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# The Octofoil

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## President's Message

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



Greetings from Topeka!

Remember that our 76th Annual Meeting/Reunion is September 30 - October 3 in Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg, N.C. It's still not too late to register - just send the updated registration form w/ the \$300/person fee (which covers meals and activities) by August 1, 2021. We have changed hotels to the Holiday Inn & Suites, so please use the phone number for this hotel to directly make your room reservations. My gratitude and thanks go out to the Reunion Committee, especially Mary Kay Darr and Judy Rishel for their hard work, including necessary adjustments for hotels and activities locations.

In the last Octofoil, I was able to share the digitization of the Octofoil newsletters from 1947-2019 in the new CrossWorks system, as part of our archives at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. You can access this through the Octofoil-Archives link on our [9thinfantry.org](http://9thinfantry.org) website. Now, Richard Kann (son of Cpl. Richard B. Kann, medic - 2nd Battalion, Company G, 39th Regiment) has completed a very comprehensive Octofoil Newsletter Index of 9th Inf. Div. stories, 39th Regiment veterans and 39th Regiment pictures. This also can be accessed through the Octofoil-Archives link on our website and clicking on the pdf. file under Newsletters from 2021. Richard is looking for help from members who may be interested in continuing his indexing work (especially for the 47th and 60th Regiments). You can reach him at [dickkann@hotmail.com](mailto:dickkann@hotmail.com). Our thanks go out to Richard for this wonderful index that helps catalogue the history of the 9th.

The Board of Governors met by conference call on May 20 when Treasurer Mary Cooper reviewed the proposed budget for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 fiscal year. It was passed unanimously. We also reviewed and approved the purchase of Directors & Officers liability insurance coverage as well as crime and cyber coverage. All policies are important for the Association to have in place.

A reminder - please renew your membership in the Association. You can renew by print from the Octofoil form or via a printable version on our website at [9thinfantry.org](http://9thinfantry.org). You can also renew online through the website.

Thank you again for being part of such an important organization honoring our 9th Infantry Division veterans! My best to all of you. I'll see you this fall at the Reunion/Annual Meeting.

Pete Stern, President



How exciting that we are going to meet this year for our reunion! Please remember to bring one or two items with you for the raffle. Each year our raffle is held at the banquet and the proceeds are donated to various local Veteran's Organizations, so the profits go to a very worth cause.

If you need ideas or have any suggestions or questions, you can reach out to Kathy Tapelt (602-617-3213 [solarpower46@cox.net](mailto:solarpower46@cox.net)) or Joann Bryant (314-308-2349 [jlbrant1@charter.net](mailto:jlbrant1@charter.net)).



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### [9thinfantry.org](http://9thinfantry.org)

#### 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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**The Ninth Infantry Division Association.**

Send payment to: **Clare Irwin**  
**Membership Chairperson**  
**155 Jastram St.**  
**Providence, RI 02908**

**Telephone: 401-855-3760**  
**Email: clareirwin@hotmail.com**

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## Tip of the Hat

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

**Janet Schnall** —In memory of Clarence Ray

The current balance in the TOH fund is \$10,185.00.  
If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to:

**The Ninth Infantry Division Association**

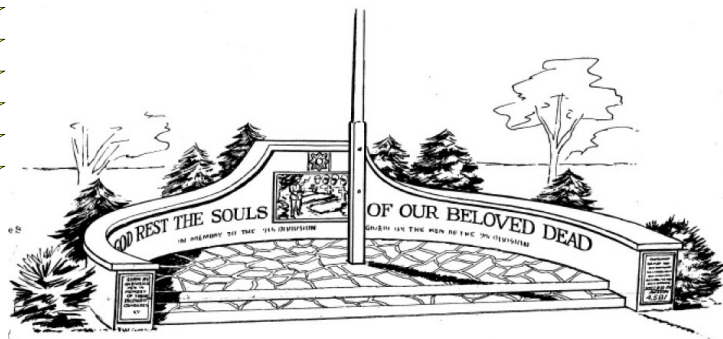
Please note in the memo section of the check "Tip of the Hat" and mail to:

