Adam's Mark logo or a motor coach with an Adam's Mark sign. Please board ground transportation at curbside, (ignore signage outside each terminal regarding other hotel shuttle information, rental car, and limousine pick-up). Sign-up sheets will be available at the bell-stand for transportation to the airport for departure. **Those requiring transportation will need to be signed up no later than 12:00pm Thursday 7/25.**

NEAREST RV PARK

The hotel can park RVs in their parking lot if you are a guest staying in the hotel. Should you need full hookup service, call the Independence Overnight Park at (816) 254-1463. They are located about 7 miles east of the hotel. Call for information, directions, and reservations.

WHEELCHAIRS

The hotel has a wheelchair that may be used upon availability, however, they do not accept reservations, and it must remain on the premises. Should you need a wheelchair to go off the premises, call Medic-House at (816) 461-7676. Currently, they rent standard chairs at \$20 day plus tax. There is a delivery fee.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 45th ANNUAL REUNION

JULY 23 - 28, 2002

ADAM'S MARK HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MO

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 - \$1.50; cinnamon rolls, donuts, muffins, pastries - \$1.75; bagels with cream cheese - \$2.25; whole fruit - \$1.00; boxed cereals with milk - \$2.50. Prices include tax, gratuity optional.

Tuesday, July 23

- 1:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
1:00pm Transition Committee Meeting (Roby, Schmidt, Siefert, Causey, Cronshey, Malkewitz, Dencker, Holt)
Evening and dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 24

- 7:00am - 8:00am **Reunion Registration open**
9:00am - 3:30pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
9:00am Transition Committee Meeting (Roby, Schmidt, Siefert, Causey, Cronshey, Malkewitz, Dencker, Holt)
1:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
1:00pm - 4:00pm Sale of Merchandise
5:00pm - 10:00pm ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO (description follows)

Thursday, July 25

- 8:00am Executive Committee Meeting
8:00am Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
9:00am - 5:00pm Sale of Merchandise
9:30am - 10:30am **Reunion Registration open**
10:00am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
11:15am - 4:00pm STEPHENSON'S APPLE FARM / TRUMAN MUSEUM (description follows)
4:30pm - 5:30pm **Reunion Registration open**
8:00pm - 11:00pm Reunion Kick-Off Party

Friday, July 26

- 9:00am - 9:30am 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-\$1.50, deli sandwich-\$4.50, chef's choice salads-\$4.50, whole fruit-\$1.00, potato chips-\$.75, brownies-\$ 1.50. Prices include tax; gratuity optional).
9:30am - 10:30am Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
9:30am - 11:45am 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting continues
11:30am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
10:45am - 1:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - Featured entertainment: "Dining and chatting with Bess"
11:45pm - 1:30pm ASTP Luncheon. For information please contact Cal Claus at (847) 670-3258
12:00pm - 1:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
1:30pm - 6:00pm STEAMBOAT ARABIA / TOY & MINIATURE MUSEUM (description follows)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Sale of Merchandise
5:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
7:00pm - 8:00pm Banquet Seating Assignments
8:00pm - 11:00pm Beer Bust and Dance

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 45th ANNUAL REUNION
JULY 23 - 28, 2002
ADAM'S MARK HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MO**

Saturday, July 27

- 8:00am - 10:30am Sale of Merchandise
- 9:00am - 10:30am 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Memorial Service
- 12:00pm - 4:00pm Historical Room open
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Catholic Mass
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Social Hour with Cash Bar
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Banquet dinner
- 8:00pm - 11:30pm Entertainment

There will not be a professional photographer on-site this year; group and individual photo's will be on your own.

Sunday, July 28

Farewells and departures.

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

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 45th ANNUAL REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

(Please note tour buses are not equipped with handicapped lifts)

CITY TOUR

Wednesday, July 24

Board bus for a tour of Kansas City. Drive through Westport, the renovated historic district featuring some of Kansas City's oldest buildings. This area marks the beginning of the Sante Fe Trail. Other points of interest include Lewis and Clark Point, the world famous stockyards, and the Liberty Memorial, which is the only memorial dedicated to those who served in World War I. This is a great place to take pictures of the Kansas City skyline. Continue on to the Hallmark Visitor's Center. Upon arrival your guide will narrate the history of Hallmark. Afterwards, enjoy a self-guided tour of the premises. Enjoy lunch on your own at Country Club Plaza, Kansas City's premier retail, restaurant, and entertainment district. The plaza offers more than 150 shops and restaurants nestled within old-world architecture, captivating fountains, and expressive works of art.

9:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel.

\$24/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO

Wednesday, July 24

Board bus for the Isle of Capri Casino for a fun time gambling on the river. The Isle of Capri brings Las Vegas-style gambling to the heart of America, featuring slot machines, blackjack tables, roulette wheels, craps tables, along with two Caribbean Stud and Let-It-Ride poker games. Upon arrival enjoy dinner on your own at the All American Buffet.

5:00pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel.

\$20/Person includes bus and escort. Dinner on your own.

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 45th ANNUAL REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS, CONTINUED**

STEPHENSON'S APPLE FARM / TRUMAN MUSEUM

Thursday, July 25

Board bus for Stephenson's Apple Farm Family Restaurant. Enjoy a sit down lunch consisting of frozen fruit salad, green rice, hickory-smoked pork chop, bread, strawberry pie, and a beverage. Depart the restaurant for the Truman Museum. Enjoy the exhibits, films, and memorabilia of Harry Truman's presidency and private life. See a full scale reproduction of the White House Oval Office, circa 1948, as well as grave sites of Harry and Bess Truman. A film depicting the life of Harry Truman is offered every hour on the half hour and runs approximately forty-five minutes. After leaving the museum you will drive by the Truman Home.

