**NOTICE: PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS**

The undersigned members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 42 of the said Association's By-Laws, hereby propose the following amendment to paragraph 4 of said By-Laws to be duly considered and enacted by the members in attendance at the annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, during July, 1977:

The amended version of paragraph 4 will stipulate:

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:**

4. To permit any person who wore the Octofoil and served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division from December 7, 1941, to May 7, 1945, including such persons who honorably served as members of the 70th Tank Battalion, 890th Tank Destroyer Battalion, or the 787th Anti-Aircraft (A.W.) Battalion between those dates to be eligible for membership in the Association.

Further, any person who wore the Octofoil and served honorably in the Division during its active and combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam should be eligible for membership.

The wife of any member or any person who was eligible for membership prior to his decease shall be eligible for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association.

**SIGNATURES:**

HARRISON J. DAYSH
ANTHONY J. CHACONAS
RALPH CARCI

VICTOR D. DAUMIT

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**Taps Sounded**

Once again it is our duty to announce the passing of several "Old Reliables"

William Meadows 26th FA L.C. Gourley Co M 41st Inf
Gerald E. Frank Co B 30th Inf
Russell Higgins 30th Inf.

May they rest in peace.

Barbar Frank notified us of the passing of her husband Gerald E. Frank. "He died on April 30, 1977 in Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N.J. due to heart attack. Gerard was captured in Tunisia in 1943 and was a POW until he was released in 1945. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Pinelawn, New York."

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**Chicago, Chicago, Our Kind of Town**

Hyatt Regency Chicago

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**GETTING AROUND**

Most of what a visitor to Chicago wants to see and do can be found in a very long, northeast rectangle. Along the waterfront, Chicago Transit Authority buses are reasonably frequent and comfortable. North-south subway-converted service along the corridor a few blocks in from the lake is fast, albeit noisy. Fares are 45 cents. Chicago's taxis are often barded and dirty, but there are lots of them and they are a bit cheaper than New York's. Before any stranger sets out in Chicago, he or she would be well-advised to ascend to one of the other of the glassed-in observatories atop either the John Hancock center (upper Michigan Avenue) or the Sears tower (Loop area), two of the world's tallest. Both are normally open from 9 a.m. to midnight daily, admission $1.50 for adults, $.50 for children. One of the more dramatic views of the massive Chicago skyline can be had from the Chicago River Cruise "Tip of the Hat" leaving from the small dock in the Chicago River at Michigan Avenue, at 9 a.m., 1:30, and 7:30 P.M. The boats cruise up the Chicago River and back into Lake Michigan. Fares: $2.50 to $3.50 for one to two-hour trips.

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**Things that matter**

When it gets near reunion time many things can be written about the attraction of a reunion but the only thing that matters in the "Old Reliables" are those of us who are able to attend, we look forward to being with the old gang once again. The Chicago hotel site is one of the best and with all the work that the Illinois Chapter members have put into the plans for the reunion we can't go wrong.

If you think that you might be able to attend don't hesitate but send in your reservations from the blank that appears in this issue. It is always easier to cancel out at the last minute where as it sometimes becomes a bit of a hassle to get a room at the last minute. It will also be a big help to the committee just how many people will be in attendance.

We have special rates for our rooms and this rate will apply for a few days before and after the reunion. Ordinarily these rooms run about double the amount we will be charged. Pack your old "B" bag and get ready for three grand days with the group. We have special rates for our hotel site is one of the best and with all the work that the committee is putting into the plans for the reunion we can't go wrong.

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**2nd Annual Reunion**

July 28-30, 1977

Chicago, Illinois

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

"Now Hear This" the President of the Ladies Auxiliary is asking that the ladies attending the reunion in Chicago join the group at a meeting to be held on Friday July 28th at 9 A.M. in the Oghner Room. There will be a brief meeting but it will be more of a social hour. Come on gang and get with the group.

