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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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A REAL CONVENTION CITY

74 Reunion in Atlanta



The Command Post for the 1974 Atlanta Reunion as seen from the air. As 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 Octofoil'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 32117232 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 Luxembourg. Prior to being wounded he was treated in various field hospitals for high blood pressure. During his Army service most of his buddies knew him by his nickname which was "Little Monac".

If anyone has any information pertaining to John Nicholas Monaco please contact Service Officer Gordon at D.A.V. Chapter 20, P.O. Box 2041, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452

(Editors Note)

The National Secretary checked and rechecked all records and company rosters that were maintained since 1940 to 1945. He also wrote to several members of Company I 47th Infantry but so far no one can remember John Monaco.

Tip Of The Hat

As he has done these past years John Thornton Company D. 60th Inf. remembers the Memorial Fund and while sending in his membership dues he also donated to this fund.

Emil (47th 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 neighbors child from Morris Plains, New Jersey. The secretary has written to the Chapin family expressing the feelings of the Langers.

The association is grateful to these members.

Tippie Plunkett Honored

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett was recognized for her outstanding leadership on the Voluntary Service Advisory Committee at the Chillicothe VA Hospital.

Presentation of the award was made by the Chief of Staff, Dr. Retus W. Osborn, III, at the Advisory Committee Meeting on February 10. 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 co-ordinator along with her Deputy Representatives, Mrs. Betty Oskey and Mrs. Sue Pullin.

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

(Editors note: From your many friends in the Ninth Infantry Division Association we are proud of you, Tippie, and may you be with us for many years to continue in your efforts.)

"Old Reliables" attending the 74 Reunion will discover that it is almost impossible to see all of Atlanta's attractions in three short days. They will soon realize that hours can be devoted to touring only one of Atlanta's points of interest. Three attractions are a must for every visitor - Stone Mountain, Six Flags Over Georgia and Underground Atlanta. If you haven't seen them you can't really say that you have visited Atlanta.

Stone Mountain

Here is a place where history lives. Like the Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower, the Stone Mountain Memorial Carving has taken its place as a monument known around the world.

Physically, the stone figures of President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis and Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson are doubly awe-inspiring, for not only do they comprise the world's largest work of sculptural art, but they are carved from the world's largest granite mountain. A mighty mass formed long before the Himalayas and long before man.

But there is more to this monument than sheer size. Georgia Senator Herman Talmadge may have said it best during a speech dedicating the completed carving in 1970.

"Though Southern in character, the carving is much more than a monument to the South. It is a reminder to all men that out of change and social crisis can come even firmer strength and unity. It is a memorial to a critical period of American history, which, though tragic, gave birth to the united nation we have become."

In Stone Mountain's lap lies a 3,200 acre Park designed to complement this giant of nature. The park has facilities for sailing, boating, fishing, horseback riding, golfing, camping, hiking and mountain climbing. It contains scenic restorations, museums, and a lakeside carillon. Stone Mountain Park is a living page from the best that is and was.

Six Flags Over Georgia

This is one place that the kids won't want to leave. Here Georgia's colorful and dramatic history is presented through more than 75 adventures, shows, and exhibits. It offers fun for all ages. Pop will fall in love with it and it will be a toss-up as to who enjoys it most, Pop or the kids. A whole day can be spent just trying to get around to all the attractions in the amusement center.

Underground Atlanta

A few steps down from the modern skyline of Atlanta lives a world as unusual as your wildest dreams - Underground Atlanta.

A feeling of history and mystery lures you through the wide covered streets as gaslight flames flicker to music and merriment echoing from beckoning doorways.

Cobblestones and winding hallways take you from shop to shop, all so inviting and unique you'll wish time would stand still. For in Underground Atlanta there never seems to be enough time - to browse through all the shops, to dine in the many tempting restaurants, to visit the entertaining lounges and bistros, and to see all of the attractions.

Underground Atlanta is Atlanta, the birthplace of the city, which was buried beneath a vast system of viaducts over half a century ago. The viaducts not only covered the circa 1880 buildings but also Atlanta's early history. Here Atlanta was born, burned by Sherman in 1864, and born again.

As well as lighting the streets of Underground Atlanta, gas cooks the meals in many fine restaurants.

Over 75 different establishments make Underground Atlanta whatever you want it to be. For the entire family, the group, or for just the two of you, the combinations of things to see and do are infinite.

