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President
Henry S. "Hank"
Geary

President's Message

It is with great pleasure and surprise, to be elected president to this great organization named The Ninth Infantry Division Association at the 63rd reunion in Orlando, Florida. It took us quite a while to drive there due to the hurricane Gustavo, but we arrived safely. I am anxious to begin working with our Board of Governors, the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary to make the 64th reunion a success. The 63rd reunion was a success, but as ever we missed all those that served with the 9th Division and could not be there with us. The next reunion is to be in Maine and I hope we see many more of you attending there.

Henry S. "Hank" Geary, President
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

210th Board of Governors Meeting August 22, 2008 Orlando, Florida

The 210th meeting of the Board of Governors of The Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order by President Emil Langer at 1:30 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of fallen comrades, the business of the meeting began.

Present for the meeting were Board Members Herb Stern, Hank Geary, Charles LiBretto, Joe Maiale, Tom Hatton, Ralph Williams, Emil Langer, Richard Irwin and Bob Lewis. Officers present were Marty Gross, 1st VP, Jack Blann, 2nd VP, Domenick Fiore, 3rd VP, Bill Robey, Secty-Treas. George Brown, Judge Advocate was absent due to illness in his family.

First order of business was the report of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Financial Statement is located on page 6 in this issue of *The Octofoil*. After explanations by the Treasurer and questions from the Board, a motion was made by Hank Geary and seconded by Tom Hatton, to accept the financial report. No further motions, and this motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

The Secretary reported further on other subject. First, the CGM Fund, where we have money invested has shown an increase in value over last year. The Secretary has had a stock broker appraise our holdings, and it was recommended that we continue to keep our funds in the CGM Fund as it seems to be consistently showing a small profit each year and our dividends are reflecting that each year. For 2007, we received dividends from CGM of \$2,139.33. Since these funds are under the control of the Board, this recommendation by the Secretary was approved by unanimous vote.

Second, a short discussion was held about what to do about our physical assets; i.e., flags, documents, back issues of *The Octofoil*, and other articles and artifacts. The discussion was about what to do with these articles in the event of a deactivation of the Association. We have had an offer from the Army Museum in Fort Bragg, North Carolina to accept anything we would send them since our division was formed in Fort Bragg in 1940. The discussion then turned to what to do with the funds in the accounts of the Association. The Secretary has had discussions with the National Park Service about donations to the Maintenance Funds for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Park Service is responsible for the WW II Memorial, and most of their funds are appropriated by Congress. However, special donations to the Maintenance Funds are kept separate from Congressional Appropriations, and the Park Service will guarantee that any funds donated for this purpose will definitely go for this purpose and not to someone's pet project in Park Service. No decision was made at this meeting. The donation of our physical and financial assets would need a change in the by-laws, and that type of change must be published in *The Octofoil* before a vote can be taken. This subject will come up again in the future.

Third, a question was raised by a Board Member as to what is being done with the money donated to the Memorial Fund of the Association. At the present time, one of our members who lives in Germany is investigating the possibility of adding a Ninth Division Memorial to the Remagen Bridge along with all the other units represented there. When we have more information on the type of memorial, the design and costs will be published in *The Octofoil* before anything is done about this. The rest of the memorial funds will be used in similar projects.

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OUR MISSION

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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President Langer appointed the following committee chairmen: Tom Hatton, Finance committee; Hank Geary, Miscellaneous committee; Ralph Williams, By-Laws committee; and Herb Stern, Nominating committee. There was no chairman appointed for the Newspaper committee as this was left to done at the business meeting the next day. These committees will meet at the business meeting on Saturday, August 23rd.

The Secretary-Treasurer showed the Board the postage stamps with the various unit insignias that he has obtained. These stamps will be for sale and are pictured and told about in a separate article in this Octofoil.

Upon a motion by Tom Hatton and seconded by Herb Stern, it was moved that the Board adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

W.G. Robey
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of 63rd Business Meeting
August 23, 2008
Orlando, Florida

President Emil Langer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and after the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional moment of silence in remembrance of fallen comrades, the meeting proceeded. Present were 32 members including 9 members of the Board of Governors.

The minutes of the previous business meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2007 were read and approved by the membership on a motion by Tom Hatton and seconded by Hank Geary.

The president then called for a 30 minute recess so the chairmen of the various committees could have their meetings from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. After this recess, the following reports were made to the business meeting.

Miscellaneous Committee; Hank Geary, chairman. No business was brought before this committee, so no report was given.

By-Laws Committee; Ralph Williams, chairman, and Richard Irwin, member. By-Laws committee sees no change required to the document as amended at the annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 18, 2007. Motion by Herb Stern and seconded by Richard Irwin, to accept the committee report passed unanimously.

Finance Committee; Tom Hatton, chairman, Emil Langer, Martin Gross and Bill Robey members. The financial state of the Association was discussed and a budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 was recommended as follows:

BUDGET FOR YEAR 2008-2009

EXPENSES:	
Octofoil	\$9,400.00
Secretary & Clerical	1,200.00
Postage	350.00
Supplies & Miscellaneous	300.00
Utilities	850.00
Contingency Fund	500.00
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Ins.	1,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,900.00

ESTIMATED REVENUE:	
Dues	\$5,000.00
Donations	4,000.00
CGM Fund Dividends	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income/Sales	150.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,150.00

DEFICIT (\$2,760.00)

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OCTOFOIL LIBRARY PROJECT

It is with great pleasure and gratitude we announce the receipt of several significant monetary and material donations for the library project. Our total to date stands at \$4,165. At the 63rd Annual Reunion, donations received were: \$2,000 from The Ninth Infantry Division Association; \$500 from the Florida Chapter, and \$300 from the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary. We also received major monetary donations from several individuals, other individuals have donated their materials and others have pledged to locate their materials and send them in to the project. We thank you all for your strong commitment to making this a reality.

Monetary Donors:

Mr. Stanley J. Turowski, Dearborn Heights, Michigan
Ms. Lisa Froug-Hirano, Honolulu, Hawaii
Ms. Gail Eisenhauer, Hamden, Connecticut in memory of John Losnes
Mr. Charles T. Illsley, Grand Lake, Colorado
Dr. Gordon M. Binder, Millbrae, California
Mr. Miles F. McFarland, Columbus, Ohio
Mr. Joseph W. Bergin, New London, New Hampshire
Ms. Jackie Armstrong, McLean, Virginia
The Ninth Infantry Division Association
Florida Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association
Sons and Daughters Auxiliary
Ms. Arlene Silver, Fort Myers, Florida
Dr. Martin Gross, Coconut Creek, Florida
Ms. Sandra Bosko, Preston, Connecticut
Mr. Charles J. Hennesen, Grand Haven, Michigan
Mr. Richard Kann, Shady Side, Maryland, in memory of Richard B. Kann, Sr.
Mr. Louis M. Prince, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Clifford Barbanell, San Francisco, California

Materials Donors:

Mr. Domenick Fiore, Jr., Reading, Pennsylvania has contributed combat records for the 376th AAA-AW Battalion.
Ms. Beth Wolff, Cheektowaga, New York has contributed some of her grandfather's (Henry Golabiecki) back issues of *The Octofoil*.
Mr. John Clouser, Gladstone, Michigan has contributed his entire collection of back issues of *The Octofoil*.
Mr. Claude Berghorn, Lakewood, Colorado had combat records for the 26th F.A. Battalion.
Ms. Lisa Froug-Hirano, Honolulu, Hawaii has contributed out-of-print books with photos of the 9th in action and combat records.
Dr. Gordon M. Binder, Millbrae, California has contributed his memoir *A Combat History of an Infantry Battalion Surgeon*.
Mr. S. Bill Buemi, Lyndhurst, Ohio has contributed the book *The Long March* by Earl Wilkey, old issues of the *Fort Bragg Post* newspaper, and Fort Bragg bulletin board notices.
Mr. Charles J. Hennesen, Grand Haven, Michigan has contributed his memoir.
Ms. Only Rishel, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania has pledged her pristine copy of the association's first newsletter, *Hitler's Nemesis-Old Reliabilities-Notorious Ninth*.
Mr. Robert Lewis, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania has contributed the *Historical and Pictorial Review, Ninth Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1941*.
Mr. Thomas Hatton, Saginaw, Michigan has pledged some old issues of *The Octofoil*.
Mr. Charles Munger, Englewood, Florida has pledged some of his memoirs.
Mr. Louis Prince, Cincinnati, Ohio has pledged some of his memoirs and continued translation of the book *1939-1945 in Hague-South*.
Ms. Arlene Silver, Fort Myers, Florida has pledged some of her father's (Perry Kaye) memoirs.
Ms. Patricia L. Grayem, Montrose, Colorado has pledged some of her father's (Orion C. Shockley) memoirs.
Mr. Richard Kann, Shady Side, Maryland has pledged the *Chronicle of the 39th Infantry Regiment from Normandy to the Elbe, June 1943-May 1945*.
Mr. John J. Toffey, Great Barrington, Massachusetts has pledged a copy of his book *Jack Toffey's War, A Son's Memoir*.

Please keep those monetary and material donations coming as we are off to a great start. Our goal for the next reunion will be to have a prototype DVD available for viewing.

Please make your checks payable to: The Ninth Infantry Division Association and send to the project coordinator earmarked for the Octofoil Library Project.

Project Coordinator: William Sauers	Association Historian: Henry G. "Red" Phillips	Assistant Coordinator: Terry Barnhart
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NOTE: Donated materials will be returned upon request

THE NINETY'S CLUB

Here's your chance to join an exclusive, much loved, respected, and one of a kind club. Membership is free!!! All you need is a birthday celebrating your achievement of ninety (90) years. Send your name and recent photo to the editor.



James Leopold (90)
Chicago, IL



Dr. Martin Gross (91)
Coconut Creek, FL



Emil Langer (90)
Hollywood, FL



Walter Victor (91)
Dawsonville, GA



Jakie Grgurich (91)
Novinger, MO



Anthony Cheney (90)
Hunter, KS



William Nesta (90)
Granada Hills, CA



Albert T. Farese (93)
Bernardsville, NJ

Don Amato (92), Burlington, MA
Anton Dietrich (90), Richmond Hill, NY
Preston W. Stillings (93), Fairhope, AL
Pat J. Zona (90), East Sandwich, MA

TIP OF THE HAT

We thank the following members and friends for remembering the Memorial Fund and our buddies who have answered their last Roll Call.

Note: Please make checks payable to:
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Send to: William G. Robey, Secretary-Treasurer

Jackie Armstrong in memory of husband Col. John W. Armstrong

Wendel T. Chaffin, Jr. in memory of Wendel T. Chaffin, Sr.

