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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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DETOIT •• THE CITY WITH \ SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

If cities were represented by colors, Detroit would be all hues of the rainbow. Like the automobiles for which it is famous, the Motor City has something to please everyone regardless of taste or pocketbook. Diversified...historical...modern...fun-loving...sophisticated...hostile...aggressive...cosmopolitan...Beautiful.

The Detroit area is all of these and more.

DETOIT REUNION PARADE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

John Borkowski, Chairman of the Detroit Reunion Memorial Committee, has announced that the 70th Army Reserve Division Band will lead the parade from the convention hotel to the Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday morning. There, the annual memorial service will be held in honor of the 581 men of the Ninth Division who paid the supreme sacrifice during World War II. In addition to our traditional participants in this solemn service, U.S. REP. LUCIEN N. NEDZI, of Detroit, and a long time member of the House Armed Services Committee, will be the guest speaker. In the past, Congressman Nedzi has participated in numerous patriotic and veterans’ functions. Last year, he served as parade Grand Marshal of the 78th observance of Memorial Day in Detroit. Both the 78th Division Band and Congressman Nedzi participated in the last Detroit Reunion in 1968. The parade permit has been approved and permission has been granted for holding the memorial services.

DETOIT ... THE CITY WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

For 50 years the settlement remained a French stronghold until it was surrendered to the British in 1760 along with all of Canada.

FOREIGN COUNTRY JUST MINUTES AWAY

The Detroit River is the international boundary between the United States and Canada and so visit in the Detroit area could complete without a trip across that boundary.

Presumably in Canada makes Detroit a truly international city.

A five-minute ride through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel or over the Ambassador Bridge puts you in a foreign country. Toll for a car and two passengers is only 50 cents, and buses run on a regular schedule between downtown Detroit and downtown Windsor for 35 cents a trip.

Visitors can be cleared in less than a minute by American citizens.

Windsor’s downtown area offers a myriad of shopping delights for the visitor. Many items, such as English, china and silverware, can be purchased for prices far below what they would cost in the United States.

Fine restaurants and night spots are all over Windsor, and the best view of Detroit’s skyline is from Windsor’s riverside Dieppe Park.

PLANNING ON DETROIT REUNION

Past President Fred Jaree heard recently, from three former 70th Officers, who participated in the North American May 28 landing at Port Lympne. They wrote him, stating they are planning on being in Detroit for the reunion. They are:

NORMAN J. HANNEN, Major General, AUS (Ret.), 110 Washington Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412.

COL. JOHN H. DILLEY (Ret.), 260 Ruby Way, Talladega, AL.

LT. COL. HAROLD W. SMITH (Ret.), 1238 Cree Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905.

75 REUNION JULY 24-28

**Taps Sounded**

We were hoping that this would be an issue of the Octofoil that we wouldn’t have the sad duty of announcing the passing of a comrade, but we received the sad news of the demise of an old friend and comrade.

Rutler Fritz of the 38th, 13th Infantry

May he rest in peace.

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Two men, one facing the other, were talking in a room. The man on the left was wearing a suit, while the man on the right was dressed in casual attire. The room was decorated with books and papers on the walls. The conversation seemed serious and focused on a particular topic. A small clock on the wall indicated the time of 2:15. This conversation was taking place in a strategic and important setting, possibly a military or political environment.
**THE OCTOFOIL**

**26th Field**

Gentlemen:

Happy New Year.

It may be a little late for such a greeting but I do hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness to all.

The Christmas season is a time and the only time of the year when many members pen a note to some of those with whom they serve. Some of the notes look a little suspicious. Instead of bold strides as a man could make these notes resemble the delicate handwriting of the lady in the line. Please, whoever does the writing, continue only more often.

Louis Griffin did the honors for our Patrol. She reports that two of their sons are at Kent State, one in the Army stationed in Turkey and one in the 7th grade. During the past year they traveled far and wide seeing the USA.

Mary Bower sent out the cards for Joe. Joe is IA again after recuperating from the serious injury he received near Bledsoe.

Jean Wallace took the occasion to say that Harold is learning all over because they have a new grand daughter.

Betty England has more free time than Louis so she penned a note to say that she retired after working 22 years for General Motors.

Lavina Leonard said that William looks forward to receiving a service to the VA news letter. Some day he hopes to see some of the old gang.

Mollie Fribush sent the good news that Paul is quite busy with their grand children, Marc and Louis.

Joyce Finchum assumes the job of writing the news about the Finch family. It is published in news letter form and sent to her friends. Maybe more of us should do the same.

Her son, John in Air Craft Commander, is still flying the big birds out of North Dakota for the strategic air command. I understand recently became a mother for the second time, Emmer Finchum is feeling much better after a long overdue hernia operation.

Ten cards were received without notes from either members of the gang. I'll be willing to wager that more than half of them were addressed by members of the auxiliary.

Dick Hill wrote "Dear Joe and Family: Say Hi to Fr. Commons and all of the gang for me. I miss you guys and hope someday we'll have another reunion.

It is not too early to think of your golf game and family outings to the beach or the country for the coming summer. Remember to include DETROIT in your plans.

