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President's Message

"If we don't remember, who will?"



In 1945, The Ninth Infantry Division Association was formed by the officers and men in Ingolstadt, Germany following the end of WWII. The Association has met annually ever since with the 2018 Reunion being the 73rd annual meeting. A lot has happened to the Association during this time. We have morphed from a WWII veteran's organization of thousands to an "Association Family" of a few hundred WWII and Vietnam veterans, their widows, offspring and other interested people who remain faithful to the original Mission: to perpetuate and honor the memory of the 9th Infantry Division. (See the full Mission Statement below.) This past November, your Board of Governors unanimously approved a new set of bylaws that is being incorporated into a new 501.c.3 organization to better respond to the current makeup of our membership. Mary Cooper is working with an attorney to finalize this transition. Special thanks go out to the Bylaws Committee, Janet Schnall (chairperson), Mary Cooper and Theda Ray for diligently working to make these revisions. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a complete copy of the new bylaws. One change is the Octofoil newsletter subscription will be combined with the membership dues, but the total cost will remain the same.

The 73rd Annual Reunion Committee, chaired by Glenda Baswell, has been working to finalize the plans for the "southern-style" reunion to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southaven, MS. Please complete the reunion registration form, and return it to our Association Treasurer, Mary Cooper, as soon as possible. We need a head count for the Mississippi River dinner cruise and banquet caterer. Most importantly, you must call the hotel to reserve your room at our special rate before May 14th. After that date, the rate cannot be guaranteed. The Hilton Garden Inn has a 24 hour cancellation policy prior to your reservation date, if for some reason your plans change. Our reunion schedule of activities is included in this issue (page 4) along with the registration form (page 16) and other important information.

We will be having our Memorial Service on Saturday morning this year followed by a member "Show and Tell" in the afternoon. Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you would like to make a brief presentation on your experiences in the 9th Infantry Division, research you have completed on your 9th Infantry Division family member or other related topics. It would be nice if some of our Vietnam veterans could tell about their experiences in Vietnam. This activity has been very successful at the last two reunions, and we would like to continue these presentations.

I look forward to seeing you all again and to meeting the new people who have joined this past year.

Sincerely,
Terry Barnhart
President, Ninth Infantry Division Association



ATTENTION!



It's not too late to make reservations to attend the 73rd Annual Reunion in Southaven, MS, but time is getting short! The reservation form is on page 16 of this publication.

The reunion event will cost \$250 per person (hotel room not included). A \$100 deposit is due ASAP, with the final payment due on June 1, 2018.

It is recommended that you make your hotel reservations no later than May 14th to get the discounted rate of \$139 per night. To make your reservation, call the hotel directly at 662-349-0277 and give the code (9IR) to ensure that you are put in the correct group block. Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to your arrival date. The Memphis International Airport (MEM) is approximately 8 miles from the hotel and offers a free courtesy airport shuttle.

You may not be aware that an anonymous fund has been established to help defray the registration fee for 9th Infantry Division veterans. If you are interested in utilizing this benefit, please call Association President, Terry Barnhart at [REDACTED]



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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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Effective July 1, 2018, the annual fee for membership, which includes The Octofoil, is thirty five dollars (\$35.00) and must be sent to the Membership Chairperson by check or money order made payable to:

The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Send payment to: **Clare Irwin**
Membership Chairperson

The Ninth Infantry Division Association Inc. is a registered 501(c)19 Veterans' Organization of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in January 1948. Contributions are tax deductible.

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TIP OF THE HAT

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

Phyllis Rogg

In honor of **Francisco Carlos Avila** from his children - Tony and Maria Avila, James and Kristen Avila, Susan Avila, Lucy Avila, Steve and Phyllis (Avila) Rogg and all their children - for their father's/grandfather's brave service and continuing, steadfast commitment to freedom.

Theda Ray and Jane Mitchell

In honor of their father, **Clarence F. Ray**, on his 96th birthday, for his love of family and country.