**Mary Cooper, 11218 Timberline Rd., Houston, TX 77043-4659**

## EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE!

If you haven't already done so, explore our website, **9thinfantry.org**. It is interesting and informative. Take a look at what you can find there:

- ◆ History of the 9th Infantry Division
- ◆ History of the Ninth Infantry Division Association
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Reunion Information and Printable Forms
- ◆ Online Reunion Hotel Reservations
- ◆ Online Membership Renewal or Printable Form
- ◆ Links to The Octofoil Archives
- ◆ Photos
- ◆ Members' Only Section



## Friends of Father Connors Fund

The Friends of Father Connors Fund was established to maintain the 9th Infantry Division Memorial at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The current balance in the FFCF is \$8,795.00.  
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, 11218 Timberline Rd., Houston, TX. 77043**

## 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; Djebel 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)

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## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR SOME VERY IMPORTANT DATES!**

**76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**  
**September 30 – October 3, 2021**

Please know registrations will be accepted even though the date has passed for the deposit to be received. Just send in the updated registration form (located on page 4 and on the Ninth's website) with a check for the \$300/person fee which includes meals and all activities by August 1, 2021. It would be so great to have good attendance for this 76<sup>th</sup> Reunion since it was not possible to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> last year due to the pandemic!

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE ON HOTEL:**

The Clarion Hotel sustained extensive smoke damage from a hotel room fire that has required a major renovation. Unfortunately, this process is taking longer than projected creating serious doubts about the hotel being available in time for the dates planned for the 76<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Therefore, it was necessary to move this reunion to another hotel. The good news is the Reunion Committee has negotiated an alternate location that was one of the hotels considered in the original planning process. It is the **Holiday Inn & Suites: Fayetteville/W. Fort Bragg** located at **2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304**.

### **TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR AIRLINE TRAVELERS:**

The Holiday Inn & Suites Fayetteville/ W. Fort Bragg shuttle service is only for airline crews. However, the hotel did provide contact information for a shuttle service available to its guests. This shuttle service is **Taccarra Ride & Fly**, and their contact number is **910-605-1512**. Their transportation can accommodate up to 4 passengers and luggage at a flat rate of \$25 each. **Please let them know you are with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Reunion for a discounted round trip rate of \$35.** The available taxi services for the Fayetteville Regional Airport are listed below and are at an average price of \$32 one way.

### **TAXI SERVICES:**

A-I Gotcha Taxi: (910) 316-5005  
Darrell Taxicab: (910) 574-5097  
Frank Turbo Taxi (Speak Spanish): (910) 797-2212  
Liberty Taxicab: (910) 568-2441  
LM Taxicab Service: (910) 237-1499  
Pat's Taxicab Service: (910) 237-8952



**Annual Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion**

**76<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion  
Holiday Inn & Suites: Fayetteville/W. Fort Bragg  
2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304  
September 30-October 3, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

The following names and contact information will be printed in the Reunion Program.

Name	Address	Telephone #	E-Mail Address

**Please indicate if you are a 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Veteran. If so, specify if you are:**

**WWII: \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam: \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Lewis, WA \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Banquet meal choice:      \_\_\_\_\_ Beef  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian:

**\*If more than one in your party, please specify who has which meal choice beside each option:**

i.e., 2 Beef (John & Mary) etc.

Please make checks payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association (write 2021 Reunion on memo line). The registration fee of \$300/person is due by August 1, 2020.

Please submit this registration form and deposit to:

**Judy Rishel, 8029 Brightwood Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Any questions about registration, please contact Judy @ (410)-299-6675 or jjr5277@gmail.com.

Your room reservations at the discounted rate of \$109 can be made by calling the hotel directly at **910-491-5352** (reference the **Ninth Infantry Division Association**) or online using this link : [9th Infantry Division](http://9th Infantry Division) and the group code **NID**. Please specify if you need a handicapped room. Check-in time is 3:00PM and check-out time is 11:00AM.