**Tip Of The Hat**

We're mighty proud of John Dewey who is a past president of the association and last time wrote the article of the "Old Reliables." In addition he made a donation to the Memorial Fund. Thanks John.
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Countless veterans are continuing to pay monthly premiums on their G.I. Life Insurance policies, the proceeds of which will eventually go to the estate of a deceased relative or long-forgotten friend. The sad part of it is, the veterans' immediate family will miss out on the proceeds just when needed most, regardless of the amount of commercially purchased protection. This in many cases arise because some veterans neglect or are unaware of the steps that should be taken to change beneficiary listings. When situations change as a result of marriage, birth, divorce or death. Veterans possessing G.I. insurance policies should "dig" them out, check the designated beneficiary and be sure it coincides with their current wishes. A change of beneficiary may not be made by a veteran's surviving spouse or children without the veteran's written consent. The Department's Service Bureau assists veterans in making this important change.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 3rd Infantry Division Assn.
214 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1977 dues for:

Name ____________________________  Social No. ____________
Street Address ____________________________________________
City ____________________________________________ State _______

I was a member of:
Battery ___________________________ Company ___________ Regiment ____________ 5th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:
Regular Member, per year ____________________________ $5.00
Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ____________________________ $31.00
Three-Year Member ______________________________________ $15.00
Life Membership ______________________________________ $500.00
Octennial Automobile License Disc ______________________________________ $50.00
Ladies' Auxiliary Member ______________________________________ $1.50
Combat Route Map ______________________________________ $5.00
60th Infantry History _________ $5.00

Please check the following chapter:
Philadelphia-Delaware Valley ____________ Greater New York ____________ Illinois
_____________ New England ____________ Ohio ____________ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C. __

Please include check or money order for ____________ 1977 dues.

Ninth Infantry Division Auxiliary Convention Division

Dan Quinn, National Secretary

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the sacrifices of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association maintains 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 deceased relatives of members of the Division are not excluded. The children of former members of the Division will not be considered unless no child of a former member is eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following form must be filled out by those wishing to apply for the scholarships.

1. Send a letter of application, written in a legible form, to the chairperson of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, pay, and sex of the applicant, name, address, and sex of the member of the Division to whom the applicant is related, and name and address of the college the applicant intends to attend, the occupational status of the applicant, and the name of and degree of relationship of the other member of the Division to whom the applicant is related.

2. A copy of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the five years of attendance of the applicant's record.

3. The applicant must have a number of years of high school which meets the requirements of the memorial committee.

4. The applicant must attend the school in the city of Chicago. If the applicant attends a junior college, the applicant must proceed to a four-year college by the time of graduation. In the case of the W.F. grant, the applicant must be attending a senior college by the time of graduation.

5. The recipient must be enrolled as a student at Chicago State University, and the applicant must commit to attend the university for the first four years of his college career. The student must then commit to attend a four-year college.

6. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.

7. The Scholarship Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors the students who have been awarded the scholarship.

8. The Scholarship Committee will handle the entire application process.

9. The Scholarship Committee will handle all matters relating to the scholarship.

The Veterans' Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on 28th, 30th, and 1st of August, and the Scholarship Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors the students who have been awarded the scholarship.

A well-adjusted person in one who can play bridge or golf as if they were games.

Age is creeping up when a man doesn't care what the new stenographer looks like as long as she can spell.

RESERVATIONS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Reunion July 28-31, 1977

151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________

Arrival date ____________________________ Departure date ____________________________

Convention Room rates:
Single-1 person ____________________________ $31.00
Double-2 persons ____________________________ $41.00
Twin-2 persons (1 bed only) ____________________________ $21.00
Executive Suites ____________________________ $56.00
Regency suites ____________________________ $120.00

Reservations must be received 21 days prior to opening date of Convention.

LADYSHIP AUXILIARY

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for $1.50 for 1977 dues. Please mail my membership card.

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division, what was the status relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc. _______

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Auxiliary. Mail to Mrs. Lillian Kravetz, 1801 USA East.
Cleveland, N.J. 08026

I certify that I have read the rules and regulations of the Auxiliary.