11:15am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel.

\$41/Person includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch.

STEAMBOAT ARABIA MUSUEM / TOY & MINIATURE MUSEUM

Friday, July 26

Journey back to 1856 and discover the treasures of the Steamboat Arabia. When the Great White Arabia sank in the Missouri River her excavation in 1988 uncovered a "time capsule" of remarkably preserved 1856 frontier supplies including jewelry, china, cookware, clothing, and food. This international cargo is the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in existence. Reboard bus for the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City. View a collection of miniatures, toys, and doll houses from every generation, dating from the 19th century to present day. This self-guided tour will lead you through all of the exhibit rooms in this renovated home of a prominent Kansas City family. The museum is considered one of the best of its kind in the world. Do not miss the gift shop filled with many enchanting toys and collectibles-the perfect souvenir. Enjoy lunch on your own at the museum's cafe, or at the adjacent City Market. This redeveloped historic area features a farmer's market, as well as gift shops, restaurants, and galleries.

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

\$34/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

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

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

Suggestions for activities on your own

Consider taking a tour of Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals. For tour information please contact the tour office at (816) 921-8000

Children's Activities For The Younger (and young at heart) Attendees

(For information/reservations please use the contact information below)

Children's Museum of Kansas City	913-287-8888	www.kidmuzm.org
Children's Peace Pavilion	816-521-3033	www.kidpeace.org
Cool Crest Family Fun Center	816-358-0088	www.coolcrest.com
Kaleidoscope	816-274-8301	www.hallmarkkaleidoscope.com
Oceans of Fun/Worlds of Fun	816-454-4545	www.worldsoffun.com

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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 21, 2002. 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.
 242 W. 22nd Street
 Norfolk, VA 23517
 ATTN: 96th Infantry Division

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

CUT OFF DATE IS 6/21/02

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
Wednesday: City Tour	\$24		\$
Wednesday: Isle Of Capri Casino	\$20		\$
Thursday: Stephenson's Apple Farm / Truman Museum	\$41		\$
Friday: Steamboat Arabia / Toy & Miniature Museum	\$34		\$
<u>HOTEL FUNCTIONS</u>			
Friday: Auxiliary Luncheon (Includes entertainment). (Main entrée: Grilled Chicken Breast)	\$15		\$
Friday: Beer Bust	\$ 6		\$
Saturday Banquet (<i>Please make your entrée selection below</i>)			
Prime Rib of Beef	\$28		\$
Smoked Pork Loin Medallions	\$28		\$
Saturday Banquet Children's Plate 12 and under. (<i>chicken fingers, French fries, and dessert</i>)	\$13		\$
<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Everyone who registers is required to pay the registration fee; which includes administrative expenses and materials.	\$ 5		\$
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 _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ FIRST 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION ATTENDED? YES

DATE OF BIRTH? (FOR THOSE GOING TO CASINO) _____

ARE YOU CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR? _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

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

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm 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 Division
P.O. Box 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517

Reminiscing!!!

Date	Place	Number	President	Distinguished Deadeye(s)
1958	St. Louis, MO	103	Minor Butler	
1959	Chicago, IL	223	Minor Butler	
1960	Kansas City, MO	264	Hubert Hoffman	
1961	Detroit, MI	over 250	Morris Roberts	
1962	Dallas, TX	over 200	Willard "Hoss" Mitchell	
1963	Little Rock, AR	about 200	Jake Fisher	
1964	Portland, OR	about 150	Patrick McDermott	Minor Butler
1965	Minneapolis, MN	330	Alex Marcus	Richard Klassen
1966	Indianapolis, IN	364	Robert Huff	Ed Dakan
1967	Omaha, NE	351	Peter Pohl	Edmund Biggs
1968	Chicago, IL	551	Paul Bauer	Harold Roetker
1969	Des Moines, IA	345	Robert Fitzpatrick	Alex Markus
1970	Detroit, MI	434	Henry White	LeRoy Collins, Jr.
1971	Denver, Co	376	Edward Dunning, Jr.	James Brecece
1972	New Orleans, LA	426	Joe Fritz	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, IL	526	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, IN	433	James Brecece	Same Benson
1975	Kansas City, KS	482	Edmund Biggs	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, TX	462	Cyril Dean Sterner	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, OH	449	Tyson Shelton	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, LA	398	Douglas Burton	Henry White
1979	Denver, CO	432	Atwell Champion	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, IL	533	Fred Weeks	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, WI	487	Glenn Hamilton	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, MI	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, TX	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, MN	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, OK	549	Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, CA	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, TN	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, IL	622	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, SD	632	Tom Roby	George Buttell
1990	Omaha, NE	660	James Warren	Donald Foster
1991	Spokane, WA	511	James Knight	Hubert Hoffman
1992	Louisville, KY	670	Joseph Garabedian	Tyson Shelton
1993	Sparks, NV	519	Robert Siefert	Louis DeLuca
1994	Hot Springs, AR	645	Robert Schmidt	Joe Fritz
1995	Lubbock, TX	416	Luois Canedo	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, IA	517	Glenn Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, MO	550	Don Decker	Iden Johnson
1998	Ft. Mitchell, KY	416	John Elliot	Tom Roby
1999	Denver, CO	407	Richard Haglund	James Knight & Don Decker
2000	Salt Lake City, UT	322	Glyn Hollingsworth	Robert Huff & Steve Melnyk
2001	Omaha, NE	407	James Causey	Richard Haglund & George McMahan
2002	Kansas City, MO		Ernest Malkewitz	

