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President's Message



Greetings from Tennessee to all members and friends of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. My summer began with strong, favorable effects of El Nino. But by mid-July the favorable effects faded big time, ushering in a more typical hot and humid summer where I live. I hope your summer was better.

This issue of the Octofoil includes reports of the very successful 69th Annual Reunion that was held in Houston, TX in July. Having the Houston Concert Band provide entertainment at the Sunday evening banquet deserves an A-plus! I encourage you to read the minutes of the Board of Governors and

General Business meetings, the financial reports and comments from those who directed activities during the reunion. The photographs in the center of this issue attest to the fun that was had by those who attended. Get involved and stay in touch with the Association.

If I'm asked to choose what impressed me the most about the 69th reunion, I would declare a tie between the most sterling rendition of TAPS that I have ever heard and the wonderful help Mary Cooper and Bette Prochaska recruited to administrate the registration and escort folks to the off-base events. I seldom see women in cowboy boots where I live!

My grateful appreciation to Pete and Charlie Stern for their unique rendition of TAPS, and to Mary Cooper and Bette Prochaska and the entire reunion committee for a well executed annual reunion that will long be remembered.

I plan to see some of you in Worcester, MA on October 18th and 19th for the Memorial Mass at the Immaculate Conception Parish.

Paul Schumacher, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association



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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY Y'ALL

The 69th Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion was held from July 11 to July 14, 2014 in Houston, Texas. Many thanks to Mary Cooper and Betty Prochaska for arranging a memorable reunion. On Friday evening we were transported to the Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Texas' oldest craft brewery, where we enjoyed an enjoyable meal accompanied by delicious brewery beer and root beer. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to greet our friends, old and new.

On Saturday evening we traveled to the George Ranch Historical Park on the outskirts of Houston. The ranch is a nationally prominent historical site visited by thousands and recognized worldwide for showcasing the heritage of Texas. We were entertained by a live country band and dined on chicken fried steak and pecan pie. Later in the evening, we were treated to a hayride, an 1890's cowboy camp and chuck wagon.

The Memorial Service at the Houston Holocaust Museum on Sunday morning was extraordinary. Jane Mitchell served as Master of Ceremonies. Our keynote speaker was Peter Berkowitz, Chairperson of Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. Several highlights were Mary Kay Darr singing The Star-Spangled Banner, God Bless America and Amazing Grace; Pete and Charlie Stern playing a heart-stopping rendition of TAPS and Kathy Stern reciting a poem she wrote entitled "Ceremony at Fort Bragg." Following the Memorial Service, we were graciously invited to tour the museum, including a railcar that carried Holocaust victims to their demise. The Jewish Herald-Voice covered this event and published an article and photo of six veterans in attendance at the reunion.

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OUR MISSION

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

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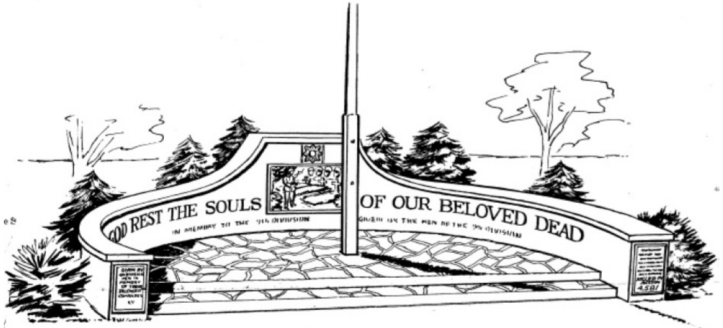
TIP OF THE HAT

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

Francis Wolman in memory of his wife, Florence

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

Send to: **Mary Cooper**



Friends of Father Connors Fund

Herb Stern

If you would like to donate please make your check payable to:
The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Please note in the memo section of the check "FFCF" and send to :

Mary Cooper, [Redacted Address]

THE NINETY'S CLUB

Here's your chance to join an exclusive, much respected, one of a kind club. Membership is free!! All it takes is a birthday celebrating your achievement of 90 years. Send your name and recent photo to Jane Mitchell, Editor.

New Ninety's Club Members



Lewis A. Montague
Memphis TN

Robert Watts
Richmond VA
(no photo available)

"Lest We Forget"

The Ninth Infantry Division Association Memorial Service
Immaculate Conception Parish
353 Grove Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605
Sunday, October 19, 2014 10:00 A.M.

