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President
Joseph Maiale

President's Message

Hi ya all! Hope everyone got home safe from the reunion.
If you were there you know what a success it was. Seeing the young people dancing and singing with such energy was great.
If you were not there, you missed a great reunion
The bylaws committee has made a change in the way a president can extend his reign for one more year at the pleasure of the Board of Governors. We have started the transition to the sons and daughters and hopefully at the 2013 reunion we may be able to move forward on this. Any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me at [REDACTED]

Joe Maiale, President
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Ed Note: At the request of the president, Henry Geary has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Ira Moser on the Board of Governors. Henry will server until the reunion in 2012.

A Note From The Publisher

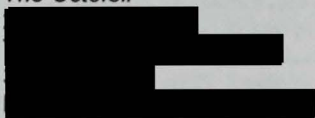
As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun." It's hard to believe that five years ago I took over as your publisher and editor. That event was a huge change in the way your newsletter was designed, produced and printed. There were those who opposed any change to the newsletter, but by far, there were many of you who welcomed the change and over the years have expressed your gratitude. To those who have given me constructive criticisms over these years I say thank you. The goal then, as it is now, was to make your newsletter pleasant and easy to read, to raise the quality of its printing, and to bring you timely and accurate news of happenings in the association. Throughout these years the Board of Governors has consistently and steadfastly supported me to make your newsletter a quality publication. Now it's time for another change. At the New Orleans reunion this past July the Board of Governors voted unanimously to transfer the operating budget for the newsletter to me. This action will allow me to make timely payments for production services with our printer. To help smooth this process further there is a new subscription form on page 19. Anyone can now subscribe to the newsletter by remitting the form and payment per the instructions on the form. If you are a 9th Infantry Division Association member you now have two forms to consider. One is strictly for your membership in the association, to make memorial donations, and buy decals. Other nonmembers can also use this form to make memorial donations and buy decals. The membership form will continue to be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer. The other, the new subscription form, will be remitted to the publisher as shown on the form.

We are moving into a new area where changes in past operations make it necessary to ensure efficient operations. Your cooperation with the above change in policy and procedure is greatly appreciated.

Additionally all obituaries, letters, photos, articles, in short, anything you want published in the newsletter should continue to be sent directly to the publisher. This direct communication will save time and money.

I invite all those who have suggestions or constructive criticisms to contact me for a chat.

Respectfully,
William Sauers, Publisher/Editor
The Octofoil



Major Bylaw Changes Approved

The bylaws have been updated to reflect changes to the operations of the association. Further changes will be forthcoming as the transition of operations continues. See pages 16 through 18.

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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.

THE NINETY'S CLUB

Here's your chance to join an exclusive, much loved, respected, 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 William Sauers, Editor.

New Ninety's Club Members



Leon Downey (90)
Ridgway, Ill.



Lawrence T. Faulkner (90)
Simi Valley, Calif.

Secretary-Treasurer Report September 2011

There has not been much action in the association since the reunion in New Orleans. The item that has caused me a great deal of time and trouble is dealing with the CGM Fund and their constant stalling about doing anything for us.

Two years ago I sent them an inquiry about what process we should use if we decided to cash in some of our shares in the fund. I got a letter from them saying that we would have to surrender the stock certificates in order to cash them. As far as I have been able to find out, we have never had any such certificates in our possession.

We have two accounts with CGM, one established in 1953 and the second one in 1964. John Clouser was president in 1964 when the second account was established. He did not recall ever seeing or hearing of any certificates. The only clue we have is that the certificates may have been sent to Tom Boyle, who was Treasurer in 1964. Since his death, we have had no contact with his family. We know he had a daughter and if any of you know how to get in touch with her, I would like to know.

When I notified CGM about this they sent me some forms to fill out and asked for a little over \$500.00 to go to Travelers Insurance Co. to have them issue surety bonds to cover the possibility of some one trying to cash the old certificates. They cashed the check and I have not heard from either CGM or Travelers. CGM has admitted they owe us the certificates. The last contact was a phone call two weeks ago when I told them to send the certificates or we would turn the whole record over to the Attorney General of Massachusetts. I gave them a deadline of September 30, 2011.

Bill Robey, Secretary-Treasurer

67th Annual Reunion Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania August 17, 18, 19, 2012

We will be using the Sheraton-Station Square Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Room costs will be \$137.00 including all taxes. An increase from New Orleans, but not a large one. Our meal costs are slightly changed as well, but overall close to the 2011 prices. See the reservation form on page 20.

SuperShuttle will provide transportation to and from the airport. See the article on page 19 for information.

More later. Bill Robey, Reunion Chairman

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

Lois M. Walker in memory of Bernard A. Walker

Joseph Bergin in memory of Paul Pryjmak

Nellie Niverth in memory of Martin A. Niverth

Richard Beaumont in memory of Dean Ancell, F Co., 60th Inf.

Ira & Faye Moser in memory of Jean Geary, James Merrill, Dwight Merrill

Charles Illsley in memory of Jack Blann

Norma Horan in memory of LTC William H. Horan

Keith & Arlene Silver in memory of Jean Geary, Jim Merrill, Dwight Merrill, Charles Scheffel

Dr. Martin Gross in memory of Ira Moser

Richard E. Cohen in memory of Donald Clarke, Harrison Daysh, Charley Tingley, Sal Trapani, Frank Wade

Louis Prince in memory of our fallen comrades

Louis Prince in memory of Red Phillips

Thelma Solar in memory of Richard L. Solar

John Vranesic in memory of Ennio L. Mariotti

Madalyn Capobianco in memory of Nicholas Capobianco

"Lest We Forget"

The Ninth Infantry Division Association Memorial Service
Immaculate Conception Parish
353 Grove Street
Worcester, Mass. 01605
Sunday, October 23, 2011 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, October 23, 2011 the 67th annual Memorial Mass and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Immaculate Conception parish in Worcester, Massachusetts. This year's service marks another milestone in a long line of continuous Mass celebrations started by Father Edward T. Connors. Father Walter J. Riley, Pastor, will celebrate the Mass and conduct the memorial service. If you plan on attending please contact Gail Eisenhauer at 203-248-1495 or send an email to her, pdgail8@aol.com, for lunch reservations after the service. Hotel arrangements are on your own if you plan to stay overnight.



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

John W. "J.W." Arnold K Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Ira L. Moser L Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Bernard A. Walker Hq. Co., 47th Inf. Regt.
George H. Brown A Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Henry Gerard "Red" Phillips M Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	Morton Wolk Hq. Co., 15th Engr. Bn.
Charles "Chuck" H. Jones F Co., 47th Inf. Regt.	John E. Slater 34th F.A. Bn.	Pasquale J. Zona 709 Ord. Lt. Maint. Co.

TAPS LETTERS

Alice M. Zona

This note is to tell you that Pasquale J. Zona, Staff Sergeant, 709 Ordnance Light Maintenance Company passed away March 16, 2011. He was 93 years old.

He enjoyed reading *The Octofoil* and the story's.

He served from February 1941 to June 1945.

Signed, Alice M. Zona

Margaret Wolk

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of my husband, Morton Wolk. He died on July 15. He had been failing for some time. We had been married for 67 years, raising four wonderful kids, working together on community projects and thoroughly enjoying the times when we attended the 9th Division reunions. His years with the 9th Division were a very important part of his life.

Signed, Margaret Wolk

Lois M. Walker

My name is Lois M. Walker, wife of Bernard A. Walker. Bernard passed on April 15, 2011. He was in the hospital since Feb. 23, 2011, then to Health South for rehab and Harmar Village for the rest of his time. We miss him terribly. He was 85 years old.

Signed, Lois Walker

Robert J. DeSandy

It is with a sad heart that I am notifying you of Chuck Jones death. He has been a close friend for many years. He will be missed by all who knew him. For as long as I can remember Chuck's license plate read "FOX 47."

Signed, Bob DeSandy

Robert J. DeSandy

I found this death notice of a fellow 9th Div. man in Fayetteville, N.C. paper. John Slater was a Field Artillery officer in the 34th Field Artillery. I know he was a member of the association at one time, but I have no details.

Signed, Bob DeSandy

Herbert U. Stern

It is with profound sadness that I want to notify the association of the sudden death of Henry Gerard (Red) Phillips. Red was 89 when he passed away at his daughter's home on August 19th.

I can't think of anyone in the 9th Infantry Division Association who hasn't been familiar with Red's prolific writings. For many year he was the M Company, 47th Regiment chronicler. Many of our members know of his trilogy "El Guettar, Crucible of Leadership," "Sedjenane, The Pay-off Battle," "Remagen, Springboard To Victory." The biography of Manton Eddy, our revered Commanding General, and "Heavy Weapons." All of us in the association had been aware of Red's dedication to the association as its historian. His position will be hard to fill.

I was proud to call Red my long time friend. He was an exemplary officer, a great courageous leader, a wonderful writer, devoted husband, and father, and an always cheerful, giving person.

