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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Volume XLXXV Number 2 April-May 2000

## THE MATT URBAN MONUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT



Shown are photos taken at the Matt Urban unveiling of the Monument at his grave site in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

## DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

April 1, 2000 was a most beautiful day at Arlington National Cemetery. Our prayers were answered and we were blessed.

The turn-out for Matty's Monument Dedication was estimated at about 60 present. The Program went well with The Ninth Infantry Division Assoc. and The PLAV participation. We were proud of the Monument in Memory of Lt. Col. Matt Urban which will be a remembrance for generations to come.

Peter and I express our deep gratitude to each and everyone who have contributed in any way to make this dream come true. With your help we have accomplished our mission.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the 55th Annual Reunion on May 2 thru the 5th at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y. We will have a complete report to present on that happy occasion.

After our fine chat, I'm following with a more detailed report on The Dedication. Going there was hectic with a lot of road work on the Penn Turnpike. It was stop and go for miles and miles. At times it was 35 minutes without moving at all. By the time we got to The Day's Inn Friday evening, it was after 8:00. Should of been there by 4:30. however, the beautiful day that followed made up for it.

Saturday, April 1st, the Dedication date at Arlington was great. In the 70's, blue skies, no wind, not too hot and not too cool, just as perfect as could be. Matty must have arranged that for us.

Everything fell in place for our Dedication Program. There were 50 chairs set up for our group with a PA System and a Bugler. The open spots in our Program were filled nicely by the Members. George Brown took care of the wreath as promised. Al Zenka was the Chaplain of the Day. The PLAV National Honor Guard was very impressive. With all the delays and disappointments, the Monument came out beautiful. Beyond expectation and I'm inclined to say that it was a blessing when our first choice was turned down. (I will have a new Program Book with all the names, in time for the Reunion.)

Would you believe that after such a perfect day on Saturday it did rain practically all the way to Michigan on Sunday. But it was an enjoyable journey back home. No tie-ups, plenty of rest stops and wonderful memories that we were taking with us.

Respectfully

Peter A. Radichio  
John Bonkowski

## THE 9th INF DIV ASSN ENTERS THE 21st CENTURY WITH ITS 55th ANNUAL REUNION



## Kutsher's Country Club Resort Hotel Monticello, New York Tuesday to Friday, May 2-5, 2000

Well, Ninthmen and Ladies, this is it! The long-awaited 55th Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association — the first of the new millennium — has arrived. Our command post at Kutsher's in the beautiful Catskill Mountains welcomes us. Legendary Rip Van Winkle has awakened to the tumult of activity reverberating through his woodlands around the world-renown hotel. Everything is ready for your enjoyment: the varied indoor and out door activities or relaxed get-together with wartime buddies and friends; fabulous dining (no strip tickets); nightly entertainment; comfortable accommodations and more. NY Chapter Reunion Committee chairmen Joe Killen and Marty Gross hope everything will be to your satisfaction as your 9th Inf. Div Assn. enters the 21st Century.

### Kutschers Reunion



### The Free Amenities Include:

- \* Different all-star variety show nightly
- \* Never a cover or minimum
- \* Late night lounge shows
- \* Discotheque music
- \* Deep End Lounge for late dancing
- \* Health and Fitness Center
- \* Indoor swimming pool
- \* Shopping Arcade
- \* Valet car parking
- \* Handball, Paddleball, Tennis
- \* Shuttle bus to Apollo Shopping Mall.

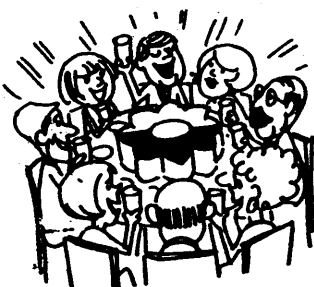
### In Addition:

After dinner on Tuesday, May 2, there will be a one-hour Welcome Party with beer, soda, pretzels and chips, and an open cash bar—and we will have a lavish complimentary cocktail party with open bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres on Thursday prior to our banquet.

