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At right: Jim and Bev Spivey  
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## This Issue Is Dedicated to the Memory of: COL [R] Leon Crenshaw & Irvin [Irv] Kaine

Leon Crenshaw  
June 3, 1919 - March 21, 2013

345th FA Bn



President, 90th Division Assoc. - 2005-2006



Irvin [Irv] Kaine

Born:

March 31, 1917

Died:

March 12, 2013



358/F

Attended  
Reunions for  
years!



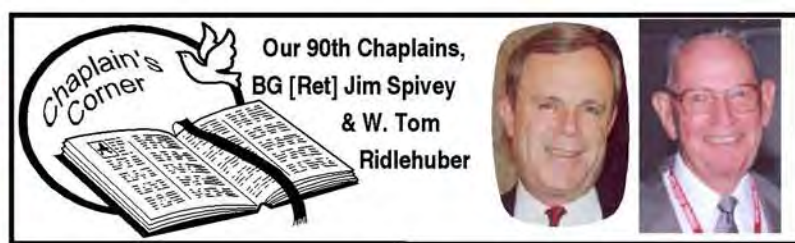
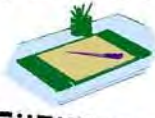
Additional information on these two greatly loved 90th Heros, later in this newsletter.

**President Jim Spivey's message:** As I write this article, Memorial Day is just around the corner. So, we stop and give thanks again for the brave men and women who sacrifice their lives to stop tyranny, to preserve peace and to keep America and the world safe. This also reminds me that we are greatly privileged to be members of the 90th Division Association and its units that have been keystones in our nation's defense for almost a century. We are truly a 'band of brothers'. Some people say this is a trite phrase. But those who think so just don't 'get it'! The words come from Shakespeare's fictitious speech by Henry V to his knights on St. Crispin's Day just before the Battle of Agincourt. They faced almost certain defeat by a French army that outnumbered them six to one—but they won! The words are fictitious, but their meaning is real. They inspire courage—strengthen resolve—and bind brotherhood to a victorious cause. But they also do *much* more. They remind soldiers of the privilege only few ever share—to stand alongside one other at a meaningful juncture in history. [message continued, page 3, right column]

95th Annual Reunion - July 25-28, 2013 - Marriott DFW Airport South - Ft. Worth, TX

**Editor, Rhoda Reid, writes...**

**Dear 90th Members,**



Chaplain's  
Corner

Our 90th Chaplains,  
BG [Ret] Jim Spivey  
& W. Tom  
Riddlehuber



The 95th Annual Reunion is just around the corner! We anticipate another great reunion, so be sure to get your hotel reservations made early and also send in your registration form for activities, which are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. The year so far has brought the loss of several long-time, close friends, including several in the 90th family. Our reunion will be different this year again because of the "missing faces" of some of our long-time regular attendees. Specifically, we will deeply miss our beloved Col Leon Crenshaw, who was the Association President in 2006. Also...the reunions will never again enjoy the joy and delight of our "one-of-a-kind", lovable old soldier, Irvin [Irv] Kaine. He kept us all entertained, and we loved him dearly. Look for more information about Leon Crenshaw and Irv Kaine later in this newsletter. They truly were the "face of the Association" in many ways. Another loss is George [Bill] McCarthy who attended Reunions for years. He recently remarried after the loss of his wife several years ago. It put a new spring in his step, & it was great to see his happiness. These losses are occurring in greater numbers and frequency as our Greatest Generation Heros age. So, love and cherish the time we have left with them, and honor them throughout the reunion time in Fort Worth.

At the 2012 Reunion, the Executive Committee voted to send a "personal note to each member" via first class mail. The purpose of this endeavor was to help "clean-up" our roster as well as encourage the members to keep their dues current. It has become apparent that the U.S. Postal Service is not fulfilling their obligation to return undeliverable newsletters as our permit states. We began with 2163 names on the roster - to date, that number is now 2031! The project resulted in a LOT of dues payments, both for 2012-2013 & for 2013-2014, AND...it cleaned up the roster. [There were about 170 who did not receive a note, so there may be additional names that are no longer valid.] **REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR 2013-2014 DUES, WHICH ARE NOW \$30!** You saw the result of dues not being paid when the fall 2012 newsletter came out at only 4 pages. Our frugal Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Reid, still has me "on a tight leash", so I may not be able to include all the information that was sent in. I did my best. SO...PAY UP, if you haven't. Many of you have already paid for the coming year - THANK YOU!!! By the way, the mailing house incurred my extreme displeasure because they sent the Fall newsletter out with NO designation as to whether or not you had paid your 2012-2013 dues. They had the information, but didn't use it!. It shouldn't happen again!

**IT IS NOW TIME TO PAY YOUR 2013-2014 DUES!!**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For this issue, I have chosen to print a message my late father, Rev. Daniel Hager [May 26, 1914-February 12, 2010] wrote in June 1980 for the Evans Valley Bible Church Newsletter in Rogue River, OR., where he was the Pastor at the time. He was a godly man, and he knew the Bible thoroughly. He also lived his faith every day - he "practiced what he preached". I will always miss him.

**What Is So Important About the Bible?"**

"For one thing, the Bible itself gives the reason for the importance of it. God Himself is the Author. It is true, He did use some 40 men from various walks of life over a period of many centuries to record what He wanted written. In 2 Peter 1:21 we read: *'For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: But holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.'* And in 2 Timothy 3:16 we read: *'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.'* What is more, God's word is unchangeable and eternal. The Lord Jesus said, *'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.'* [Matthew 24:35] Psalms 119:89 says: *'Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in Heaven.'* -- You may reject, ridicule, or ignore the Word of God, but one day every one of us will stand in the presence of God and be judged by it, not by man's ideas. The Lord Jesus made this clear when He said: *'The words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.'* [John 12:48] -- The Bible bears witness to the one true God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, and revealing to us His true character. It tells us of the origin of man, his course and his destiny. It presents one continuous story of God's love for sinful man and His plan of redemption for man, through the sacrificial work of His eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He came into this world, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, then voluntarily gave Himself to die on the cross for the full payment of our sins, and was raised from the dead in a literal, physical body. He was seen, felt, and conversed with many, and then ascended to God the Father's right hand. -- The Bible is essential to faith, apart from which we cannot please God. Romans 10:17 says, *'So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.'* We cannot be born into God's family without it. 1 Peter 1:23 states: *'Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which lives and abides forever.'* No other book tells us how we may know the way to heaven for sure, and also in no uncertain terms, lets us know that by not receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we must spend eternity in hell. -- The Bible is God's message to us. It is His 'love letter to us'. He created us and wants us to know that which is best for us for 2 time and eternity. Daniel Hager, Pastor"