If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to:

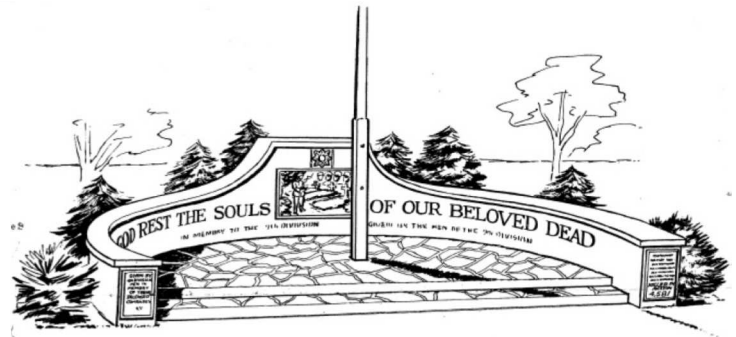
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Please note in the memo section of the check "Tip of the Hat" and mail to:

Mary Cooper,

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

As you get ready to renew your annual membership and *The Octofoil* newsletter, you will notice that the new form on page 15 has been revised to reflect the changes that have been made, due to the update of our ByLaws. It is important that you complete the new form and send it in with your payment. Rather than writing two checks, you will now only need to write one for \$35.00. As the new form indicates, if you have a Life Membership, you will only need to pay \$20.00 to cover the cost of *The Octofoil*. Your payment and the completed form should be mailed to our membership chairperson, Clare Irwin. If you have any questions, please contact Clare at



Friends of Father Connors Fund

There were no donations to the FFCF this quarter.

The current balance in the FFCF is \$714.61. 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,

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

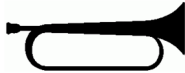
S/Sgt. Herschel F. Briles, Co. C, 899th TD Bn; Near Scherpenseel, Germany; 20 November 1944
2nd Lieutenant John E. Butts*, Co. E, 60th Infantry; Normandy, France; 14, 16, 23 June 1944
T/Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro, Co. E, 39th Infantry; Near Kalterherberg, Germany; 22 December 1944
Sgt. William J. Nelson*, 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

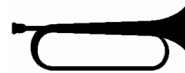
Vietnam War

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



Anton Dietrich
1918-2018



TAPS OBITUARIES

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Anton Dietrich
Sept. 17, 1918-Feb. 6, 2018

Longtime Richmond Hill NY resident and U.S. Army veteran, Anton Dietrich, died on Feb. 6, 2018. He was 99.

Anton was the oldest living alumnus of Holy Child Jesus School in Richmond Hill.

In World War II, he took part in many crucial battles overseas and was wounded several times. In November, 1942, Dietrich's ship was hit by a German torpedo and he spent 16 hours floating in the Mediterranean Sea before being rescued by British troops. He fought in North Africa, and was wounded by shrapnel at Sedjenane in Tunisia. Anton landed on Utah Beach during the invasion of Normandy and helped imprison several high-ranking Nazi officers.

His active service came to an end on July 12, 1944, when he was seriously wounded by a mortar shell. He spent 32 months in the hospital and was discharged from Walter Reed Medical center in 1947.

He received numerous awards for his service, but did not receive his Purple Heart until 2012.

At home, Anton was involved in veterans clubs and the Community Board. Donations can be made to the Purple Heart Foundation by mailing a check to 7008 Little River Turnpike, P.O. Box 49, Annandale, VA 22003.



**73rd Annual Reunion Program
Ninth Infantry Division Association
July 20-23, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn
6671 Towne Center Loop
Southaven, MS 38671**

Thursday, July 19

6:00 P.M.

Informal early registration group dinner (Cracker Barrel)

Friday, July 20

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Breakfast – Garden Room (included in room charge)

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Registration – Hospitality Room

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Officers and Board of Governors Meeting (location TBA)

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Reception and Informal Dinner – Hospitality Room

9:00 PM to ??

Informal Party – Hospitality Room

Saturday, July 21

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Breakfast – Garden Room (included in room charge)

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Registration – Hospitality Room

10:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Memorial Service – Hospitality Room

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Group Photo – Hospitality Room

Lunch on your own (nearby restaurants)

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

“Show and Tell” Presentations

4:00 PM to 4:15 PM

Load Bus for trip to Memphis and Riverboat Dinner Cruise

10:00 PM to ??

