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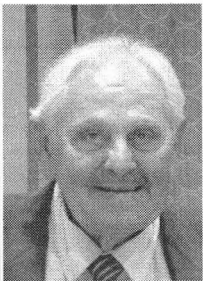
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# The Octofoil

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President  
Joseph Maiale

## President's Message

Christmas has passed and the New Year has started and I bet some of you are wondering how to lose the extra holiday pounds you put on. Don't worry about losing them just think about how much you enjoyed putting them on.

The past year has been a very interesting one for the association. I am happy to report that in spite of all our problems we are finally headed in the right direction. We have settled our outstanding debts and our financial picture is looking up (more about this at the reunion).

The 68th reunion will be held at the Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel, 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina, on July 19 - 21, 2013. This year everyone will make their own hotel reservations. The rate will be \$98.00 per room plus \$13.23 (taxes 13.5%). To make a reservation call the hotel direct at **888-747-1900**. You must identify yourself as part of "The Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion" to obtain the special room rate. You can also request room type, request bed type (i.e. king or two doubles), check-in and check-out dates. Any requests for special room arrangements must be made at the time of this call and cannot be guaranteed. Reservations must be made before July 19, 2013. After July 19, the rooms will be returned to the general inventory and you will have to pay the going rate depending on availability. The hotel does not confirm reservations in writing and room types cannot be guaranteed. Please make your hotel reservations by **June 1, 2013**.

We will collect money for all the food, beverages, taxes, gratuities, entertainment, transportation to venues, and miscellaneous expenses. See the new reservation form on page 12. More specific details will be in the next newsletter due out mid-April, 2013.

The criminal trial of our previous secretary-treasurer, scheduled for October 29, 2012, was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy. The new trial date is January 23, 2013.

Stay healthy,  
Joe Maiale, President  
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

## Treasurer Report

Our financial condition continues to remain healthy. A fiscal year 2012 - 2013, six-month review of our checking account, ending December 31, 2012, is illustrated below:

### Income

Balance Forward (July 1, 2012)	\$35,115.74
Revenue (all sources)	<u>57,351.77</u>
Total Income (ending Dec. 31, 2012)	\$92,467.51

### Expenses

	<u>\$70,228.77</u>
Cash Balance (ending Dec. 31, 2012)	\$22,238.74

The cash balance represents all monies spread over seven sub accounts within the main account. These sub accounts are defined as follows: -1 account = General Fund; -2 account = Octofoil Subscriptions; -3 account = Octofoil Library Project; -4 account = Memorial Fund (aka Tip of Hat); -5 account = Friends of Father Connors Fund; -6 account = 67th-2012 Reunion/68th-2013 Reunion; -7 account = Nationwide Check.

Thanks to Joe Killen for supplying a missing account number for the CGM Funds investment accounts. With this information from Joe, we now have complete control over both investment accounts. All dividends are being automatically reinvested. As of December 31, 2012 our investment accounts are as follows:

Account	Dollar Amount	Total Shares Owned
xxx1 (ending 12/31/12)	\$20,505.12	721.503
xxx2 (ending 12/31/12)	<u>\$ 8,498.52</u>	<u>299.033</u>
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Respectfully,  
William Sauers, Treasurer

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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 OCTOFOIL

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### 68th-2013 Annual Reunion Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel 4770 Goer Drive

North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

When you call the hotel at 888-747-1900 to make your room reservations be sure to mention you are part of "The Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion." Once identified, you will be offered the special rate of \$98.00 for single or double occupancy. Current state and local taxes are 13.5%. Any special room types, bed types (i.e. king, double/double), check-in and check-out dates should be done when you call. A credit card will be required to hold your room and all room charges will be applied accordingly. Please make hotel reservations by June 1, 2013. Reservations after June 19th will be subject to normal pricing and availability. The hotel must receive an individual's cancellation at least 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival or you will be charged one night room and tax.

Self-parking is available at no charge.

The hotel will offer complimentary, roundtrip airport shuttle service. Inbound guests can contact the hotel upon retrieval of luggage at 888-747-1900 for pickup. Outbound hotel guests can arrange for return airport shuttle with the hotel front desk.

The hotel will offer scheduled shuttle service to the Historic District. Please see hotel front desk for scheduled Historic District shuttle times.

The hotel will offer complimentary shuttle service for hotel guests within a two mile radius of the hotel to include the Tanger Outlet Mall. Please see the front desk for schedule.

A required registration fee, food, beverages, entertainment, and transportation to event venue expenses will be collected by the association. Please use the form on page 12. More specific details will be in the next newsletter regarding activities and events.

For additional information or questions contact Peggy Sabato at 540-303-8174. Email: sabatopk@gmail.com

## 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 Sauers, Treasurer

**Rev. Jeannie Higgins** in honor of **Paul Schumacher**, 90th birthday

**Marietta A. Poulson** in memory of her husband **Robert D. Poulson**

**B. Calvin Thomas** in memory of **David Garner**

**Ronald G. Burrus, Jr.** in memory of **1st Lt. Charles Scheffel**

### Uniform Donation

In the Apr.-May-Jun., 2012 issue, Paul Schumacher requested a uniform donation for display in the Hürtgen Forest Museum in Vossanack, Germany. To his delight, Marilyn Martin, Stanley Turowski, and himself were able to supply the museum with the requested uniforms. On October 2, 2012 the donated uniforms were handed to Albert Trostorf, representing the museum at the Hotel Jägerhof, Düren, Germany. Albert expressed his profound gratitude to all who made the valuable donations. Paul has been promised these uniforms will be displayed on mannequins and maintained in their pristine condition.



Photos courtesy of Paul Schumacher

## 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.

*Bivouac of the Dead by Theodore O'Hare - 1847*

### 9th Infantry Division Medal of Honor Recipients World War II

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

\* Posthumous award

Source: U.S. Army Center of Military History

### Vietnam War

SGT Sammy L. Davis, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery; West of Cai Lay; 18 November 1967  
SP4 Edward A. Devore, Jr.\*, Company B, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry; Near Saigon; 17 March 1968  
PFC James W. Fous\*, Company E, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry; Kien Hoa Province; 14 May 1968  
SSG Don J. Jenkins, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry; Kien Phong Province; 6 January 1969  
SGT Leonard B. Keller, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ap Bac Zone; 2 May 1967  
SP4 Thomas J. Kinsman, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Near Vinh Long; 6 February 1968  
SP4 George C. Lang, Company A, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry; Kien Hoa Province; 22 February 1969  
PFC David P. Nash\*, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry; Giao Duc District; 29 December 1968  
SP5 Clarence E. Sasser, Headquarters Co., 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ding Tuong Province; 10 January 1968  
SP4 Raymond R. Wright, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ap Bac Zone; 2 May 1967

\* Posthumous award

Sources: A Short History of the 9th Infantry Division and  
www.homeofheroes.com

Samuel J. Azzarelli  
D Co., 39th Inf. Regt.

