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# The Octofoil

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## President's Message



Members and friends of the Association who are attending the 70th Reunion should promptly review this issue of The Octofoil. There may be some last minute instructions or information of importance to you. Clare Irwin, reunion chairperson, has sent me a copy of the program for the Memorial Service. Indeed, it will be a significant event at our 70th Reunion. It will be my first visit to Warwick, Rhode Island and I am interested in all that the reunion committee has prepared for us.

During the past three months, I have observed a lot of the wildlife that is in my backyard here in Tennessee. Let's begin with the Carolina wrens. Two wrens began building a nest where I did not want them to build. Although they have not yet hatched, I expect four baby birds soon. Now I understand why Ellen fussed for years about them building nests in her clothespin bag! Somewhere around April 20, a pair of hummingbirds arrived very thirsty after an arduous trip. They hatched at least three young ones. While I was eating breakfast on June 12, one of the birds came peering in the window as if to say, "The feeder is empty." I looked and sure enough, it was empty. Providing acrobatics, nothing compares with six squirrels, all of them juveniles. As they race each other up and down the trees, some eventually lose their balance and fall twenty feet before landing upright on the ground.

OH TO BE YOUNG ONCE MORE!

Paul Schumacher, President  
The Ninth Infantry Division Association



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Ronald Frank served in the 9th Division, 47th Infantry Regiment, D Company. He resides in Leechburg PA with his wife, Fran. The following article appeared in the Valley News Dispatch on July 12, 2014.

### Gilpin WWII Veteran receives Purple Heart Granddaughter presents Ronald Frank with medal in emotional ceremony By Jodi Weigand

Cpl. Ronald Frank had celebrated his 20th birthday just four months before he was seriously injured in World War II when a German plane dropped a bomb in front of his convoy "Our driver swerved and our vehicle went over the hill, almost into the river," said Frank, 87 of Gilpin. "Every time we would hit a bump, I would go with it. I would just rise up. But this time I went up and didn't come back down. I flew catty-corner across the truck."

Frank suffered a back injury and severe contusions over most of his body when he was thrown from the vehicle. He later learned that three others in the truck had been killed and the remaining 14 were wounded.

He never sought a Purple Heart, a medal awarded to soldiers injured by enemy fire during combat. At that time, seeking the honor meant the soldier's family was notified, and Frank didn't want his parents to know he was hurt.

More than six decades after the incident, Frank's granddaughter, Army Maj. Kim Ferguson, 35,

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### OUR MISSION

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The following treasurer's report was submitted by Mary Cooper, Association Treasurer, and reflects the balance in each account through June 1, 2015. A complete quarterly report through 3/31/2015 from the accounting firm of Mize Houser and Company, P.A. appears on page 3.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	27,291.77
Octofoil	6,971.38
Library Project	589.59
Memorial Fund	2,855.00
F.F.C.F.	201.94
Past reunions	10,965.34
2015 Reunion	7,500
	18,465.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,375.02</b>

## 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.

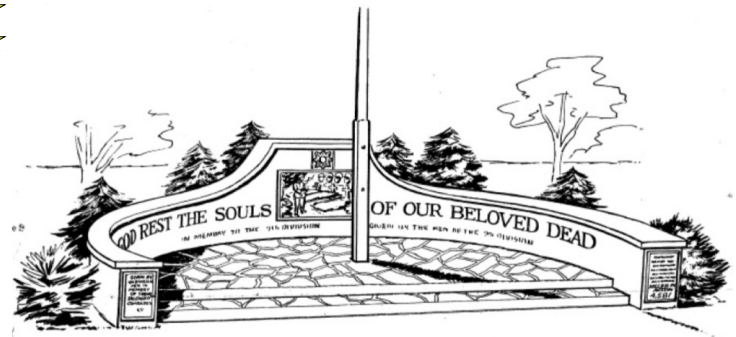
**Marty Gross** in remembrance of his wife, Roz Gross

**Marilyn Martin** in memory of Lucille Andrews

**Herb Stern**—Now that the 70th Anniversary is near, I, as one of the original members of the Association, am proud to salute William Sauers, and Paul Schumacher for their devotion and accomplishments. My thoughts also go out to Joe Maiale, our former president, and all he did for our Association. Our memorial on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Wooster, MA will always be an indelible record of the Old Reliables and what they did in WWII. It is also a befitting memorial to Father Connors, our beloved Chaplain.

