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# The Octofoil

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## President's Message



This week I found the first maple leaf of color on the front steps as I retrieved the morning paper. Fall is upon us and the trees appear to be turning early this year, especially in the mountains where the high peaks have already been dusted with snow.

It was a wonderful, busy summer. The 71<sup>st</sup> Reunion in Fort Myers, Florida was an outstanding success, thanks to organizers, Arlene and Keith Silver. I thought the Memorial Service was particularly moving with our speakers Vietnam Veteran, Col. Charles Bonney (retired) and WWII researcher Jennifer Holik. We even had a terrific article in the Cape Coral-Fort Myers *The News-Press* with several photographs of the event. Our Sunday afternoon presentations by Ms. Holik concerning military research techniques and Mary Lovell on her research following her father's WWII experiences were very interesting. It was suggested that we continue these types of presentations at future reunions.

Kathy and Robin Tapelt have volunteered to be the organizers of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Reunion in 2017. It will be held in Mesa, Arizona on July 21-24<sup>th</sup>. There will more information in the coming months about this event. This will be the furthest west that an Association reunion has ever been held, so we hope that many of you can make plans to attend.

During our Board of Governors meetings, many topics were discussed which you can read about in the minutes contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Highlights include: adopting the motto: *If we do not remember, who will?*; creating a 100's Club in the *Octofoil* to recognize those veteran members who have reached their 100 birthday; and creating a committee to recommend changes to the by-laws.

We are continuing with the transition from a veteran's based organization to a non-profit organization as our membership is changing. Following more research this year, a final recommendation will be presented in 2017. Finally, because of a generous anonymous donation, have established a new account called Veteran's Travel Fund. This will be used to assist our veteran members with expenses in attending future reunions. We welcome other donations to this fund.

I hope that you have a wonderful fall and enjoy your family and friends during the coming holidays.

Terry Barnhart, President  
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

### Beating the Heat with Cool Times in Ft. Myers

Ft. Myers proved to be a wonderful venue for the 71st Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division as we met at the Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower. It was an ideal location that was close to the airport and within walking distance of a nice shopping area as well as a movie theater. Arlene Silver and her reunion committee had everything planned with the greatest of detail so the events ran smoothly. The comfortable rooms, friendly and helpful hotel staff, along with great meals from breakfast to formal dining at the banquet, were the right combination for a memorable reunion.

Friday marked the official beginning of the reunion as registration opened up @ 8 AM. The Officers and the Board of Governor's got down to business that afternoon as they met to discuss important issues relating to the running of this organization. Several key decisions made related to where the 72nd Reunion would be held and adopting a motto to put into words why we still exist so long after the close of WWII. Kathy and Robin Tapelt had conveyed to the board their willingness to host the next reunion in Mesa, Arizona. After discussion, the board agreed to accept (continued on page 3)

*If we do not remember,  
who will?*



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### OUR MISSION

This Association was 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 about the 9th Infantry Division.

## THE OCTOFOIL

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## TIP OF THE HAT

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

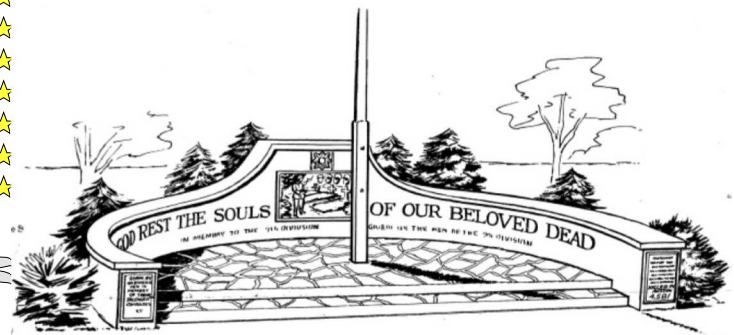
**Judy Goldsmith**, in loving memory of her husband Willy

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 "Tip of the Hat" and mail to:

**Mary Cooper,** [REDACTED]



### ***"Lest We Forget"***

**The Ninth Infantry Division Association  
Memorial Service  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
353 Grove Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605  
Sunday, October 16, 2016 10:00 A.M.**

On Sunday, October 16, 2016, the 72nd 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 have any questions, please contact Gail Eisenhower [REDACTED]. Hotel reservations should be made on your own if you plan to stay overnight.

### **Friends of Father Connors Fund**

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

**Herb Stern**

The current balance in the FFCF is \$734.61. 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,** [REDACTED]

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their offer and bring it up to the membership at the general meeting. Also, it had been suggested to adopt a motto and consensus was to use " **If We Don't Remember, Who Will?** "

That evening, those attending the reunion enjoyed an informal Italian meal in the Hospitality Room and a time to socialize with each other. During this time, our first 9th Infantry Vietnam Veteran, Col. Charles Bonney and his lovely wife, Janet, were introduced to the group fulfilling our plans to reach out to those veterans to become part of this association. There were only 2 of the 9th Infantry WWII veterans able to attend this year, Paul Schumacher and Jack Dauner which makes it even more imperative to reach out to other 9th Infantry veterans to sustain this association.

