

TAPS.....Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Richard Paul Brucker, Sr.
Danville, CA
November 29, 2013
by daughter, Nancy J.
Brucker

Frank Bryson
Co. E, 381st Infantry
August, 2013
by Doug Burton

Norman Flanders
No further information
available

Danny Hong
Idaho Falls, ID
October 8, 2013
by Diane O'Brien

Edgar Jeswein
Geneva IL
by USPS

Robert Kline
Bloomington, IL
November 1, 2013
by Robert and Fran Huff

Peter Pohl
Forest Lake, MN
Signal Corps

Alvin Sellers
96th Infantry Division
December 26, 2013
by Trudy Sellers

Robert Schmidt
Oak Park Heights, MN
Antitank 381st

Eric Sletten
No further information
available

Julis Tack
Saint Clair Shores, MI
by USPS

Rosemary Walters
Wife of Deadeye, Wally
Walters
Sun City, AZ
September 30, 2013
by Calvin Clements

Col. Samuel (Sam) S. Wood
Spartanburg, SC
July 6, 2013
by The Wood Family

Merl R. Wright
Denton, TX
2012
by KR Wright

He Embodied the Heart and Soul of The Deadeyes

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Sidney Wood

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Sidney Wood, Sr., 98, died July 6, 2013 at Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home. Born April 23, 1915 in Spartanburg, SC, he was the son of the late Lucretia Inez Saratt and Samuel Sylvannus Wood.

LTC Wood graduated from Spartanburg High School and Wofford College where he was an ROTC leader. Upon graduation in 1936, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry Branch, US Army and began a military career stationed at the Civilian Conservation Corps in Magnolia Springs, Georgia and other camps throughout the country before the war.

When the war broke out, he was transferred to Camp Adair in Oregon where he became a member of the cadre of the 3rd Battalion 383rd Regiment of the 96th Infantry Division.

(The entire 96th division received the Presidential Unit Citation in Omaha, Neb. in 2001 for its distinguished combat service.)

During World War II, he was a company commander at the battle of Leyte. He was a liaison

officer from the 96th Division to the XXIV Corps in the battle for Okinawa.

After the surrender of the Japanese Empire, he was sent to Korea from Okinawa to witness the surrender of the Commander of the Japanese forces in Korea to the US Army. His services after the war continued with three tours of duty in Korea. In 1953, that final Korean assignment was with KMAG as the officer assigned to a South Korean unit responsible for tracking and capturing North Korean Communist soldiers in the area between Pusan and Seoul.

At the time of his last military assignment he was the commander of the US Army Reserve Center in Spartanburg, SC. He held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired with 23 years of service in 1959.

Colonel Wood became assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wofford College in 1952. He was also later Director of Human Resources at the Milliken Pacolet Plant and



worked for the City of Spartanburg in the Office of Equal Opportunity and The Parks and Recreation Department.

Colonel Wood served as president of the Daniel Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the

American Revolution (SAR). He was also president of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and became an establishing founding member of the SCSAR Carolina Colonial Ball. He was Regional Vice President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Colonel Wood was a long-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a Master Mason, a Shriner and active in the Scottish Rite, and York Rite.

Colonel Wood was predeceased by his wife, Mary Eleanor Grantham Wood of Savannah, Ga. and two infant siblings. He is survived by his four children: Sarah Inez "Sally" Wood Hlavay (Joseph Francis) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Mary Eleanor Wood Smith (Levi Walter, III) of North Augusta, SC; LTC (R) Samuel Sidney Wood, Jr. (Deborah) of Fort Lawn, SC; and William Grantham Wood of Spartanburg, SC.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Levi Walter Smith, IV, Darrel Loyd Smith, Melissa D.

Wood, Nathaniel G. Wood, and Matthew B. Wood. Other survivors include first cousins Sheila Mahan Brune, Anne Drain Gilliam, Martha Pacolet Sarratt Whitener, and Sidney Rose Sarratt Fant as well as one nephew, Benjamin Folsom Grantham, and one niece, Margaret Pepper Grantham.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church (626 Norwood Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302) specifically for altar flowers or to the Dishwasher Fund; Spartanburg Mobile Meals (419 E Main St Spartanburg, SC 29302); or Wofford College (429 N Church St Spartanburg, SC 29303).