On Sunday, October 19, 2014, the 70th annual Memorial Mass and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, MA. 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 to attend, please contact Gail Eisenhauer at [Redacted Phone Number] to make lunch reservations for after the service. Hotel reservations should be made 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.

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; Giau 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

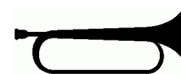
* Posthumous award

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

Henry W. Shimkoski
B Btry, 60th FA Bn.

Joe King
SV Btry, 60th FA Bn.

Paul Crumb
K Co., 47th Inf. Bn.



Henry W. Shimkoski 1917-2014 B Battery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion



Henry W. Shimkoski, 96, of Worcester, MA, died peacefully Thurs., Sept. 11, 2014 at Beaumont Nursing Home of Worcester, surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his wife of 72 years, Theresa (DiLiddo) Shimkoski, a daughter, Elaine M. Noe and her husband Jimmy of VA and son Dennis H. Shimkoski and his wife, Colleen of Auburn. Henry was the doting grandfather to 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 3 sisters-in-law, as well as many nephews and nieces. Henry was predeceased by 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

Henry was born in Worcester, son of the late Felix and Agatha Siemietkowski and lived here all his life. He attended Commerce High School and also the Worcester Art Museum. Henry served his country honorably in the United States Army during WWII. He was part of the 9th Infantry Division serving as a medic in the African and Middle Eastern Theatre. He served at Utah Beach during the D Day invasion. Among his many medals and citations, Henry was a recipient of 2 Purple Hearts. He was a long time member of the church of St. Stephens.

Henry worked as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years. He was very creative and this showed through his music, writing poetry and painting. He especially loved to play the banjo. However, his most treasured times were those spent with his family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Joe King Service Battery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion (Obituary included in Florida Chapter Report, pg.14)

Paul Crumb 1924-2014 K Company, 47th Infantry Battalion (Obituary included in Florida Chapter Report, pg 14)



Friends of Father Connors Fund

William Sauers, 1st Vice President

A lot has happened since October 2012 when we contracted with John Lauring of Lauring Construction to do some preliminary work to make our memorial look good for the 50th year re-dedication ceremony on November 11, 2012. At the time we spent \$2,479.00 to have the flagpole refurbished, repoint cracked mortar joints, reset loose stones, and repair the low voltage lighting system, paid for by your donations. Some of our members who live in the area volunteered to wash the memorial as a final cleaning step prior to the ceremony. You may recall the ceremony included having our members who attended participate in the City of Worcester annual Veterans' Day Parade ending at the church where we had the Mayor and City Manager speak as well other dignitaries. To say that day was a huge success is an understatement.

Since establishing the Friends of Father Connors Fund many of you donated money to help pay for restoration work. With an estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 it became clear we would not be able to depend on donations to pay the full cost of restoration. An attempt was made to investigate obtaining a grant to fund the project by some sons and daughters, but to no avail. Finally, earlier this year we decided to cash out the CGM Mutual Funds the association had invested in many years ago to help pay for major restoration work. Now in combination with all the donated money and the redemption of shares of CGM we could afford to fund the complete restoration.

Evidence of the extreme weather the memorial is subjected to is shown at the right. Fifty years of weather takes its toll on all structures without proper upkeep and maintenance. Our memorial had cracked bricks, cracked stones, and cracks in the foundation. The top cap of mortar was leaking because the original protective layer of material was gone. All of the caulking at the joints was either gone or degraded to the point that water was undermining the entire structure.

In March of this year John Lauring submitted a bid of \$19,880.00 to completely repoint all of the mortar joints on the front and back of the memorial, replace approximately 125 cracked bricks, repair all foundation cracks, recaulk all joints, parge and seal the precast cap stones and all masonry surfaces, and install a new lighting system with its own photocell timer (dusk to dawn lighting).

We signed a contract with Lauring Construction in May and work began in June. The restoration was completed by the end of June. Final payments to Lauring Construction were made by July which included money from redemption of shares of CGM Mutual Funds and your donation money.

We have a beautiful memorial that should last another 50 plus years. I think Father Connors would be proud that his idea of a physical memorial to the men of the 9th Infantry Division is secure for future generations. The 4,581 men killed in action during World War II and those veterans who have died since as well as the over 2,300 men of the 9th Infantry Division killed in action during the Vietnam War are remembered for their sacrifices.