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

Send to: **Mary Cooper**



### Friends of Father Connors Fund

The Friends of Father Connors Fund would like to thank the following new donor for his generous donation.

**Harry Mansfield**

Continued contributions for maintenance and lighting expenses would be greatly appreciated.

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,**

**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES  
& EQUITY-INCOME TAX BASIS  
AS OF 3/31/15**

**Current Assets**

General Fund Cash	27,108
Octofoil Subscription Cash	6,694
OLP Cash	590
Memorial Fund Cash	2,755
FFCF Cash	202
68th -2013 Reunion Cash	1,686
Reunion Insurance Funds	5,000
69th-2014 Reunion Cash	4,280
70th-2015 Reunion Cash	4,000
Hotel and Bus Deposits	700

**Total Current Assets** **\$53,013**

**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENSES AND NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) - INCOME TAX BASIS**

**FROM 7/01/14 TO 3/31/15**

	<b>Current Quarter</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED YTD</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>				
General Fund Mem. Income	111	2	1,110	10
Octofoil Funds Income	240	5	1,635	15
FFCF Donation Income	175	3	385	4
Memorial Fund Income (TOH)	0	0	70	1
FFCF Donation Income	0	0	2,650	24
69th-2014 Reunion	4,700	90	4,700	43
70th-2015 Reunion Income	0	0	369	3
<b><u>Total Revenue</u></b>	<b>5,226</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,920</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Postage Expense	128	2	605	6
Printing and Copies	325	6	1,155	11
Supplies Expense	0	0	288	3
Entertainment Expense	0	0	3,700	34
Accounting Expenses	990	19	2,175	20
Food/Catering Expense	0	0	7,581	69
Insurance	0	0	300	3
Rent	0	0	625	6
Lodging	0	0	1,100	10
Memorial Services	0	0	900	8
Miscellaneous	13	0	153	1
Donations	0	0	600	5
Memorial Repairs	0	0	19,880	182
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39,062</b>	<b>358</b>
<b><u>Net Surplus/Deficit</u></b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-28,142</b>	<b>-258</b>

\*\* Prepared by Mize Houser and Company P.A.



## 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*

## TAPS OBITUARIES



Rosalyn Weiss Gross. Born June 12, 1926, died September 13, 2014. Adored wife of Dr. Martin Gross, Purple Heart WWII veteran, 9th Infantry Division, but his true heart was his beloved Roz. So lucky to find each other late in life, they shared true wedded bliss cruising and holding hands.

Widow of Bernard "Bob" Max Weiss, after 55 years of marriage. Children Jaclyn Beth Stevens (Ronald), Navah Nancy Weiss Turin, Debra Weiss Goodstone (widow of Ray Goodstone), Janet & Bill Schnall, Barbra & Richard Weinberg, Andrew Gross & Linda Koenig. Sister Estelle Grossman. Grandchildren Andrew & Jason Stevens, Alexandra & Marissa Goodstone, Dov & Reuven Turin, Lisa & Amy Schnall, Laura (Robb) Kovall, Matthew Weinberg (Arielle Gordon), Benjamin Gross. Great grandchild Sophia Kovall. Nieces and nephews Laura Nissim (Daniel), Barry Grossman (Caryn), Martin Grossman (Wendy).

Roz and Bob moved to Miami Beach in the 1940s. Owned and operated the Essex House, Marseilles & South Seas Hotels in Miami Beach. An incredible mother, wife and friend, she opened her heart and home to all she met. She will be truly missed.



