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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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The Command Post for the 1974 Atlanta Reunion as seen from the air. You can see from the photo there is plenty of parking (free) at the hotel.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Last February Lester S. Gordon, Service Officer for the Disabled American Veterans in Virginia Beach, Va requested the Octofield's assistance in locating Ninth Division men who might have served with a man named John Monaco. We printed Mr. Gordon's appeal on the front page of the paper and he received several replies from members of the Association. However, he still hasn't enough information to establish a claim for John Monaco.

Service Officer Gordon has again requested our assistance and has given some additional information that might jog the memory of an "Old Reliable" who might have known Nicholas. John Monaco ASN 3217772 entered the service in April 1941, he was above the average age of most G.I.'s and was discharged in November 1941. He was called back to service in December 1941 and remained in the Army until November 1944 when he was discharged due to wounds received in the vicinity of Luxemburg. Prior to being wounded he was located in various field hospitals for high blood pressure. During his Army service most of the buddies knew him by his nickname which was "Little Monac".

Tip Of The Hat

As he has done these past two years, John Thornton Company D, 88th Inf. remembers the Memorial Fund and while sending in his membership dues he also donated to this fund. Emil R. Inf. and Molly Langer again made a contribution in the name of a young man who was killed in an auto accident. David Chapin, a Chapin family expressing the feelings of the Larsons.

The association is grateful to these members.

Tippie Plunkett Honored

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett was recognized for her outstanding leadership on the Voluntary Service Auxiliary Committee at the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Presentations of the award was made by the Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert W. Osborne, Ill, at the Advisory Committee Meeting on February 16. The award is based on criteria established by the National VAVS Committee. Tippie is well-known for her devotion to hospital work and the hospitalized veterans. She has been engaged in such volunteer work at Chillicothe since early in World War II, and is greatly loved by patients, staff, and other volunteers at the hospital. She is quick to point out, however, that this award comes to her because of the efforts of Auxiliary members throughout the State, she is only the coordinator along with her Deputy Representatives, Mrs. Betty Osterly and Mrs. Sue Pullin.

Congratulations, Tippie, the VAVA Leadership award is well deserved.

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Association Dues $5.00 per year - $1.50 will be earmarked to pay for the Octofield
Mail Call

The mailman keeps on delivering the letters so we keep on printing them. Here are a few samples from our latest delivery.

Sam Farraruto
3rd BN
315 S. 5th Ave.
3rd INF
Trenton, N.J. 08629

Sorry to have missed the last several reunions. I am very busy with the New Jersey State Department of Transportation. I am also a disabled American Veteran. This work takes up a lot of my time as I have been made State Chief Inspector.

My regards and best wishes to all the gang.

Dick Keegan
30th P.A.
814 Highland Ave.
Jackson, Tenn. 38301

Have relocated from Massachusetts to Tenn. I'm not too far from Joe Dulydun in Arkansas. Joe served with C Btry 16th P.A. There are some other Ninth Men in the State and I am going to try and locate them. I haven't seen some of them since I left Germany in 45. We are living in a trailer and a bicycle if the gas shortage continues. Hope to see you soon.

Gordon Taylor C 66th Inf.
325 Wedgwood Drive
Greenwich, Conn. 06830

Renew my membership for another three years and send me a membership card for my car. I am going to Switzerland and France for Christmas and I use a rental car I am going to spread the Octofoil around for about three weeks.

James Canada Co D 66th Inf.
P.O. Box 46
Shannon, Ga. 30927

Sorry I missed you when you were in Chattanooga. However, I am planning to make it when you have the reunion in Atlanta. 

Helen Llagatuta Co K 46th Inf.
270 Madison Avenue
Hoboken Heights, N.J. 07040

Enjoy reading the "Octofoil," some names are still familiar to me. It brings back many wonderful memories of the reunions Joe and I attended. I am sorry to hear about Dick Pestel he was a great person. I served with Larry McCabe and George Bastido. Am doing fine - Keep busy but sure miss that great old gang.

Bill writes: I do hope to attend the Atlanta reunion this coming summer. My wife says "If the gas shortage continues". 

George Berday 47th Inf.
416 S.E. 8th St. Lot No. 2
Homestead, Fla. 33030

Don't slant down here. We are having beautiful weather in the low 80's during the day and low 40's at night. One blanket weather. Hope to see you in Atlanta.

William Chapman Div Hqgs.
215 New Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11216

Bill writes: I do hope to attend the meetings this year as I feel awful not attending any meetings. Etc. I like to see New Yorkers who never saw the State Reunion. I am sure they will enjoy the best to all of the old gang and that was a great job for the association. Forgive me, but I am a bit of a 'lurker' and as a matter of fact the association is the only organization I do belong to. I am proud to be part of the Ninth Division Association.

Emil J. DeDonato Hq. 47th Inf.
377 Malabar Ave.
Paterson, N.J. 07501

My wife Audrey and I recently spent our vacation in Florida. While down there we spent five days at the Thunderbird Motel in Miami. The General Manager there is Ken Kail. Ken served with Hq Co. 67th Inf. (from January 1941 until March 1945. Ken originally came from Michigan. 1945 he settled of settled in sunny Florida and has been there ever since. He asked me to send his regards to all his old buddies, if they ever get to Florida they can look him up at the Thunderbird. It is located at 18th St. & Ocean Front, North Miami Beach. Fl, Ken expects to be at the Atlanta reunion.