Look for more exciting details to come in the next Octofoil.

—Your Host, the Greater NY Chapter

(Jack) McDaniel  
G 47th Inf.



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The 9th Infantry Division Association  
55th ANNUAL REUNION  
Tuesday to Friday - May 2 to 5, 2000

at  
**KUTSHER's**  
Country Club Resort Hotel  
Monticello, New York 12701  
Make all payments by **CHECK ONLY** payable to:  
**9th INF DIV ASSN REUNION 72K**  
Mail the completed Registration Form with check to:  
**Joe Killen**

Deposits of \$50 per person will be accepted until April 1, 2000. Reservations made after April 1, 2000 will be subject to room availability. Cancellations made up to 72 hours before the reunion are fully refundable. Only checks payable to the 9th Inf Div Assn (tax exempt organization) will not be subject to sales tax. For more information call Joe Killen 516-561-7346. **Balance upon checking out of hotel must also be payable to the 9th INF DIV ASSN REUNION 72K.**

(A photocopy of Reservation Form may be used if you do not wish to cut up your Octofoil)

9th Inf. Div. Assn. Room Reservations May 2 to 5, 2000

Name .....Spouse Name .....  
Unit (Regt, Co, Btry, etc) .....  
Street Address .....  
City ..... State ..... Zip .....  
Telephone (Home) ..... (Bus) .....  
Date arrive on ..... Date depart on .....  
If Other Than M/M, I will share with .....

Please state any special request: Handicapped, etc. ....  
**ROOM RATES PER PERSON** for A **MINIMUM** of a **3 night stay** which includes 9 full meals and gratuities for the Dining Room staff and the Chambermaid staff are:

ACCOMMODATIONS (Please indicate):	SINGLE	DOUBLE
....Marquis (Ultra Deluxe) .....	\$355	\$280
....Tower (Super Deluxe) .....	335	260
Section (Standard) .....	320	245

Attach additional note with following indications if desired. For those who wish to arrive early: The same daily rate will be in effect for up to two days before the start of the reunion as follows **per person:**

		SINGLE	DOUBLE
Marquis	1 night early.....	\$120	\$ 95
	2 nights early.....	235	185
Tower	1 night early .....	110	85
	2 nights early ....	220	170
600 Section	1 night early .....	105	80
	2 nights early ....	210	160

People who wish to stay only **ONE night** during the reunion can do so if space is available. The **ROOM RATE** plus \$20 for the **ONE night** early arrivers is the rate for this privilege. To extend your stay beyond the Friday exit time, the higher weekend rate will be in effect. Arrangements must be with the hotel management. Kutsher's will accommodate members who reside in the vicinity and wish to partake of meals with hotel guests. Visitor Meal Rates are: Breakfast \$9.63, Lunch \$12.84, Dinner \$24.61. For attending both Cocktail Hour and Banquet management will accept CASH payment only of \$26.75.

**If paying by CREDIT CARD**

Please give information:

☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard #..... Expiration Date.....

**Reservation secured by Credit Card must be paid in full** and sent directly to Kutsher's hotel, as credit card payments are subject to the Sullivan County and New York State Sales Taxes of approximately \$40.00. For hotel information contact Kutshers Country Club Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Monticello, New York 12701. Tel. (914) 794-6000 or call Toll Free 800-431-1273.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Public:**

Scheduled Short Line Bus Service from Port Authority Terminal in Manhattan to Monticello. Charter Bus, Car Service, Private Limousine Service available. Call Kutsher's Service Desk for information.

