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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Fort Lauderdale Next Year

Celebrate 35th Memorial

Realizing that the Old Folks, because of our schedule, will reach their destination, the Annual Memorial and Service in Worcester we never the less wanted to print a special letter sent, each year, by Father Connors. For November, December issue of the Old Folks will contain the information of this most solemn and beautiful update for all. This year in August, I contain the story pertaining to this event and our members should have received this issue in September.

On Sunday, November 5, 1978, it will be my privilege to preside over the National Memorial Mass and Service for the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division - located at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, two years at St. Mary's Church in North Grafton, and 27 years in the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester. Six years in the old church and nine in the new church. The largest crowd was in 1966, our 25th Annual Memorial Service, when about 800 attended. In recent years we have an average of approximately 500 attended. And God bless you for continuing to remember our deceased comrades, those who have preceded us into Eternity.

Many of all Faiths attend. Protestant, Jewish, Orthodox, Catholic - united in charity and prayer. It is my privilege to join the 9th in this event, but members of their families, friends, and general solids and soldiers and sailors and airmen and marines.

Appreciating Retirement

As you know, I am approaching retirement and for me the job of being on the job after this year is questionable. And if I remain, even though I hope to be of service in some way, I shall not have a parish and therefore, I shall have no place to be. I am still going strong, and I hope that this year we shall have an especially large turnout so that it is necessary for my "LAST HARVEST", it will be a most memorable one.

Grand Job

I enjoyed the successful Convention in Philadelphia Congratulations to the Philadelphia Chapter - you did a grand job. The attendance at 340 in 1955 and 340 in 1965 was outstanding. In 15 years we have had a grand job. I hope to attend the 1979 Convention in Fort Lauderdale

Best Wishes

As I have said many times, my best years as a priest and a person were my years with the men of the 9th Infantry Division and World War II, and that I have a real privilege of serving you. These years were the highlight of my life. You men were an inspiration to me - thank you and God bless you. Pray for one another.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Edward T. Connors, V.F.W.
FEMA, M.S. 300, Washington, D.C. 20020.

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10. FOR COMPLETION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship

Committee as final.

5. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every

October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT

are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These
results may be included with the high school transcript

or sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

4. The applicant must have a good average in high school

and the exempt

5. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point

average of 2.5 or better. The applicant must also have

a 2.5 grade point average at the college he intends to

attend.

3. The applicant must be a member of the 47th Infantry

Division, either an active or retired member, who is

either a veteran of the 47th Infantry Division or

a member of a family in which one or more members

have served in the 47th Infantry Division.

2. The applicant must be a resident of a State of the

U.S. in which there is a Chapter of the 47th

Infantry Division Association.

1. The applicant must complete and submit the

application form for the scholarship.

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"The division can well be proud of its part in the Cherbourg campaign. It has added honor to the honors already gained in its Tunisian and Sicilian operations and is a happy augury for its future campaigns in Europe."

Faithfully yours,

[Signature: L. E. Collins]  
Major General, U.S. Army, commanding.

For each ribbon you earned, there is a medal that goes along with it. That includes Good Conduct, Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Unit Citation, etc. All those medals, badges, and ribbons you earned by your services with the 9th are worth something to you if you have not already received them formally from the U.S. Government. There is little effort on your part to have them delivered by mail to your home. Simply send your name, address, Army Serial Number and the dates you entered service and were discharged from service. That's all! No other details are needed. Merely say that you are requesting the decorations you are entitled to. Keep it brief. This address to send your request in:

Corps Commander
Army Records
200 Stoval Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

If you served in the Army during WWII and received an award of the Combat Infantryman or Combat Medical Badge, you can now apply for the Bronze Star. Award may be made open after reviewing the documents. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact the Army Records Office at 200 Stoval Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

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Eligible are members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. who, after December 6, 1941, have been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in great combat against an armed enemy between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievements have been otherwise confirmed by documents executed prior to July 1, 1947. For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or Medical Badge is considered a citation in orders.

Documents executed since August 4, 1944, in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will NOT be used as the basis for an award under the provisions of this paragraph.

In writing for the award, cite "C-1, AR 672-5" in regard to Army Regulations published December 11, 1974.

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REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS
FOR 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
REUNION
JULY 25-29, RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE: JULY 15, 1979

1) PERSON $20.00 ARRIVAL DATE
2) PERSONS + ROOM $35.00 DEPARTURE DATE
3) 4TH PERSONS AT $10.00 per person additional. Children under 12 sharing with parents - no charge. Maximum 4 persons per room. PLEASE ADD 4 PERCENT SALES TAX. SPECIAL CONVENTION RATES APPLY 3 DAYS BEFORE & AFTER CONVENTION DATES.

NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS IN YOUR RESERVATION:
NO OF PERSONS

PLEAS INCLUDE ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT.