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: Kansas City, MO: Adam's Mark Hotel

WHEN: Friday, July 26, 2002

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

ROOM: Grand D

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

PRICE: \$14.50, send check made out to me:

Cal Claus

1285 Luther Lane #155

Arlington Heights, IL 60004-8110

Tel # (847) 670-3258

**Whether you can make it or not, and want to stay on
our contact list, send me current info about yourself by
snail-mail, e-mail or fax.**

e-mail: <clauscn@attbi.com>

fax: 847 255 9338

notice

Attention Ladies of the "96th":

Anyone interested in working at the Merchandise Sale in Kansas City please fill out the form below or contact *Carole Wargo, 20 E. 22nd St., Hazleton, PA 18202 or (570) 455-4510 or e-mail koalamama1@webtv.net.*

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Day Available: _____ Time: _____

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 - - - - - _____

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. 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 _____

Old Address _____

Remarks _____

PLEASE USE YOUR ZIP CODE! Postal Service requires a FULL ADDRESS!

Do you get your DISPATCH promptly?

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

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S 44TH REUNION 2001 OMAHA, NEBRASKA



OUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn Central



OUR PLANNERS

Douglas Burton
Jennifer Cashat
Bob Siefert



OUR MEMBERS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

96th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
 July 28, 2001 1100 Hours
 Omaha, Nebraska

- Prelude Jolene Buck
- Piping in the Officers Omaha Pipes and Drums
- Call to Order Col. James A. Causey, Ret., President
96th Infantry Division Association
- Piping in the Colors Omaha Pipes and Drums
- Presentation of the Colors *Company A, 1-135th Signal Battalion*
- Invocation Rev. Raymond Boykin
E Co. 381st Infantry
- On Eagles Wings The First Baptist Church of Omaha Men's Quartet
 Dr. Joe Anderson, MD; Dr. Rod Buck, ThD., DD;
 Dr. John Sutton, JD; Prof. Kim Musick, MA
- The Ballad of Roger Young The Quartet
- Memorial Address Donald Dencker
L Co. 382nd Infantry
- The Vacant Chair The Quartet
- Poem "In Memory Of" Mary Eleanor Wood Smith, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary
- America the Beautiful Trumpet Solo - Prof. Jim Musick
- My Buddy The Quartet
- How Great Thou Art (audience may join in) The Quartet
- Amazing Grace Omaha Pipes and Drums
- Benediction Monsignor Richard Wolback, Chaplain
Omaha Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Taps Prof. Larry Hall
- Retiring the Colors Omaha Pipes and Drums
Company A, 1-135th Signal Battalion



Auxiliary President
 Mary Eleanor Wood Smith



Memorial Address
 Don Dencker

Chaplain
 Rev Raymond Boykin

The Quartet



Coordinator



Distinguished Deadeye
George McMahan



Distinguished Deadeye
Richard Haglund



Our Kind Of Gal
Alice Muff



President – Jim Causey



Our Kind of Gal
Lela Russell



Faithful Service Award
Anne Obal Mary Lou White



Dancer at The Ladies Luncheon



Banquet



Do you know
The owner of
This TIE ?



Passing the gavel



Sisters, Children, Grand Children, Great Grand Children



Please note my LOGO PIN !

96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary Merchandise Sales



History Buffs



Beer Bust's
Marjorie Main with Fred Hagelgans



Banquet



Father & Son
"The Woods"

Contributions Needed for:

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION RECOGNITION FUND

The objective of this fund is permanent preservation of the Legacy of the 96th Infantry Division at sites in the United States that display World War II activities in which our 96th Infantry Division participated.

Project 1: Provide a 96th Infantry Division Flag in the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia. \$850.00
The Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Archives and Library is a museum complex owned by the City of Norfolk. The Flag of every Division that served under General MacArthur are displayed except that of the 96th Infantry Division.

Project 2: Provide a 96th Infantry Division Flag or Plaque for the new Pacific Wing of the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. \$850.00
This impressive Pacific War Wing will open December 7, 2001.

Project 3: Procure Leyte Battle, Okinawa Battle, Pacific Victory and Presidential Unit Citation Streamers for the Association 96th Infantry Division Flag. \$300

This request for contributions has been approved by the Executive Committee of the 96th Infantry Division Association with the objective of achieving these 96th Infantry Division Memorializations in 2002.

Please Send Your Contributions to:

**Robert Schmidt, Treasurer
96th Infantry Division Association
1284 McKusick Road, Lane N.
Stillwater, MN 55082-4162**

96th Infantry Division Recognition Fund Contribution

Name _____ Unit _____ Amount _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

**Make check out to the 96th Infantry Division Association
With Notation: Recognition Fund**

**Our Attached
763rd Tank Battalion Monument
at Armor Park, Fort Knox, KY
(photo from Jim Forshee,
763rd Tank Battalion)**



The U.S. Army 96th Regional Support Command

The 96th Regional Support Command (RSC), headquartered at historic Fort Douglas, has a proud history beginning early in the 20th Century. The 96th RSC is a direct descendant of the famous 96th Infantry Division, nick-named the *Deadeyes* for their superior marksmanship. The 96th played a significant role in the Pacific victory of WWII, fighting key battles at Leyte and Okinawa. Following the war, the 96th was placed on inactive status.