Charles J. Hennesen  
G Co., 39th Inf. Regt.

Betty Prince  
Wife of Louis Prince

David Garner  
G Co., 60th Inf. Regt.

George Miniark  
G Co., 47th Inf. Regt.

Alphonse J. Zenka  
K Co., 60th Inf. Regt.

### TAPS LETTERS

#### Betty Prince

It is with profound sadness that I wish to notify you that shortly after our return home from the Pittsburgh reunion my long time friend, Louis Prince, phoned me to tell me the sad news that Betty, his wife of nearly 70 years, had passed away after a brief illness.

Betty and Louis married in September 1942 at the Ft. Bragg Chapel shortly before Louis' overseas embarkation. Louis had been a Captain of a battery of the 60th Field Artillery. He had served in the 9th Infantry Division from 1941 through 1945. Lou was so looking forward to celebrate his and Betty's 70th wedding anniversary.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Louis and his family.  
Signed, Herbert Stern

#### David Garner

##### G Company, 60th Infantry Regiment

Today the son of David Garner, who lived in Verona, N.J. called to tell me that his father had died on last Saturday. David and I formed our friendship in the 60th Infantry Regiment during World War II. He was the last of my Army buddies with whom I had carried on a continuing contact for some 70 years.

I had talked with Dave at least three times in recent months. First, to invite him to help me celebrate my birthday, which he did when I was 19, and to congratulate him on his membership in the Ninety's Club, and last to inquire how well he had weathered hurricane Sandy.

I have enclosed a check to the Memorial Fund to honor him. Dave was a great and loyal American, a splendid gentleman, and a fine friend. I salute him in his passing.

Signed, B. Calvin Thomas

### TAPS OBITUARIES

#### Samuel J. Azzarelli 1921 - 2012

##### D Company, 39th Infantry Regiment

Born on November 5, 1921, in Kankakee, Mr. Azzarelli was a retired business owner of Azzarelli Construction Company, a company he helped build (from Azzarelli Trucking and Excavating and Azzarelli Material Company) and later owned with his father, Raymond Azzarelli, and his brothers, Joseph, Bart, Pete, and John

Azzarelli. He loved spending time with his brothers; working, traveling, and golfing with them. His sister, Josephine Azzarelli Raspolich, taught him how to care for others. His parents, Raymond and Carmella, were Italian immigrants who taught him to have faith in God and whom he loved dearly along with his siblings.

He was a World War II, U.S. Army veteran (D Company/9th Infantry Division/39th Infantry Regiment/Private First Class/Silver Battle Star and Bronze Star in Combat Recipient/Infantry Badge Recipient). He was stationed in Italy and later battled through Normandy, France, Belgium, and Germany. His division met the Russians at the Elb River in Germany and his jeep was the first to cross the Bridge at Remagen into Germany. He had the opportunity to attend many World War II reunions, most notably the 65th anniversary of his division in Indianapolis, Ind. He boarded Honor Flight Chicago with his close friend, Don Wulff, touring Washington, D.C. and later was welcomed home by his family at Midway Airport. Letters he received regarding his service prompted him to visit St. Joseph School in Bradley to relay his wartime experience to his granddaughter's junior high students.

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(Samuel Azzarelli...continued from page 3)

The "Folds of Honor" Scholarship was recently named in his honor, along with veteran Carl Kasler.

He was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan, a 54-year ticket holder who immensely enjoyed Game 1 of the 2005 World Series at U.S. Cellular Field with two of his children. This past summer, the Chicago White Sox organization honored him as "Hero of the Game" in recognition of his service to the U.S. Army. He enjoyed supporting youth sports as well, as he was a regular fixture at his grandchildren's games (Limestone Grade School, Limestone Little League, Bishop McNamara Catholic High School and Herscher High School), and annual events such as the Kankakee Holiday Basketball Tournament. In the past, he spent time coaching and sponsoring Limestone Little League teams when his sons played.

He loved spending time outdoors, in particular, gardening and golfing. He had multiple opportunities to golf with PGA professionals: Arnold Palmer, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, and Chi Chi Rodriguez (among others) in Professional-Amateur tournaments and outings. He held membership at the Kankakee Country Club since 1962, where he was honored this past summer for his service to the community and to the U.S. Army at an event hosted by Riverside Medical Center. He enjoyed the many outings he spent with friends and acquaintances on those greens.

Mr. Azzarelli was a member of the Elks Lodge 627, the Moose Lodge 802, the Knights of Columbus, the Hundred Club, and the American Legion. He reached out to the community in various innumerable ways. His spirit of giving, along with his family, touched countless lives.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean LaGeshe, of Kankakee, whom he married March 2, 1946, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Bradley; three sons and daughters-in-law; three daughters and two sons-in-law; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews, including Jayne Azzarelli Korstick, one of his primary caregivers in recent months to whom the family is eternally grateful.



**Charles "Chuck" John Hennesen**  
1920 - 2011

**G Company, 39th Infantry Regiment**

After living a long and happy life, focused on faith, family, and friends, Charles "Chuck" John Hennesen, age 91, of Grand Haven, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2011. He was born on August 27, 1920 in Ft. Erie, Ontario, Canada to the late Charles F. and Ida (Steinmann) Hennesen. Chuck graduated from Buffalo Technical High School and College of Engineering in New York. After graduating from Canisius College in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science of degree, Chuck enlisted in the Army and served in WWII - under the 9th Division - 39th Infantry most notably taking part in the invasion of France at Utah Beach Normandy. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and four Bronze Stars for his service and most recently he was presented with the French Legion of Honor Award. He was member of the American Legion - Charles A. Conklin Post #28.

Chuck married the late Olga Vicik on April 26, 1958 in Muskegon. She passed away on June 23, 2010. He worked as an abrasive engineer for Carborundum Company for 33 years. Chuck was the founder of West Michigan Chapter of Abrasive Engineering Society and participated in many area events. He was an active member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ where he actively served on the church council and various committees. In addition, he was very active with the North Ottawa County Council on Aging, Grand Haven Community Foundation, ACI Business Retention, Grand Haven Rotary Club, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Chuck was also very active with the youth of the community serving as the Director for the

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Tri Cities Kid's League, as well as being a Grand Haven Little League coach and manager for several years. He was a scout master for the Boy Scouts of America and was an avid fan and follower of Grand Haven athletics. He was awarded City of Grand Haven Volunteer Award in 1999 and 2002.

Chuck was a sports enthusiast playing football, basketball and running track throughout high school and college, and was invited to play football for the New York Giants. In his spare time, he enjoyed photography, coin and stamp collecting, golfing, playing cards with his friends, and dancing with his wife. Together Chuck and Olga also enjoyed college football, and were big fans of the Michigan State Spartans.