Albert T. Farese in memory of Waldo Kraft, Emma Killen, all members of G Company, 47th Infantry

John E. Eddy sustaining member donation

Jesse L. Wheeler in memory of John M. Losnes

Lola T. Booth in memory of husband George W. Booth, friends William Doty, Burleigh Brewer, Lois Brewer, Ellen Schumacher, Lorna Michelson

Joe Ventura sustaining member donation

Imogene S. Stumpf in memory of husband Robert H. Stumpf

PRESS RELEASE

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FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

U.S. veterans who helped in the liberation of France during World War II could be eligible to receive the French Legion of Honor Medal in the future. This medal was previously only issued to WW I vets. The French Government has asked the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for assistance in identifying qualified U.S. veterans for consideration in awarding this medal. It is not the responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs to select the veterans. VA only facilitates the communications with the veterans if necessary. The ten French consulates in the U.S. will have involvement in the distribution of the awards in 2005, 2006, etc. Those applying must have written documentation which is normally a copy of his/her military separation order, DD-214, and other official orders which verifies their military history during combat. Members of the Army, Army Air Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard who participated in one of the four major campaigns in the liberation of France (Normandy, Southern France, Northern France and the Ardennes) are eligible for this French award. Any previous military awards such as the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, etc. would indicate meritorious actions during combat operations. Copies of these documents should be forwarded with the request for consideration for the French Legion of Honor to the Defense Attache, Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. These French medals must be approved by the Legion of Honor Committee in Paris, France after appropriate review. Approximately 100 French Legion of Honor medals will be awarded each year in the United States at the home of each veteran or at public ceremony during a patriotic holiday. These arrangements will be made after the awardees have been notified.

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TAPS SOUNDED

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat the soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet that brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping—ground their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round, the bivouac of the dead.

Ninth Infantry Division Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients

S/Sgt. Herschel F. Briles, Co. C, 899th TD Bn; Near Scherpenseel, Germany; 20 November 1944
2nd Lieutenant John E. Butts*, Co. E, 60th Infantry; Normandy, France; 14, 16, 23 June 1944
T/Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro, Co. E, 39th Infantry; Near Kalterherberg, Germany; 22 December 1944
Sgt. William J. Nelson*, Co. H, 60th Infantry; Djegel Dardys, NW of Sedjenane, Tunisia; 24 April 1943
PFC Carl V. Sheridan*, Co. K, 47th Infantry; Frenzerberg Castle, Germany; 26 November 1944
Captain Matt L. Urban, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Renouf, France; 14 June to 3 September, 1944

* indicates posthumously awarded

Source: U.S. Army Center of Military History

David C. Atkinson M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Richard B. Kann, Sr. Medic, G Co., 39th Inf. Regt.	Robert Wertz M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.
Richard Bandou M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Edward J. Morkys	Leo C. Williamson K Co., 60th Inf. Regt.
Paul J. Callahan, Sr. I Co., 39th Inf. Regt.	David M. Pinkney A Co., 15th Engr. Bn.	Cletis Winningham C Co., 39th Inf. Regt.

TAPS LETTERS

David C. Atkinson M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.

Captain David C. Atkinson, once of M Co. and then of Service Co., 47th Inf. Regt., passed away recently. He was a platoon leader and executive officer of M Co. before becoming regimental motor officer in Service Co.

It was particularly sad to learn of this as we grew up together in the Alameda area of Portland, Oregon before the war.

Henry G. "Red" Phillips

Edward J. Morkys

Just wanted to let you know that Edward J. Morkys has passed away, April 9, 2008. Thank you.

Paulette M. Morkys

David M. Pinkney A Co., 15th Engr. Bn.

It is with great sadness that I am sending a copy of my father's death notice to you. Dad passed away on June 21, 2008. Dad spoke of his war experiences often, especially about the people that he met during that time. Dad received the Silver Star during the war and he has been our "Everyday Hero" since then. He has been a wonderful husband and father.

Perhaps you can answer a question for me. Many, many years ago my grandmother lost the documentation that provided the details of the events surrounding Dad's receiving the Silver Star. Is there any way that we can get that information? If you have any suggestions, please send it to:

The Family of David Pinkney
890 Latta Rd.
Rochester, NY 14612

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Susan Pinkney Leonard, (daughter)

Robert Wertz M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.

Hello Red,

In response to the letter you sent to Bob. He passed away October 7, 2004.

Tom Strain and his wife visited him, they hadn't been in touch for 60 years. It was a happy reunion. I was very happy for them.

I had a military service for him, displayed all his medals. We sang patriotic songs.

He was 82 years old. Tomorrow (Sept. 4th) would be his 86th birthday. My son-in-law taped the service, but for some unknown reason he didn't get the tape in the end.

Tomorrow (Sept. 4th) bells will be rung at 12:00 p.m. through enrollment in the National Memorial Roster at the Amvets Memorial Carillon, Lanham, Maryland.

Sincerely and God Bless,
Janet Wertz

Dorothy L. Cascio Widow of Noel (Joe) F. Cascio

Dorothy L. Cascio, WW II Marine Corp Vet, passed away April 28, 2008 at the Hospice House in Vero Beach, Florida. She was the widow of Noel (Joe) F. Cascio a member of the 9th. I want to thank Al Baccile and Joe Gravino for always thinking of my mom.

God Bless All Vets
Lori C. Busch, daughter

TAPS OBITUARIES



Paul J. Callahan, Sr. 1920-2008

I Company, 39th Inf. Regt.

Paul J. Callahan, Sr., one of the last of the "greatest generation" passed on from this Earth on Thursday (July 10, 2008).

He served in World War II as a combat infantryman in I Company's 39th Infantry Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division, fighting through the Battle of the Bulge and crossing the Rhine River.

He was 88 years of age ("44 on one side"), and a man of few words but many memorable deeds.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Mildred; two daughters; one son; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Paul Callahan or "Cal," followed his dream and became co-owner of Calmar Specialties in Luzerne. In this digital age, he was valued as an expert in the trade of hand cut silkscreen production, which he did until May of this year when he began his battle with several illnesses.



Richard B. Kann, Sr. 1925-2007

Medic, G Company, 39th Inf. Regt.

Richard B. Kann, Sr., died at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2007, at York Hospital. He was the husband of Ilene A. (Weigel) Kann. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 1, 2006. He was born April 5, 1925,

in Conewago Township, a son of the late John H. and Savilla (Eisenhower) Kann. Richard was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, serving from July of 1943 through October of 1945. Richard was a Medic with the 2nd Battalion, Company G, 39th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Division during the battles from Normandy, France to Ingelstadt, Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Unit Citation, and the Bronze Star. He received the latter for his heroic action in the recovery of his wounded Regimental Commander, Col. Harry Flint, under artillery and small arms fire.

Richard worked as a foundry man at Cochran's and Koper's Foundries in York before retiring in 1980. He was a member of Dover Bethany U.M. Church. He was a former Conewago Township Supervisor, serving for 12 years. Richard was active in the Cub Scouts as Cub Master for Pack 48. He enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, and travel.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by two sons, two granddaughters, a great-grandson, and two sisters.

David M. Pinkney 1921-2008

A Company, 15th Engineer Battalion

David M. Pinkney passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2008, at the age of 87. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Evelyn Bainbridge Pinkney, one son, one daughter, one brother, and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

David was born in Walney Island, England. He was a John Marshall High School graduate; a member of the 9th Infantry Combat Engineers during WW II, serving in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Sicily and Northern Africa after which he was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action.

David co-owned Pinkney Marine with his brother.



Leo C. Williamson 1921-2007

K Company, 60th Inf. Regt.

Leo C. "Pat," Williamson, 86, of Hickory, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory.

He was born August 21, 1921, in West Palm Beach, Florida, and graduated as valedictorian from St. Leo's Prep School, where he was

nominated to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. He later went on to graduate from the University of South Florida. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Catawba Valley Golden K Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Williamson, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army at age 25, was a highly decorated veteran of World War II. He served with Company K in the 60th Infantry "Go Devil" Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division. He was a recipient of two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart with Clusters. In October 1942, he was part of Operation Torch as a young lieutenant, landing in a convoy with thousands of troops in Morocco and Tunisia, eventually fighting his way to Sicily. From there he went to England. In June 1944, four days after the landing on D-Day, the 60th Infantry went ashore in Normandy. On June 18, 1944, again leading Company K, Williamson next liberated the town of Barnesville-sur-mer, in the process earning a battlefield promotion to captain and the Silver Star.

Mr. Williamson was preceded in death by three sons. He is survived by his wife, Ann Shaw Williamson, two granddaughters, a great-granddaughter, two step-sons, a step-daughter, and 15 step-grandchildren.

Cletis W. Winningham 1923-2008

C Company, 39th Infantry Regiment

Cletis W. Winningham, age 85, of Allardt, passed away Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at Signature Health Care of Fentress County.

Mr. Winningham was born January 26, 1923 in Byrds-town, Tennessee. He worked for thirty years in Dayton, Ohio at Chrysler Air Temp. He had been back in Tennessee for 27 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army Purple Heart Veteran. He was a member of South Main Street Baptist Church. He also was a member of Jamestown Chapter #281 Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite, and the Order of the Eastern Star Jamestown Chapter #373. He was a lifetime member of the Purple Heart Organization and Livingston V.F.W. and D.A.V.

Cletis was always helpful in a lot of ways. Especially for children that needed help. He has taken a lot of kids to the Shriner Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky and the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia for help or for what ever it may be. He very much enjoyed volunteering his time for children which he did for six years.

Mr. Winningham is survived by wife, Lula Mae Winningham, two brothers, two sisters, two aunts, and a sister-in-law.

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It is expected that this deficit will be made up partially by the surplus from the 2008 reunion, and the balance from other miscellaneous income, probably including an increase in the dividends from CGM Funds. A motion was made by Tom Hatton and seconded by Emil Langer, to adopt the Finance committee report and the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee: Chairman Herb Stern, members Wilbert "Willie" Goldsmith, Jakie Grgurich and Jack Blann. Since last year the Board was changed to 11 members, this year there were only two nominations to make. The committee recommended Jack Blann and Jack Collier to be elected to the Board of Governors. A motion was made by Herb Stern and seconded by Willie Goldsmith to accept the committee report and elect the nominees. Motion passed unanimously.

A proposal was made by the Secretary-Treasurer for the Association to contribute to the digital book project (*Octofoil Library Project*) to help it get started as soon as possible. A motion by Bill Robey and seconded by Marty Gross to contribute \$2000.00 to the digital book project. Motion passed unanimously by the membership.

Some other donations were made by other individuals and also by the Florida Chapter, bringing the total donations to a little over \$4000.00.

There was no committee appointed to oversee the newsletter. The Board discussed *The Octofoil* and decided that everything was fine with *The Octofoil*. A motion was made by Ralph Williams and seconded by Hank Geary to vote to congratulate the editor of *The Octofoil* for his work. The motion passed unanimously and William Sauers is hereby notified of the Board's appreciation for his work.

With no other business being brought up to this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Jack Blann and seconded by Hank Geary. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

W.G. Robey
Secretary-Treasurer

**211th Board of Governors Meeting
August 24, 2008
Orlando, Florida**

The 211th meeting of the Board of Governors of The Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order by President Emil Langer at 1:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional moment of silence in memory of fallen comrades, the business of the meeting began.

Present for the meeting were Board members Richard Irwin, Ralph Williams, Robert Lewis, Charles LiBretto, Thomas Hatton, Emil Langer, Henry Geary, Jack Blann and Jack Collier. Officers present were Marty Gross, 1st VP; Jack Blann, 2nd VP; Domenick Fiore, 3rd VP; Bill Robey, Secty-Treas.; George Brown, Judge Advocate was absent due to an illness in his family.