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Trinity Methodist Church at 6262 Norwood Street, Spartanburg, SC at 2:00 PM Saturday, July 13th.



How to submit a name for Taps

Our Taps information comes from a variety of sources, including emails, notes from family and friends and returned mail from the U.S. Postal Service. We apologize for any information that may be incorrect or incomplete.

To submit a name for Taps, please contact one of the following:

- Diane O'Brien
- Email: ddobrien@triwest.net
- Address: PO Box 34, Trempealeau, WI 54661-0034
- Phone: 608-534-5141 or 608-317-2496
- Pat McMillan
- Email: pmil45@yahoo.com
- Address: 4402 Chapman Ave., Springdale, AR 72762
- Phone: 479-200-1841
- Scott Buffington
- Email: scott@mainstreetnews.com
- Address: PO Box 908, Jefferson, GA 30549
- Phone: 706-621-5685
- Don Dencker
- Email: dizzydon@aol.com
- Address: 228 S Bristol St, Apt 328 - Sun Prairie, WI 53590
- Phone: 608-837-7479

Deadeye Reunion 2014...

Thursday, July 24 – Sunday, July 27, 2014

57th Annual Deadeye Reunion HQ - The Westin O'Hare Chicago

REGISTRATION

For guest rooms, go to www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/9ig21b

Type this web address into your web browser to begin your reservation process. This special website was developed specifically for the 96th reservations and is easy to navigate.

Be sure to continue the reservation process until you have clicked the "complete your reservation" link. You will then receive a confirmation number.

If you do not have a computer or have difficulty in making your reservation online, you may also call the Westin O'Hare at 866-716-8104.

BE SURE TO NOTE THAT YOU ARE PART OF THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION DEADEYE ASSOCIATION GROUP. THIS IS IMPORTANT SO THAT THE 96TH GROUP RESERVATIONS ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE AND THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED AS PART OF OUR SPECIAL 96TH GROUP.

Availability may be limited, so reservations must be made by no later than July 7 to be part of our reunion group.

Reunion price per night for 2 guests cost is \$116/night; 3 guests cost is \$126/night; and 4 guests cost is \$136/night. The room rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days following the reunion.

COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE

Take flight and embrace the daily complimentary shuttle service to and from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport to The Westin O'Hare Hotel with departure approximately every 15 minutes. The hotel is located a close 5 minutes from the airport.

Pick up at the Chicago O'Hare Airport is at the Hotel Shuttle Center Door #3, which is located just off the baggage claim area

The Westin O'Hare is located at 6100 North River Road, Rosemont, IL .

For those driving to Chicago there will be a \$10/night parking fee at the hotel.



Theme at the Beer Bust

GANGSTERS OF CHICAGO



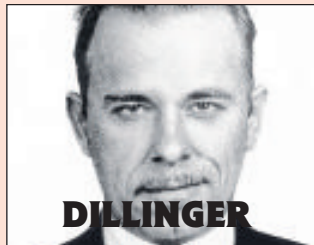
CAPONE

This promises to be a fun-filled night full of good cheer, the sharing of old memories and the making of new ones.



ACCARDO

Remember to pack your best gangster hat for this fun-filled evening. We look forward to seeing you there.



DILLINGER

Gangsters of Chicago- Chicago's gangsters of the 1920s and '30s were some of the most famous Chicagoans of all time.



O'BANNION

They were the baddest of the bad guys, yet the champions of the people. Some of the more notorious Chicago gangsters lived on through being portrayed in film, and most often they were the protagonist (or, the anti-hero).





Deadeye Reunion 2014...

Reunion "Tours of Duty"

Plan Now for these Chicago Tours

TOUR #1 FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

Friday, July 25 – departing
hotel at 8:30 am – returning by
11:30 a.m.