In 1967, the unit was reactivated as the 96th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM). In 1995, the ARCOM was reorganized into its present structure as a Regional Support Command. The 96th RSC commands nearly 6,000 soldiers in 70 units, within the states of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and North and South Dakota.

The 96th RSC provides a variety of services and assets to the Army in the areas of combat service support and combat support. The 96th fulfills missions in medical, dental, legal, personnel, and logistical support such as petroleum, water, ammunition, and transportation. More than 50 percent of the 96th RSC strength lies in medical, engineer and quartermaster units.

Call-ups and activations since WWII have seen more than 28 *Deadeye* units on active duty. The 259th Quartermaster Battalion of Pleasant Grove, Utah, was one of only 35 Reserve Units mobilized for Vietnam. More than 3,000 *Deadeye* soldiers in 20 units were mobilized for Desert Storm, including the only reserve infantry battalion activated for the Gulf War. Four 96th RSC units have been mobilized to aid in the Bosnian peacekeeping mission. Additionally, individual soldiers have been called to active duty for a variety of humanitarian and peacekeeping missions throughout the world. Currently the 358th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment is in Kosovo.

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 III.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

NOTE: The Army and the National Personnel Records Center Do Not Have the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) Documents for Distribution. Color Copies of The PUC Documents, the Certificate and the Citation, are available from the Ladies Auxiliary for the cost of reproduction and mailing.

Note: It has been taking the Military Personnel Records Section of the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis 5 to 6 months to act upon Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon requests. Then in addition it takes the Army Unit in Philadelphia 4 to 5 months to fill the order.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 29

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, DC, 31 December 2001

Individual and Unit Awards

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II—PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. By direction of the Secretary of Defense, under the provisions of Department of Defense 1348.33M, dated 1996, award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941, is confirmed according to AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-2:

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
1 APRIL 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945
and the following assigned or attached units:

1st Information and Historical Service (News Team B)
38th Order of Battle Team
51st Portable Surgical Hospital
67th Portable Surgical Hospital
96th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 96th Division Artillery
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Infantry Division
Headquarters, Special Troops, 96th Infantry Division
Military Police Platoon, 96th Infantry Division
96th Infantry Division Band
96th Quartermaster Company
96th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized
96th Signal Company
140th Photo Interpreter Team
206th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad
314th Headquarters Intelligence Detachment
321st Engineer Combat Battalion
321st Medical Battalion
344th Interrogation Team
361st Field Artillery Battalion

362d Field Artillery Battalion
 363d Field Artillery Battalion
 372d Interpreter Team
 381st Infantry Regiment
 382d Infantry Regiment
 383d Infantry Regiment
 389th Translator Team
 763d Tank Battalion
 796th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company
 921st Field Artillery Battalion
 2212th Pacific Ocean Area Transport Quartermaster Team
 2223d Censorship Detachment
 3d Platoon, 3008th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company
 3255th Signal Service Detachment

The 96th Infantry Division and attached units distinguished themselves during the period 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945, by extraordinary heroism and gallantry in action against the enemy in the conquest of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, Japan. On 1 April 1945 the 96th Infantry Division made an assault landing on the Hagushi beaches of Okinawa and within three days overcame all resistance in the large Sunabe hill mass which dominated the XXIV Corps' landing beaches. The division then immediately attacked rapidly and skillfully south down the western half of the island, overrunning and destroying or driving in enemy outpost lines and strong points guarding the approaches to the main Japanese defense hub at Shuri. By 7 April, the division had penetrated the main outer ring. On 9 April, the division initiated a series of attacks against the powerful Japanese defense position at Kakazu Ridge. It was necessary to dig, blast and burn or bury forever the fanatical enemy defenders. By 15 April, the division had gained control of dominant portions of the ridge. On 16 April, the division became an interior division when a third division entered the lines on its right flank. It continued its day after day assaults. Tombstone Hill was seized. Tanabaru and Maeda escarpments were captured. Needle Rock Hill 153 and the Gate were all taken. On 1 May, the division was withdrawn for nine days of rest and for reception and assimilation of replacements totaling over 4,000. On 9 May, the division reentered the lines on the left (east) flank, and began a series of bitter, bloody, hand-to-hand assaults designed to wrest from the Japanese Conical Hill, the vital key to the eastern section of the Shuri battle position. The desperate defenders struck back with all the fire and manpower at their command. Concentrations of artillery and medium and heavy mortar fire were placed upon our lines in durations previously unknown in the Pacific War. By 21 May, the crest and eastern slopes of Conical Hill had been captured, opening an envelopment route to turn Shuri. To the west of Conical Hill, the division captured Sugar Hill and broke through the Shuri line to within 200 yards of the Nahi-Shuri-Yonabaru Road, the enemy's innermost and essential communication line. Loss of Conical Hill doomed the Shuri position, and the enemy withdrew, shortly after its fall, to final positions along the south tip of the island. The division continued its pursuit of the retreating enemy. On the final enemy positions on the Yuza-Yaeju-Dake escarpments, the two highest hills were in the zone of the 96th Division. The division assaulted heroically and with a fury that could not be stopped, using the same hand-to-hand, digging, blasting, burning assaults required in earlier engagements. The 96th Division ended its portion of the organized fighting as it began it, closing to bayonet range with a gallantry, heroism and determination to win which carried its attacks forward despite terrible and crippling casualties and physical discomforts almost beyond human endurance. The division killed a total of 37,763 of the enemy in 73 days of fighting. Its own battle losses totaled 7,294, including 1,504 killed.