Feb-Mar. 2014

Photos courtesy of Fr. Walter Riley



**219th Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, July 11th, 2014
Houston Marriott Medical Center
Houston, TX**

The 219th Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by President Paul Schumacher. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reverent silence in memory of the Association members, officers, and governors we have lost in the past year followed.

Board of Governors members present were Terry Barnhart, Glenda Baswell, Philip Bosko, Mary Cooper, Gail Eisenhauer, Clare Irwin, Jane Mitchell, Clarence Ray, Theda Ray, Judy Rishel, Maurine Hoyt Roberts and William Sauers.

The Minutes from the 218th Board of Governors meeting were read in entirety and President Schumacher made a motion to accept the minutes as read. As no corrections were given, the minutes stand adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Cooper provided a summary of the Association's finances with handouts containing a YTD Summary (1/1/2014 through 6/30/2014) and Accounting Records for July 1st, 2013 - June 30, 2014. The information presented within the two reports is provided below.

**Summary - YTD
1/1/2014 through 6/30/2014**

Category	1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014
Income	
Uncategorized	30
Account 1 - General Funds Income	765.13
Account 2 - Octofoil Income	955
Account 4 - Memorial Fund Income	65
Account 5 - FFCF Income	936.63
Account 6 - Reunion Income	18,100.00
Total Income	20851.76
Expenses	
Uncategorized	18.95
Account 1 - General Funds	643.55
Account 1 - General Funds Expense	715
Account 2 - Octofoil Expense	690.09
Account 6 - Reunion Expense	1579.73
Total Expenses	3647.32
Overall Total	17204.44



Accounting Records for July 1, 2013 - July 1, 2014

	Balance of Accounts: (as of July 1, 2013)	Deposits	Debits	Balance (as of July 1, 2014)	
Names of Sub Accounts:					
Account 1 - General (Membership)	5,072.81	2,598.74	2,078.71	5,592.84	
Account 2 - Octofoil	5,121.03	2,740.00	1,469.72	6,391.31	
Account 3 - OLP (Octofoil Library Project)	489.59	100.00	0	589.59	
Account 4 - Memorial fund (Tip Of The Hat)	2,125.00	245.00	0	2,370.00	
Account 5 - Friends of Father Connor Fund	6,238.41	2,161.63	0	8,400.04	
Account 6(a) - Reunion 2013	18,850.25	2,833.99	15,023.62	6,660.62	(\$5,000.00 Ins.Pmt)
Account 6(b) - Reunion 2014	0	17,350.00	1,579.73	15,770.27	
TOTAL IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT:	37,897.09	28,029.36	20,151.78	45,774.67	

The Treasurer summarized each report, noting that the Accounting Records provide deposit/debits figures for all six (6) sub accounts as well as a bottom line comparison between FY 2013 and 2014.

Regarding the Reunion Sub Account 6, Mary commented on the high cost of reunion activities due to hotel contracts, bus transportation and outside group activities. She stated that it would be beneficial to investigate whether an event bond would mitigate our financial liability if something were to prevent the reunion or planned activities from happening as planned. William Sauers explained the difference between an event bond and an employee theft bond, adding that the latter would protect the Association against losses by theft or embezzlement by employees (representatives of the Association). It was suggested that we look into both types of bonds in the coming year.

William Sauers reviewed the process and decision that he and President Schumacher made to cash out the CGM Funds. A portion of the money will be used to pay the contractor for the restoration work that has been completed on the Ninth Infantry Division Association Memorial located on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, MA. William summarized the extensive scope of work that was necessary to preserve the structure and its longevity for many years to come. He also reminded the Board that although the structure is now sound, attention to general maintenance will be an on-going discussion. Examples of maintenance include, but are not limited to snow removal during inclement weather, LED light replacement, and the monthly electric fee for the lighting (three flood lights on the flag pole and two in front) that continues to be paid by the Immaculate Conception Parish.

The Treasurer suggested that we consider making a donation either to the Parish or to Father Riley as payment/thanks for taking care of small maintenance (snow removal etc.) and electrical fees for so many years. Another donation to be considered is to the Knights of Columbus in Worcester MA, in appreciation for providing coffee and pastries immediately after the annual Memorial Mass held each year at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The donation funds could be taken from a percentage of the reunion raffle money or somewhere else in the accounts.

The Octofoil

Theda Ray, Publisher of *The Octofoil*, reminded everyone to renew their Octofoil subscription for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015). Theda informed the Board that in an effort to keep the mailing list as current as possible, she routinely contacts Association members whose subscriptions have lapsed. Reminders are sent via e-mail or US Postal Service.