Return to Hotel by Bus/Party - Hospitality Room

Sunday, July 22

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Breakfast - Garden Room (included in room charge)

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Registration – Hospitality Room

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Officers and Board of Governors Meeting (Board Room)

Lunch on your own (nearby restaurants)

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Association General Meeting – Hospitality Room

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Travel to “The Red Barn” for Annual Banquet

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Banquet Dinner, Raffle and Entertainment

9:00 PM to ??

Return to Hotel/Informal Party - Hospitality Room

Monday, July 23

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Breakfast – Garden Room (included in room charge)

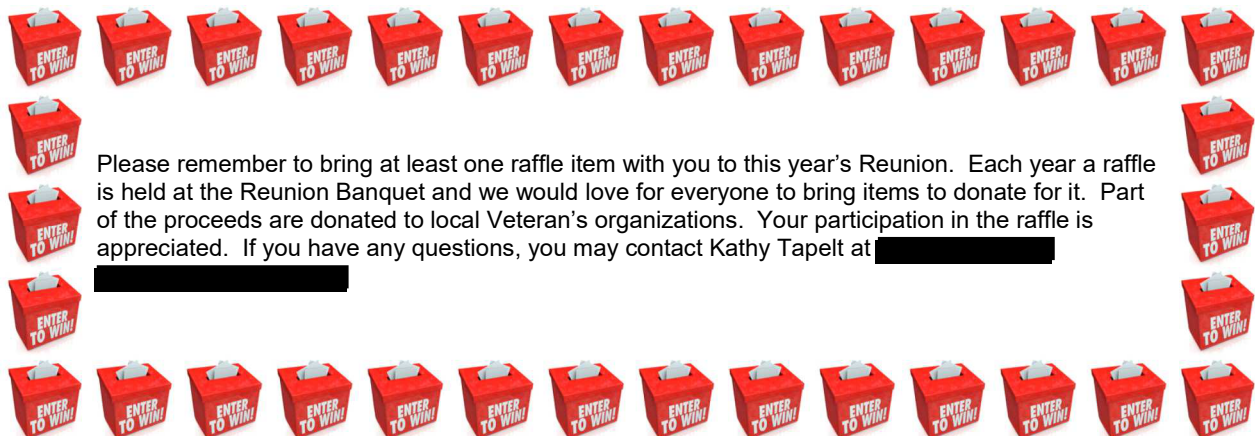
Say farewell to Association friends

For those staying, visit to Elvis’ birthplace in Tupelo, MS (informal tour)

NOTE ON BANQUET

Please indicate on Reservation form your meal preference: Beef Pot Roast or Grilled Chicken.

If you have already submitted your reservation form, please email your meal preference to Glenda Baswell at [REDACTED]



Please remember to bring at least one raffle item with you to this year's Reunion. Each year a raffle is held at the Reunion Banquet and we would love for everyone to bring items to donate for it. Part of the proceeds are donated to local Veteran's organizations. Your participation in the raffle is appreciated. If you have any questions, you may contact Kathy Tapelt at [REDACTED]



Pen to Paper - Letters to Loved Ones



Letter from Teddy Szczygiel to his then girlfriend, Mary Anne, who became his wife after the war.

September 2 19??

Dear Mary Anne.

Haven't heard from you in some time. And I'm sure you didn't hear from me for a few weeks either because I wasn't doing much writing lately. I'm getting pretty lazy in that line of work, but I do hope that you did receive my last few letters. They're the letters you've been waiting for.

Johnny and I have some candy here and are trying to beat each other to the best flavors. But breakout even. He too is writing a letter and we sure are having a time getting things done you know. I got a letter from mother, and she asked me why I didn't let her know that I was in Sicily and that your mom told her about it. The thing is, I wrote her about it the same day I wrote you but she evidently didn't get the letter at the same time you did yours.

I don't know how easily you will be able to read this after it is photographed but it might be legible. Let me know if it's too small. I've written a letter to Bill but can't send it to him until I get his address.

Give my regards to all at home dear. And I wish you lots of luck, health and happiness.