When I helped him with various aspects of the trilogy the memos were always flying back and forth. I will never forget the memo which ended "Flowers are popping up out here-thanks to the powers that be."

We have lost one of our best. Red, you old reliable, we'll sorely miss you.

Lt. Col. Henry G. Phillips will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Sympathy notes may be sent to his daughter, Kathryn Phillips, 183 Mountain Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566.

Signed, Herb Stern

TAPS OBITUARIES



John William "J.W." Arnold, Sr.
1923 - 2011

K Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

We are saddened to advise you of the death of J.W. Arnold, Burleson, Texas. J.W. passed away September 18, 2011, at a local hospital having suffered from cancer.

J.W. had been a long time active member of the Texas & Greater Southwest Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association. J.W. Arnold as a member of K Company, 47th Infantry was with Carl Sheridan during the assault on Frenzenberg Castle, Germany on November 26, 1944. J.W. will be sorely missed by his family and surviving comrades. Mr. Arnold is survived by his wife Mary Ruth.

Herbert Stern, President

Texas & Greater Southwest Chapter

Posted Burleson Star:

John William "J.W." Arnold, Sr., 88, left this earth Sunday, September 18, 2011, surrounded by his family.

J.W. was born June 19, 1923, in Goree to John Welch Arnold and Winnie Newton Arnold.

Mr. Arnold was a veteran of World War II and received numerous awards including the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a technical sergeant in January of 1946. After retirement, Mr. Arnold became active in numerous veterans' organizations in Burleson and Johnson County. He reorganized the Burleson American Legion, serving as commander; was active in VFW and Purple Heart; and had been the leader in interviewing and recording veterans' stories for the National Veterans History Project. J.W. was very involved in the Veterans' Bricks placed in the City Veterans Park in Burleson. He was also a 60-year Mason; member of the Burleson Heritage Foundation; and was an active member of the United Methodist Sojourners camping group. Mr. Arnold was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Burleson and Fellowship Sunday School.

Survivors include his wife of 10 years, Mary Ruth Gordon Arnold; one sister; two sons; three stepchildren; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Charles "Chuck" H. Jones
1921 - 2011

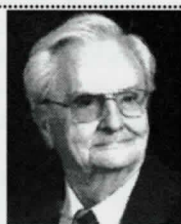
F Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

Charles "Chuck" Hudson Jones, 89, of Harrisonburg, died July 21, 2011, in Harrisonburg. Mr. Jones was born Dec. 31, 1921 in Arizona, to the late Col. Charles H. Jones and Rose Emma Clark Jones.

Mr. Jones served in World War II, attaining the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army before being wounded a fourth and final time and medically retired from service. He served in the 47th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Division and his personal decorations include: Silver Star for Gallantry, Bronze Star, and four Purple Hearts, as well as two Presidential Unit Citations for distinguished action at Frezenberg Castle and the crossing at Remagen bridge. He worked in customer service for United Airlines for over 30 years, retiring as supervisor at Reagan International Airport, and was responsible for establishing the first "Red Carpet Clubs" at both Washington National and Dulles International Airports.

After retirement, he amassed what was considered the most extensive and complete collection of Civil War artillery fuses in the country, winning numerous awards, including the prestigious Stanley S. Phillips Memorial Award. He later wrote a book detailing his collections, (Artillery Fuses of the Civil War), which he published in 2001.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Phyllis Brooks Jones; two daughters; and a sister.



Ira Lee "Ike" Moser
1924 - 2011

L Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

Ira Lee "Ike" Moser passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home after a life well lived. He was born September 21, 1924 in Forsyth County to the late Parrie Bovender Moser and John Robert Moser.

Mr. Moser proudly served his country in the United States Army, 9th Infantry Division, 47th Regiment, L Company during World War II in the European theatre, the Normandy Invasion where he entered Utah Beach on the second day, fighting through Cherbourg; the St. Lo Breakout; France; Belgium, where he earned the Purple Heart in December of 1944; and Germany. The 9th Division was the first American soldiers to enter Germany through the Siegfried Line. He retired from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office with 32 years of service and was the oldest living retired deputy. Mr. Moser was preceded in death by his first wife, Lea W. Moser; a daughter; and eight siblings. Surviving are his wife, Faye Bovender Moser; two sons; a daughter; two stepchildren; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.



Henry G. "Red" Phillips
1922 - 2011

M Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

Henry G. Phillips was born on May 10, 1922 in Portland, Oregon, to Harry Phillips and Eleanor "Dolly" Johnson Phillips and died on August 19, 2011.

He married Lenore Luella Lembke of Marysville, Calif., in 1942. They remained happily married for almost 68 years, until her death in 2010.

Henry G. Phillips joined the 47th Infantry at Fort Bragg, N.C., in August 1942 as a second lieutenant. He participated in the regiment's amphibious assault at Safi, Morocco, and was wounded at El Guettar, Tunisia, while leading a machine gun platoon. Phillips fought in the Sicilian, French and German campaigns of the 9th Infantry Division. He was wounded again in Belgium and Germany and twice awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. Phillips was recently awarded the French Legion of Honor for his service in World War II. Following World War II, Phillips was commissioned in the regular U.S. Army, retiring in 1967 as a lieutenant colonel. His post-war decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He graduated from the Universities of Maryland (BS) and Illinois (MS), and the Army Command and General Staff College. After Army retirement, Phillips was employed by PMC Colleges (now Widener University) in Chester, Pa. He later moved to Penn Valley, Calif., and published and edited his community's newspaper for 10 years. "Red" began writing the first edition of "Heavy Weapons," a chronology of the World War II adventures of his beloved M Company. He followed this with his "battle books," "El Guettar: Crucible of Leadership," "Sedjenane: The Pay-off Battle," and "Remagen: Springboard to Victory."

After personally presenting his trilogy to President Clinton in 1995, Phillips wrote a biography of Gen. Manton S. Eddy, "The Making of A Professional," in 2000. Phillips then wrote "Heavy Weapons" as an exploration of leadership on the platoon, company, battalion, regimental and division levels.

Col. Phillips was a Fellow of the Interuniversity Seminar on the Armed Forces and a distinguished member of the 47th Infantry Regiment. He was a former president of The Ninth Infantry Division Association, its historian, and a regular contributor to "The Octofoil," the association's newsletter.

Col. Phillips is survived by his brother, two daughters, and five grandchildren.



John E. Slater
1922 - 2011

34th Field Artillery Battalion

John Edmund Slater, age 89, passed away Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, after an extended illness. Born in 1922 in Yonkers, N.Y., John was a true depression-era baby. He was the only child of Margaret and John Slater, a copy rewrite editor for the Yonkers daily newspaper. In high school, John excelled in both academics and tennis and received a scholarship to Cornell University, where he was captain of the varsity tennis team and earned a degree from the School of Engineering.

Shortly after graduation, John entered World War II as a field artillery officer and forward observer in the European Theatre with the 34th Field Artillery Battalion (9th Division) under the command of Col. William C. Westmoreland. He was at the forefront of the Allied push through Germany, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, and helped in the capture of the Remagen Bridge. He was responsible for moving one of the first artillery units across the Rhine in support of the infantry operations at the bridgehead.

In the final days of the war, his unit helped liberate the survivors of the Nazi concentration camps. His World War II service earned him numerous decorations, citations and medals including the Bronze Star.

He began his 48-year career at McGraw-Hill in New York City in 1947 as an ad salesman for Power magazine. Over the course of his career at McGraw-Hill, he published more than two dozen magazines, trade papers and newsletters serving the energy, electrical, manufacturing and automotive industries.

For a man of many accomplishments, John was fond of telling everyone that his greatest accomplishment was his marriage to his beloved wife, the former Kate Broadfoot Holmes. John and Kate had dated briefly while he was stationed at Fort Bragg prior to the outbreak of the war. They reconnected more than 30 years later and were married in 1977. They had a wonderful life together living in New York from 1977 until returning to Fayetteville in 2005. John is survived by his wife, Kate; three children; five stepchildren; and seventeen grandchildren.



Bernard A. Walker
1925 - 2011

Headquarters Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

Bernard A. Walker, 85, of Tarentum, died Friday, April 15, 2011, at 10:50 p.m., in Harmor Village, peacefully surrounded by his family. Born Aug. 17, 1925, Tarentum, he was a son of the late William G. and Elizabeth (James) Walker, and was a lifelong resident of Tarentum. He had been employed as a lab technician by Alcoa Research Laboratories/Alcoa Technical Center. A World War II veteran, he served in the Ninth Division in the European Theater of Operations, and was honorably discharged at Fort Dix as a technician 4. After retirement, he served the community for 20 years by managing the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store in Tarentum. He was a lifelong member of Holy Martyrs Church, formerly St. Peter's, in Tarentum. He had been a choir member of his church, president of the parent-teacher organization, and parish CCD president. He also served on the board of Community Library of Allegheny Valley. He held memberships in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, VFW Post 894 in Natrona Heights, and Natrona Heights YMCA. Bernie enjoyed swimming and exercising at the YMCA, and playing bridge and golf. He treasured Walker family picnics held every Sunday in the summer for more than 20 years. A 1943 graduate of Tarentum High School, he attended Duquesne University, Penn State University, The University of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Community College. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lois M. (Guadagno) Walker; two daughters; three sons; several grandchildren; one great grandson; two brothers and many nieces and nephews.