**The Cut-off date for making reservations at the special rate is 9/15/2021.**

**Any reservations made after this date will be subject to availability and at a courtesy discount of 15% off the hotel's BFR (Best Flex Rate).**



**76<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Program  
Ninth Infantry Division Association  
September 30-October 3, 2021  
Holiday Inn & Suites: Fayetteville/W. Fort Bragg  
2501 Two Bale Lane  
Fayetteville, NC 28304**

**Thursday, September 30**

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Registration-Hospitality Room	53 Bomber
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting	53 Bomber
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Welcome to Carolina Dinner	53 Bomber
8:00 PM to ?	Show and Tell Presentation	53 Bomber

**Friday, October 1**

8:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Registration-Hospitality Room	53 Bomber
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast	53 Bomber
9:00 AM to 9:15 AM	Board Shuttle to Ft. Bragg	Front of Hotel
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Memorial Service /Group Photo	Fort Bragg
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch	Fort Bragg
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Tours on base	Fort Bragg
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Tour of Airborne & Special Operations Museum	Fayetteville
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Taste of Italy Dinner at Museum	Fayetteville
	Cash Bar and Buffet	
8:30 PM to ??	Hang out in Hospitality Room	53 Bomber

**Saturday, October 2**

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Breakfast	53 Bomber
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	General Business Meeting	53 Bomber
11:30 AM to 5:30 PM	Lunch on your own/Free Time	
12:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting/Lunch	TBD
5:30 PM to 5:45 PM	Board Shuttle to Ft. Bragg	Front of Hotel
6:00 PM to 6:45 PM	Cocktail Hour (cash bar)	Iron Mike's Conference Center
6:45 PM to 7:45 PM	Reunion Banquet	Iron Mike's Conference Center
7:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Entertainment/Raffle	Iron Mike's Conference Center

**Sunday, October 3**

6:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast	53 Bomber
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**Goodbyes, checking out and heading home.  
See you all next year!**

**Show and Tell**

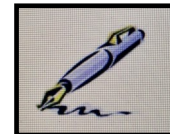
**Note:** Our "Show and Tell" has been moved to the Thursday evening kick-off dinner. Of special interest will be a video interview with 101 year old member, Herb Stern, talking about his experiences at Fort Bragg. Anyone having a brief presentation of their research or findings about the 9th Infantry Division that they would like to share with the group, please contact Terry Barnhart at 303-489-3482.







## Pen to Paper - Letters to Loved Ones



This letter from Jack Dauner to his parents was reprinted in the *Viking Vacuum* and his book *Dear Mom and Dad*.

Editor's note from the *Viking Vacuum*: While only four months have passed since the end of the war, we are already settling back into an air of complacency. So that we won't forget these horrors and what they mean, we feel we are fortunate to be able to print the following letter written by Jack Dauner to his dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dauner of Dubuque Iowa. Mr. Dauner, sales manager of Morris and Brothers Company, Dubuque, has kindly given us permission to put Jack's letter in this issue of the *Viking Vacuum*. It was written only a year ago this month. It probably will not seem possible to you that this could have been happening only that long ago. We suggest you keep this print and read it again next year. By doing this, we know you will remember what our boys have gone through and do everything in your power to help prevent the necessity of your sons and daughters fighting another war.

December 11, 1944, Germany

Dear Mom and Dad: Just a note of explanation. A little story enclosed is the story of something which happens every day on that thing they call the front. I sat down and scrawled it out a couple of days after the incident, but the facts were still well in mind. I imagine they always will be.

"It's 5 o'clock in the morning. Darkness still blankets the cool December atmosphere. Down in the basement of a bombed building, hurrying figures busily work under the flickering glow of flame boxes giving forth their smoky, heavily carbonated light.

Around the old stove some of the men are heating a quick cup of coffee, others C rations of meat and beans. Here and there men are cleaning ammo and rifles. Packs are being carefully made, and everything is discarded, except essentials.

