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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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Plenty to Do in Atlanta

After a busy day of meetings, shopping or sightseeing, you'll welcome an invigorating dip in the sparkling Sheraton-Biltmore swimming pool, or just relaxing in the southern sunshine on the garden patio.

The historian lessons are easy to take as you learn about French explorer John Ribault by taking a glance at the South when the States is a partition. The newest area, the fascinating than its future; so great city by going to the top of Peachtree Center, a well merchandise Mart. Here high above the bridge that links it to the ob-chen are lowered to 15 cents, the cheapest way to Atlanta's principal street, once gleaming new city rising out of the ground like Atlanta? The metro-transportation is no problem in Atlanta. Taxi's are moderate - 25 cents for the first 1-5 of a mile; 10 cents for every 1-5 thereafter. Extra passengers - 25 cents. The cheapest way to the length of Peachtree St. is on any MARTA bus; fares have been lowered to 15 cents, with free transfers. It's a 30 minute ride from the airport to downtown Atlanta, frequent buses shuttle between the Airport and downtown the fare is only $2.50, if you feel prosperous you can take a taxi, the ride downtown costs about $7.00.

The 1974 reunion promises to be a real popular one so we are urging the "Old Reliatives" to make their reservations early.
NEW YORK CHAPTER

On December 13th George Bulo presided over his last meeting as President of the New York Chapter. George's term in office has been a busy one and has been marked by many successful Chapter undertakings. George is an innovator who likes to shake things up. One of his ideas was a change in the format for the installation of Chapter officers. Normally the installation was held at the regular January meeting. The installation was just another piece of business that was conducted at the meeting. George felt that the installation of officers was something special and that it should be made into the occasion for a special event. He proposed that the Officers for 1974 be installed at a special meeting which would be open to the members and all their friends and families. The members liked George's idea and they decided to hold the installation on a Saturday afternoon at the 89th Armory. The installation to be followed by a buffet dinner and dance.

Installation

On January 6th the Armory was crowded with members and their friends. It was one of the largest groups that was ever present at an installation of the New York Chapter. Emil Langer took over the duties as Master-of-Ceremonies and he saw to the orderly proceedings. He could tell about the history of the 89th Armory and the important people who have attended meetings there. He also introduced the new installation who showed their appreciation by presenting Dom with a 9th Division Plaque that commemorated his many years of service.

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

Enclosed please find 1974 dues for:

Name...

City...

State...

I was a member of:

Battery...

Company...

Regiment...

9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

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It is a little late to offer each member of our organization and its families a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We do hope that this season of peace and joy will find you and your loved ones close together.

After we defeated the Germans and Italians in North Africa I was precipitated down the mountain of Tennessee crawled forward like he was stalking deer back down the hill. I remember myself of the four German gunners before I fired. They didn't do anything. I returned to the company from the hospital when the war was over. The next year, 1919, President Wilson declared November 11th Armistice Day. That day was one of the greatest moments I have ever known. It is a day to remember and to honor those who have served our country in the armed forces.

Here in our community, the celebration of Veterans Day is an important event. It is a time to honor all who have served our country, and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We at Griffin Family is proud to have our veterans and their families as members of our community. Our thoughts are with those who are currently serving and with those who have served in the past.

Happy and Prosperous New Year.
This is the time of the year when many members pay their dues, almost every member includes a little note for their check for the dues. Here are some of the notes that we have received recently.

Co. M 47th Inf.

Wolff Thortum 515 E Duba Hall
South Bend, Ind. 46631

Enclosed is my check for another 3 years. Hope I can be around to pay it several more times, it seems that each year a few more old buddies pass on. In two and a half years I hope to retire from the milk business and take it easy. Last November my wife and I spent a week-end with Cole Groms and his family at Suttons Bay, Mich. While there we viewed the color slides that he took in Europe on that great trip they took. Those slides brought many memories for us.

Co. E 47th Inf.

Joseph S. Podgurt 5006 NE 40th St.
Mpls. Minn. 55415

If nothing unforeseen occurs, my wife and I plan to attend the 1974 reunion in Atlanta. I am looking forward to seeing all the old buddies from Co. B 47th Inf.

Co. G 47th Inf.