During World War I, Colonel McCormick served with the First Division of the United States Army—also known as the "Big Red One". Colonel McCormick provided an endowment for the First Infantry Division Museum, which was designed by architect Andrew Rebori. The museum has exhibits and artifacts chronicling the First Division's service history, not only in World War I, but also in World War II and later U.S. wars.

No era may have shaken the world more than the time period from 1939-1945. The museum provides a variety of exhibits and displays that help you better understand the role of the 1st Division—and the role of America—during World War II.

Follow the 1st Division as it enters an enemy-controlled village in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. Discover how tanks and infantry



worked together, and see the various weapons both sides used.

On display outside the museum is the area's largest collection of tanks and artillery pieces, known as "Tank Park". The collection includes

tanks and armored vehicles from the First World War up to the present day. Visitors are allowed to climb on the vehicles.

The museum is also home to the McCormick Research Center, for use by authors, scholars, teachers and students. The Center's Archives contain over 10,000 works on military history, including secondary works on various battles, campaigns, and wars. Included in the primary works are the bound battle records of the First Division in World War I, and the First Infantry Division's World War II battle records on microfilm.

Step into Fort Devens and listen to President Roosevelt's address to Congress following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Meet Sergeant Bielinski, the stern drill sergeant who addresses all new recruits to the 1st Infantry Division.

Cantigny is a 500-acre park in Wheaton, Illinois, 30 miles west of Chicago. It is the former estate of Joseph Medill and his grandson Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publishers of the Chicago Tribune. Cantigny includes large formal and informal gardens, two museums, a 27-hole golf course, a picnic grove, a playground, hiking paths, restaurants and a gift shop.

The all-inclusive price for this tour is \$25 adults; \$23 seniors; \$19 high school; and \$14 (14 and under) which includes the bus transportation.

TOUR #2 ARCHITECTURE RIVER TOUR

Friday, July 25 – departing
hotel at 12:45 pm – returning by
3:30 pm

The Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady is

a "must" for out-of-towners and Chicagoans alike.

See Chicago's skyline as never before as we take you past the Tribune Tower, Wrigley Building, Trump Tower, and Marina City, among others. Aboard state-of-the-art cruise vessels, the architecture tour provides an insider's glimpse into the buildings and engineering that made Chicago famous as the birthplace of the skyscraper and home of modern American architecture.

Expert guides lead you down the Chicago River on a 75 minute cruise. You will discover hidden architectural gems as well as the city's most renowned landmarks. Relax with a glass of something cold as you glide by a modern metropolis and one of the world's most beautiful cities. Included are small group pictures as part of the price.

The all-inclusive River Tour price is \$43.50 adults; \$41.50 seniors; \$37.50 high school; and \$32.50 (14 and under) which includes the bus transportation.



Deadeye Reunion 2014...

World War II - Encyclopedia of Chicago



Between September 1939 and December 7, 1941, Chicago was the scene of a vigorous debate over whether Americans should become involved in the European War. Chicago Tribune publisher R. R. McCormick led the isolationists, while Daily News publisher Frank Knox and Sun publisher Marshall Field III articulated the interventionist viewpoint. But after Pearl Harbor, it became impossible for anyone to escape the impact of World War II. By D-Day in 1944, the average Chicago block had

given seven residents to the military. Those who remained at home attended massive rallies and bought heroic amounts of bonds, endured food rationing, and grew victory gardens. The neighborhood was the building block of these home front activities that almost immediately enveloped every family. Twenty thousand elected block captains held ceremonies for those departing for the military and erected small shrines for those who did not return. Neighbors joined to hold civilian defense drills as well as drives to collect scrap metal, paper, rubber, and grease for conversion into nitroglycerine.

The war instantly reshaped the workplace. The city's diversified industrial base made it second only to Detroit in the value—\$24 billion—of war goods produced. Over 1,400 companies produced everything from field rations to parachutes to torpedoes, while new aircraft plants employed 100,000 in the construction of engines, aluminum sheeting, bombsights, and other components. The Douglas-Chicago plant on the site of present-day O'Hare Field turned out 654 C-54 Skymaster transports in 25 months. Just over half of all military electronics used in the war came from 60 local plants. Although Chicagoans frequently worked double shifts to aid the effort, such production levels created labor shortages that brought the physically disabled, the elderly, and tens of thousands of women into the workplace. War jobs also attracted 60,000 African Americans from the South and an equal number of Japanese Americans who were released from desert detention camps. Round-the-clock training programs at high schools and universities provided these new war workers with necessary skills.