The General Business meeting was held on Saturday from 10 AM - Noon as the leaders shared vital information about the financial well-being of this organization. It provided the opportunity for the members to not only be informed, but also to ask questions and share ideas they might have that are pertinent to our future. The afternoon allowed free time until 5 PM to explore the Ft. Myers area before the evening dinner cruise. Many chose to visit the Ford-Edison Museum that is the site of the winter homes of these famous men which were neighboring estates. That evening, the group boarded buses to travel to where our dinner cruise would embark from the Marriot Resort Sanibel Harbour. We boarded the *Sanibel Princess* for an evening cruise around the Ft. Myers area. The meal was delicious in spite of the warm temperature on board due to a malfunctioning air conditioner system. It didn't dampen the spirits of those who were present and encouraged many to enjoy the open deck area for the breeze.

Sunday was a busy day that started with an early Officers and Board of Governor's meeting. At 10 AM, the Memorial Service was held with the Ft. Myers local newspaper, The News-Press, on hand taking pictures of this meaningful time to honor those who helped preserve our freedom. Col Charles Bonney, 9th Infantry Vietnam Veteran, delivered a very moving invocation as he shared parallels between WWII and the Vietnam War. (see page 5) After serving 2 decades in the Army, he requested a posting with the 9th in Vietnam which was considered an honor to join. The keynote speaker was Jennifer Holik, a WWII researcher, who shared her personal passion for finding information about these heroes and also conducted a workshop that afternoon to assist others who desired to know more about this history. Voices were lifted up again, as in past reunions, with songs such as Amazing Grace, The Star Spangled Banner, and God Bless America. Arlene Silver implemented a special Candle Ceremony which included a thought provoking closing prayer. The Colors were posted and retired by members of the VFW Post 10097. One of the VFW members also played taps reverently after the reading of " Taps Sounded " names of the veterans who passed away since the last reunion.

The afternoon included a Military Research workshop led by Jennifer Holik. She shared many ideas and resources available to assist those who might want or need details about the service records of family members who were veterans of war. This workshop was followed by a very interesting pictorial presentation by Mary Lovell that was compiled by her father, Frank Lovell. This interesting presentation included the reading of excerpts from his dramatically detailed diary with day to day accountings of what he experienced in WWII.

The day was topped off with the traditional banquet meal held in the Pine Island and Captiva Rooms of the Crowne Plaza that was a merry time with entertainment and the infamous raffle. The entertainment was provided by a very lively group of men (and one strange lady with a strawberry curl), the Cape Corale, who shared a pleasing repertoire of barbershop music that involved the audience as well with a few sing-a-longs. Leave it to Arlene Silver to go big and not settle for just a Barbershop Quartet! During the evening of festivities, President Terry Barnhart arranged for the attendees to Face Time with one of our WWII veterans, Clarence Ray who was unable to make the trip. It was uplifting to visit with him, his wife, and daughters, Jane Mitchell and Theda Ray as they were greatly missed. There were a number of members who went home with more than they came with as they were lucky enough to win more than one of the many nice raffle prizes that were donated.

Special thanks to all who worked so hard to enable us to enjoy another year of remembrance, sharing stories, making new friendships, and renewing acquaintances. Each time we meet, we are reminded of the positive elements that can be created out of the tragedy of war, and the lives that have been brought together from this common denominator. So the challenge presented to us from this reunion as we returned to our homes was to keep the story alive for future generations because " **If, We Don't Remember, Who Will?** "

Submitted by Mary Kay Darr



## 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

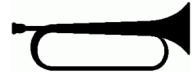
### Vietnam War

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](http://www.homeofheroes.com)



Willy "Snuffy" Goldsmith  
E Co., 47th Inf. Regt.



#### TAPS OBITUARIES

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**Wilbert D. Goldsmith**  
Dec. 7, 1921—Aug. 9, 2016  
E Company, 39th Infantry Regiment

*Devoted husband, father, grandfather, and  
great grandfather*

Sergeant Willy, aka, "Snuffy", enlisted in the Army right after Pearl Harbor was attacked on his birthday, December 7, 1941. After basic training he deployed to England on the Queen with the 39th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Division. He participated in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, and he landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was captured by the German army during the Battle of the Bulge but escaped to British lines in April 1945. Willy's significant Decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, three Purple Heart Medals, the Silver Star Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the French Foreign Legion Medal of Honor, and the Prisoner of War Medal. Our dad was an American Veteran whose dedication and triumph gave us the greatest gift of all...our freedom.