Martin Bergman 9013 N Eastway
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

I receive my regulars to the "Octofoil" you are doing a great job. I'm sure I can't attend the reunion this year in Atlanta. My convention for Ex F.O.P.'s is held one week before, July 28th for 5 days.

I have been interested in hearing from any Division boys who are forming a reunion.

Ed Brewer 1827 7th St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66204

Enclosed is my check for 1974 dues. I am sure I will plan to attend the July meetings in preparation for the Atlanta reunion. I will bring up to date stories on some of the old gang.

Co. A 47th Inf.

Raymond H. Gardner R.I. Box 321
Hullto, Va. 24258

Just a little note to tell you of my appreciation for the efforts that you have put forth in carrying on the activities of the Association. I saw General Westmoreland at Johnson City, Tennessee's Memorial Service at Veterans Administering at the end of May next to Westmoreland. I will, I hope, be able to keep up a busy schedule as long as I am close to the Washington, D.C. Chapter, I rarely get up that way.

Co. D 47th Inf.

Sam Robinson 1009 Paradis Rd., N-2R
Cicero, Illinois 60641

Enclosing a check for another three year "term" with the 9th, I sold my home in Marblehead and moved into an apartment complex in the next town of Swampscott, am enjoying it.

Co. G 47th Inf.

Walter C. Rinehart
520 Paseo El Mirador
San Diego, Calif. 92103

This has been an excellent year for my firm and myself financially, however, I have to use up all my No. 7 in a Washington D.C. hotel fire. I sent my oldest son and wrote me off I was in Washington helping the Coast Guard get 227,000,000 dollars for expanding their base in October. I also supplied most of the products that they use, this was no time to do it.

Recently drove by myself up the coast visiting the children. 2000 miles with my lower left leg still in bandages - no strain. There is an October before I returned to Palm Springs for a few weeks and then flew back to Alaska. Give my regards to the old gang.

Co. B 38th Inf.

Andy Seacook 4728 Passes Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, Ga. 30325

Sure was glad to see you in Georgia. It's always good to see an "Old Reliable" and talk about old times. I hope to see a large turnout at the B Company 39th path at the 1974 Reunion. I hope to come on and see how the other half lives. Enclosed is a check for another three years dues.

13th Engs

Anthony J. Maddox in Orem, Utah 84058,
Worcester, Mass. 01604

Anthony sends his dues and tells us that he and James Keetchan of Boston are planning to attend the Reunion in Atlanta in August. He concludes with regards to all.

15th Eng

Maurice N. Tougas 15 Park St.
Central Falls, R.I. 02818

Maury resolves his membership and tells us that he wishes best wishes to the members of the Association.

 Lt. C. E. 47th Inf.

Charles A. Bodnar 178 New York Ave.
Bergenfield, N.J. 07302

Charles forwards his dues and writes: "I spent some time in Europe in some of the battle areas of the old outfit. I have very interesting and human interest stories of the people I met in the civilian areas and how they still remember our division path and the situations that took place in certain areas. Do you think you would be interested to publish my trip into metallog".

I hate to see Charlie send in a story, or two on his trip. 

CO. D 38th Inf.

Edward Lewis 741 St. Clair St.
Cicero, Illinois 60641

Ed writes to apologize for being late in sending in his dues, but adds "things seemed to get tied up this time of the year". Hoping everything is fine with the association - best regards to all the old gang.

CO. F 47th Inf.

General Edwin L. Randle
513 Alhine Rd.
Hickory, Clearwater, Fla. 33756

I couldn't keep my promise to attend the Boston convention. When I did that I thought Mrs. Randle and I would go to another meeting in Boston too. But it didn't pan out so I did not get to the convention.

I am however pretty sure I can make it in Atlanta. That city is not so far with high speed highways all the way. Well, I guess the high speed is out but No. 5 still will be there, if I can get enough gas to navigate it. Do you know I also had another book out. Its title is "Alice in Wonderland and Other Stories". The price of it is $6.00, but both books can be ordered for $10.50 which is a good deal in anybody's estimation. When they are ordered they also will be sent postpaid.

I hope it won't be long before we hear from the Earsle Puytomeus Column; "It is a hell of a good book.

Joe Roy Bennett at Safi returned the Cole and received his copy of Safi Adventures November 1973. He wrote: "After thirty years I finally found out what was going on around the rest of the town. He was with L.I. Command and his gun dog "Out of the Woods."