Chuck is survived by his daughter and son; two grandchildren; a brother; and brother-in-law.



**George J. Minarik**  
1920 - 2012

**G Company, 47th Infantry Regiment**

George J. Minarik, 92, of South Bend, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in his home. George was born on April 19, 1920 in Pulaski County near North Judson, to Frank and Stephanie (Kajer) Minarik. He retired in 1986 from the Sibley Corporation, where he was employed for 36 years. He then worked for ServiceMaster from 1990 until 2002. In 1950 he married Frances Sensenbaugh, they had five children. Then on June 18, 1977 he married Marjorie Cauffman, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters; two sons; two step-daughters; four step-sons; 30 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; many great-great and great-great-great grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

George was a highly decorated Army veteran of WWII. He served in the European Theatre for 4 years from January 20, 1942 - May 1945. He received many medals and military awards including the Legion of Honor Medal from France. He was a life-long member of the American Legion Post #50 and V.F.W. Post #9820. He was also a member of the V.F.W. Post #360. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was the neighborhood handyman.

**Alphonse J. Zenka**  
1918 - 2012

**K Company, 60th Infantry Regiment**

The New York Chapter lost a dedicated member of the chapter in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 15, 2012, when "Al" Zenka passed away in the Long Island Jewish Hospital from respiratory problems.

Upon entering the U.S. Army, "Al" had been assigned to Company K, 60th Infantry Regiment then being assembled at Fort Bragg, North Carolina as a component part of the recently reactivated Ninth Infantry Division. He spoke many times of the friendships he had made with the men of Company K, and with sadness, of their passing, either from being wounded or killed in the battles after they had landed in North Africa seventy years ago on November 8, 1942.

After he returned home and was discharged from the Army, "Al" was employed as a court officer in the Queens County Supreme Court. He was a very devout Catholic who attended many functions in his local parish to lend a helping hand when it was needed. "Al" was no stranger to the Ninth Infantry Division Association, both on the national level and on the local level. He had served on the Board of Governors, and was a co-chairman of the 1996 reunion held at the Concord Hotel in Kiamisha Lake, New York. He had held about every office on the chapter level and also arranged "mini-reunions" for chapter members who lived at distances too far to attend the usual monthly chapter meetings.

"Al" was also a member of the Catholic War Veterans Post at American Martyrs parish. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, two daughters and grandchildren.

Rest in peace, old buddy, you are missed.

## Chapter News

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Centered around Veteran's Day, members of the Michigan Chapter gathered at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café in East Lansing on November 10, 2012. American flags given by Hal and Lucille Ladouceur for each member adorned the tables. Everyone also received a bookmark from Erik Olson appropriate for the patriotic weekend, which featured an Octofoil a top of a folded flag; a tribute was written on the other side. The social hour began with reminiscence, comradery, and laughter filling the room.

Seventeen persons attended the meeting. Four veterans were honored; Hal Ladouceur, Don Sedestrum, Lynn Bowers, and Clyde LaBrenz.

President Hal Ladouceur called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. With flags in hand, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President stated that two Michigan Chapter members had passed away since the May meeting: Past President Tom Hatton on August 8 and John Bonkowski on September 10. Hal Ladouceur called for a moment of silence to remember those no longer with us. He shared that he had talked with national officer, William Sauers regarding the two deceased. Susie (Hatton) Williams spoke for herself and her sister, Carol Greenough in thanking chapter members for their unwavering support during their father's illness and after his death. She shared how much the Michigan Chapter meant to their Dad, Tom Hatton.

Several chapter issues were discussed. Due to the high postage costs, a change in the mailing for the meetings was suggested, as 25 individuals had not attended in five years and seven mailings had been returned. Approval was given for an extra letter to be sent with the May, 2013 meeting invitation to clarify a permanent, shorter list of individuals to receive meeting notifications. A get-well recovery card was passed around for messages and signatures for chapter Secretary, Margaret Wisniewski.

President Ladouceur covered several Ninth Division topics. He announced that fees for the Ninth Infantry Division Association were tax deductible, including the membership fee, the Octofoil subscription, and any donations. He encouraged members to check the mailing label of the Octofoil to identify when their subscription expires. The recent national reunion in Pittsburgh on August 17, 18, and 19 was mentioned. Marilyn Martin who attended said it was one of the best reunions and mentioned the Army band.

A lengthier discussion was on the restoration project of the Ninth Division monument in Worcester, MA. Treasurer Lynn Bowers collected contributions from members and it was approved to also add a donation from the treasury to be sent to national Treasurer, William Sauers for restoration efforts.

In honor of upcoming Veteran's Day, Erik Olson presented a 17 x 22 inch map to the four attending veterans. It was titled "The Route of the Ninth Division Through NATOUSA & ETOUSA. Erik credited Rev. Edward T. Connors, official map reader for compiling the 9th Division historical route that covered from November, 1942 North Africa through August, 1945 ending in Ingolstadt, Germany. This was appreciated by all and extras were given to other members.

Vice-President Don Sedestrum reminded everyone that on November 8, 1942, the North Africa Campaign began and this was the 70th anniversary.

Treasurer Lynn Bowers gave the treasurer's report, shared expenses, and confirmed the donation to the Worcester, MA restoration project.

After a discussion, it was concluded that the next meeting for the Michigan Chapter would be on May 11, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café in East Lansing.

Those attending were: Hal and Lucille Ladouceur, (continued next column)

Don and Bobbi Sedestrum, Lynn and Stella Bowers, Clyde and Ann LaBrenz, Marcia LaBrenz, Mary Doering, Marilyn Martin, Blanche Lucia, Susan Andrews, Carol Greenough, Susie (Hatton) Williams, and Erik and Kaye Olson.

Following adjournment of the meeting, more socializing occurred which also included a Happy Birthday song for Marilyn Martin.

Kaye Olson, Recording Secretary



Front row L to R: Clyde and Ann LaBrenz, Marica LaBrenz; Middle row: Susan Andrews, Bobbi Sedestrum, Stella Bowers, Kaye Olson, Blanche Lucia, Marilyn Martin, Mary Doering; Back row: Susie (Hatton) Williams, Don Sedestrum, Carol (Hatton) Greenough, Lynn Bowers, Erik Olson, Lucille and Hal Ladouceur.

### FORMER TEXAS AND GREATER SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Members and friends of the former Texas & Greater Southwest Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Assn. met for an informal gathering at their favorite Summers Mill Retreat & Conference Center in Central Texas on Friday afternoon, November 9th and Saturday morning, November 10th. Summers Mill has several lodges. Our headquarters was an old refurbished country house with 5 bedrooms and a large outdoor deck surrounded by large old Pecan trees. A pleasant gathering spot for our group. All participants brought cocktail food and drink.

In the evening the group met at the main dining room of the retreat for a catered dinner.