Memories of your war stories Daddy, will forever remain in our hearts. We have the utmost appreciation for the service you gave to the greatest country known to mankind...the United States of America. We will never forget the dedication and love you had for your family and friends. We honor you and remain in our hearts forever.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in all sub-accounts as of September 1, 2016:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$26,890.75
Octofoil	8,455.71
Library Project	589.59
Memorial Fund	4,459.00
F.F.C.F.	734.61
Reunion Insurance Fund	5,000.00
2013 Reunion	,685.63
2014 Reunion	4,279.71
2015 Reunion	2,882.08
2016 Reunion	2,772.27
(NEW) Veterans Travel Fund	3,275.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,024.35</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Cooper, Treasurer

For the full annual report, see page 14.

## MAIL CALL

### **CLARENCE F. RAY SAYS ....THANKS!**

When we left Newport, RI last July 27th, we, like everyone else, were already anticipating the 2016 reunion edition in Ft. Myers, FL. We looked eagerly forward to it and spoke of it often.

However, it was not meant to be with the side effects of the Keytruda infusion treatments I am undergoing zapping my energy and leaving me weak and tired. There was no way I could have made the trip. It was the right decision, and thankfully, I am feeling better.

We appreciate all the notes, cards and calls I have received since the reunion and we look forward to the Mesa, AZ get together.

Our thanks and best wishes,  
Clarence, Marlynn, Jane and Theda

### **Ninth Infantry Division Association**

71<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Service

August 7, 2016


### **INVOCATION**

Col Charles E. Bonney (USA, Retired)


"Bridges to Remembrances"

After the conclusion of WWII, the colors of the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division were deactivated. The 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was not reactivated for the Korean War, but many of its WWII soldiers valiantly served there, and it would be over two decades after the conclusion of WWII before this famous Division would be reactivated at Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1966. It was destined for service in the Mekong Delta of the Republic of Vietnam and served there from 1966 through 1969.

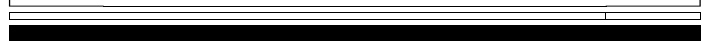
In 1967, I was an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County in Houston, TX. The war in Vietnam was getting hot and, as the



### The 100's Club



At the inquiry of a 90's Club Member (who is very optimistic about reaching 100 years old), Theda Ray requested discussion on adding a 100's Club to recognize Veterans reaching the age of 100 and beyond. The motion passed unanimously! The Editors look forward to printing the names and photos of many Ninth Infantry Division Association veterans in upcoming issues of The Octofoil. When any of our veterans become centenarians, please email or send your photo to Jane Mitchell at [REDACTED]



## **Association Donations**

At our reunion in Rhode Island last year, the BOG voted to deposit the money collected from our raffle each year into the Memorial Fund and to make our donations to various veterans groups and charities from that account. This year's raffle netted \$1,404 and donations were made to the following groups:

### **V.F.W. Post 10097—\$150**

(for attendance at the Memorial Service as our color guard)

### **VHWH (Veterans Helping Veterans Heal)—\$100**

### **Local Veterans Center—\$500**

youngest son in a family with a history of service, I knew it was my time to step up. Due to a required four year commitment for appointment in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, I turned down the opportunity to enter the Army in that branch as a Captain and, rather, opted to volunteer for a Commissioning program in the Military Police Corps that would be for a two year active duty commitment. And so it was that I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps, and, not remotely thinking of it at the time, started on a military career that would go well over two decades.

In early 1968, during my first duty assignment, I volunteered to go to Vietnam and requested to go to a Division. I was soon advised that my assignment to the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was forthcoming. I didn't know much about the Division but, as a student of military history, I was soon reassured to know that my assignment to the "Old Reliables" was one of great honor.

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Arlene Silver  
Reunion Chair  
(above)



Mary Lovell  
(right)



Nadine Collier, Janet Casanave,  
Jackie Armstrong, Lavonne Blann



Lavonne Blann  
(above)



Phil Bosko  
(left)



The Cape Corale performed at Sunday night's banquet.



VFW Post 10097 Color Guard







Paul Schumacher and Gail Eisenhauer



Jennifer Holik  
Memorial Service & Workshop Speaker



Jack Dauner with floral Octofoil



Glenda Baswell, Mary Cooper  
& Lavonne Blann



Paul & Joyce Schumacher



Charles Bonney & Jack Dauner

Ray & Geri Throne,  
Terry Barnhart & Mary Kay Darr



Rosanne Reddin & Janet Casanave

President, Terry Barnhart & Kathy  
Tapelt, 2017 Reunion Chair





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And so it was that I started on the road to become an "Old Reliable." I entered Vietnam in 1968 and headed for the Mekong Delta. As a Second Lieutenant, I was assigned to be the Platoon Leader in charge of our Military Police Platoon operating out of the First Brigade's Base Camp at Tan An, Long An Province, and God blessed me with many great young men and an absolutely superb Platoon Sergeant who would help me to become a good officer. I soon was promoted to First Lieutenant and moved on to different leadership positions throughout our Area of Operations during 1968 and 1969.