**Automobile:**

**From New York City and Metropolitan Area:** (2 hours) George Washington Bridge to New Jersey Palisades Parkway to New York State Thruway North. Proceed on Thruway to Exit 16 (Harriman) and proceed on Route 17 West to Exit 105B. **Turn left at first traffic light onto ANAWANA LAKE ROAD—three miles to Kutsher's.**

**From Long Island:** Long Island Expressway West to Cross Island Parkway. North across the Whitestone Bridge to Cross Bronx Expressway to Major Deegan Expressway North to the N.Y.S. Thruway North to Exit 16. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

**From Syracuse:** Route 81 South to Binghamton. Take Route 17 East to Exit 105B. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

**Buffalo/Rochester:** New York State Thruway to Exit 36, Syracuse. Follow Syracuse directions to Kutsher's as above.

**BY AIR**

**From JFK Airport:** Van Wyck Expressway to the Whitestone Bridge to Cross Bronx Expressway to the Major Deegan Expressway North to N.Y.S. Thruway North to Exit 16. Take Route 17W to Exit 105B. **Turn left at first traffic light onto ANAWANA LAKE ROAD—three miles to Kutsher's.**

**From La Guardia Airport:** Grand Central Parkway to the Triboro Bridge to Major Deegan Expressway North to N.Y.S. Thruway North. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

**From Newark Airport:** New Jersey Turnpike North to Route 80 West to the Garden State Parkway North of N.Y.S. Thruway North. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

**From Stewart Int'l Airport:** Leave airport and turn left. At first traffic light make a left. Take 84 West to Binghamton Exit. Take 17 West to Exit 105B. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

**Car Rental:** Major car rental agencies are located at all New York Airports and Stewart Airport. Driving time from Stewart to Kutsher's approximately 50 minutes.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association read: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division.

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**NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N.J. 07087

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name.....Serial No.....

Street Address.....

I was a member of:

Battery.....Company.....Regiment.....9th Div.....

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member per year.....\$10.00☐

Sustaining Member.....☐

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THREE-YEAR MEMBER.....\$25.00☐  
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**Request for Medals of World War II**

From time to time one of our members will inquire where he may receive medals from his time with the Ninth. For those interested write to: U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, Attn: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200.

Your request should include your serial number, date and place of birth, of course your full name, address, then and present, the dates served in the Army and by all means a copy of your separation document (DD Form 214).

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Had the pleasure of visiting both the 2nd and 3rd Battalion of our Regiment on 14 March 2000.

Both Battalions are stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia and both Battalions are involved in training new soldiers.

The occasion was to change command within The Regimental Association from Colonel (Retired) Edward E. Thurman to Brigadier General (Retired) Douglas S. Smith.

A ceremony of changing the colors from Colonel (Retired) Thurman to Brigadier General (Retired) Smith was performed with both the 2nd, 3rd Battalions in attendance accompanied by a Fort Benning Band and several WW II Veterans, Vietnam veterans, and several people from Fort Benning.

Personnel from WW II present at the Change of Command ceremony were Brigadier General (Retired) Lewis Maness, Lt. (Retired) Chester A. Jordan, Jack Collier and CSM (Retired) Kenneth L. Meyer.

Personnel from the Vietnam ERA were Brigadier General (Retired) Douglas S. Smith, Colonel (Retired) Henry Jezrk plus several veterans from the 2nd Battalion who served with Brg. (Ret) Douglas S. Smith and Col. (Retired) Henry Jezek.

The Change of Command ceremony at Fort Benning certainly opened a few eyes. The band plus both Battalions were lined up in parade status.

Let me tell you because of the change in weaponry, each Battalion had a strength of about 500 men. As I recall, during WW II each line company fielded slightly over 200 men per company.

After the ceremony concluded, everyone took off in all directions until approximately 7 p.m. when we all met again for a bull session between WW II and Vietnam veterans at Colonel Mike Burns-2/47 Infantry's home. Boy — the stories I heard.- - AMEN.

Another incident was that all we veterans had lunch in what is now known as the Dining Facility. (Boy, did I ever miss the old company dining hall).

Well, to sum it all up, each of us had a wonderful time telling war stories. (Bigger and better).