Jane Mitchell, Editor of *The Octofoil*, reported that she has some concern about having enough content for the quarterly publication. She suggested the addition of a new column; one which would contain social/family milestone items including, but not limited to births, deaths, marriages, etc. This was favorably supported. Additional suggestions for content included reprinting pertinent articles when timely and appropriate, and sharing resources and links for research.



By-Laws

President Schumacher continued the meeting agenda with the recognition of Reunion Committee Chair Terry Barnhart. Terry has been leading an investigation of possible reunion locations for 2015 and beyond. Terry's findings include Fort Bragg NC, Worcester MA, Washington DC and Baltimore MD. The Denver CO area was also mentioned.

The President stated that although not much needs to be done with the By-Laws at this time, we need to be mindful that elections for National Officers and Board of Governors members will be coming up in the near future. Now is an appropriate time to inform and encourage all membership to consider becoming more involved in the Association. Active participation in our organization promotes and sustains the continuity of our mission.

President Schumacher informed the Board of Governors of the following two items:

- At the reunion in 2015 we will elect officers up for renewal for one year, or at the option of the Board of Governors for a two year term.
- We should return to the practice of electing members to the Board of Governors on a staggered schedule. To implement this, elections replacing a fraction (approximately 1/3) of the current Board with new members will take place on a yearly basis, beginning at the 2016 reunion.

The President entertained the following motion pertaining to the Board of Governors:

MOTION: Members of the Board of Governors will be elected on a staggered schedule beginning at the reunion in 2016.

This motion was seconded and passed.

As the last item on the agenda, President Schumacher informed the Board that the present system of Local Chapters in the Association is about to be defunct. In May of 2014, the Michigan Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association disbanded, leaving Florida as the one remaining chapter. The President asked whether the Board has the desire to reorganize the Chapter system. Discussion took place however there was no resolve. No action was taken at this time on this subject of chapters to replace the current chapter system.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:04 pm. This motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Irwin, National Secretary

69TH REUNION FINANCIAL REPORT **Submitted by Mary Cooper, Treasurer**

INCOME			In/Out	Donated	
Registration		18,950			
Raffle		1,500			
Photos			700		
Catholic Life Ins. Donation - ice cream & pies				300	
EXPENSE					
Ken Carter Photo			700		
Marriott Hotel		5,025.37			
George Ranch Rental (Sat)		5,129.73			
Keepsake Cups (underwritten)				129	
Event Insurance (Sat)		300			
St. Arnold's Rental (Friday)		1100			
Rudy's - Catered food (Friday)		673.34			
Vincek's - Catered food (Sat)		684			
Pecan Pies & Ice Cream (see above - Cath. Life)		22.79		see above	
Van Rental - for those too young for buses & for Medical Emergency		624.87		168.45	
Holocaust Museum		820			
Cookies for Memorial Service		80			

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Paul Schumacher, Association President, welcomed everyone to the Sunday evening banquet. We were entertained by The Houston Concert Band, a volunteer orchestra led by Chuck Throckmorton, the director of Bands at Rice University. They played marches and wonderful patriotic music. Some of us could not stay seated and just had to get up and march around the room. It was great fun. Throughout the evening there were raffles, auctions, games and line dancing. We laughed a lot and had a great time catching up with other members of The Association. No one can ever say we don't know how to have a good time!!

On a more somber note, William Sauers reminded us of soldiers whose fate is still unknown by solemnly narrating "the Missing Man Table."

On Monday many of us said our goodbyes until next year. Others made a day trip to the George Bush Library.

We look forward to next year's reunion in New England and hope to see all of you there!



Right:
Veterans at Memorial Service,
Houston Holocaust Museum.

Left to right: Russell Bellanca,
Paul Schumacher, Herb Stern,
Clarence Ray, John Hoyt,
Jack Dauner, Willy Goldsmith



Left:
Peter Berkowitz,
guest speaker
at Memorial
Service pictured
with Herb Stern.





President Paul Schumacher was presented the American flag by the Boy Scouts.

Our WW II veterans received cowboy hats at the ranch!