**President Spivey's Message, continued:** Also, looking down the corridors of the future, they promise them a 'legacy of honor'—a permanent and significant place in history. Read Shakespeare in context:

He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,  
 Will stand a tip-toe when this day is named . . .  
 He that shall live this day, and see old age,  
 Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbors . . .  
 Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,  
 But he'll remember, with advantages,  
 What feats he did that day. . . .  
 This story shall the good man teach his son;  
 And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,  
 From this day to the ending of the world,  
 But we in it shall be remembered  
 We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.

We gather annually at our reunion for this very reason—to remind the world of this Legacy of Honor. By honoring friends who never came home, we affirm they did not die in vain. By memorializing those who have since passed on, we give thanks for camaraderie of years gone by. By welcoming new Tough 'Ombres into our ranks each year, we ensure this legacy will endure. "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers" of the 90th indeed have been privileged to make a real difference in history, and we continue to do so today. Be a part of this on-going legacy. Come and celebrate it in Fort Worth July 25-28!

**90th - Bacich**, John A., RECON - 11/25/12; **Caruthers**, John E. Sr., Signal; **Medley**, CPL Jesse Clyde, HQ - 1/26/13 **315 - Behny**, Donald G., Eng./A CO; **Harrington**, Ralph E., C ENG. - 11/20/12; **Tranthan**, R.E., Eng.; **343/FA Bn - Beck**, Robert A. - 7/31/12; - **344/FA Bn - Cavender**, John E.; **Lind**, Milton Eugene, HQ Btry. - 4/18/12; **Leon**, Jack, 11/21/12; **345/FA Bn - Crenshaw**, COL [R] Leon, 3/21/13; **357 - Haas**, Charles M., I CO; **Hjelmstad**, Harry L., [93], A CO - 1/11/12; **Moran**, A. Paul, C CO; **Pappas**, Steve; **Treiling**, Sgt. Kenneth G., AT CO - 5/2/13; **358 - Davis**, Oren V. - 8/10/12; **DeBiasio**, William M., B CO; **DiGirolamo**, Jack S., K CO - 9/11; **Frankenfield**, Joseph P., G CO - 1/17/11; **Hartranft**, Webster R., A CO - 8/28/06; **Jacobson**, Clifford, HQ CO - 11/18/12; **Kaine**, Irvin [Irv] ["Pee Wee"], F CO - 3/12/13; **Levine**, Arnold, K CO; **McCarthy**, George [Bill], F CO - 1/20/13; **Mueller**, Hobart C. E CO - 8/24/98; **Schmidt**, Donald F., C CO - 3/11; **Stinson, Jr.**, Dewey L., L CO - 1/8/12; **Stotler**, Howard A., HQ CO - 2008; **359 - Bryan**, Rande, HQ; **Eisenberg**, Richard B., M.D., 3/1/13; **Frankenfield**, Joseph Paul, G CO - 1/17/11; **Frederick**, Howard E., G CO - 8/10/05; **Gottsch**, Lyle A., M CO - 11/15/11; **Hanni**, Eldore A., A CO - 7/24/12; **Kreil**, Jack, Sr., C CO; **Maddox**, Ronald C., L CO; **Poland**, Jr., Eustis L., H CO - 5/1/09; **Rilinger**, Albert J., 2/16/13; **Smith**, Rexton P., H CO - 5/7/13; **Thomas**, Robert L., K CO - 9/6/11; **Welshans**, Henry, I CO - 11/12/12; - **607/TK Bn - Madison**, Richard; **712/TK BN - Lounsberry**, Aaron Peter, Jr. - 1/8/12; **Nuccio**, Charles I. - 1/11; **915/FA Bn - Erickson**, Lawrence; **Renner**, Roman; **ARCOM - Estes**, Clifford - 5/11; **Unit not Listed - Chalupa**, Fred; **Davis**, Frank R.; **Embree**, Jim - 2006; **Horst**, Albert; **Kopicki**, Stanley - 4/21/10; **Kortan**, Charles; **Majka**, Chester L.; **Mathes**, Carl; **McGinness**, Edgar - 2/99; **Molnar**, Sam; **Olson**, Gustof A., Jr.; **Reeder**, Ned; **Speights**, Roger T.; **Sponder**, John - 1992; **Stone**, Leonard; **Swartzmiller**, William; **Williams**, E.A. Pete - 2003; **Wood**, Harold M.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE REIDS OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES!**

- \* If you are **NOT** receiving all the 90th Division Newsletters
- \* If you **ARE** receiving, but do **NOT** want to receive Newsletters
- \* If 90th Division Newsletters keep coming to a **DECEASED**, It means the Association has **NOT BEEN NOTIFIED** of the proper changes! It upsets you & costs the Association \$\$\$ to have newsletters returned - or sent to people no longer living. **PLEASE NOTIFY US!**

**NOTE! This list is from Personal notes or newsletter that was returned with "Unable to Forward" - It's UNKNOWN whether they are deceased.**