Chicago also played a very visible role as a crossroads city. Great Lakes Naval Training Station provided boot camp for a third of those who served in the U.S. Navy, while Fort Sheridan became an important army training facility. Glenview Naval Air Station turned out 20,000 carrier pilots, who trained on two old lake ships that had been converted into aircraft carriers. A similar number of officers graduated from Northwestern University's Naval Midshipmen's program. There was also specialized training in electronics, meteorology, naval machinery, foreign language, and espionage. Tens of thousands of other military personnel who were passing through the city by rail enjoyed the hospitality of the USO, as well as the Chicago Servicemen's Centers at 176 W. Washington and in the Auditorium Building, the latter serving 24 million meals by the end of the war.

On V-J Day, August 14, 1945, it was all over. Chicagoans joined the nationwide victory celebrations, but only a few people then knew that on December 2, 1942, scientists had created the first sustained nuclear reaction. Ironically, as public and pervasive as the war effort had been, these first steps toward creating the weapon that would end it had taken place in deep secret under the grandstands at the University of Chicago's Stagg Field.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

Arrival for most people at the Westin O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, IL
(reminder that the hotel honors our group rate for 3 days prior and 3 days following)

4 – 8 P.M. WELCOME DESK AND REUNION WELCOME PACKETS FOR 96TH GUESTS

7 – 9 P.M. 96TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Other events and touring on your own on Thursday. Website for possible events on your own this week: www.choosechicago.com

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014

7 – 10 A.M. WELCOME DESK AND REUNION WELCOME PACKETS FOR 96TH GUESTS

7 – 8 A.M. BREAKFAST (PRIVATE ROOM FOR THE 96TH GROUP)

8:30 A.M. TOUR #1 First Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny
Departing hotel at 8:30 a.m. – returning by 11:30 a.m.

12:45 p.m. TOUR #2 Architecture River Tour
Departing hotel at 12:45 p.m. – returning by 3:30 p.m.

8 – 11 P.M. BEER BUST – “Gangsters of Chicago” Theme

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014

7 – 8 A.M. BREAKFAST (PRIVATE ROOM FOR THE 96TH GROUP)

10 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE

12 NOON LADIES LUNCHEON

12 NOON MEN'S ASTP LUNCHEON

2 P.M. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

5:30 P.M. GROUP PICTURE IN FRONT OF BANNER –
BANQUET ROOM

6 – 7 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR PRIOR TO BANQUET

7: 15 P.M. BANQUET

8 – 11 P.M. PROGRAM & SOCIALIZING

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014

7 – 8 A.M. FAREWELL BREAKFAST
(PRIVATE ROOM FOR THE 96TH GROUP)



Reunion Registration...

REUNION REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 7, 2014

Reunion members will need to preregister for events and attractions. For the Association to get the best price deals it requires a count for all tours and food prior to the reunion. After July 7th registration fee will be \$25.00

The registration cost is \$16 per person. For attendees under 18 years of age, the cost is \$2 per person. Please include a check for the total amount for all persons registering on this form as well as for the events. For registering more than four people, attach a note with the addition information as indicated below.

Name #1 (for nametag) _____

WWII Unit _____ (for nametag and Deadeye listing) # of reunions attended _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email and cell phone are important for contacting you with any changes before or during the reunion.

Email _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

In case of emergency, contact _____ Phone # _____

Name # 2 (for nametag) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Relationship to 96th member _____ # of reunions attended _____

Name # 3 (for nametag) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Relationship to 96th member _____ # of reunions attended _____

Name # 4 (for nametag) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Relationship to 96th member _____ # of reunions attended _____

For registering more than four people, attach a note with the addition information as indicated above.

Reunion Registration...