Morton H. Wolk
1919 - 2011

Headquarters Company, 15th Engineer Battalion

Morton Wolk was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 17, 1919 and died in Orange County, California on July 15, 2011 at the age of 92.

Mort graduated from Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh in 1942 with a bachelors degree in aeronautical and mechanical engineering.

He served in the 9th Infantry Division of the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He met his wife Margaret in Scotland during his service in Europe. They selected Memorial Day as their wedding date in 1944 and they were married for 67 years.

Mort worked as an aeronautical engineer and project manager at McDonnell Douglas for over 38 years. He was active in B'nai B'rith and served as District President.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and four children.



George H. Brown
A Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

George H. Brown, Major, U.S. Army, (Retired), passed away Thursday, October 6, 2011, at his home. He was predeceased by his first wife, German war bride, Charlotte "Goody" Gudrun Thomas Brown, his son, Danley Fritz Brown, his parents and two brothers, Henry and Lindy. His is survived by his wife of 18 years, Janet S. Casanave-Brown of Toano, Va., nine stepchildren, sister and several nieces and nephews.

He was born July 12, 1926, in Newark, N.J., moving to Livingstonville, N.Y., as a child. He enlisted in the Army on September 5, 1944, and retired on September 30, 1965. He served with A Company, 1st Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division in World War II, and also served in Korea and Vietnam. He earned the Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and other awards and decorations for his service in the U.S. Army. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, Military Officers Association of America, and the 9th Infantry Division Association, where he served as President for one year.

After his retirement from the Army, he performed title and research work for a Cairo, N.Y. law firm. George renovated a farm house in Freehold, N.Y., where he resided and collected antiques. He lived the past 19 years in Toano with his wife and five kitties.

He will be cremated and buried in Freehold, N.Y. along side his first wife, son and mother-in-law, where a graveside service will be held. A memorial service will be held in Toano at a later date.

CHAPTER AND AUXILIARY NEWS

FLORIDA CHAPTER

It's Silver Springs for 2012. On August 15, 2011, the reunion committee signed a contract with Days Inn Hotel & Suites to hold the 2012 Florida Chapter reunion in Silver Springs, Florida. The dates are May 23, 24, 2012 (two days). This hotel was formerly known as the Holiday Inn. It is located directly opposite the Silver Springs Attraction. Silver Springs borders Ocala going east on SR 40 (Silver Springs

Blvd.) Take any one of the many North and South roads and get off at SR 40 (signs read "Ocala/Silver Springs). If coming from the east coast take SR 40 West for approximately 65 miles from the junction in Ormond Beach. Coming from the central and western areas of Florida, get off at SR 40 East to Silver Springs. Mark your calendar...plan to attend. More details will follow in the next newsletter. Information sheet and order form showing the cost will go out approximately five weeks prior to opening day. Bring a relative or friend. Let's remember those members who are no longer with us and pray for the sick.

The reunion committee will be seeking places to go and things to do which will be included on the information sheet. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Emil J. De Donato at 352-489-4970 or email: mrdee82918@aol.com

Bits & Pieces

Lotti Schacor passed away on October 27, 2010 after a brief illness at Timber Ridge Rehabilitation Facility in Ocala, Fla. Lotti was very active in the Rainbow Lakes Estates community, volunteering for the Library Board, the Ladies Auxiliary Fire Department, Crime Watch Patrol and the Rainbow Lakes Tax Payer's Association. She was 87 years old. Her husband, Fred, served in Service Company, 39th Inf. Regt. Fred Schacor passed away suddenly from a heart attack on October 23, 1993 while visiting his daughter Charlotte Boemio in Calif. Fred and Lotti attended many National and Florida Chapter reunions. Lotti is survived by her daughter Charlotte Boemio, who now resides in Rainbow Lakes Estates with her two children. Condolences may be sent to Charlotte Boemio, 21078 SW Peach Blossom St., Dunnellon, FL 34431.

Faye Moser reported that her husband Ira is receiving daily treatments for his breathing problem and hopefully may attend our next chapter reunion. *Ed. Note: Ira passed away September 13, 2011. Condolences may be sent to Faye Moser, 1571 West Westmorland Rd., King, NC 27021.*

Joyce Munger returned home from the hospital and is now being cared for by her husband Charles and two women case workers. We hope and pray that both Charles and Joyce will be well enough to join us at our 2012 reunion. Get well cards may be sent to Joyce at [REDACTED]

Please send any news to Emil De Donato.

GREATER NEW YORK AREA CHAPTER

Due to the annual summer hiatus during July and August the Greater New York Area Chapter did not meet. The first meeting was due on Friday, September 16, 2011. But since this scribe has been hospitalized since September 9 I could not write a report on the proceedings of the meeting. Hopefully, I will be well enough to make a report in time for the issue of *The Octofoil*.

Mary Levy, Recording Secretary



Rosalyn Gross
President

LADIES CORNER

Roz Gross, President, led the annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, 9th Infantry Division at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans on July 13th. Sixteen members attended. A moment of silence mourned the loss of Jean Geary, past Vice-President and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years. Jean will be greatly missed.

Roz explained that due to high costs for food at the Sheraton, there was no planned formal luncheon this year. However, the attendees did feast on some sandwiches as well as brownies and lemonade. Anyone who sent a check in advance to Jean Geary for the cancelled formal luncheon needs to inform Roz so she can be reimbursed.

Elections were held for the following positions, listed with the winners:

Treasurer, Judy Goldsmith
President, Roz Gross

Secretary, Roz announced that Jackie Armstrong has agreed to be Secretary for the next two years (Bylaws state the Secretary can stay in office as long as she feels capable).

Chaplain, it was decided that the President would take over the Chaplain's responsibilities of leading a prayer or moment of silence at the beginning and end of each meeting.

Treasury Situation: Roz announced for Judy Goldsmith that as of December 31, 2010, there is \$1,383 in the bank account.

There was no Ladies Auxiliary raffle (our major fundraiser) this year due to Jean Geary's death. Jeanette Taylor and Glenda Baswell volunteered and were elected to organize a raffle for next year's meeting in Pittsburgh. Raffle suggestions were made: have each member of the Ladies Auxiliary be responsible for supplying one raffle item, and raffle items should be a size that is easy to travel with on a plane.

Annual dues are \$5.00 per year. Janet Schnall collected dues from many of the meeting attendees and sent the checks to Judy Goldsmith. If you have not paid your annual dues, please send a \$5.00 check to our Treasurer: Judy Goldsmith, 7848 Maynard Avenue, West Hills, CA 91304

Lavonne Blann thanked her committee for contacting widows of the 9th Division veterans and gathering information. She received many interesting comments on the phone. The information has now been given to William Sauers who will update records.

It was suggested that until we are certain of the amount of money in the Ladies Auxiliary transferred account and due to the fact of not holding a raffle this year for income, that only one donation from the Ladies Auxiliary be made this year instead of the usual three. A motion passed to donate \$300 to the WWII Museum in New Orleans when funds become available in the new account.

At the reunion banquet, William Mizell graciously donated a Virginia ham and auctioned it off for the Ladies Auxiliary - earning \$100 for us. Thank you, Bill, for your generosity and support.

Since the meeting in New Orleans, the Ladies Auxiliary bank account has been successfully transferred to California where the Treasurer is based. The account has been established so that either the Treasurer, Judy Goldsmith, or the President, Roz Gross, can be a signer on the account. Instead of the previous account in one person's name, now in case of any emergency, the Auxiliary will have better access to the funds.

Roz Gross, President



Emil De Donato



Marv Levy

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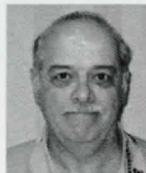
SONS AND DAUGHTERS AUXILIARY



Mary Cooper
Co-officer



Clare Irwin
Co-officer



John Sabato
Co-officer



William Sauers
Co-officer

The seventh annual business meeting of Sons and Daughters Auxiliary was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the New Orleans reunion. In attendance were twenty-seven sons and daughters and one guest. Paul Schumacher (outgoing President) and William Robey represented the parent association.

Following is an edited version of the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A summary of the minutes from the annual meeting in Indianapolis was read and the motion to approve was granted with all in favor.