**90/HQ - Wohl**, Henry **315 - Shaver**, Stanley, Eng.; **Ward**, Arthur T., Eng. - **343/FA Bn - Brandhoff**, Nathan; **Martin**, John B. - **344/FA Bn - Cervenka**, Joe - **357 - Acevedo**, Lisandro, F CO; **Anderson**, Stanley, HQ CO; **Feerguson**, Howard, I CO; **Holden**, Clemmon S., G CO; **Klein**, Charles, E CO; **Linton**, Frank; **Miller**, James D., A CO; **Porter**, Glenn, HQ CO 2Bn; **Rothschild**, Sheldon, F CO; **Warriner**, Carl D. A CO; **White**, Ernest, I CO; **Zakovich**, Emil, D CO - **358 - Aanderud**, Randell, C CO; **Adkins**, James, F CO; **Buster**, Weldon, HQ CO; **Clossen**, Marshall, Med Det.; **Eksouzian**, Simon, AT CO; **Fabian**, Albert, L CO; **Laux**, Gerald, F CO; **Lazarz**, Edward, D CO; **LeSage**, A. Vyrl, I CO; **Morucci**, Albert L., I CO; **O'Neal**, Harvey, K CO; **Perry**, LTC Warren M., 2Bn; **Rizor**, Robert L. F CO; **Starr**, Henry, F CO; - **359 - Alasia**, Alfred, AT CO; **Brennan**, Thomas J., HQ CO 3Bn; **Conte**, James, I CO; **Curtis**, Harry, HQ CO 1Bn; **Dolphin**, Bruce, SV CO; **Johnson**, William L., E CO; [con't. next column]

**359 [con.t.] - Kishman**, Gerald, B CO; **Marcotte**, Alvin, L CO; **Miculinic**, Joseph F., C CO; **Mohler**, Maurice, HQ CO 3Bn; **Ott**, Thurman, K CO; **Parker**, Kenneth, B CO; **Westrup**, Jerome W., H CO 2Bn; **537/AAA - Carson**, Alex G., Sr **712 /TK BN - Pray**, Harold L.; **Whitley**, William E. **773/TK Bn - Balistrella**, Michael; **Bovard**, John; **Giametta**, Charles J.; **Land**, Edward **915/FA Bn - Gilliland**, Wayne R. **ARCOM - Magers**, COL Richard, also RSC; **Stidham**, William **RRG - Johnson**, Lindell W. **Unit not Listed - Brantley**, W. L.; **Carda**, Joseph A.; **Carver**, Robert E.; **DelRio**, Eddie; **Dressler**, William; **Duncan**, C. J.; **Falber**, Dr. Kenneth; **Gates**, Peter M.; **Gleason**, Benn A.; **Gurley**, A.L.; **Halvorson**, Robert; **Hillhouse**, Thomas J.; **Kanichkie**, Lee; **Krill**, John; **Marshall**, L. L.; **Mason**, Fay; **McAdams**, J. W.; **Misetich**, Rudolph A.; **Mooney**, Thomas W.; **Najuar**, Paul A.; **Owens**, Maynard; **Peeples**, Ed; **Phillips**, Bernard F.; **Self**, Ray L.; **Shanbarker**, Duane M.; **Sisco**, David; **Sisker**, H. W.; **Smith**, Joseph; **Smith**, William; **Tascuzzo**, Gladwin; **Townsley**, John; **Westphal**, Robert L

**ATTENTION! NEED UP-DATED ADDRESSES FOR: COL JIMMIE JAY WELLS** [last known address: 1920 Harry Wurzbach Hwy - San Antonio, TX]; **AND - WILLIAM THOMAS** [sent address change to 224 Chestnut - Staten Island, NY but note was RETURNED - dues are paid] **HELP!** contact Rhoda.

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**Dues now \$30 for 2013-2014!!**

# We Remember & Honor 2 of our Most Loyal 90th Division WW II Heroes

Leon Crenshaw

June 3, 1919 – March 21, 2013

President, 90th Division Assoc. - 2005-2006



345th FA Bn

Le Crenshaw's many friends most likely know that he was a true gentleman, a gifted storyteller, a patriot, a Christian, a Democrat, and a fine historian. He was all that and so much more. Le grew up on a farm in Independence, MO, the oldest of five children, and the lessons and values of that rural upbringing shaped his life. He could grow anything well and liked to experiment with new varieties. Marianne would hand him a seed and say, "Just bong it in the ground. It'll grow for you." Last week, he was planning to grow a Tabasco pepper plant from seed. He could grow tomatoes in concrete!

He knew all about animal husbandry and had a heart for all animals. He could speak their language, too. Once he declared that he had identified twelve different sounds his flock of geese used to communicate. He called his beef steers by name and they came running.

As a youth, he excelled at baseball, often organizing games in his grandpa's farm fields. He loved the world champion STL Cardinals. He also played bridge well and was a crack bowler, once rolling a 298 and earning a golden pin in Falls Church, VA. An expert marksman, he shot skeet and hunted, bagging duck and pheasant in various states and wild boar and quail in Cyprus and Italy.

Early on, his domestic skills were minimal, although he often fried us up egg sandwiches with dill pickles when we returned late from an outing. Usually, when Marianne was away, he'd fix his one special dish called "Two, two, and two." That was two hotdogs, two potatoes, and two eggs all boiled together in one pot. Clever. Later, though, he mastered a mean chili and a tasty bean soup and loved to prepare them for the girls.

Celebrating holidays and decorating the house were his delight, whether creating a scarecrow scene at harvest time at the farm, adorning the mantel at Christmas, or hiding Easter eggs all over. As a grandpa on the farm, he shared his grandkids' fun riding the hay wagon, catching barn kittens, sledding the hill, or driving the riding mower.

A natural leader and a bit of a rascal, Le laughed a lot and liked pulling pranks, though to the end he denied knowing how his Model A ended up on the porch of the administration building at Mizzou during his college days. He and Marianne built a community of friends wherever they lived, giving generously to all and receiving in kind. On his last day, Le was sharing jokes, watching NCAA basketball, making bets with his beloved "seeing eye girl" Kate Harper, and looking forward to spring. He had convinced us all that he would live forever - and in our hearts - he will.

Irvin [Irv] Kaine

March 31, 1917 - March 12, 2013



Attended Reunions for years!