*The following article was submitted by Herbert Stern. Herb was in the 9th Division, D Company, 9th Medical Battalion. He resides in Austin, TX with his wife Nancy.*

9th Infantry Division Going Overseas in the Winter of 1942  
by Herb Stern

On October 15, 1942 the large convoy of merchant ships sailed out of Norfolk, Virginia. I was in the 60th Combat Team, one of three combat teams of the 9th Infantry Division. I had just turned 23. By coincidence, I was assigned to the Commodore's ship. Captain Hugh Price, his jeep driver, Simmons, First Sergeant Herman Merck and I were the only medics among an all infantry complement of approximately 1200 enlisted men and officers on board. Two distinguished looking men in tailored uniforms with no insignia were always noticed on board ship. There was an air of mystery about them.

No one had any inkling of where we were going. The convoy, once underway, headed south in the direction of Bermuda and towards the Caribbean. Our weather was calm, and the sunset was magnificent. Overnight conditions changed. The sea became very rough. While rarely on deck, one could see the famous cruiser, Augusta, flanking our ship. On the other side a destroyer was plowing through the mountainous waves. Most convoy ships had Navy escorts but were only partly visible. High waves kept obscuring them. During good weather crap games were going on at all hours, and blankets were spread on deck as the dice rolled. Whenever the weather was rough, the games continued inside the large bunk area. The ship's galley was always open and although we were eating regular meals, one could always get sandwiches or a bowl of navy bean soup. Somehow I thought that eating off and on during the day and at night kept you from getting seasick.

On the morning of November 6th pamphlets were passed around -- now we knew -- we were headed toward the French Moroccan coast. The pamphlet also had instructions about the natives and how we were to conduct ourselves toward them. A map gave us some idea of the geography. Most of us had ideas from the movies, Ronald Colman in *Beau Geste* or from romantic desert movies about what we would encounter.

Word got around that the convoy had split and that units of the 39th combat team were heading toward the Mediterranean. No mention was ever made about the unusually high surf in that part of the Atlantic and how it could impact amphibious landings. We also were kept ignorant about the people, the armies and political conditions we would encounter. Unless any of us had kept up with current affairs, we had little information whether we would invade this part of the world. We did realize that our landings would become an historic event and that we might relieve the British 8th Army, which was fighting the German Afrika Korps all by themselves.

Moreover, we were not aware that French Morocco and Algeria had a fairly sizable garrison of French troops along with native troops who were under the command of the Vichy Government. After the Nazi armies had conquered France a large part of the French military allied themselves with the German occupiers and formed a government in the town of Vichy. A famous World War I French General was appointed President of Vichy, France. He was General Petain, now a puppet under German-Nazi supervision.

Sometime prior to our invasion of North Africa political maneuvering was quietly going on. The United States and Great Britain wanted to ascertain that an invasion by U. S. forces would or would not be opposed by French and native forces. At the same time, it was extremely important that the U. S. participation in this part of the war was to be a major surprise. French Algeria,

Morocco and Tunisia had been very important colonies of France since the 1870's. Economically and politically, these countries were of great importance to France. In the early 1940's these countries saw a great deal of divisiveness. For a time the Vichy French were dominant forces. However, in the larger cities of the North African countries large numbers of de Gaullists, Darlanists were beginning to form a resistance Army under the heading of Corps Franc Afrika. Once the 9th Division was in the thick of fighting, the German Afrika Korps Units of the French fought alongside our infantry.

During the evening of November 7th we were informed that the two mystery officers had been put ashore near the City of Port Lyautey. Supposedly, they were to negotiate with the Vichy French for a safe landing of our forces. Sometime later that evening we learned that sometime after their landing, both negotiators were killed in an ambush.

