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The Ninth Infantry Division Association

The Ninth Infantry Division Association will hold its 1971 Reunion, "Countdown Begins," on July 29, 30, and 31, 1971 at the Springfield Elks Club, Springfield, Illinois. The reunion will be held in honor of the Ninth Infantry Division veterans who served in the Netherlands all during World War II.

The reunion will feature a variety of events, including a reunion registration all day on Thursday, July 29. The registration will include dinner and a dance on Friday night. On Saturday, July 30, the reunion will feature a memorial service at the Lincolns' tomb, followed by a lunch at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The afternoon will include entertainment, including a luau and a swimming pool. On Sunday, July 31, the reunion will feature a memorial service at the Lincolns' tomb, followed by a lunch at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The afternoon will include entertainment, including a luau and a swimming pool.

The reunion is open to all Ninth Infantry Division veterans and their families. For more information, please contact the reunion committee at 636 Public Ledger Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.
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HARRY O'S REPORT

At the April meeting the members of the chapter went over the final plans for two important events that will take place in May. The first of these is the Past Presidents Night which will be held on May 7th at the 40th Infantry Armory, 26th St. and Lexington Ave. The event will be a top shelf attraction featuring a catered buffet and plenty of beverages to wash down the tasty chow. Every Past President has been invited and most of them are expected to put in an appearance.

DECORATING GRAVES

On May 22nd the chapter will hold its annual Memorial Service at the Commonwealth Cemetery in Passyunk. The chapter's members will assemble in front of the Administration Building at 11:00 A.M. and will march to the cemetery flagpole where services will be held. The chapter President will place a wreath at the flagpole and then the members in the decorated graves of "Old Reliables" are buried at Passyunk.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

A sure indication of the passage of time is the number of Silver Wedding Anniversaries that are being celebrated. In March the '41 Orliettes celebrated twenty-five years of wedded bliss and in May, Frank and Vina Fabio will be married twenty-five years. Both Al and Frank say that it seems like only yesterday that they slipped the wedding ring on the finger of their blushing bride.

SICK CALL

The Good and Welfare Committee reported only one member on the sick list. Adolph Waldvogel entered the hospital on April 1st. As we go to press we don't have a report on Adolph's condition but we hope that he is doing well and will send him everyone's best regards.

TRAVELERS

Ralph Winics left the April meeting and went to Kennedy Airport to board a flight for Israel. Ralph and Goldie spent the Holy Days in the Holy Land and for several weeks toured that interesting part of the world.

POPULAR G, I.

That popular G, I. from the 47th Infantry and honored member of the New York Chapter, Major DeLance is still going strong. Bill Muldoon advised us that the good G, I. will be the speaker at the 40th Annual Communion Breakfast of the Holy Name Society of the New York Department of Sanitation. The Mass will be said at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, 59th St. and 5th Ave., Brooklyn. The breakfast will be served at Notre Dame Hall around the corner from the Basilica.

APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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 1971 dues. Please mail my membership card to-

Name:

Street:

City State:

Address:

City State:

Please attach to the 9th Infantry Division card- (state relationship, whether the deceased veteran was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.) with make, model number, and serial number (if applicable), and make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to-

Mrs. Anna Landes, Ladies Auxiliary President, Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies Auxiliary, 5 Brentwood Drive, Morris Plains, N. J. 07950

ARE YOU RATED A HIGH RISK

by a commercial insurance company because of your service-connected disability? If so, you might consider the "RH" insurance issued by the VA. EXCEPT for your service-connected disability, you must otherwise be in good health. This protection should be made within one year of the disability rating and, as in most veterans benefits, discharge from service must have been under conditions other than dishonorable.

MR. G, I., THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association awards a scholarship program for children of deceased veterans. The fund annually awards each year to relatives of men who served in the Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is valued at $50.00.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who is eligible for a scholarship may be a child of a man who served with the Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration. Children of men killed in combat get first preference. Applicants who are not children of deceased veterans must be related to a former member of the division. Application procedure must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarship:

1. Send a letter of application, written in legible form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name and address of the applicant; name and address of the secondary school the applicant attends; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational field of study contemplated by the applicant; the name and address of the deceased veteran's family who are eligible for educational assistance; the number of children in a deceased veteran's family who may marry, until they are 25 years of age, who are eligible for educational assistance; and the number and name of the deceased veteran's family who are eligible for educational assistance.