The group was greeted by a beautiful Saturday morning allowing us to have a country breakfast and informal meeting on the deck of the "Happy House Lodge" our headquarters for this meeting.

Mary Blann Cooper and Nancy Stern Bain gave us updates on the 2013 reunion dates and place. We also learned details about the November 11th parade and festivities at the site of the Father Connors memorial in Worcester, Mass.

At the end of the meeting the chapter's 9th Infantry Division rug was unfurled, and everyone present made contributions to the "Friends of Father Connors Fund."

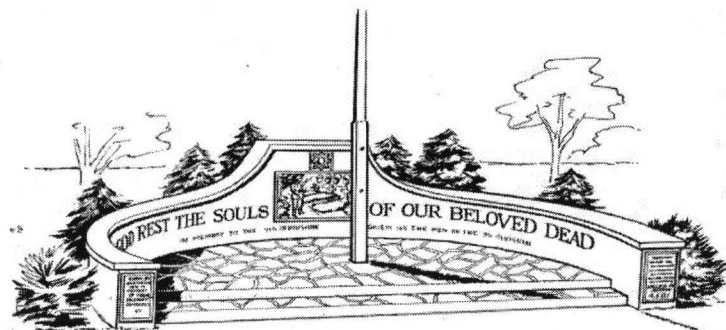
Finally, plans were discussed about a spring 2013 meeting by the group.

Attending the meeting were: Sam Burns and Anita Bieber, Chuck and Vicki Massie (Chuck is a 9th Division veteran of the Vietnam War), Herb and Cathy Stern, Nancy Bain and Richard Rutner, Jean Miller and guests Don and Betty Fritz, Mary Blann Cooper, and Lavonne Blann. Charles Illsley and Ron Burrus Jr. were unable to attend.

Submitted by Herb Stern, Former President  
Texas and Greater Southwest Chapter

(Florida Chapter Report continued on page 8)





#### Friends of Father Connors Fund

The Friends of Father Connors Fund would like to thank the following new donors for their generous contributions:

Lowes Corporation, Norwich Conn.  
Vietnam Veterans for the Community, Worcester, Mass.  
David E. Roach, Sutton, Mass.  
Greater Michigan Chapter, Comstock Park, Mich.  
Former Texas & Gtr. Southwest Chapter, Austin, Texas

The current balance of the fund account for restoration work is \$5,648.41. We incurred the following expenses for the rededication ceremony on November 11, 2012:

\$ 165.03 Program Printing/Parade Banner  
1,090.00 Food/Beverages  
2,479.00 Restoration Work (Electrical, Masonry,  
\$3,734.03 Refurbish Flag Pole)

Prior to the ceremony the memorial was completely cleaned by Phil Bosko, Gail Eisenhauer, Colin Rutner and two of his college friends. The cleaning materials were donated by Lowes Corporation. The Vietnam Veterans for the Community in Worcester cleaned the two bronze plaques on the front of the memorial returning them to like new condition. They also donated a new five by seven foot American flag to replace the torn and tattered flag that was flying over the memorial for several years. Lauring Construction refurbished the flag pole and ball on top, fixed the electrical lighting system to illuminate the flag and the Octofoil insignia, and reset several flagstones in the base and sidewalk leading to memorial. A new Octofoil insignia covering the microfilm cavity was obtained by Phil Bosko.

Major structural restoration still needs to be done. Janet Schnall, Memorials/Plaques Committee member, has provided some information to the other committee members regarding the possibility of obtaining a grant to complete the restoration. The grant process can take six to twelve months depending on the grantor's internal process. If there is anybody out there who has grant writing experience, and would like to help write a grant proposal, contact Terry Barnhart, Memorials/Plaques Committee Chairman at 303-466-9364. You can also email him: trbrnht@ix.netcom.com

#### 50th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony November 11, 2012

A beautiful day dawned on Sunday, November 11, 2012, in Worcester, Mass. for the annual Veterans' Day parade and our rededication ceremony. Joe and Sadie Maiale, Paul Schumacher and Lela Brigance, Joe Killen and Mary Moriarity, represented the veterans of the association in the parade and ceremony. Alexandria Bosko, widow of John Bosko, and Phyllis Vivolo, widow of Louis Vivolo represented association widows. Descendants included Clare Irwin, Gail Eisenhauer, Karen Olsen, Sandra Bosko, Phil Bosko, Rich Merrill, Colin Rutner, Mary Lovell, Rosemary Cosgrove, William and Kathy Sauers. John Delmore, brother of Tom Delmore also attended. The rededication program included remarks by Mayor Joseph Petty, City Manager Michael O'Brien, and William Sauers. In addition to Veterans' Services Director Karen Greenwood we had members of the Worcester community, various veteran organizations from World War II, Korean War, and

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the Vietnam War, scout troops, parishioners, and a contingent of Civil War reenactors, and ROTC units from Worcester schools. In total we had 150 to 175 people attend the ceremony. Father Walter Riley, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, conducted the Invocation, Blessing and final prayers. Boy Scout Troop 84, from Immaculate Conception, marched in the parade with our veterans (riding in cars). The scouts carried our parade banner. The Blackstone Valley Marine Corps League proudly carried our division colors in the parade and provided color guard duties for the ceremony.

They also performed a flag retirement ceremony, provided a firing detail and played "Taps." Sean Lovely, Worcester Police Department was our bagpiper and Bridget Klofft, cantor from the church, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."



World War II veteran James Shegrue of Worcester holds his hand over his heart during singing of the national anthem.



Tony Popillo of Boylston, right, and other members of the Blackstone Valley Marine Corps League retire a worn U.S. flag.

Our rededication ceremony also included the Worcester Veterans Council, President Carl Schaffer, presenting the Veteran of the Year Award to Harold "Bud" Hall. Mr. Hall has spent many years volunteering in the Worcester community helping veterans with homelessness, substance abuse, training and employment.

A reenactment of sealing the original microfilm of names of the 4,581 division men killed in action was performed. Joe Maiale, Paul Schumacher, and Joe Killen each took a turn securing the tamper proof screws in the new Octofoil insignia cover over the microfilm cavity.

At the conclusion of the ceremony we gathered in the Fr. Connors Center for a light lunch catered by Riley's Restaurant.

Beginning earlier in the day, Veterans Inc., 69 Grove St., held their annual pancake breakfast. Veterans Inc. offers an array of services, as well as shelter for veterans. Many at the breakfast would soon walk in the parade.

