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Lindsey Nelson Will Speak At 1970 Reunion Banquet

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE REUNION COMMITTEE. They have just released the word that Lindsey Nelson will be the speaker at the reunion banquet. Lindsey is a real "Old Reliable". He joined the Division at Ft. Bragg and served with it through all eight campaigns. Presently he is the T.V. and radio announcer for the World Champion Mets. Lindsey has come a long way since those days in Ingolstadt when he brought home the Third Division nine over a signal net set up by the 9th Signal Company.

WORLD TRAVELER

When the baseball season is over, Lindsey takes on many other broadcasting assignments. This work takes him all over the world. During the past two years he has broadcast from such diverse cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Istanbul, Cairo, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Tokyo, and Honolulu. While visiting these places he has had the opportunity to observe what is taking place in the rest of the world through the following observation. "When I see what is going on today, I place even more value on my experiences with the Netherlands War Graves Division and am thankful for the privileges of being associated with a Division of five American men who knew what was important to them and who were willing to defend their ideals willingly with their lives. I think that is why I look forward to our meetings and to the opportunity to observe the circumstances once a day is seldom understood by anyone who has not been there. The participants understand."
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HARRY O'S REPORT

When Emil Langer took office as President of the New York Chapter at the last meeting, he was unable to be present at our meeting. This month he was able to be here and fill us in on the various activities of our Chapter.

The Memorial Service at Punahou National Cemetery will be held at 10:30 A.M. on June 7th. The families of the deceased will be present, followed by an annual picnic. The Post Dance will be on Saturday, June 8th, in the evening at 6:30 P.M.

Eligibility of the applicant's high school record must be included. The student's college grades, financial need, and a letter of recommendation by the principal of the high school must be presented.

Michigan Doings

Like the auto maker who made their town famous the Detroit Chapter is still making a lot of news. At its last meeting content to rest on its laurels the membership was told, with some surprise, that the chapter had a very successful trip to the National Museum of American History. In the past, many new members into the chapter have been signed up with the trip to the National Museum. This year the chapter took a trip to the National Museum of American History.

To those who are the parents of any new members, the chapter will be glad to have them at its next meeting.
Just before his death General Barth completed his story of the North African Campaign. He had intended to follow this first article with another which would deal with the Sicilian Campaign. However, before starting this new venture he took time out to compile a list of the great leaders that he had met while serving with the Ninth Division. The General ended his last with the following statement: "There may be leaders who should be classed as 'Greats' and who came to the Division after I had left it but since I didn't know them well, I have not included them in the list." The following Ninth Division men were included in his list of great leaders:

**THE NINTH DIVISION GREATS**

BRI. GEN. EDWIN H. RANDLE, then colonel commanding the 60th Inf. The General had known his former commander, Sudderid Valley, and the men who had served under the position of Dished Chain. (Already covered in detail in an earlier part of this article)

MAJ. GEN. DONALD A. STROH, then Asst. Div. Commander of the 9th Inf. Div., for his outstanding achievements in taking a badly defeated unit, the 39th Infantry, reforming it in three days and forming it into a powerful armored spearhead, after the capture of the final defensive position on Djebel Chiniti. This brought the General into the Pathfinder, the 39th Inf. This was a great factor in maturing the 9th Div. and making it one of the most exclusive cooperative apartment buildings.

**GENERAL THEODORE I. CONWAY, then Lieut. Gen. Smallpox Commanding the 9th Div. for his outstanding leadership, including the capture of the remains of the important Italian port of Brindisi, the Sedjana Valley and the Arno.**

**MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE Irwin's artillery. This Colonel commanding the 39th Inf. On July 25, 1944, it was the 67th Inf. that crossed the Remagen Bridge after a reconnaissance force of the 9th Armored Div. pushed down the bridge while it was intact. For about six hours the 47th was the only infantry across the river. The rest of the 9th Division crossed that night, followed by three other divisions and the headquarters. The tanks were secure at the most critical point, particularly in the 47th Inf. For me it was a wise move since 'Paddy' had built up a fierce personal loyalty to himself and the regiment. Lt. Col. Bond's command, the regiment quickly transferred its loyalty to him. From then on, the legend of a most beloved leader continued to grow (over the colors of the 39th). Their combat record was superior until the end of the War.**

**LEUT. GEN. STAFFORD L. IRWIN, then Brig. Gen. Commanding the Artillery of the 9th Inf. Div., who trained the division into a powerful asset to the Division. The movement of more than one hundred miles by over 10,000 men and their equipment was one of the greatest military tasks of the war.**

**MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. SMYTHE, then Colonel commanding the 60th Inf. towards the end of the war. He was a man of boundless energy and was never reluctant to expend it in behalf of the Association. Stan made a great contribution to the Association and his passing will be greatly missed to all of us.**