Anyone interested in joining the Regimental Association please contact:

Ken Meyer

POTSHOTS and OTHER OBSERVATIONS FROM the REUNION DUGOUT

I don't know about you, but I've got a couple of reasons to show-up at the reunion this year. The first reason is that it is not too far from my home, a two hour trip by car from Long Island. The second reason that I'm going is the more important of the two and that is because this may be the last reunion that the Good Lord will allow me to attend before I have to answer the "Big Roll-call" in the sky. A last chance to hob-nob with my friends before I'm gone; or, before they're gone. I don't want to leave any opportunities laying unused that I would regret not using later on in life. Without being morbid, just using a statistical fact, did not know that since the last New York Reunion in 1996, 299 members have gone to their "Final Reward"; and a lot of them were regular attendees at our reunions.

I'm not "saving for a rainy day" because we have been in a deluge for the past five or six years; and besides, all of the money in the world can't buy anybody an extra second when their time is up. We have people on oxygen coming, people in wheelchairs coming, people with vision problems coming, and people with canes coming; if they can make it to the reunion so can I. No pi\_ poor lame excuses for me. What is YOUR excuse for not coming up??

I wonder why a member from America's Heartland can find time to travel over to Germany not once, but twice; and yet shun our reunions for the past couple of years. Maybe, we're not good enough to be in his company, quien sabre??

Ninthmen are very enigmatic; they enjoy reading the Octofoil, they moan and groan when they don't receive it on time; and yet, when they are asked to send in an article, and opinion, a decent newsletter they shy-away. Hey, guys, in case you haven't noticed our family is shrinking, and we all have to take turns at pulling our wagon along the road of life. Get active, let's hear from you.

Life is short, take time to smell the flowers as you pass by; stay healthy and meet me at the reunion this year.

Joe Killen, G-47

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Directions to Kutschers Reunion

From Southern New Jersey & Philadelphia: (3 hours from Phila.) New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 11 Garden State Parkway North to New York State Thruway North. N.Y.S. Thruway to Exit 16 and proceed on 17 West to Exit 105B. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

From Allentown/Scranton, Pa: Northeast Extension of Pennsylvania Turnpike North to Route 84 East to Exit 4 West. Take Route 17 West to Exit 105B. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

From Boston and New England States: (4 1/2 hours fr. Boston, 3 hours fr. Springfield) Mass. Turnpike to Sturbridge Exit. Route 84 West to New York Exit 4W to Route 17 West to Exit 105B. Follow directions to Kutsher's as above.

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

IT'S ALL SET! We go to the Hilton Melbourne Airport Hotel for our Florida Chapter Reunion on September 21, 22, 23 and depart on the 24th. Richard Baudouy is the Chairman with Charles Van de Poel as Co-Chairman. Jean Baudouy, Emil and Audrey De Donato will help them in making this reunion a pleasant and an enjoyable one. The cost, directions and other particulars will be printed in the next issue of the Octofoil. In the meantime, mark your calendars, put aside these days and attend our reunion. Remember, the Reunion Committee works very hard in organizing these affairs and they deserve your support.

**SURVEY REPORT:** It is very discouraging to report that only one member thought enough to answer the questionnaire that was printed in the Florida Chapter newsletter column in the last Octofoil issue. One other member answered by phone. The Reunion committee spends time, money and lots of effort in organizing these reunions without compensation. the least a member can do is to invest a 20 cent postcard to answer these questionnaires which will help those responsible in organizing future reunions.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report the demise of two more members of the Florida Chapter:

**MILTON (Jack) McDANIEL** died on February 9, 2000. the funeral services were held on February 12th. Ret. Gen. Lewis Maness participated in the eulogy. Other Florida Chapter members who attended the funeral services were Norris & Dorothy Gray; H.F. and Lila Stansell; Bertha Carson and Richard Baudouy. Jack McDaniel was employed as the Daytona Beach Building Inspector for many years. He served in Co G of the 47th Infantry Regiment.

The services were held at the West Baptist Church in Daytona Beach followed by the interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery. The V F W provided a moving service at gravesite which included the sounding of TAPS and a 21 gun salute. Following the interment, a luncheon was held at the West Baptist Church Hall.