Above: The band at George Ranch

Jeanette Taylor, Betty Prochaska, Lavonne Blann, Glenda Baswell, Mary Cooper



Ray Throne, Pete Stern, Nancy Stern Bain



Marjie Hoyt & Gail Eisenhauer

William Sauers narrates the Missing Man Table



Below: Geri Throne & Nadine Collier



Mack & Mary Kay Darr, Janet C Brown, Jackie Armstrong



Below: Rick Merrill, Arlene & Keith Silver



Minutes of the 69th Business Meeting
Saturday, July 12th, 2014
Houston Marriott Medical Center
Houston, Texas

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Schumacher at 2:30 pm. President Schumacher led a moment of reverent silence in memory of all the Association members, officers and governors we have lost in the last year. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

President Schumacher called for a 20 minute recess so that the committees could have their meetings. After the recess, the following reports were made to the business meeting:

Finance

Treasurer Mary Cooper introduced Peter Stern, (son of Herbert Stern, 9th Med Bat D Co.) who provided an overview of the scope of services provided by Mize Houser and Company P.A., (www.mizehouser.com) Certified Public Accountants in Topeka, Kansas.

Peter briefly summarized that the move to identify and retain the services of an accounting firm was the result of our organization's need to establish a new set of financial books, protocols and procedures. Externalizing portions of our accounting process while maintaining selected tasks in house will help to re-establish good fiscal health and accountability for the long term.

Per our agreement with Mize Houser and Company, Treasurer Mary Cooper will communicate regularly with the accountant(s), providing reports of income received, funds disbursed and other relevant information on an on-going basis. Mize Houser and Company will then post the revenues and expenses quarterly, confirming and compiling this information over time to prepare quarterly and year-to-date reports that present our financial information in the form of financial statements.

As part of the agreement, the company will complete and submit tax returns for the Ninth Infantry Division Association on a yearly basis. Accounting services will be billed on an hourly basis and it is estimated that the cost will be between \$1,400.00 to \$1,700.00 annually.

Copies of the Financial Statements & Accountant's Compilation Report from Mize Houser and Company were circulated and made available to the general membership present at this meeting. The Report contains statements of assets, liabilities and net assets-income tax basis as of March 31, 2014, and statements of revenues, expenses and net surplus/(deficit)-income tax basis for the one quarter and three quarters (7/1/2013 - 3/31/2014) ending on March 31, 2014.

Mary Cooper distributed a Balance of Accounts statement for the fiscal year beginning on 7/1/2013 and ending on June 30, 2014. The total amount of cash in the checking account as of June 30, 2014 was \$45,774.67. (This amount will need to be reconciled with Mize Houser's completion of financial statements ending June 30, 2014.) This amount includes sums in each of the six(6) sub-accounts:

Account 1 - General (Membership)	\$5,592.84
Account 2 - Octofoil	\$6,391.31
Account 3 - OLP (Octofoil Library Project)	\$ 589.59
Account 4 - Memorial Fund (Tip of the Hat)	\$2,370.00
Account 5 - Friends of Father Connor Fund	\$8,400.04
Account 6(a) - Reunion 2013	\$6,660.62* (see notes below)
(b) - Reunion 2014	\$15,770.27

Account 6(a): a portion of the balance in this sub-account is the \$5,000.00 remaining from the Nationwide Insurance Employee Theft Bond (\$25,000.00) after the debt of \$20,000.00 was paid to the New Orleans Sheraton Hotel in November of 2012.

* Seed money in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the 2015 Reunion is available and will be taken from Account 6(a) if that amount, or a portion of the \$1,600.00 is needed for up front deposits.

As a final comment in the Treasurer's report, Mary brought forward a recommendation that we consider donating a portion of the money brought in by our banquet raffle on an annual basis. Suggestions given for a donation recipient this year include: The Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester MA, a donation to The Immaculate Conception Parish in honor of Father Riley, and/or to the Worcester MA Knights of Columbus.

The Octofoil

Editor Jane Mitchell reminded membership that articles and other submissions for inclusion in *The Octofoil* are to be mailed to the Editor at 89 Ray Rd., Penn Run, PA 15765.

Content may also be e-mailed to [REDACTED] Octofoil subscription forms and checks are to be sent to the Publisher, Theda Ray at [REDACTED]



The Editor requested ideas and contributions of content for the newsletter in order to maintain the high quality and quantity of news, articles and information printed on a quarterly basis. Jane offered that as chapters disband, there is less content for the newsletter and fewer pages to print. To illustrate, and in response to a question from membership, Jane stated that while the 4th quarter newsletter (reunion issue) may contain up to 16 pages with photos, it can be difficult to fill up 12 pages in other quarterly issues. Approximately 180 copies of *The Octofoil* are mailed out four times per year. Most of the copies are sent to US addresses but there are some that require international postage.