Mail this form with your check to: make check payable to: **96th Infantry Div Deadeye Assn**
Dennis O'Brien - PO Box 34 - Trempealeau, WI 54661-0034
 For questions, contact Diane O'Brien, ddobrien@triwest.net phone: 608/317-2496

	Price Per	# People	Total
Registration fee before July 7	\$16 per person	# _____	\$ _____
	\$ 2 under 18 years	# _____	\$ _____

After July 7th registration fee will be \$25.00

Wheelchairs must be pre-ordered and will be available when you arrive at the hotel

(\$50 total for 3 days) \$ _____

FRIDAY, JULY 25 Breakfast at hotel (provided with your hotel registration)

TOUR 1 FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY # _____ \$ _____

8:30 - 11:30 The all-inclusive price for this tour is \$25 adults; \$23 seniors; \$19 high school; and \$14 (14 and under) which includes the bus transportation.

(see tour descriptions elsewhere in Dispatch)

TOUR 2 ARCHITECTURE RIVER TOUR # _____ \$ _____

12:45 – 3:30 pm The all-inclusive price for this tour is \$43.50 adults; \$41.50 seniors; \$37.50 high school; and \$32.50 (14 and under) which includes the bus transportation.

BEER BUST 8 – 11 pm \$ 7.00 # _____ \$ _____

\$2 under 18 years \$ 2.00 # _____ \$ _____

SATURDAY, JULY 26 Breakfast at hotel (provided with your hotel registration)

MEMORIAL SERVICE 10 am NO CHARGE

LADIES' LUNCHEON 12 noon \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____

MEN'S ASTP LUNCHEON 12 noon \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2 pm NO CHARGE

BANQUET 6 – 7 pm Cocktail Hour 7:15 pm Banquet CASH BAR

BANQUET – Pork tenderloin \$42.00 # _____ \$ _____

BANQUET – Tilapia \$41.00 # _____ \$ _____

BANQUET – Herb Marinated Grilled Chicken \$40.00 # _____ \$ _____

BANQUET – Children's Menu \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____

Reunion shirts: All shirts must be pre-ordered. We will not have extra inventory available at the reunion.

96th Reunion T-shirts: Adult Sm-Med-Lg \$14.00 - Adult XL or larger \$16.00 Child: \$13.00

Adult: #Sm _____ #Med _____ #Lrg _____ Other (indicate size) _____ TOTAL SHIRTS _____ \$ _____

Child: #Sm _____ #Med _____ #Lrg _____ TOTAL CHILD SHIRTS _____ \$ _____

SUNDAY, JULY 27 (Farewell) Breakfast at hotel (provided with your hotel registration)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION, EVENTS AND SHIRTS: \$ _____

make check payable to: **96th Infantry Div Deadeye Assn**



Orders Due June 1, 2014!

**96th Infantry Division
Commemorative Brick Project Time!**

Liz Moroz Harper here reminding everyone that now is the time to honor our beloved veterans of the 96th with commemorative bricks in the Path of Remembrance to the National Army Museum at Fort Belvoir, Virginia! Your individually-designed brick(s) will be clustered together with other individually-designed bricks honoring our Deadeyes in the most attractive design possible. Our group design options depend upon the response we receive in brick orders, so please place your order today, beat the June 1, 2014 Deadline, and give us plenty of bricks to work into our group design!

SEE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 11

Here's How to Use Our Attached Special Group Order Form :

Step 1: Please note that there are 2 sizes of bricks available:

- 4x8 with 3 lines of 20 allowed characters per line for \$250.00 and
- 8x8 with 6 lines of 20 allowed characters per line for \$500.00

Step 2: Choose your brick size(s) and then fill out our attached Special Group Order Form with the requested inscription information and return it to me with your check pre-dated June 1, 2014 and made payable to: National Army Museum Fund.

Sources for Help:

1. If you need help designing your individual brick(s), there is an on-line tool available.

Please go to this website www.armyhistory.org/bricks and click on the Design and Create Link, choose your brick size, and you will be able to see what your inscription will look like when actually engraved on a brick. Please DO NOT Complete and Submit Your Order Directly On-line when you have designed your brick(s) to your satisfaction. Remember, we want to submit all brick orders for the 96th Infantry Division together on June 1, 2014 for eventual placement in the walkway together. So, please do not submit your order on-line; instead, please send your order directly to me (by email or by mailing a hard copy of your order; checks must be mailed, however, although forms may be scanned and emailed.)