The brilliant victories achieved by the 96th Division on Okinawa contributed greatly to the defeat of the large enemy garrison. The esprit, heroism and continuing demonstrations of raw courage throughout the battle exemplified the highest traditions of the military service.

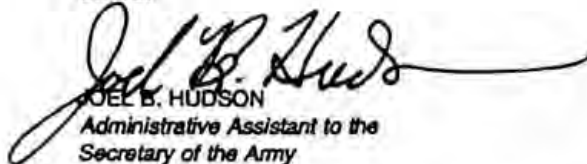
222D INFANTRY REGIMENT
24 JANUARY 1945 TO 25 JANUARY 1945

The 222d Infantry Regiment is cited for extraordinary and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 24 and 25 January 1945, in the Bois D'Ohlungen, and the vicinity of Schweighausen and Neuborg, France. On the night of 24 January 1945, the 222d Infantry Regiment, under strength by half a Battalion of riflemen, yet necessarily extended over a 7500-yard front, was attacked by five regiments from the 7th Parachute, 25th Panzer and 47th German VG Divisions which were supported by heavy artillery. Ordered to hold at all costs, the Regiment withstood the enemy's desperate bid to break the Seventh Army Moder River Line. Fighting back from ice-filled foxholes, the outnumbered defenders fought off wave after wave of enemy attacking all along the Regiment's front and infiltrating into friendly positions, well behind the Main Line of Resistance. Wild fighting raged throughout the night and well into the next day as the fanatical attackers sought to break out into open country, but every measure was met by determined counterattacks. On the night of the 25th, the frustrated enemy fell back to his original line, leaving the ground littered with enemy dead. Despite the loss of 237 officers and men, the 222d Infantry Regiment held its position, exacting a heavy toll of men and equipment from the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty shown by the members of the 222d Infantry Regiment in smashing one of the enemy's principal strategic efforts to reconquer Alsace, are worthy of emulation and exemplify the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

ERIC K. SHINSEKI
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Official:


JOEL B. HUDSON
Administrative Assistant to the
Secretary of the Army

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Note: Department of the Army General Order No. 29 of 31 December 2001 is the final element completing the award of the Presidential Unit Citation for Okinawa to the 96th Infantry Division. It is suggested that 96th Infantry Division Veterans requesting the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon include a copy of General Order No. 29 with their request to the National Personnel Records Center, Military Records Section in St. Louis, MO for this Ribbon. Don Dencker, Historian

**KANSAS CITY, MO. REUNION
96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S
MEMORABILIA SALES**

IN THE BOARD ROOM LOCATED ON THE LOBBY LEVEL

Wednesday, July 24th	1 to 4 PM
Thursday, July 25th	9 to 5 PM
Friday, July 26th	2 to 5 PM
Saturday, July 27th	8 to 10:30 AM

We will have Don Dencker's new book **Love Company** on sale throughout the week for the special price of \$15.00. Don will be available to autograph his book for you on Thursday from 4 to 5 PM and Saturday from 8 to 9AM, in the Board Room.

We will also have for sale copies of the Presidential Unit Citation and the Certificate, Regimental Pins, Denim Shirts, Polo Shirts, Mouse Pads and many new items.



Telling It With A Twist

Those gimlet eyes and a pointy finger did certainly portray an attitude toward a nasty job. In the first World War four million copies of the colorful

Uncle Sam "I Want You" posters were produced. And patriotism flourished.

Back then printed material on paper and old fashioned rumor mongering by word of mouth practically owned propaganda. Between the two World Wars radio came along to speed up the spreading of information, either favorable or unfavorable.

At the same time legitimate advertising, a benign offshoot of propaganda, swept like wildfire across the United States. Generally the desirable qualities of a product were talked about with the intention of arousing a desire to buy or patronize. Meanwhile the military establishments around the world became crafty at distorting, inventing, twisting or cooking up stories for their own reasons.

In World War II every country that became involved had its own machinery for generating propaganda. The Office of War Information handled propaganda for public consumption in the United States. If the propaganda was intended for enemy ears, the Office of Strategic Services put out the stuff.

For nearly a year, when the war was going badly for the United States in 1942, with much of its fleet destroyed at Pearl Harbor, there were little more than slogans with which to retaliate. Slogans like "Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Buy Savings Bonds" (later updated to "Buy War Bonds") rallied the homefront to produce more weapons and supplies.

The Japanese did not put in much effort trying to ruin American morale; their conquests did that. Where Japanese propaganda did take hold was among people who were defeated, their country occupied and Americans gone. DEADEYES were dogged all the way to the end by those reeducation effects on the natives.

When the United States adopted a policy of unconditional surrender and removed the political and diplomatic preconditions for strategic operations against the enemy option, propaganda became largely psychological warfare.

The homefolks got a heavy dose of "information". By the time draft notices had been received in their mailboxes many soon-to-be DEADEYES were familiar with cartoon caricatures of Japanese, always scruffy and buck-toothed.