Terry Barnhart unveiled the plaque that will be hand delivered by Gail Eisenhower and presented to the Museum Huertgenwald 1944 Und Im Friedn (Museum-Huertgenwald 1944 and in Peace) in Vossenack, Germany. The ceremonial dedication is Friday, October 7, 2011. Gail and Paul Schumacher will present the plaque to the museum officials and volunteers on behalf of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary. Nancy Fraker, past contributor to *The Octofoil* and friend of the 9th Infantry Association will also be in attendance. The plaque will be permanently mounted to an interior surface within the museum.

Thank you to Kathy Tapelt who contacted over eighty names on the list of delinquent and past members. Her efforts brought over thirty of those memberships back to the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary

A motion was made to increase membership dues for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 to \$15.00 annually. The motion was seconded and approved with all in favor.

The sons and daughters are reminded the final edition of *The Legacy* was distributed in August of 2011. News of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary will be made available in *The Octofoil* beginning with the Jul.-Aug.-Sept., 2011 issue.

Effective with this new fiscal year, *The Octofoil* will be available by subscription only. If you have not already done so, you may purchase a yearly subscription for \$20.00 by contacting William Sauers at [REDACTED]. If you subscribed to *The Octofoil* prior to the new fee structure, you will receive the newsletter at the price you originally paid, however, after expiration, the new rate will apply.

Worcester Memorial: A discussion was reopened from last year reiterating that the condition of the memorial is deteriorating. The physical structure, erected in 1962 next to the church is contained within an approximate diameter of thirty feet. Its flagstone construction and semi-circular presentation supports two brass plaques on either end, a tile mosaic and flagpole in the center. Last refurbished in 1982, the structure is dirty, mortar joints are tarnished and cracked and the mosaic design needs repair. A motion proposed to establish a fund for refurbishment of the memorial and suggested a starting point of \$500.00. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. Contact William Sauers at [REDACTED] to make a personal donation to this fund. The fund will be called "Friends of Father Connors."

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Irwin, Secretary
[REDACTED]

215th Board of Governors Meeting

July 12, 2011

New Orleans, Louisiana

The 215th Board of Governors meeting was called to order by President Paul Schumacher at 1:35 p.m.

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

Board members present were Joe Maiale, Paul Schumacher, Marty Gross, Lawrence Kaufman, Clarence Ray and Bill Robey. Six board members present making a legal quorum for the meeting. Also present representing the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary were William Sauers, John Sabato and Mary Cooper.

Minutes of the 214th board meeting in Indianapolis were approved.

First order of business was a financial report by Bill Robey, Secretary-Treasurer. See below:

Cash On Hand (National Account) 1 July 2010 \$ 6,006.81

Revenue:

Membership Dues	\$ 995.00
Donations-Memorial Fund	1,120.00
Donations-Octofoil Costs	1,600.00
Octofoil Subscriptions	1,150.00
Donations-Digital Book Proj.	310.00
CGM Fund Dividends	159.66
Sales-Decals, Stamps	23.00
Donations-General Fund	370.00
2010 Reunion Surplus	<u>464.86</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 6,292.52

Expenses:

Octofoil & Editor Expenses	\$ 6,772.17
Membership Cards	368.06
Surety Bonds (CGM Fund)	534.22
Misc. (Postage, Computer Supplies, Presidents Plaque, Corporation Fees)	<u>545.23</u>
Secty-Treas Expenses	<u>468.85</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 8,688.53
Expenses exceeding revenue	\$ (2,396.01)

Cash On Hand (National Account) 30 June 2011 \$ 3,610.80

An audit of the financial records was also conducted by Lisa Spitzer, CPA, LLC., [REDACTED]. The audit covered the same period as the above financial statement. A letter from Ms. Spitzer confirms the association should terminate the investment in CGM Fund as soon as possible and the financial records are correct and accurately reflect the financial condition of the association. After discussion by the board, a vote was taken to accept the report as submitted. Vote was unanimous in favor.

There was a general discussion of the transition being done to turn over the operations of the association to the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary. The changes to be made in the bylaws were published in a previous issue of *The Octofoil*, and will be voted on at the business meeting to take place tomorrow, 13 July 2011. Everything is going to forward, with some other to take place in the CGM Fund, which is becoming an obstacle that we have not yet been able to overcome. We are working to settle this matter as soon as possible. If we cannot reach an agreement with CGM, then we propose to turn the matter over to the Attorney General of Massachusetts to see if they can make CGM come to an agreement with us.

William Sauers then discussed the changes in the costs of *The Octofoil* and got an agreement with the board to allow him to set up a bank account and pay the costs of printing and mailing *The Octofoil*. Secretary-Treasurer will send Sauers funds from subscriptions collected.

Bill Robey discussed the reunion investigations for 2012. Investigations were done of Jacksonville, Fla., Buffalo, N.Y. and

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Pittsburgh, Pa. Jacksonville was not interested in our reunion when they found out that we were such a small organization. They were looking for groups to rent 1,000 rooms or more. So this discussion was dropped. Buffalo, N.Y., was not very enthusiastic either, and not interested in small organizations. So, the investigation centered on Pittsburgh, Pa. Jane Mitchell, daughter of Clarence Ray, volunteered to help since she lives near Pittsburgh. She will be able to do much of the footwork and negotiations with hotels etc. in the area. Costs should be only a little higher than this year, as we are going to try to go back to our standard week-end. Based on this discussion, the board voted to hold the 2012 reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bill Robey was designated as reunion chairman again.

No further business came before the board, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, W.G. Robey, Secty-Treas.

**Minutes of the 66th Business Meeting
13 July 2011**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Schumacher at 1:30 p.m., and after the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional moment of silence in memory of fallen comrades, the meeting proceeded.

Present were twenty-one members including six of the Board of Governors. Also present were William Sauers, John Sabato, Mary Cooper and Clare Irwin of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary.

The president had appointed Marty Gross as chairman of the Finance Committee, Joe Maiale as chairman of Bylaws Committee, Clarence Ray as chairman of Octofoil Committee, supported by William Sauers, Russell Bellanca as chairman of Miscellaneous Committee and President Schumacher chaired the Nominating Committee.

At this point, President Schumacher, called for a thirty minute recess so the committees could meet and conduct their business from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. After this short recess, the following reports were submitted to the business meeting.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Paul Schumacher, after discussion with various board members and officers submitted the following: since Joe Maiale and Clarence Ray were serving out unexpired terms of Jack Blann and Jack Collier, they were eligible for election to a full three year term, and so were nominated. Ralph Williams of Florida was nominated to serve as 3rd Vice President. This report was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Miscellaneous Committee: Chairman Russell Bellanca reported no business brought before his committee and the report was accepted.

Octofoil Committee: Chairman Clarence Ray and William Sauers said that after the lengthy discussion at the board meeting yesterday, the committee saw no need to discuss this all again. The committee report was accepted unanimously.

Bylaws Committee: Chairman Joe Maiale reported that the bylaws committee unanimously approved the changes to the bylaws published in the previous issue of *The Octofoil* and were adopted unanimously by his committee. Additional changes recommended were: the term in office of the president be extended to a two year term. This report was discussed for a few minutes and then accepted unanimously.

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Finance Committee: Chairman Marty Gross, member Ralph Williams and Secty-Treas. Bill Robey were members of this committee. Marty Gross submitted the following: the financial state of the association was discussed and a budget for the fiscal year 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012 was recommended as follows:

Budget for year 2011-2012

Estimated Expenses		
Octofoil Costs	\$ 8,050.00	
Editor Expense	250.00	
		\$ 8,250.00
Postage		400.00
Computer Supplies		400.00
Utilities		200.00
Secty-Treas. Expenses		500.00
Contingency Fund		500.00
		<u>\$10,050.00</u>
Estimated Revenue		
Dues	\$ 400.00	
Donations & Misc.	1,000.00	
Donations-Memorial Fund	2,500.00	
Octofoil Subscriptions	4,000.00	
Digital Book Project	2,000.00	
CGM Fund Dividends	150.00	
		<u>\$10,050.00</u>

After some discussion, the Financial Committee report was accepted unanimously.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, W.G. Robey, Secty-Treas.

**216th Board of Governors Meeting
14 July 2011**

New Orleans, Louisiana

The 216th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order by President Paul Schumacher at 2:00 p.m.

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

Board members present were Joe Maiale, Paul Schumacher, Lawrence Kaufman, Marty Gross, Bill Robey, Russell Bellanca and Clarence Ray.

Joe Maiale and Clarence Ray were serving out appointments to the board to replace members who were deceased, and were eligible to be elected to full terms on their own.

The first order of business was the election of a new president. Joe Maiale was nominated by Bill Robey and seconded by Paul Schumacher. There were no other nominations from the floor and the nominations were voted closed. Motion to elect was made by Marty Gross and seconded by Russ Bellanca, and the vote was unanimous.

Joe Maiale took over presiding at the meeting. After a few remarks by Joe about his new job as president, the rest of the officers were all re-elected by unanimous vote of the board.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, W.G. Robey, Secty-Treas.