Sincerely,

Joe McKenzie

Washington Avenue
Nantucket, Mass.

26th Field

**Michigan Doings**

**NEWS NOTES**

The Christmas party was aousing success President Everett and Irene Tapp hosted the party in a gaily decorated home, and the food was a genuine delight. Everyone who attended was very appreciative of the above.

The case of VO was won by Peter Fieslip of Dearborn on a ticket raffle sold by Don Lewis, and the lucky winner of the 1/2 case was J. Pugliese who worked as the cap at the time.

Bill Meadow's family wanted the bottle of raffle for the evening.

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**Booster Club**

The 26th Field Reunion Committee is continuing the efforts for the 26th Field Reunion which is to be held in September of this year.

The committee is currently planning the reunion and is working on the details.

The booster club is seeking donations to help cover some of the expenses for the reunion.

The booster club would like to thank everyone who has donated so far.

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George F. Long
714 Penny Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15225

Hope that this finds everyone in good health and that things are going along real good. I am doing pretty good for an old retired guy of 66+7/8. Enclosed is a check for my dues and a donation to the Scholarship fund. Hope and pray that 1975 will bring an improvement in world conditions and also bring the world peace everywhere. Things are not looking too bright now, so let's hope for the best.

John F. Thornton
Company C, 60th Inf.
1900 Washington Ave.
Weehawken, N. J. 07087

I am very delighted to make the attendance reunion for two days and Iuell glad to see my old C.O., Dr. J.P. Bailer and his lovely wife and also my dear sister Jackie Wilson, his lovely wife Eva. It was great to see Vince Splendore, the swingin' saxeman from Amsterdam Ave. New York City and Carl Craig's wonderful Anita. I left Atlantic and saw Joe Lodenar for an hour or so, he is looking better than ever. Returned again in November and got together with Joe and Vince. Joe loves these muses at Belmont.

Out in California, I spent some time with old Edgar's Morgan fan he lives in Inglewood and it was great seeing old friends. We went on a visit going over the 9th Div. to Fort Bragg. Met old Les Roney last summer, he is still in the Real Estate business.

Hoping all the gang comes again to the Detroit reunion in 1975. I am looking forward to seeing them again.

Bill Chapman
Special Troops 6th Div. HQ Sa this all the good health and a prosperous New Year. Sorry, I haven't been active in the past, but may the future will be different. I feel fine, except for a coming up fracture of the left wrist. After eight weeks of rest I am coming around O.K. According to the doctor it is now back to 95 per cent of normal. As of today, I have seven days on the plan. I plan to take it easy.

3rd Bn, 9th Inf.

Maxwell Katz
248 Cedarhurst Ave.
Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516

Enclosed is my dues for the year 1975. I have been away for some time, and it looks like we will be in California during the next one, perhaps we can make the 1976 reunion.

Benny Kovac
Norwalk, Conn. 06854

Just a few lines to let you know that coming from away or on about January 5th, 1975. I don't know if I would write you about our great Barrow. I have more information get in touch with Al Bravini at 4th Fairview Ave. with the Real Estate Company.

Tony Cermeci

Enclosed is my dues for the year 1974 plus a donation for the scholarship in memory of Leo Hurdeke who passed away in November, 1974. Lee was one of the old gang from Company C. I am enclosing a picture of the last time we got together in the fall of 1974. We had a great time at Leo's home in Elizabeth, N.J. all the sign made for the occasion.

Art Clark showed members of his trip with the Association to Europe. They were great. We all had a good time. We miss the articles about the 47th Inf. which were written by General Randle and which appeared from time to time in the "Octofoil". They gave us a good deal of the matters about which we knew so little when they were taking place.

75 Reunion in Detroit

John K. Moore
1st Bn 47th Inf.
Long Branch, N. J.

It is in that time of year when we remind you to check your membership card for "it is now due time." A limited budget keeps us from mailing the Octofoil to those who fall in the delinquent class. Only a steady hand and foot on the secretary's office, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N. J. 07087.

I, John J. Clouser
101 Graceland Street
Des Plaines, Illinois
60016

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On Dec. 28th, John lost his mother after a lingering illness. She passed away early in January of this year. It was a very sad thing for me. John is doing well. Now J seem to be doing much better. He is getting along just fine. I did have a heart attack and major surgery. Now I seem to be doing just fine. I do hope to give up the carpenter trade. My wife Charlotte and I have two daughters. Nancy is married and has a little girl, Erika Janet. She arrived at convention time last year. She is an R.N. in neurosurgery and lives in Norwich, N. Y. She is planning a spring wedding. I enjoy the Octofoil very much. My best to all.

Mrs. Betty Rizzo
1261 S. W. 35th St.
Baltimore, Md. 21227

Betty Kovac has joined in the M.D. measure of her son, the Detroit Heritage Hotel, 1216 N. Waverly Drive
Detroit, Detroit, Mich. 48231

RESERVATIONS

The Detroit Heritage Hotel
1400 Washington Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48202

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79TH Infantry Division Association
July 24-25, 1975

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