First order of business was the election of a new President for the year 2008-2009. Tom Hatton nominated Henry Geary, of Allentown, Pennsylvania and seconded by Robert Lewis. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Henry Geary was elected by unanimous vote of the Board. He then took over the meeting from the outgoing president, Emil Langer.

President Geary thanked Emil Langer for his work as President, and then called for any new business to come before the meeting.

There were two presentations for the next reunion. Judy Goldsmith gave a short review of the possibility of a cruise out of New York City, and after listing the various costs and options for the cruise, the Board thanked her for her presentation.

Jim Merrill, of Maine, then presented a short review of
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**Secretary-Treasurer Report
To the 63rd General Meeting
GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY
For Fiscal Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008**

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$ 5,944.00
Donations-Memorial Fund	3,315.00
Donations-Toward Octofoil Costs	2,980.00
Donations-Digital Library Project	250.00
CGM Mutual Fund Dividends	2,139.33
Sales of Decals/Rt. Of March Maps	310.00
2007 Reunion Surplus	962.64
Total Revenue	\$15,900.97

OPERATING EXPENSES

Secretary-Treasurer Expenses	\$ 853.00
Utilities	370.00
Postage, Supplies & Misc. (Incl. Past Pres. Plaques, Ladies Aux. Dues, etc.)	1,137.00
The Octofoil—4 Issues & Editor's Expenses	9,369.97
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Ins.	1,475.00
Total Operating Exp's.	\$13,204.97

Revenue Surplus \$ 2,696.00

General Fund (National Account) Balance
as of 30 June 2008 \$ 9,838.09

As of the close of business on 30 June 2007, the CGM Mutual Fund Holding was valued at \$31.08 per share. (Stock symbol=LOMMX). The Association's 1,017 shares are valued at \$31,608.36 (\$31.08x1,017), and increase in value of \$2,349.27. I have been keeping track of the CGM Fund on the market and hopefully, the fund will continue to increase in value. At the present time, it shows no sign of decreasing in value, but that could change in a very short time considering today's economy.

the proposal for our 2009 reunion to be held in Bangor, Maine. Jim stated that this proposal has been looked at for the past two years and now seems to be the time to have a reunion in the New England area. He presented a proposal from one of the hotels in the Bangor area, and even though the costs per room seemed a little high, the proposal seemed to fit just what we normally try to do at each reunion. President Geary thanked Jim for his presentation.

Both presenters were then excused from the meeting and were told that a vote would be taken and they would be notified as to which proposal met with the Board's approval.

While the Board was thinking about the next reunion, the election of the rest of the officers was taking place. A motion was made by Richard Irwin and seconded by Jack Collier to re-elect all the officers for another term. No further nominations were received, and the nominations were closed. The vote to re-elect all officers was unanimous. Martin Gross was elected 1st VP; Jack Blann was elected 2nd VP; Domenick Fiore was elected 3rd VP; William Robey was elected Secretary-Treasurer; and George Brown was elected Judge Advocate.

After these elections, the Board then took up the discussion of the next reunion. There was a lot of discussion and many questions. The cruise proposal was questioned because of the possibility of having to have everyone come to NYC one day

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before the cruise in order to avoid the possibility of flight delays or traffic delays causing someone to miss the cruise. It was mentioned that hotel costs in NYC would be very high, and with this added to the cost of the cruise the Board figured that the cost would be too high.

A vote was then taken on which reunion to choose, either the cruise or Bangor, Maine. The vote resulted in a 4 to 4 tie and President Geary acted as tie-breaker and voted for Bangor. So the motion to have our next reunion in Bangor, Maine, passed 5 to 4.

There was a short discussion about the Worcester, Massachusetts memorial service and it will be held in October. See further details elsewhere in this issue.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jack Blann and seconded by Jack Collier to adjourn the meeting. There being no further motions, this motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

W.G. Robey
Secty-Treas

**Secretary-Treasurer Report
63rd Reunion 2008
Orlando, Florida**

Our 63rd reunion turned out to be a tremendous success and we had 138 people staying in the hotel and about 18 more came in for various events and were not staying at the hotel. 34 of our veterans were present, and the age spread was quite surprising. We had one 3 year old boy, the great grandson of Richard and Thelma Solar. At the other end of the age spread were 4 of our members, Emil Langer who was 90 in June, and Marty Gross, Walter Victor and Jakie Grgurich, all of whom were 91 in May.

There will be a detailed financial report in the next issue of *The Octofoil*, as I have to wait for the September bank statement to make sure all checks have cleared and all bills have been paid. We will show a surplus again this year, but the exact amount will have to wait until I have all the financial records collected by the end of September.

I wrote a letter to the hotel General Manager to let him know just how well his staff worked for us, and I am also sending him some pictures. I don't think we could have made a better choice of hotel for this reunion.

64th Reunion 2009

The Board of Governors voted to have the 2009 reunion in Bangor, Maine, and we have been working on the details of this for the past couple of weeks. The hotel we were first dealing with would not come down to a reasonable room rate, however, we have been successful in selecting a hotel that meets our cost structure. The 2009 reunion will be held at:

Ramada Hotel,
357 Odlin Road
Bangor, Maine 04401.

Complete details about costs, transportation, driving directions, shuttle service, parking, sites to see, places to eat, etc. will be in the next issue of *The Octofoil* that will come out the first or second week of January 2009. We have been asked by quite a few people to try and have the reunion a little bit earlier so that families with small children can attend before school opens in the fall. **We are looking at the weekend of July 24, 25, 26, 2009.** One problem we have is that Maine does not have a tax exempt status for veteran's organizations, so we will have to pay room and sales taxes this time. This will add to the cost, but we have done this in the past.

As I've said before, more later...

Bill Robey
Secty-Treas

**"Lest We Forget"
Worcester Memorial Service
Sunday, 10:00 a.m., October 26, 2008
Friends of Father Connors**

Mass in remembrance of all the men who wore the Octofoil; both the 4,581 who fell on the field of battle and those who returned home and have since gone to their eternal reward will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, Phone # 508-754-8419.

A short Memorial Service with laying of the Ninth Infantry Division wreath will follow the Mass.

Gail Eisenhower will be organizing a luncheon following the service. If you would like to attend the luncheon please call her at 203-248-1495.

Hotel reservations are on your own. Some attendees last year bivouacked at the Crowne Plaza Worcester-Downtown, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608. To make a reservation call 877-227-6963.



Photos by
Gail Eisenhower
Sept. 13, 2008

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Emil De Donato

2008 National Reunion: Congratulations to reunion chairman Bill Robey, the Sons and Daughters, the Ladies Auxiliary, Bill Sauers, John Sabato and all those who worked in making the 2008 National Reunion a huge success. Despite the rain and wind of Tropical Storm Fay during the entire week, all functions went well. Judging from the responses of the attendees, everyone had a good time.

Florida Chapter Meetings: On Sunday, August 24th, The Florida Chapter held their Men's and Women's Business Meetings in two separate Hospitality Rooms at the Rosen Centre Hotel starting at 10:00 a.m. Following the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Acting Secretary Emil De Donato, substituting for Secretary Ed Gray, read the minutes of the 2007 Florida Chapter Reunion held in Kissimmee, Florida. The minutes were accepted as read.



Photo by Bill Robey
 1 to r: Col. Ralph Williams, VP; Marty Gross, Pres.; Emil De Donato, Treas.

Treasurer Emil De Donato submitted the financial report of the Florida Chapter for the year starting with January 1st and ending with December 31, 2007. He stated that the financial status of the Chapter was sound. The

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Emil De Donato proposed to do away with collecting dues and start using the existing monies in the treasury by offering discounts to all Chapter members attending our future reunions. After discussions were held it was decided to retain the current dues structure of \$5.00 for one year, \$13.00 for three years and \$50.00 for Life Membership. As to discounting attendees to future reunions, it was decided to leave that up to the Reunion Committee.

Pres. Gross called for any correspondences. Emil De Donato stated that he has been in contact with Norris Gray, Arnold Tomanek, H.F. Stansell, Chuch Van Der Poel, Wally Richardson, Paul Crumb and several others who for ill health or other reasons could not attend the National Reunion in Orlando.

Pres. Gross made a motion to donate \$500.00 to a History Book project that is being prepared by historian Red Phillips in conjunction with other members of the 9th Infantry Division Association members. The motion was seconded by Charles Munger. Discussions followed. A vote was taken and passed directing the Treasurer to make out a check for \$500.00 and hand it to William Sauers sometime after the conclusion of the meeting.

Pres. Gross also mentioned that he pledged \$225.00 of the Chapter's Treasury to pay for the Octofoil Flower Wreath that was used during the Memorial Services.

Nominations for the Florida Chapter new officers were opened. By a voice vote the same slate of officers namely: Martin Gross, Pres.; Col. Ralph Williams, VP; Edward Gray, Secretary; Emil De Donato, Treas.; and H.F. Stansell, Chaplain, was voted in to serve for another year.

Pres. Gross called for discussions as to where and when to hold the Florida Chapter's 2009 reunion. Ira Moser suggested we hold the reunion in the Spring or in the Fall. Herb Frank, Charles Munger, Col. Ralph Williams agreed to hold it on the east

coast of Florida. Emil De Donato suggested either Daytona Beach or St. Augustine. A reunion committee consisting of Marty Gross, Col. Ralph Williams and Emil De Donato was formed to find a suitable location and time of year.

After a closing prayer by Col. Ralph Williams, a motion was made by Herb Frank and seconded by Bill Robey to adjourn the meeting. Pres. Gross adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: Audrey De Donato introduced Rosalyn Gross as the new President of the Florida Chapter Ladies Auxiliary who will replace Lila Stansell. Pres. Rosalyn Gross called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. After the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited, the women voted to dispense with collecting any future dues. They also voted to use the \$716.72 that is in their checking account to have a "Big Party" at the next Florida Chapter Reunion. As there was no further business to discuss, a closing prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

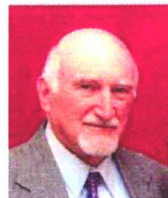
NOTE: On August 27, 2008, Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer Audrey De Donato transferred the \$716.72 into the Men's checking account held at the Brannen Bank located in Dunnellon, Florida to avoid any penalties for lack of activity and also because there is no need for two separate checking accounts. It was decided that the women will sit in all future Florida Chapter Men's Business Meetings.

TAPS SOUNDED

Cletis Winningham: After over two years of illness, Cletis passed away on June 18, 2008 at age 85 at the Signature Health Care of Fentress County, Tennessee. Cletis served in Company C, 39th Infantry Regiment during 7 campaigns before being wounded. He was awarded the Purple Heart in addition to other service medals. He was interned in the Allardt, Tennessee Cemetery with full military honors. Cletis and his wife Lula were married for 56 years 7 months. They traveled throughout the United States and enjoyed two lengthy vacations in Alaska. Cletis spent many hours helping sick children in need taking them to the Shriner Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky and the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia even though he and his wife did not have any children of their own. Cletis volunteered at the Sheriff Department in Allardt for 10 years riding with different deputies in the Crime Watch Department. Cletis and Lula attended many National and Florida Chapter reunions. Our condolences go out to his wife Lula who took care of him at home as long as she could.