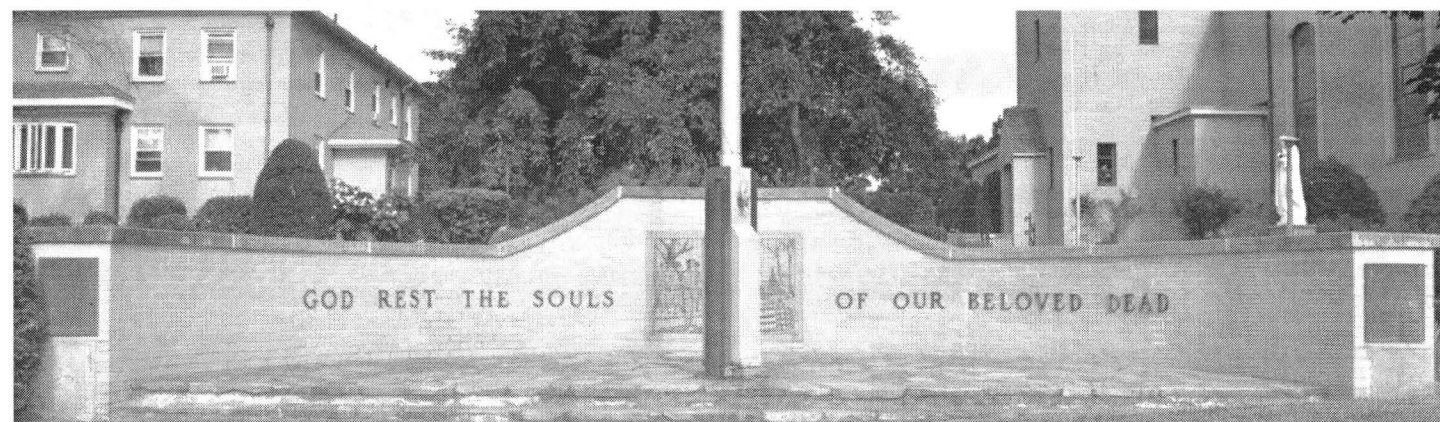
The parade route was Grove St. from just past Salisbury St. to Immaculate Conception Church. A reverse direction from past years specifically to accommodate our inclusion in the parade and our rededication ceremony.

One of the many sights along the parade, Ladders 2 and 4 of the Worcester Fire Department formed an arch draped by a U.S. flag as marchers passed by Fire Department headquarters.

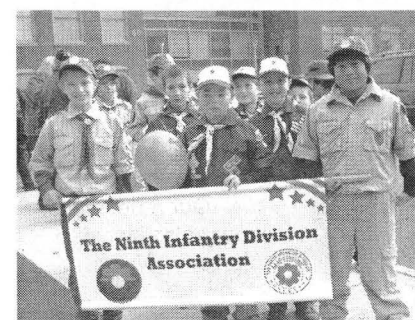
Karen Greenwood, the city veterans' agent and Veterans' Services director, said she saw more people lining the streets this year. "We're grateful for the spectators that came out."



City Manager Michael O'Brien addresses the gathering.



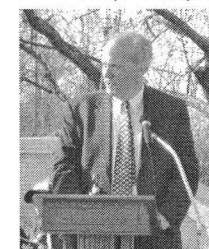
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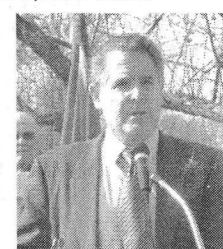
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Troop 84 carrying our parade banner



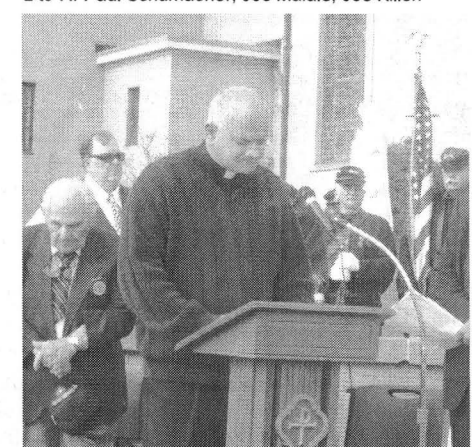
L to R: Paul Schumacher, Joe Maiale, Joe Killen



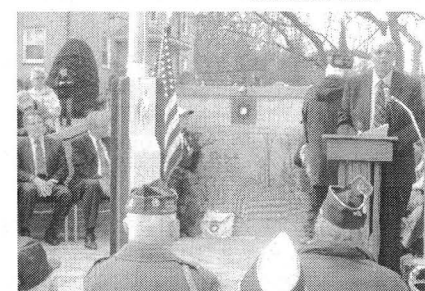
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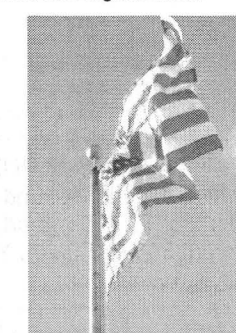
William Sauers - Master of Ceremonies



Blackstone Valley Marine Corp League



Worn U.S. flag retirement



Our new flag - donated by the  
Vietnam Veterans for the  
Community, Worcester



Reenactment of sealing microfilm in the memorial cavity



Gail Eisenhauer and Karen Greenwood present memorial wreaths  
followed by bugler John Rice playing "Taps."



L to R: Colin Rutner (grandson of  
Herb Stern), Phil Bosko, Joe Maiale,  
Paul Schumacher

Some text and photos courtesy of Worcester Telegram & Gazette and Deacon Kevin Deignan



## FLORIDA CHAPTER

The location to hold the chapter reunion has been narrowed to two locations...Daytona Beach and Silver Springs. No contract has been signed to date. Daytona Beach has the Atlantic Ocean to wet your feet, fine restaurants, The Daytona Playhouse, the chocolate factory and others. The room rate is much higher than Silver Springs. Unless we could rent 10 rooms for 3 nights, we would have to pay extra for the Hospitality room. The Silver Springs Motel has ground floor rooms where you can park your car in front of the room. A free standing building can be used for our Hospitality room at no charge. Denny's restaurant is on the property and many fine restaurants are throughout the area. The Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boats attraction is across the street, the Ocala Civic Theatre is about a half mile away, and the Appleton Museum is next to the theatre. The reunion committee will meet with the sales departments of both hotels soon after the new year. A majority of members prefer the fall (October) to hold the 2013 reunion.

Hurricane Sandy: Ed Gray, who now lives at 107 Hampton Place, Pompton Plains, N. J., wrote stating that his summer home located on Normandy Beach, N.J. was completely destroyed. Thirty to forty feet of ocean rolled over the protective sand dunes. The island has been closed to all residents because there is no water, electricity or sewage. Eddy and his family are in contact with their insurance and FEMA.

Alfred Burrows served in E Company, 60th Infantry would like to receive word from any of his buddies. He can be reached at 309 Circle Dr. South, #104, Boynton Beach, FL 34435. Tel.# 561-732-5549. He would welcome a note, a card or a phone call from anyone who served with him.

Marty Gross stated that he can no longer drive long distances and regrets that he will not be able to attend the 2013 reunion. Marty is a past president of the chapter and was an active member for many years.

