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HONOR 'THE GENERAL'

Did you attend our last Memorial Mass?

The Thirty Third Annual Memorial Mass of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is now history. Like the last thirty two we had the expected and the unexpected. The expected rain stayed in the Baltimore area until Monday. That helped for we prayed for good weather. With the exception of a little chill in the wind I would have to say that it was a good weekend. The unexpected happening was the arrival of Ninth men attending the Mass for the first time.

REASON THE SAME

The celebration and history were the same as in the past. Our reason for being here has always been the same, to honor and pray for those no longer with us. What made it a little different were the new faces appearing for the first time. Even though many of the Association members have attended the Mass for most of the thirty-three years, that getting old look is not too noticeable on many of us.

THANK THE PARISHIONERS

The parishioners at Immaculate spend many hours of planning to make our Saturday night very enjoyable. Thank you very much, the Parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Sunday Mass is also the time to fraternize, not with the parishioners you have not seen for some time. It is also the time to find in touch by the use of the mail.

Honor General Craig at Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

The former Army Chief of Staff, who was a principal speaker at General Craig's luncheon, was Gen. William C. Westmoreland, who was chosen by the General to be his Chief of Staff for the 9th Division in October, 1964. Westmoreland, known as 'Westy' to his former comrades, later went on to fame in the command of all forces in Vietnam.

"It wasn't a flashy unit," said Gen. Westmoreland, "a group of men who carried out their duties and their job. It was steady, enthusiastic, socially and meteorologically.

"'Westy' of the old reliable had the qualities of a master. He was a sensitive officer, but never, no matter what he was asked, he was 'Westy' to his former comrades, later went on to fame in the command of all forces in Vietnam.

Mutual Confidence

The Division had a "mutual confidence up and down the chain of command," Westmoreland recalled. "It created integrity and a modest pride. It was a Division of character, because of its leadership." A military organization reflects its leaders, he explained to the round of military leaders, and "not the other way around."
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BOARD MEETS
The 12th meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in Weehawken, N.J., at the Sheraton-Lincoln Motel on November 5, 1977, at 8:15 p.m., attended by Messrs. Alfred Pettis, Herb Olsen, George Bako, John Bono, Frank Trapiani, Frank Orz, Vincent Guglielmino, Treasurer; Vincent Guglielmino, Chairman and President of the National Board of Governors.

The chairman of the scholarship committee presented the following recommendations to the board:

1. Each scholarship is for one year.

2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.

3. The applicant must provide a copy of the high school transcript of the high school carrying the highest grade point average.

4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October.

5. The applicant must meet the results of the PSAT at the scholarship committee.

6. The applicant must be in the top high school seniors in his same community.

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There's a party still going on in Philadelphia.

The candles may have been put away for our nation's Bicentennial birthday celebration, but there's still plenty of ice cream, cake and ice left.

Philadelphians planned it this way, of course, because they saw 1976 not as the end, but as the beginning in a series of exciting events linking the Bicentennial to the City of Brotherly Love's 300th anniversary in 1982.

So, when the city began sprucing up for its Bicentennial, events, exhibits and attractions were created or restored to thrill visitors for many years, not just for a single summer.

And the spirit which vitalized the people and spurred them on to create the excitement around the city lingered in the air.

Philadelphia has always been one of America's richest cities for visitors, offering historic sites, museums and collections, ethnic festivals and an ongoing parade of events which have pleased generations of Americans.

But because the City of Brotherly Love was to play host for the grandest birthday party in history, dozens of new attractions were created and many established points of interest were restored or refurbished.

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The New Year's Shooters and Mummies Museum, the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, and a refurbished Franklin Court and the Living History Center are just a sampling of the innovative additions awaiting your discovery.

A more personal glimpse into one of our nation's guiding lights, as well as Philadelphia's most famous citizen, awaits your discovery at Franklin Court - an entire exhibit of reconstructed houses and unusual exhibits dedicated to the realways Ben Franklin. A walking tour of 18th Century print shop, a memoir post office issuing Franklin's original postmark and an entire underground museum with innovative exhibits highlighting his contributions to the world of science, literature and history are featured here. Covering the exhibit in a brief film on his life starring Howard De Silva as Franklin.