E-mail Addresses Wanted: If you are on the Internet, please send me and e-mail of your address by sending me a message at: mrdee82918@aol.com

Emil J. De Donato



Marv Levy

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

The New York Area Chapter hopes 9th members and families had a pleasant summer. Since our chapter did not meet in July and August, this scribe offers a report on news of some of its members through phone contact.

We were relieved to hear that Charlie and Esta LiBretto were not affected by Hurricane Ike since they lived further north, away from the hurricane's path. Some of our local buddies and families are not too well. Chapter President Joe Charvat was recently hospitalized for water in his lungs. He is home now and waiting for lab tests results.

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John Tschupp is our first chapter recipient of the free "Honor Flight" for WWII Veterans to the Washington, D.C. WWII Memorial on October 4, 2008. Volunteer pilots fly plane loads of veterans from local airports to Washington and back home in one day excursions. Ed Harris reports he's happy summer heat is over and looks forward to the Chapter cool fall meeting. Al Zenka and Genieve are tending their medical needs.

Tony Varone has a severe reflux condition and Viola has improved mobility with her knee treatments. Daughter Michele still suffers from Crohn's disease. Joe Killen made a 3-week European trip, retracing his steps over WWII battlegrounds where he fought accompanied with his grandson and visiting Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, etc. Joe Maiale recently had a stent inserted, and wife Sadie had a pacemaker installed. They both attended the Orlando Reunion. At the time of this writing Joe and Sadie are off to Andersonville, Georgia for a POW Reunion. Bill Muldoon is busy helping his wife Joan recuperate in rehab after her recent hip replacement surgery. Anton Dietrich turned 90 years old last week.

Venerable Adolph Wadalavage submits this photo of a 9th Division plaque, taken by his son, Lawrence, during a visit to the WWII Memorial-placed near the Tomb of The Unknowns. The inscription reads: "TO THE UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER/Octofoil Emblem/PRESENTED BY THE 9TH INF DIVISION ASSOCIATION/ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO WORE THE OCTOFOIL" Does our association or any individual have information about this plaque?

Well, that's all for now, folks.

NY CHAPTER REMINDER- - don't forget to pay your dues for 2008: \$15 for one year, \$35 for 3 years and \$75 for Lifetime Membership. Make checks payable to the NY Area Chapter, 9th Inf Div Assn, and mail to Treasurer Joseph Maiale, 906 3rd Avenue, Franklin Square, NY 11010

Marv Levy, Recording Secretary



Judy Goldsmith
 President
 Ladies Auxiliary

We left Florida almost a month ago after our 63rd, 9th Reunion. How fast the time went. We picked up where we left off the year before and now, once again, we are remembering the good times spent with our extended families. Our annual luncheon and meeting was held at the hotel on Saturday, August 23rd. The hotel staff served us a delicious lunch which unfortunately was more food than most of us could consume. Since the health laws in Florida had to be enforced we were unable to leave the room with any leftovers. Hard for our generation to accept, I know. I think the 25 ladies that attended enjoyed their time there. After lunch and our brief meeting, our social director, Jean, took over. Once again we laughed a lot enjoying the games she presented. Happily we accepted many new members this year. Don't forget, if your husband is or was a member of the men's association, you really should join the Ladies Auxiliary.

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Jackie
 Armstrong

Secretary Jackie Armstrong read the minutes from the 2007 meeting. Jackie also agreed to accept the office for the coming year. For some reason, we find that we combined the office of Vice President and Secretary so even though Jackie was surprised with that information, she graciously accepted. Thank you, Jackie. Don't let titles scare you because our VP really doesn't have any chores to do. Especially since Jean Geary is not only our current Treasurer but also our official Social Director. We could never manage without her games to entertain us.

I will remain as President for the coming year but, please someone out there, consider the position for the following year. Helen Mizell accepted to be our Chaplain and we thank her for filling that post.

We very actively tried to sell raffles during and up to the banquet night. Lots of items, 21 was the count, were on view in the reception room and then displayed at the banquet where the drawing took place. A really big thank you to Theda Ray and Jane Mitchell, daughters of Clarence and Marlynn

Ray. Our raffle sales were boosted by their efforts in selling raffles at the banquet. As you know, the monies we collect, are used to help the association defray costs in publishing and mailing *The Octofoil*. We also are able to send \$200.00 to two veteran facilities as voted on at our meetings. Additional money added to our Treasury comes from T-Shirts donated to us by Jim Merrill. Jim is a member of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary. Jean Geary also made up some 9th Division emblem caps which also were sold. This year, 2008, our donations were, \$600.00 to the 9th association; \$200.00 to State Veterans Nursing Home, Humbolt, Tennessee in memory of Ellen Schumacher who was our Chaplain for many years; and \$200.00 was sent to Rocky Hill VA Nursing Home in Rocky Hill, Connecticut as proposed by Sandra Bosko, whose father is John Bosko.

Remember to send me NEWS to print in my next column. That way we can stay connected during the coming year. Next year's reunion will be in Bangor, Maine. No details yet but I'm sure we will all read about it in future. If you have the past listing of addresses and e-mail addresses, please note my e-mail is listed incorrectly. It is: wiljud1@yahoo.com. So let me hear from you. I hope our editor, William Sauers, has left enough space for my article. I have a habit of getting "wordy". I do hope you find this article interesting enough, even if you were unable to be in Orlando this year.

Hope you and your family have Happy Holidays in 2008. Sincerely,

Judy Goldsmith, President
 Ladies Auxiliary, 9th Infantry Division Association



Helen Mizell

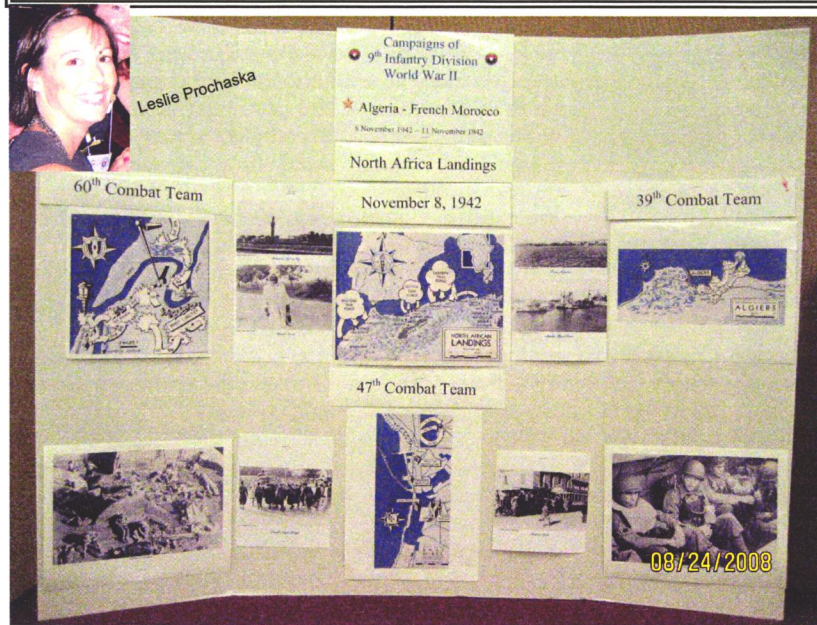


Judy Goldsmith and
 Jean Geary displaying their raffle
 items



Ellen
 Schumacher

MEMORIES
63rd Annual Reunion
Orlando, Florida



Eight poster boards made by Leslie Prochaska (inset), granddaughter of Jack Blann, depict the eight campaigns of the 9th Infantry Division. Boards were on display around the command post during the reunion.



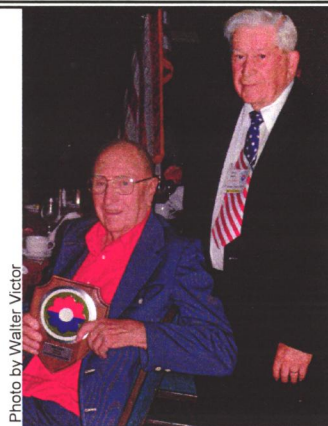
John Baswell (son), Glenda Baswell (dau.-in-law), Esther LiBretto, John W. Baswell (E Co., 60th Inf.)



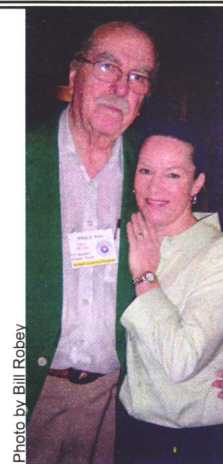
Gail Eisenhauer (daughter of John C. Eisenhauer, K Co., 60th Inf., KIA 27 Sept. 1944) and Willy "Snuffy" Goldsmith (E Co., 39th Inf.)



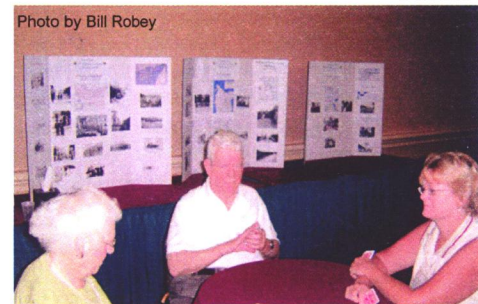
Walter Victor
(L Co., 60th Inf. & 709th
Ord. Co.)
Official Photographer



Emil Langer (A Co., 47th Inf.),
Past Pres. 2007-2008 (seated) and
Henry "Hank" Geary (L Co., 47th Inf.)
Pres. 2008-2009



Bill Robey (HQ Co., 15th Engrs)
and Julia Mellen, Convention
Services Manager



Nadine and Jack Collier (C Co., 47th Inf.) with
daughter JoAnn Bryant enjoying a high stakes card game



Paul Schumacher (C Co., 39th Inf.) and
Neil Aberegg (HQ Co., 60th FA Bn)



The Blann Family
Leslie Prochaska (granddaughter), Mary Blann Cooper (daughter),
Jack Blann (E Co., 47th Inf.), Lavonne Blann,
Bette Blann Prochaska (daughter)



Barbara Harris, Pat Blackman, Mary Selby (friends of Walter and Ruth
Victor), and Ruth Victor



Cathy Stern, Linda Collier (daughter of Jack Collier), and
Herb Stern (D Co., 9th Med. Bn., & G2 Sec. Div. HQ)



Color Guard-Memorial Service
Saturday, August 23, 2008
Provided by
Lt. Col. (Ret.) John R. Bennett USA
Senior Army Instructor
Winter Springs High School



Susan O'Konski (friend of John
Losnes and
Victor Larson)



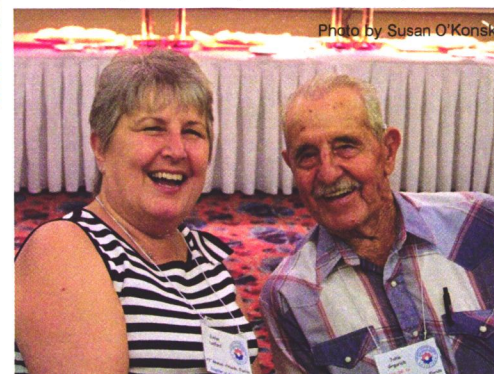
Connie Sue Hart (daughter of
Ralph Williams) organized the
prize give away activity for the
pizza party



Helen Mizell, Chaplain, Ladies Auxiliary with Lois
and Bernard Walker (HQ Co., 47th Inf.)

