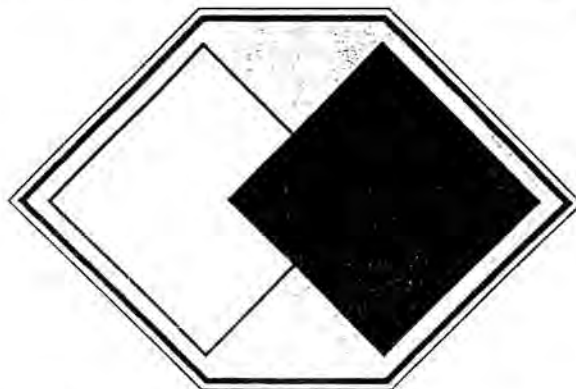
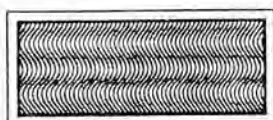


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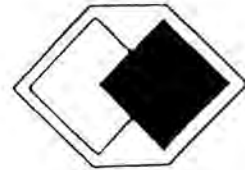
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President's Corner

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



Spring -- 2003

Dear Deadeyes, Spouse, Families, Friends and all associated with our Organization.

I do hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season.

Our Officers, I and the Executive Committee are looking forward to seeing you at the convention in Tulsa this year. The planners, I believe, have planned an enjoyable time and activities that warrant your participation. The Adam's Mark Hotel in Tulsa is quite elegant and should make your stay an enjoyable one.

My self, along with a few others Deadeyes and their Spouse, journeyed to Norfolk Virginia, on the weekend of October 18-20th. The purpose of our journey was to present a 96th Division Flag to the General Douglas MacArthur museum in Norfolk. Our Hosts turned out to be the Filipino Community in Newport News, Virginia, many ex-Navy personnel. They were very gracious and very appreciative of our contribution to the liberation of their country during WW 11.

I mentioned in the last Dispatch, the membership of our Organization have two very important items to be considered as to the future of our Organization. Those items to be discussed and decide upon at our General Meetings on Friday and Saturday at the Convention in Tulsa.

First - The Transition Team, chaired by Tom Roby, has meet twice at Fort Douglas, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Last fall, at Fort Douglas, to meet with the Attorney the group retained, David R. Irwin, Brig. Gen. (Rt). He will be drawing up, for your approval, the necessary papers for the formation of a "Heritage Fund," a non-profit Corporation to carry on the Heritage of the 96th Division. The formation of the "Heritage Fund" was approved last year. What we will be voting on will be the wording of the paperwork forming the "Fund." The committee met again in January to approve a layout for the 96th Division Association display at the Fort Douglas Museum. The museum display was approved as part of the "Heritage Fund" legacy.

Second - The most important item, was tabled at the Convention in Kansas City last year. The motion that the 96th Division Association be disbanded in the year 2005.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved both of these items.

According to the By-laws and Constitution of our Organization the only members who are eligible to vote on such items are actual 96th Division Veterans and those members of attached units. Family members, Associate members and Auxiliary members are non-voting members and are not eligible to vote.

Some members my not be aware that the expenses incurred by members attending functions, representing our Organization, are not reimbursed by our Organization. A lot of hard work and timely devotion go on behind the scene to make sure that our Organization runs smoothly.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Tulsa. May Peace and Harmony Prevail.

Bob Cronshey -- President
96th Infantry Division Association

Auxiliary Corner

96th INF. DIV. ASSN.

DEADEYES
ANNUAL REUNIONS



Dear Auxiliary Members,

This has been an exciting year for me as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. I really got to see and be involved in all of the behind the scenes planning of our 2003 reunion in Tulsa, OK. It's amazing to see how everything is brought together for everyone to enjoy.

We're planning a great Merchandise Sale with new items. We also can use your help once again selling our merchandise. Please plan to at least work a few hours during this reunion sales.

For our Ladies Luncheon, we are having a sort of "Tulsa Roundup". Just a hint about our guest: He is an Oklahoma "cowboy, actor and comic". So ladies, why not plan to attend and enjoy! I would love to see everyone at the Luncheon dressed for the occasion in your finest denim! I'm sure we'll all have fun; so dig out your denim dresses, jumpers, jeans or pantsuit; you can all come, relax and enjoy.

We would also like to once again have door prizes for the Luncheon so bring some of your best craft items, or any items will be appreciated.

I hope to see you all this July in Tulsa for our 46th annual reunion. Come share your stories and enjoy all the fun of seeing old friends, meeting new ones and make the reunion one we'll all remember for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole A. Wargo".

Carole A. Wargo, President
96th Infantry Division Association Auxiliary

**96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
2003 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**



Standing left to right - Bob Siefert, Douglas Burton, George Rastall, Don Dencker, Bob Schmidt, Edwin Wright, George McMahan, Tom Roby, seated are Bob Cronshey and Raymond Boykin.

2003 AUXILIARY OFFICERS



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25 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Ben Confer, Richard Haglund, Patrick McDermott, Al Trybulski, Donald Van Doornik.

30 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Herman Claborn, Daniel Hart.

35 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Melvin E. Coobs, Glenn Hamilton, S. T. Morris.

44 YEAR CERTIFICATES

Val Heinrich, C. L. Snyder.

ATTENDED ALL 45 REUNIONS

Hubert Hoffman. Mary Lou White (Auxiliary).
Clarence Snyder

DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE AWARDS

Joseph Garabedian, James Warren.

OUR KIND OF GAL AWARDS

Muriel Haglund, Carole Wargo

NOTICES

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their 2003 Reunion the 1st Saturday following Mother's Day at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, OH. All Deadeyes and attachments 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 Pacific Northwest Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division Association will hold their meeting June 1, 2003 in Monmouth, Oregon. Early comers will gather for socializing and a strawberry shortcake feed on Saturday, May 31, 2003. The events will take place at the Senior Center in Monmouth, OR. Contact person: Richard Haglund - 1504 Euclid, Steilacoom, WA 98388-3310. Telephone - (253-588-8310).

ASTP REUNION LUNCHEON

WHERE: Adam's Mark - Tulsa Oklahoma Ball Room

WHEN: Friday, July 25, 2003

TIME: 11:30 am - 1:00pm

WHAT: Cash bar, soup and sandwich and cookies. Including rehashing old memories.

PRICE: \$14.00 - Make your check payable and mail to:

Jerry Connolly

365 E. Stewart Ave. Apt. B14

Garden City, NY 11530 (516-741-4906)

ATTENTION: We have to give 72 hours advance notice to guarantee the number of plates. That means Tuesday noon. Please get your reservations in before Jerry travels to Tulsa.

Keep your name current on the contact list with your change of address and information on yourself to Jerry at the address above.

Cal Claus will likely be unable to attend and Jerry has committed to do the honors

Thanks Cal for helping out through the years.

Ernest Malkewitz

PUC Certificate, Citation, Ribbon & Lapel Pin are still available at our Tulsa, OK reunion or by mail, see address below.

Certificates & Citation \$6.00 including postage.

PUC Ribbon \$6.00 including postage.

PUC Lapel Pins \$5.00 including postage.

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REMINISCING!!!

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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 Breece
1972	New Orleans, LA	426	Joe Fritz	Paul Bauer
1973	Peoria, IL	526	Iden Johnson	Harold Strand
1974	Indianapolis, IN	433	James Breece	Sam Benson
1975	Kansas City, KS	482	Edmund Biggs	Dean Sterner
1976	Ft. Worth, TX	462	Cyril Dean Sterner	Peter Pohl
1977	Cincinnati, OH	449	Tyson Shelton	Victor Barth
1978	New Orleans, LA	398	Douglas Burton	Henry White
1979	Denver, CO	432	Atwell Champion	Willard Mitchell
1980	Springfield, IL	533	Fred Weeks	Glenn Hamilton
1981	Milwaukee, WI	487	Glenn Hamilton	Elmer Stuckemeyer
1982	Dearborn, MI	476	Russell Watts	Virgil Below
1983	Houston, TX	376	Ernest Qualls	Anthony Skaronea
1984	St. Paul, MN	591	Harm Alberts	William Broschke
1985	Oklahoma City, OK	549	Virgil Below	Russell Watts
1986	Fresno, CA	428	Louis DeLuca	Douglas Burton
1987	Memphis, TN	607	Anthony Pavell	Glyn Hollingsworth
1988	Peoria, IL	622	Donald Foster	Stanley Smith
1989	Rapid City, 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	Louis Canedo	Robert Schmidt
1996	Des Moines, IA	517	Glenn Amonett	Robert Siefert
1997	St. Louis, MO	550	Don Dencker	Iden Johnson
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2002	Kansas City, MO	309	Ernest Malkewitz	Joseph Garabedian & James Warren
2003	Tulsa, OK		Robert Cronshey	

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(See map on back cover)

FROM THE NORTH

From Bartlesville, take Highway 75 South until you come to I-244 West. Take I-244 West to First Street exit, West on First Street to Cheyenne, South (left) on Cheyenne to Second Street, East (left) onto Second Street. The Adam's Mark Hotel is one (1) block up on Second Street.