A brief discussion reminded membership that our Mission Statement directs us to "assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Ninth Infantry Division." Previously printed articles that are relevant to today's current events or any others that may provide information and interest are very appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter. Copies of past issues of *The Octofoil* and other related material are available through the Octofoil Library Project. Additionally, articles or news bits pertaining to resources for research can be submitted as an assist for those who wish to know more about family members or other veterans that served in the Ninth Infantry Division during WWII.

As a final point, it was agreed upon that a regularly occurring column for all membership to announce news or social items, i.e., good news, marriages, graduations, milestones, outreach to the Vietnam Veterans etc. would be a good addition to *The Octofoil*.

Questions regarding article length, content, timeline to submit etc.? Contact Jane Mitchell.

Worcester Memorial

William Sauers informed the general membership that all restoration work has been completed on the Ninth Infantry Division Association National Memorial, located on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, Massachusetts. The Memorial has been in need of a total restoration for many years and although recent emergency work has prevented major structural damage, extensive work was necessary to preserve the physical integrity and longevity of the Memorial. The contractor, John Luring, submitted a proposal to complete the project for the amount of \$19,880.00. The scope of work included refurbishing all brickwork, electrical wiring and sealing all exterior surfaces to protect against weather related deterioration.

Half of the payment due to the contractor was made possible by donations received and specifically earmarked for the Friends of Father Connor Fund (FFCF). The last half payment will come from the redemption of CGM Fund shares.

The annual Memorial Mass and laying of the wreath will take place at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, MA on Sunday, October 19th, 2014. Contact William at [REDACTED] further information.

By-Laws

President Schumacher appointed Theda Ray to fill the vacant position of By-Laws Chair. This position has been without representation since the passing of John W. Baswell in February of 2014.

President Schumacher also reminded membership that the current roster of Committee Chairs will remain in effect for one year. Please feel free to contact any one of them with comments or suggestions.

Reunions

Terry Barnhart reported that he has been researching possible sites for our 70th reunion next year. Locations including, but not limited to the following were open for discussion: Fort Bragg (NC), Worcester MA, Washington DC and Baltimore MD. He added that consideration needs to be given to ease and proximity to airports, a variety of activities, and time of year. We also need to think ahead and try to identify possible locations a few years ahead of time.

A discussion took place regarding the merits of each of the above locations. Although a decision was not made during this meeting, opinion leaned distinctly towards New England, specifically for the opportunity to showcase the newly restored Ninth Infantry Division Association National Memorial. Terry indicated that he would continue to facilitate the planning process by reaching out to membership living in the NE region for the purpose of identifying a suitable city and hotel with affordable and easy transportation.

Watch for an announcement in the next issue of *The Octofoil* for details regarding the location of the 70th Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion.



Octofoil Library Project

William Sauers updated membership on the status of the Octofoil Library Project (OLP). Both he and Terry Barnhart co-manage this long standing project with the mission of preserving the history and evolution of the Ninth Infantry Division for future generations by collecting, indexing and scanning source materials onto DVD. Since its inception, many books, newspapers, magazines and other documents of interesting history have been received and scanned onto DVDs over the years. A significant amount of material has been scanned and paid for by funds received as donations specifically earmarked for the OLP. William notes that the recent goal of digitizing all issues of *The Octofoil* from 1946 through 2006 has been successfully met.

While much progress has been made in the effort to preserve the Ninth Infantry Division's WWII history, a significant amount remains to be done. Many items are still in need of scanning and as a group we need to consider what to do with it. William asked if we should pay someone to finish preserving the material and/or donating it to an organization for its preservation. Two suggestions from the floor include investigating The Hoover Institution Library and Archives at Stanford University in CA and The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA.

There was no resolve to this discussion. Contact William [REDACTED] Terry at [REDACTED] to share ideas and communications regarding the OLP.

Treasurer Mary Cooper brought forth the recommendation made earlier in the finance portion of the business meeting. The following motions were made after a lively discussion:

MOTION: We annually donate money from our raffle to a designated organization that can be chosen at the time of the reunion. This motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: This year's reunion will take a portion of the raffle money decided by the Board of Governors, to be given to Worcester, specifically to the Knights of Columbus for their yearly help at the reunion. This motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: The Board of Governors will also decide to donate raffle monies to the Church in honor of Father Riley. This motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: Another portion of our general funds will go towards the maintenance, repair and cleaning on behalf of the Worcester Ninth Infantry Division Memorial in an amount not greater than \$750.00 for the coming twelve (12) months. This motion did not pass.