Faye Moser stated that she doubts whether she will attend the reunion. She goes on bus trips with groups since her husband, Ira, passed away. We will miss her.

Lula Winningham from Allardt, Tenn., is looking for a driver to help her with driving chores to attend our reunion.

Chapter President Joe King, Paul Crumb, Herb Frank, and Pauline Gowen are planning to attend.

We have made an unsuccessful attempt to contact the following members: George Connolly, Jr.; Sidney Foreman; Charles Maraveil; LeRoy Miller; Jay Lavin. If anyone has any information on these people please let me know.

Please send any news to Emil DeDonato, 3650 S.W. Mosswood St., Dunnellon, FL 34431. Email: mrdee82918@aol.com

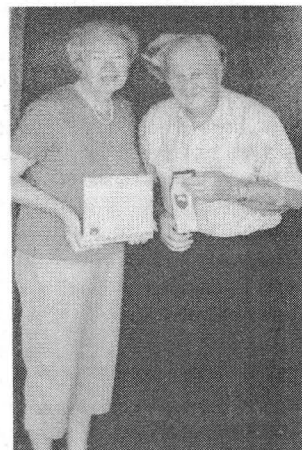
## Walter Victor 709th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company Distinguished Service Award



Walter Victor received this solid nickel distinguished service award, one of only six given out in the Army, for his service in Chaloroia, Belgium. Victor, master of five different languages, was pulled from the front lines in Aachen, Germany to run a gun factory for seven months. He was responsible for fixing guns and bringing them back to the front lines in Germany.



Ruth and Walter Victor  
July 18, 1942



Ruth and Walter Victor  
May 27, 2010

## "POW's log recounts ordeal during WWII"

By Jamie Empfield

The Indiana Gazette

September 21, 2012 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

EDITOR'S NOTE: ...The following are excerpts from the diary and prison logbook of Army Pvt. William P. Calhoun, a Shelocta resident who served in the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Division. Calhoun was captured on Sept. 6, 1944, and held for nearly five months in a prison camp, where he was mortally wounded when the prison was bombed. His logbook was carried back to the United States by a fellow prisoner and eventually delivered to Calhoun's family, and it remains in the care of his nephew, Bill Calhoun, of White Township. Calhoun's story begins on the day of his capture.

On Sept. 6, 1944, at 1100 hour, I was captured by German SS Panzer troops in Belgium, on the bank of the Meuse River near Givet.

There we were lined up in four ranks and shooed down of all our military and personal belongings. They collected all watches, regardless of whether they were personal or military. They took a "Pronto" wristwatch from me, which I just received from home a month before I was captured. We were then marched to a nearby village; there put in a small barn floor. While there, they brought us milk to drink. Also water and a few hand crackers. We left there at 1300 hour carrying six wounded buddies on ladders with blankets under them. We walked two miles to a battalion headquarters. There we left our wounded in a German aid station.

At 2400 hour we moved out on foot. It was pouring the rain down and was dark as pitch. We walked till the guards got tired. They stop us off at a grain barn. Soaking wet and cold yet we were so tired we fell asleep. Moved out again at 0600 and walked till we met trucks, which had been sent from Deutschland to pick us up. The trucks met us at 0730. Two-hundred-fifty of us were loaded between six trucks. The walk 'till we met the truck covered around 10 miles. When I crawled on the vehicle, my knees and feet were sore and swollen. I could hardly stand up. Some way on the trip I mashed my big toe, and did it hurt. Thank God this day was rainy and cloudy - four of our planes flew over but did not spot us.

On Sept. 10, 1944, we left Duren, by railroad. Before departing from camp we were given a can of bully beef and a loaf of sour bread to be split between five men. We were loaded 58 men to a boxcar. Just as our car door was shut, two P-38s swooped down from nowhere and dropped two bombs near us. Fragments flew against the side of the car. Then they started strafing on the highway nearby. Everyone was excited but the doors were locked and the guards took off for cover. So we just had to sweat it out. This ride lasted two days and three nights. We were so crowded you could not lay down. We had to set up all the way. They gave us water once on the trip.

On the 12th, we got to Limburg, which we thought was our permanent stalag, but soon found out it was another transit camp. Here rough living really started. Here 1,400 Yanks and 400 Limeys were kept in five big top tents. One blanket were given out per man, which was only half long enough. The tents were so crowded that some had to sleep in the walk way. Our rations consisted of coffee (Jerry), one-fifth loaf of sour bread, on tsp. of black strap molasses, 1/32 of a pound of butter. At noon, we received boiled red cabbage with as few spuds mixed through and the same for supper. The soap was mostly hot water. Twice during the week we would receive meat and cheese. This was the first time I really knew what the word hunger meant. Every once in a while when you would stand up you would have black outs.

I was at this camp two weeks. The second day I met my buddy from home Carl Roof. He was standing in line near the faucets waiting to was his mess kit. We received one and one-half American Red Cross parcels. The first I split with Leroy Bridges from Arkansas.

On Oct. 26 (Ed Note: probably should be Sept. 26) at 1500, the Germany P W Box Car Express left Limburg with 300 noncommissioned officers. The cars were separated by woven wire with 25 prisoners on one side and the guards stayed on the other side of the car. We were so crowded that only half the men could begin to lay down at one time. Eventually, we came to the conclusion that if we were going to get any sleep at all we would have to cooperate. So we decided on letting one group sleep for two hours and vice versa.

This worked out well except for one man who thought he should sleep all the time and was so low that he would not get up when it was the other shift's turn to sleep.

On Sept. 30, we crawled off the box car at Kruistrin, Germany. We were lined up in five ranks and marched out to our stalag which is about 2½ miles from town. As we turned in the gate to the stalag everyone's hopes of being at a halfway decent camp vanished quickly. This stalag had 700 Americans, about the same amount of French cadets, and around 2,000 Russians in it. When we came here the first thing was to go through the de-louser, then we were assigned to different barracks within Block 1. I was assigned to Company Seven Room 19. There were 33 men sleeping in this room, which, with the five men which came in along with me made a total of 39 of us in one room. The dimensions of this room 20 by 30 by 10 feet.

The Germans use human waste to fertilize their fields, and dump it in this open field. What an odor we have in our camp, which happens about twice a month. Our latrine is anything but sanitary. It is a cement pit with a cement floor with holes. Our wash room is only large enough to accommodate about half as many men as is present here. There is two wooden pumps and one iron pump in our block. To top it off the camp is surrounded by two high barb wire woven fence, with wire entanglement between the two wires. There is guards walking all around the fence. Also a big tower which one guard stays in with two spotlights which he plays around the camp all night. The guards are all old men who have been wounded, which have left them mangled in some form or other.