Later on as the troops of the 96th found themselves ready to close in on Japan, Tokyo Rose's personalized radio messages aimed at

their specific units, even individuals, were intended to be upsetting. Rose played a lot of popular and sentimental music, hoping to increase homesickness. She seldom succeeded and became instead a source of entertainment.

The battles on Okinawa were straight ahead. Even as the LSTs slogged across the East China Sea in the early hours of that Easter morning of April 1, 1945, while the men were downing their steak and eggs breakfast, Rose's broadcast was patched onto the ship's squawk box. Something else to think about.

Leading up to that fateful L-Day morning, even before the Division departed California, there was common knowledge among the troops about the horrific atrocities by the Japanese.

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PAUL FREDERICK BERDANIER USED ORANGE AND red colors to produce cartoon artwork for United Features Syndicate in early 1942.



HOLY CITY DESTROYED

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Rome Bombing Part of U.S. War Policy

by Ed Dakan B-381

Stimson Reveals Ruthless Attacks Will Continue

LISBON, March 5 (Domel). — Colonel Henry L. Stimson, United States Secretary of War, at a recent press conference, bluntly declared that the United States forces will continue to bomb and destroy the City of Rome in accordance with America's war policy, according to a Washington report.

Defining the United States War Department's policy, Stimson outspokenly disclosed that all religious and cultural landmarks will be subjected to ruthless American attacks when Rome becomes a battlefield. He said: "American lives must be safeguarded whatever the cost in material things. There can be no alternative."

Commenting on the anti-Axis bombing and destruction of the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Cassino, Stimson asserted that the War Department's policy is "definite and clear."

Telling It With A Twist (Continued)

Anxiously ready to go, yet safe to say and without any prompting every man resolved to never be taken prisoner. Such a mindset was bound to stiffen the backbones of everybody with a weapon.

After the end of the Pacific edition of the second World War propaganda on all sides became the tool to restore friendship, however slowly and painfully. This newest flood of words and pictures was called "spinning", more often performed by fast-talking heads on TV news shows.

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MEMORABILIA Darwin L. Verke, Arvada, Colorado, nephew of Harold Sletten, B-383, displayed his assortment of Japanese propaganda at the 42nd reunion in Denver, Colorado. Earlier that same July, Verke had been visiting in North Dakota where he was raised near the town of York.

"One afternoon I went to an estate auction where there was a lot of old farm machinery and trinkets and things. There on a table that was piled with books was a bundle of magazines maybe about four inches thick tied up with binder twine. The dates on the magazines and papers were from 1943 to 1944. Some were printed in English and originated in Manila, others were in Japanese. My bid bought the whole batch."

Darwin's prize find was a 15 x 21-inch poster dwelling on the bombing of the Vatican in Rome by the United States. Reproduced on the poster was an aerial view of the Holy City splotted with red (blood) and a front page story from The Tribune, Manila, Philippines, dated Tuesday, March 7, 1944.

Plainly the propaganda was expected to turn Filipino Catholic sympathies against the United States.

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David Clemens, Fargo, N.D., attended the reunion with his father, Arnold Clemens, 362 FA.

Darwin Verke, veteran of the Submarine Service, knew his Japanese propaganda material. Harold Sletten carried ammunition in B-383.



**DEDICATION OF PACIFIC LANDING WING AT THE
NATIONAL D-DAY MUSEUM, NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

December 7, 2001



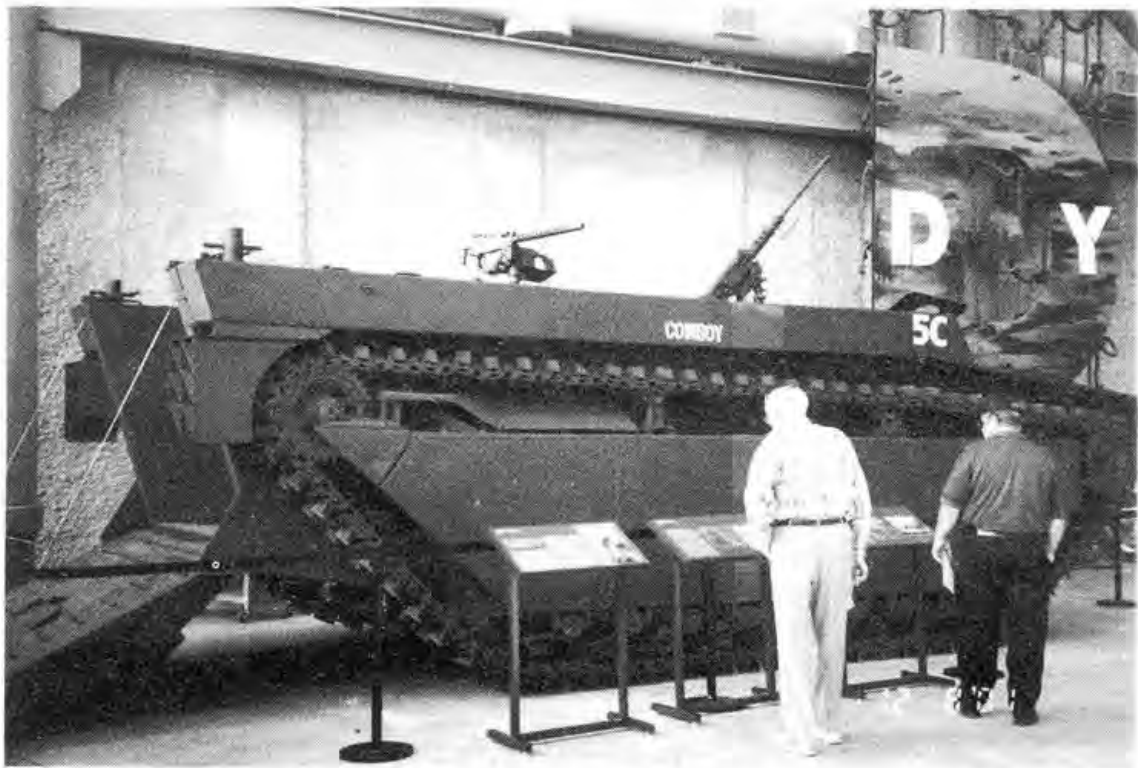
**Deadeyes Assembling for Parade, December 7, 2001 AM.
Left to Right: George McMahan, Ernest Malkewitz, James Causey,
George Rastall, Don Dencker and Peter Bourgeois, Jr.**