**FREDERIC A HERRIN:** His wife Margaret sent a note to this writer stating that her husband Frederic (Fred) died on March 14, 2000. Fred served in Co. F of the 60th Infantry... the same Company as Philip Berman and Jimmy Driscoll who both passed away last year. The Officers and members of the Florida Chapter 9th Infantry Division Association acknowledge with deep regret the passing away of these two members and of all the other devoted members and comrades who are no longer with us today.

**9TH DIVISION 1ST ANNIVERSARY NEWSPAPER:** Over 59 years ago, sometime in September in August of 1941, Emil De Donato sent a copy of the 1st ANNIVERSARY NINTH DIVISION NEWSPAPER to his brother Ernest in Hackensack, New Jersey. The postage was 3 cents. This first edition newspaper was published by the 9th Division Headquarters and it consisted of 40 pages. Now, after so many years, Emil found this old newspaper among the personnel effects of his late sister Gussie Franco, who passed away on December 21, 1998. The issue date was August 1, 1941... approximately 4 months, 6 days before Pearl Harbor. It contained congratulatory articles on the fine development of this newly formed American Infantry Division.

Emil found this old newspaper neatly preserved in a canvas bag however because of the many years it laid in storage, the paper became so brittle that it flakes off with the least bit of handling. With very careful handling, Emil was able to tape some of the separations with transparent tape and then made some copies on his copying machine. To describe the contents of this old newspaper would take too much space so Emil plans to take a few page copies to the National Reunion and also to the Florida Chapter Reunion in the Fall of this year. Any member interested in viewing these copies are asked to contact Emil De Donato at either reunion. As to the original copy, Emil De Donato plans to inquire the museum at Camp Blanding in Florida to see if they are interested in restoring whatever is salvageable.

**NINTH DIVISION INSIGNIA:** (Reprinted from the 9th Division 1st Anniversary Newspaper). "Combining symbolic colors with heraldic simplicity, the Ninth Division insignia is considered by many to be the Army's most attractive emblem.

The double quatrefoil is the heraldic mark of the cadency of the ninth son and is used as the insignia theme.

The quatrefoil is red and blue designating color of the numerals for the division flags. The background is of Army olive drab.

The original Ninth Division of World War I did not have an insignia during its short activation. The present insignia was approved by the War Department in 1923."

47th Hg.  
Emil J. De Donato

Taps Sounded

**Call out our names  
as the years go by--  
Remember us--  
and we will never die.**

**With deep remorse we announce the passing of these friends and comrades.  
May they rest in peace.  
To their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.**

Albert Irene  
M. Co. 39th Inf.

Frank Rankin  
B Co. 15th Engrs.

Jerome Cohen  
60th Inf.

John Armitage  
M Co. 60th Inf.

Wendell Reppert  
M Co. 60th Inf.

Sophia Chmiel  
Wife of Joseph Chmiel  
F Co. 60th Inf.

Boardman "Woody" Lockwood  
47th Inf.

Frank Podzialdo  
Div. Arty. Med. Det.

Lewis Davis  
M Co. 47th Inf.

Lewis Glaser  
M Co. 47th Inf.

Gregorio Shipane  
M Co. 47th Inf.

Lewis Grego  
60th Inf. M Co. + 9th Sig.

James O'Reilly  
47th Inf.

Jack Craig  
B Co. 60th Inf.

Frederich Herrin  
F Co. 60th Inf.

James Robinson  
C Btry 26th F.A.

John Price  
C Btry 26th F.A.

Carl Macri  
C Btry 26th F.A.

Ray White  
E Co 39th Inf.

Leon Sieminiski  
Can es 47th Inf



LOCKWOOD, BOARDMAN "WOODY"

Boardman Francis "Woody" Lockwood, 83, of West Hartford, husband of Janet S. Lockwood, died Friday (November 26, 1999) at Hartford Hospital, after a lengthy illness. Born in Boston, MA, the only child of Dorothy Root Boardman and Willis Albert Lockwood, he returned to Hartford, the area of his family heritage.

Being called to active duty in February 1942, he served as an Infantry Officer with the 47th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, a Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, through eight campaigns in the European Theater of Operations, commencing with the November 8, 1942 invasion of French Morocco and terminating with meeting Russian Forces in Germany.