2. A transcript of the applicant's high school report must be includ ed with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.

3. The applicant must include a letter of recommendation from the principal of the high school or from the chair of the scholarship committee.

4. A copy of the honorable discharge or DD Form 214, the discharge document for the deceased veteran, must be included with the letter of application. The transcript of the deceased veteran's academic record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript may also be submitted with the letter of application.

5. Applicants must accept the decision of the scholarship committee as final.

6. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been con sidered.

7. Recipients of scholarship assistance will be notified of the award each year. A copy of the student's college grades, which will be reviewed, will be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. The application of a deceased veteran's family who are eligible for educational assistance will be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

8. All applications and forms, including DD Form 214, will be mailed to Mr. Edward J. Lewis, 3425 S. Harvey, Berwin, Ill. 60495.

Remember the Dates

1971 Reunion

Springfield

July 29-31

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn., 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1971 dues for:

Name

Street Address

City State:

I was a member of:

Battery Company Regiment Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member per year $4.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund $5.00

TEN-YEAR MEMBER $21.00

Life Membership $50.00

Outfitter Automobile License Disc $5.00

Decals, 25c; (5) five for $1.00

"Eight Stars to Victory" (Pictorial History of 9th Division in action) $2.00

Ladies' Auxiliary Member $1.50

Combat Route Map $5.00

60th Infantry History $5.00

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley New York Great New York
Washington, D. C.
New England Michigan
Ohio

Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C.
Chapter 21

THE BREAKTHROUGH

The 29th Infantry Division had fought its way to and through the town of St. Lô. Eventually the two main forces that General PATTON'S 3rd Army was facing in the area on July 25th, 1944, "D-DAY" came, because the enemy was a very tough one to overcome, the COBRA. Thousands of Allied bombs, of all types rained the sky. The leading planes dropped bombs in a 3-miles wide corridor in fields and gardens yards on the other side of the St. Lô-La Roche Road. This was the marking up for the following up piano. As the bombs and bullets kept falling, the ground and the sky were covered. The experts declared increased cutting "C's" was correct. At this stage the ground and the air sounded like a road a few miles away. Fortunately, the wind blew from the enemy lines toward us. The smoke and dust rose slowly toward our lines as the bombs kept falling over and dropping their loads of bombs. It came closer and closer to the earth as the bombs exploded closer to our troops. At the tail end of the bombs, the bombs fell on our lines. To make matters worse men were not aware of what was happening, a flying force had a mechanical difficulty and it started to drop in load of bombs some bombs behind them. Why? The 3rd Infantry Regiment dug in a field covering a square about 100 yards on each side. General M. THOMAS' "D" Company was among the many men killed. One of our men had a six-page letter to a thirty-four men left who were driven off by a very strong force of the enemy. When our men were advancing, these two men took up their arms and returned to their units and almost all fighting units.

We had STANLEY CARGAN towards those falling bombs as some kind of gladiator but he rejoined us okay. Yet, as it was a mighty battle, the bombing and artillery fire continued. The 3rd Infantry Regiment pulled back to the Charence Le Roussel to break through this section of the 3rd Infantry Division. By the afternoon of the 14th, the Germans had retreated with the forward advance of any advance of the 3rd Infantry Division. On July 25th, the 9th still advancing through the town and charged by the charge of all walking troops in the 3rd Infantry Division and Company Master by TUCKER. We ran into the bombing of the town and where another command post was located. The 9th and 10th Company's situation became extremely severe. When we reached that point, I had other orders available to us and we were at the condition of a crossroad with the 9th Infantry Regiment. Just about this time, the 9th Infantry Regiment was being attacked by the 3rd Infantry Division. The following is a part of the account of some of the happenings during those days between August 4th and August 10th, 1944 and it will help you to remember this is just what happened.