FROM THE SOUTH

Take Highway 75 North. Do not take the Broken Arrow/75 North exit when you reach it, instead take the Seventh Street exit which is immediately ahead. Take Seventh Street until you reach the fork in the road which separates Sixth and Seventh Streets. Go to the left and take Sixth Street to Boulder. Turn Left onto Boulder to Second Street. The Adam's Mark Hotel is one (1) block up on Second Street.

NOTE Most Streets in the Downtown Area are One Way Streets.

FROM THE EAST (two ways)

- 1) Take Highway 51 (Broken Arrow Expressway) to Downtown. Take the Denver/Cheyenne exit. At the bottom of the exit, turn onto Denver Street. Turn right onto Second Street and The Adam's Mark Hotel is three (3) blocks on the right
- 2) Coming from Joplin, MO, exit the turnpike on Highway 44 West. Take that to where it splits and take I-244 West (also marked as Downtown Tulsa). Take I-244 to First Street exit, West on First Street to Cheyenne. South (left) on Cheyenne to Second Street, East (left) on Second Street. The Adam's Mark Hotel is two (2) blocks up on Right

FROM THE WEST (two ways)

- 1) From Oklahoma City, exit off Turner Turnpike to I-244 East. Take I-244 East to Highway 75 North. Take Highway 75 North until you come to Seventh Street exit. Take Seventh Street until you reach the fork in the road dividing Sixth and Seventh Streets. Go to the left and take Sixth Street to Boulder. Turn left onto Boulder. Take Boulder to Second Street. Turn right onto Second Street and the Adam's Mark Hotel is one (1) block up on the right

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- 2) From Wichita, exit from Cimmaron Turnpike to take Highway 64 East. Take Highway 64 into Downtown Tulsa and take Second Street exit. The Adam's Mark Hotel is five (5) blocks on the right

FROM THE AIRPORT

Take Highway 11 East until you come to I-244 West. Take I-244 West to First Street exit, West on First Street to Cheyenne, South (left) on Cheyenne to Second Street, East (left) on Second Street. The Adam's Mark Hotels is two (2) blocks up on the right

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The Adam's Mark Tulsa is located at 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, OK 74103-3280. The hotel is located in the heart of Tulsa's business and cultural district. The hotel is adjacent to the Performing Arts Center. At the Adam's Mark you'll find the warmth and charm of the grand hotels combined with the comfort and efficiency of the most modern accommodations. Guest services include same day dry cleaning, laundry, health club, indoor/outdoor heated pool, and gift boutique. The Adam's Mark Tulsa features 462 spacious guest rooms and suites. Each guest room features remote control TV, in-room movies, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, alarm clock radio and coffee maker.

Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Parking is complimentary in the adjacent covered garage on a space available basis. Overflow parking is available in surface lots located one block from the hotel. Check-in time is 3:00pm; and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

Bravos serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Tiffany Rose** features live entertainment and your favorite refreshments in an open-air atmosphere. Room service is available.

The Adam's Mark Tulsa provides complimentary daily shuttle service from the Tulsa International Airport. Upon your arrival at the airport, call the hotel from the phone in the baggage claim area and the Hotel will inform you of the next pick-up time. You may want to consider other transportation services, as space is always limited on complimentary services.

There is limited parking for RVs in the garage adjacent to the hotel and in overflow surface lot about a block away. Please note the entrance to the parking garage is about seven feet high. Mingo RV Park is located at 801 North Mingo Road, Tulsa, OK 74116, which is approximately fifteen minutes from the Adam's Mark. They can provide full hookup services. Call (800) 932-8824 for information, pricing, and reservations. Please make your reservations at least a month in advance.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair, please contact Scootaround at (888) 441-7575 for information, pricing, and reservations. The hotel does not have wheelchairs available for use.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

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96th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES JULY 22 - 27, 2003

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # () _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ am/pm DEP. DATE _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Wheelchair accessible room _____ Nonsmoking room _____
King Bed _____ Two Double Beds _____ Bed types are not guaranteed.

RATE: \$77.00 (single/double) + tax (currently 12.9%). Rate good 1 day before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 6/20/03. Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 48 hrs. in advance of arrival date. Record your cancellation number. All reservations will be assessed a \$25 early departure charge for each night you check out in advance of the scheduled departure date.

GUARANTEE: Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

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CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

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CUT OFF DATE IS 6/19/03			
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TOURS			
Wednesday: City Tour	\$24		\$
Wednesday: Oklahoma!	\$44		\$
Thursday: Will Rogers Memorial	\$24		\$
Friday: Cherokee Casino	\$18		\$
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Friday: Auxiliary Luncheon (Includes entertainment). (Main entrée: Cobb Salad)	\$12		\$
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STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

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?

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96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 46th ANNUAL REUNION
JULY 22 - 27, 2003
ADAM'S MARK HOTEL - TULSA, OK

R&R Area: Tulsa Foyer

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

7:30am - 8:30am **Reunion Registration open**
 9:00am - 1:00pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
 10:00am - 4:00pm Transition Committee Meeting [Roby, Schmidts (Bob & Phyllis), Siefert, Causey, McMahan, Glassman, Cronshey, Malkewitz, Dencker, Holt]
 1:00pm - 4:00pm Sale of Merchandise
 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
 5:30pm - 11:00pm **OKLAHOMA!** (description follows)

Thursday, July 24

8:00am Executive Committee Meeting
 8:00am Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
 9:00am - 11:00am Sale of Merchandise
 10:00am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
 11:30am - 12:30pm **Reunion Registration open**
 1:00pm - 5:15pm WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL (description follows)
 2:00pm - 6:00pm Sale of Merchandise
 5:30pm - 8:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
 8:00pm - 11:00pm Reunion Kick-Off Party

Friday, July 25

9:00am - 9:30am 96th Infantry Division Assn. and Auxiliary Joint Meeting
 9:30am - 10:30am Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 9:30am - 11:45am 96th Infantry Division Assn. Meeting continues
 10:45am - 1:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon
 11:30am - 8:00pm Historical Room open
 11:45am - 1:30pm ASTP Luncheon. For information please contact Jerry Connally 1-516-741-4906.
 12:30pm - 1:30pm **Reunion Registration open**
 2:00pm - 5:30pm CHEROKEE CASINO (description follows)
 2:00pm - 5:00pm Sale of Merchandise
 6:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
 7:00pm - 7:30pm Banquet Seating Assignments
 8:00pm - 11:00pm Beer Bust and Dance

Saturday, July 26

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
 12:30pm - 1:30pm **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

Sunday, July 27

Farewells and departures.

96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 46th ANNUAL REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

CITY TOUR

Wednesday, July 23

Board bus for a city tour of Tulsa and discover why it was known as the "Oil Capital of the World." During the tour you will learn the history of the tunnels that connect much of the Tulsa downtown area and see some of the nation's finest examples of Art Deco architecture. Also rich in architectural history are the unique churches in the area known as Cathedral Square. Next, visit Oral Roberts University, Tulsa's most popular attraction. You will have an opportunity to visit the famous "Praying Hands" sculpture at the entrance of the campus and to see the famous Prayer Tower. Buses will continue on to the International Missionary Museum where you will see the many works accomplished by the missionaries throughout the world.

**9:00am board bus, 1:00pm back at the hotel
\$24/Person includes bus, guide, and admission.**

OKLAHOMA!

Wednesday, July 23

Board bus for Rogers' and Hammerstein's classic musical *Oklahoma!*. Before the show enjoy a Ranch Style dinner, Indian dancing, and souvenir shops. Then see *Oklahoma!* in an outdoor amphitheater where cowboys arrive onstage astride real horses. You'll feel like you are really a guest at the barn dance.