Stay Over

We are willing to bet that many "Old Reliables" will find Atlanta so charming that they will extend their visit to this charming Southern city. They will hate to leave town without having seen everything. It's a great place to bring the entire family. Now is the time for the gang to start making preparations for the 1974 Reunion. Get the family together and start picking out the places that you will visit when you come to Atlanta next year.

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The Editors of the Octofoil wish to thank all those who sent the beautiful Christmas Cards and best wishes for the New Year. We would like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 Farrauto 1st BN.
353 S. Olden Ave. 39th INF.
Trenton, N.J. 08629

Sorry to have missed the last several reunions. I am very busy with the New Jersey State Department of The Disabled American Veterans. 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 34th F.A.
818 Highland Ave.
Jackson, Tenn. 38301

Have relocated from Massachusetts to Tenn. I'm not too far from Joe Dailydas in Arkansas. Joe served with C Btry 34th F.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.

Hope to make the Atlanta reunion this coming summer. May have to buy a bicycle if the gas shortage continues. Hope to see you next summer.

Gordon Taylor C. D 60th Inf.
135 Wedgewood Drive
Greenville, S.C. 29609

Renew my membership for another three years and send me five decals for my car. I'm going to Switzerland and France for Christmas and if I use a rental car I'm going to spread the Octofoil around for about three weeks.

James Canada Co D 60th Inf
P.O. Box 434
Shannon, Ga. 30172

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

Helen Lagattuta Co K 47th Inf.
270 Madison Avenue
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. 07604

Enjoy reading the "Octofoil," some names are still familiar to me. It brings back many wonderful memories of the reunions Joe and I attended. So sorry to hear about Dick Pestel he was a great person. I hear from Larry McCabe and George Bastido. Am doing fine - Keep busy but sure miss that great guy of mine but that's life. He is in better hands now. He suffered enough but never complained - a typical 9th Infantry man.

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

Doing alright down here. We are having beautiful weather in the low 80's during the day and low 60's at night. One blanket weather. Hope to see you in Atlanta.

William Chapman Div Hqs.
2701 Newkirk Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

Bill writes: I do hope to attend the meetings this year as I feel awful not attending any meetings, etc., I feel like a New Yorker who never saw the Statue of Liberty. However the best to all of the old gang and those doing a good job for the association. Forgive me, but I am not a joiner and as a matter of fact the association is the only organization I do belong too. I am proud to be part of the Ninth Division Association.

Emil J. DeDonato Hq. 47th Inf
237 McBride 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 at the Thunderbird is Ken Kalin. Ken served with Hq. Co. 47th Inf. from January 1941 until March 1945. Ken originally came from Matamoras, Pa. but in 1946 he decided to settle 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 184th St. and Ocean Front, North Miami Beach, Fla. Ken expects to be at Atlanta for the reunion.

Tom Orband B & Can Co
30 Delmar Street 39th Inf
Binghamton, N.Y. 13903

Tom writes some sad news and some good news. He tells us of the passing of his wife, Gert., last April 6th, after suffering a heart attack. He also tells us that Paul Leschak another member of the 39th and now living in Pittsburgh had a heart operation last summer. (Paul was a big help at the 69 Pittsburgh reunion.) Tom continues - "I am still 1st Deputy of Commission of Public Works. Our Mayor was relected by a 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 she 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 was great to get 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 commented about that you did not know what had happened to his survivors in Vermont and you had never contacted them. Perhaps if you want, I would be glad to try to look them up. I might have some resources through the 1945 medical directories which would give his original address.

Once again, many thanks.
George Nicklin, M.D. Co K 47th
6 Butler Place
Garden Place, L.I., N.Y.
11530

Paul D. Keller 47th & 39th Inf.
139 Pinewood Drive
Whitehall, Ohio 43213

Paul writes concerning the Ohio Chapter and to let us know that he "finally drew blood, and was elected to the City Council for a two year term." Lots of Luck Paul -hang in there.

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Max Umansky Co. K 47th Inf.
101 Berkeley Road Apt 211
Hollywood, Fla. 33024

Max retired and moved from New York to the sunny clime of Florida. He writes "Sorry I could not attend any of the N.Y. Chapter's socials but do hope you had a great time especially at Father Connors Memorial Mass. I hope to see all of the gang at the 1974 reunion in Atlanta, and maybe at Father Connors next October.

The weather here is beautiful and I am kept busy trying to fix up my place. Jobs with airlines are scarce and I am giving up the idea of getting a part-time job with them so I could fly up to New York for peanuts.

I am hoping I hear from some of the members living in Florida and that we may get together.

Editors note: Who knows Max the way the guys are retiring and moving down to your neck of the woods perhaps you could start a chapter.