Time flies – someone calls down that the hour to move out approaches. Belts are donned, then packs; bandoleers of precious ammo are slung and grenades hooked conveniently on loose straps.

Everyone takes a last look at "home"; then at each other. They know what that look means. It conveys a wish of good luck, success, of "thumbs up old man; everything will be ok" and so, on to the street above.

Would the 88's start now? Have we given our movement away? The silence is broken only by a tank occasionally turning over it's cold and sluggish motor. Streets are lined with mechanized equipment. We, the infantry, start to move. The familiar "get your five-yard interval" is passed down. Dawn is breaking as the column moves down on either side of the street. Through the town and into the country.

There before us is no man's land. Along the road are sites of recent battle. Tanks burned and helplessly knocked out. Dead animals with mutilated bodies. Dead G.I.'s. American boys had given their all and had paid the supreme price. A thousand thoughts run through each man's mind. Will this be my day? Will I soon be lying in a pool of my own blood like that captain lying there in that bloodstained ditch? Will I soon have a cavity in my head the size of a fist like that G.I. at the side of the road? Or will God somehow, somewhere forgive me for all my sins and

bless me with life throughout this day?

Packs are growing heavy. Sweat—beautiful beads of dirty sweat fill the brows of every man. The mission comes within sight.

The crackle of an M.G. – artillery, our own whistles overhead in salvos. It is music, sweet music. Then the drove of planes - P 47's and 51's dart over like birds of prey. Sighs of relief can be heard in the column. Everything is clicking — it is up to us now - the infantry moves in for the kill.

Somewhere, someone had looked at a map and decided that we should take such a position. Everyone works for the infantry to a certain point and then the G.I. Joe must take over by himself – and as a team with his companions set forth. It is after that period after he, the infantry, takes over, that wins or loses a battle in the final analysis. The infantry must do the dirty work. It must do the sweating. It's home is mother earth and its tools are guts, guns and ground.

We move on. The first phase of the attack is ahead. We start across 800 yards of open ground. Rifles start spitting hot lead. Two hundred, four hundred, six hundred yards we advance without a casualty. An M. G. is heard on the hillside. A platoon sergeant drops – dead!! The rifles open up; B. A. R.'s chatter and all is quiet. We move on; the hill is taken. Two bewildered "super men" walk out shaking like beaten dogs.

We rest. Some smoke nervously – some chew on a chocolate "D" ration. Then the tanks move up and the inevitable fire begins on them. It's like watching a game of checkers. The 88's are now trying to zero in. A flash of light – an explosion, and we see one of our T. D.'s in flames. A prayer goes out from every man that the boys in that sweatbox will get out. They do and then we listen to the rhythmic sound of exploding shells within the inferno.

It's time to move. Cautiously we circle the hill – prisoners – wounded - shaking, shocked and speechless pass by. We go into the last phase of our mission. We push on - our fire power breaks loose - rifles barking shrilly in the crisp air. We move again - more prisoners file out. Our mission is taken. We've done it.

But then – – as if hell itself had broken, the enemy exposes itself. Mortars – – shell after shell – – more mortars. We are helpless. Bodies once alive now lie flat on mother earth. The shells come. Each one brings a new cry for the medics. One by one brave men role in anguish. A rifle cracks – – a kid of 19 leans over to his buddy, asks for a drink and dies. More mortars – more wounded.

I lay there praying. My eyes closed, teeth clenched, jaws set ready for my time. I can feel myself undergoing the first phase of hell itself. I pray to God Almighty to give me faith, strength and courage. I want to run – to get up and run and let off steam, but I know that is sheer folly. I gather my wits, and start reliving the past. Everything good and bad that I've ever done flashes before me. It is as if this was the time when the Lord above was tallying my good and bad deeds in an effort to see if I deserve to wear a halo or burn in the caverns of a living hell. I broke into a cold sweat. A shell burst near me. I figure this is it. I hear the

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**Minutes of the 232nd Board of Governors Meeting  
August 24, 2020  
Via Conference Call**

President Stern opened the meeting at 8:00 CST, then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and read a prayer. Board of Governors members present: Terry Barnhart, Dennis Bonkowski, Charles Bonney, JoAnn Bryant, Mary Cooper, Mary Kay Darr, Clare Irwin, Theda Ray, Judy Rishel, Janet Schnall, Joyce Schumacher, Peter Stern, and Kathy Tapelt.