Love and Kisses,
Teddy

Teddy and Mary Anne Szczygiel



From: Stan Turowski to his Father
January 13, 1945
Germany

Dear Dad,

Today I received a bunch of my old mail which was written during the time I was in the hospital. Two of them were written by you. I was awful glad to hear from you and I hope you will write again soon.

I will try to answer as many of your questions as I can. I was wounded on the 14th of October in the Hurtgen Forest, Germany. I was hit in the leg but it is fine now. They really give you the best treatment in the hospital. Man, you should see the sharp nurses! HA! I believe the clipping I sent you a few days ago will answer some of your questions. Let me know if you received it. Too bad I can't write as much as I would like, you see all of our letters are censored and if we write something we are not supposed to they just cut it out anyway.

I am in one of the best divisions over here, the 9th. They made the invasion of Africa and Sicily and fought through France, Belgium and now Germany. Some really fine boys. They sure know their stuff and the krauts know it too! I learned an awful lot from the old fellows. Don't worry, I'll watch my step.

Glad to hear everything is going ok back home. I haven't received any of your packages yet. They will be catching up with me very soon though. You see the mail clerk sent them all to the hospital. So now I'll have to wait until they catch up with me here.

I will close for now. Hope to hear from you soon. Thanks a lot for the prayers. I pray for you every day.

God Bless all.
Your son,
Stan

MESSAGE FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

When the Bylaws Committee began to revise The Ninth Infantry Division Association Bylaws to align with our new organization, we looked at Bylaws from similar associations. We found that normally there should be some benefits to joining an organization and these tended to be a newsletter and a "membership rate" at annual meetings. Therefore to align our association with similar ones as well as to simplify administrative tasks (for example, not issuing separate checks to 2 different people) we proposed membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association would include a subscription to *The Octofoil* and wrote this into the proposed Bylaws. In addition, written into the Bylaws is that notice of an annual meeting "shall be given to each voting member, by mail or email, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting" (Article IV. Section 3). By combining the Membership and *The Octofoil* subscription, the notice in *The Octofoil* that is sent to each member of the Association as part of their Membership benefits would fulfill this requirement. We also suggested nonmembers pay more to attend the annual reunion, i.e., perhaps equal to the membership fee?

The proposed Bylaws passed the Board of Governors unanimously and are published on pages 7-14.

Bylaw Committee:
Janet Schnall, Chair
Theda Ray
Mary Cooper

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in all sub-accounts as of March 1, 2018

Account	Balance
General	24,437.10
Octofoil	8,888.54
Library Project	614.59
Memorial Fund	5,009.00
F.F.C.F.	714.61
Reunion Insurance Fund	5,000.00
2013 Reunion	1,685.63
2014 Reunion	4,279.71
2015 Reunion	2,882.08
2016 Reunion	2,772.27
2017 Reunion	4,406.78
2018 Reunion	600.63
Vets Travel Fund	1,625.00
TOTAL	62,915.94

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Cooper, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Jack Dauner, one of our World War II veterans was married on Jan. 4, 2018 in the Community Congregational Church in Southern Pines, NC. His bride, Natalie, is from India and wore a traditional Indian wedding dress. Her daughter, Ruth was maid of honor. The remainder of the wedding party was from the family of Jack's first wife, Carolyn Wells Dauner.

Jack was in K Company, 60th Infantry Regiment.

Congratulations to Jack and Natalie from your Ninth Infantry Division family!



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<http://www.holycross.edu/archives-and-special-collections/octofoil>

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Name

The name of the corporation is The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Section 2. Resident Agent of the Corporation

The Ninth Infantry Division Association is registered as a corporation under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The resident agent of the Corporation is to be a resident of the State of Rhode Island. The principle office of the Corporation can also be at such place as the Board of Governors shall designate without further amending these Bylaws.

Section 3. Emblem

The 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. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Section 1. Nonprofit Purpose

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:

To perpetuate the memory and history of The Ninth Infantry Division and its veterans;

to preserve the *esprit de corps* of the Division;

to assist in promoting everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities;

to serve as an information resource about The Ninth Infantry Division.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership

Application for membership shall be open to any Ninth Infantry Division World War II or Vietnam War veterans who served in combat or in peace time; veteran widows, spouses, and lineal descendants of those who served in The Ninth Infantry Division; and any other party interested in the history or the values of The Ninth Infantry Division.