Daniel Quinn
National Secretary
Maj. Gen. Louis Craig who took command of the Division in August 1944 is shown (center) holding a roundtable conference near Montreuil, France, with Lt. Col. A.C. Briti and Captains Yarborough the General's aide.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Michigan Digings

On Sunday, June 26, the Annual Chapter picnic took place at Bennington Metro Park off 1 1/2 miles south of the Bay Bridge. Many chapter members and guests attended and had a great time.

NEWS NOTES

A great time was had by all at our annual meeting and social event. We had a wonderful turnout of members and guests at our annual meeting and social event. We had a wonderful turnout of members and guests.

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NEW YORK CHAPTER

REMEMBERED

On May 21st the Greater New York Chapter members remembered deceased comrades at a Memorial Service at the Postand National Cemetery in Farmingdale, N.Y. After a brief service and placing of the Division wreath at the site of the Flag Pole, the members visited the graves of the men who had fought for you in WW2 and many of the men who have since joined their comrade; to Bethpage Picnic Park where a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The members and their families then went to Bethpage Picnic Park where a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

PAST MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

At the Regency O’Hare Hotel.

The New York Chapter held its Memorial Service for the 31st Annual Reunion of the Pinelands National Cemetery, Long Island, N.Y. They are shown gathered at the placing of the wreaths and other members. The day had a chance to charm all around while the guys did the cooking.

COMPANY B-39TH REGIMENT

We are sorry that we could not attend to theOctofoil the 5th Division's 29th Reunion at the 31st Annual Reunion, but we had gone to press when we received the notice. In any event we offer our apology and hope that they had a good turnout. The event took place in Rochester, N.Y. on June 16, 1977. Congressman Frank Horton a member of the association and former Company Commander of B Company had the guest speaker.

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Mail Call CONT’D


Frank Watson
56-12 44th St.
Bayside, New York 11361

Exchanged our greetings for $12.00 through the Post to pay for three year memberships in the association.

I have been an avid reader of the division newsletter since it started publication at the end of World War II. I would like to continue receiving it so that I can keep abreast of all the news pertaining to the 5th Division and especially 2nd Battalion Headquarters Company of the 60th Infantry.

At the present time I am the principal of a New York City Elementary School in the Fresh Meadows area of Queens. I have been in the New York City School System since I left Ninth Division back in 1941. Give me credit for all the former buddies and friends and relatives who supported the Association together.

Rev. Tom

Bob Lynch
210-115th Street
Coney Island, NY 11221

Sign the wife and myself up for the Octofoil Reunion where we hope to see other 6th Recon buddies.

Also, put me down for the golf tournament if they are having one, although I didn’t see any word of it anywhere in the Octofoil. Regards to all and will see you soon.

S.P. I hope we can again put an end to incorporating 15th Urs of other years into our Association.


Albert J. Haft, M.D.

150 Allison Avenue
Long Beach, California 90813

Enclosed is my check for $3.00 for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

I just received a letter from Brigadier General Edwin H. Randale and he suggested writing to you. I was a member of the Ninth Infantry Division from June, 1942 through September, 1943. I served in the 47th Inf. As a Bn. Sergeant with the 125th BN. from Fort Bragg all through Africa and Sicily in 1943. In England I was transferred to B Company 96th Med. BN. and remained with this Organization until I was rotated back to the U.S. in August, 1945. From that time on I was in terminal hospital and did not do any further official duty.

Kindest regards.

47TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

The battle Immediate preparation and encountered a roadblock in BUCKLES. I released the light and walked over to the block, the elements of the 30th Armored Infantry passed through it, relieving Special Force who had received orders to continue on to and sever HIRSON, by passing any further resistance encountered.

HIRSON SECURED

By September 8th, all roads leading out of HIRSON had been firmly secured. Elements of the 1st Inf Div took over these defensive positions and the Special Force moved on through MUNS. At AMOR, enemy infantry and armor were encountered, the battalion deployed immediately, wiped out the troops and continued the attack to the woods north of AMOR where other enemy groups had been reported. Orders were received, by-pass these groups and to continue on to the objective using the NW route.