He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Janet Sherman Lockwood; their daughter, Judy L. Donaldson, and their son-in-law, Chase F. Donaldson of Canterbury.



## MAIL CALL

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Dan and faithful members of the Ninth Div. Ass'n. Have received no News Items from Mich. Chapter Members! Payment of dues will clue you in on our calendar.

The only thing we have planned is our annual Memorial Service which this year will be June 10th 2000. We will meet at the Sweden House located off of US 31 North in the Holland Outlet Center. We will gather there at noon have our lunch then Mrs. Urban will lead us to the area where the monument was erected and pay our final respects of the day.

I will mail out a newsletter in May with complete details, map and list of motels for those who wish to stay over.

I am very sorry I was unable to attend the doings at Arlington as I was laid up and on the third of April was admitted to the hospital for five days with a respiratory infection.

I am doing real fine for the present but at our stage of life things change by the day.

Yours in comradeship,  
Mich. Chapter Sec. 9th Div. Assn.  
Edwin W. Wisniewski

**The Ninth Infantry Division Association  
Texas and Greater Southwest Chapter  
Jack R. Blann - President  
11303 Valley Stream Drive  
Houston, Texas 77043**

At the recent meeting of the Texas and Greater Southwest Chapter held in Salado, Texas on March 16, 2000, Jack Blann and Herb Stern were chosen as alternate directors to replace directors Ernie Botella and John Miller in their absence at Board of Director meetings. At the present time it appears that Ernie will not attend the meeting at Kutscher's. in May. Look forward to seeing you again at that time.

Best Regards,  
Jack R. Blann

## GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

On Friday, March 17, 2000, the NY Chapter met at its usual command post at Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St. Manhattan. At 7:45 p.m., President Anton Dietrich opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of residential chaplain Al Lipton, Charlie LiBretto gave the invocation. A moment of silence was observed for our departed comrades. This particular meeting was also the occasion of "Past Presidents Night" of which six pp's attended.

Since Secretary Art Schmidt and Recording Secretary Marv Levy were out on sick call minutes of the last meeting was not read. Treasurer Al Zenka, back from a Florida respite, gave a 2-month financial report which indicated that NY Chapter finances were sound. Zenka then read correspondence from far flung members relating mostly to the purchase of deceased Bill Kreye's book, "Pawns of War," distributed by the chapter's secretary, Art Schmidt. (Although Arthur is temporarily residing at the VA St. Albans Extended Care Center, Queens, NY, while he awaits a new leg and therapy, he is processing orders from his home with the help of his niece while he recovers. I visited Art recently at the facility and he was doing well and hopes other ninthmen would visit or call him. His telephone number is 718-298-8757.

Next order of business was the appointment of delegates to the various committees at the 55th Reunion at Kutsher's Country Club Hotel, May 2-5, 2000. They are: Nomination Committee- Charles LiBretto and Bill Klaus; Finance-Walter O'Keefe and Anton Dietrich; Newspaper-Marv Levy; ByLaws-Alphonse Zenka; Miscellaneous-Adolph Wadalavage and Joe Killen.

Reunion Co-chairman Joe Killen reported that final details for the reunion was wrapping up nicely. Since there will be no NY Chapter meeting in April due to the Good Friday date, the next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 20 at the chapter picnic following our annual Memorial Service at the VA National Cemetery in Farmingdale, Long Island which begins at 10:30 a.m. All Ninthmen, their ladies and friends are invited.

After some additional business meeting was adjointed at 9:30 p.m. and everyone partook of the hospitality table. Also, in attendance not mentioned above were: Ed Harris, Bill Klaus, Al Lubrano, Dan Quinn, Herminio Suarez, and Adolph Wadalavage.

Attention NY Chapter Area members! If you haven't renewed your dues for 2000 now's the time to do it: \$10 for one year, \$25 for 3 years and \$75 for Lifetime Mem. Make checks payable to Greater NY Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn. and send to Arthur R. Schmidt, Secretary, 9-12 Doran Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385.

