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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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The beginning of a political career can be a numbing experience for anyone, but for William Chilts Westmoreland, it must be like having society on his spitshine. Thirty-six years as a soldier, 19 of them as a general officer, he is now shorn of his rank by the political necessity of becoming one of the people. It is, he says, "a humbling experience."

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Question: Can you provide a summary of Westmoreland's political career and the challenges he faces as a candidate?

Answer: Westmoreland, a retired soldier with 36 years of service, is running for governor in South Carolina. He faces challenges in adapting to civilian life and connecting with voters, especially in the early stage of his campaign. His integrity does not appeal to all, and his长得, mostly more political that he is, are trying to modify his style. The most elegant and expensive restaurant in town is the Hilton's Sun in Peachtree Center. An expression of Portman's great affection for Denmark, the restaurant plays all the typical Scandinavian wood construction, evolved by rows of tree-shaped columns, against the chic glint of plate glass wall framing a luminous marble fountain. The Danish smorg- bards are excellent (when seafood is available), the beef is good and the wine list is the finest in the city. Much less expensive and much less glamorous is a couple of typically dark "atmosphere" in Atlanta, "blues" style restaurants, favored by sophisticated Atlantans. The Pleasant Peasant and Greene and Gables. The former specializes in French provincial cooking, the latter turns toward good southern Italian dishes.

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**NEW YORK CHAPTER**

On May 11th everyone had a ball. The band from New York put on a magnificent show. The Egypt ballroom was full, and the standing room only. Once again the dance and buffet came in at the perfect format - plenty of good food, big drinks and lively music. The hotel was overflowing. George Faust and Bill Klusmeyer deserve a big round of applause for putting on this Chapter. Another fellow who deserves a round of applause is the bartender. He didn't show up, so Ed spent the whole night BEHIND the bar serving drinks to the thirsty troops. If you know the New York drinkers, you know how busy Ed was. He handled the job like a real pro.

At the end of the evening Ed remarked that Saturday was good but the "adverb" was poor.

**Fly Me To Atlanta**

Many of the gang from New York were able to fly to the reunion in Atlanta. Since everyone was here for a limited time they have decided to have the dinner and buffet once again. New York is looking forward to the format - plenty of good food, big drinks and lively music. The hotel was overflowing. George Faust will make arrangements for the New York group to leave from New York and will include bus transportation for the group that leaves from Newark. If you are interested you can contact them at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

- Marge Mace, Bronx, N.Y. 10677 Telephone (212) 766-5922
- Waldek Witzken, 100 Stone Hill Rd., Springfield, N.J. 07081 Telephone (201) 467-0420

**News-Notes**

Chapter President Joe Kearns wishes Helen Van Buren a happy birthday at the June meeting. A long lost member showed up at the May meeting and rejoined the fold, Joseph Kresenwich who serves as Co. G of the 4th regiment. Members made the acquaintance of George Bako and other members of Co. G. Bill Klusmeyer passed away recently. Harry Orentelnst got the message and made arrangements for his recent trip to Israel. Harry and his wife will visit friends in Jerusalem. Hafs, Bethesda and many others of biblical and historic spots in the Holy Land. Harry reports that the country's amazing irrigation system has turned once barren sandy beaches into lush farmland. He and his wife can't wait until they are able to make another trip to this amazing land.

**Next Meeting**

When President Joe Kearns ended the June meeting the President adjourned the regular meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 P.M. at 26th St. Armory, 26th St. and Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

**EPILOGUE**

**New England News**

As the old soldiers are slowly packing their gear and getting set for retirement from their jobs, the kids and little old men we are all around the same age. Many of us have been talking about the "young set" coming along with many of them to university, college and many more embarking on the sea of achievements. We have realized that the son of Fred Bonkowski was married to former Diane M. Beaudet of Plattsburg, Mass., Mass., Fred Jr. is with the New York Vitamin Company and the couple will live in Lynn.

**Pleasant Evening**

Walker Krafft - C.O.G. Company 47th Infantry was in New York recently and invited some of the old gang to be his guests at the U.N. Dinner held in the New York Hilton with Vice-President Ford as the speaker. Walker is living in Palm Springs, California most of the time but still travels to Kodiak, Alaska every summer where he operates a business established by his grandfather Otto Krafft. It was a great seeing Waldo and he was joined by George Faust and his wife Paula, Frank Faust, Virg Sliwakiewicz and his wife Elizabeth, and many more.

It was a very pleasant evening. As the first time we’ve seen Waldo 17 years. It plans to be back East in October after Waldo has finished packing their gear and getting set for retirement from their jobs. If you would like to be included in his plans the contact him at Father Connors Memorial.

**Program 1954 Atlanta Reunion**

**Thursday Aug. 1**

- Registration of Governors Meeting and Welcome Party
  - Time: 9:00 A.M. till 5:30 P.M.