Before dawn on November 8th we could see coastal lights through the mist. Our infantry went over the side of our ship between 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock that morning. As dawn was approaching we could hear airplane motors and occasional strafing sounds. We also were able to see a small railroad gun ashore. It was situated below the Kasbah. The shells they were firing at our ships landed in the water. The Battleship Texas, now close to our ship, dispatched salvos from their heavy guns, knocking out the mobile railroad gun. Dawn was just breaking when I climbed over the side. Our little Higgins boat was filled with infantrymen and 15th engineers. I'll never forget the trip ashore. Our little landing boat was tossed in every direction, and most of us feared drowning before coming ashore. One of our 15th engineers was a casualty before landing. As the boat was lifted high by a wave he was lifted upwards, and his rear was punctured by a bayonet.

We came to an abrupt landing on the beach within 50 yards of a beach resort. Before long we could see the result of our first three waves of invasion units. The cabanas around the pool were stacked with dead bodies, and the pool itself was filled with floating bodies of French and native soldiers. At this time, we were informed that at least one battalion was heading to the Casbah to secure the high ground while the other units were racing to the big football stadium at the edge of the city. Large numbers of anti-Vichy and Jewish families had been rounded up prior to the invasion and were kept inside the stadium without food or shelter.

Hostilities ceased after three days of intense fighting. We had numerous wounded that were being tended to. Some were taken back to the ships for treatment and hospitalization. Supposedly, 35 of the invasion force had died. Arrangements were being made to establish an American cemetery at the Casbah where they would be buried. Before long, the Stars and Stripes and the French flag were flying over the Kasbah. We learned that the 47th combat team had landed at Safi, a port below Casablanca. Opposition there was considerably lighter than at the Port Lyautey area. In the ensuing week, the 47th joined us in bivouac areas throughout this northern Morocco area.

Thanksgiving at parts of the 9th Medical Battalion was celebrated in style. Our cooks, including our mess sergeant, had rounded up a huge pig. The pig was killed. A large pit was dug, and a homemade spit was constructed. The carcass with mounted on the spit over a roaring fire. Late that evening they were ready to carve. Someone had procured large round loaves of rye bread made by Arab bakers. The bread accompanied the feast. Not a single box of C or K rations were opened that night.

Another historic event took place while we were still in the Port



Lyautey region. On fairly short notice, the men in the division were instructed to polish their boots and wear a clean uniform. We assembled on a large field similar to a parade ground. To everyone's surprise, President Franklin Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, French General Charles de Gaulle and General Dwight Eisenhower, all in two jeeps, reviewed our entire division. Through the Stars and Stripes we later learned that these leaders were about to meet in Casablanca for an historic conference.

Toward the middle of December our division was preparing to be shipped into the mountainous and desert areas of Algeria and Tunisia to meet the Afrika Korps in combat. Before too long, battle-grounds around El Guettar, Sedjenane, Maknassy, Sened, Mateur, Kasserine Pass, Ferryville and Bizerte became household names in company morning reports.

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fought back tears as she presented the medal to her "pap" in a surprise ceremony after Sunday services at First Baptist Church in Leechburg.

"I grew up looking at all his medals," said Ferguson, formerly of Allegheny Township, now stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. "I would take them out of the box and I would stare at them, and I kept thinking, 'Wow, my grandpap's a hero.'"

She works as a personnel officer in the Army, and her duties include processing awards. When I was in Afghanistan, I'm processing all these Purple Hearts, and I started thinking ...why doesn't he have one?" She started doing research in March 2011 to document that Frank had been injured during combat. She received the medal in the mail last week. She found papers showing he was evacuated from the crash site to a mobile Army hospital in Germany, then transferred by train to another mobile Army hospital, near Cherbourg, France.

Before that, he had suffered smaller injuries, when shrapnel hit his right hand and above his left eye. Both times he refused to be sent to the battalion aid station for treatment. "No way would I take a Purple Heart for a little injury" Frank said. "I wouldn't accept it because of some of the guys I've seen — they either

got killed or they got wounded real, real bad, with their stomachs hanging out, their legs blown off."