Although Franklin devoted much of his life to scientific and scholarly pursuits, he was known from Philadelphia to Paris as a devotee of the good life. He relished good food and was a devotee of the good life. He relished good food and was a devotee of the good life. He relished good food and was a devotee of the good life. He relished good food and was a devotee of the good life. He relished good food and was a devotee of the good life.

The remains of the Rhine River bridge at Remagen will be sold to financier a museum to commemorate the World War II events that made it historic.

The stone underpinnings of the bridge, removed last year as hazards to navigation, will be cut into small chips, sealed in plastic and sold as souvenirs by the city fathers of the little West German town.

The proceeds will finance construction of a museum in the two stone towers that still stand on the west bank and are owned by the town.

The bridge, built for rail traffic in 1824 and named for German's World War I, was in 1916. It was badly battered by Allied bombing but still standing - the last intact bridge across the Rhine - when German's World War I divided Remagen on March 7, 1945.

A handful of infantrymen dashed across the bridge before the German demolition crew could blow it up and managed to hold onto the tiny bridgehead until reinforcements could arrive.

We hope everyone tries to make it to Philly this year. It's going to be a big one for the Ninth.

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NOW HEAR THIS

ALL GRANDFATHERS

CHRISTMAS 1973

Rich gifts the Magi carried to the babe in Bethlehem, but gifts to true magnificence were those he gave to them. The joy of Life eternal, Faith, hope and Love so true, may the Christ forevermore bestow these gifts upon you.

To You From Eldnarn

Charles J. Vanderpool and troops of Company I 16th Infantry takes in August of 1943 to Ingelstadt, Germany, Near Division Headquarters.

Jim Daffy supplied us with a photo of the "troops" filling into an arrangement of the same military group, led by Al Orletti, George Brown, John Parti and Mike Deresh with Tom Boyle the Drill Sgt., standing for review.

Aerial view of the skyline of central Philadelphia, looking down on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The U-shaped building in center of picture is the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
Bases New York.

On Sunday December 11th, the New York Chapter held its annual Christmas party. We think that the 80th Regiment was holding a similar party because the Armory sounded like the 20th Street. It was a cold windy night outside the grill room where paintings of Father Christmas, Big Ben and Don Clancy adorned the walls. The "Old Folks" were4 waiting for their gifts from Santa. Jack Scully our "old Santa" was no longer with us and likewise for John Rutkowsk" and their toys. The New York Chapter Harry Mutcher was at the party with his wife Dora. So was Art Schmidt collecting dues and the 50-50 raffle tickets. Art Schmidt and Jack mutcher were selling chances with the Jack Scully Scholarship fund raiser and Myrtle Gigliottino, Olga Palaige, Marie Munatore, Paula Bako, Nina Derosa and Ronnie Lee were there.

There were gifts that were donated by Iris Canale, Ramona Betty and russo (I know we are going to miss some other names but hope they will see our speculators)

Winners

The winners of our 50-50 Club were Al Orletti (1st place winner of the Jack Scully Scholarship raffle, a beautiful show made by Marge Orletti and other gifts won by Paula Bako, Kaye Brady, Sal Longo, Helen Sweeney, Iris Canale, Nina Derosa, Terry Joiner, Sis Kearns, Bill Klassen, Emil Laskar and Hugo Lee. Joe Anderson, Wild Bill Donovan etc., thought of getting more of our "Radios Troops into the Association was ever present.

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At our last Meeting, we discussed Christmas, Happy holidays and the importance of this year. We have made a special announcement that everyone must be present.

The next order of business is the Installation of Officers, January 6, 1978 where Harry Wax will succeed Harry Meltzer. We were delighted to have meet John Borkowski, 1978 Director, Ted Davanzo, 1978 Treasurer, and Joanne Early, 1978 Secretary, and to officially end our activities for 1977. It was a great way to usher in the Holiday season and to officially make plans and reason for using the "old folks" wanting for their gifts from Santa. Jack Scully our "old Santa" was no longer with us and likewise for John Rutkowski

The Events of January 28th will consist of our Annual Chapter Christmas Party Meeting was held on Saturday, December 17th at our home.