One of the amazing things that we dealt with on a daily basis while working out of Tan An was a place called the Ben Luc Bridge. Sound familiar? Not likely! But you all probably remember the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen! In March 1945, soldiers of the 9<sup>th</sup> MP Company and the 9<sup>th</sup>'s Infantry Regiments were key players in both the unexpected capture of the damaged Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River and its continuing security during operational use until it finally broke up. By that time, a substitute bridge had been completed and movement of troops and equipment north of the Rhine River continued. That was a critical key to success in WWII.

In my time, our bridge was located across a major river called the "Song Vam Co Dong" near Ben Luc. The Ben Luc Bridge was the key bridge for all vehicular passage on QL4 to and from the Mekong Delta and Saigon. Without it, Saigon and the areas to the north would have gone hungry without the Delta's rice and fish. The VC constantly mined the road and established ambushes along its route. Clearing it was a morning ritual because of its vital importance. Like Remagen, it was a critical place. The Ben Luc Bridge had been blown up by the VC in July 1968 but the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division immediately secured the area, constructed a floating bridge under frequent fire, and continued its daily route capacity. Elements of the 9<sup>th</sup> MP Company, serving alongside elements of the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer's, the 39<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Regiments, once again secured and continued the route's operational status as was done by these units at Remagen. Bottom line, our wars were different but the soldiers were the same, our blood ran just as red, and similar vital missions became our "Bridges to Remembrances".

Upon my return from Vietnam, I was promoted to Captain and later branch transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. My first duty position as a JAG was at V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany. During that time, I learned more about the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. I traveled to Remagen and took week end jaunts following the Division's battle route until it would end at what had become East Germany. I could go no further...but they did so in glory and victory.

But that was not the end of my time with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. In the mid- 1980's, as a Lieutenant Colonel serving at the Pentagon, I was blessed to be selected to become the Staff Judge Advocate of the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which had again

been reactivated and was then based at Fort Lewis, Washington. I cannot adequately tell you how much of a rush it was for me to be able to return to the Division. When I reported for duty, I proudly wore the Octofoil on both sleeves of my duty uniform. Of course, there were other double patch combat brothers in the Division, and it was a meaningful sign that we had all served in Vietnam during the same or similar times. At that time, the Division had been redesignated as the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Motorized), had become the Army's "Test Bed" Division, and worked with the Army Development and Employment Agency to bring new age concepts and "off the shelf" equipment into the system. My brothers from WWII would have greatly loved the things that were developed and employed by the "Shake It and Break It" Division and much of the early star wars "stuff" that is common now were parts of its delivery to the nation and caused us to be tagged as the "Toys R Us Gang". It was an awesome experience and only added to the fame of the "Old Reliables". I was then promoted to Colonel and reassigned to other Judge Advocate leadership positions.

During my next to last assignment, I lost my first beloved wife of 26 years. But God tended to me once again through a tough time. At my last assignment, he brought to me my next precious wife and, with her at my side, I retired from Active Duty in 1992 and we returned home to my beloved Texas.

And now I am long retired and my wife of 24 years and I are blessed to be among you. I wish it could have been sooner that I was welcome to come to be with you. I am grateful to each of you for your dedication to the "Old Reliables" of WWII by diligently paying tribute to them and to all of their loved ones who are here or who have passed. I bring with me similar memories and thoughts for those soldiers who served with me in Vietnam as "Old Reliables". So, because we are gathered here to remember all 9 ID soldiers who fought, died or were wounded in both conflicts, and also to pause and celebrate Purple Heart Day, which is celebrated each year on this day and was created on August 7, 1782 by George Washington, please join me in this prayer of invocation:

Dear Heavenly Father:

We pause during this 71st Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to remember all of those soldiers who served their country in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. We are mindful that those who fought, died or were wounded while in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WWII and Vietnam are now and forever blood brothers. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to gather each of them into in our hearts and memories. We ask that you to continue to bless the many loved ones from the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association family who are no longer with us and those who are unable to attend this reunion due to illness, age or other constraints. Please let them know that they are in our hearts and prayers. We ask you to continue to protect our freedoms and watch over our service members who are defending those freedoms around the world. Help us to continue to fulfil our commitments to our country and help us to live our lives in faithfulness to the cherished concepts of Duty, Honor, and Country.