With no further business on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made at 4:45 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clare Irwin, Secretary
[REDACTED]



**220th Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday, July 13th, 2014
Houston Marriott Medical Center
Houston, TX**

The 220th Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by President Paul Schumacher. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reverent silence in memory of the Association members, officers and governors we have lost followed.

Board members present: Terry Barnhart, Glenda Baswell, Philip Bosko, Mary Cooper, Gail Eisenhower, Clare Irwin, Jane Mitchell, Theda Ray, Judy Rishel, Maurine Hoyt Roberts and William Sauers. Judy Goldsmith was also in attendance.

President Schumacher opened the meeting with a motion to extend the term of office for Clarence Ray as a member of the Board of Governors for another year, expiring in 2016. This motion was passed unanimously.

Terry Barnhart, Reunion Committee Chair, announced that the 2015 reunion will take place in New England. Reunion committee members include Paul Blann, Philip Bosko, Sandra Bosko, Gail Eisenhower, Clare Irwin, Richard Merrill, Jane Mitchell, Karen Olsen and William Sauers. The specific location will be announced at a later date, after the committee members have investigated the possible cities and hotels that will best meet our needs and requirements. Primary factors that will guide the committee to make the final decision include hotel, transportation and activity costs as well as proximity to a variety of local attractions.

President Schumacher informed the Board that a Nominating Committee will be organized for the purpose of selecting Officers in 2015 and staggering the elections to the Board of Governors. Watch *The Octofoil* for this announcement. Notifications will also be sent by mail. The President reiterated that this is a great opportunity for all membership to get involved. Those interested may nominate themselves by contacting the Nominations Committee Chair.

William Sauers asked to revisit the vote and discussion about maintenance of the Ninth Infantry Division Association National Memorial. He noted the confusion regarding the vote at the 69th Business Meeting and wished to simplify it. A lively discussion ensued before coming to resolve on the issue of maintenance with a motion made by Terry Barnhart.

MOTION: A donation to equal up to 20% of the reunion raffle proceeds will be given to the Immaculate Conception Parish. This motion was seconded and passed.

With no further business on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:05 am. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Irwin, National Secretary

69TH REUNION FINANCIAL REPORT

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Food & Beverage		544.61			
Food & Beverage (underwritten)				400	
Supplies - Name Tags, Signage, etc.		319.44		225	
Concert Band (Sat.)		450			
Supplies - Carnations, etc for Memorial				86.6	
Printing - Memorial Service				58.46	
Precinct 1 Sen. Cit. Program (Buses) Donation		300			
Gift bags & items for bags				250	
Postage		96.14			
Total		16170.29			
Excess funds not used (18,950 - 16,170.29))	2,779.71				
Raffle	1,500				



Florida Chapter Report

Florida Chapter 2014 Reunion postponed: At the 2013 Florida Chapter Reunion, Herb Frank's daughter Heidi Ferworn, and son-in-law, Kevin Christain, volunteered to look into the Orlando area for a suitable Command Post for the 2014 Florida Chapter reunion. Unfortunately, Heidi's dad, Herb Frank, passed away on Oct. 17, two weeks after the end of the Chapter reunion causing Heidi to ask for a postponement until 2015. Heidi also stated that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get enough people to attend our reunions. Efforts are being made to recruit sons, daughters, Vietnam veterans and friends into our roster, so that we may be able to hold future reunions. In 1979, the National Reunion was held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. During that reunion, a small group of 9th Infantry Division veterans, spearheaded by Henry Santos, Joe Williams, Richard Trahey and a few others, asked and received permission to form the Florida Chapter. Henry Santos recruited Emil De Donato and assigned him the task of writing news releases and sending them to 57 daily newspapers and approximately 75 weekly newspapers. The response was great. Having met the requirements to establish a new Chapter, the Florida Chapter held its first reunion in October 1981 at the Days Inn in Sarasota, FL. Since then, Florida Chapter reunions were held annually and a number of times, twice a year. The 1988 Florida Chapter roster had 162 dues paying members. At present, the number is less than 3% of that year.