Frank still isn't sure he deserves the honor, but said it meant a lot to him that his granddaughter presented the medal to him.

Nino Trunzo, 88, also of Gilpin, a medic who treated Frank at the Army hospital, attended the ceremony. The two had kept in touch since meeting in 1945. "We went around and we got their pamphlets (in the medic tents) and we found out what happened to them and their information", Trunzo said. I remember picking his up and it had Leechburg (PA) on it and I asked him if he knew where Vandergrift was, because that's where I was from," Trunzo recalled. "This (honor) is long overdue for him."

Frank was drafted into the Army at age 18 and sent to England, where he joined the 9th Division as an infantryman. In his 2 1/2 years of service, he landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and helped liberate the city of Cherbourg.

In 2010, Frank received the French Legion of Honor medal, the country's most distinguished recognition for soldiers and civilians. He also earned the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Unit Badge.



Left—Major Kimberly Ferguson with her grandfather, Ronald Frank.

Right—Ronald Frank with Nino Trunzo, medic who treated him at the Army hospital in 1945.



**Note from the By-Laws Committee: Please review the by-laws for possible discussion at the Board of Governors and the General Business Meetings at our upcoming reunion in Warwick, RI.**

**Respectfully,  
Theda Ray, By-Laws Chairperson**



**BY LAWS**  
**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**  
As Adopted by the Annual Meeting 8 May 2002  
Corrected and Amended 19 October 2002  
Corrected and Amended 18 August 2007  
Corrected and Amended 13 July 2011  
Corrected and Amended 17 August 2012  
Corrected and Amended 21 July 2013



**Article I INTRODUCTION**

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

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

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

**Section 3** — Any widow, spouse, or descendant of the above named veterans in Section 1 is eligible to become a Regular Annual Member in the Association.

**Section 4** — Any Vietnam era veteran who wore the Octofoil insignia, and served honorably in the 9th Infantry Division from 5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975 is eligible to become a Regular Annual Member in the Association.

**Section 5** — Friends of 9th Infantry Division veterans and/or the Ninth Infantry Division Association members are eligible to apply for Associates Member in the Association. This membership category includes U.S. citizens and European friends.

**ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE IV DUES, CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP CARDS, NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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



Section 2 — The dues of a Regular Annual Member shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year payable to The Ninth Infantry Division Association (except as otherwise provided below in Section 8), and upon payment of such dues the regular member, from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year, shall be entitled to rights and privileges of membership.

Section 3 — Current veteran Life Members will retain their status as Life Members No new Life member memberships will be offered.

Section 4 — The dues of an Associate member shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year payable to The Ninth Division Association. The Associate member shall not have rights or privileges of membership in the Association.

Section 5 — A card shall be issued to Regular and Associate Members upon payment of the prescribed dues. Each membership card shall indicate the length of time it is valid (one year from July 1 to June 30) and shall be signed and countersigned as herein provided. A membership card in distinctive form has been issued to Life Members. No new Life Member cards will be issued.

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

Regular Members      \$2.00

Section 7 — Any member in default of dues on June 30th of any year shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members nor to receive any of the benefits of the Association. Each member in default of dues shall be notified of such default by the Secretary. Any member in default shall be reinstated in good standing upon payment of his current year's dues.

Section 8 — Any member may at any time resign by notification to the Secretary.

Section 9 — Newsletter Subscription: All persons are eligible to subscribe to *The Octofoil*, the official newsletter of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. The newsletter is no longer a benefit of membership in the Association. Current Life Members, Regular Annual Members, Associate Members, Widows, Descendants, Friends, and the general public will subscribe by making payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year payable to The Ninth Infantry Division Association. The subscription year is July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year and must be renewed annually. Payment must be sent directly to the office of the publisher/editor using the appropriate subscription form.