All of these thing we pray in you name. Amen

223<sup>rd</sup> Board of Governors Meeting  
Friday, August 5, 2016  
Crown Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower  
Fort Myers, Florida

The 223<sup>rd</sup> Board of Governors meeting was called to order by President Terry Barnhart at 4:05 pm. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Governors members present: Phil Bosko, Terry Barnhart, Glenda Baswell, Mary Cooper, Mary Kay Darr, Jack Dauner, Gail Eisenhauer, Clare Irwin, Janet Schnall, Joyce Schumacher, and Paul Schumacher.

The minutes from the 222<sup>nd</sup> Board of Governors meeting in Warwick, Rhode Island were read by the Secretary. Phil Bosko made a motion to accept the minutes. This motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Mary Cooper reviewed the details of the Financial Report for Reunion 2016, covering the fiscal year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Treasurer reported a total balance of \$58,240.16 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This figure includes all six accounts: General, Octofoil, Octofoil Library Project (OLP), Tip of the Hat (TOTH), Friends of Father Connor Fund (FFCF), and the Reunion account.

Additionally, the total account balance for the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016) was reported to be \$63,949.05. Mary noted that the increase reflects reunion registrations received as of this date.

The Treasurer reviewed last year's motion and vote to move proceeds from the Reunion raffle directly into the Tip of the Hat Fund on a yearly basis. In addition to making the donation process more transparent, this protocol adheres to good book keeping methods.

A small committee to include Arlene Silver, Janet Schnall and the Treasurer will determine the specific dollar amount and locations where this year's donations will be made. The committee announcement will be made during the 224<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Mary summarized the status of the non-profit research to determine the composition of our membership, explaining that the membership forms have changed to categorize status. The new categories include Veteran, Veteran Spouse or Widow, and Lineal Descendant. An in-depth conversation about the information gathered will take place during the next reunion (2017) after more than a full year of memberships have been renewed.

#### **Octofoil Report**

Copies of a report provided by Octofoil Publishers Jane Mitchell and Theda Ray were made available to Board members while President Barnhart provided the following verbal summary:

- The total number of Octofoil subscriptions for the year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was 142. This includes five overseas subscriptions.
- There are 27 new subscriptions as a result of the Welcome Back Letter.
- There are 40 current subscribers who have not renewed for 2016-2017.
- The Publishers will continue the practice of providing reminder via letters or email to individuals that have not renewed.
- Each issue of The Octofoil is sent to Father Walter J. Riley at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, MA and to Mark Savolis, Head of Archives and Special Collections at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.
- As to content, since there are fewer Veterans, the Editors are also receiving fewer stories, photos and memories. They have been publishing selected stories taken from The Octofoil Library Project. Submission are welcome, not only from Veterans but from family members and friends.
- The financial reports provided by the Treasurer and Mize Houser & Co. P.A. confirm that the annual subscription rate of \$20.00 is sufficient to keep the account solvent.
- The Welcome Back Letter, sent to 740 individuals provided 17 new addresses, notification of 28 deceased Veterans, returned 139 with no current address, 27 new subscriptions and 26 new memberships.

Notices of many deceased Veterans and wives were returned to the Editors after the mass mailing. Due to the changing composition of the Association, it was suggested that a committee be formed to standardize guidelines for publishing obituaries in The Octofoil (TAPS) and Memorial Service program. Mary Cooper, Phil Bosko and Clare Irwin agreed to draft and report recommendations at the next meeting of the Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Editors requested discussion on adding a regularly occurring column in The Octofoil to recognize Veterans reaching the age of 100 and beyond. This was agreed upon with the following motion made by Jack Dauner:

MOTION: A 100's Club will be created and published in The Octofoil.

This motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

#### **Old Business**

The President asked for ideas to promote growth of the Association. Yuri Becker of Belgium has offered to promote the Association on his website dedicated to the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Since the Association no longer has a website, no one objected during the discussion, but no formal motion was offered.

#### **New Business**

President Barnhart reminded all present that elections for the Board of Governors will take place at the General Membership Meeting this year. The Association is preparing to resume the practice of staggered 3-year terms and each year moving forward, 1/3 of the current Board members will be replaced by newly elected members. In addition, the number of individuals serving as Board of Governors will begin to be reduced from 16 to 11, as specified in the by-laws.

This year's election is significant in that 15 of 16 board members' terms are expiring. During this period of reformulating the Board of Governors, we will make an exception to the By-Laws rule of prohibiting the re-election of selected current members. This one-year only exception will help to maintain the integrity and continuance of the Association.

As the last item of the meeting, there was discussion of the need for a motto that will support and strengthen the Mission of the Association.



President Barnhart offered "If We Don't Remember, Who Will?"  
Paul Schumacher made the following motion:  
MOTION: We will adopt the motto "If We Don't Remember, Who Will?"  
This motion was seconded with no further discussion and passed with all in favor.

