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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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Well Done

Thank You Illinois

You had a wonderful con­vention.

What makes a good con­vention? Dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion. This convention was no不同类型.

Second - the scenic and historic places in the convention city. This is a pleasant surprise.

The main thing is to make sure that all the members of the association are welcomed and entertained.

Glad We Did

The mention of Chicago was more than enough for a reason. It is a beautiful city.

There are all kinds of things to do and see in Chicago.

The trip from Chicago was the first flight ever for my Alice. She was so happy and excited.

After a short briefing from Mrs. Tom Boyle, Alice was ready to go. She found her assigned seat.

When our plane landed at O'Hare Airport, she said, "The plane ride was not bad."
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Traveling down road of history

While going through some of the Association's oldest records belonging to the 47th Infantry, I came across a letter from a member who was serving in the 47th Infantry in World War II. The letter was dated December 11, 1944, and it contained a request for help in obtaining a photograph of the War Museum in Cherbourg, which was mentioned in one of the other Division's reports.

In this connection, I read an article in the October 1978 edition of the Octofoil about the history of the museum in Cherbourg. The article mentioned that the museum had been established in 1944 to commemorate the liberation of the area by the 47th Infantry Division. It was located in the old City Hall, which had been destroyed during the war.

I then called the Valley Forge Flag Company at Rochester, New York City and ordered a photo of the museum. I received the photo in the mail and was very happy to have commissioned the 47th of the 47th Infantry in Cherbourg, which our Division represented. This Division was formed in the United States in June 1942 and was the first Division to be sent overseas to participate in the European campaign. It was composed of troops from a number of different states and included members from both the United States and Canada.
A happy group from the Illinois Chapter at the sing-a-long at the first night's reception.

Here's some of the members getting ready for the business session at the reunion.

The members gathered for the placing of the wreath at the Memorial Service.

Rev. Edward Connors addressing the members and their families at the 32nd reunion's Memorial.

General Westmoreland could only stay for one day at the reunion. Westy is shown as he made the rounds saying "hello" to all the gang. (Left-right) Ken Thompson, Wessy, Bill and Helen Engle. Ken and Bill were in Co D 60th Inf. This was the first reunion Ken attended.

Paul Keller was Cruise Director (?) for the ladies on the sightseeing boat.

The Ladies Auxiliary turned out in full strength for the parade to the Memorial Services.

Dr. David Heller, Chairman of the Memorial Service about to introduce John Clouser Co-chairman of the reunion (shown at his right) for start of Memorial.
Business Transacted at Reunion

The 12th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1977 at the Bayview Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Koskie. The following members who asked the members to start serving on the Board of Governors were appointed to the Board: Richard O’Connor, Robert Deresh, Joe Lada’, Max Umansky, Lou Funari and Rodger Alsgaard. President Koskie thanked the members for their continued support for the committee.

Future Reunions
President Koskie then read the minutes of the 31st reunion and called for nominations for the 32nd reunion. He subsequently moved a motion to: Accept the reading of the minutes, first Vice-President Vincent Gagliano seconded the motion. It was voted to: Accept the nominations for the future reunions. They will serve.

Upon a motion made by Frank Ozart and seconded by Bob DeSandy and Mike Deresh, it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee for the year 1977-78. The committee submitted the following budget for the year 1977-78: Postage 1,000.00, Telephone 500.00. President Koskie thanked Fred Josie for his efforts on behalf of the association for the spending of the association for the year. Upon a motion duly made by Dave Heller and seconded by Mike Mysyk it was voted to: Accept the report of the Finance Committee.

There were four new applicants this year and two renews.

Phyllis Dunia: daughter of Philip Dunia of New Rochelle, New York
Martin Feinberg: son of Irving Feinberg of Brooklyn, New York

The Board of Governors at its 114th meeting held in Pittsfield, Mass., on April 30, 1977 dealt with the following recommendations and awards: President Koskie thanked Charlie and Charlie for their efforts on behalf of the association for the spending of the association for the year. Upon a motion made by Mike Belmonte. Elias Hopkins and Frank Rating, it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee. President Koskie thanked Walter O’Keeffe and his committee.

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Rankin and seconded by Richard O’Connor it was voted to: Accept the report of the By-laws Committee.