GALT OCEAN MILES
28 GALT OCEAN DRIVE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33308

Galt Ocean Mile Hotel is located directly on 400 spacious feet of golden beach and at the Galt nothing comes between you and the Atlantic. You'll find our golden-sand beach lined with palm colored pines. The Galt provides poolside fun by offering a heated Olympic size (redwaterpool). Or just soak up the sun in one of our comfortably cushioned chaise lounge chairs while cool tropical breezes lull you to dreams of a vacation without end. Our pristine white sands protected against third in the Florida sun and offers a romanic setting during the evening hours.

Your accommodations at the Galt are more than a room. They're a room with a view: a special point of view that transforms your guest room into a personal holiday haven. The Galt's rooms are spacious, private and tastefully furnished. All rooms are equipped with color T.V.'s, telephone, wall to wall carpeting and two double beds. All rooms are centrally conditioned and heated for your maximum comfort. Choose our stylish efficienciees with kitchen facilities if you wish. Or how about a luxurious suite overlooking the ocean?
Billy and Marynna Stieren, our steady regulars for over a year now, have been buying another dog together with all their new free happy memories. So many of these events, result of our friendship, are great with his good company.

Chuck and Doris were both happy and satisfied with the special invitation to a special celebration—Diane’s Birthday. Everyone joined in singing that was written on the cake. Music and dancing on the fun ran from the late afternoon until the early evening. After everyone had eaten their fill of food and cool refreshments enjoyed by all, we would have to say it was one of the many friends who made that Outing very enjoyable. We are grateful to Vi for the latest word that Kleb is in good shape.

Kleb’s daughter of Sidney, Roberta, has done a wonderful job and spent the last two weeks she has been in hospital recovering from surgery. It was a long, hard road, but Kleb is doing well. It is nice to see a familiar face and I hope that it will be back to normal for him.

May 1979

SICK CALL

Sounds like “Sick Call”. Fred Jones was visiting his brother in the hospital again but he and Jane were there with their children. The whole family expressed their deep appreciation for all the good care they had been taking care of them. Their daughter, Louise, recently moved to Bay City. We are glad to see her son, John, who recently visited her.

Chuck and Doris Fox werejaunty in the company of so many friends. They have many fine memories to look back on with happiness. We are grateful to them for allowing us to share in their memories.

The October meeting was held on Saturday, November 18th, at the American Legion Hall, 2nd Floor, 2012 Riverview Drive, Richmond Hill, N.Y. The meeting was well attended with a large group present, including officers of other Posts. The meeting was full of “Big Brass”. Queens County Commander Ronald Marzilli introduced the new officers of VFW Post 229, Richmond Hill, New York, and expressed his thoughts on the importance of this meeting. By popular demand, a raffle was held and the winner was announced. The meeting was adjourned with a song as the Band played on.

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MEET IN CALIFORNIA
Emil and Audrey de Donato of Toteme, N.C., boarded a giant 747 on August 9th and flew to California where they were greeted by Richard and Millian Manfredi.

The Manfredi's wasted little time in having their guests from New York by taking them to see the famous Redwood trees in Sequoia where all of the important formations and huge cultivars, located in Yosemite National Park, excited many other places of interest.

Richard Manfredi (l) and Emil de
Donato at the Bridge Inn, Tram, Calif.

The writer wishes to express our grateful appreciation to those who were responsible for our splendid reunion in the wonderful city of Philadelphia. I am sure many of you were touched by those actively employed as well as from our respective national family activities. One can only rightly say that true dedication was exemplified.

Mabel and I surely enjoyed every phase of the reunion even though toward the last I was not feeling too well. As I have stated before at least in part, I am on disability from the Savannah Depot. Our U.S.A. Army as Assistant Chief, Real Estate Division.

We were able to enjoy fellowship with many of our friends. This was the first time many of us had an opportunity to see Francis J. Ferrero and Wife. Others in attendance were: J. Graf & Patty Bombergner, Michael Devore, Charles & Sue Sindling, Paul & Louise Drummond, J. Wm. & Helen Egle, John and Helen Kocay, and lastly Wallace & Madeline Burr. John, who lives at Lindenwald, New York, who contacted me immediately.

This also applies to Walter J. Hoffman, of his capable assistants of the 376 AA. I received it from a friend in New York State for this company.

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MAIL CALL

CRUCK WESLEY P.O. BOX 15324 Hirschberg Schiller Park, IL 60176

I am enclosing a letter that you might enjoy. I know that you have lost a close friend. Hopesure deserves some recognition for last reunion in Philly. I hope you are well and you have not been informed of any illness.

Illinois gang was quite a few of ours that have been in touch for many years. We are all of us in many parts of the world and the gang is still going strong.

Best to you and Mrs. and all the boys that I have seen in many years. Meanwhile I am sending some photos that I took at the reunion.

Sorry I could not make Philly this year I have had to work full time. I hope you do not lose heart think of me each time you see a photo... I think my letter will do for a long time. I wish you all the best in the future.

R. M. BEEBE
3618 Lynndale Blvd

I hope that this letter finds you and your family in good health and that you will receive it in good time. I will be there in 1979.

Carole W. TAYLOR
110 Wheatland Lane

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