15th Engr.

George Bender
77 Dem Street
West Roxbury, Mass 02102

Enclosed is check for 1977 dues.

Best regards to all.

47th Inf. Co.

Robert W. Buck
5077 Hebron Drive
Verona, Pa. 15147

Sorry I could not make the Spring meeting in Pittsburgh. I know you had a nice meeting. Hope I can see you in person at the next reunion. I have been sick for the last few years I have been sick around reunion time.” He asked for a copy of 8 Star to Victory and he has to do so long since run out of this book. He did sign up for the reunion...

Lack of funds.

32nd Annual Reunion

July 28-30, 1977

Chicago, Illinois

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Dick O’Connor
7000 Center Ridge Road
Whitcliff, California 90065

Just a note to say I’ll be in the “Wind City” I retired at 67 and it’s a lot of fun. I’m back in college two days a week, play golf, do a bit of cooking, read lots of books and do a lot of fishing. I’m back to Chicago and see some of the country, I could drive for days alone is too much. Too bad we don’t have a group out here to make the trip, I thought I’d hit the backwater hunting but I get a lot of naps from everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you and the New York crowd. Take care.

U.S. Love California but still have a warm spot for New York and the East.


Ralph Witzkin (201-467-0430). As group leaving Newark Airport.

NEW YORK STATE RECEIVES NATIONAL CEMETERY

To be located at Cal’s) on Long Island, the national cemetery will consist of approximately 90 acres of land. The opening of the new facility will alleviate the congestion of the Long Island National Cemetery which is expected to occur about January 3. Inquiries at Calverton are anticipated by October, 1977.

23rd Annual Reunion

July 28-30, 1977

Chicago, Illinois

PARKING

If you drive the hotel garage, which is located in the basement of the hotel, you will get you 50 percent off the normal parking rate. So you can park for $1.00 per twenty-four hours, whether you are parking in the garage, unlock your car and take the elevator to the lobby and check in at the desk.

32nd Annual Reunion

July 28-30, 1977

Chicago, Illinois

The column moved out at 1030, passing through FOUR MILES, ETOBOROUGH, FALMOUTH, then crossed the Bel-Yong Line at 2259 at GRAND RANG, and immediately set up defensive positions north of Grand Range, and advanced across the River with the German, 15th Army, North, as a probable threat. The regiment was almost completely demolished during the two-day period, while Special Force Command was extremely light.

DISSOLVED

On the 9th of September, the attachment of the 3rd Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division was termi­nated and the regiment was in­structed to operate in an advisory manner to assist to the 9th Infantry Division. The success of the eleven day mission was obvious.
J • to be in the right spot at still have the company hunting Sicily? sound? it?)

STREET went to Europe D+3 as “Ac­ reuse in Chicago, in July, if it writing Frank Ozart to see if it that great bunch of guys that would be possible. compare these guys to the sentiments of a lot of my buddies of those days. Then I out to avoid serving in Vietnam, honorable discharges of others. sorry state of affairs!

OCTOFOIL, and the con­

The recent Reunions. My last records. It's the living spirit of the Ninth.

Kendall W. Guilford
Boston, Mass. 02114

Enclosed money order

Best regards and thanks

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19700 Midlothian Pk.
Nowling Grove, Ohio 43452
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Fred Nichols
2844 Draughtone Street
Fayetteville, N.C. 28303
Enclosed find check for $8.00 for Octofoil (in the red). Sorry about dues being late. Always enjoy reading it. Go up to Little Silver, N.J. about twice a year for visiting the old Recon. buddies as well as all the 9th Div. men.

Peter A. Pfeifer
14-D Canton Drive
Whitney, N.J. 07767
I am enclosing a check for three years dues. Sorry about the delay. I have retired six months ago and moved to South Jersey and lost some of my phone calls once a week.

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110 Elm Street
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Greetings from Farmingdale. The mountains, gardening, etc. How does that	

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