**5:30pm board bus, 11:00pm back at the hotel
\$44/Person includes bus, escort, dinner, and entertainment.**

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL

Thursday, July 24

After lunch on your own, board the bus for a day in Claremore, Oklahoma. Begin your tour at the Dog Iron Ranch, site of the birthplace of Oklahoma's favorite son, Will Rogers. Tour the log frame house built on this frontier ranch overlooking Lake Oologah. Reboard bus for the Will Rogers Memorial. Built on the site that Will Rogers selected for his retirement home, this world-class museum features eight galleries depicting the life and times of the humorist and philosopher. His feature length films run continuously throughout the day. You will want to take a look in the gift shop while you are there.

**1:00pm board bus, 5:15pm back at the hotel
\$24/Person includes bus, guide, and donations to museums.**

CHEROKEE CASINO

Friday, July 25

Feeling lucky? Whether you're a first-time blackjack, bingo, or video bingo player or a master of the games, this Casino's unique brand of bingo and electronic gaming is designed to provide hours of entertainment and excitement. Their high stakes bingo features fun-packed sessions and progressive jackpots that climb into the thousands.

**2:00pm board bus, 5:30pm back at the hotel
\$18/Person includes bus and escort.**

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.

**96th INFANTRY DIVISION – 46th ANNUAL REUNION
MISCELLANEOUS REUNION INFORMATION**

Cash & Carry

Continental breakfast and Cash & Carry lunch will be served in the R&R Area according to the following schedule:

Breakfast:	7:00am – 9:00am	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
Lunch:	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Wednesday
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Thursday
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Friday
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Saturday

Continental breakfast will include the following:

Coffee \$1.00, Pastries \$1.50, Juice \$1.50, Box of Cereal and Milk \$2.00, Whole fruit \$1.00, and Bagel with Cream Cheese \$1.50

Cash & Carry lunch will include the following:

Deli sandwich \$4.00, Chef's Choice of Salads \$1.50, Whole Fruits \$1.00, Potato chips \$0.50, Brownie \$1.00, and beverage (coffee, tea, decaf, iced tea, and assorted sodas including diet) \$1.00

Suggestions for activities on your own

Gilcrease Museum: where the story of the American West unfolds. Please go to www.gilcrease.org or call 918-596-2700 for more information.

J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum: located about 45 minutes from downtown Tulsa. Please call 918-341-5707 for more information.

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

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

Tulsa Zoo	918-669-6600	www.tulsazoo.org
Celebration Station	918-493-3331	www.celebrationstation.com
Big Splash Water Park	918-749-7385	
Hot Wheels Skate Center	918-437-7655	www.telepath.com/allstarsports

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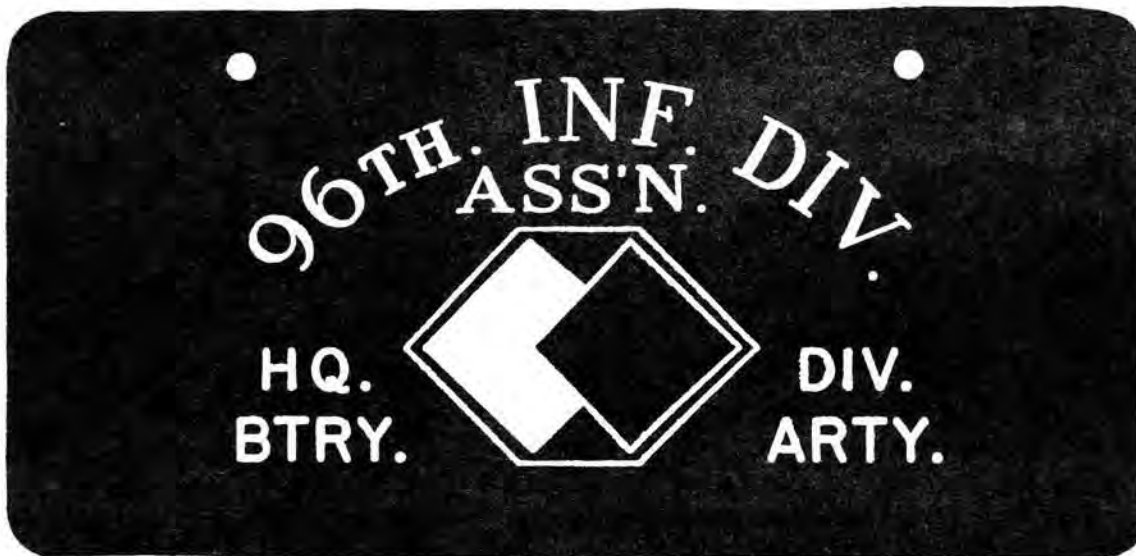
For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less a \$3 processing fee. Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less a \$3 processing fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

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

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

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

Postage and handling is \$3.00 each.



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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

World War II 96th Infantry Division Flag

A World War II Design 96th Infantry Division Flag will be dedicated and placed into use at our Tulsa, Oklahoma Reunion. This brief ceremony will take place at the start of the Association and Auxiliary joint meeting at 9:00 AM , Friday, July 25, 2003.

At this Ceremony, Leyte and Okinawa Battle Streamers and Philippine and United States Presidential Unit Citation Streamers will be attached to our flag.

This 4 foot by 6 foot 96th Infantry Division Flag was purchased for the Association from contributions to the 96th Infantry Division Recognition Fund. This fund has been oversubscribed and closed out. We wish to thank all contributors to this fund.

Don Dencker, Association Historian

96th Infantry Division Association Website

Our Association Website is now permanently at:

<http://www.96th-infantry-division.com>

**Our site counter totaled 37,914 visits on February 19, 2003
since February 19, 2000, or 1,053 visits each month**

**Please view our Guest Book and help Deadeyes and others locate
Deadeyes and provide 96th Infantry Division service information.**

MEMORABILIA MERCHANDISE

The handling of the sale of 96th Infantry Division Association memorabilia (Merchandise) was offered to the Ladies Auxiliary by the Executive Committee and accepted by the Auxiliary several years ago. To ensure that all memorabilia (Merchandise) offered for sale at a reunion is consistent with the Association's policy on solicitation it should be approved by the Ladies Auxiliary's Merchandise Committee.

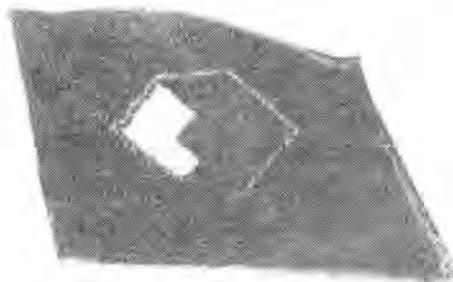
Ruth Siefert, Merchandise Committee Chairman



**LADIES OF THE 96TH INFANTRY
DIVISION AUXILIARY**

DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH YOUR FRIENDS? DO YOU ENJOY HELPING YOUR FRIENDS HAVE FUN? WE HAVE A FANTASTIC DEAL FOR YOU!!!! COME HELP US SELL ITEMS AT THE MERCHANDISE SALES TABLE. THERE IS ALWAYS A LOT OF LAUGHTER AND VISITING WHILE WE HELP OUR FRIENDS WITH PURCHASES. CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR TIMES WHEN THE SALES AREA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS. IF YOU CAN SPARE TWO HOURS ON WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, PLEASE CONTACT GLENDORIS COLE AT 719-269-3822 OR DROP HER A NOTE AT 1323 PARK AVENUE #18, CANON CITY, CO 81212. HER E-MAIL ADDRESS IS glen96th@aol.com. OUR DEADEYES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP WITH THE SALES.

WE WILL BE SELLING T-SHIRTS, POLO SHIRTS AND A NEW ITEM THIS YEAR WILL BE OUR OFFICIAL DIVISION FLAG. THIS FLAG IS 12" X 18" AND WILL BE SUITABLE FOR WALL MOUNTING OR DISPLAYING IT WITH A FLAG STAND. WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER THIS FLAG TO OUR MEMBERS ALONG WITH MANY OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS SUCH AS JEWELRY, PINS, PATCHES AND MAGNETS.



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN TULSA!!!!!!