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Minutes of the 32nd Reunion
The 32nd meeting of the National Board of Governors took place on July 27, 1977 at 4:00 P.M. in the city of Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was attended by the following members: Dan Seslowe and John Morris, representing the Octofoil; Thomas Boyle, representing the Finance Committee. President Koskie called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the members of the Board of Governors who died during the last annual meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keding and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Close the meeting at 4:45 P.M. Respectfully submitted

National Secretary

Upon a motion duly made by Elmer Wagner and seconded by George Baskin it was voted to: Accept the treasurer’s report. President Koskie thanked Doyle for his efforts on behalf of the association. Upon a motion duly made by Fred Josie it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Newspaper Committee. President Koskie thanked Walter O’Keeffe and his committee for their report.

Receipts
District Treasurer
BUDGET
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"Newspaper Committee" and Fred everybody already there. We were at the number of Ninth Division Great Northwest and Alaska. after her recent surgery. those special $10 flights out of along with Bob & Flo DeSandy and daughter-in-law, hoping to in Battle Creek to visit their son well. (Just a few cases.) Reunion would make

For Fred & Jane Josey, John Zulkiewski took one of Connors made his appearance and we all waited our turn to getting everything ready for the Merger Proposal which was presented to the group. They made it just in time. President Bill Hennemuth and Chuck Koskie (who, incidently, held the microphone) were on hand to introduce the speakers. The first speaker was John Young, who said it well.

The second and final Board meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held at Tedtmans. At this time the newly elected Board members presented the names of those that have been re-elected for the coming year. The list included the following:

President Bill Hennemuth, Chuck Koskie, Bob DeSandy, Mary McAvoy, and John Young.

The Michigan Chapter's IMPRESSIONS was loud and clear: We are looking forward to that next ten years. At the end of the meeting, we are proud and pleased to have been a part of this exciting event.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR MILITARY HISTORY

The Association for Military History meeting took place at 4:00 p.m. in the Michigan Chapter. The newly elected Board members were introduced and their contributions to the Association were acknowledged. They made it clear that the Association is alive and well and that we can all be proud of the work they have done.

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The Thirty-second Annual Reunion of the Illinois Chapter is now history. The Illinois Chapter members are proud of the work they have done for our organization. Many thanks to all who helped make this successful reunion possible.

APPRECIATIVE

General Chairman John Clouse and co-counselor for the Friday night banquet, Bill Hennemuth, Chuck Koskie and Frank Quirt expressed their appreciation to all the committee members who worked on the activities of the reunion. They also thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their assistance in making the reunion a success.

SOLOMNIC

One of the most impressive and important events of the reunion was the Memorial Service. Led by the 81st Army Band, the Memorial Service took place on the Michigan Chapter's newly elected President Al Perlin. The Michigan Chapter was represented by Frank Czart, Illinois - Paul Keller, and D'Anna S. Perna of Philadelphia.

RECEPTION

Prior to the banquet, a reception was hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. The reception was attended by present and former officers and Board members. The reception was a great success.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary was very active during the reunion. They were responsible for taking care of all the details. They were able to keep the ladies busy and they were also able to keep the guests entertained. Congratulations Ladies!
Dear John,

My wife, Anne, and I want to thank you and your Thirty Second Annual Reunion Committee for the job you did for us at the Hyatt Regency on July 23-26. The program was well executed and the arrangements were all strictly first class. The point, of course, was our march to the eternal flame to honor our fallen comrades. Incidentally, Channel 9 TV gave that марш excellent coverage on their late night news.

Warm regards to everyone!  
Norbert Hennen  
E.C. 90th

Arthur Lougher  
28 Elm St.  
Wrentham, MA 02093

Arthur has been trying to locate information on the North Memorial of the ADA and he would like to know if anyone in the ADA has any.  Fortunately some of them were current addresses and did receive a few replies. His letter reads "Your information is very helpful. Lt. Parker, Lt. Schade, Dr. Selkirk have helped more than I can say. I would like to wish the best and express our gratitude to each of them. I received a letter from Evan Parker, Lt. Schade, Dr. Selkirk and he did receive a few replies. He and Sis join us in wishing all of our former comrades and I plan on seeing them. I am most anxious to obtain a complete list of the many members that have been appointed "Special Events Chairman" and we are planning a pleasant surprise for our Octofoils the following year. I'm 64 years old and I'm still working five days a week but I paid little attention to it but I paid little attention to it. Please I want to wish the best and God's blessing to all of my former comrades and I plan on seeing them this year in Philadelphia. Best regards to all.  

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Pawtucket, R.I.

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