Tom Orband R&B Co 30th Inf.
Binghamton, N.Y. 13903

Tom writes some sad news and some good news. He tells us of the passing of his fiancee. Gert. Last April 6th, after suffering a heart attack. He also tells us that Paul Lenchak another member of the 39th and now living in Pittsburgh had a heart operation last summer. Paul was a big help at the 49 Pittsburg reunion. Tom continues "I am still 1st Lt Deputy of Commission of Public Works. Our Mayor was re-elected. We had a rally in the "landslide". Knowing Tom, we can wager that he had something to do with the Mayors reelection. The members of the association and the Editors extend their belated sympathy to Tom on the loss of his beloved wife Gert. May the rest in peace.

Dear Dan:
It was an astounding evening to spend with you and your wife and Ralph and Goldie Witzkin and some of the other members of the Ninth Infantry Division, a couple of weeks ago at the dance. My wife, Kate, and I hope to be able to do this again in the not too distant future, but it might be just together with you.

Please give my regards to any of the other members of the Ninth that you run into.

It was astonishing to me to learn of how Captain Meyer Boyarsky met his end. You must have read the look of Kool cigarettes from Larry McCabe and George Bastido. Am doing fine - Keep busy but sure miss that great old gang.

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Comrades:

P.S. Many thanks to all the other comrades at the reunions. (P.S. to all our new members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to General Manager at the Dinerbird Motel in Miami. The General Manager there is Ken Kail. Ken served with Hq Co. 67th Inf. (from January 1941 until March 1945. Ken originally came from Michigan. 1945 he settled of settled in sunny Florida and has been there ever since. He asked me to send his regards to all his old buddies, if they ever get to Florida they can look him up at the Thunderbird. It is located at 18th St. & Ocean Front, North Miami Beach. Fl, Ken expects to be at the Atlanta reunion.

From Left to Right: Bill Baker, Joe Dulydun, and Joe Pestel.
The Band was Excellent

Illinois CHAPTE R NEWS

The final chapter gathering of 1973 took the form of a gala dinner dance on December 30th at the Sheridan-O'Hare Hotel. The party got under way with a group picture taken outside the lovely hotel suite which Bud Finaner had rented. Favors, party favors and nibbles were prepared by the ladies and the bobbins were amply supplied by the follow. Following the spirited socializing, the group went to the hotel dinner room for the afterdinner entertainment, the arrangements for which were made by Bill Young. Paul Youket was the dinner chairman and Mrs. Pat Morano who came long way from Manhattan and was content to work hard in the bows. He spent countless years in the navy and visiting members when they were sick in the hospital.

When the President finally returned to the Michael, Dom McKenzie never the members accepted the decision to remain in office. Joe Zulkiewski and Elmer Wagner. The following Michigan communities were represented at the meeting: Fraser, Detroit, Comstock Park, Port, Wyoming, Montrose, Lambertville, Garden City, Vassar, Dearborn Hills, Bay City, Flushing, and Wyandotte. After reading this list of towns we believe the Michigan chapter when they say they cover the whole state.

President Joe Zuzek of the chapter announced a dinner dance for January 6, 1974 at 8 P.M. at the 32nd Street Armory. George jeep, our most humorous Chaplain Judge Advocate Judge Advocat EDDIE EGGING Chapl acn RALPH RILEY McClellan and our most jovial style of entertainment. The ladies were not in attendance because of recent deaths.

Looking ahead to 1974, plans are being made for the annual Memorial Mass. This will be on Sunday, December 2, 1973. Transportation to Springfield may be a problem, but the Ilinois families are determined to pay their respects to Ed and send their children.

Firstly, the members thought they would like to stay at the Sheraton-O'Hare Hotel. The party broke up the gang was off with the prize. When the party for the first time due to the fact that Paul Youket passed away in November 10 at the 69th Artillery. The Dave Heflers underwent surgery in August. Tom also informed us that Paul Youket passed away in December. Paul Youket was the dinner chairman and Mr. John Young Jr. picked the ticket and his mother Jane Young walked off with the prize. When the party broke up the gang was off with the prize. When the party for the first time due to the fact that Paul Youket passed away in November 10 at the 69th Artillery. The Dave Heflers underwent surgery in August. Tom also informed us that Paul Youket passed away in December. Paul Youket was the dinner chairman and Mr. John Young Jr. picked the ticket and his mother Jane Young walked off with the prize. When the party broke up the gang was off with the prize. 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MAR. 15TH DEADLINE NEAR

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 established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member is eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit served by the division, the years of service, and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.

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

3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation stating the following: name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit served by the division, the years of service, and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.

4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must send the results of the PSAT to the chairman of the scholarship committee at least one month before the deadline for submission of applications.

5. The applicant must be a senior in high school or have graduated from high school.

6. The applicant must be able to provide financial need information as determined by the association.

7. Inquiries regarding financial need must be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been received.

8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

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ASSOCIATION PRESENTS PLAQUE

President of the Association Fred Josey presents plaque of appreciation to the parishioners of Father Comers Church. Accepting the award for the people is Judge Wesley E. Wellogg, a member of the parish.

Leading the "chee line" on Saturday night in Worcester are Emil Langer and George Brown. By the looks of their plates they haven't lost their appetite. The parishioners supply the food and drink for the troops. Looking at the size of the crowd in the picture it looks as though they are feeding a regiment.

Congressman Harold D. Donohue addresses the members at the Memorial Services held after Church Service in Worcester.