643 ARMY RESERVISTS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY.

COLORADO SPRINGS – ANOTHER 643 ARMY RESERVE ARE BEING CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY AS THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE WAR WITH IRAQ. THE SOLDIERS FROM THE 244TH ENGINEER BATTALION ARE TO REPORT TO FT. CARSON TO BE PROCESSED ON TO ACTIVE DUTY. SO FAR THE ARMY RESERVISTS OF THE 96TH RESERVE SUPPORT COMMAND STATIONED IN SALT LAKE CITY HAS CALLED 1463 SOLDIERS FROM COLORADO TO ACTIVE DUTY.



THIS IS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE ASSOCIATION DEADEYES AS AGAIN THE ACTIVE DEADEYES PREPARE FOR CONFLICT. ANDREW HALL, GRANDSON OF GLENDORIS AND CHARLES COLE, IS A MEMBER OF THE 244TH ENGINEER BATTALION. AT THIS TIME THEIR DESTINATION IS UNKNOWN. LET US KEEP ALL THESE YOUNG MEN IN OUR PRAYERS.

LOVE COMPANY BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Love Company is the factual account of a young U.S. Army infantryman's experiences serving in a front line Rifle Company during the Battles of Leyte and Okinawa. The trials and triumphs of his unit, Company L, 382nd Infantry Regiment, 96th Infantry Division are faithfully detailed as his outfit meets the Japanese enemy in the swamps and jungles of Leyte and then on the fire-swept hills and ridges of Okinawa. During the course of these battles, Love Company, which landed 187 men on Leyte, suffers over 300 battle casualties. The few surviving battle-wise veterans and a steady stream of replacements heroically carry the fight to the enemy until the end of the fighting on Okinawa, the last battle of World War II.

At our 2002 Kansas City Reunion the Ladies Auxiliary had 120 copies of Love Company for sale. All copies were sold. All royalties from the sale of this book go to the 96th Infantry Division Association. The Association has received \$800.97 representing royalties on books sold in 2002.

The author, Don Dencker has additional copies on sale for \$17.00, which includes postage. (The retail price of Love Company is \$19.95.)

To purchase Love Company, send a \$17.00 check made out to:

Donald Dencker
1375 Musket Ridge Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-3436

LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES TOUR

October 16 through October 28, 2003

96th Infantry Division Association Historian, Don Dencker, Company L, 382nd Infantry Regiment will lead this Army oriented Philippine Liberation Tour. The Leyte portion of the Tour will have emphasis on areas of interest to 96th Infantry Division veterans, including 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Libraries.

We will participate in Philippine sponsored Leyte Landing Day events on October 20th, visit the 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Park on top of Hill 120 near Blue Beach 1 and other battlefield locations. October 20 is still a holiday celebrated on Leyte as Liberation Day.

In Manila, the tour includes staying at the famous Manila Hotel where MacArthur lived, Intramuros where the Japanese fought to the end and a wreath laying at the American Cemetery where our dead are buried.

We will also visit and extensively tour fabled Corrigidor with an overnight stay on the island. Sites visited on Luzon Island include Bataan and the Death March Km. Zero Marker, Mount Samat Memorial to the Defenders of Bataan, Subic Bay, our invasion beaches on Lingayen Gulf, and the former Clark Field.

This tour is organized by Valor Tours, Ltd. who specialize in battlefield tours. Valor Tours sponsored the highly successful Okinawa battlefield tours led by Don Dencker in 1995, 2000, 2001 and 2002. Don has also returned to the Philippines 5 times, starting 1984, the 40th Anniversary of the Leyte Landing.

The complete cost of the tour is \$2900, including air transportation from San Francisco to Manila to Leyte to Manila and return to San Francisco, per person. Included are hotel rooms, local guides, buses and drivers, baggage handling, taxes and fees, and many meals. This is based upon two per room. Note: Veterans of the Leyte or Luzon Campaigns may deduct \$250.

The 96th Infantry Division Association is not involved and is not sponsoring this tour.

A brochure containing details of this 2003 Philippine Liberation Tour has been prepared. For Brochure and complete information, call or write to:

Valor Tours, Ltd.

10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965

1-800-842-4504

-or-

Don Dencker

1375 Musket Ridge Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

608-837-7479

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ass'n.



Auxiliary



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Kansas City Reunion High Lights





Passing the Gavel !

From Ernie Malkewitz to incoming
President Bob Cronshey



Auxiliary President
Joyce Confer presenting
her "Our Kind Of Gal"
awards to Muriel Haglund
and Carole Wargo.
Carole Wargo is this years
Auxiliary President



ROSES FOR OUR
LOVELY LADY !

LORRAINE STRAND



Betsy Woodward – Our new
Armed Forces Reunions
Service Manager



We Will Miss You
Jan but wish you the
best!

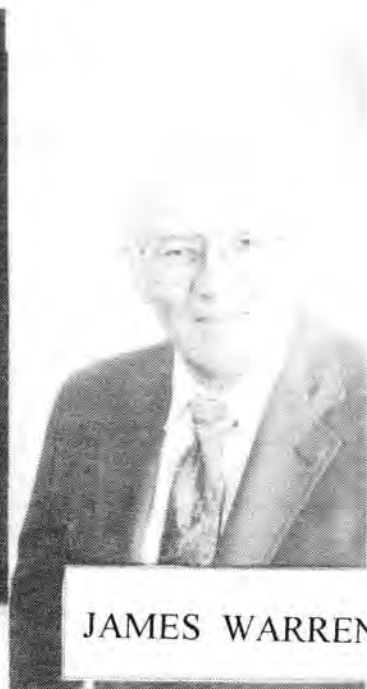


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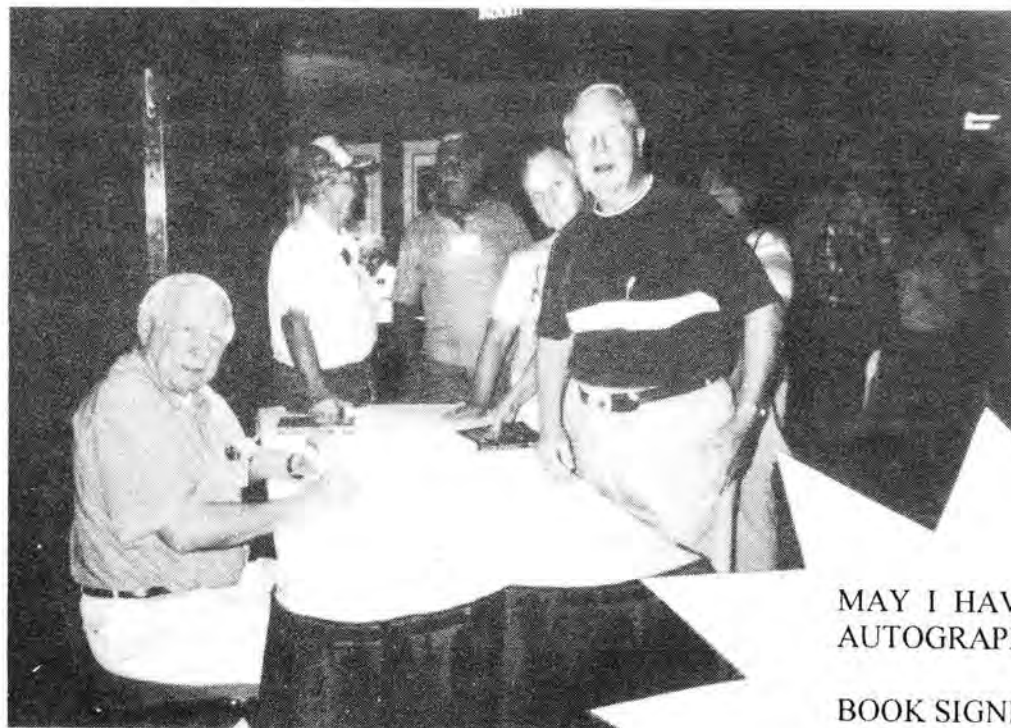
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MAY I HAVE YOUR
AUTOGRAPH PLEASE!