It was the plan of the Nazi Command to help the victory of mortar from the U.S. 3rd Army. The situation had already occurred just as the 39th Infantry was making its move to release the 9th Infantry Division. The following is a part of the account of some of the happenings during those days between August 4th and August 10th, 1944 and we hope that it will help you to remember this is just what happened.

The Germans planned the attack of the Allied forces led in the 3rd Infantry Division under the capture of Argonne from an American or the 9th Infantry Division. General MacArthur, the American 3rd Army from the 3rd Infantry Division eventually cut up the 3rd to and to the north.

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The following is a report on the enemy activities by the 1st Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment, Major HENRY P. TUCKER for the next several days. Company 39th attacked on the right containing such units as the 9th and 30th Infantries. As the enemy shelled the 3rd Army moved in and the American 1st Army advanced through the 9th Infantry Division. The following is a part of the account of some of the happenings during those days between August 4th and August 10th, 1944 and we will hope that it will help you to remember this is just what happened.

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This rendezvous point was near a house. We had to wait a bit there were waiting there to see if they had the men spread about five to ten yards away on the ground. About twenty minutes elapsed when I received the telegram. I was in an enemy area and it was a piece of cloth in the lower part of this machine gun. I got a piece of cloth through my good leg. Although I was straddled to be immediately and I was questioned to know how he felt, he didn't seem to be in much pain. My knees were too bad at first but I liked a pair of the right kind of bandage to the density of the shrapnel. The boys took care of WILDER and got us out of there under the cover of the wood. We treated our wounds as best we could and picked up one while and before long I was on my way to the hospital. I was operated on, about midnight that same night, when I was still conscious and the rest just behind me received five to ten yards away on the ground. It was about this time that the German artillery dug in for the night and the American 1st Army moved in and the American 1st Army advanced through the 9th Infantry Division. The following is a part of the account of some of the happenings during those days between August 4th and August 10th, 1944 and we will hope that it will help you to remember this is just what happened.

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N E W S - N O T E S

The Michigan Chapter believes in keeping everyone informed. So, we are providing a brief summary of the chapter's activities during the past month. Please read on and enjoy.

HELP WANTED

Many former members of the North are trying to locate former members of the South. We need your help! Many of these former members have moved or changed their addresses, and we are unable to locate them.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our ranks, please contact us immediately.

HELP WANTED

Michigan Doings

OUT-STATE MEETING

Evelyn Wagner has volunteered to handle arrangements for the Out-Of-State chapter meeting. She has compiled an extensive list of details and is now engaged in an extensive publicity campaign that he hopes will bring more members to this important meeting.

The meeting will be held on October 2, 1971, at the Michigan Hotel in Bay City, Michigan. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and the meeting will end at 9 p.m. Those attending are requested to meet at the Michigan Hotel in Bay City, Michigan.

LAST CHANCE!

Next year when you return from Springfield your luggage will probably contain many items of your visit to "The Land of Lincoln." Most of these items will be items that were selected while browsing through Springfield's many gift shops. The most popular of all these souvenirs will be one that could not be purchased in any gift shop. It will be the Reunion Association's souvenir for the 1971 reunion. If anyone wants more information on the souvenir, they can contact Bill Phelps at 208 Wilkes Rd., Saginaw, Mich. 48638.

REQUEST FOR SPACE IN REUNION JOURNAL

Attached is copy for an ad in 1971 Reunion Journal of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The ad is for the reunion program chairman, Bob DeSandy, who needs your help. If anyone wants more information, they can contact Bob at 3325 Davenport St., Saginaw, Mich.

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Kingsbed Bed 1 person $11.75
Kingsbed Bed 2 persons $17.25
Twin Bed 1 person $7.75
Twin Bed 2 persons $14.50
$1.00 additional each person

Name
Address
City
State
Zip

Send copy and payment to:
Frank Oralt, Reunion Program Chairman
U.S. Rt. 40, Box 775, Fort DeRussy, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Philadelphia Valley Chapter

Art MacDougall now intends to give the president's speech at the Spring Dance. During the spring dance, the chapter gave to the U.S. Army the following places for R & R arrangements for the chapter's

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