2. To hopefully inspire your inscription(s), I have also attached a sample of the brick I have chosen for my father (Michael Moroz) which will be submitted on June 1, 2014 as part of the 96th Infantry Division group submission; it lists his name, unit information, and dates of service.

3. Call or email me if you have any questions or need additional help.

Do have fun designing and thank you again for your interest and support, Please be sure to see the brick form on page 11 of this issue.

Liz Moroz Harper
eamh@sbcglobal.net
214-726-5419

SEE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 11

Deadeye Dispatch Change of Address Form

Clip and mail to:

Diane O'Brien, PO Box 34, Trempealeau, WI 54661-0034 or email to ddobrien@triwest.net

OLD ADDRESS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

NEW ADDRESS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Now is the time to...
Join the Deadeyes!**

**96th Infantry Division Deadeye
Association Membership Application**

Membership is open to 96th Infantry Division "Deadeyes", their families, friends and members of the general public who support and are interested in promoting and perpetuating the legacy of the 96th Infantry Division from its beginning in World War I up to the present day 96th Sustainment Brigade.

M E M B E R S H I P D U E S			
<i>Those that previously served in the 96th DIV/ARCOM/RSC/RRC and are not currently assigned to a unit:</i>			
1 year.....	\$18	2 years.....	\$34
		3 years.....	\$48
<i>Those currently assigned to a unit in the 96th Sustainment Brigade or those assigned to another command that previously served in the 96th Sustainment Brigade:</i>			
1 year.....	\$8 (yearly renewals are the same amount)		
<i>Family members or friends of former 96th Soldiers (WWII or Desert Storm):</i>			
1 year.....	\$10	2 years.....	\$18
		3 years.....	\$24

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

(Detach and return with Payment)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

Please check one of the following that represents your status:

- 96th Veteran - Previously served in the 96th Div/ARCOM/RSC/RRC
- Current member of a 96th unit
- Prior service in a 96th unit and still on duty
- Family/Friend of the 96th

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$ _____

DONATION \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to : 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association
Mail application to:
Dennis O'Brien
PO Box 34
Trempealeau, WI 54661-0034

Deadeye News & History...

70th Anniversary of the Leyte Landing

- Submitted by Don Dencker -

The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas has issued a 2014 calendar where October honors the 70th anniversary of the landing of the 96th Infantry division on Leyte, Philippines on October 20, 1944. This calendar displays our commemorative plaque at this museum as one of the Army Divisions landing on Leyte.

Our plaque is shown with the text "The Naval Battle of Leyte Gulf was a result of the Japanese reaction to the American landing on Leyte Island in the Philippines on October 20, 1944. Four U.S. Army divisions landed on Leyte to begin the liberation of the Philippines. This plaque in the museum's Memorial Courtyard is from the 96th Infantry Division, one

of the divisions that landed that day.

Valor Tours of Sausalito, California has scheduled a "Liberation of the Philippines 70th Anniversary Leyte Landing Day" tour for October 11 to 21, 2014. Sites to be visited include Hill 120 on Blue Beach where the 96th Infantry Division Veterans Memorial Park is located, Tabontabon where the 96th fought the Japanese and where one of four 96th Infantry Division Memorial libraries is located, Red Beach where MacArthur came ashore on October 20 and the memorial there will be visited and the Palo cathedral, which became an Army hospital are other visit sites. Bataan, Corregidor and the massive American cemetery are included.



The naval battle of Leyte Gulf was a result of the Japanese reaction to the American landings on Leyte Island in the Philippines. On 20 October 1944 four U.S. Army divisions landed on Leyte to begin the liberation of the Philippines. This plaque in the museum's Memorial Courtyard is from the 96th Infantry Division, one of the divisions that landed on Leyte that day.