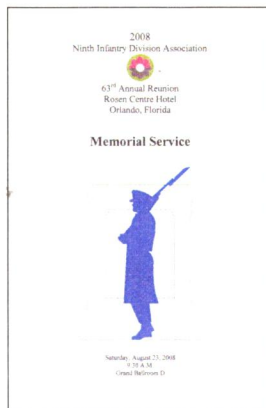


The Irwin Family
Ann Irwin, Clare Irwin (daughter), Richard Irwin (H Co.,
60th Inf.), Bruce Irwin (son), Andrea Irwin (dau.-in-law)



Evelyn Ledford (daughter) and Jackie Grgurich (9th QM Co.)





Rev. Jeannie Higgins
Chaplain
Ninth Infantry Division Assn.

Photo by Susan O'Konski

Memorial Message **"Welcome Home, Soldier"** **Rev. Jeannie Higgins, Chaplain**

Esteemed friends, honored heroes, Veterans of the mighty 9th Infantry Division. Again, it is my highest privilege to share with you in this 63rd Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. You honor me and my Dad (the reason for my being here) with the privilege today to stand before you here as:

- An American citizen who enjoys all the freedoms of this world-made possible in large part because of you: mighty Reliabilities!
- A daughter of an amazing soldier
- A friend to such magnificent men and women such as yourself
- A Christian Pastor who proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ
- While my name tag says that I am the Chaplain of the 9th Infantry Division Association and I am very honored in that regard, I am most honored because of my name tag says that I am the daughter of Walter E. Ricker, 9th Division. I don't feel worthy today to stand before you such greatness in this room. This is particularly difficult reunion for me-to be here this year because my own father, Walter E. Ricker of the Hqs. Battery, 84th Field Artillery, died this past December 16. I have been attending these reunions with him since "The Pines" in New York (that was my first). So, you are my friends and family now. I thank you for opening your hearts and lives to me. I certainly cherish you and our friendship.

Though I feel unworthy and inadequate, it is my privilege to speak on behalf of him and all the other 9th Infantrymen whom we honor and remember today. This is an amazing and awesome privilege which I do not take for granted nor do I wish to shun however difficult it may be.

It is not only the loss of my father, but the loss of dear friends I've met along the way among those being Ellen Schumacher, wife of Paul Schumacher. I ponder how my life might have been different had I not been the daughter of an American soldier.

On the flight here to Orlando, my sisters and I encountered a number of soldiers who were on their way to Iraq. I made a point of telling as many as I could, "Hey soldier, I appreciate your sacrifice for our country. Thank you."

How would I have come to understand the meaning of sacrifice were it not for my father? How would I have come to understand and have an appreciation for what it means to be an American?

- I can tell you this which you already know. There is no place on earth like the United States of America.
- In the last 3-4 years, I have had the privilege to travel to Africa, to work for the cause of justice and freedom (a soldier of a different sort) for the country of Sudan in East Africa-particularly southern Sudan. My relationship is based on my becoming acquainted with what are called "the Lost Boys" of the Sudan. They are represented by thousands of young boys who tried to flee their village after they were being bombed by rebel forces-the cause of the war (as wars always are) have been complex and multi-tiered. These brave and courageous boys, 1000s of whom now live in the US, have renewed even my appreciation for what it means to be a U.S. citizen. "Lost boys" with whom I have gotten acquainted, will tell you quickly what it means to be an American.

There has always been and will always be "the enemy." The face of the enemy changes throughout our lives. You, better than I, can attest to that. I once viewed a photo exhibit at The Parthenon in Nashville where Richard Law of New York City had a vast display of photographs he had developed-all with captions that, for him, told a story. One that I particularly remember is that of a little girl who was holding a cat-actually a big yellow cat was spilling out of her arms. She appeared to be an ordinary little girl-her nationality was not obvious, at least to me. But, the caption, which I have never forgotten was this: "I'm thankful that the Russians are not our enemy anymore."

In recent years for some of you, the enemy has come with a different face-stroke, cancer, TB. To be sure you valiant men have fought the fight for decades. And in most cases, you were able to win.

It breaks our hearts, for sure, to say "good-bye" to our loved ones, but for us who believe in eternal life-Well, the best is yet to come.

I'm aware that there now is only 1 soldier left who served in World War I. Isn't that amazing!

It is true that we have lost many friends from the 9th through the years, but with each of them, we are left with stories and legacies that will linger for as long

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as we live.

We celebrate that it is not the end-but the beginning!

I, like many of you I am sure, read a lot. After Tim Russert died this year, I looked for the book (Big Russ and Me) and was unable to purchase it. However I found another of his books, *Wisdom of Our Fathers*. This book, if you haven't read it, is a compilation of letters Russert received from sons and daughters about their fathers.

Here's one such story, "The Rings."

A couple of years ago, I think I referred to a speech by General MacArthur which he had given at West Point. It became an instant classic. His subject that day was "Duty, Honor, Country"-the motto of the US Military Academy. To some people, MacArthur told the cadets, those words were just a slogan. "But these are some of the things they do," MacArthur said. "They build your basic character. They mold you for your future roles as the custodians of the nation's defense. They make you strong enough to know when you are weak, and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid."

MacArthur had another famous quote, "By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact," MacArthur said. "But I am prouder-ininitely prouder-to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation of life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battlefield but in the home, repeating with him our simple prayer, "Out Father Who Art in Heaven." It has been observed that some of the qualities of a good father are not all that different from the attributes of a good soldier. Both jobs require hard work, sacrifice, patience, loyalty, and honor. Some values are taught with words. Others, like honor, are transmitted mostly by example.

In February 1997, when John Kennedy, Jr. appeared on *Meet the Press*, to talk about his magazine, *George*, they ran a film clip from December 2, 1951, when the future President Kennedy was a young Massachusetts congressman. At the time, JFK was 34; when John Kennedy, Jr. appeared on *Meet the Press*, he was just two years older than his father had been then. As he watched the footage of his father, John, Jr. was mesmerized; it seemed he was studying his father's face. He was 3 when the president died, and he told the host, (off the air) that his actual memories of his dad were so intertwined with all the film clips he has seen that it was impossible to tell them apart. He asked to see the clip a second time, and the crew left him alone to view it. Even if your father is the most famous man in the country, a missing dad is a missing dad, and if he was your dad, a part of you is missing as well.

I was reading from my Dad's copy of *Eight Stars to Victory* by Mittelman the story of the inactivation in 1947 of the Ninth Division. Mittelman writes that it was fitting that in the end, as in the beginning, the words of General Devers sent by General McBride should be there to speak to the Ninth: "The 9th Infantry Division, whose regiments achieved their due measure of distinction in World War I, through the skill, enterprise and valor of its officers and men in WWII, added a brilliant chapter to this nation's military history. On two continents the remarkable achievements of this unit during a long tour of combat duty were outstanding factors in the crushing of the Nazi forces of tyranny and aggression, and won for the divisions' men and leaders the acclaim of a grateful nation."

Mittelman reflects, "That seemed to be the epitaph of the Ninth Infantry Division...the end of an outfit which had fought *Eight Stars to Victory*. But to many the Ninth was not dead. As long as men who wore the tri-colored *Octofail* could breathe; as long as there was a United States Army, the Ninth would never die."

May I add as long as there are sons and daughters who have sons and daughters to pass on the stories of such Duty, Honor, Country, as we remember in the lives of those we honor today, you will not be forgotten.

Even if your father is the most famous man in the country, a missing dad is a missing dad, and if he was your dad, a part of you is missing as well.

From II Timothy 4:6-8

"...the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

I stand here as a grateful American
A grateful friend
A grateful and appreciative daughter
A pastor of the Gospel

I declare that the ultimate enemy has been defeated and our Creator God has welcomed these faithful men of the Ninth into their final reward with the words, Welcome home, Soldier! Welcome home!
The ultimate victory has been achieved!



Photo by Susan O'Konski



Photo by Susan O'Konski

Pageantry and drama on display
Medieval Times, Saturday, August 23, 2008



Photo by Susan O'Konski

Kerry Beres (daughter of Robert Lewis), Berneil Lewis, Jeanette Taylor (daughter of John W. Baswell), Robert Lewis (E Co., 47th Inf.) Terry Barnhart (son of Robert Barnhart, E Co., 47th)



Photo by Bill Robey

Katelyn Taylor (great granddaughter of Ed Custer), Rebecca Custer (daughter), Ed Custer (B Co., 47th Inf.), Domenick Fiore (A Btry, 376th AAA-AW Bn)



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Jim Merrill (son of Dwight Merrill), Susan Williams (daughter of Tom Hutton), Tom Hutton (C Co., 60th Inf.)



Photo by Bill Robey

The Walters Family
Traci Walters (dau.-in-law), Todd Walters (son), Ervin Walters (M Co., 47th Inf.), Lillian Walters

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The Bosko Family
Sandra Ann (daughter), John Bosko (M Co., 60th Inf.), Philip (son)



Photo by Susan O'Konski

The Ballwanz Family
JoAnn Best (daughter), Timothy Heller (grandson), Karl Ballwanz Jr. (D Co., 39th Inf. Regt.)



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John Sabato and Clare Irwin (Sons and Daughters Auxiliary) presenting \$300.00 check to Pres. Geary to help offset *The Octofail* production costs



Photo by Walter Victor

Bagpiper
Memorial Service



Photo by Susan O'Konski

Banquet, Sunday, August 24, 2008



Photo by Bill Robey

Linda Jorden (daughter of Marilyn Martin), Only Rishel, Marilyn Martin, Judy Rishel (daughter of Only Rishel)



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Kimberly Grant (daughter of Col. Ralph Williams), Charles Grant (son-in-law), Elizabeth Williams, Col. Ralph Williams (HQ & HQ Btry., 60th FA Bn)



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The Gross Family
Janet Schnall (daughter), Rosalyn Gross,
Marty Gross (Med. Detach., 15th Engrs.)



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Clarence Ray (L Co., 47th Inf.)
and Marlynn Ray



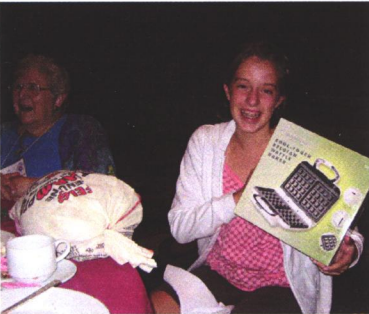
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Ira Moser (L Co., 47th Inf.),
And Faye Moser



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The Green Knight
(turned out to be the bad guy)
Drama, darma, drama!