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**Maj. Gen. William W. Moreland, then Lieut. Col. commanding the 34th F.A. Bn. His long service and combat record in the 47th Inf. were a true mark of greatness. He served as Chief of Staff of the 9th during and after Normandy and also commanded the 60th Inf. towards the end of World War II. He continued to the top, including the supreme command of our forces in Vast Nam and as New Chief of Staff of our Army. The 9th is proud to claim him as one of its own greats.**

Once again death has visited the ranks of "The Old Reliables" and has removed two more members from the activities of the Association. Steve Bukidik and Stan Cohen have passed on to their eternal reward. Their activities on behalf of the Association have made them well known to many members of the Association.

**FAMILIAR FIGURE**

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**NEW YORK REUNION 1970**

**Taps Sounded**

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I am sure no conflict of Editors would allow me to make the remarks attached to the notice forwarded to me by the War Department.

Bob Slapinski and I have served together for a long time and I would like to hear from some of the many friends Bob served with while he was with the 9th M.P. Division shoulder insignia.

I recommend the Forty Ninth Infantry Association which the crossing of the Rhine.

Perhaps we would have to consider the matter a little incidentally.

I hope you can continue to make your efforts to bring the heritage of the Ninth Infantry to the attention of young men who may be interested.

The Eighty Ninth Infantry Association shares your feeling about the 9th Infantry veteran of Viet Nam is not a news item.

The Eighty Ninth Infantry is looking for a place to meet, as the old reunion hall at Easton, Pa. is not available.

Also seek to recall where I was in Germany. I have been there for a year and a half and a railway construction project.

The Eighty Ninth Infantry has a copy of "Eighty Ninth Infantry" by Robert H. Timmerman, Drabik, Delisio, Strobel, Scheller, Peters, Bratge and Kraft - the Americans, the Canadians, the Belgians, the French and the Americans who were not there. I found it to be delightful. I recommend it as a reference to anyone who was there.

No matter how hard we try, we can never get to the bottom of the situation. The Eighty Ninth Infantry Association has a number of members who served during World War II and is forever looking for articles that would fit their standards.

While there is no one who has served since 1940 and has been used elsewhere that we will be interested in the new Gold Star Plaques program.

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...and them.

About this time there was a program introduced to rotate retreats in the United States. However, I only saw it once or twice, not very often, then it ceased to exist anywhere.

I was an infantry officer, and in my opinion...I mean, we already had an infantry officer, so I was...I mean, I was just trying to get into the infantry officer, so I was not very far in the infantry officer...I mean, we already had an infantry officer, so I was just trying to get into the infantry officer, so I was not very far in the infantry officer...

The 1st Battalion moved a few days later to Cefalu. We put up two tents in an airfield which was on the beach. It was...I mean, the whole beach was on the beach.

When the enemy came to the field of enemy and they advanced, they also...I mean, we were not...I mean, they were not...I mean, we were not...I mean, we were not...

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It was here for the first time that the division received some sort of the credit it had earned the hard way. The hand-to-hand contact with a confused enemy was not as easy as expected. The 9th Infantry Division had been neglected in the press releases of the North Africa and the Sicilian campaigns. It was almost a forgotten division as far as citations and medals were concerned. However, during the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, received presidential citations and individual awards were handed out in comparatively small quantities compared to the men of other outfits.

It was a time to walk up out of our steel helmets and to get something to eat when new enemy of the 9th Infantry Division were introduced in our area. The following personnel were given out in small quantities to the men of other outfits.

**CHAPTER 17: OUR SECOND HOME**

In our bivouac near Cefalu, JOHN KUJAWA and I were...I mean, we met JACk COLEMAN and FRANKLIN CURTIS, who had been together since...I mean, we met JACk COLEMAN and FRANKLIN CURTIS, who had been together since...I mean, we met JACk COLEMAN and FRANKLIN CURTIS, who had been together since...I mean, we met JACk COLEMAN and FRANKLIN CURTIS, who had been together since...

When we reached the marshaling area, we were quartered in large canvas tents.

The first night we had a terrific wind and rain storm. The occupants of the tents were not happy as they found everything in their power to put up with the storm. While three or four of us held up...I mean, we...I mean, we...I mean, we...I mean, we...

On ship my boys were...I mean, they were eating and living like...I mean, they were eating and living like...I mean, they were eating and living like...I mean, they were eating and living like...I mean, they were eating and living like...I mean, they were eating and living like...

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All Around The Town

NEW YORK LOWER MANHATTAN. Modern wonders rise among the historic sites of New York City’s “financial district.” In the center foreground is the newly created address, New York Plaza. The sub-like building belongs to (left) Chase Manhattan Bank and (right) Manufacturers Hanover Trust. At far left, on the Hudson River, you can spot the landfill for the future Battery Park City.