A.T. Forrest 15th Eng.
2905-15th Avenue Apt 30
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

We lost track of Alex for a few years as he pulled up stakes from Beaver, Pa., and finally settled in Michigan. He writes "A very difficult year with material shortages, fuel shortages etc. A year of personnel rebuilding following a long strike in the fall of 1972.

During the summer spent some time in Mexico City laying out and starting up a new plant for Federal Pacific Electric Co. de Mexico. And now shooting for a 1st of February startup of a New Mueller Brass Company plant in Tennessee. But with all the problems the high point of the year was meeting old friends in Boston at the reunion and renewing old friendships in Washington, D.C., Tennessee and Mexico City. Hope to spend the holidays in Barbados. Best regards to all".

Taps Sounded

Added to that ever growing list of "Old Reliables" who have answered their last roll call are:

Andrew L. Baker 39th Inf.,
Mel Fred Byrne Co. H 39th Inf.,
Paul Youket Co. B 39th Inf.,
Clarence Thomas Van Bomel
A-T 60th Inf.

Rest in peace.

Vic Elia writes: "My hand goes limp and my heart is broken . . . I lost my buddy. Thomas Van Bomel died suddenly December 20, 1973."

Joe McKenzie writes to inform us of the death of Andy Baker. Andy was a hard worker at the Boston Reunion held last summer and will be missed by the New England Chapter.

Al Geist writes: "Just a few lines to let you know and the rest of the association that a former member of the division passed away. He was Fred Byrne a member of Company H-39th Inf., (my company). Fred was always a good member of the association and always attended the reunions. Some two or three years ago he suffered a severe stroke and never fully recovered."

To their loved ones we share your sorrow.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Harry O's Corner

NEW YORK CHAPTER

This past year has provided many surprises for members of the New York Chapter. When yours truly announced his intention to forsake bachelorhood for the joys of wedded bliss the members thought they would never hear anything more surprising. They were wrong. At the November meeting they heard an announcement that left them surprised and chagrined. Dom Miele stated that he would not accept the 1974 nomination for Chapter Secretary. At first the members would not accept Dom's decision, they argued with him, pleaded with him, and promised him the moon if he would consent to remain in office. When the President finally restored order to the meeting, Dom took the floor and explained why he would no longer be able to serve as Secretary of the New York Chapter. He told the gang that he intends to retire from the Postal Service and will move from New York City to Shirley, N.Y. Shirley is a long way from Manhattan and Dom believes that he couldn't handle the chapter's affairs as efficiently as he did when he was a resident of the city. Reluctantly the members accepted Dom's decision and wished him well on his retirement.

The New York Chapter will be ever grateful to Dom for his long years of unselfish devotion to the Chapter. Dom never sought the spotlights, he was content to work hard in the background while others took the bows. He spent countless hours keeping the chapter's books, revising the mailing lists, typing the meeting notices, stuffing the envelopes, mailing notes of condolences and visiting members when they were sick in the hospital. Dom's devotion to the Ninth Infantry Division Association and its members was total and it was all the more noteworthy because it was unselfish. Dom wanted nothing for himself, the only thing that counted with him was the well being of the Association. Many great and famous men served with the Ninth but none wore the "Octofoil" more proudly than did Dom Miele.

There was a Great Deal of Reminiscing

Chairman Frank Fazio, his Co-Chairman Bill Klauz and their Committee again had the rare combination of factors, food, drinks, a lively band and reminiscing for another wonderful evening that the capacity audience enjoyed at the 26th St. Armory on Saturday evening, November 10, 1973.

There were many raconteurs present. One has to draw the logical conclusion after listening that as the years go by the stories keep getting better and better.

They were long distance visitors

We were happy to see Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morano who came all the way from Chambersburg, Pa.

The Band was Excellent

You couldn't tell if the dancers could have danced all night, but they surely danced until the wee hours of the morning. And how they liked the lively band. They played the familiar songs of the 1940's right up to the contemporary music with the enthusiastic audience applauding the musicians after a medley of songs. The dancers from their facial expressions enjoyed every minute of the dancing. The dancers liked doing their own unique style of dancing. When the band leader announced Mr. and Mrs. Emil Langer's 28th Anniversary they graciously circled the spacious dance floor amidst a continuous round of applause.