BOOK SIGNING OF "THE
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DON DENCKER

LADIES LUNCHEON
"IT'S A GOOD THING"



CLAUDETTE

A CHAT WITH BESS





BEER BUST 2002

JOHN WITH
OUR NEW
MARJORIE MAIN



MEMORIAL SERVICES





General Douglas MacArthur



FLAG PRESENTATION
October 19, 2002 11:00 AM

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL
MACARTHUR SQUARE
Norfolk, Virginia

96th Infantry Division FLAG PRESENTATION

Program

Welcome

James Zobel
Archivist, MacArthur Memorial

Program Introduction

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

Post the Colors

Filipino World War II Color Guard

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

James Causey
Past President, 96th Infantry Division Association
Co. C, 381st Infantry

Flag Presenttion Address

Robert Cronshey
President, 96th Infantry Division Association
Co. E, 381st Infantry

Introduction of MacArthur Foundation Member

Mr. James Zobel

MacArthur Foundation Member

Richard Gresham,
Gresham Construction

Presentation of 96th Infantry Division Flag

Ernest Malkewitz
Past President, 96th Infantry Division Association
Co. M, 381st Infantry

Retire the Colors

Concluding Remarks

Mr. Donald Dencker

Refreshments

Tours



**96th Infantry Division Flag
of World War II**

A-Day October 20, 1944

The 96th Infantry Division was one of four U.S. Army Divisions that led the return to the Philippines by landing on the Leyte Island Blue and Orange Beaches at 10AM, October 20, 1944. After landing, the 96th Division seized the beaches, Hill 120 and Catmon Hill. Moving inland, the Division defeated major Japanese resistance at Tabontabon and pressed forward on Leyte to crush the remaining elements of the Japanese 16th Infantry Division in the hills west of Dagami. On December 7-9 the Division was instrumental in crushing the attack of the Japanese 2nd Parachute Brigade on Central Leyte Valley airfields. The Division then completed the Leyte mop-up and started to prepare for the Okinawa, Japan landing which took place on April 1, 1945.

For its combat effort on Leyte the 96th Infantry Division was awarded the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.



**LEYTE
1944**

**OKINAWA
1945**

In Memorium...



96th INF. DIV. ASSN.
DEADEYES

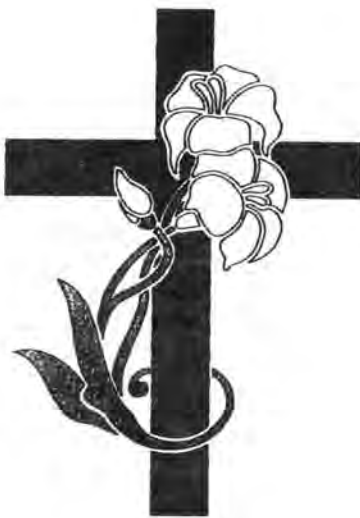


“Taps”

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.

Robert Gaines per John Pfaff	381L 01/07/03	Howard Tway per Russell Watts	383-AT 02-05-02	Harold Enfield per Valinda Goeppinger	383-E 10-18-02
Richard Anderson per US Bank	09/20/02	William Bunbich per Russell Watts	383-Medics 12-29-02	Ernest Gersten per Ray Coleman	383-B 07-06-02
Orville “Lloyd” Towne per wife	12/19/02	Laurence J. Wilson per Pete Pohl		Mercer Carey per wife	383-F 01-05-02
Harold S. Gilbert per wife	382 Inf 11/24/02	Alva “Smitty” Smith per Don Dencker	382-L 07-10-02	Robert Nelson per Ed Dewitt	381-I 08-05-02
Quentin Z. Mortensen per Orrie Gruwell	383-F 12-08-02	Lloyd Bengston per Shane Olson	382 Inf. 12-09-02	Boyce Thomas Dobbs per Betsy Smith	383-E 08-08-02
Robert Russell per wife	382-C 02-21-03	Clete Wiest per Robert Seiler	382-K 10-10-02	Richard J. Jordan per newspaper	96 th Division 03-04-02
John Johnson per Dale L. Gardetto	921FA	Ronald Linderman per KimHammond	381 INF 10-17-01	Robert Gaines per John Pfaff	381-Inf 01-07-03
Fred H. Simpson per Earl Zinc	383-D	Calvin Godfrey per son Barry Godfrey	321 Engr-H&S Co. 04-03-02	Allen W. Raeber	01/04/03
Gerald Raymond Clemens per wife	12-07-01	Jack P. Rheuport per Mary Warnock	361FA Bn 1994	Lloyd Zenk per daughter	361 FI 04-15-02
B.F. Thigpen per wife	321-Eng 01-25-03	Clinton Dickman per Clinton Dickman Jr.	383 Inf. Dec. 2000	Laurence Hartman per Leonard Lazarick	382 K 03-18-02
Mike Torpey per Earl Zinc	383-Inf	Leonard Hudson per Bob Pitts	381-F Aug. 2002	Joseph Donnelly per daughter	282 HQ 03-15-72
Jesse Thomas per son Steve	383-E	George Rodriguez per son Efen Rodriguez	382-F 01-31-03	Isaac Godfrey per son	321 Eng 04-03-02

Jesse H. Clausel per wife	321 Eng 04-03-02	Robert S. Arple per wife	362 FA 12-24-01	Everett Hanson per Elmer Sweeter	383-B 05-28-02
Robert G. Ewig per wife	921 FA 02-10-02	Ronald Linderman per Douglas Burton	381 AT 10-17-01	Robert W. Kimberly per wife	382-M 02-03-02
Tony Zentes per wife	383 -3 rd BM 03-14-2	Donald Frank Comins per neighbor		Robert S. Nelson per wife	381-I 08-05-02
Edward Friday per William Mason	Band 10-30-1994	William Dixon per Duane Kinser	921 FA May 2002	William O. Thomason per Douglas Burton	August 2002
Barney Kralikowski per William Mason	381 MED 09-23-01	Maynard Ludwig per wife	383-I 01-09-02	William H. Mason per son	321 Medic 11-19-02
Peter Henz per son	382-C 11-02-01	James H. Short per Douglas Burton	382-H 05-22-02	Charles Beydler per daughter	381-M 10-05-02
Dennis D. Duniphan per wife	383-F 12-07-01	Earl McIntire per George McFall	383 06-07-02	Fred Bronstein per John T. Nowell	381-E 04-18-02
Ian Hannington per wife	AM 12-06-01	Robert S. Stevens per wife	383 AT 09-27-01	William T.Horton per Russell Watts	383 Medic June 2002
Gilbert Bohlman per wife	383-F 06-10-01	George T.Frazier per wife	381-L 06-20-02	Edward Petrykowski per Russell Watts	382 AT 11-25-02
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National World War II Memorial Dedication and The World War II Registry of Remembrances

The long awaited official dedication date for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. has been set for Saturday, May 29, 2004, during the Memorial Day weekend. The World War II Memorial is beautifully located on the National Mall close to the Washington Monument. A series of events will be scheduled for that weekend.



In conjunction with the World War II Memorial a **World War II Registry of Remembrances** has been established. The purpose of the Registry of Remembrances is to permanently record and honor the names of those persons who contributed to our victory in World War II. To obtain information about the Registry, call the World War II Memorial Processing Center at: 1-866-364-2406 or go to:

www.wwiiregistry.org For a \$10.00 fee payable to the World War II Memorial Fund, one photo may be added to an individual Honoree record in the Registry. For information on photo requirements call: 1-866-364-2407.

The Registry of Remembrances will be available to visitors to the World War II Memorial or via the Internet on any home computer with web access.



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



December 11, 2002

Military Awards Branch

Mr. Donald O. Dencker
1375 Musket Ridge Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Dear Mr. Dencker:

Sir,

I sent a new memo to NPRC to the attention of the appropriate staff so they can publish it on their internal intranet for use by their staff. Hopefully, this will take care of the problem. In any case, if anyone continues to have a problem just refer them to us and we'll take care of it. You can put it in the 96th's newsletter if you have one.

All I need is a copy of their discharge papers so I can issue a DD Form 215 (Correction to Report of Separation) to add the award of the Presidential Unit Citation.

V/Kaplan
Ben Lane

Enclosures

Subject: Rejected Requests for Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon

Deadeye Okinawa Battle Veterans:

Any Okinawa Battle Veteran whose request for the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) ribbon sent to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO, was rejected, please note. Mr. Ben Lane, Army Military Awards Branch has kindly offered his help. See above letter. Mr. Lane also made a trip to St. Louis last fall to personally instruct the National Personnel Records Center staff.

For his assistance, mail a copy of your PUC Ribbon request, including a copy of your Discharge, to Mr. Lane.