66th Annual Reunion Memories
New Orleans, Louisiana



Front row, left to right: Dr. Martin Gross, Domenic Martello, Col. Ralph Williams, Walter Victor, George Minarik, Russell Bellanca
Back row, left to right: John Hoyt, Bill Robey, Paul Schumacher, Joe Maiale, Herb Stern, Charles Duling, Lawrence Kaufman



MISSING MAN TABLE

The second annual missing man table was observed at the start of the banquet dinner. This tradition was started by Joe Maiale at the 2010 reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana. See page 15 for the reading.



Seated l to r: Ann Margaret Johnston, David Johnston
Standing l to r: Mack Darr, Ruth Victor, Mary Selby, Walter Victor



Seated: Past President Paul Schumacher and Sadie Maiale
Standing: President Joe Maiale and grandson Joseph Maiale



Daughter Linda Collier, Nadine Collier and son Michael Collier



Walter Victor and George Minarik



Barbara Harris, Mary Selby, Ruth Victor, Pat Blackman



Karl Arietta, Drum Line Instructor and David Wright, Choir Director recreated the music for the "9th Division March." A CD recording was played after dinner.



Mary Kay Darr led the group in singing the "9th Division March." John Baswell follows her lead in the background.

9th Division March

The Ninth Division March

Here's to the Ninth Division,
The Division that's the Army's pride;
Here's to the Ninth Division
And its brave and gallant men so true and tried.
We will be loyal to her,
No stain shall mar her name;
For freedom's cause we'll ever live
And all the world shall know,
The Ninth Division proves her fame.

Interlude

We will protect our birthright,
Liberty's sons are we,
We will be slaves to no might,
Americans are free.

Chorus:

We serve our flag and country,
Every soldier is a fortress strong,
Giving our best to our country,
We will be the victors tho' the strife be long;
We do not fear the battle,
We're ready for the fray;
Keeping hearts and courage high,
United as we go—the 9th Division leads the way.

Composed by Mrs. Solly Powell Singley. She dedicated it to her brother Lt. Col. Grayson C. Powell, Judge-Advocate. The words were originally published in the *Fort Bragg Post*, Wednesday, July 29, 1942. The above version was published in *The Octofoil*, August 1948 and was used by the Torrance High Choir to recreate the lost music. It was also published in the booklet *Hitler's Nemesis The 9th Division* in 1944.



L to r: Herb Stern, Cathy Stern, Kaye Olson, Erik Olson, Gail Eisenhauer, Margi Barnhart and Terry Barnhart



Helen Bellanca, Russ Bellanca, Michelle Rihner, Charles Duling



Mary Cooper, left and Bette Prochaska, right (with umbrellas) leading the group in the "Second Line" dance tune.



Seated l to r: Karen Olsen, John Hoyt, Maurine Roberts, Marjie Hoyt
Standing l to r: Mark Lund, Clare Irwin, Sandra Ann Bosko



L to r: Lavonne Blann, John Sabato, Helen Mizell, Bill Mizell, Gilbert Waters, Ronald Wallace



L to r: Linda Jorden, Marilyn Martin, Judy Rishel, Only Rishel



L to r: Richard Merrill, Jane Mitchell, Theda Ray, Clarence and Marlynn Ray



Reunion attendees receiving instructions from the photographer for the group photo at the World War II Museum



L to r: George Minarik, Eric Hutchins, Harry Hutchins and Nona Hutchins



Seated: Dr. Martin Gross, Rosalyn Gross
Standing l to r: Janet Schnall, Amy Schnall and Dr. William Schnall



Seated: Elizabeth and Col. Ralph Williams. Behind them is LTC John Bennett



L to r: Glenda and John Baswell, representing the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary; Bill Robey, President Joe Maiale, Past President Paul Schumacher, Sadie Maiale

Karen Walter

These are some stories that Dad told me about the war and the prison camp.

Dad went to a German prison camp called Trottendorf. He said it was the worst place there was. There was a guy (from Huntington, Pa.) that Dad and his buddy Ralph didn't like. He would get the guys in trouble every chance that he could. This guy volunteered Dad to go to this camp when German officers asked who would be strong enough to go there. Dad hated this guy. When he came home from the service he tried to find this guy so he could go there and beat him up. But no one knew where he lived. When they put the guys on the train to Trottendorf Dad knew where he was going and he felt terrible and he wished he could have killed that guy. His other buddies went to Poland. When the train got to the camp Dad said you could see a huge smokestack there and you had to walk behind it. And he could see a huge man-made dirty mountain of soot which you had to climb up to get to the camp. When he went in to the camp he said it was the dirtiest room he had ever seen and they gave him a bed where a tall, skinny dude was in the next bed. His name was Don Davis from North Carolina and he thought Dad was a German and Dad thought the guy was going to beat him up. But then Dad swore at him and said, "I'm no German" and they got to be good friends. He made Dad some dog tags out of melted plastic and Dad still has them. Dad talked of this story many times, especially since Dad did not want to take off his dog tags because you never took them off unless you were killed and they sent them home to your family. Dad said at night the bed bugs would come out and crawl all over them. He said in the morning they were full of blood and if you smacked them they would have blood all over the they smelled really bad too. Also the fleas were so big that the guys would bend over in pain when they got bit. Dad said the Russians were getting typhus from the flea bites because they never got treated with the shots. Dad said in their camp one guy was picked to be a leader in case anything went on and he would be the one to talk to the Germans. One day a German officer said all the guys were going to get typhus shot the next morning. Their leader said don't you guys get the shot because you all are going to die from it. So none of the guys went that morning. But then one of the German assistants talked to them and said it is ok to get the shot - it was not to kill them - so they all did and Dad said the German guy who gave the shots was a pretty nice guy and he even talked with each one of the guys - so none of the guys got typhus - but the Germans and Russians did get it and a lot of them died.

They had to work every day in the camps and they had to chop wood for their barracks to keep warm. He said none of the Germans ever hit the guys. They were not like the Japs Dad said. Dad said every once in a while they would get a package from the International Red Cross. There would be a little jar of Nescafe coffee in there - sometimes 6 cigarettes and sometimes soap. Dad said the Germans loved to trade for their soap and cigarettes. I don't know what they got in return.

Dad said he lived there for a year in that camp. He said every day you could hear the air raids. He said the bombs hit one area in the barracks and killed a lot of guys. He said the guys in their camp

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Pfc. Norman C. Johnson
February 1, 1918 - March 14, 2009
Served Sept. 1940 - Sept. 1945
P.O.W. - Germany for 2 years, 1
month, 3 days, 9 hours and 15
minutes.

made a zig zag bomb shelter that they dug out. So if the bombs hit one area it would be safe in another area. I couldn't imagine how he must have felt when he was on his way on that train to the German prison camp and what he was going to see there and what would happen to him. Can you possibly think what a terrible experience it must have been - to have the planes going over dropping bombs. No one will ever know what these guys went through. They are all heroes.

Sometimes when they had a check to see if all the men were there - they were all lined up. The German officers were all dressed up in their finest to show their importance. Dad said they always had big grins with their teeth sticking out (Dad would show how they did this - it was funny when Dad showed this.) They tried to show off to the prisoners.

December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor Day:

Dad was in the service then. He said a couple of the older guys were looking forward to going home - one by the name of Popcorn (I think he said). Then they heard about the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor and all leaves were cancelled much to their dismay. Dad said the Japs were real bad. Much worse than the Germans. Dad said he didn't know why some of the guys wanted to go home because he said he liked the service. He said he got a white medal for Pearl Harbor Day. He quietly said it wasn't much. But I sure think it was a great honor.

Baltic Sea Coast:

They watched for Stockholm ship - you could hide on them if you could find a way on. The Swedes would take you to Sweden and you would be safe. Dad and another guy thought about it but then the war was ending. The Swede would arrest you but they took care of you. They didn't know for sure where the Baltic Sea was. You might get shot if they saw you (the Germans) before the ship took off.

Donald Kinder was a young kid who put GI soap under his arm pits to fake a fever. He told Dad how you could pretend you were sick. This soap would make you really hot and then you could go to the reverend sick leave where you would get better food. (not sure what the reverend meant). Dad talked about it. Something to do with where they took you to be treated I believe Dad mentioned.

There was a newspaper called the Raider. (I believe Dad said Bob Dunn was the editor). He said Bob Dunn was a real nice guy - he helped Dad. He just could not believe Dad had been in prison camp all that time.

When Dad was getting out the guys saw a jeep with a major and a machine gun on board. The major told the Germans that they were his prisoners now. The Germans got right in too, Dad said. Then the major took off. Some of the guys were singing - some were sick. Guys started to walk up the road. They saw a USA truck coming. They were all dirty and sick and the driver ran to them and wrapped his arms around some of them. He was so happy to see them walking along the road. All the sick got on the trucks then and more trucks came and they took them in a long room and put powder on them to kill bugs. Then they got a shower. They also got a prayer book which Dad still has. They were returned to military control. Then they went on a boat to France.