#### ARTICLE V BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 6** — The Board of Governors shall have the power to set the term of office for elected officers as two years.

#### ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

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

#### ARTICLE VII MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

#### ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

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

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



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

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

#### ARTICLE IX PRESIDENT

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

#### ARTICLE X VICE PRESIDENT

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

#### ARTICLE XI a SECRETARY

**Section 1** - The Secretary shall perform all of the duties necessary to carry out the purposes and policies set forth by the Association.

**Section 2** - The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the main office and any branch of offices of the Association.

**Section 3** - A record shall be maintained for every member of the Association, and insofar as possible, a like record shall be kept for every person eligible to become a member of the Association.

**Section 4** - The Secretary shall also be responsible for the preparation of the meeting places of the members and the program for such meetings  
EXCEPTION: In a case where the President of the Association elects to appoint a Reunion Planning Committee or a Reunion Chairman, or a Special Called Meeting of the Board of Governors, the President of the Association, upon coordination with the National Secretary, may assign the duties described in Section 4 to someone other than the National Secretary.

**Section 5** - The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors and of the annual meetings of the members.

#### ARTICLE XI b TREASURER

**Section 1** - The Treasurer shall perform all of the financial and fiscal duties necessary to carry out the fiscal purposes and policies set forth by the Association.

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

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

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

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

**Section 5** - The blanket position bond to cover all funds shall be obtained and charged to the General Fund.

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

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

#### ARTICLE XI c EDITOR of *The Octofoil*

**Section 1** - The official publication of The Ninth Infantry Division Association shall be called *The Octofoil*.

**Section 2** - The Editor of *The Octofoil* shall be selected by the Board of Governors. The term of office shall have no limit as long as the editor is available to prepare the document for timely publication.

**Section 3** - *The Octofoil* shall be published four times yearly, covering the periods: January-February-March; April-May-June; July-August-September; October-November-December. Requests for material for publication and schedules of submission of material to meet publication dates shall be announced in *The Octofoil* by the editor.

**Section 4** - Annual subscription fee for *The Octofoil* shall be \$20.00 and a subscription form shall be available in *The Octofoil*.

**Section 5** - The editor shall have an account with sufficient funds to pay for material, handling and mailing of each issue of *The Octofoil*.



**Section 6** - The editor shall prepare a financial report of income and expenditures on the official publication; or, include the financial data in his/her report to the board of Governors at the annual reunion.

**Section 7** - The editor shall provide a copy of the annual financial report to the National Secretary and to the National Treasurer. The editor shall also provide the National Treasurer any specific data the Treasurer requests.

## ARTICLE XII LOCAL CHAPTERS

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

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

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

## ARTICLE XIII NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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

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

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## ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

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

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

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Listed below are the standing committee and chairperson assignments. Chairpersons will be asked to make a report at one of the business meetings. About 30 minutes of time will be provided for committee work. Committee chairpersons may elect to do some committee work prior to the meeting.

### Committee Assignments

Nominating Committee	Chair: Gail Eisenhower
Finance (and Business)	Chair: Mary Cooper
The Octofoil	Chairs: Jane Mitchell & Theda Ray
By-Laws	Chair: Theda Ray
Reunions 2017 & 2018 (time and place)	Chair: Jack Dauner
Father Connors Memorial & Archives	Chair: Clare Irwin
To Improve the Association	Chair: Judy Rishel

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Paul Schumacher, President  
The Ninth Infantry Division Association



# Officers and Board of Governors

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Terry Barnhart, 2nd Vice President

Glenda Baswell, 3rd Vice President

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## Board of Governors

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Clarence Ray

### Terms Expiring 2016

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Mary Cooper

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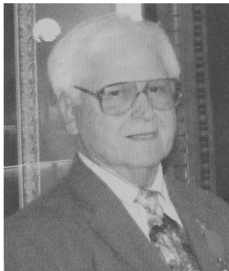
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