CO. D 47th Inf.

Pat McElroy
West Palm Beach East
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

Pat writes to congratulate Art Bostwick on his appointment to the Secretary job of the New York Chapter. He tells us that "It isn't too late" for the fact that have to travel to New York from Penna... to attend the monthly meeting I would be there. Things are still stable here in our area with respect to energy and things that may be one of the benefits of living in a less populated region. I hope the energy crisis will not interfere with the Atlanta reunion. Pat tells us of a trip he plans to Florida by the Auto-train and is looking forward to his re-union in Atlanta this summer.

CO. G 47th Inf.

Robert A. Stunt
225 Fifth Ave.
Ft. Lauderdale, Ohio 44055

Robert finds himself like most of the old gang "that time is going up with us" and other than not being up to par as far as his health is concerned he keeps moving along. He hopes to be in Atlanta this summer. His family and health had not be cause due to health attended the Boston reunion. Pat also adds what he closes with regards to all the troops. "Good Luck and God Bless."

Chaplains Report

Chaplain 379th Inf.
Rev. L. K. Hines
Province of Iowa
3701 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

"The good Padre" keeps up his membership but we were sorry to learn that he has been on "kick call" and confined to quarters to make a living. "Hang in there" is our best wishes to see you at the next reunions.

Enlargement is being made and we will be sure to tell you of the last bulletin, that we have received.

CO. H 47th Inf.

Ken Mulhallan
540 Sixth Street N.
Hickory, N.C. 28601

I wish to thank the secretary for sending me The Octofoil all through my many moves and sending my renewal. I will take it to heart and I know membership and good wishes will not have to remember to renew. I ran into Dr. William MacLaughlin 47th every now and then and we discuss what we read in the Octofoil. I've been kept busy since we changed over from Main Letters to the set Printing every year. Do hope some time to be able to get to one of the reunions. I'm certain that this should be the year - the depression is being in my neck of the woods."

CO. D 47th Inf.

Robert W. Nicholls
Oakville, N.C.

Bob writes that things haven't gone too well with him recently. He has been hest in a series of illnesses that have caused him to undergo a serious stomach operation and have also left him with impaired eyegight. His problems have been aggravated by the fact that within a short period of time his wife has suffered the loss of her father, mother, and brother. Bob could do with some help on some of his old buddies getting in touch with him. He enclosed a picture which shows some of the action taken by Co. D Company during the war, they were at the Elbe River waiting for the arrival of the Russians.

Can Co. 47th Inf.

Bill Coen
1190 Overlook Drive
Washington, D.C. 20036

Renewing his dues for three years Bill writes: "I don't feel I'll be able to get to Atlanta this summer - give my regards to all my buddies. My wife and I have become grandparents last we saw you in Boston. My daughter presented us with a grandson in Conyers Georgia and presented us with a grandaughter in December. He is presently stationed with the Navy in Newfoundland. Best wishes to all and may you have a good reunion."

9th Q.M.

Marvin Baltsasser
801 Whitney Road
Reading, Pa. 19606

I always look forward to receiving the Octofoil. It keeps me informed of the activities of all our old buddies I am an old QM buddy and have been in the Army for 33 years. It was certainly a surprise to me. Met Horace Abrams a 9th QM buddy inPalm Springs last winter and have not seen in 23 years at a Reading Shopping Mall.

Some veterans and dependents are of the opinion that once a claim for compensation or pension has been denied by a VA Regional Office the case is closed. This is not true. A denial of a claim may be appealed as high as the Board of Veterans Appeals.

If a claim for compensation or pension has been denied, a veteran or beneficiary may appeal to the Board on a point of law may be submitted. New additional substantiating evidence may also be forthcoming in support of the original claim. These actions can be taken by claimants who have had a claim denied before the necessity of appealing to Washington.

Holders of GI life insurance policies were reminded today, to check the type of policy settlement they have selected for their beneficiaries. In many instances the beneficiaries designated on GI policies are penalized following their death, because they did not select the mode of settlement provided for many months. In some cases other have come to court seeking smaller monthly payments life payments. Veterans or GI policy holders are urged to consider selecting the lump-sum payment option because generally this leaves the beneficiary with the privilige of using the money in any way that they desire, without the hassle associated with selecting monthly payments.