With no further business on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made at 5:40 p.m.  
The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Irwin, Secretary

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Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting  
Saturday, August 6, 2016  
Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower  
Fort Myers, FL

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Barnhart at 10:05 a.m.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mary Cooper presented the Financial Report:

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR REUNION 2016**

Balance as of July 1, 2015 **through** June 31, 2016

Account #1 – General	\$26,200.20
Account #2 – Octofoil	\$ 8,006.30
Account #3 – OLP (Octofoil Library Project)	\$ 589.59
Account #4 – TOTH (Memorial Fund)	\$ 3,755.00
Account #5 – FFCF (Friends of Father Connor Fund)	\$ 709.61
Account #6 – Reunion	\$18,979.46
Insurance balance –	\$5,000.
2013 Reunion -	\$1,685.63
2014 Reunion -	\$4,279.71
2015 Reunion -	\$3,062.49
2016 Reunion -	\$4,951.63

**TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 31, 2016** **\$58,240.16**

Balance as of July 1, 2016 **through** July 31, 2016

Account #1 – General	\$26,423.90
Account #2 – Octofoil	\$ 7,995.71
Account #3 – OLP (Octofoil Library Project)	\$ 589.59
Account #4 – TOTH (Memorial Fund)	\$ 3,755.00
Account #5 – FFCF (Friends of Father Connor Fund)	\$ 734.61
Account #6 – Reunion	
Insurance balance –	\$ 5,000.
2013 Reunion -	\$ 1,685.63
2014 Reunion -	\$ 4,279.71
2015 Reunion -	\$ 3,062.49
2016 Reunion -	\$10,422.41

**TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF JULY 31, 2016** **\$63,949.05**

Mary explained to the membership that the money raised from this year's reunion raffle will be moved into the Tip of the Hat (TOTH Memorial Fund) and then distributed to the following organizations:

- A Local Veterans Clinic - \$500.00
- VFW Post 10097 - \$150.00
- Veterans Helping Veterans Heal - \$100.00

President Barnhart thanked Mary for the fine work that she has done this past year as Treasurer. He also informed membership that the Mize Houser & Co. P.A. quarterly report is available for viewing during the reunion.





## The Octofoil

President Barnhart presented the newsletter report that was prepared by The Octofoil Editors/Publishers Jane Mitchell and Theda Ray:

- Total Octofoil subscriptions through year 7/1/15 – 6/30-16 (including 5 overseas subscriptions): 142
- Number of new subscriptions following our mailing: 27
- Number of current subscribers who have not renewed for 2016-2017: 40

During the last renewal year, non-renewal letters were sent to two veterans and one widow who are actively involved in the association reminding them that they had not renewed. They all renewed after receiving our reminder letter. We plan to continue this practice for veterans and widows. We will also remind others by email (if they have email addresses).

Each issue of The Octofoil is also being sent to Father Walter J. Riley, Immaculate Conception Parish, Worcester, MA and to Mark Savolis, Head of Archives and Special Collections, The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses prepared by Mize Houser and Co. P.A. (7/1/15 – 12/31/15) reflects a balance in The Octofoil Subscription Sub-Account of \$7,594.76. The annual subscription cost of \$20.00 is sufficient to keep the account solvent. In addition, The Octofoil Subscription Sub-Account absorbed our large mailing. A separate report on the mass mailing (Welcome Back Letter) follows below.

As to content of the newsletter, since there are fewer Veterans we are also receiving fewer stories photos and memories. We have been publishing some stories taken from The Octofoil Library Project. Submissions are very welcome, not only from Veterans, but from family members and friends. We thank those who have contributed to past issues.

### Welcome Back Letter Results:

740 letters sent, 17 new addresses (resent), 28 deceased, 139 no current address, 28<sup>1</sup> Octofoil subscriptions and 26<sup>2</sup> new memberships.

<sup>1</sup> as of 8/3/16

<sup>2</sup> as of 7/3/16

Mary Cooper added that we do not have addresses for many Veterans. If you know a current or past member that should have gotten a Welcome Back Letter, ask them if they received it. If they did not, reach out and provide them with the information needed to renew their subscription to The Octofoil

## President's Report

President Barnhart made several announcements:

- Phil Bosko, Mary Cooper and Clare Irwin will investigate and propose guidelines to acknowledge Veteran and other deaths in The Octofoil (TAPS) and at the annual Memorial Service. Their report will be presented at the next Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- A new column will appear in The Octofoil to recognize the Veterans that have reached the age of 100. It will be called "The 100's Club".
- The Board of Governors voted unanimously to adopt the motto "If We Don't Remember, Who Will?" The motto supports and enriches the Mission of the Association. Look for it in The Octofoil, future articles, and in other correspondence.