There was a big cannon on this ship. When Dad had to stand guard a guy came up and told him to come down below and have cake and ice cream. But Dad said no - he had orders to stand guard. But later he was allowed to go down for cake and guess who Dad said the cook was? Victor Mature! (Victor Mature was a famous movie star). A great actor who is now gone. He was in the wonderful movie Exodus and lot of other movies. So Dad got to see him and he told this story many times.

When Dad was being taken to the prison camp on boxcars some of the guys cut a hold in the boxcar so they could go to the toilet..

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MAIL CALL

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They had no where for them to use a bathroom so they cut holes in the floor.

The Mine Fields:

The Big Red 1 - Dad didn't like them.

They had to relieve the guys from the Big Red 1. They didn't know (Dad and Aldo) that they were relieving them in a mine field. Dad said there were thousands of them - you could tell where they were by the sprockets sticking out of the ground. Dad had to take the colonel in a jeep thru the mine field. He was so afraid. He said he could just feel his legs being blown off but he said he went very carefully had he got the colonel out of there. He told him they could use that area and that he thought it was so far. But he didn't know about the rest of what happened after that. (mentioned Lt. Buros). Dad said that he and the other guy didn't know much about looking for mines but Dad went right ahead in there to search for them. Boy was Dad ever brave.

Honey Dippers:

A honey dipper was a person who took the crap out of the latrines for their gardens. One day a lady would come with an oxen pulling a cart to pick up the crap (it was human manure) for fertilizer. She was filthy and the smell was terrible.

There was a German lady that came with a big pail of water and she would give the guys a drink. Some did and that day there were air raids going on and Dad thinks the lady was killed. Dad said they blew up everything that day. He still wonders if that lady was killed.

7A - Mooseburg was one of the camps that got blown up. Dad said there were a lot of guys killed on that day.

We took Dad up to Erie for POW-MIA Day. A few guys got up and talked and then Dad did too. And what a surprise when he got to see his old buddy Harold Weaver. I think Dad is going to get a purple heart for being in prison camp. That will be an honor. I think Dad was really happy that he went that day. He thought he wouldn't know any one - but he was surprised. I remember when we were waiting for the ceremony to start - Dad told me I don't know why he came up here - I don't know anybody. But to his surprise he did find an old friend. What a great day that was.

On October 17 Dad and Red went on the Honor Flight - it was great for them to go. I am so glad Dad went on the trip to see his Memorial.

I wish I had more of his stories to write about. If we only would have thought to tape all of what he talked about. Then we could have heard his voice account. That would have been wonderful. As you can see from reading some of these stories that Dad was a hero and a very brave and wonderful man. He served his country and I can only say that I am so proud and honored to have had him for my Dad.

Thanks Dad.

I Love You.

Barbie

Article written by Norman C. Johnson's daughter - Mrs. Barbara Hepler, 625 Dawson St., Kane, Pa. 16735

Lisa Froug-Hirano

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEN OF THE
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

I am hoping to document any personal accounts or memories of those who served with the men who are known to MIA. If you recognize any on this list and have any recall of that person I would love to hear from you.

While effort to find and bring home the 20,000 out of
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78,000, WWII era remains that have been termed "recoverable" continues at a snails pace, we want to make sure that those of you who knew or served with any of the missing men of the 9th have an opportunity to document your stories and/or share photos before it is too late.

Some of those on the Tablets of the Missing at the cemeteries overseas have been adopted by local town folk and some have family who have pushed for years to get their loved ones found and brought home. Many no longer have family to speak for them and that is where the 9th Infantry Division comes in.

We are not going to let them be forgotten and we are going to push for each Ninthman to be recovered. The following list is by no means accurate but it was the best that could be done with the resources we have. Please note that the dates and general locations where they were last seen may not be accurate. They are only estimates. Please excuse typos as well.

If you have anything you would like to share please write or email anytime or call after 1:00 p.m. your time (due to the time difference).

With deep gratitude, Lisa Froug-Hirano

39th Infantry Regiment: (28)

Richard C. Allen, Private, April 7, 1943, North Africa. From: Ill.
William H. Anderson, Private, April 24, 1943, North Africa. From: Calif.
Eve Andrepoint, Private, March 31, 1943, North Africa. From: La.
Walter P. Beavers, Jr., Private, March 28, 1943, North Africa. From: Va.
J.C. Brooks, Private, August 1, 1943, North Africa. From: Ky.
Charles W. Buddhu, Private FC, April 2, 1943, North Africa. From: Ky.
Clyde Clevinger, Sergeant, April 9, 1943, North Africa. From: Ky.
Henry E. Duplessis, Private FC, March 1, 1945, Germany. From: Maine
Louis Grabar, Private FC, April 2, 1943, North Africa. From: Pa.
Nick Grogen, Private, August 9, 1943, North Africa. From: N.Y.
Carmelo B. Guido, Private, December 12, 1944, Germany. From: N.Y.
Waino Hautala, Private, September 23, 1944, Germany. From: Mich.
Andrew J. Hawkins, Private, July 18, 1944, Normandy. From: Pa.
Victor I. Hunter, Private FC, April 26, 1945, Germany. From: Va.
Martin Kaplan, Tech 4th Class, August 2, 1943, Italy. From: Mass.
Frank E. Kennedy, Private FC, Feb. 16, 1943, North Africa. From: N.Y.
Herman L. Kerley, Private, February 1, 1945, Germany. From: W.Va.
Frank Marsigliano, Private, October 30, 1944, Germany. From: N.Y.
Robert L. Morgan, Sergeant, August 1, 1943, Italy. From: W. Va.
Walter E. Ostrowski, Private FC, August 5, 1944, France. From: Wis.
George Pap, Corporal, February 15, 1943, North Africa. From: Ind.
Albert C. Peterson, Private, April 6, 1943, North Africa. From: Pa.
Warren E. Ridgeway, S/Sgt., January 23, 1945, Germany. From: N.Y.
Arthur P. Underwood, Pvt. FC, Feb. 16, 1943, North Africa. From: W.Va.
Rudolph A. Urinich, Private, December 28, 1943, North Africa. From: Pa.
Herbert Verderber, S/Sgt., March 30, 1943, North Africa. From: W.Va.
Harold Watts, Private, April 8, 1943, North Africa. From: Kans.
Melvin C. Woollover, Private FC, March 29, 1943, North Africa. From: N.J.

47th Infantry Regiment: (12)

Abraham H. Blackman, S/Sgt., July 25, 1944, Normandy. From: N.J.
Walter R. Bragg, Private, March 23, 1943, North Africa. From: Ga.
John C. Bridges, Private FC, November 8, 1942, North Africa. From: N.C.
Harry Finklestein, Private, November 8, 1942, North Africa. From: Ohio
Charles W. Hammer, Private, March 28, 1943, North Africa. From: Ala.
Niel S. Jimio, Private, March 30, 1943, North Africa. From: Pa.
Hugh P. Kelly, Private, March 28, 1943, North Africa. From: N.Y.
Joseph J. Kinkela, Private, May 5, 1943, North Africa. From: Minn.
Joseph M. Marsh, Pvt. FC, Oct. 11, 1944, Belgium or Germany. From: Ala.
Ralph H. Martell, Private, April 27, 1943, North Africa. From: Vt.
Aime M. Mingonet, Cpl, Sept. 28, 1944, Belgium or Germany. From: Fla.
Tony Sharko, Private, May 1, 1943, North Africa. From: N.Y.

60th Infantry Regiment: (29)

Cecil Banks, S/Sgt., October 13, 1944, Germany. From: Va.
Otis E.H. Beliles, Private, October 21, 1944, Germany. From: Ky.
Edward R. Bisanz, Private, September 15, 1944, Germany. From: Ky.
Raymond C. Blanton, S/Sgt., October 15, 1944, Germany. From: Va.
Lester L. Boswell, S/Sgt., April 23, 1943, North Africa. From: Ill.
Elwood F. Bourgeois, Cpl., April 23, 1943, North Africa. From: Miss.
Clarence Brotherton, Private FC, October 15, 1944, Germany. From: Ill.
Charles W. Cox, Private, August 4, 1944, France. From: N.J.