Another Innovation

For the first time an Installation will be held on a Sunday. It is planned for Sunday, January 6, 1974 at 2 P.M. at the 26th Street Armory. George Apar, our most humorous Master of Ceremonies, will do the honors of installing the following officers:

Officers for 1974
President JOE KEARNS
1st V.P. MIKE DERESH
2nd V.P. HARRY MELTZER
Secretary ARTHUR SCHMIDT
Treasurer IRVING FEINBERG
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39th Inf. HERMINIO SUAREZ
47th Inf. DOM MIELE
60th Inf. EDWARD TOBIN
Special Troops DAVE GELMAN
Division
Artillery WALTER TON-
DETAR

After the meeting adjourned we enjoyed the Buffet Dinner.

The Main Topic of Discussion

From the answers that were given to the question "are you going to the Atlanta Reunion?", you can be sure that the New York Chapter will be well represented at Atlanta in 1974 to enjoy the Southern hospitality.

News Note

Only recently we learned that Tom Orband's wife, Gert passed away. Somehow or other the news never reached us until a short time ago, so we belatedly offer Tom our sympathy. Ray Lepwith is still a patient at the Ft. Hamilton V.A. Hospital. Max Umansky writes that he is getting settled in Florida. He sends his regards to all the gang and says he hopes to get to New York at least once or twice a year. Molly and Emil Langer celebrated their 28th Wedding Anniversary at the Chapters Fall Dance on November 10 at the 69th Armory. Tom Orband advised us that Paul Leschak of Pittsburgh underwent heart surgery in August. Tom also informed us that Paul Youket passed away on November 15th. Paul served with Co B 39th Inf.

Sincerely,
Harry Orenstein
687 W. 204 St.
N.Y., N.Y., 10034

Marriage Counselor: "Tell me sir, did you wake up grouchy this morning?" - Client: "No, sir, I decided to let her sleep."

Illinois

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWS

The final chapter gathering of 1973 took the form of a gala Christmas party on December 8th at the Sheraton-O'Hare Hotel. The party got under way with a happy hour in the lovely hotel suite which Bud Reimer had reserved. Hors d'oeuvres and nibblings were prepared by the ladies and the bubbly was amply supplied by the fellows. Following this spirited socializing, the group went to the hotel dining room for dinner, the arrangements for which were made by Bill Hennemuth. The festivities continued after dinner in the hotel suite with games, gift exchanges, song dance and laughter. Peg Hennemuth was winner of the grand prize which was supplied by the Paul Clarks. A generously supplied bar and spirited congeniality kept the group partying till the wee hours.

Unfortunately, three of the couples who rarely miss any of the chapter activities were unable to attend. The Winkelmans missed the Christmas party for the first time due to recent surgery which Georgia underwent. The Dave Hellers and Joe Lasics were not in attendance because of recent deaths in their families.

Looking ahead to 1974, plans are being made for the annual Memorial Day Service. This year, the chapter members plan to go to Springfield to honor their friend and comrade Ed Arns who passed away in December, 1971. Transportation to Springfield may be a problem, but the Illinois families are determined to pay their respects to Ed and to spend the day with his wife Lenore and their children.

Frank Ozart has already gathered contributions for an Illinois page in the Atlanta reunion program booklet. A lot of interest has been generated and Illinois may very well have a record representation at the 1974 reunion. Members are investigating transportation possibilities plane, train, bus or the ankle express. This will be one of the discussion items for the January meeting to be held at Tedtman's Bar.

Michigan Doings

Today compacts are the big thing in Detroit. Everyone in Michigan is thinking small. Apparently the only group bucking the trend is our gang from the Ninth Infantry Division Association. They think big. Expansion is their aim and they are getting results. During November the Chapter held its 3rd Annual Outstate Meeting at Grand Rapids, Mich. This was no compact affair; it was a 12 cylinder gasser. Everyone knew the "Old Reliables" were in town. The Mayor of Grand Rapids sent them his best wishes for a successful meeting.

Teamwork

Teamwork made the Outstate Meeting a success. It was well publicized, John Zulkiewski got national coverage by having a notice printed in the V.F.W. magazine. Bill Andrews, John Maule and Earl Hyde got on the horn and spread the word to all their friends. The dinner was well planned, the Committee

More Ecumenical

This year the Mass was a little different. A little more Ecumenical. An ex army private now an ordained priest and an ex army retired Chaplain assisted Fr. Connors and Fr. Rowan. We may in another year or two have another ex army private from the 39th Cannon to assist Fr. Connors because he too, has been ordained in the priesthood.

Rev. John Pohorilak of Cannon Company can be reached through St. Michaels in Newtown, Ohio. Get working on him you 39th men.

Congratulations

The good people at Immaculate should again receive the hearty congratulations from all of us for their untiring efforts to make our short stay in Worcester a pleasant one.