Membership is granted to eligible applicants after completion and receipt of a membership application and annual dues.

Membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues. Membership runs from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year.

Section 2. Rights of Members



Each member in good standing and present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Included in membership shall also be a subscription to *The Octofoil*.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing the Board of Governors, receiving reports on the activities of the association, determining the direction of the Association for the coming year and transacting any other lawful business. The specific date, time and location of the Annual Meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Governors.

In conjunction with the 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. The Board of Governors shall name a person (s) to be General Chairman for the next reunion.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members, for any purposes, unless prohibited by statute, may be called by the President, the Executive Committee, or a simple majority of the Board of Governors. A petition signed by five percent (5%) of voting members may also call a special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by mail or email, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting of the members shall consist of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members registered at the Annual Meeting and will constitute a quorum for the duration of the Annual Reunion. This twenty-five percent (25%) quorum 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 Bylaws.

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 the announcement at 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 questions shall be decided by plurality vote.

Section 5. Voting

All issues to be voted on including elections shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. General Powers

The Board of Governors shall be responsible for the management of 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 Bylaws are directed or required to be performed by the members.

Section 2. Election of Board of Governors

The Nominating Committee shall submit prior to the Annual Membership Meeting the names of those persons for the Board of Governors. Nominations shall also be received from the floor after the report of the Nominating Committee. The election shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the members. Those Governors elected shall serve a term of three (3) years, commencing at the

next meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Number, Tenure, Requirements, and Qualifications

The number of Governors shall consist of no less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) including the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Governors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. All members of the Board of Governors must be elected by a majority vote of the Association members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

Each member of the Board of Governors shall be a member of the Association whose membership dues are paid in full and shall hold office for a three-year term as submitted by the Nominations committee.

Members of the Board of Governors may serve two (2) additional three-year terms. The terms of the Board of Governors shall be staggered so that at the time of each annual meeting, the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of all members of the Board of Governors shall expire.

Past Presidents of the Association and past members of the Board of Governors may be appointed by the Board as Advisors to the Board. Advisors to the Board may attend Board meetings and may take part in the discussions but may not vote. An Advisor position on the Board shall not prevent the future election of such Advisors as a regular member of the Board.

Section 4. Annual Meetings

The Board of Governors shall hold an Annual Meeting. The Board of Governors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of regular meetings of the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Governors no less than ten (10) days, prior to the meeting date by mail or email. The Board of Governors may hold their meetings and keep the books of the Association outside of the State of Rhode Island at such other places as they may from time to time determine.

Section 5. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Governors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two members of the Board of Governors. These meetings shall be held in person or by telephone. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Governors may fix any location, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

Section 6. Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Governors shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting by telephone, facsimile or electronic methods or by written notice. Any Governor may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Governor at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Governor attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular meeting of the Board of Governors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

Section 7. Quorum

The presence, in person of a majority of current members of the Board of Governors shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn to a specified later date without notice. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Governors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Governors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Forfeiture

Any member of the Board of Governors who fails to fulfill any of his or her requirements as set forth in Section 3 of this Article by June 30th shall automatically forfeit his or her seat on the Board. The Secretary shall notify the Governor in writing that his or her seat has been declared vacant, and the Board of Governors may forthwith immediately proceed to fill the vacancy. Members of

the Board of Governors who are removed for failure to meet any or all of the requirements of Section 3 of this Article are not entitled to vote at the Annual meeting and are not entitled to the procedure outlined in Section 13 of this Article in these by-laws.

Section 9. Vacancies

A member of the Board of Governors who can no longer serve out their term shall send a letter or email to the President of the Board of Governors informing the President that they can no longer serve their term.

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee for whatever reason, it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote by mail or email of the remaining members of the Board of Governors. The person so elected, shall hold membership on the Board of Governors for the unexpired term in respect to which such vacancy occurred.

Section 10. Compensation

Members of the Board of Governors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Governors.