358/F

**"Irvin "Pee Wee" Kaine was born on 3/31/17, and passed away on 3/12/13. He was born in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia PA, and remained there, along with his older brother, Lou, until they moved to New York. He later met and married Louise Wasserman on 6/26/38 in Astoria Queens, NY. In 1938, He and Louise moved to Ft Lauderdale, FL. In 1979, and then on to Delray Beach, FL.**

**Irv and Louise had two children, Lynda and Barry; five grandchildren: Dan, Debbie, Bill, Aura and Jeremiah; and nine great grandchildren: Ashley, Nikki, Keith, Rosa, Zachary, Caleb, and Noah.**

**Irv was very proud of his family, and prouder still of his military service. He served in the 90th through France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Irv always had a joke available for any occasion, and there were many times when he would, at a moments notice, pull one out of his pocket. Irv enjoyed the 90th division reunions, and looked forward to commiserating with his fellow soldiers. If we know Irv, he's waiting to greet each one of you, and we wouldn't be surprised if he still had a few jokes in his pocket." [written by daughter Lynda Thaler]**

Editor's note: There is not adequate space to tell how much these 2 dearly loved WW II veterans meant to all who attend reunions. It is ironic that we lost both men in March: Irv on the 12th & Leon on the 21st. They both were "mainstays" at 90th Reunions, and they will ALWAYS be missed. If you knew either or both of them, your life was truly blessed. Their individual personalities and character always brought so much joy, laughter, and camaraderie to the reunions. Their absence brings a great void that will never be filled.

4 May you both rest in peace. Our hearts are sad at our loss.



Memorial gifts received...



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EDITOR'S NOTE: THE MEMORIALS ARE IN 2 GROUPS. GROUP1 are the Memorials from the 2012 Reunion Program Book which were not in the Fall Newsletter. GROUP 2 are the Memorials that came in after the 2012 Reunion [pg 6]. They will also be listed in the 2013 Reunion Program Book.

GROUP 1 - MEMORIALS FROM THE 2012 REUNION PROGRAM BOOK: A - Ahlquist, Folke A., 537/AAA A CO - by widow, Walburga G. Ahlquist; All 90th deceased - by Maurice E. Mace; All 315th Engineers - by Alan D. Twisselman; Arviello, Sgt. Walter J., 357/B 3Bn - by Anonymous; B - Baker, Roy, 537/AAA B CO - by friend, Gilbert Unger; Begole, Irene, 358/M HON - by widower, Clarence Begole & friends, Clarence W. Astleford; Augie Ciriello; Annas K. Davis & Clifford A. Dyke; Boyd, Terrell, 359/AT - by son, R. Craig Boyd; Bragg, Eldridge, 358/L - by son, David Bragg; Bremer, Pvt. Ludolf, 359/L - by son, Paul C. Bremer; Bulger, M.D., Richard H. ["Doc"], 358/Med Det - by daughter, Jane C. Bulger; C - Cancellieri, Joseph, 537/AAA - by widow, Arline D. Cancellieri; Chandler, Arthur, 345/FA Bn A CO - by friend, James R. Dennis; Clemens, Frank R., 357/E 2Bn - by daughter, Patti L. Clemens Peterson; Conn, Charles, 344/HQ - by son, Joseph M. Conn; Crenshaw, Marianne, 345/HON - by widower, the now late COL [R] Leon Crenshaw; D - Davis, Clarence, 358/M - by widow, Annas K. Davis & friend, Augie Ciriello; DeLuca, Angelo, 358/A - by Norm Richards; Dishman, Haskell E., 90/Signal WW1 - by Henry P. O'Neal; Dziga, Joseph, 773?TD Bn - by widow, Frances Dziga; E - Engle, Joe, 358/M - by friends, Clarence Begole & COL [R] O. Findley Brewster; Jane C. Bulger; & Janice Rovenhagen; F - Fales, COL Clarke K., CO, 359/? - by buddy, Ross J. Novelli; Fannin, Joseph K., 357/L - by niece, Cynthia C. Soller; Fitchette, Jack, 790/ORD - by friend, Gilbert Unger; Flowers, Jim, 712/TK Bn - by friend, MG [R] David R. Bockel; G - Gedaro, Rocco ["Rocky"], 357/C 1Bn - by friend, Daniel A. Sheridan; Gingerich, Clyde A., 357 3Bn - by son-in-law, Weldon Mersiovsky; H - Haley, T/Sgt. William Bryan, 357/B 3Bn - by Anonymous; Hall, John David, 359/K - by sister, Winifred Hall Harden; Halvorson, Gerald L., 315/Eng - by widow, Betty M. Halvorson; Hamilton, COL Edward S., 357/HQ - by daughter, Diana Hamilton Cowell & friend, MG [R] David R. Bockel; Hill, Harold, 358/F - by Norm Richards; Holly, Mike, 358/K 3Bn - by fox hole buddy, Robert M. Levine; Horvat, SSGT ?, 358/M - by Augie Ciriello; Hughes, Rod, 358/F 2Bn - by widow, Dee Hughes; K - Katschman, Forrest L., 358/F - by granddaughter, Amy Michelle Katschman; Koester, Andrew G., 359/HQ 3Bn - by widow, Lucille Koester; Kominowski, Frank A., 358/A, KIA 10 June, 44 - by nephew, Richard S. Runsky; Kueker, Arthur F., 357/I - by sister, Esther K. Wise; Kuhn, Tech 4 Leopold, 357/? - by COL [R] Tom E. Cleckler; L - Lamont, Dane W., 345/FA Bn - by widow, Betty M. Lamont; Larsen, Paul E., 359/C - by daughter, Helen M. Larsen Birchall; Lehtenin, Sgt. Wendell, 357/B 3Bn - by Anonymous; Long, George, 357/HQ 1Bn - by daughter, Mary Long Staszewski; Lovett, Claude, 357/G - by friends, COL [R] O. Findley Brewster & COL [R] Arthur C. Meier, II; M - Marten, Pfc Raymond J., 359/L - by daughter, Kristen & husband, Michael Faller; Martin, Grant A., 358/A - by widow, Noda Martin; Mayteko, Capt. John, 358/M - by buddy, Clarence Begole; McCall, Hobby H., 359 2Bn - by son, Hobby H. McCall, Jr.; McCharen, Edward Lake, 359/L 3Bn - by niece, Dot McCharen Weathersby; McDonald, 1Lt. Joseph, 343/FA Bn - by niece, Helen Sue Thomas; McKnight, T/Sgt Lee R., 359/I - by niece, Barbara D. Wells-Kime; McNamara, Robert P., 358/L, KIA 07/07/44 - by buddy, William [Bill] Rhodes; Meier, COL Art & Gertrude, 343/FA Bn - by friend, COL [R] O. Findley Brewster; Meyer, Peter D., 357/AT - by son, Charles H. Meyer; Miller, Laverne W., 358/HQ - by nephew, David W. Miller; Mohanna, William J., 358/G - by widow, Shirley Mohanna; Q - Oldani, PFC Charles T., 358/G 2Bn - by nephew, David L. Oldani; Overholser, Spencer, 790/ORD - by friend, Gilbert Unger; P - Paepke, Carl A., 359/H - by son-in-law, Steven P. Poulsen; Papp, John, 358/F - by widow, Phyllis Papp; Patrick, Dwight Patrick, 358/M [Leader, 2nd Plt.] - by friend, Clarence Begole; Poole, Sr., Reginald M., 359/M - by widow, Bette G. Poole; R - Reisner, Thomas Fred, 315/B Med Bn - by son, Ralph F. Reisner; Richter, James D., 357 & 915/FA Bn - by son, Robert W. Richter; Robins, Earl D., 343/FA Bn - by widow, Della C. Robins; Roper, Robert, 358/E - by foxhole buddy, Vernon N. Schmidt; Rovenhagen, Glen, 358/M - by widow, Janice Rovenhagen; Rudder, MG Earl, ARCOM - by friend, Dionel E. Aviles; Russell, Lt. Hap, 357/K 3Bn Plt Leader - by buddy, Murray Lifschultz; S - Salos, Samuel, 358/G - by nephew, Michael D. Sharp; Schwartz, PFC Theodore, 357/A - by son, Peter Schwartz; Shepherd, Carl, 790/ORD - by friend, Gilbert Unger; Sherfy, Kay, 90th/HQ - by son, Dennis K. Sherfy & friend, A. Denton Matteson; Silbert, William C., 358/A - by widow, Elsa D. Silbert; Singer, Wilbur A., 359/AT - by widow, Margaret L. Singer; Smith, Capt. Charles B. ["Smitty"], CO, 357/E - by comrade, Donald C. Chumley; Soderbeck, Ted, 358/M - by Augie P. Ciriello [son, the late August Ciriello]; Speese, Andrew J., III, 357/K 3Bn - by son, Andrew J. Speese, IV; Staruk, Walter, 344/HQ - by friend, Clem C. McGregor; Stenger, Sylvester [Wes], 357/HQ - by widow, Viola L. Stenger; Steinhauer, John, 357/K 3Bn, KIA 07/10/44 - by buddy, Jack L. Evans; T - Turner, Lavern T. "Doc", 358/M - by Augie P. Ciriello [son, of the late August Ciriello]; W - Waugaman, Peter, 358/B - by sister, Ila J. Colletta; Wigton, Irving, 358/E - by foxhole buddy, Vernon N. Schmidt; Winterbottom, Harry V., 359/C - by nephew, Richard A. Mathews; Y - Yuhasz, Julius, 343/FA Bn - by COL [R] Arthur C. Meier, II; Williams, Harry, 358/A - by Norm Richards

# IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE!!

REMINDER!! Beginning July 1, 2013, annual domestic dues are now \$30 - International dues are \$40 PLEASE!!! - Look at your mailing label - it will tell you one of 2 things: 1. DUES PAID '13 - '14 ...OR ... 2. DUES NOT PAID '13 - '14 - If they are NOT paid, 5 you need to send your check TODAY! Thank you!



**GROUP 2 - MEMORIALS THAT CAME IN AFTER THE 2012 REUNION:** **A - Ansardi**, Wallace P., 357/Med Det - by daughter, Wanda A. Alcon; **All 90th deceased vets** - by Cletus C. Swihart; **All deceased 773/TD BN** - by Ward Johnson; **B - Bacich**, John, 358/A - by friend, Rosanne Bliss; **Bernardo**, Stanley E., 358/E 2Bn - by buddy, Vernon N. Schmidt; **Byers**, Kenneth W., 358 - by widow, Eleanor L. Byers; **C - Cancellieri**, Joseph T., 537/AAA - by widow, Arline Cancellieri; **Carroll**, Phil, 358/K 3Bn - by John W. Johnson; **Cook**, , 790 ORD - by Betty M. Peterson; **Culver**, Clifford R., 358/E - by daughter, Jill Marie Peak; **D - DeLuca**, Angelo J., 358/E 2Bn - by brother, Frank T. DeLuca **E - Ebarb**, Henry Lee., 359/A - by son, Dr. Henry A. Ebarb; **Engle**, Joe, 358/M - by friend and buddy, Charlie A. Hollenbeck; **F - Fitzgerald**, Roy, 359/F - by comrade, Harry L. Montfort; **Francis**, Avison Wendell, 357/HQ 3Bn - by daughter, Mary C. Francis; **G - Gassman**, Capt. William C., 90/RECON, KIA 21 Feb., 1945 - by son, William C. Gassman, Jr.; **Geyer**, Roland, 357 & 359 - by daughter, Pam Geyer; **H - Hamilton**, LTC Edward S., 357/HQ - by nephew, Britt T. Collins; **Harrington**, Ralph, 315/C Eng. - by friend, Linda Saveraid; **Henry**, William John, 358/K - by son, William John Henry, III; **Hjelmstad**, Harry, 347/A - by friend, Rosanne Bliss; **K - Kasson**, Arthur T., 357/G - by son, Arthur T. Kasson, Jr.; **Kelley**, William J., 90/Signal - by daughter, Kandice L. Kelley; **Kalwasinski**, SGT Frank, 359/E - by son, COL [R] Stanley F. (Kalwasinski) Uchman; **Katschman**, Forrest L., 358/F - by son, Michael D. Katschman & granddaughter, Amy M. Katschman; **Kelley**, William J., 90 Signal - by daughter, Kandice L. Kelley; **Kiffe**, James, 357 - by friend, Kirk E. Donskey; **Kocour**, Max G., 357/HQ - by daughter, Michele Kocour; **L - Lamun**, David, 357/I eBn - by buddy, Aldo A. Freda; **Larsen**, Paul E., 359/C - by in-laws, COL [R] Susan Junker & son, COL [R] Dennis R. Birchall; **Lockett**, William L. [Bill], 790/ORD - by widow, Loris Clifford; **M - Martin**, Alden D., 359/L 3Bn - by son, Ronald E. Martin; **O - Overholser**, Joe, 790 ORD - by friends, Loris Clifford & Betty M. Peterson; **P - Pace**, Glen & Berdell, 359/HQ 3Bn - by son, Terry M. Pace; **Paepke**, Carl, 359/H - by son-in-law, Steven P. Poulsen; **Pappas**, George C., 359/G - by nephew, George S. Pappas; **Pemberton**, Howard J., 358/M 3Bn - by nephew, Jerry D. Wiley; **Phillips**, Milton, 357/B - by widow, Gladys Phillips McCarty; **R - Reed**, John, 359/HQ - by widow, Esther Beam Reed; **Reisner**, Thomas F., 315/Med - by son, Ralph F. Reisner; **Richter**, Capt. James D., 915/FA Bn - by son, Donald D. Richter; **Robertson**, William J., 359th - by son, Dennis J. Robertson; **Rudder**, MG Earl, ARCOM - by friend, Dionel E. Aviles; **Rutherford**, Joseph T., 357/G - by widow, Gerry Rutherford; **S - Singer**, Wilburn, 359/AT - by widow, Margaret L. Singer; **Strus**, Harry A., 358/B - by widow, Helen M. Strus Leroux; **W - Welshans**, Henry H., 359 - by friend, A. Norbert Verzosa; **Whitley**, John Marshall, Unit ? - by son, Rolf M. Whitley