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Robert S. De Gurse, Captain, March 26, 1944, North Africa. From: Mich.
 Roland P. Faulknor, Private, October 20, 1944, Germany. From: Mich.
 Joe A. Garcia, Private, October 13, 1944, Germany. From: Colo.
 Jacob W. Givens, Private, October 21, 1944, Germany. From: Ohio
 Davison Hayes, Private, September 11, 1944, Germany. From: Ark.
 Nicholas J. Heelein, Private, October 17, 1944, Germany. From: Ill.
 Henry Jensen, Private, October 18, 1944, Germany. From: Minn.
 Robert L. Kahn, Private FC, September 7, 1944, Belgium. From: N.Y.
 Arthur L. Kautz, Private, October 12, 1944, Germany. From: Pa.
 Joseph F. Kowlaczyk, Private, July 18, 1944, Normandy. From: Pa.
 William E. May, Private, March 24, 1943, North Africa. From: Calif.
 Harvey N. Molitor, Private, July 26, 1944, Normandy. From: Wis.
 Albert J. Paoli, Private, October 18, 1944, Germany. From: Ill.
 Alex L. Platt, Sergeant, September 7, 1944, Belgium. From: Pa.
 Walter H. Reuter, Jr., Private, October 15, 1944, Germany. From: Ohio
 George E. Roberts, First Lieutenant, Oct. 17, 1944, Germany. From: Tex.
 Leslie E. Shankles, Private FC, October 15, 1944, Germany. From: Kans.
 Cletis P. Shipe, S/Sgt., March 1, 1945, Germany. From: W.Va.
 Charles W. Short, Private, July 20, 1944, France. From: Mo.
 Earnest D. Stamey, S/Sgt., April 23, 1943, North Africa. From: N.C.
 Thomas W. Streiter, Cpl., April 25, 1943, North Africa. From: N.J.

Herbert U. Stern**Prayer at St. Lo, Normandy, France, July 1944**

The capture of Cherbourg, and the sweep of the Cotentin peninsula were behind us. A feeling of accomplishment and pride for a veteran division was in the air, but there was also exhaustion, thoughts of the many casualties, and the knowledge that major engagements lay ahead.

On the morning of July 23 the air was hazy and sticky hot. The division had moved through Carentan during the night and most units were now deployed south of Isigny in anticipation of the big bombardment and breakout at St. Lo.

Word got around my sector during early morning that one of our chaplains would hold a brief field service in a nearby location around 10:30 that morning.

At about 10:00 I was standing on the dirt road flanking an uneven field when I spotted Chaplain Tepper and his jeep driver setting up a small portable lectern. GI's started to straggle into the field, some half-a-sleep, bleary eyed, everyone in sweaty rumpled uniforms. Looking around there were about 70 to 80 GI's from our division, some were standing holding field issue prayer books, others were on one knee, head bowed in prayer.

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Tepper started in a high pitched nasal voice - in his non-denominational sermon there was not much that was uplifting. Nonetheless, the crowd had come to seek a spiritual lift - perhaps also a moment of calm, and private thoughts.

Irving Tepper was Jewish, a Chicago native in his late twenties. He had attended Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, a reform seminary. He was a gangly six footer with ill fitting glasses, and ill fitting uniform. A bit of a nerdy guy. He was one of three chaplains assigned to the division. Like all of us out there he looked frazzled, exhausted from constant combat, moving about continuously, and visiting heavy casualties. And like all of us there was that resigned look that said, "will we make it to the next day."

The service was over in twenty minutes. Looking back I saw Tepper and his driver stow their equipment into the jeep.

At 1:00 p.m. that afternoon I had to report to Medical Battalion Headquarters. Passing by a small tent with flaps wide open - I saw Tepper lying on an elevated stretcher - he was in a coma.

Shortly after the service he and his driver had taken off on that dusty dirt road - the rising dust made a perfect target for an 88 - the jeep took a direct hit.

Missing Man Table

By Joe Maiale

As you entered the room you may have noticed a table at the front, this table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called, POW/MIA, we call them brothers.

The table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intention to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the breasts of thousands who bear witness to their determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

A slice of lemon on the plate to remind us of the bitter fate and **salt** to represent the families' tears as they await.

The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share a toast.

The chair is empty - they are not here. Remember all of you who called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid and relied upon them for surely, they have not forsaken you.



BYLAWS THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

As Adopted by the Annual Meeting 8 May 2002
Corrected and Amended 19 October 2002
Corrected and Amended 18 August 2007
Corrected and Amended 13 July 2011



ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

Section 1 — The Ninth Infantry Division Association is registered as a Corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois.

This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth 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 the everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities, and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Section 2 — The Resident agent of the Corporation is to be a resident of the State of Illinois. The principle office shall be in the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois. The principal office of the Corporation can also be at such place as the Board of Governors shall designate without further amending these By-Laws.

Section 3 — The Corporate Seal of the Corporation shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois, 1957. Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or otherwise reproduced.

Section 4 — The National Association shall be the sole authority for establishing the official emblem of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and for controlling the issuance, manufacture and distribution of such emblems and insignias.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1 — Any individual who wore the Octofoil from 7 December 1941 to 7 May 1945, and served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division is eligible for membership in the Association. Veterans who served with the following units which were assigned or attached to the Ninth Infantry Division during the same wartime period are eligible for membership under the same conditions as other veterans of the Division. The 70th Tank Battalion; 746th Tank Battalion; 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion; and the 376th Anti-Aircraft (AW) Battalion. The above named individuals are eligible for Regular Annual Member category only. No other category of membership is available.

Section 2 — No person who has ever been dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States of America shall be eligible for membership.

Section 3 - All widows of the above named veterans (Section 1), descendants of the above named veterans (Section 1), and the general public are eligible to apply for the Associate Member category of membership. This category of individuals will not have any voting rights or interest in the property of the association. This category allows individuals to apply for and receive a subscription to *The Octofoil* newsletter, the official publication of The Ninth Infantry Division Association, upon payment of the subscription fee.

Section 4 - Widows of veterans can also apply for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Section 5 - Descendants and the general public can also apply for membership in the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

Section 1 — There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing the Board of Governors, and for the transaction of any other lawful business. This meeting shall be held at such date and place as may be fixed by the Board of Governors. At least thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be given to all members. Each member in good standing and present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 2 — The presence in person one (1) hour before the first business meeting of at least 25% of the members registered at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum for the duration of the Reunion. This 25% number shall constitute a quorum at all meeting of the members for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by law, by the certificate of incorporation, or these By-Laws.

Section 3 — If this 25% number shall not be present at any meeting of the Association, the members present in person shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time to without notice, other than an announcement in the meeting, until the requisite number of members shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which the requisite number of members shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. All elections and all question shall be decided by plurality vote.

Section 4 — Special meetings of the members, for any purposes, unless prohibited by statute, may be called by the President.

Section 5 — The meeting of the Corporation will be conducted in such a manner that the present or past rank of the members will have no bearing upon the right to participate, right of discussion, or of holding office in this Association.

Section 6 — In conjunction with each Annual Meeting of the membership, various function may be held, as distinct from the business sessions of the Association. Such functions to be known collectively as the Annual Reunion. At each annual membership meeting, the Board of Governors shall name a person to be General Chairman for the next reunion.

ARTICLE IV DUES, CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Section 1 — The membership of the Association shall be divided into: Regular Annual Members, Associate Members. Any person eligible for Regular Annual Member in the Association may become a member by paying the appropriate dues and applying to the Secretary-Treasurer who will issue such applicant a card, according to the design and style decided upon by the Board of Governors, bearing a facsimile signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, indicating the type of membership to which the applicant has been admitted.

Section 2 — The dues of a Regular Annual Member shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year payable to The Ninth Infantry Division Association, (except as otherwise provided below in Section 8), and upon payment of such dues the regular member, from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year, shall be entitled to rights and privileges of membership. Payment of an additional twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year will be required for a subscription to *The Octofoil*, the official newsletter of the association, from July 1 of the current year to June 30th of the following year and must be renewed annually.

Section 3 — The Three Year Member category is being phased out. Current veteran individuals who have paid for a Three Year Member will be honored until their membership expires. Upon expiration they will be converted to Regular Annual Member category and be required to pay an annual subscription fee for *The Octofoil*, the official publication of The Ninth Infantry Division Association per Section 2.

Section 4 — The Sustaining Member category is being phased out.
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Section 5 — The Life Member category is being phased out. Current veteran Life Members will retain their status as Life Members. No new Life Member memberships will be offered. Payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year will be required for a subscription to *The Octofail*, the official publication of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. The subscription fee payment will be from July 1 of the current year to June 30th of the following year and must be renewed annually.

Section 6 — A card shall be issued to Regular and Associate Members upon payment of the prescribed dues. Each membership card shall indicate the length of time it is valid (one year from July 1 to June 30) and shall be signed and countersigned as herein provided. A membership card in distinctive form has been issued to Life Members. No new Life Member cards will issued.

Section 7 — Duly recognized local chapters are authorized to collect dues in the amounts set forth above in Section 2 through 6, and are further authorized to deduct the following sums from each member's dues so collected; the balance in each case is to be remitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer who will issue the appropriated membership card.