Don Dencker
Association Historian

Clarence Craft
Last 96th Infantry Division
Medal Of Honor Winner Dies

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, April 3, 2002) - One of the 149 living Medal of Honor recipients died of cancer March 28 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Pfc. Clarence Craft, 82, received the medal for his actions during World War II, on Hen Hill, Okinawa, when he killed 25 Japanese soldiers and led his battalion to breach enemy defenses, May 31, 1945. Craft was a rifleman with Company G, 382d Infantry, 96th Infantry Division.

Hen Hill was a tactical position on which the entire Japanese defensive line on Okinawa hinged, according to Crafts' award citation.

Craft, along with five fellow soldiers, was dispatched to the hill to feel out enemy resistance. The group had proceeded only a short distance up the slope when rifle, machinegun fire and a barrage of grenades wounded three and pinned down the others.

Against odds that appeared suicidal, Craft stood up in full view of the enemy, and according to his citation, began shooting with deadly marksmanship wherever he saw a hostile movement. He steadily advanced up the hill, killing Japanese soldiers with rapid fire and driving others to run for cover.

When Craft reached the crest of the hill, he threw grenades at extremely short ranges into the enemy positions. His assault lifted the pressure from his company for the moment, allowing members of his platoon to comply with his motions to advance and pass him more grenades.

With a chain of his comrades supplying him while he stood atop the hill, he hurled a total of two cases of grenades into a main trench and other positions on the reverse slope of Hen Hill. Meanwhile, he also directed the aim of his fellow soldiers who threw grenades from the slope below him.

Craft left his position, where grenades from both sides were passing over his head, and attacked the main enemy trench. Straddling the excavation, he pumped rifle fire into the Japanese at pointblank range, killing many and causing the others to flee down the trench.

Pursuing them, he came upon a heavy machinegun, which was still creating havoc in the American ranks. With rifle fire and a grenade, Craft wiped out the position.

At last, the Japanese were in! complete rout and !

American forces swarmed over the hill. Craft continued down the central trench to the mouth of a cave where many of the enemy had taken cover. A satchel charge was given to him, and he tossed it into the cave. When it failed to explode, Craft retrieved the charge from the cave, re-lighted the fuse and threw it back, sealing up the entrance.

Against tremendously superior forces heavily armed with rifles, machineguns, mortars, and grenades, Craft killed at least 25 of the enemy; but reports say his contribution to the campaign on Okinawa was much greater: Hen Hill was the key to the entire defense line, which rapidly crumbled that day.

(Editor's note: ARNEWS Correspondent Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs compiled this report from information provided by the Medal of Honor Society and Center for Military History Web page.)

**96th Infantry Division Association Flag Presentation
MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, Virginia
October 19, 2002**



**Our 96th Infantry Division Flag
held by Deadeye and Filipino American Color Guard
with Leyte, Okinawa and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Streamers Showing**



**Deadeyes with Filipino American Color Guard in front of Division
and South Korean Flags**



**Association President Bob Cronshey
with World War II Design
96th Infantry Division Flag.
Blue "Okinawa" Streamer
for U.S. Presidential Unit Citation**



**Association Historian Don Dencker
with MacArthur Memorial
Archivist James Zobel.
Cabinet on left held 96th Division Exhibit**

PLEASE NOTE

Due to Lorraine Strand's illness, I have appointed Robert Siefert and Robert Schmidt to act as Co-Editors of the Deadeye Dispatch.

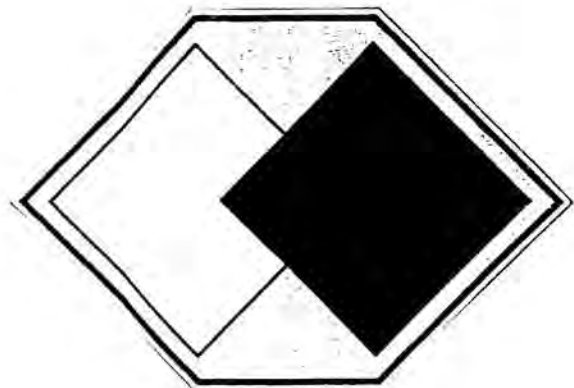
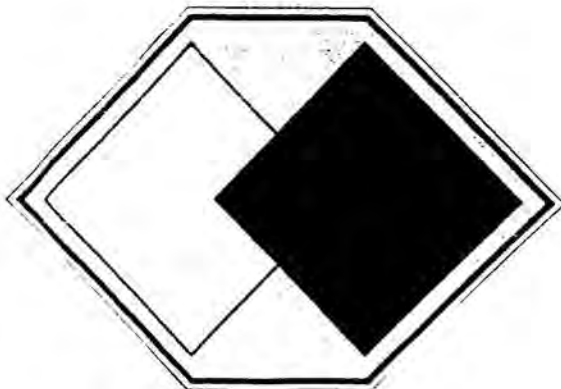
So for now, I'm requesting all communications such as articles, changes of address, death notices, etc. to be sent to Robert Schmidt at 1284 McKusick Road Lane North, Stillwater, MN 55082.

Lorraine has been doing a wonderful job for us and we thank her for all her efforts and wish her well.

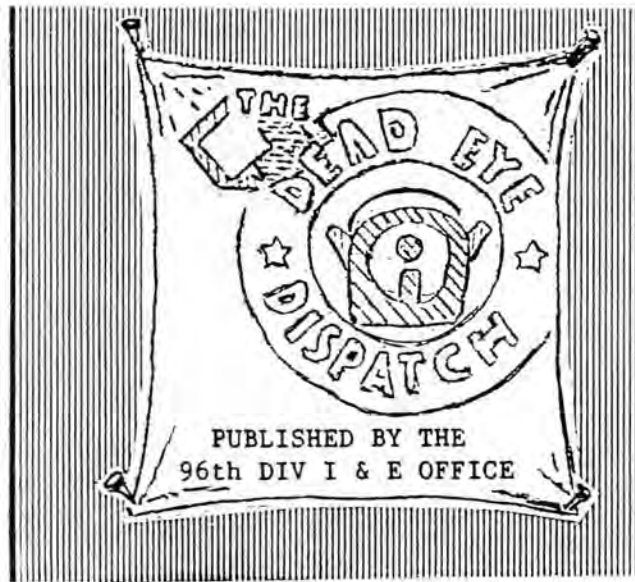
Bob Cronshey, President

STILL GOING, GOING, GOING ...

The DEADEYE DISPATCH'S reason for disappearing at the end of the war.... It's pyre was Okinawa whose fire consumed the Division. But like the phoenix, a legendary bird, which according to one account lived 500 years, burned itself to ashes on a pyre, and rose again from the ashes to live again in another period. The newsletter would also reappear with earmarks of a latter-day miracle. During the lapse probably nobody could have guessed that the DISPATCH might rally the troops for another adventure with the 96th Infantry Division Association clear into the 21st century.



How it began in a muddy little camp on Leyte, P.I.



THE FIRST BANNER, A REPRODUCTION of which appears here, was sketched by Pfc. Norman Kirk who took time off from his Defense Platoon duties. Perhaps he allowed the infiltrating carabao to bother him a bit too much, because the double diamond in the Division patch overlapped the wrong way. Also, DEAD EYE, an unerring marksman, is one word, not two. Kirk became a full-time artist for the DISPATCH.

by Ed Dakan B-381

In October 1944 and s.o.l. about 6,340 miles west of San Francisco, news and rumor often had the same ring - mostly normal situation. No radio, no newspaper, no telephone, together with infrequent mail meant no news to speak of.

A raft of miseries bedeviled the Deadeyes from the start of the Leyte Campaign. Traveling light because they had to, the troops packed only their weapons and a few creature comforts. Within just a matter of days such necessities as C rations or dry socks became luxuries.

A real news service during those first few days was pretty meager. News was being made not only on Leyte but throughout the world, but Deadeyes were getting only rumors. Admiral Halsey's force was fighting the Battle of the Philippine Sea to save the troops on Leyte from being attacked on the beaches which had just been captured. The 7th Division was battling alongside the 96th and the 24th Infantry and 1st Cavalry Division were storming down from the north. Other troops were assaulting Samar, and in Europe the Allied armies were battering the German West Wall. The 96th craved news.

The war on Leyte sank in a porridge of mud, and its sinking kept supplies from being moved forward regularly. Privation tended to make the happenings within a few thousand yards of a particular units' perimeter look like the "big picture". After all, that was what really mattered to the men up front.