Marv Levy  
Co. A, 60th

DEADLINE NEXT  
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JULY 20th

## ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Midwest. We still haven't held any meetings aside from having a luncheon with the Andersons, Hellers and Paulis in February. We were discussing our trip to New York with the Hellers and discovered we could fly to Newburg, N.Y. via American Airlines. We have booked our flight and will leave the driving to others. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends at Kutsher's.

The Andersons just returned from a trip Southeast where they visited with their son and then down to Florida where they saw the Hennemuths and Clousers. Bill and Peggy are doing well and will be back to the Midwest around June 1st. The Clousers have sold their home in Florida and are back home in Michigan. We wish them good fortune in their new venture.

We visited with Dolores Bauman (John's widow). She had hoped to attend the reunion in May but is having a health problem preventing her from traveling. She will be going to the doctor shortly for more tests with the possibility of surgery. Our prayers are with her.

We heard from the Gaetner's and they are planning their annual cook-out for July 26th in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Gordon will send notices informing us of the details. We hope to have a good turn out as this is one of the few outings we hold each year. We look forward to good food, fun and friends to share the day.

Our October Outstate meeting with Michigan will again be held in Angola, Indiana on October 4 and 5, 2000. More details later but mark your calendars and reserve the dates. Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy Daniel in the loss of her husband Calvin. They both attended many Angola outings and will be missed.

We will be having lunch with the Andersons, Hellers and this time will be joined with Roger and Doris Elmer. The Elmers are between Florida trips and it will be good seeing them again.

That's it for now. See you in the Catskills.

Sincerely,  
Mike Belmonte

## TEXAS/GREAT SOUTHWEST CHAPTER NEWS

The chapter met on March 16th at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado, Tx. Everyone was in good spirits as we heard early plans for the 2001 Convention to be held in Houston next May (2001). Jack Blann and Herb Stern are accumulating material to pass out at the New York meeting next month.

Ken Meyer received his last treatment for cancer in time to attend the changing of command of the 47th Regiment at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Willard Norris and W.M. (Dub) Lynch were also invited to the ceremony but were unable to attend.

We were saddened by the death of Gordon Schneider's wife, Liz. she had been ill for some time.  
Best wishes for a great reunion in New York.

Dick Granbery

## M COMPANY (47TH) CHRONICLER

Dear Comrades:

Our friend at VA have come through with a search of their records for 70 former M-ers as an aid to getting in touch with them. They turned up 24 known to be deceased, including Lewis A. Davis, Lewis E. Glaser and Gregorio Shipane who passed away only last year. Also, they had no records of 15 on my list which only means they have never availed themselves of VA's service, i.e., no GI Bill, VA home loans, or gravestones. But they did turn up records on 32 fellows. Now I have forwarded "blind letters" to the VA Regional Offices involved. They will address my letters and upon their receipt, if the idea of rejoining M Company does anything for them, I may hear from them and we can add them to the roster. Stay tuned!

Incidentally, I only recognized one of these names — David E. Buckley, Jr. who became the supply sergeant after Frank Reid fell down during an air raid and smashed his dentures. Imagine getting invalidated home for something like that! I've been hot on Buckley's trail for years & hope this lead pans out.

Also, using my computer program which has 88 million telephone nos. on file, I searched for all those for whom Va had no records. I found one and have written: Adolph Lloyd of Covington, LA. I would have given him a phone call but who wants to hear from a WWII buddy like that? Might give the guy heart worms!

I'm slaving away re-doing "Heavy Weapons." I just "lost" all but the last chapter by some kind of inadvertent slip on the computer. Fortunately, I had been editing and printing out each chapter when done. I'm told that I can have these chapters "scanned" back into the machine. Sure hope so. Otherwise, that's a hell of a lot of typing down the tube. Remember, if you have not already forwarded anecdotes that you would like to see in "Heavy Weapons," get them to me quickly. Anything at all. Any form.

Via con dios! Red  
Henry G. Philips

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