These Notes have been extended to the wonderful Members of the Illinois Chapter who came to our Outing Party on October 11th. We angrily got around the ground that we were in Chicago. There were 7 of us.

We were delighted to have all the Officers of the Illinois Chapter Members who came to share this special occasion with us.

Without any previous arrangements we came across Harry Bushey up in the skyscrapers. We were in good company and ready for the celebration. It was a pleasant surprise to meet friends around, it seemed like we were in Chicago but in the ball game. He and his wife were going to be part of the group leaving Newark Airport and had to cancel at the last minute. They missed us but both, hope they will be with us next summer in Philadelphia.

Fred Hopkins and Howard Waldman are keeping the annual tradition of moving these days requesting the names and addresses of men of their companies. They want to request returns in advance. Hopps was with Company F, Fawzy with A-1 both of the 40th.

The secretary finally had lunch with Hoppie. She said that she had received from them both but especially around this time of the year.

Department Chairmen of these affairs Frank Fazio with the 3rd place winner Bill Hennemuth, and Leonard Kowalski; Francis Scully Scholarship raffle, a beautiful show made by Marge Orletti and other gifts won by Paula Bako, Kaye Brady, Sal Longo, Helen Sweeney, Iris Canale, Nina Derosa, Terry Joiner, Sis Kearns, Bill Klassen, Emil Laskar and Hugo Lee. Joe Anderson, Wild Bill Donovan etc., thought of getting more of our "Radios Troops into the Association were ever present.

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Dear Vic:

Since I had word from the 9th Armoured division association — the hospital served to the German army during World War II — we’d seen him in 33 years. Sissy was in my radio squad in Fortress, was run over by a jeep on the beach at Salamis. He didn’t suffer a scratch; went on to drive at Ozone Park, N.Y. 11416 for a few inches. Either drop me a line or arrange meeting with any information that may help get you in touch with your relative. Her name was Irene Lukawski or now Mrs. Edward Countryman (broken hip and recovery condition almost back to normal, Bill Burgosmore (much improved after a bypass operation), John Quinlan planned to attend next March. He has served as an executive of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Auditors.

Also on hand was William C. LeRoy, New York 14482. It may be a little confusing to see what we at HQ could do to speed up the process. Your Dentistry in Hartford, Connecticut. Joe McKenzie came to assemble at the fire station your son who graduated second in his class learned the General recalls “making up his mind.” It's been a long and hard road, but somehow was missed the luncheon because of a prior commitment to marry a priest. "The memorable afternoon with you."

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Highly significant digitalization and its impact on various fields

Digitalization has revolutionized numerous sectors, including healthcare, finance, and education, ushering in a new era of efficiency and innovation. However, the rapid pace of change has also raised questions about the implications for privacy, security, and the overall well-being of individuals and societies. This article delves into the multifaceted aspects of digitalization, exploring both its opportunities and challenges.

In healthcare, digitalization has enabled more precise diagnoses and personalized treatments through advanced analytics and machine learning. For example, precision medicine利用s patient data to tailor treatments to individual genetic profiles. Additionally, telemedicine allows patients in remote areas to receive care via video conferencing, bridging geographic gaps.

On the other hand, concerns regarding data privacy and security have intensified. As more personal information is gathered, shared, and analyzed, the risk of data breaches and misuse becomes a significant concern. Governments and organizations must implement robust security measures to protect sensitive data.

In finance, digitalization has streamlined transactions and expanded access to financial services. Mobile banking and apps provide convenience, but they also raise questions about the security of personal information and the potential for fraud.

For educators, digitalization opens doors to innovative teaching methods and personalized learning experiences. Online courses can reach a global audience, but they also pose challenges in ensuring equitable access to technology.

In conclusion, digitalization represents a transformative force that can greatly improve our lives. However, it is crucial to balance the benefits with a strong commitment to safeguarding privacy and security. As we continue to embrace digitalization, it is essential to foster a dialogue between technologists, policymakers, and the public to ensure that the digital future is one of innovation and inclusivity.

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Received a wonderful GET WELL CARD from the members, who attended the Father Connors' Dinner at Watertown. I want to express my sincere thanks to all my friends and their loved ones for thinking of me during my illness.

GOD LOVE YOU, GOD BLESS YOU and wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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