On Nov. 15, 1944, the Allied Red Cross representative visited the camp and found quite a lot wrong with the camp in general. The main thing was our ration, which he said was far from sufficient for the men. Also he was very much displeased with our sleeping condition. Soon after his visit, we received one GI blanket per man, two GI towels, tooth powder, belts, tow pair heavy wool underwear, one pair cotton sox, also, two handkerchiefs. Some of the boys received wool knit caps but there was not enough for everyone. This was all given by American Red Cross and it sure was appreciated. All the clothes we had up to this time was our battle dress and they were well worn. Nov. 15, we had our first snow, although it did not stay long. We had a very sad accident this month. One of the boys was picking spuds off a trailer truck while it was moving. He slipped and fell under the wheel. He was given a very nice Christian burial by the Germans. He was laid to rest in a civilian cemetery. We also felt the sad loss of another friend of ours who died very suddenly one morning. He was given a very nice burial.

The afternoon of Dec. 24, each man received one American Red Cross (care package). The Jerries, to show their remembrance of Christmas, left the lights on all night Christmas Eve and 'till midnight Christmas night and the following night. We had more than we ever expected this year. We sure are thankful for the American Red Cross. They sure have been a God sent to us since we have been prisoners. We spent a very enjoyable day Christmas. I don't believe a man in the compound could say he was hungry that day. We had for our menu boned turkey, mashed potatoes, plum pudding with cherries and thick milk for sauce, also, coffee with bread and butter. Some of the boys got sick over their meal. Everyone went to bed rather early this day as they were all tired by evening. The next exciting day was the day before New Years. We received one parcel for two men. Orv and I had this one together. The lights were left on all night New Years. Some of the boys stayed up all night. But not me, I stayed to see the New Year in then went to bed around two o'clock. There was an air raid this night and, of course, the lights were turned out until the raid was over. The year ended with a big snowstorm. It was sure rough out, the most snow we have had since we have been here.

Jan. 1, 1945: The beginning of the New Year finds me still a POW in Stalag III-C near Kruistrin, Germany. We had roll call at 9:30 a.m. some of the boys from one company decided not to fall out for roll call this morning. The result: the Jerry compound commander kept all of us standing in ranks 'till the fellows came out, the fellows snowballed them, which again was bad luck for us, as one ball went through a window in the barracks. We still kept standing until the mystery of who broke the window was solved. This night the lights were left on until midnight. At seven o'clock we had an air raid. To finish the day (three friends) and I played a game of poker. Just before going to sleep, I read two chapters in my Testament which I have carried with me ever since I have done service in the Army.

Jan. 2: Out menu this day was dehydrated sauerkraut. At 2:30 p.m., Jimmy and I went over to the French theater and saw a musical concert, but we missed the first half of the show. An Italian boy played the accordion for 60 minutes. He played "Tales of the Vienna Woods," "Mercy" and "Melancholy Baby," and to end the program, he played "Stars and Stripes Forever." He sure has a wonderful talent for music. The air raid this evening started at 6:40 p.m. The lights came on again at 7:30 p.m.

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Jan. 4: I went for a shower this afternoon. We get about two showers a month. It sure feels good to wash up a little. Another air raid this evening. This ended another day.

Jan. 5: Roll call was at 8:30 a.m., the usual time. After roll call, Jimmy and I went out to the pump and washed. It sure was cold. We did not spend very long washing as our face would sting when the wind blew against us. In the afternoon I got enough ambition to wash out a few clothes. In the evening, I went over to Carl Roof's room and spent the evening talking about home. He also showed me some of the pictures which was taken at Plubell's. They were very nice snapshots. I borrowed his log book to copy some of Pennsylvania boys' addresses from this Stalag who live near home. Another air raid this evening at about the same time as last evening.

Jan. 7: Roll call this morning was later than usual during the week. It generally is one hour later on Sunday mornings. Today was our day to carry bread. The (broat) house is about 200 yards outside our compound. While there, I seen two Russian boys, one was 12, the other was 14. They have been prisoners here two years. Physically they looked good, but had rags for socks and slippers for shoes. My feet were cold with good shoes and socks. I sure felt sorry for the two young boys. The boy, 12, said his father had been killed.

Jan. 8,9 and 10: These three days were kinda dead. Roll call was at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. On the 9th, we had a big snowstorm, which started in the afternoon and lasted on into the night. The morning of the 10th was the coldest we have had so far this winter. The Jerry in charge of our barracks, who name is Shradder, said it was 16 degrees C, although, I for one doubted his word, but would say it was around 0 degrees. The snow is about one foot deep. All around the water pump is a sheet of ice. Some of the boys have received nasty falls. The pump is the only place we have to wash our mess gears or our faces. In the morning I sure hate to go out and wash, but have not missed a morning yet. Jimmy and I generally go out together, but we don't stay out there long.

Jan. 11: Roll call this morning was at 8:30 a.m. After roll call Jimmy and I went out to the pump to wash. Then Orv and I had breakfast. For breakfast we had bread with meat spread also coffee. I burnt my finger two days ago and went to the medics to have it dressed. An American doctor was shipped into our compound last evening and was working at the medics this morning. Up until this time all we had was a British doctor who was captured at Dunkirk

Jan. 13: This morning after roll call I went to the medic's to have my three sore fingers dressed. They abscessed all last night, and ache just like a toothache. This morning they were all full of pus and swollen. They sure have me worried. The doctor looked at them and said if I watch and not let them get festered any more that they would come along OK. Some of the fellows that was on sick call were sad looking cases. Some had boils all over the back of their neck, others has running sores all over their legs and arms. The medics have to use crepe paper for bandages. They used the last piece of hesistape to bandage my burn. I had a terrible headache all this day and couldn't even eat. Orv made us some oatmeal and I put raisins and prunes in it. I ate a spoon full and that was all I could eat. But it was good oatmeal.

Jan. 14: I felt 100 percent better this morning, although my fingers are still sore. Since they only have emergency cases on Sunday I did not go on sick call. For breakfast we had toast with cheese also coffee. Then Orville went on the bread and butter detail. I wrote a card home then went to church services. In the afternoon, the kitchen force played a game of football. After the game, I went to a musical concert. We had bread and honey for supper with coffee. Then I went over to see Carl. He was eating his supper. We had two close air raids this evening and one in the afternoon.

Jan. 15: After roll call I went for a shower, then to the medics to have my fingers bandaged. We had oatmeal for chow today. After chow I got a hair cut. I got a short on this time, which feels good since one cannot wash clean in cold water. It is snowing outside again but the weather is not so awful cold. We only receive a coal ration three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. One ration consists of about two pounds of coal and five sticks, which last a couple hours. The rest of the week we are without coal. And so ends another day in a POW camp.

Jan. 18: This morning was quite warm compared to the past few mornings. Roll call was at 8:30 a.m. After roll call I had coffee and a cheese sandwich, then I went on the bread detail. We now haul all the bread on a wagon with a detail of five men. Then we went for margarine. Roll call this evening was at 3:30 p.m. In the evening we get together on different discussion. Last evening it was about life just before and after marriage. There was both single and married men took part in the discussion. There was good rumors floating around about the war. It sounded very good, if it was true, which I hope it is.