Audrey Krieman (granddaughter of
Bernard Walker, HQ Co., 47th Inf and
Lois Walker) showing one of her three
prizes from the Ladies Aux. raffle



Photo by Susan O'Konski

Bill Mizell (son of Willie Mizell) supervising the Sons and
Daughters Aux. raffle action



Paul Schumacher (C Co., 39th Inf.) with his
hand made items that he donated to the Sons
and Daughters Aux. raffle



Photo by Susan O'Konski

John Hoyt (15th Engrs) and Herb Olson (G Co., 47th Inf.)
host table 8



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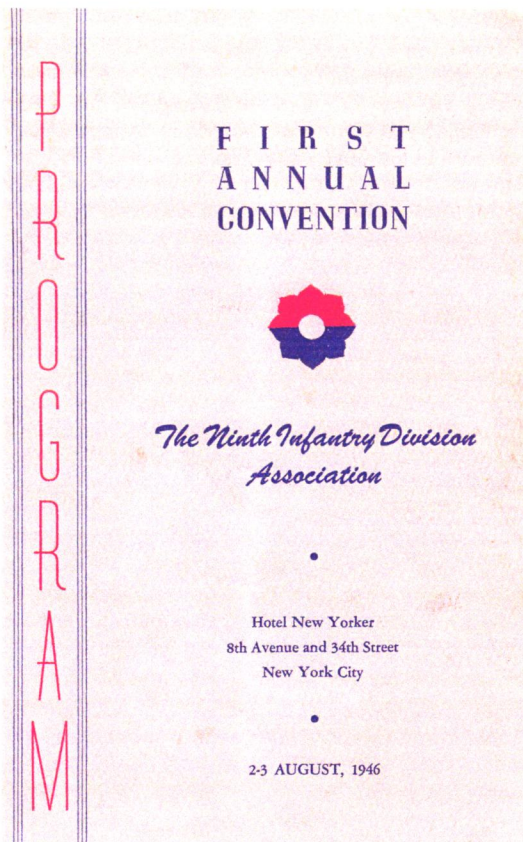
Lucky Table 13 (foreground) where Audrey Krieman won her loot



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Posting the Colors-Memorial Service

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION Program Booklet



Welcome

The 9th Division Association extends greetings to all former members of the 9th Infantry Division, the attached troops who served with it and their wives. We hope you will take an active part in all the programs of the Convention Agenda and that your attendance at the Convention will prove profitable in the way of renewed friendship.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1946

1200 hours—REGISTRATION	Mezzanine Floor just above Lobby
2000 hours—C. P. MEETINGS	Get acquainted
Div. Hq. & Atch. Tps.	Parlor B, 3rd Floor
Artillery	Parlor C, 3rd Floor
39th Infantry	Parlor E, 4th Floor
47th Infantry	Panel Room, 3rd Floor
60th Infantry	Parlor D, 4th Floor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1946

0915 hours—MEMORIAL SERVICE	Grand Ballroom
Rev. C. L. Propst	
1000 hours—BUSINESS MEETING	Grand Ballroom
President George W. Smythe, Presiding	

Reports—President

Secretary

Committees

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Unfinished Business

New Business—Resolutions

Selection of place Second Annual Convention

Nominating Committee—F. R. Veale

Election of Officers

Adjournment

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1946 (continued)

1900 Hours—CONVENTION BANQUET	Grand Ballroom
President—George W. Smythe	Washington, D. C.
Toastmaster—Father De Laura	New York
Greetings—General Eddy	Baltimore
Address—General Hodges	New York
Address—Howard Cowan	New York
Address—General Devers	Washington, D. C.

DINNER MUSIC

Honor Guests

Major General James A. Van Fleet
Major General William B. Keane
Tom R. Henry
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Medal of Honor Men—9th Infantry Division

Peter J. Dallesandro—New York
Herschel F. Briles—Indiana

Former members of the 9th Division now stationed at Holloman General Hospital, New York

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Pfc. Joseph B. Allgood	39th Infantry
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Pfc. Sam R. Cordora	60th Infantry
Pfc. Robert G. Dale	47th Infantry
Pfc. Beryl D. Douglas	26th Field
Pfc. Chester Laddick	47th Infantry
Pfc. Arthur Mehan	60th Infantry
Pfc. Robert D. Parliament	60th Infantry
Pfc. William P. Spano	39th Infantry

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Program Booklet graciously donated by Sam Greydanus, Saugatuck, Michigan

Mike Belmonte

My wife and I are sorry we were not able to make the reunion this year in Orlando. Even though we were not there in person, our thoughts were with all that attended. I hear it was a successful reunion in spite of all the rain.

Our congratulations to the new President, Henry Geary. The word is out that the reunion will be in Bangor, Maine. It's too early to make any decision about attending. I have attended 50 of the 63 reunions since the association was formed and have many happy and memorable memories of the time spent with all my buddies and fellow members.

Good luck with the plans for next year.

Before you know it, the holidays will be here. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy season.

Mike Belmonte and Secretary

Col. Jesse L. Wheeler, Jr., USA (Ret.)

Enclosed in memory of John M. Losnes. John joins Victor Larson. The last known member of my platoon, 1st Platoon, L Co., 39th Inf. That was wounded but survived 13 October 1944, Hürtgen Forest, Germeter, Germany.

Edward Gill joined us in early 1945 and we three maintained our contact, written and by phone. Fortunately we all attended the Washington, D.C. reunion together.

My congratulations for the superb "Octofoil."

With best thoughts for a successful 63rd Annual

Reunion.

Sincerely, Jesse L. Wheeler

Virginia (Ginny) Lusk

Thank you for sending *The Octofoil* to me after the death of my husband, Edwin Lusk. Good memories always return when I read of all the men of the 9th. Ed loved the Division and M Company. He graduated from University of Tennessee (1941), ROTC. Went to North Africa with our first troops there. Stayed in five years and then in active reserves for 25 years. He still had shrapnel in his knee from wounds in North Africa.

Greetings to anyone left in M Company

Sincerely, Virginia (Ginny) Lusk

P.S. I'm enclosing some of his papers. He wrote his obituary and included the poem about "The Veteran" in it.

Lola T. Booth

I'm sending a memorial in remembrance of the following: My husband, George W. Booth
Friends, William Doty, Burleigh Brewer, Lois Brewer, Ellen Schumacher, Lorna Michelson

All the above in loving memory-life goes on-but there are so many empty spaces.

Sincerely, Lola T. Booth

In case you are not notified the Brewers are both gone-so Octofoil should be discontinued.

Floyd Hennessy

From the desk of Floyd Hennessy, 9th Div. WWII
I thought you would like this put in the newsletter. I will try to be present at the ceremony, I hope.

Veterans in Monroe raise funds to honor decorated war hero

By MARK REITER
BLADE STAFF WRITER

MONROE — After six years of fund-raising efforts, veterans groups have collected enough money to begin building a new monument that pays tribute to one of the most decorated soldiers of World War II — and a onetime city resident.

A granite slab honoring the combat heroics of Lt. Col. Matt Urban is to be erected after Labor Day, said Wayne Blank, an organizer of canister fund drives that raised about \$10,000 of the \$30,000 needed for the memorial.

The granite marker will be in Veterans Park along the Raisin River, among monuments commemorating fallen soldiers of both World Wars, the Korean

War, and the war on terror.

"We are focusing on his military service and that he lived here in Monroe," Mr. Blank said. Ground was broken in a ceremony last night.

Mr. Urban, who died in 1995 at age 75, and Audie Murphy of Texas are considered the most decorated soldiers of World War II.

Given the nickname "The Ghost" by German soldiers for his resiliency in battle, Mr. Urban was awarded 29 combat medals, including Seven Purple Hearts during two years of fighting. President Jimmy Carter awarded him the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor, in 1980, a year after

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Urban

Honor

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misplaced documentation of his bravery and leadership in battle was brought to military officials' attention.

Mr. Urban moved to Monroe in 1947 and spent the next 15 years here. He owned a sporting-goods store downtown and was program director for several years of the Monroe Community Center, which eventually became the Arthur Lesow Community Center.

He moved from Monroe in 1962 to Port Huron, Mich.,

where he met his second wife, Jenny. The couple later settled in Holland, Mich., where Mr. Urban was director of the community recreation center.

Mrs. Urban said yesterday her late husband always considered Monroe his second home and returned often.

"He loved Monroe. He had many friends there," she said.

Mr. Blank, a Vietnam-era veteran and member of the Matt Urban American Legion Post 40 in Monroe, got involved in the fund-raising in January. "It has been amazing how this community kicked in money for the marker and the way people got behind it," he said.

Veterans groups began raising the money about six years ago, collecting about \$2,500.

"I kept hearing about his man and I had heard about how long the project for the marker had been going. I wanted to get it done and put to bed," Mr. Blank said.

Mr. Blank said a few people who donated money recalled the impact that Mr. Urban had on their lives while they were growing up.

He said the La-Z-Boy Foundation made a \$10,000 donation to the project.

Contact Mark Reiter at: markreiter@theblade.com or 734-241-3610.

John N. Moore

We certainly want to thank you for personally mailing our Jun. 08 Octofoil, and it was directed to our new address. Mystery: how did you obtain our current address? I apologize for not being very quick in getting that job done. We're still busy completing the moving and at the same time learning the ropes of a new life style. Old dogs seem to be "slow learners" of new tricks.

I've commented to you before about your improved version of this publication: Volume LXIII, No. 2 seemed to have reached a new and higher level. We thank you again for your continued effort. On page 12 of this issue you included a reproduction of Gen. Omar Bradley's 10 May '45 letter directed to members of the 1st and 9th Inf. Divisions. Like many of us, I've lost track of my copy, but I do remember many of his comments. Gen. Bradley, a leader during WWII held in very high respect by many, if not all of those who served under him. He thought like an aggressive

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infantryman and had high respect for all of those in the trade.

I would appreciate a copy of that letter (and thanks to Phil Dubina) if you have a sufficient supply.

At the time Gen. Bradley wrote his letter there was some controversy about the date for the end of WWII in the ETO—was it the 8th or 9th?? Depending on where you were at the time influences your opinion in selecting the date, but I'll tell you it was the greatest birthday present I ever received. Perhaps it was the fact that my birthday is on the 9th of May—maybe I was a little biased but I'm glad I can quote Gen. Bradley on this matter.

I hope also that you had a fine 63rd Annual Reunion in August and I regret the fact that we were unable to attend.

Thanks again for your continued energy in supporting our aging group.

Best wishes to you and your family,

John N. Moore, 15th Engr. Bn.

Joseph Allison

Enclosed are several photos you may be able to use. Please return after use.

Joe (Moose) Allison



Supply Sgt. Sid Livinson
And Benlow



Joe "Moose" Allison



Louis M. Prince

Here is what I have translated so far. It is slow going because Mr. Hamel, bless him, has some apparent contradictions in the text, resulting I guess from his quotation and perhaps some memory loss from which he was suffering and which was a factor in the disease causing his death. I have the obituary from the local newspaper which I could translate for you, but it does not mention the 9th, nor this book. He wrote other books too.

The translation I am sending you is about 8 pages of the book, which contains over 200 pages.

Sincerely, Lou Prince

(Mr. Prince is referring to the book 1939-1945 in Hague-South written by Mr. André Hamel. Mr. Hamel passed away May 5, 2008 at his home in Les Pieux, France. Mr. Prince submitted a review of this book which was published in Volume LXIII, No. 1, Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 2008, page 16 of *The Octofoil*. The first 8 translated pages start on page 19 of this issue.)