## New Members Added to 90th Roster!

**Andrews**, Darryl G., son, Leslie M. Andrews, 383/3742 - LA  
**Blaskovich**, Michael T., nephew, Michael J. Duncan, 358 - NJ  
**Braquet**, Dana G., ARCOM, RSC, RRC, RRG - TX  
**Diana**, Ronald F., RRC - WA  
**Donskey**, Kirk E., friend, the late James Kiffe - WI  
**Flores**, Juan Carlos, 90 Sustainment Brigade - TX  
**Geyer**, Pam, daughter, Roland Geyer, 357 / 359 - TX  
**Grabasky**, Eric, grand-nephew, Robert McNamara, 358/L - SD  
**Hanson**, Christina, granddaughter, Stan Spillar, 357/Med Det - IL  
**Holcomb**, Marvin A., son, PFC Marshall A. Holcomb - CA  
**Katschman**, Amy M., granddaughter, Forrest L. Katschman, 358/F - KS  
**Keith**, Anna, sister, Peter Waugaman, 358/B - NC  
**Kelley**, Kandice L., daughter, William J. Kelley, 90 Signal - AZ  
**Kennedy**, Craig A., son, Clyde B. Kennedy, 915/FA Bn - CO  
**Klett**, Jennifer Rude, granddaughter, Pvt. Geroge "Judge" R. Knott, 360/G, WW 1  
**LaCasse**, Rose Conde, daughter, Percy L. Conde, Unit ?  
**Majors**, Donna K., ARCOM - TX  
**McAneer**, Jr., Major [R] Jerald L., ARCOM, RSC, RRC - AR  
**McCoury**, Berlee A., daughter, Leopold Kuhn, Unit ? - TX  
**Myers**, Deanna Cochran, daughter, Obum M. Cochran, Unit ? - OK  
**Penn**, Corey DeAndre, 90th SB Color Guard - TX  
**Poulsen**, Dennis, 359/H - MI  
**Pummill**, David L., ARCOM - TX  
**Richardson**, Sherry L., daughter, Roland C. Geyer, 358/A - TX

**Roelker**, Heather M. - RRC, SB - AR  
**Rondeau**, Tristan, French Friend of 90th - FRANCE  
**Sage**, Sue A., daughter, George E. Greiner, Unit ? - IL  
**Smith**, Judy, daughter, Rexton R. Smith, 359/H - MI  
**Stanford**, Toni Faulk, daughter, William Leonard Faulk, 357/AT - TX  
**Talbott**, Charles Clifford, son, Clifford Talbott, 345/ FA Bn - TX  
**Tokarski**, Thomas, son-in-law, Julius Yuhasz, 343/FA Bn - TX  
**Uchman**, COL [R] Stanley [Kalwasinski], son, Sgt. Frank Kalwasinski, 359/G - TX  
**Watkins**, Connie Talbott, daughter, Clifford Talbott, 345/FA Bn - TX  
**Willingham**, D. Scott, friend, Bill Sisk, 915/FA Bn - TX

**Ed.:** There was not room on page 7 for this picture, so it is shown here. This was taken Nov. 11, 2012 in France. Pascal wrote on the back, "Thank You So Much For This Award". It was a surprise to him. Thank you for sending the picture!



**Pascal Moretti, V.P., "Moselle River 44 Association", holds his Denby Steel Award given by the 90th Division Assoc. at the 2012 Reunion in Fort Worth**



From **Jean Pascal Speck**, President, Moselle River 44 Association, **Pascal Moretti**, VP, Moselle River Association & **Irma Madis**, member, Moselle River Association & friend of the 90th: Official photos of the ceremonies with **Gil Unger** [537/AAA] with the re-enactors, in the Terville



Gil Unger

*L'hymne américain a été interprété dans la solennité par la jeune chanteuse Annaïck Kratzer, interprète dans la comédie musicale Locksley, la légende de Robin des Bois.*

City Hall [near Thionville], Sunday Nov. 11, 2012, celebrating both time & day the Armistice WW I & the Liberation of Terville by the 90th. Gil made a special trip to France for these commemorations and was treated royally at the various ceremonies, wreath-layings, & receptions. A trip to remember!