Jan. 20: Roll call this morning was at 8:30 a.m. After roll call, we had breakfast which consisted of oatmeal, which Martin and I cooked before roll call. We made it in a GI helmet which Orville had to wash. We put raisins and prunes in the oatmeal. The German's Gestapo searched our room for un-opened food cans and cigarette but took none.

Jan. 22: This was on of the coldest mornings we have had. Everyone hated to crawl out for roll call which was at 8:30 a.m. Orv went to Kruistrin ware-house to get Red Cross parcels. We receive our parcel today. They are only allowed to have a 14-hour food supply on hand at this Stalag at one time. They say it is Geneva orders thereby they must go to town every day in order for us to receive our much-needed food. I went on bread detail this morning, also margarine. It has warmed up quite considerable to what it was this morning, but it is still plenty cold out. The war news sound very encouraging if they continue. We may be home soon, as the rumor here is that the Russians are on a big drive and are supposedly to be only 90 miles from here.

Jan. 23: This day for me was quite a busy day compared to some or most of my other POW days. To start the day off Parsons and I, with some of the other fellows, went to Kruistrin after Red Cross parcels at 8:30 a.m. We rode in on the back end of a Jerry truck with a guard. It was quite chilly riding the truck. After loading the parcels we went down to the depot to pick up some boxes for the Jerries. In the canteen were soldiers. Some looked like they were drunk, others seemed to be dead tired and laid their head on the table to sleep. We got back to the Stalag at 10:10. This was the first time since Sept. when I came to this Stalag that I have been outside its area. This afternoon I went on bread detail. While on the detail, I seen some Russians fighting over potato peelings and frozen rutabaga, which was thrown into the sump hole. It was sure a pitiful sight. Before we received Red Cross parcels, the boys used to go up to the kitchen and get the potato peelings, wash them, cook them and eat them. Carl was over this evening. We talked over the time we went to Punxsutawney.

Jan. 26: Plenty of snow and wind this morning. We did not receive our Red Cross parcels today on account of lack of transportation. The rumor was that they are using the trucks to defend Kruistrin. Also to help evacuate civilians from the town. The Russians are coming. More power to them.

Jan. 28: Sunday, the roughest day so far this winter. The wind is blowing strong and pitching the snow everywhere. The Russians didn't bring the bread wagon up till 11:00. That made us late at receiving our bread, then we went after margarine and meat. We were late for soup but they saved chow for us. We had pea soup. It sure was good. My face and feet felt like as if they were going to freeze off this morning. The Russians are supposed to be only 60 kilometers from here according to all rumors floating around the camp. We received overcoats, scarf, wool knit cap and two pairs of socks today from the Red Cross. We sure need them. The Red Cross sure meant a lot to us, when I look at the Russians and see the little they have to eat or wear.

Jan. 29: I went on the bread detail this morning, but the warehouse was empty. The bread didn't come until late this afternoon. The guards in the towers have machine guns now at their disposal. The rumor was flying high today that the Italians moved out yesterday, but was mobbed by civilians in town and had to be brought back to the Stalag. The nights are sure long since we have no lights. We trust things from now on goes well.

Jan. 30: More excitement today than any other day since I have been a POW. They moved the Russians out today on foot. We sewed up knapsacks just in case we move out on foot, which is pretty evident. We received no bread ration today. All sport equipment, shoes, pants and other equipment were issued today.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** That was the last entry in the log. Calhoun never left the camp. Just as the Russians were liberating it, a German plane dropped an antipersonnel bomb, and Calhoun was mortally wounded. The following is an account of his death, as detailed in a letter dated April 28, 1945, from a friend, Cpl. Orville Parsons, who had been captured along with Calhoun: "I found Bill on a stretcher, and there were over a hundred other wounded and only a couple of doctors. Most of the men were French and Italians. I went right into the operating room and say how busy they were so went back to

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Bill and carried him in the operating room to the table. The doctor told me he would take him next.

"I stooped down to ask how bad he was hurt, and he said he didn't know. He died just before we put him on the table. I can assure you he didn't suffer much. He lived one hour after he was hit. It was 5 p.m. Feb. 1 when he left us

"Of all the things I went through and saw, I can say nothing hit me so hard. I hadn't cried in years to that day."

Carl Roof, another local soldier who happened to be imprisoned with Calhoun, recalled that day during a recent interview at his home.

"I went around camp and found some stuff to make a coffin. We buried him down at the end of an air raid shelter," said Roof, of Armstrong Township.

Roof made it out of the camp and, along with other prisoners, walked, biked and hopped trains to Warsaw, Poland.

He took with him Calhoun's billfold.

"These two feet carried it to America," he said.


**BREAKING NEWS**  
**Criminal Trial**

The planned criminal trial of the previous secretary-treasurer by the Prince George County District Attorney set for January 23, 2013 has been cancelled. According to the District Attorney, a meeting between the two attorneys has resulted in a plan to seek compensation from the accused.

Our association has collected on the Nationwide Insurance Employee Position Bond and the invoice for the 2011 reunion has been paid through the collection agency.

As for our association...the matter is settled.

Joe Maiale, President  
The Ninth Infantry Division Association



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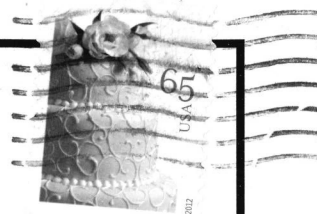
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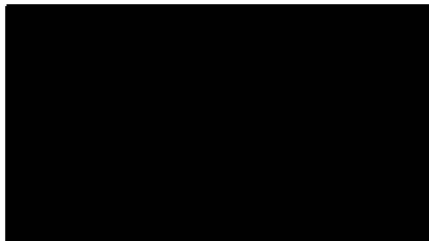
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Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  
guests: \_\_\_\_\_

guests cont. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-Digit Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

9th Infantry Division Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration/Event Pricing

Registration Fee (per person) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required fee for all attendees)

#### Friday, July 19 Reception:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$45.00 per person	= \$ _____

#### Saturday, July 20 Breakfast:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$25.00 per person	= \$ _____

#### Saturday, July 20 Dinner:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$75.00 per person	= \$ _____

#### Sunday, July 21 Breakfast:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$25.00 per person	= \$ _____

#### Sunday, July 21 Banquet:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$55.00 per person	= \$ _____

Dinner Choice: Pork; Chicken

#### Monday, July 22 Breakfast:

Number in party	Amount Due	
X	\$25.00 per person	= \$ _____

Grand Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **The Ninth Infantry Division Assn.**  
(Note in the memo section "68th-2013 Reunion")

Send this form and check to: William Sauers, 2960 W. 234th St.,  
Torrance, CA 90505-4104.