The President welcomed Col. Charles Bonney, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Vietnam Veteran, 9<sup>th</sup> MP Co. and his wife Janet as new members of the Association. Membership was reminded that it has only been recently that Ninth Infantry Vietnam Veterans have been invited to join the Association. Col. Bonney will provide the Invocation for the Memorial Service this year.

With the Board of Governors membership vote as the last item of business on the agenda, President Barnhart explained that there are currently 16 members on the Board. This year, we will begin to reduce that number back to 11 as specified in the Association By-Laws. We will resume the practice of staggered 3-year terms and each year moving forward, 1/3 of the current Board members will be replaced by newly elected members. Today we will vote in 10 people with staggered lengths of terms.

Gail Eisenhower announced the individuals being nominated:

### One Year Term expiring in 2017:

Mary Kay Darr (existing member)

Bill Mizell

Judi Rishel

Paul Schumacher

### Two Year Term expiring in 2018:

JoAnn Bryant

Janet Casanave

Joyce Schumacher

Arlene Silver

### Three Year Term expiring in 2019:

John Edd Baswell

Janet Schnell

Kathy Tapelt

President Barnhart made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. With no further items on the agenda, a motion to adjourn was made at 10:40 a.m. This motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Irwin, Secretary



**Minutes of the 224th Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower**  
**Fort Myers, FL**

President Barnhart called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. before leading The Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: Glenda Baswell, John Edd Baswell, JoAnn Bryant, Janet Casanave, Mary Cooper, Mary Kay Darr, Jack Dauner, Clare Irwin, Bill Mizell, Janet Schnall, Joyce Schumacher, Paul Schumacher, Arlene Silver, and Kathy Tapelt.

**Committee Reports**

Treasurer Mary Cooper summarized the work that she and committee members Arlene Silver, Mary Kay Darr, and Janet Schnall discussed regarding donations. It is recommended that the following amounts be donated to the recipients below:

\$500.00 to the Fort Myers Veterans Center, to be presented by Arlene Silver

\$150.00 to the VFW 10097 Color Guard

\$100.00 to Veterans Helping Veterans Heal

Paul Schumacher made a motion to adopt the amounts and recipients presented above. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously with all in favor.

Mary Cooper summarized the recommendations of the committee assigned to standardize guidelines for publishing obituaries in The Octofoil (TAPS) and the Memorial Service program. Committee members included Philip Bosko, Mary Cooper, and Clare Irwin. The recommendations are presented below.

For The Octofoil:

The Octofoil will list anyone in our Association that sends in a notice to the Editors. WWII 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Veterans will come first in the presentation of TAPS in the Octofoil. After that, all others (including Vietnam Veterans, Veterans of other wars, wives, sons, daughters etc.) will be presented in alphabetical order. Inclusion of the notice is not dependent on status of dues payment.

For the Memorial Service and Program book:

We will continue to acknowledge widows of WWII 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Veterans at the Memorial Service by providing seating in the front row, reading the name and giving them a flower.

For those individuals attending the reunion that are related to a member that has passed away in the last year, we will acknowledge the deceased by seating in the front, reading the name and giving them a flower. (Note: one flower and one representative per family.) Inclusion is not dependent on the status of dues payment.

Names of the deceased will no longer be listed in the Memorial Service Program.

The Memorial Service Chair will have the discretion as to who will be acknowledged in the Memorial Service within a period of time on either side of the reunion.

Bill Mizell made the following motion:

MOTION: The Association accepts the recommendations to standardize the guidelines for publishing obituaries in The Octofoil and in the Memorial Service Program.

This motion was seconded with no further discussion and passed with all in favor.

During this discussion, a recommendation to modify the Association's Mission Statement was also made. The changes include: replacing "is" with "was" in the beginning of the first sentence and removing "to former members of", replacing the phrase with "about".

Arlene Silver made the following motion:

MOTION: The Association will adopt the changes proposed to the Mission Statement so that it will read: *"This Association was formed by the officers and men of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 about the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division."*

This motion was seconded with no further discussion and passed with all in favor.

**Other Items**

President Barnhart announced that Kathy Tapelt will host the 2017 Reunion in Arizona. Information about the location, registration and activities will be published in The Octofoil as it becomes available.

Mary Cooper reviewed the names of those elected to the Board of Governors at the Business Meeting.

**One Year Term Expiring in 2017**

Mary Kay Darr

Bill Mizell

Judy Rishel

Paul Schumacher

**Two Year Term Expiring in 2018**

JoAnn Bryant

Janet Casanave

Joyce Schumacher

Arlene Silver

**Three Year Term Expiring in 2019**

John Edd Baswell

Janet Schnall

Kathy Tapelt



It was noted that there was just one Officer elected to the Board of Governors in the vote taken at the Business Meeting. To address this, the members of the Board of Governors agreed to re-appoint the following Officers to the Board for one-year terms only:  
Terry Barnhart - President  
Glenda Baswell – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jack Dauner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Clare Irwin – Secretary  
Mary Cooper – Treasurer

Janet Schnall made the following motion:  
MOTION: The Board of Governors will agree to accept the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to the BOG for one year only.  
JoAnn Bryant seconded the motion and it was passed with all in favor.