**Deadeyes Riding in Army Truck in the New Orleans Parade.
Left to Right: David Meltzer, Ernie Malkewitz, Joe Constant,
George Rastall, Jim Causey, Peter "Frenchie" Bourgeois, Jr. and Don Dencker**



**New Orleans Parade Route Ahead Between Crowd
Of Cheering Citizens as Seen from Back of Army Truck**



**The LVT - 4 Amphibious Tractor "Alligator" Type We Rode in For
Leyte and Okinawa Landings in D-Day Museum, December 8, 2001**

**MARJORIE MAIN REAPPEARS AT 2001 REUNION
(WOW, WHAT A GAL!)**



**Marjorie Welcomes Deadeye Mike Moroz
At Kick-off Party, July 26,2001
(Will She reappear at the 2002 Reunion?)**

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Out About Their Deadeye**

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In Memorium...



“Taps”

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

Joseph M. Pyle – Signal
per Peter Pohl – 01/24/2001

Milo Thompson – MP
per Edward Funk – 02/14/2001

Charles Baldwin – 88 Chem. Bn.
Per Arden Pidgeon – 04/16/2001

Valen Christensen – 382-A
per Wife – 08/18/2000

Monroe B. Morton, II – Div. H&H
per Attorneys

Marvin Schroeder – 383-E
per Wife – 03/04/2001

Virgil Thompson – 381-1st Bn.
per Reino Jurvelin – 04/18/2001

Robert Edwards – 282-F
per Wife – 11/23/1999

Jerry L. Trammell – 382 Anti-Tank
per Mildred Suttle – 06/27/2000

Cledith Bourdeau – 382-E
per Otto Arrington – 01/13/2000

Robert D. Broome – 383-I
per Harry Brown – 09/10/2000

Joseph V. Johnson – 381-D
per Henrietta Johnson – 12/09/2000

Milton F. Rezac – 383-L
per Wife – 03/20/2000

Robert Cheever – 321 Eng.
Per Wife – 04/24/2000

Ray O. Moyer – 381-L
per Robert E. Gaines – 05/14/2001

John A. McLoed – Recon
per Wife – 04/30/2001

Stanley Braden – 381 Medics
per Daughter – 01/15/1999

Charles A. Desmond – 382-B
per Wife – 06/27/2001

Johnie Sain – 383-C
per Wife – 06/07/2001

Michael J. Chulyak – 381-G & Cannon
per Wife – 07/03/2001

Ted Sturm – Div. Art.
Per Robert Beutler – 07/04/2001

George Earley – 381-K
per M. L. Nix –

Bernard Baar – 383-F
per Orrie Gruwell – 07/21/2001

Frank Yugovich – 383B
per Gerald Peterson – 08/25/2001

Charles Pruesser – 381-Hq. & Hq.
Per Wife – 06/30/2001

Sam Benson – 381-D
per Son – 09/24/2001

Henry L. Callihan – 382-C
per Louis DeLuca – 07/25/2001

Clarence Foy – Recon.
Per Douglas Burton --

Paul W. Bortell – 383-A
per Wife – 10/24/2000

Louis Straus – 383 Cannon
Per Richard Haglund – 1992

Toivo Lofberg – 381-B
per Gerald Peterson – 06/14/2001

Ray Bellah – 381-1st Bn.
Per Daughter – 06/02/2001

Fred Weeks – 382-M
per Wife – 07/04/2001

Robert Borden – 381-2nd
per Daughter – 10/11/2000

Garnal Coppock – 383 Medic
per Wife – 03/10/2001

Kenneth Erickson – 383-E
per James Causey – 04/30/2001

Emmett Dunaway – Signal
per John Obal – 09/10/2001

Joe Yarosevich – 382-E
per Vernon Duncan – 09/13/2001

John H. Spindler – 383-L
per Carl W. Reed – 09/22/2001

Raymond Holderman – 381-3rd Bn.
Per John Obal – 09/21/2001

Elmer Shady – 381-3rd Bn.
Per John Obal – 11/11/2001

Raymond Wendt – 362 FA
per Kenneth Wendt – 06/28/1999

Marshall Pratt – 381-3rd Bn.
Per Wife – 10/26/2001

Claude West, Jr. – 362 FA