Regular Members	\$2.00
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Section 8 — Any member in default of dues on June 30th of any year shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members nor to receive any of the benefits of the Association. Each member in default of dues shall be notified of such default by the Secretary-Treasurer. Any member in default shall be reinstated in good standing upon payment of his current years' dues. Any member in default of the subscription renewal fee on June 30 of any year will be immediately removed from the mailing list for *The Octofail* newsletter. The subscription can be renewed at any time by sending the correct payment to the office of the editor who will reinstate the member on the mailing list and forward the renewal fee to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9 — Any member may at any time resign by notification to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1a — The members of the Association at the Annual Meeting shall elect by plurality vote sufficient members of the Board of Governors so that it will consist of a total of eleven (11) members, this goal shall be reached by attrition, and not by removing any members for the purpose of reduction of numbers. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members of the Board. All Board members shall be elected at large, and not from each chapter. Each member of the Board shall serve three years or until his successor is chosen and qualified. No more than three (3) members from any one chapter may serve on the Board at any one time. Members of the Board may not succeed themselves. Any service beyond this first term shall be only after one year of non-serving on the Board has passed. Members-elect of the Board of Governors shall take office immediately following their election at the Annual Meeting.

Section 1b — The Board of Governors shall manage the affairs of the Association with full power to perform all lawful actions to carry out the purposes of the Association, but may not perform any actions which by statute, or by certificate of incorporation, or by these By-Laws are directed or required to be performed by the members.

Section 1c — The members of the Association at the Annual Meeting shall also elect by plurality vote, an alternate for each member elected to the Board of Governors. In the absence of the regular Board Member at any meeting of the Board of Governors, said alternate member shall serve with full powers to act in his place, and shall be eligible for election to the next full term.

Section 2 — Past Presidents of the Association and past members of the Board of Governors become associate members of the Board. Associate Members of the Board may attend Board meetings and may take part in the discussions by may not vote. Associate membership on the Board shall not prevent the future election of such associate as a regular member of the Board.

Section 3 — The Board of Governors may hold their meetings and keep the books of the Association outside of the State of Illinois at such other places as they may from time to time determine.

Section 4 — If the office of any Governor or Governors becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or otherwise; a majority of the remaining Governors, though less than a quorum, shall choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect to which such vacancy occurred.

Section 5 — The Board of Governors shall have power to fix the compensation, if any, of all officers and employees of the Association.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1 — The Board of Governors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate two or more of their number to constitute an executive committee, which, to the extent provided in said resolution or in the By-Laws of the Association, shall have and exercise the powers of the Board of Governors in the management of the business and affairs of the Association, and may have power to authorize the seal of the Association to be affixed to all papers that require it. The Board may from time to time appoint other committees which shall consist of such membership, have such powers and duties, and be known by such name as the Board of Governors shall by resolution designate.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1 — Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held at such place within or without the State of Illinois as shall be fixed by the members, or if no such place is fixed, then at a place which the Board of Governors may fix by waiver of notice, provided a majority of the whole Board shall be present. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President on ten (10) days notice to each Governor, either personally, by U.S. Postal mail, FedEx, UPS or by electronic mail.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Section 1a — The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Governors and shall consist of a President; First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents; a Judge Advocate; and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Governors for a one year term, and shall not be eligible to succeed himself. None of the other officers need be a member of the Board of Governors.

Section 1b — The Board of Governors' Option: If there comes a time where the Nominating Committee cannot find a nominee for President in accordance with Article VIII Section 1a, the Board of Governors shall extend the term of the President-in-office one additional year, to serve until the next reunion.

Section 2 — The Board of Governors may also appoint such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary and who shall hold office for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be assigned from time to time by the Board. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board may be removed for cause at any time by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the whole Board of Governors. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

Section 3 — Such honorary officers as the Board of Governors may desire, may be selected, and these persons may be assigned such duties as are deemed necessary and desirable. Each Commanding General of the Ninth Infantry Division who served as such from 7 December 1941 to 24 August 1945, shall be an honorary President of the Association.

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ARTICLE IX PRESIDENT

Section 1 — The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Governors and shall assist in the formation of all policies of the Association. The President shall also meet and confer with other associations and agencies with a view to accomplishing the purpose for which this Association is formed. The President shall have all of the other usual duties of the office of President as well as such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Governors. The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself except when the Board of Governors' Option is exercised as described in Article VIII Section 1b.

ARTICLE X VICE-PRESIDENTS

Section 1 — In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-Presidents, in order from the First to the Third, shall assume the duties of the President. They shall also have such other powers and duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President, or by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE XI SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform all of the duties necessary to carry out the purposes and policies set forth by the Association. He shall be responsible for maintaining the main office and any branch offices of the Association. He shall maintain a record for every member of the Association, and insofar as possible, he shall keep a like record for every person eligible to become a member of the Association. He shall be responsible for the preparation of the meeting places of the members and the program for such meetings. He shall also be responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors and of the annual meetings of the members.

Section 2 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the membership dues from every member of the Association except those dues collected through the chapters of the Association, and shall issue a membership card to the member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit in a designated bank all moneys of the Association.

Section 3 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the books and accounts of the Association and shall enter thereon all receipts and disbursements. These books shall be kept current at all times and open to inspection at any time by any member of the Board of Governors. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Association and shall have the authority to make disbursements there from, subject to the following restrictions:

General Fund: The General Fund of the Association shall be maintained as a separate account which shall contain the deposits of all receipts of the Association. Disbursements from the General Fund shall be only as directed by the Board of Governors, except that the Secretary-Treasurer may expend in any one month for corporate purposes an amount not in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) without prior approval by the Board of Governors.

Section 4 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit at each annual meeting of the Association, a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Association and of the financial condition of the Association and shall likewise submit a similar statement to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and whenever called for by the Board of Governors.

Section 5 — A blanket position bond to cover all funds shall be obtained and charged to the General Fund.

Section 6 — All checks or demands for funds and notes of the Association shall be signed by any two of the following three officers: President, 1st Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Appropriate signature records shall be submitted to the Corporate Bank whenever there is a change in either of these officer positions.

Section 7 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit all accounting records, check books, and any other financial records to an authorized Certified Public Accountant within thirty (30) days notice for a required annual audit of the financial records of the Association. The CPA will be selected and authorized by the Board of Governors. The results of this audit will be sent to the President, 1st Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and editor of *The Octofoil*. The editor will publish the results of the annual audit in the newsletter.

ARTICLE XII LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1 — Local chapters of the Ninth Infantry Division Association may be established by the presentation to the National Association of a petition for a local chapter. Such petitions must be signed by at least Twenty-Five (25) members in good standing in the National Association and who are not already members of recognized chapter, and the National Association may thereupon notify said chapter that it has been duly recognized. In localities where the potential membership is less than Twenty-Five (25), a petition signed by less than twenty-five members in good standing may be accepted.

Section 2 — Each local chapter shall hold an election of officers at least once every Twenty-Four (24) months and shall duly notify the National Secretary-Treasurer of the results of the election. Any chapter failing to hold an election of officers within a Twenty-Four (24) month period shall be considered as being inactive. All monies and property of an inactive chapter shall be transmitted to the National Association. This is the responsibility, in order of seniority, of any former officer or member of an inactive chapter.

Section 3 — Membership in local chapters is dependent on the member first being a member of the National Association. No member of a local chapter shall be allowed to participate in the business of a local chapter if that person is not a member of the National Association. It is the responsibility of the President and/or the Secretary of the local chapters to make sure that all memberships are current and so notify the National Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIII NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Section 1 — Whenever under the provisions of these by-laws notice is required to be given to any Governor or member, such notice may be given, in writing by mail, that is, depositing the same in the post office or letter box, in a prepaid sealed wrapper, addressed to such Governor or member at the address which appears on the books of the Association, or, in default of other address, by publication in *The Octofoil* and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when it shall be thus mailed.

Section 2 — Any notice required to be given under these by-laws may be waived in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1 — These by-laws may be amended, changed, or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at any annual or special meeting of the members, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in a notice of the meeting. Alternatively, they may be amended, changed or repealed by a vote of the Board of Governors at any meeting of the Board provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2 — The Board of Governors shall appoint a Bylaws Committee consisting of volunteer Association members and specially appointed representatives of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary National Officers. The Bylaws Committee will be charged with a review for amendment or change of a small portion of the bylaws, perhaps a section in a few Articles (not the entire bylaws). Membership on this committee will be on an annual rotating basis. Bylaws may be amended, changed or repealed upon a recommendation made by the Bylaws Committee to the Board of Governors at the annual meeting. The Board of Governor in their annual meeting shall vote up-or-down on the recommendation's submitted by the Bylaws Committee. Also, Officers and Governors may propose minor amendments, changes and repeals to the Board provided the proposed changes shall have been given in a notice two weeks in advance of the meeting specified in Section 1.

**Officers and Board of Governors
2011-2012**

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Dr. Martin Gross, 1st V.P.

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William Robey, Secty-Treas.

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