Section 11. Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Governors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Governors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Governors following notice of the intended action to all members of the Board of Governors.

Section 12. Parliamentary Procedure

Any question concerning parliamentary procedure at meetings shall be determined by the Parliamentarian by reference to Robert’s Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President.

Section 13. Removal

Any member of the Board of Governors may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of Governors if in their judgment the best interest of the Association would be served thereby. Each member of the Board of Governors must receive written notice of the proposed removal at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed action. An officer who has been removed as a member of the Board of Governors shall automatically be removed from office.

Members of the Board of Governors who are removed for failure to meet the minimum requirements in Section 3 of this Article in these by-laws automatically forfeit their positions on the Board pursuant to Section 8 of this Article, and are not entitled to the removal procedure outlined in Section 13 of this Article.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of this Board of Governors shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must have the status of active members of the Association.

Section 1. President

The President duties:

- Shall preside at all meetings of the members, the Board of Governors, and the Executive Committee.
- Shall assist in the formation of all policies of the Association.
- Shall have general and active management of the business of the Board.
- Shall meet and confer with all other associations and agencies with a view to accomplishing the purpose for which this Association is formed.



Shall have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this corporation and see that their duties are properly performed.

Shall submit a report of the operations of the Association for the fiscal year to the members at their annual meetings, and from time to time, shall report to the Board all matters that may affect this Association.

Shall be Ex-officio member of all standing committees

Shall have the power and duties usually vested in the office of the President as well as additional powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Governors.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall rotate into the Presidency when the term of the President expires.

The Vice-Presidents duties:

Shall learn the responsibilities and duties of the President.

Shall have the duty of chairing their perspective committees.

Shall perform such other duties as may be determined, from time to time, by the Board of Governors or the President.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Committee, and all meetings of members, and will act as a clerk thereof.

The Secretary's duties:

Shall record all votes and minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors, and the Annual meetings of the members. In concert with the President shall make the arrangements for all meetings of the Board and the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Exception: In the case where there is an Annual Reunion Chairperson or Committee, the President upon coordination with the Secretary, may assign the duties for the Annual Meeting to someone other than the Secretary.

Shall send notices of all meetings to the members of the Board of Governors and shall take reservations for the meetings.

Shall perform all official correspondence from the Board of Governors as may be prescribed by the Board or the President.

Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President.

Section 4. Treasurer

The fiscal year shall be the July 1- June 30.

The Treasurer's duties:

Shall perform all of the financial and fiscal duties necessary to carry out the fiscal purposes and policies set forth by the Association.

Shall submit a complete and accurate report of the finances to each annual meeting of the Association, a statement of records showing income, expenditures, and pending income, 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.

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 there from, subject to any pre-mentioned or legal restrictions.

Shall deposit in a designated bank as approved by the Board of Governors all monies of the Association.

All checks or demands for funds and notes of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President. Appropriate signature records shall be submitted to the Corporate bank whenever there is a change in either of these officer positions.

All records of deposit and checks shall be reviewed by an outside accounting firm.

Shall assist in direct audits of the funds of the Association according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles. The Treasurer shall submit all accounting records, check books, and any other financial records to an authorized Certified Public Accountant (CPA) 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 Treasurer who shall forward the results to the editor for publication in *The Octofoil*.

Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors or the President.

Section 5. Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee shall submit prior to the Annual meeting of the Board of Governors the names of those persons for the respective offices of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations shall also be received from the Board members after the report of the Nominating Committee. The election shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

Section 6. Removal of Officer

The Board of Governors with the concurrence of 3/4 of the members voting at the meeting may remove any officer of the Board of Governors and elect a successor for the unexpired term. No officer of the Board of Governors shall be expelled without an opportunity to be heard and notice of such motion of expulsion shall be given to the member in writing twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which motion shall be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Board for such expulsion.

Section 7. Vacancies

Whenever any Officer vacancy occurs, it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote by mail or email of the Board of Governors.

The persons so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The four (4) officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the Board of Governors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Governors, and is subject to the direction and control of the full Board.

Section 2. Committee Formation

The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, etc. The Board President appoints all committee chairs.