**Friday Aug. 2**

- Committee Meetings
  - Time: 10:00 A.M. till 1:30 P.M.
- General Membership Meeting and Entertainment
  - Time: 10:30 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.
- Board of Governors Meeting
  - Time: 5:30 P.M. till 8:30 P.M.

**Saturday Aug. 3**

- Memorial Service and Parade
  - Time: 9:00 A.M. till 5:30 P.M.
- Excursion to Stone Mountain
  - Time: 11:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M.
- Dinner and Dance
  - Time: 7:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.

**Sunday - Safe journey home**
Well it's time for another issue of the "Octofoil" to go to press and with it some letters from our faithful readers. Try as we might, we can never seem to get to the bottom of the pile! however we aren't complaining because the staff of the "Red Ink" isn't the only one that is out there reading the paper. Here are some of the letters that we received during the past month.

8th Bn Trp
Charles E. Neal 4654 Beverly Blvd Madison, Tenn. 37115
Enclosed is a check for $7.00 for my subscription to the Octofoil. I hope you are well and I hope to see the gang in Atlanta this fall. I am hoping that some of the boys from the 8th Bn Trp will show up for a change. We were missing some of you in Bois Reunion but were glad to hear from all the gang.

3rd F.A.
Joe Dalydias Box 86, Rt. 2 Middletown, VA 22070
Be the Good Lord willing we will make this reunion in Atlanta. It is a wonderful place to go, especially out Stone Mountain way. I hope some of our activities will be out there. Logically, you might have the whole gang. Retirement is good, finding out your dues are due is bad. I hope no 9th Inf. Div. members out here.

7th P.I.
John Weber 46 Brumfield St Seabrook, ME 03874-1017
John had a small setback of his own recently. He has operations but in basically on the road to recovery. His regrets not to be able to attend the reunion this year but wants to be remembered to all the gang.

5th A.I.
Perry Payne 509 Sutherland Drive Chickasaw, Ala. 36610
Perry decided he'd better come out of hibernation and attend the reunion being that it will be held in the South. It's been several years since he attended a reunion and is looking forward to meeting his friends in Atlanta.

9th Recom
Grover C. King, Jr. 418 S. Cool Spring Park Nashville, Tenn. 37208
Grover regrets that he will not be able to attend the reunion in Atlanta as his son is returning home after five years with the 9th Inf. Division in Europe in the Air Force, and will not be able to make the reunion. Grover has had his share of hard knocks and has been in and out of the VA Hospital for the past two years. He closes with best wishes to all at the reunion.

4th Div. Hqg.
John Dooley 904 Gary Drive Platford, Ind. 46068
The Octofoil is ready to go to press in Indiana. Hoping to see some lovely scenes from Division Headquarters. My feeling is fine and ready for the golf season.

30th Inf.
John Holick Cresskill, N.J.
I was one of the few with trouble in the wounded I received in July 14, 1945, during the lull for a few weeks, this winter has been laid the low for a while and I could not make the meetings. Feeling fine now and hope to attend the reunion and will get some fresh Grover costumes paraded with those there.

F. Co 4th Inf.
Tony Retepi 220 Laurel Pl. Olney, Ill. 62460
Noticed the "Red ink" that I am almost a delinquent again. I hope you will get me a copy of Octofoil to fill the hole in the old gang too much to ever let that happen. Even now I haven't the chance of doing things, they sound wonderful. I've often wondered what ever happened to the old Co. K37th Inf. group. Joey Muiseacres, etc., we've never anything about Lt. Col. Perdue in a long time. Hope the reunion is the best.

Company H 47th Inf.
John T. Wauthus 1148 Old Hickory Blvd. Nolensville, Tenn. 37135
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 Laz Reynolds H 133 Straton La. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235
I have a few copies of the Octofoil that were printed by the very beginning in Europe and I don't know if you know of a museum or someone who is making a collection of this type of ephemera. We can only hope as I have to hope the theink destroyed.

My regards to all former members of the 47th Ordinance.

Ronald Frank Inf. No. 1 Box 122 San Antonio, Tex. 78208
Enclosed is my long overdue dues. Time sure does fly by.

G. Co 47th Inf.
J.E. Thornton 2145 60th Inf. Ave. Des Plaines, Ill. 60018
I received my letter of May 15th, with a few lines requesting my aid in getting acquaintances to support by inserts for the souvenir journal.

Joseph E. Garafano 304 Gary Drive Leewood, Kansas, 67745
I looked up (Kid) Kanhanen in the directory for the reunion this year but wants to make sure his resume is up to date and place him in the Octofoil. He writes to inform us of his address and in the last sentence he writes that there is a good turnout.

Edward Garafano, had a nice three day visit with him in North Carolina. It's so nice to hear the gang is getting around to seeing each other.

Ray Kennedy 1134 Old Hickory Blvd. Nashville, Tenn. 37207
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