On November 4th the Information and Education (I & E) Office, which had been created during the boat trip from Hawaii to Leyte, assembled under the direction of Maj. Daniel Milsaps, Jr. a minimum staff and set to work.

Shortly before that, however, three of the secretaries for the top brass in Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, SFC Joseph Hannasch, Sgt. Sidney Meyer and Sgt. William Barker began passing out a news sheet which was called DEAD EYE DISPATCH. Those men spent free time between Japanese air attacks listening to shortwave news programs from San Francisco on a large radio transmitter-receiver which was mounted on a Jeep parked near the Division command post. They condensed the major portions of the newscasts and wrote summaries in shorthand, transcribing them with typewritten copies to Division Headquarters personnel.

Hannasch kept a diary that revealed the development of the project: "Our newspaper is being produced every day. It is going great guns."

Practically overnight the requests for their sheet exceeded the supply of typewritten copies. The difficulty was resolved temporarily when a deal was made with Special Services for use of a small duplicator. But word about the paper spread to the regiments and it became apparent that the operation had to be expanded.

How it began in a muddy little camp on Leyte, P.I.

"At that point we realized that the job was quite beyond our time and facilities alone," said Hannasch. "We would either have to do it full-time, or choose to keep our duties with the Generals and Chief of Staff. We simply couldn't do both. After considerable thought, Meyer and I chose to turn the task over to someone else or another office."

Coincidentally, both General Bradley and the Chief of Staff, Col. Charles H. White, Jr., decided that the newspaper project had merit for boosting morale and was worthy of additional support. They looked around, and had transferred to Division Headquarters from one of the regiments an officer named Lt. (Major) Daniel Millsaps, Jr., who did Special Services work.

Making every minute count, Millsaps took control of the newspaper with Div. Hq. blessing. Carried over was the name DEADEYE DISPATCH which earlier had originated with Sergeant Hannasch and others. Logically, the name of the paper said exactly what it intended to do.

Under those primitive circumstances there was enough credit to share and things to be done in a military manner without quibbling over such details as who, what, when or where came first.

From those humble beginnings and after 12 months operation, the lead story in the first anniversary issue of the DISPATCH printed November 5, 1945, headlined "The First DEADEYE", by John Archibald told another version of the birthing and growing pains of the little newspaper, though leaving its controversial parentage unsettled.

The DISPATCH's first editorial room was one-half of a 8 x 12 CP tent - the other half of the tent was the Special Services "Office". The personnel had practically no equipment and the total I & E group did not even fill up one Jeep, which they did not possess, either. Their only typewriter was a dilapidated portable with which they finished the war.

On the first day, 650 copies had to be run off on the AG mimeograph machine whenever that office was not busy turning out memos and circulars, because DISPATCH people were not able to obtain a machine for themselves until a month later. (A mimeograph machine utilized a type-written stencil through which ink was pressed on a hand-cranked rotating drum. At the start, all of the drawings were handmade with a stylus during preparation of the stencil.)

Top headline in the first DISPATCH was "382nd Infantry Kills 217 of the Enemy". The story told how the 1st Battalion accounted for 160 Japs in a battle near Dagami. Another front page story quoted General MacArthur as declaring that the latest developments in the Leyte fighting meant that the end of the campaign on that island was in sight. Total enemy dead on November 3, 1944, was estimated at 12,000 and

the "boxscore of good Japs" credited the 96th with racking up 3,103 of those.

The first DEADEYE DISPATCH editorial cautioned drivers not to overload their Jeeps and avoid straining them in Leyte's muck. There was a human interest story that involved a Pvt. Raymond Pfister in one of the companies who went on a rampage after a Jap marksman shot a coconut out from under his lips.

Circulation of the paper was limited until the DISPATCH could acquire a mimeograph machine of its own and a operator to boot. A few copies of the DISPATCH would sometimes show up whenever the "weasels" brought rations and supplies to the companies who were patrolling in the hills. In the evenings after chow, the men would sit on the sides of their slit trenches while somebody read aloud every word of it, then the paper would be passed along to another squad.

On Christmas Day, 1944, after 52 consecutive issues, the island was declared secure and the staff "took ten".

In the downtime, through the lull after Leyte, better equipment and more staff was added to the DISPATCH. Some slick-paper Sunday magazines were produced while still planning for the next strike to northward and the prospect of writing more history.

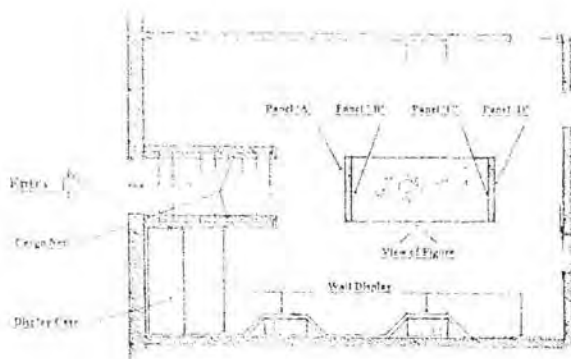
The DEADEYE DISPATCH appeared on L-Day on Okinawa and was distributed through the Division Message Center. Artillery liaison planes dropped hundreds of daily papers, together with food and ammunition, to units in the hills. As the number of DEADEYE casualties increased the DISPATCH was sent not only to hospitals on Okinawa, but many hundreds were flown each day by officer courier to hospitals in the Marianas.

Throughout the Okinawa fighting the DISPATCH occupied the same office as the war correspondents representing major press associations and individual newspapers from all over the United States.

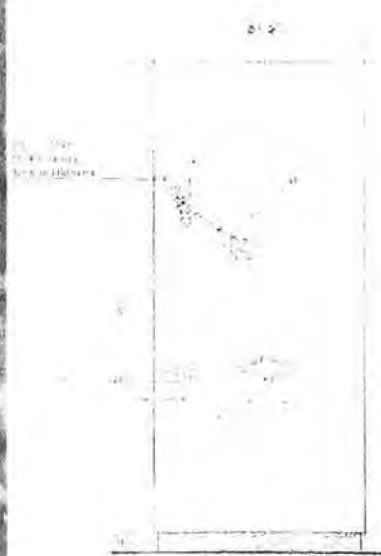
By the time the 96th departed Okinawa, the DISPATCH organization consisted of a six-man full-time staff and a 2½ ton truckload of equipment. On Mindoro Island, Philippines, while demobilization thinned the ranks of the original readers, the DISPATCH along with Special Services, engaged in a great struggle to avoid post-war doldrums. Among the diversions was the Occupation Girl contest which was promoted and won by use of a sound truck for actress Marjorie Main.

The DISPATCH's editor, John Archibald, on his way out of the Army, was available to escort Main at the welcoming in Los Angeles Harbor. But the little newspaper's walk in the sun ended before that when its men and machines became lost in the shuffle. Just when the mimeograph stopped is unclear.

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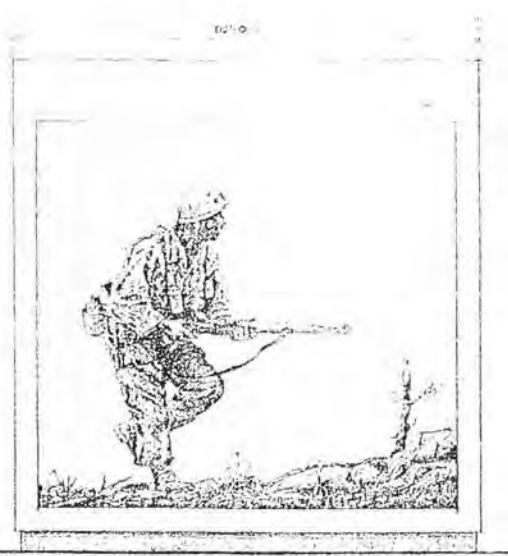
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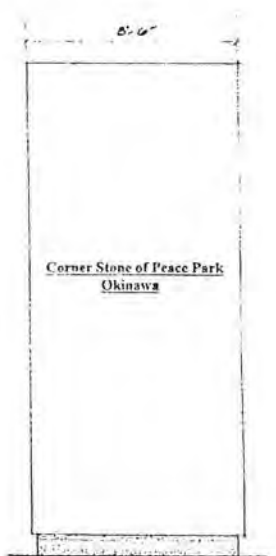
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Panel 'C'



Panel 'D'

96th Infantry Division Display
Fort Douglas Museum
 Salt Lake City, Utah

OKINAWA BATTLE
 Prepared by: Richard Heindel, Architect

**TRANSITION COMMITTEE MINUTES
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
JANUARY 25, 2003**

Don Dencker, our sub-chairman in charge of the Heritage Exhibits Project has been working closely with John Reed, History Professor, University of Utah and Col. Bob Voyles, Director, Fort Douglas Military Museum. (Prof. Reed is also an Officer with the 96th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve and provides liaison with this unit.) Their progress on our Okinawa Battle Exhibit had arrived at a point of decision making and it appeared to require an inspection of the project and approval by the Committee.