Section 3. Membership Committee

The chair of the Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The duties of the Membership Chair:



Shall collect the membership dues from every member of the Association

Shall be responsible for issuing membership cards according to the design and style decided upon by the Board of Governors.

Section 4. Newsletter Committee

This committee is chaired or co-chaired by the newsletter editor(s), who is appointed by the President. The term of office shall have no limit as long as the editor is available to prepare the document for timely publication.

Membership in the Association includes a subscription to *The Octofoil*, the official newsletter of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. The subscription year is July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year.

Section 5. Annual Meeting Committee

The Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The Annual Meeting Committee's duties:

Shall choose the hotel location, plan meals and schedule events, arrange entertainment, transportation and press coverage for the Annual Meeting.

Shall obtain sponsors within the Association and from the city where the meeting will be held.

Shall assist in organizing the Memorial Service.

Section 6. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The Nominating Committee's duties:

Shall submit prior to the Annual Meeting the names of those persons for the respective offices of the Board of Governors.

Shall submit prior to the Board of Governors Annual Meeting a slate of officers from within the Board of Governors members.

Shall be responsible for nominating persons to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors which occur between Annual Meetings, including those of officers.

ARTICLE VIII. INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. General

To the full extent authorized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Association shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent, or former member, director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or any person who may have served at the Association's request as a director or officer of another Association (each of the foregoing members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and persons is referred to in this Article individually as an "indemnitee"), against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such indemnitee in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that indemnitee is made a party by reason of being or having been such member, director, officer, employee, or agent, except in relation to matters as to which that indemnitee shall have been adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. The foregoing indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which an indemnitee may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Governors, or otherwise.

Section 2. Expenses

Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, if authorized by the Board of Governors, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder.

Section 3. Insurance

The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member, director, officer, or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity

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or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under this Article.

ARTICLE IX. BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Association shall keep complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Governors and the Annual Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Articles of Incorporation

The Articles may be amended in any manner at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Governors, provided that specific written notice of the proposed amendment of the Articles setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Director by facsimile, or by e-mail or at least thirty (30) days if delivered by mail.

Section 2. Bylaws

The Voting Members of the Association may amend or repeal these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the initial Board of Governors or incorporators of this Association, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of the 8 preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this Association.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Governors on this 15 day of Nov, 2017

Terry R. Bamhart
President - The Ninth Infantry Division Association

M. Cooper
ATTEST: Treasurer - The Ninth Infantry Division Association

**Officers and Board of Governors
2017-2018**

Officers

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[Redacted]
John Edd Baswell, Vice President
[Redacted]
JoAnn Bryant, Secretary
[Redacted]
Mary Cooper, Treasurer
[Redacted]
Clare Irwin, Membership Chairperson
[Redacted]

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**The Ninth Infantry Division Association
Membership Application**

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
9-DIGIT ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

**Regular Annual Membership Fee Includes
The Octofoil Newsletter**

Amount Paid

Regular Annual Member (\$35.00 per year) _____

(9th Infantry Division WWII Veterans and 9th Infantry Division Vietnam War Veterans serving in combat or peace time, Widows, Spouses, Lineal Descendants, and any other party interested in the history or the values of The Ninth Infantry Division)

Lifetime Member (\$20.00 per year for *The Octofoil*) _____

Foreign Country Renewals (\$45.00 per year) _____

Total Amount Paid _____

CHECK ✓ MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Veteran _____
Veteran Date of Birth _____
Veteran Spouse or Widow _____
Lineal Descendant _____
Other _____

Make check payable to: **The Ninth Infantry Division Association**

Send to: Clare Irwin, Secretary

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**Registration Form
73rd Annual Reunion
Hilton Garden Inn
6671 Towne Center Loop
Southaven, MS 38671
July 20-23, 2018**



Name _____ Number in Party _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Best Phone # to contact you _____

Email _____

Banquet meal preference: Grilled Chicken _____ Beef Pot Roast _____

*Make checks payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association (write 2018 Reunion on memo line)
(\$100 per person deposit ASAP, balance of \$150 per person by June 1, 2018)*

Mail form and check(s) to: Mary Cooper, _____