Pascal Moretti



*La Marseillaise a par ailleurs été entonnée par la chorale Saint-Charles accompagnée des enfants de l'école du Moulin.*



Gil Unger

*L'association Moselle River 1944 a soufflé l'idée : le Club de l'Est du véhicule militaire à V réalisé la réplique du half track, baptisé BabyBuggy (landau en anglais), aux commandes de l'Américain Gilbert Unger a débarqué à Terville. Photos Dominique STE*



Pascal Moretti



Gil Unger





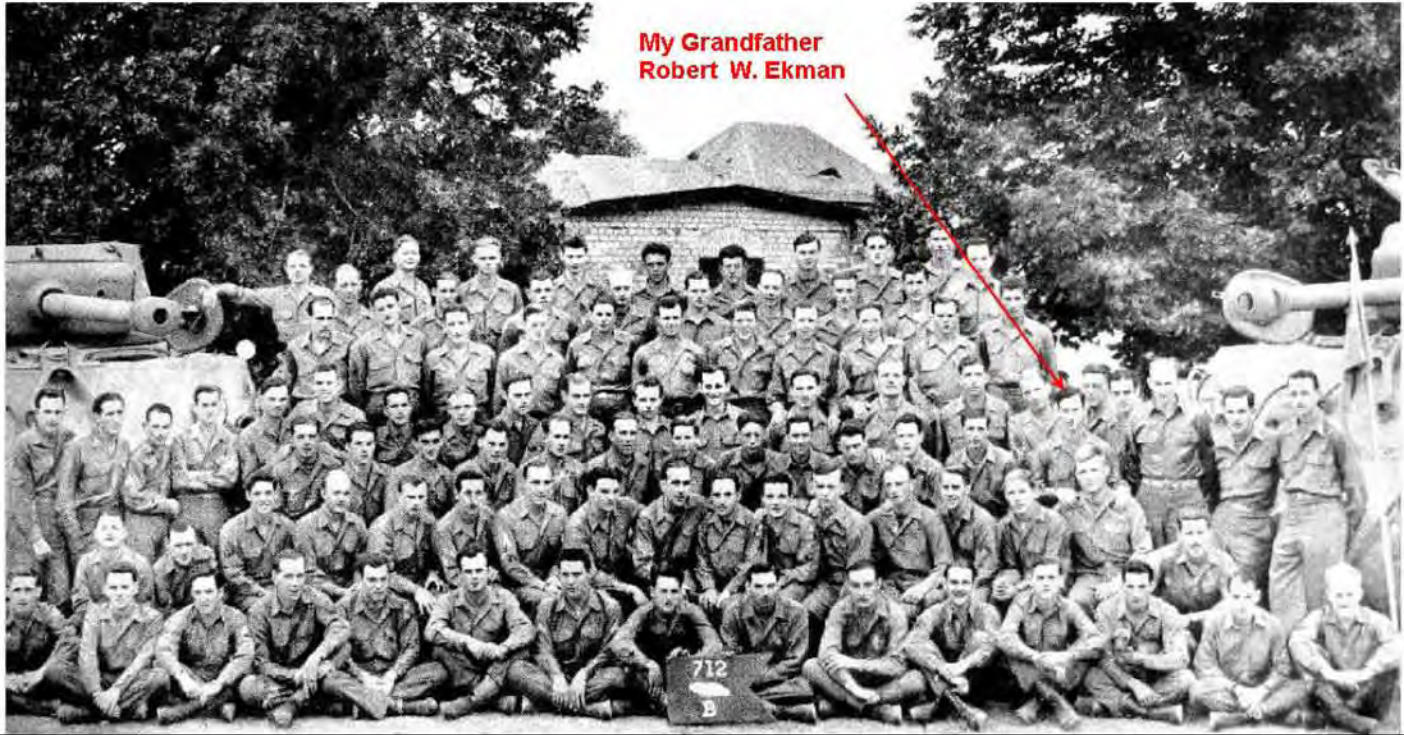
**Information Wanted!**



**Information Wanted!**



**Miskovich, Joe - Triton Stormwater Solutions - cell: 248-330-2269; Office: 810-222-7652 - 1/19/12 - "I'm trying to get any information about my grandfather, Robert W. Ekman who served in the 90th Div with the 712 TK Bn in Company B. If anyone can provide any information about the movements/action about Company B that my grandfather took part in, I would greatly appreciate it." [Ed.: Joe also contacted Aaron Elson. Help, anyone???]**



**My Grandfather  
Robert W. Ekman**

**Corbo, Major [R] Philip - 611 Orchard Street - Martinsville, VA 24112 - 540-383-8530 - Pcorbo172@hotmail.com - September 11, 2012** "I am looking for information regarding my uncle, George F. Ryan. He served with the Tough 'Ombres during World War II. I believe that he was a 1SGT with the 359th Inf. Regiment and made the landing on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. He was wounded at least twice during his tour with the 90th and served with the division for the duration of the war. George went on to serve in the Army until 1953 when he retired as a WOJG [Warrant Officer Junior Grade]. He often talked about General VanFleet which leads me to believe that his unit was at one time assigned to the 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division. George passed away in 1987 when I was stationed in Korea, and I have lost touch with the rest of the family. As with most veterans, George down-played the role he had in combat and would tell stories of how he got busted in rank, or of some prank that he pulled off. As a retired Army Officer and combat veteran, I know that his 24 years of service amounted to more than just a footnote. I am very familiar with the exploits of the 90th Division in WW II. I know that they had a rocky start in Europe, but evolved into a First Class organization and one of the best infantry divisions in General Patton's 3rd Army. Any information that you can provide will be very helpful. Sincerely, Philip Corbo, Major, U.S. Army Retired"

**Waters, John Dewitt, 358/H 3Bn - 3331 Sulpher Springs Rd., NE - Hickory, NC 28601 - 828-256-2902** - "First of all, I want to thank you for publishing my letter and pictures in the 90th Division Newsletter Spring, 2012. [Pg. 12 "Soldier's Story 1] That made my day - to open up the newsletter and see my article and pictures! I was in the 90th Division, 358 Inf. Regt., 3rd Bn, Co H. Do you [or any readers] have any addresses or phone numbers of any remaining soldiers that would have served with me? I would love to be able to contact them since I am unable to attend any reunions. Sincerely, John Dewitt Waters" [Ed.: Readers? Can anyone help John with information? Please contact him!]