Mary Cooper reminded the Board that the position of Judge Advocate is vacant and suggested that whoever is appointed should also be the Chair of the By-Laws committee.

Mary made a motion to appoint Janet Schnall as Judge Advocate.  
Kathy Tapelt seconded the motion and it was passed with all in favor.

The full list of Officers is as follows:  
Terry Barnhart – President  
Glenda Baswell – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Paul Schumacher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Jack Dauner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Janet Schnall – Judge Advocate  
Clare Irwin – Secretary  
Mary Cooper - Treasurer

Janet Schnall put forth a motion for the Board to vote for the entire slate as read.  
Bill Mizell seconded this motion and it was passed with all in favor.

As the last item on the agenda, Janet Schnall recognized Arlene Silver for the wonderful reunion in Fort Myers, FL.  
The entire Board of Governors congratulated Arlene and thanked her for all the hard work she put in to organize the reunion.

With no other items on the agenda, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Irwin, Secretary



**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES  
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) - INCOME TAX BASIS FROM 07/01/15 TO 06/30/16**

Prepared by Mize Houser and Co. P.A.

Revenue	Current Qtr.	YTD
General Fund Income	\$ 822	\$1,599
Octofoil Fund Income	1360	3,080
Memorial Fund Income	25	1,395
FFCF Income	50	1,770
70th—2015 Reunion	0	4,642
71st—2016 Reunion	<u>6,000</u>	<u>7,200</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,257</b>	<b>\$19,686</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Expenses	20	127
Postage Expenses	579	955
Printing and Copies	370	1,279
Supplies	0	1,478
Entertainment	0	200
Accounting Expenses	365	2,215
Food/Catering	0	1,713
Transportation/Room Rental	0	8,698
Lodging and Travel Expenses	1,750	2,068
Miscellaneous	0	1,104
Donations	0	500
Memorial Repairs	<u>0</u>	<u>318</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,083</b>	<b>\$20,656</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>(970)</b>

**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES  
AND EQUITY-INCOME TAX BASIS 06/30/2016**

**Assets**

**Current Assets**

General Fund Cash	\$26,200
Octofoil Subscription Cash	8,006
Octofoil Library Project Cash	590
Memorial Fund Cash	3,755
FFCF Cash	710
68th—2013 Reunion Cash	1,686
Reunion Insurance Fund	5,000
69th—2014 Reunion Cash	4,280
70th—2015 Reunion Cash	3,062
71st—2016 Reunion Cash	<u>4,952</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$58,240**

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted Net Assets-Beg.	\$59,210
Current Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(970)</u>

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **\$58,240**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** **\$58,240**



Officers and Board of Governors  
2015-2016

Officers

Terry Barnhart, President	[REDACTED]
Glenda Baswell, 1st Vice President	[REDACTED]
Paul Schumacher, 2nd Vice President	[REDACTED]
Jack Dauner, 3rd Vice President	[REDACTED]
Janet Schnall, Judge Advocate	[REDACTED]
Clare Irwin, Secretary	[REDACTED]
Mary Cooper, Treasurer	[REDACTED]

Board of Governors

Terms Expiring 2017

Terry Barnhart	[REDACTED]
Glenda Baswell	[REDACTED]
Mary Cooper	[REDACTED]
Mary Kay Darr	[REDACTED]
Jack Dauner	[REDACTED] 8
Clare Irwin	[REDACTED] 4
Bill Mizell	[REDACTED] 5
Judy Rishel	[REDACTED] 4
Paul Schumacher	[REDACTED]

Terms Expiring 2018

JoAnne Bryant	[REDACTED]
Janet Casanave	[REDACTED] 4
Joyce Schumacher	[REDACTED]
Arlene Silver	[REDACTED]

Terms Expiring 2019

John Edd Baswell	[REDACTED]
Janet Schnall	[REDACTED]
Kathy Tapelt	[REDACTED]

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(July 1 \_\_\_\_ to June 30 \_\_\_\_)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

9-DIGIT ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:**

**Amount Due**

Regular Annual Member (\$15.00 per year)

(9- Infantry Division WWII Veterans,  
9- Infantry Division Vietnam War Veterans,  
Widows, Spouses, Lineal Descendants)

Associate Member (\$10.00 per year)

(Friends, Historians, General Public, et al.)

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

**CHECK ✓ MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**

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Veteran Spouse or Widow \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to: The Ninth Infantry Division Association

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