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JOE FINDS LOST SHEEP

Another Ninth man has been found. Joe is.

Mr. Eugene M. Shore
Special Service Depot
Aschaffenburg
APO New York 01662

Gene Shose was an old tent man in the 26A. He served with "C" Service and Headquarters in the year before July of 1945. He is unknown but he is receiving retirement pay at the above address.

Aschaffenburg is about 10 miles from Frankfurt. Anyone going to Europe this summer and who knows the old Joe might want to look him up and renew old acquaintances.

Joe McKenzie

TIP OF THE HAT

Remembering the Memorial Fund the following members sent a donation: John Lounes, Steve Uhlman, Aaron Alpert, Carney Johnson, Myer Wolfson and Mayor General Price. Many thanks men. This fund which is not frankly for Scholarship Awards can be used the lift.

GI Benefit Assistance

GI benefit assistance to a veteran’s family does not necessarily cease upon his death.

Depending upon whether or not the veteran’s death is attributable to a service-connected disability, a variety of benefits are available to the eligible widow, his children, and in some cases, his dependent parents.

Immediate benefits include a burial flag, reimbursement for burial expenses, and GI insurance proceeds if a policy is in force.

Death resulting from a service-connected disability would entitle the widow and minor children to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. In some instances, the veteran’s dependent parents may be eligible. If it resulted from a non-service-connected disability then the widow and his children may be eligible for pension payments, depending upon their income.

The children of veterans who die from service-connected disabilities become eligible for up to 10 years of higher education assistance. And, if the widow does not remarry, she may be eligible for a GI home loan.

Depending upon the nature of the benefits, one or more of the following records should be brought along when applying: the veteran’s discharge papers or his military service record, branch of service, and dates of service; the veteran’s birth, marriage, and death certificates, and his children’s birth certificates.

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philadelphia Valley □ Greater New York □

Illinois □ Washington, D.C. □

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** PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!! **

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS’N.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan O’Shea, Ninth Infantry Division Ass’n., 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. 07087

Enclosed please find 1970 dues for:

Name ____________________________
Serial No. ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ Zone _______ State ________

I was a member of:

Battery ____________________________ Company ____________________________ Regiment ____________________________ 9th Div. ____________________________

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year ____________________________ $ 4.00

Three-Year Member ____________________________ $11.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ____________________________ $50.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ____________________________ $5.00

Outstanding Automobile License Plate ____________________________ $ 1.00

Decale Zic, (5) Free for ____________________________ $ 2.00

Eight Stars to Victory ____________________________ $ 2.00

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action)

Ladies’ Auxiliary Member ____________________________ $ 1.00

Combat Route Map ____________________________ $ 5.00

60th Infantry History ____________________________ $ 5.00

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412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. 07087

Now Hear This!!!

A number of months ago in my message to all the members of the Association telling them of the coming Reunion in New York City, I mentioned that July 23, 1970 was just around the corner. Now only two months away, the Silver Anniversary of the Ninth Infantry Division will be with us, and I look forward to greeting All the members of our Association. I know that this will be the greatest and biggest Reunion we have ever had, and I hope you will come to your registration from for your Hotel Room, and forward all Ads and Orders to the New York Chapter, c/o 412 Gregory Ave., O’Keeffe. Let’s make this the biggest Jewel in the history of the Association. If we all do just a little bit, it will be. I’m counting on all of you. Looking forward in seeing all of you on July 23, 1970. Have a safe trip to New York, and bring your walking shoes.

Emil Langer

Chairman

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Hotel Commodore 42nd Street & Park Avenue
New York City

July 23, 24, 25, 1970

Please make reservation for person(s)

Date of arrival ________ at ________ PM

Departing ________

Name(s) ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip _______

Type of accommodations

Single Bedroom ____________________________ $12.95

Double Bedroom ____________________________ $18.95

Twin Bedrooms ____________________________ $19.95

(2 persons)

(2 persons)

The above rooms includes Breakfast & Taxes

Parlor and Breakfast ____________________________ $32.00

$35.00

$45.00 $65.00

Portable Bed available for additional person at $4.00 per day.

25TH ANNUAL REUNION
REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Attached is copy for an ad in the color-printed 1970 New York Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Program.

Deadline For Program – June 20th.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

In the LADIES’ AUXILIARY of the
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies’ Auxiliary

206 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206

I would like to become a member of the Ladies’ Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for $1.50 for 1970 dues. Please mail my membership card to –

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________________________

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division my

(stave relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.) was

give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippie Plunkett, 204 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. A 1970 counterpane membership card will be sent immediately.