per Wife - 08/09/2000

Donald Bloom – 382-D
per Son – 12/06/2001

Marlin Max McIntosh – 381-A
per Wife – 09/14/2001

John Blankenship – 362-E
per John Palmer – 02/10/2001

Peter Fusuma – 321 Medic
per Post Office

Albert “Ben” Lullo - 382-M
per Walter Gorell - 01/___/2002

Raymond Wahl – 381-D
per Ted Weber – 07/___/2001

Carl Hage – 381-H
per Son – 2001

Ernest Wayne Kinsley – 383 Can.
Per Russell Watts – years ago

William J. Frost – 383-1st BN
per Ann Dunning – 02/07/2002

Charles J. DePaul – 321 Medics
per Wife – 11/20/2001

Donald Brown – 381-B
per Ed Daken – 12/02/2001

Oscar Swanson – 383-I
per Daughter – 08/22/2001

Robert Loftus – 383 Medics
per Son –

Wayne Glasgow – 383-D
per Earl Zinc

Edmung C. Sand – 921 FA
per Wife – 11/22/2001

Gerald Clemens – 383-D
per Earl Zinc – 12/07/2001

Frank Hamilton – 382-1st Bn.
Per Post Office

Alfred E. Zapalac – 381-E
per Wife – 09/10/2001

Walter “Bud” Hartmeier – 382-F
per Wife – 06/26/2001

Leo Wittig – 381-M
per Wife – 11/08/2001

George & Margaret Zeeff – 383-H
per Steve Melnyk

Vernon Paaren – 381 Anti Tank
per Wayne Roles

Richard J. Jordan – 383-D
per Donald Dencker

Ewing Johansen – 381 HQ
per Nelson Gustus – 02/24/2002

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME...

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the Sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.
I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today.
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you.
And each time you that you think of me
I you'll miss me too!
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
Than an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
An that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home!
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne
he said "This is eternity And all I've promised you"
But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.
So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you tink of me
I'm right here in your heart





Pfc Roy Harris
96th Division
382nd Infantry
Company B

Searching for anyone who knew or remembers Roy Harris from
Wichita, Kansas.

He served in the Pacific Theatre in WWII from
1 Sept 1944 - 27 November 1945.

He was wounded April 8, 1945 in Ryukyus, South Philippines.

He was a Combat Infantryman Sharpshooter M1 Rifleman, a Scout.

If anyone knows anything about him, please contact his granddaughter:

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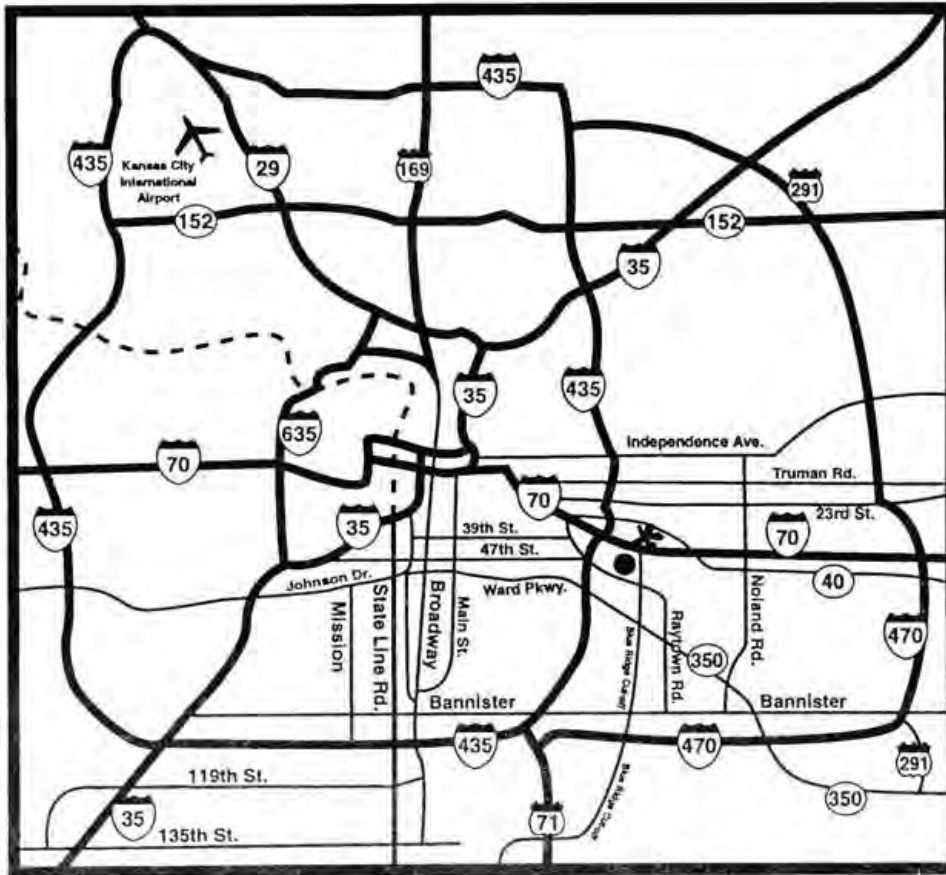
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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Bay City, Or

Comments: I would like to know if there are any of the A and P guys from the 381st 1st Bn HQ Co. 96th Div. still around? I was known as "The Battle Baby from Bay City" for every time there was any shooting going on I would take a hit. I didn't know if it was enemy or friendly, because I was only 5'2" End up with two P Hearts and two B Stars. Signed up in the Veitman war as a 2LT and got out as LTC now we have a sail boat in Mexico.

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