President's Report

DON KLIMKOWICZ, PRESIDENT
96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association

The 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association is once again in good financial health. Your board is working to make sure you are served exceptionally. The Dispatch is intended to keep you informed on our activities. Last year's reunion was a big success. San Diego's climate and wonderful sights made for a memorable time. The most important part was getting together as a Deadeye family one more time.

This year's reunion is again shaping up to be an event to remember! We will be visiting Chicago, The Windy City! We will start with a tour of the First Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny. COL Robert McCormick, later owner of the Chicago Tribune, served under General 'Black Jack' Pershing in the WW I and set up the museum as a memorial to 'The Big Red One' service in both WW I and II. We will follow that tour with a cruise of the Chicago River.

The Chicago River connects the Great Lakes with the Mississippi River. The tour chronicles the growth of Chicago and its place in history for advancing urban building architecture. We will have the History Room set up in full display of our deep history in WW II and giving a place to casually socialize and remember all the times of our past. The Beer Bust will be a good time and a place to celebrate with our families.

The Memorial Service is a time to honor those who served in the 96th, lest we forget. Don Dencker will again be our honored speaker at the Banquet. He will cover the U. S. Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Medal of Honor awardees, and touch lightly on a few other bases.

This is a year of great pride for the 96th Infantry Deadeye Division. It is the 70th anniversary of the landing on Leyte, Philippines under General Douglas MacArthur. General MacArthur promised on March 20, 1942 'I shall return' and liberate the Philippines from the Japanese. On October 17, 1944 he began the fulfillment of that promise and declared 'I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil.' Shortly after on October 20, the 96th arrived. The liberation of the Philippines was one of the great accomplishments of WWII and the Deadeyes are part of that history.

Then as always, this year's reunion will end with everyone feeling how our reunion seems to fly by quickly and with great anticipation of next year's reunion.

I am excited to see everyone and wish you all good health and safe travels. See you in July!



Twice a year,

the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association produces this newsletter. The association would like to find someone to help lay out and design the Deadeye Dispatch. If you have computer design skills and want to volunteer some time and be part of this effort, please contact Scott Buffington at scott@mainstreetnews.com or 706-621-5685.

Deadeye News & History...

More Reunion News...

Deadeye Photo Exchange at the Chicago Reunion this July



Many Deadeyes and Deadeye families are lucky enough to have saved photos taken during the service. Now's the time to get these treasures out of storage and to share them with your fellow Deadeyes!

At this year's reunion, you'll have an easy, fun way to share your treasured photos and to make sure that they're never lost. The reunion committee has an area set aside where you'll be able to gather at your convenience to share your old service photos with each other and to share the stories behind each one.

Best of all, we'll have the equipment on hand so that your photos can be scanned and put on a CD that you can take with you to print copies at your convenience. Submitted photos will also be used as part of a permanent 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association photo archive. These photos will then be available for all to appreciate and enjoy--including in future issues of the Deadeye Dispatch.

So start hunting down those photos today! Find those photos that depict any aspect of your service or of the special role in history that you and your fellow Deadeyes played. Then bring the best to Chicago and join us at the Deadeye Photo Exchange. Make your photos a part of Deadeye history



New 96th Infantry Division Monument

- Submitted by Don Decker I 8 2/96 -

A new 96th Infantry Division Monument is planned for the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, which is adjacent to the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport in Minnesota. The 96th Infantry Division will then have monuments in the Eastern, Southern, Western, Northern and far Western parts of the United States. It is planned to have a dedication ceremony for this monument on or about April 1, 2014.

landing on Okinawa, Japan.

The monument has been approved by the Director of the Fort Snelling National Cemetery and will be of gray granite matching other monuments in the area. However, it will have a distinctive 96th Infantry Division large bronze plaque. The monument will face a main cemetery road with a flagpole behind the monument.

This is the 69th anniversary of our

A contribution to the Heritage Monument Fund will be appreciated.

Heritage Fund Continues Growing

- Submitted by Jim Collins MG (Retired) Email: jimcollins@sbcbglobal.net -

The Heritage Fund is doing well and now has the funds necessary for the new Memorial to be placed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Thanks to all who provided donations. We have more memorials to create and so would like additional donations for them. The Heritage Fund needs new members who are willing to take on projects in support of our Association. Please contact me if you are interested.