HISTORY ROAD



REUNIONS AND PAST PRESIDENTS

Originally compiled by Dave Heller, Highland Park, IL, with help from Ann and Mike Belmonte, Elmer Wagner, John Bonkowski, John Clouser, and Joseph Killen (July 20, 2004)



REUNION	YEAR	DATES	NEW PRESIDENT (Elected)	LOCATION	HOTEL
First	1946	Aug. 2-3	George W. Smythe	New York, NY	New Yorker
Second	1947	Jun. 12-14	Henry S. Rigby	Columbus, OH	Deshler-Wallick
Third	1948	Jul. 29-31	Donald M. Clarke	Philadelphia, PA	Benjamin Franklin
Fourth	1949	Jun. 30-Jul. 2	Donald M. Clarke	Pittsburgh, PA	William Penn
Fifth	1950	Jul. 13-15	Donald M. Clarke	Chicago, IL	Sherman
Sixth	1951	Jul. 26-28	Albert E. Bruchac	New York, NY	Commodore
Seventh	1952	Jul. 24-26	Frank B. Wade	Boston, MA	Statler
Eighth	1953	Jul. 16-18	Richard C. Storey	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
Ninth	1954	Jul. 29-31	George W. Smythe	New York, NY	New Yorker
Tenth	1955	Jul. 28-30	Everett W. Linscott	Philadelphia, PA	Bellevue-Stratford
Eleventh	1956	Jul. 26-29	William C. Westmoreland	Chicago, IL	Morrison
Twelfth	1957	Jul. 4-6	John J. Clouser	Boston, MA	Statler
Thirteenth	1958	Jul. 31-Aug. 2	Frank B. Wade	Columbus, OH	Deshler-Hilton
Fourteenth	1959	Jul. 30-Aug. 1	Glenn O. Moore	New York, NY	Statler-Hilton
Fifteenth	1960	Jul. 28-30	Frank T. Ozart	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
Sixteenth	1961	Jul. 27-29	John Sabato	Detroit, MI	Sheraton-Cadillac
Seventeenth	1962	Jul. 26-28	Francis K. Maher	Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, NC	Prince Charles
Eighteenth	1963	Jul. 25-27	John J. Clouser	Springfield, IL	St. Nicholas
Nineteenth	1964	Jul. 23-25	Walter J. O'Keefe	Philadelphia, PA	Sheraton
Twentieth	1965	Jul. 29-31	John X. Bonkowski	New York, NY	Statler-Hilton
Twenty-first	1966	Jul. 28-30	Emil P. Langer	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
Twenty-second	1967	Jul. 20-22	Paul D. Keller	Boston, MA	Sheraton
Twenty-third	1968	Jul. 18-20	Herbert Olsen	Detroit, MI	Statler-Hilton
Twenty-fourth	1969	Jul. 24-26	John Rizzo	Pittsburgh, PA	Howard Johnson
Twenty-fifth	1970	Jul. 23-25	Frank T. Ozart	New York, NY	Commodore
Twenty-sixth	1971	Jul. 29-31	Leonard Tomassone	Springfield, IL	Holiday Inn East
Twenty-seventh	1972	Jul. 27-29	Ronald V. Murphy	Atlantic City, NJ	Shelburne
Twenty-eighth	1973	Jul. 26-28	Fred M. Josey	Boston, MA	Sheraton
Twenty-ninth	1974	Aug. 1-3	Richard Wilson	Atlanta, GA	Sheraton-Biltmore
Thirtieth	1975	Jul. 24-26	Walter J. O'Keefe	Detroit, MI	Heritage House
Thirty-first	1976	Jul. 22-24	Charles N. Koskie	New York, NY	Statler-Hilton
Thirty-second	1977	Jul. 28-30	Albert Perna	Chicago, IL	Hyatt-Regency
Thirty-third	1978	Jul. 28-30	Francis K. Maher	Philadelphia, PA	Sheraton
Thirty-fourth	1979	Jul. 26-28	Robert J. DeSandy	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Galt Oceanside
Thirty-fifth	1980	Jul. 17-19	William Bongiorno	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
Thirty-sixth	1981	Jul. 25-27	John J. Clouser	Hyannis, MA	Dunfey's Hyannis
Thirty-seventh	1982	Jul. 24-26	Emil P. Langer	Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, NC	Bordeaux
Thirty-eighth	1983	Jul. 21-23	Thomas Boyle	Detroit, MI	Westin
Thirty-ninth	1984	Jul. 21-23	Elmer R. Wagner	Lake Placid, NY	Holiday Inn
Fortieth	1985	Jun. 6-8	Norman L. Caswell	Orlando, FL	Sheraton Twin Towers
Forty-first	1986	Jun. 26-28	Carlos B. Esteva	Nashville, TN	Radisson Plaza
Forty-second	1987	Jul. 23-25	Emil P. Langer	Camp Hill, PA	Penn Harris
Forty-third	1988	Jun. 23-25	David H. Heller	Hyannis, MA	Tara Hyannis
Forty-fourth	1989	Jun. 19-23	Henry R. Santos	South Fallsburg, NY	Pines Resort
Forty-fifth	1990	Oct. 4-6	Michael Belmonte	Orlando, FL	Marriott
Forty-sixth	1991	Sept. 19-21	Edward Hopkins	Milwaukee, WI (IL Chap.)	Grand Milwaukee
Forty-seventh	1992	Jun. 11-13	John Miller	Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, NC	Holiday Inn/Bordeaux Inn
Forty-eighth	1993	Oct. 7-9	Edwin Wisniewski	San Antonio, TX	Holiday Inn
Forty-ninth	1994	Jun. 9-11	John O'Grady	Lake Placid, NY	Holiday Inn/Sunspree Rsr
Fiftieth	1995	May 25-27	Henry Phillips	New Orleans (FL Chap)	Clarion
Fifty-first	1996	Jun. 4-7	Albert Perna	Kiamesha Lake, NY	Concord
Fifty-second	1997	May 22-25	Thomas Hatton	Louisville, KY	Galt House
Fifty-third	1998	May 5-7	Jack Collier	Hampton, VA	Holiday Inn
Fifty-fourth	1999	May 23-25	Martin Gross	Hyannis, MA	Four Points
Fifty-fifth	2000	May 2-5	Jack Blann	Monticello, NY	Kutsher's County Club
Fifty-sixth	2001	May 17-20	Albert Perna	Houston, TX	Adam's Mark

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Fifty-seventh	2002	May 7-9	George H. Brown	Pigion Forge, TN	Country Inn
Fifty-eighth	2003	Apr. 22-24	Elmer R. Wagner	Lancaster, PA	Lancaster Host Resort
Fifty-ninth	2004	May 10-13	William G. Robey	Monticello, NY	Kutsher's Country Club
Sixtieth	2005	Sept. 23-25	Jack A. Collier	Arlington, VA	Crystal City Marriott
Sixty-first	2006	Oct. 6-8	James Dawson (d. April 3, 2007)	Branson, MO	Radisson Hotel Branson
Thomas Hatton (1st VP assumed Presidency)					
Sixty-second	2007	Aug. 17-19	Emil P. Langer	Grand Rapids, MI	Crown Plaza Hotel
Sixty-third	2008	Aug. 22-24	Henry "Hank" Geary	Orlando, FL	Rosen Centre Hotel
Sixty-fourth	2009	Jul. 24-26	TBD	Bangor, Maine	Ramada Hotel

1939-1945 in Hague-South and the 9th U.S. Infantry Division's Victorious Path from Utah Beach to Gourey, from Carentan to Mortain...on to the Elbe.

By

André Hamel

Translated from the French by Louis M. Prince

The Second World War in the southern part of Cape Hague:

There was nothing in the records of the Municipal Council of the town of Les Pieux that would indicate our country was once again at war if it were not for several unexpected budget expense entries: room and board for an extra policeman, and straw to bed down mobilized reserve troops.

"Committing an error beyond belief, diabolical Adolph Hitler is setting fire to Europe by annexing Danzig, in spite of warnings from France and England. Popular opinion is entirely against this criminal attempt. The end result will be decided by armed force," wrote the Pastor of Tréauville on September 2, 1939.

The Debacle:

We lived on German time beginning June 18, 1940. All day long that day the 7th Panzer Division commanded by General Rommel rumbled up the Barneville-Les Pieux Road with the sole objective of taking Cherbourg as soon as possible. Their goal was achieved on the 19th of June at 5 p.m.

It was a very impressive force for that age, with its dozens of tanks, armored vehicles of all sorts, self-propelled artillery, and anti-aircraft guns serving also as anti-tank weapons...

"At 7 o'clock in the morning Mama who had gotten up first came in to give us the very bad news", wrote a little boy, a pupil at Les Pieux elementary school, according to his mother, Madame Dareau. When she went outside everybody ran up to her gesticulating and shouting: "The Germans are in Careteret; they will be here before noon".

Madame Dareau's son continued:

"Every available man in the region was called in to build a barrier of stones on the Rouges-Terres hill in front of the entrance to the town".

It was reported that a man in his 80's removed the barrier himself, stone by stone, to let the tanks come through. (Actually it was Mr. Marin Hamelin, about 60 years old, who had to do this under threats by the Germans).

Everybody was eating when we heard what sounded like thunder. Then we went outside and what a surprise! The tanks were coming-only 150 or 200 meters away. We went right back inside because we were afraid, and hidden behind the window panes we watched them go by.

First the tanks passed, then the motorcycles, then some trucks overflowing with soldiers. Two or three planes flew over the convoy. All afternoon the enemy paraded by. About 7 p.m. the

throng of soldiers and vehicles stopped.

In spite of her fear Mama had to cross through all these soldiers to go to her job at the Post Office because she could not miss her work.

Come night, the Germans curled up in their blankets and slept in doorways and sheltered spots. The whole town was full of soldiers who seemed threatening...

Rommel recalls this day, the 18th of June, in one of his books. His armored division rushed along the west coast of the Cotentin Peninsula because it was the only route without natural ambushes and because it had not been mined or obstructed. It was also the route taken by the English troops several days before on their way to embark at Cherbourg. Their retreat had puzzled the residents of Les Pieux who had had not idea how fast the German Army was advancing across France.

Rommel: "The 7th Rifle Regiment, transported in armored vehicles left as advance guard on the road to Cherbourg. (Taken as hostage after the reduction of the barrier of which he had been in command, French Lieutenant Gelanton was forced to sit on the hood of the machine gun vehicle which headed this motorized column.) Our speed from Barneville to Les Pieux (only 10 to 16 kilos per hour at times) was too slow for my liking and several times I had to demand increased speed. Because the longer we took to get to Cherbourg, the more time we were giving the enemy to prepare his defenses. At the entrance to Barneville, some civilians were removing the barricades that were half-built. The same took place at the entrance to Les Pieux which we came to at 12:15 p.m. We did not have to fight anywhere. The column passed through Les Pieux without stopping and continued at a good speed toward Cherbourg."

The first German elements appeared at Les Pieux around 9:30 a.m. They were stopped at Martinvast Bridge by artillery fire from two 75 mm guns. This resistance continued to be effective until the end of the fighting for Cherbourg. Several cannoneers, killed in action at their post of duty were temporarily buried next to their guns in the tiny apple orchard on the left side of Octeville hill.

And what was happening at the same time in the upper part of Octeville just above Martinvast Bridge? Dozens of Cherbourg residents of all ages were wandering out into the country, not knowing at all just where they were headed. About 9:00 a.m. policemen had gone up and down the streets of Cherbourg giving the residents orders to evacuate, without carrying any baggage, and to go up into the hills... "The Germans are coming!" It was an exodus carried out in dismay but not in panic.