So, we called a Committee meeting at the Fort Douglas Military Museum. Members able to attend the meeting on January 25, 2003 were Tom Roby, Chm., Don Dencker, Sub-Chm., Bob Cronshey, Association President, Jim Causey, Past President. We also met with Mr. H. Richard Heindel who is an Architect and Graphic Art Artist. Richard's father, Harold was a replacement in Co. C, 382nd Infantry on Okinawa and was Killed in Action on Zebra Hill. Richard has attended our reunions and went to Okinawa on a tour guided by Don Dencker in 2001. Richard has volunteered his time and talents to create a diorama in a museum room at Fort Douglas that will commemorate the battle of Okinawa and our Division's part in that battle.

The Committee thanked Richard profusely for his contribution of high professional talent. We also thanked Col. Voyles and Museum personnel and Prof. Reed for their efforts to put together an exhibit plan and budget for our consideration.

It is estimated that the budget for this first permanent Heritage exhibit project will require \$9,000 to complete. We can provide information on all that is involved at a later time. Many Members have already contributed to the 96th Infantry Division Heritage fund; however, further funding is necessary to complete the project successfully. The Transition Committee has approved the "go ahead" on the project as presented and it has been approved by the Executive Committee.

The Okinawa Battle Heritage Exhibit will help perpetuate the legacy of the valiant fighters of the 96th Infantry division created in the Battle of Leyte and Okinawa.

Thomas E. Roby, Transition Committee Chairman

96th INFANTRY DIVISION HERITAGE FUND

Do you want to help preserve the magnificent World War II Heritage of the 96th Infantry Division? The Officers and the Executive Committee of the 96th Infantry Division Association hope that you will help preserve our treasured Heritage by contributing to the 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund.

The objective of our 96th Infantry Division Heritage Fund is preservation of the Legacy of the 96th Infantry Division through the establishment of Museum Quality Displays of 96th Division related historical Artifacts and Memorabilia at selected locations for permanent public viewing.

Our first Heritage Exhibit, The Okinawa Battle, will be completed in April 2003 and will be open for viewing in a separate room in the Fort Douglas Military Museum by the time you receive this Deadeye Dispatch. Fort Douglas, in Salt Lake City, Utah is the Headquarters of our successor Army unit, the 96th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve. This comprehensive exhibit was completed with faith that continuing contributions to our Heritage Fund will fully cover the cost of this display. Much assistance was donated by Mr. H. Richard Heindel, whose father; Harold was killed in action on Okinawa while serving with the 96th Infantry Division; and by John Reed, History Professor, University of Utah.

Provided sufficient contributions are received, the second Heritage Exhibit will present the 96th Infantry Division's part in the Leyte, Philippines Battle. Following this, a third exhibit could present the role of the 96th Division as an Amphibious Division. Included would be Amphibious Training, The Leyte Landing and the Okinawa Landing.

Another possible exhibit could explain the role of 96th Infantry Division Artillery, Medical, Engineer, Signal, Quartermaster, Ordnance, MP and Recon Units.

Donald Dencker, Association Historian



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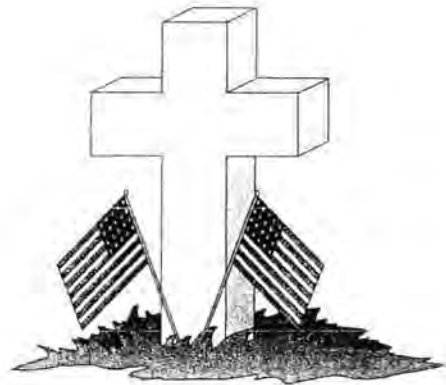
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God in his infinite Wisdom, has summoned more **"DEADEYES"** who have served their country faithfully and will in war and peace. The 96th Infantry Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families.

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME...

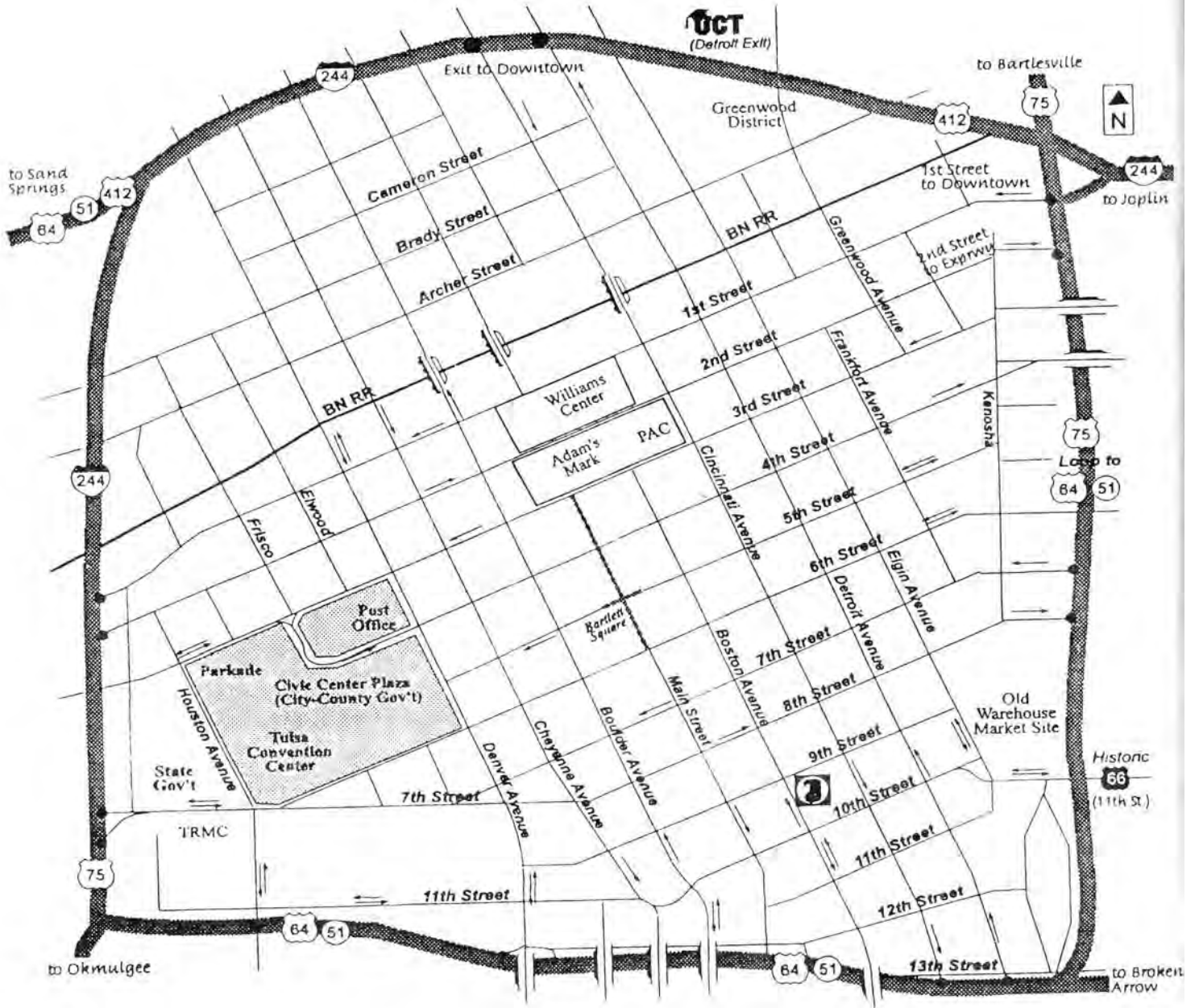
When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the Sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.
I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today.
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you.
And each time you 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 think of me
I'm right here in your heart



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