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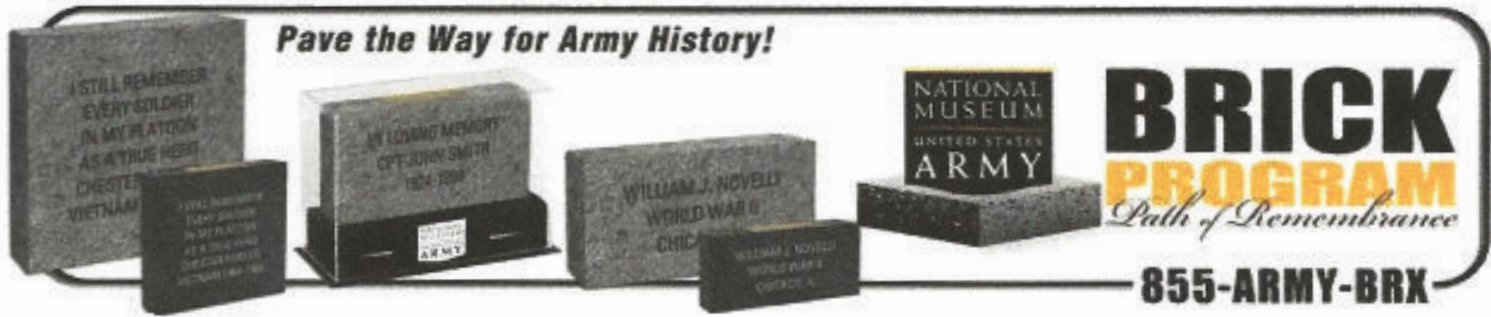
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1959	Chicago	IL
1960	Kansas City	MO
1961	Detroit	MI
1962	Dallas	TX
1963	Little Rock	AR
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1965	Minneapolis	MN
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1967	Omaha	NE
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1974	Indianapolis	IN
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1979	Denver	CO
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1981	Milwaukee	WI
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1983	Houston	TX
1984	St Paul	MN
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1986	Fresno	CA
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2006	Denver	CO
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2011	Columbus	GA
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\$500.00

_____ Inscribe my 8x8 Brick as follows:
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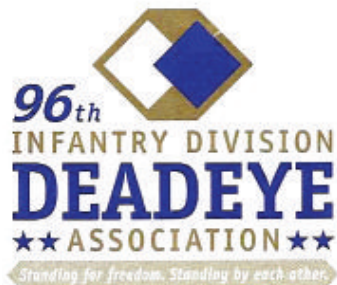
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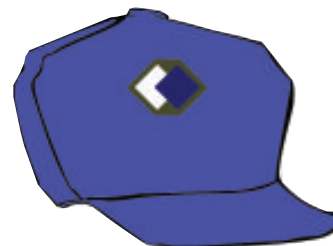
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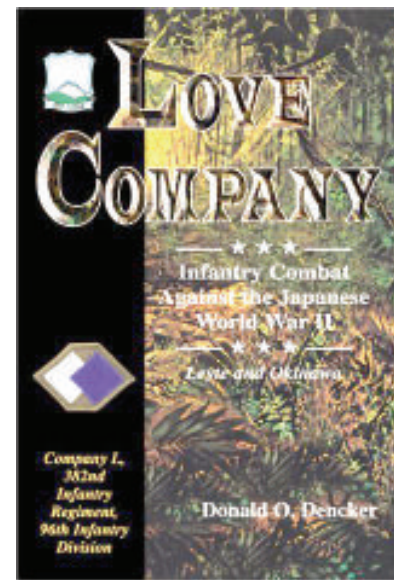


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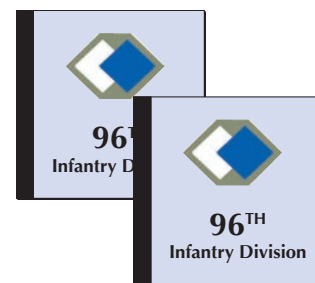
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