Terry Barnhart made the following motion. MOTION: To approve the minutes from the 229<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pittsburgh, PA. Janet Schnall seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Bonney made the following motion. MOTION: To approve the minutes from the 230<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on Sunday August 4, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA. Theda Ray seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Judy Rishel made the following motion. MOTION: To approve the minutes from the 231<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on Thursday, May 19, 2020, via conference call. Charles Bonney seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Nominating Committee**

Dennis Bonkowski presented the Slate of Officers for 2020 – 2021.

President – Peter Stern Secretary - JoAnn Bryant

Vice-President – Dennis Bonkowski      Treasurer - Mary Cooper

Terry Barnhart made the following motion. MOTION: To approve the Slate of Officers of the Board of Governors for 2020 – 2021. Charles Bonney seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

## Reunion Committee

Terry Barnhart gave an update for next year's reunion. The committee of Terry Barnhart, Judy Rishel, and Mary Kay Darr, do not need to file any more paperwork for Fort Bragg, last year's will work. Insurance Policy for Museum may increase in price. Committee is on track with all plans and will review costs and proceed with plans.

## Archives at Holy Cross

Sarah Campbell who does a lot for the 9<sup>th</sup> was furloughed due to COVID, so after checking to see if she is back, we will send her more items. We are trying to go virtual this quarter. Mrs. Nancy Larson has a box of things for us. She is the daughter of the late Robert DeSandy, a past president, who was a Medic in the Army.

**Library Fund**

There is \$600 in this fund. We will use \$300 for scanning articles to send to Holy Cross. Sarah Campbell will scan and Terry Barnhart will scan items in Denver. We are still missing about 10% of Octofoils. People can donate to the Library Fund.

## Plaque at Fort Bragg

Janet Schnall asked about plaque we were going to install. We are still planning on doing that next year. Mary Cooper questioned the wording on the plaque. Terry Barnhart will send out what was originally planned for it.

**MISC.**

Peter Stern reminds everyone to check the website for updates. Theda Ray wants everyone to continue to send her pictures. Janet Schnall suggested putting website name on front page of Octofoil. Janet Schnall mentioned it was easy to register online. Clare Irwin said it is working and five to six people use it. We will put it on the Membership Application form. Peter Stern hopes country gets better so we can see everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Bryant, Secretary





**Minutes of the 233<sup>rd</sup> Board of Governors Meeting  
May 20, 2021  
Via Conference Call**

President Stern opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. CST. Board of Governors present: Dennis Bonkowski, JoAnn Bryant, Joyce Schumacher, Linda Jorden, Theda Ray, Janet Schnall, Terry Barnhart, Charles Bonney, Mary Cooper, Mary Kay Darr, Clare Irwin, Judy Rishel and Peter Stern.

President Stern led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The information for Directors & Officers liability insurance as well as crime and cyber coverage as sent to the Board was reviewed. There were questions from the Board. After discussion, Joyce Schumacher made a MOTION: to approve use of Starkweather & Shepley Insurance to purchase \$1 million of D&O coverage at \$575 and to obtain crime coverage from them for \$266 and cyber coverage for \$86. Mary Cooper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President Stern told the Board that the insurance bids are for a short term, so he suggested purchasing them before the new fiscal year starts July 1. The Board concurred.

The proposed budget for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year was then reviewed. An overview of the purposes of a budget were reviewed briefly by President Stern, who then asked Treasurer Mary Cooper to review the proposed budget.