They enjoy being a part, no matter how small, of the committee who work long hours before and during our stay at the Center. Many of them recognize faces if not names. Many of them remember seeing our children with us many years ago. "How are the children" is a question that is asked several times. "I remember them when they were so high" as a hand is extended about three feet from the floor.

Saturday night at the Center can be very exciting to many people. The place is like a bee hive. People are buzzing from here to there. Buzzing with those they haven't seen for a year or more. Buzzing to the chow table which never seems to lack food. All of this is something to remember.

Proper cadence

It is funny what a little rest and sleep will do. For proof you should be a participant or a witness to our Sunday morning parade. With a color guard and a band, two hundred and more men step off in proper cadence as they did when they wore the Octofoil. We may not be as trim but we have the spirit and the desire to honor those who have gone.

Witnessing the Sacrifice of the Mass no matter of what faith you may be causes an inexplainable feeling within us. The number of people in the Church, their attention to those on the altar, the color guard, the choir, the playing of taps and the flowers on the altar all blend in with the solemnity of the Sacrifice. If you have never been to a Memorial Mass., and the good health of us is continued during 1974, you will not regret having spent time and money to get to Worcester on or about October 27.

Beautiful Motel

The new motel seemed to be the answer for a place to have a delicious Sunday dinner as a climax to a memorable week end. It was more spacious than the country club dining room. Everyone was in the same room. All could see and hear MC Ed. Connors and his friends at the head table. So without any discussion it was voted to approve the Sheraton for dinner October 27, 1974.

Atlanta

Reunion Dates

Aug. 1-3

headed by Fred and Jane Josey and Maurice and Villa Mitchell thought of everything. They selected a perfect location, arranged for a tempting dinner, and turned their rooms into a C.P. where the gang enjoyed themselves before and after the meeting. Jim Bruner turned in an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies at the dinner. John Maule and the Andrews' entertained the gang with pictures and movies that were taken at some of the Chapter's previous affairs.

During the evening beautiful wall plaques of the Freedom Trail were raffled off and the lucky winners expressed their thanks to Franny Maher and the New England Chapter who donated the plaques. When it came to the big prize of the evening, teamwork really played a big part. John Young held the hat full of tickets, John Young Jr. picked the ticket and his mother Jane Young walked off with the prize. When the party broke up the gang was already making plans for next year's outstate meeting. They are still thinking big and expect the 1974 model to be bigger and better than the 73.

Among the guests at the outstate meeting were the Josey's, Mitchell's, Reedy's, Andrew's, DeSandy's, Maule's, Young's, Bruner's, Hyde's, Groeneveld's, Cole's, Snowfleet's, Saylor's, Thompson's, Stockford's, Hennessey's, Lewis', Gutek's, Tapp's, Young's Jr., Obermiller's, Rushlow's, Bonkowski's, John Zulkiewski and Elmer Wagner. The following Michigan communities were represented at the meeting Grand Blanc, Fraser, Detroit, Comstock Pk, SCS, Muskegon, Imlay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Fruit Port, Wyoming, Montrose, Lambertsville, Garden City, Vassar, Dearborn Hgts., Bay City, Fenton, and Wyandotte. After reading this list of towns we believe the Michigan gang whole state.

Josey Presents Plaque

The Michigan Chapter was well represented at the Memorial Services at Worcester, Mass. For many years the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception have been making the "Old Reliables" feel at home in Worcester. This year the Association expressed its gratitude to the parishioners for their kind deeds by presenting a plaque which contained a message of thanks. The plaque was presented at the banquet. The presentation had a special meaning for the Michigan gang because it was made by one of their own chapter members, National President Fred Josey.

The Chapter will bid farewell to 1973 at their Annual Christmas party which will be held at Bob and Florence DeSandy's home in St. Clair Shores.

New England Reports

Joe McKenzie our reporter in the New England area has once again come up with a fine story on the Memorial Service at Worcester, Mass.

Ninth men are still attending and talking about our Memorial Mass. Wherever they may be whether it be at home or at work, a sports arena or a shopping plaza our Ninth man, somehow, will work into his conversation the story of our Memorial Mass. His listeners are always amazed that such an event could be attracting so many for so many years.

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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 consideration, but children of men killed in combat 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 qualifies.

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 of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit 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 to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

ASSOCIATION PRESENTS PLAQUE



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



Leading the "chow line" on Saturday night in Worcester are Emil Langer and George Brown. By the looks of their plates they haven't lost their appetites. 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.