A new level of care— For the approximately 90,000 veterans living in Marion, Lake and Sumter Counties, the outpatient clinic located in The Villages of South Marion County brings a new level of health care and convenience. Occupying almost 100,000 square feet on a 9.5 acre parcel, it looks more like a country club than a medical facility. This clinic offers a full range of diagnostic imaging, nuclear medicine and ambulatory surgical center. After being assigned to a doctor, veterans will be able to receive treatment in cardiology, orthopedics, audiology, dentistry, rehabilitation services, lab and pharmacy. All of the equipment is state of the art. To register, go to www.va.gov.

Joe King dies: A freak tractor/trailer accident on July 30, 2014 claimed the life of Joe King, two term president of the Florida Chapter Ninth Infantry Division Association. A native of Southern Greenville County, SC, Joe King served in the 60th Field Artillery, 9th Infantry Division, starting with the invasion of Africa, then through Sicily, Normandy, France, Belgium, and finally the defeat of Germany on May 7, 1945. Joe was an active Mason and served as District Deputy Grand Master for South Carolina. He was a member of OMAN Lodge #69, the Scottish Rites, and Hejar Shrine Temple. He attended Bessie Road Baptist Church. Survivors include son, Terry King, daughter, Cindy Zoelier, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Lenora King at [REDACTED]

Paul Crumb dies: On May 14, 2014, Paul Crumb died peacefully at his home in Ocala, FL. Paul was born on Nov. 24, 1924 in Deposit, NY. He attended schools in Windsor, Cincinnati and Marathon NY. Paul served in Company K, 47th Infantry as a combat rifleman. He joined the 9th Infantry Division as a replacement soldier soon after the invasion of Normandy. He earned many medals including two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. After being discharged from the Army on Dec. 29, 1945, he married Eunice Hotelling and together they

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT, PAUL SCHUMACHER

Appointment of Mary Kay Darr to the Board of Governors

Let it be known that on this date, September 1, 2014, by executive appointment, the President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association appoints Mary Kay Darr as a Governor of the Association to fill a 3 year term that expires at the time of the 72nd Reunion in 2017.

By order of Paul Schumacher, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association

Resignation of Chairman of the Reunion Committee

I have been informed that Terry Barnhart desires to be replaced as Chairman of the Reunion Committee on the Board of Governors. Terry was assigned to that duty approximately 1 year ago when we began to form working groups in anticipation of the reorganization initiated 2 years ago.

Terry accepted the assignment and worked diligently during the 69th reunion to find locations for the 2015 and 2016 reunions. It is a duty and an honor to say, "Well done, Terry. Grateful thanks for your successful work."

Beginning September 10, 2014, Clare Irwin assumes the work of Reunion Chairperson for the Board of Governors. Clare is Chairwoman of the 70th Annual Reunion in 2015. Please send your comments, suggestions and offers of help to Clare and the staff she is assembling.

Sincerely,
Paul Schumacher, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association

raised their family of 3 children, Sandra Joyce Holmes, Barbara Edeker and Russell Crumb in Brooktondale, NY. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Paul was a rural letter carrier for 28 years. After his retirement, Paul and Eunice, married 64 years, purchased a home in Ocala, FL and have been living there since 1985. Paul was a member of the Florida Chapter since 1998. He and Eunice not only attended every Chapter reunion, but helped in the preparation of the hospitality room. Paul was a member of the Army Military Police, a life member of the New York State Rural Letter Carriers, Brooktondale Volunteer Fire Department, Veterans of Foreign War Post 8158 of Dryden Township, the DAV Chapter 85, American Legion Post 284 in Belleview, FL. He was instrumental in the founding of the Brooktondale Community Center and served on the Cap McCormack Advisory Board for many years. Condolences to Eunice Crumb, 9165 [REDACTED]

Please send news to Emil De Donato:
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 70TH NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

**70th Annual Reunion
Warwick, Rhode Island
July 24th, 25th and 26th, 2015**

The 2015 Reunion Committee is pleased to announce that the 70th Annual Reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island www.crownehotelwarwick.com. This New England location promises to offer us convenient and comfortable accommodations in a lovely suburban setting just 8 miles from the capital city of Providence. The highlight of our activities will take us to the Ninth Infantry Division Association National Memorial, located on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Watch for information regarding registration, room rates, complimentary airport transportation and other important details in the next issue of *The Octofoil*.

Clare Irwin
2015 Reunion Committee Chairperson