Mary Cooper said that Income money is just what comes in this year. Membership money can be used for many things. We had 100 members for the past year. For Expenses, Theda Ray says Octofoil is too low, some expenses should come out of membership and some from reunion. She will let Mary know what postage is being used for. Printing budget was raised. People can contribute to operating as well as other accounts. Total Expenses would be \$20,700. Mary Kay Darr made a MOTION: to approve the budget with corrections. Terry Barnhart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Website expense is updated.

Member is willing to put up a \$1000 for plaque at U.S. Army Museum in Virginia. Challenge to be presented to membership to match the donation at the reunion.

Reunion – Terry Barnhart sent out a letter about the hotel for reunion. We may need to change the hotel due to renovations. The committee is on track for a speaker and honor guard. They are not sure about lunch at the Mess Hall. Still working on band or chorus or will make plans for other entertainment. 25 are registered now, but hoping for at least 50. Kathy Tapelt and JoAnn Bryant will handle the raffle. Show & Tell on Sat. Charles Bonney and others will share. June 2 will be committee meeting via Zoom to finalize reunion. Check website about info on Reunion. Committee will send an update.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Bryant, Secretary

**Mail Call**

*From Joe Nichols*  
9th Infantry Division, Vietnam  
Major (Retired)

"Sorry we cannot make the reunion this year, as it coincides with our Vietnam Reunion at the Alamo in Texas."

**Ninth Infantry Division Association  
Budget 2020 - 2021**

	<b>2020-2021 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual YTD As of 06/30/21</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Friends of Father Connor Fund Donations	700	3,765
General Memorial Donations	1,200	3635
Membership Dues	5,300	3,723
Reunion	11,000	1,400
VeteranTravel Fund	1,000	500

	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>19,200.00</b>	<b>13,023.00</b>

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
Accounting	2,000	2,500
General Donations	1,200	
Legal (includes filing fees)	300	
Membership (includes postage)	300	
Misc.	350	
Octofoil - Printing	1,000	600.04
Octofoil - Postage		466.53
President	50	
Reunion	11,000	1,425
Treasurer (includes postage and check order)	100	55
Veteran's Travel Fund	1,000	
Website	1,200	983.25
Worcester Memorial Wreath & Upkeep	700	169

	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,200.00</b>	<b>6,198.82</b>

Quarterly Reports from Mize CPA's: Oct, Jan, Apr, July

**NOTE: Other 'accounts' in designated funds:**

OLP	\$587.29
General Memorial Donations	6,570.00
FFCF Donations	6,294.95
Reunions	14,203.46
Veterans' Travel Fund	5,570.99
<b>Expenses from designated funds</b>	
OLP (Scanning Octofoils, etc.)	188.87

**Ninth Infantry Division Association  
Budget 2021-2022**

<b>**Indicates Designated Funds Account</b>	<b>2021 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>2021-2022 Actual YTD as of 7/1/21</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
FFC Fund **	700	
General Memorial Donations **	1,200	
Membership Dues (100 members)	3,500	
Reunion **	11,000	
Veteran's Travel Fund **	1,000	
From Operating Account	3,300	

	\$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,700.00</b>

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
Accounting	2,500	
General Donations **	1,200	
Legal (includes filing fees)	300	
Membership (includes postage)	350	
Misc.	200	
Printing (mostly for Octofoil)	800	
Postage (mostly for Octofoil)	500	
President	75	
Reunion **	11,000	
Treasurer (includes postage and Ck Order)	75	
Veteran's Travel Fund **	1,000	
Website	1,000	
Worcester Memorial Wreath & Upkeep **	700	
Insurance (D and O)	1,000	

	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>20,700.00</b>

**DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNTS**

**Balances as of beginning of Fiscal year**

Operating Account	\$21,000.00
OLP	398.42
Gen. Mem. Donations	10,185.00
FFCF Donations	8,794.95
Reunion	13,153.46
Veterans' Travel Fund	5,570.99

**NOTE:**

The designated accounts shown here are updated at the end of each fiscal year. These balances will be updated on July 1, 2022.



**THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)-**  
**INCOME TAX BASIS FROM 7/01/20 TO 3/31/21**  
 Prepared by Mize Houser and Co. P.A.

	CURRENT QUARTER	YEAR TO DATE
<b>REVENUE</b>		
General Fund Mem. Income	\$ 325	\$3,153
Memorial Fund Income	1,115	3,635
FCCF Donation Income	0	3,765
Veterans Travel Income	0	500
75th-2020 Reunion Income	0	550
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,440</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,603</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Website Expenses	\$ 219	\$ 744
Postage Expenses	71	446
Printing and Copies	160	629
Accounting Expense	375	2,125
Memorial Services	0	169
Travel Expense	200	200
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,025</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,312</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>\$ 415</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,291</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY-INCOME TAX BASIS 3/31/21**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

General Fund Cash	\$ 22,109
Octofoil Library Project Cash	398
Memorial Fund Cash	10,185
FCCF Cash	8,795
Veteran's Travel Fund	5,571
Reunion Cash	12,778
Event Vendor Deposits	1,225
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$61,062</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$61,062</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted Net Assets-Beg.	\$53,771
Current Surplus (Deficit)	<u>7,291</u>

<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$61,062</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$61,062</b>



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**The Ninth Infantry Division Association  
Membership Application**

July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Amount Due**

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 9th Infantry Division)*

Foreign Country Renewals (\$45.00 per year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid**

**CHECK ✓ MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**

Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ (See Veterans Section Below)

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

Lineal Descendant \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The Octofoil Newsletter**

Check one only:

Digital (email) version \_\_\_\_\_

Print (USPS) version \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterans Section:**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Battery \_\_\_\_\_

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

Other 9<sup>th</sup> unit \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active (ex. 1968-69) \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

**The Ninth Infantry Division Association**

Send to: Clare Irwin, Membership Chair  
155 Jastram Street  
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Membership dues can also be paid online at [9thinfantry.org](http://9thinfantry.org).

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singing fragments but feel no sting of pain. I look at my pack. It bears the jagged tears of shrapnel, and I am amazed to find my pack lying about three feet away from me.

Between bursts my buddy and I check to see if either of us had been hit. We build each other's morale up as much as possible -- and then the barrage is over. We count heads and discover too many missing faces. We find a trench, and eleven well-shaken men jump in to take a smoke.

Communications are nil. Here are eleven men -- the remains of a platoon of forty-seven. The shells again -- but we are safe this time. Then an M.G. and we realize we are cut off. Eleven men against God only knows how many. This is it, and we all swear we'll never be taken alive. Suddenly we spot G.I's. They are moving over. Contact is made -- we are spared again.

It is evening -- reorganization is complete, and we start the inevitable "digging in" for the night. Then come the mortars. We lay there motionless hoping and praying no one would feel that

sting and numbness of being hit. A shell bursts -- I feel a peculiar sensation in my foot and realize I've been hit. The enemy finally turns off his mortar fire -- our artillery is now singing his song of death.

The medic administers sulfa to me and bandages the wound. Darkness sets in and the password comes down. Night and the moan of a wounded enemy comes from the woods to haunt us. It is pitiful to hear, but it is one of those things of war. Too many of our own men to care for so he must lie there and suffer. He is delirious now but his groans of pain give us an eerie feeling.

Hour after hour of silence passes by. It begins to rain -- an air of musing sets over our hearts. Silence!! Rain!! Mud!! Oh God, when will this thing ever come to an end? When will men stop killing each other so ruthlessly? Why must there be this needless suffering? They say these men back there died for a cause -- but think of what they could have lived for. Grant us most merciful Father that Thou will watch over those boys who have passed over your supreme realm this day and give us who remain, faith and strength and courage to someday, somehow -- make this world a world of peace and unity where a true spirit of brotherhood will henceforth rule. Silence!! Mud!! Rain!! All is quiet on the western front."