At Beauchamps, which at the time was still a rural community, some French soldiers were detailed on the Vasteville road to block the trail going up from the Divette River through the Mount Roc woods. What could they have done, miserably dressed and equipped, in the midst of all these civilians? With tears in his eyes a machine gunner infantryman was holding out a handful of ammo that wouldn't fit his rifle.

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But let's go back to the Martinvast Bridge. Because of the unexpected resistance, it was necessary to find another route before the situation could suddenly become disadvantageous to Rommel. French strong points at Cherbourg and Sideville could let loose a heavy barrage from artillery pieces of all calibers onto the area by which he had come and which he was now occupying.

"So I did everything possible to bring in reinforcements. Learning that Division Headquarters had arrived in Sotteville, I decided to conduct operations from there. We moved right away, leaving a space of 300 meters between vehicles because of the enemy fire. Moving at top speed we succeeded in getting our several (command) vehicles to the Division Headquarters at the Sotteville chateau. Not having slept since the previous morning, at 5:00 p.m. I took an hours nap." (Rommel)

A new infantry unit as well as an armored unit having arrived by that time, Rommel gave orders sending them immediately to Querqueville via Tonneville in order to be able to take the port of Cherbourg under fire from his heavy artillery, which would not arrive until later, being much slower moving.

It should be noted that certain units of Rommel's Division were slowed down in their movements. During the previous night some warships has been cruising offshore in order to place defensive fire on the La Haye-du-Puits-Les Pieux road. Cruising along the Carteret coast, the "Leopard", the "Savorgnant de Brazza", the "Branle-bas", and the "L'Incomprise" bombarded the road from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and again in the late afternoon. Before leaving they had fired 370 shells. The mayor of Piereville recorded: "Barneville-Les Pieux road shelled by the French Navy."

On the other side of the peninsula (Cape Hague) the cruiser "Admiral Courbet", two torpedo boats, a dispatch boat, and submarine chasers #13 and #14 were supporting the defenders of Pont-Douve. All these craft found refuge in the harbor of Portsmouth, England, when Marshal Pétain signed the Armistice with Hitler. Submarine chaser #14, which between the 2nd and 18th of June had escorted convoys from Le Havre, Cherbourg and Brest was able to join them.

An English plane dropped four or five bombs which demolished a garage on Forgette Street in Les Pieux, destroying a civilian automobile-one did not see many cars around in those days.

And it was at that time that a most surprising and dramatic event occurred: Even if Rommel himself had told the strange story, very few would have believed it.

Rommel's headquarters had made the 300 kilometer trip without incident in enemy territory, although the enemy was practically impotent to be sure. They stopped about 15 kilometers from the objective, and, as if in a fairy story, the Keys to the Castle were given to the Germans by the Gods of War. Detailed French defense plans for Cherbourg were discovered. Rommel's book continues as follows:

"Soon after the Regimental Commanders left, some very important maps were brought to me which I studied immediately and very carefully. It seemed that the Chateau where we had established our Division Headquarters belonged to the commanding governor of Cherbourg, and that all these maps, which were of the city's defensive fortifications, had been found in secret drawers. They included maps of the southern fortified area, and one, notably, indicated the fields of fire of all the light and heavy batteries inside and outside the fortress. I gave particular attention to this map and concluded that we must not continue our attack via Tonneville for which orders had just been given, because the enemy would have been able to take us under fire from several strong points. Consequently I changed my orders..."

After having made a twilight reconnaissance to his advance positions at Hainneville, Rommel spent the night at Sotteville. Next morning, the 19th of June, he left for Cherbourg, which capitulated that day...insufficiency of arms and ammo.

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The truth is that the Sotteville chateau did not belong to the commanding governor of Cherbourg, but to a retired artillery Colonel who had left his residence during these unfortunate times, facts which do not explain the presence of these secret maps found in the drawers. (Footnote: According to Paul Ingouf Knocker in his book *Cotentin June '40*, these maps with accompanying notes had been prepared sometime before 1930 for maneuvers conducted by the Land-Sea Army defending Cherbourg against a theoretical enemy. At the end of the exercise they had been given to Colonel Fromageot, commander of the 43rd Artillery Regiment at Cherbourg and owner of the Sotteville chateau, as a souvenir gift.)

If this information concerning the taking of Cherbourg had been known by those who were already looking for a reason why Cherbourg had fallen so quickly, completing the conquest of all of Normandy, it would have substantiated their suppositions. They believed that the enemy had a network of intelligence agents who had been active for years as well as army officers who were thoroughly familiar with the area, having worked there during previous years. It would also have confirmed public rumors aggravated by fear of spies and by broadcasts from Radio Stuttgart which was paying special attention to the defense of Cherbourg. "It's another-master stroke by the Fifth Column..."

On that afternoon of June 18th, a drama took place several hundred meters from the Sotteville chateau. A Navy enlisted man from Lorraine was serving in Etoublon moor as operator of an anti-aircraft searchlight installation. He climbed down onto the Cherbourg road to fire his rifle against an approaching enemy patrol, which took him from behind, wounding him. He refused to surrender and shouted insults at them in their language. The Germans went for him, beating him up and finishing him off with a bullet in the head. He was temporarily buried by the side of the road from Cherbourg to La Conterrie before being moved to a corner of the cemetery where the words "Died for France" still were not to be seen on his tombstone 54 years later. To explain this deficiency and to minimize it, it was hinted that he had been drunk. Drunk with bitterness toward those who had occupied his country, Alsace-Lorraine, for a half century.

In 1989 a petition to the organization Souvenir Français resulted in permanent maintenance of the aforementioned grave, and another "official" version of the incident was recognized. In the autumn of 1940 the Direction of Naval Intendance listed the circumstances of death of those men deceased after May 31, 1940. In the mail received November 11, 1940, the mayor of St. Christophe received a letter reporting as follows: "Guillaume Stammet was in a convoy of prisoners of war which spent the night at La Conterrie. Killed by the German authorities, his death is attributable to an act of violence..." In 1990 testimony recorded by an investigator from Souvenir Français adds that Stammet did come from the AA battery at Sideville. Can one accept that without question how the Germans had time to parade prisoners along the 7 kilometers to arrive at La Conterrie before 6:00 p.m., the official time of the drama?

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The Literary Ninth

Book Reviews

By Henry G. "Red" Phillips
Association Historian

Garland, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Albert N. & Dr. Howard McGaw Smyth (Military historians of the Office of the Chief of Military History, DA, Washington, D.C., 1993). *Sicily and the Surrender of Italy*. This is another of the multi-volume series, *History of the U.S. Army in World War II*. As the title implies, this volume is in two parts, the first of which covers the Allies invasion on the southern coast of the island on 10 July 1943 and subsequent battles leading to their capture of Messina at the island's northern corner. The second part deals with the diplomatic negotiations resulting in Italy's surrender. The 9th Inf. Div. was again divided for *Operation Husky*, with the 39th RCT and 9th Divarty participating in the invasion, while the remainder acting as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh U.S. Army reserve landed dry shod at the port of Palermo after its capture. The 9th then proceeded to rejoin its advanced elements near Troina in Sicily's mountainous center and after Troina was captured, it was committed eastward astride Highway 120. The 39th RCT had been attached to the 1st Inf. Div. and played a major part in the reduction of the German's Troina defenses. Initially under the command of its XO, Lt. Col. John J. Toffey Jr., Col. Harry A. "Paddy" Flint took over the reins mid-battle, and with an extraordinary display of leadership, rejuvenated his worn out regiment.
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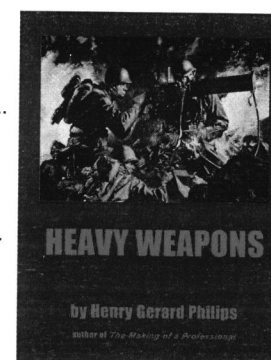
Gordon, Lt. Col. (USAR Ret.) Roy K. (Deceased: 2nd Lt., B Co., 47th Inf. Regt.) *Battleground*. Published in 1978 by Holloway House Publishing Co., 8060 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046, this is another piece of fiction written by Lt. Col. Gordon. The title refers firstly to the battles fought by volunteer Black soldiers of the ETO who gave up hard earned stripes in many instances to become infantry replacements to selected infantry divisions (including the 9th Inf. Div.) fighting the Germans in the Spring of 1945. The volunteers came from rear echelon units of truck drivers, engineers or warehousemen whose labors may have been important and relatively comfortable, but rarely dangerous. They chose to fight as infantry riflemen, the most dangerous military calling, in order to dispel a widely prevalent notion that Black soldiers were incapable of infantry combat, or that their integrated presence on the battlefield would somehow inhibit White soldiers from doing their duty. As privates, they were organized and trained as 40-man rifle platoons attached to rifle companies of those divisions participating in what was considered to be a test of those negative ideas expressed above. It was realized at all levels that, if those ideas were shown to be false, it would have major implications for the potential of the Army in the future. Secondly, the title refers to the battles fought by these men to be recognized as fully entitled citizens of the USA.

It is not known why the author chose to treat this subject as fiction, perhaps he did not have time to research the alternative, but what is known and recorded was its outcome. The test was universally successful in showing that the earlier assumptions were untrue; the so-called "5th Platoons" were lauded by the commanders under whom they served. It helped to provide a basis for President Harry Truman's 1947 edict that there would be no more segregation in the military.

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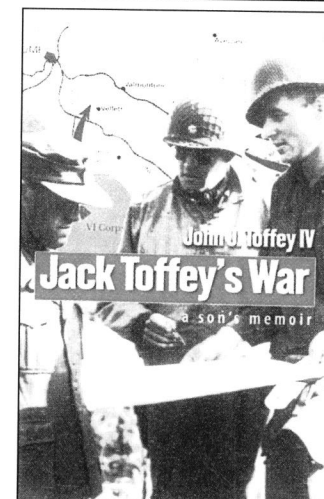
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Regt., extol both his writing and his historical grasp. Other assessors are Col. (USA Ret.) Peter R. Mansoor, who will be recalled by some of us as the excellent banquet speaker at the 2001 Association reunion at Houston, Texas. The final reviewer is Red's daughter, Kathryn Phillips, who keeps his spelling straight.

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General Knowlton, a graduate of West Point in January 1943, was the 49th superintendent of the academy, a post he held from 1970 to 1974. At the time, he was the longest-serving superintendent since World War II.

The Weston, Massachusetts native began his career as a second lieutenant in the Armored Cavalry and fought in four campaigns during World War II, beginning in Normandy. In the last weeks of the war, he was awarded a Silver Star for leading a reconnaissance mission deep behind German lines to make one of the first contacts with the Soviet forces north of Berlin.

His later commands included battalion and brigade armored cavalry and armor units, the 9th Infantry Division's multi-brigade force in South Vietnam and the Allied Land Forces South-eastern Europe in Izmir, Turkey.

He also served on the staffs of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the early 1950s.

He was on the staff of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam from 1966 to 1968, where he oversaw civil operations on General William Westmoreland's staff and served as assistant division commander in the 9th Infantry Division. His work in South-east Asia resulted in the award of a Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and 10 Air Medal. He also received two more Silver Stars, one for gallantry at a fire support base and the other on the Plain of Reeds.

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