## **The 2013 95th Annual Reunion is almost here!**

**If you are planning to attend,  
have you made your hotel reservations?**

**Use the enclosed Registration Form  
to register for Reunion Events**

**8 Hotel Reservation # for rooms is on the form**





# TOUGH 'OMBRES TALES

News from veterans of the 90th Division



Ed.: This section contains letters received from veterans only. "Family Album" has letters from family members.

**THE TOUGH 'OMBRES COMBAT TEAM**  
 UTAH BEACH TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

357TH INF REGT	343RD FA BN	315TH ENGR BN	90TH QM CO
358TH INF REGT	344TH FA BN	607TH TD BN	790TH ORD CO
359TH INF REGT	915TH FA BN	315TH MED BN	DIV BAND
712TH TK BN	345TH FA BN	90TH SIG CO	90TH MP FLT
773RD TD BN	537TH AABN	90TH RCN TP	HQS & HQS COS

IN 5 CAMPAIGNS AND 318 DAYS OF BATTLE, MARKED BY GREAT COST OF PRECIOUS LIVES AND EXTRAORDINARY VALOR, THE TOUGH 'OMBRES ACCOMPLISHED EVERY MISSION. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH AMERICAN, FRENCH AND OTHER ALLIED UNITS, THEY LIBERATED EUROPE AND MADE A BETTER WORLD.

**90th SIGNAL**

**John A. Bacich**  
 Sunday, November 25, 2012



Ed.: Several years ago, John sent new silver dollars to the Association to be given to anyone who donated \$100 or more to the 500 Club.

born in Duluth, MN to George and Victoria Bacich. He was the youngest of five children. John spent his childhood in Oliver, WI, until the family moved to St. Paul. There he graduated from Cretin High School in 1937 and attended St. Thomas College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in several states prior to the outbreak of WWII. He fought in Europe during the war, being promoted to lieutenant. After the war he continued in the army reserves for over 20 years, retiring with the rank of Major.

In 1965 he married Barbara Madsen who helped him raise five children from a previous marriage. They wintered in Anna Maria, FL, where they eventually made their permanent home. John owned a number of businesses in Minneapolis including real estate investments. He belonged to the Minneapolis Business Forum, Shriners, VFW, and American Legion. In Florida he was an active booster of Anna Maria Island, supporting many public interests. He was a founding member of the Pier Regulars, and the Key Royale Golf Club, The Minnesota Club and others. He attended St. Bernards Church in FL and was a faithful member of Annunciation for 65 years.

John died at his home on Harriet Ave at the age of 93 years, 7 months, and 9 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and children, Roxanne and George. He is survived by Barbara, his loving wife of 47 years and family. He will be long remembered by many good friends for his kind heart, generous nature and loyal friendship.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at Church of Annunciation, 509 West 54th St, Minneapolis. Visitation will be for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be at Lakewood Cemetery, 3500 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis.

**315/ENG**

**Ralph E. Harrington, Sr., C CO** - The Port Arthur News - GROVES: Ralph E. Harrington, Sr. 90, of Groves, TX passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Medical Center of Southeast Texas. Ralph was born November 24, 1921 in Jasper County, TX to James E. Harrington and Cora Stevenson Harrington. He was a resident of Groves for 71 years and retired from the Chemical Department of Texaco after 39 years of service. He was a member of First Christian Church of Port Arthur and Groves Masonic Lodge #1315. He was also a U.S. Army World War II veteran. Ralph was an avid woodworker and enjoyed making banjos, guitars, fiddles and grandfather clocks. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie Belle Harrington; son-in-law, Dale Riu; and granddaughter-in-law, Emily Jacobson Riu. Survivors include 1 son; 2 daughters; 1 sister; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



**343/FA Bn**

**Schneider, Leslie, WA** - 7/21/12 "Hello Jim, I am sorry to be so late with my dues for this year, and I will try to be on time in the future. Grace and I are nearing the age of 90 and do at times forget to answer our mail on time. I have enclosed my dues for 2012-2013. Respectfully, Les" [Ed.: Les was a regular attendee at reunions for MANY years. Les, I still miss seeing you!]

**JULIUS 'DUKE' YUHASZ**

SEGUIN, TEXAS – Julius "Duke" Yuhasz, 95, formerly of Hubbard, died Saturday evening, Feb. 25, 2012, at his home.

He was born March 12, 1916, in Youngstown, a son of Frank and Betty Timar Yuhasz and lived most of his life in the area.

During the great depression of the 1930s, Julius attended Scienceville High School and left in his Junior year to serve two years in the Civilian Conservation Corps. During World War II, he served four years with the U.S. Army, 90th Infantry Division, participating in the Invasion of France. The division landed on Utah Beach, D-Day, and saw action in all five campaigns. He received five awards including, the Bronze Invasion Arrow Head. Julius also saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, under General Patton's Third Army and attained the rank of Sergeant.

Julius was a production planner for Truscon Steel Company in Youngstown for 40 years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of St. Patrick Church and graduated from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. Julius was the first safety director of the City of Hubbard, under the late Mayor, Al "Barney" Sauline.

His wife, the former Mary Toda, whom he married Sept. 30, 1950, died July 28, 1987.

He leaves two sons, Ronald (Jenny) Yuhasz of Georgia and Michael Yuhasz of Hubbard; a daughter, Sandra Lynn Allinos Tokarski of Seguin, with whom he made his home; a brother, Frank (Betty) Yuhasz of Struthers; a sister, Dolly (Anthony "Frenchy") DeSantis of Hubbard; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters, Julia Simon, Andy Yuhasz, Mary Yuhasz, Florence Lupe Neri, Theodore Lupe, Betty Lupe, Nicholas Lupe, George Lupe and Thomas Lupe.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

Family and friends may call on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kelley -Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

9 Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery.



## 344/fa Bn

**Clark, Ray, UT - 4/16/12** - "Hello Jim & Rhoda, Seems like I am ALWAYS late with paying my dues, but I am sending this check. You use it where it is best needed. I am going back to Normandy on May 2nd [2012] on a tour. The last time I was there was in June, 1985. My health is not the best, but I hope that I make it over and back. I am now 87 years old. Thanks to you, Jim and Rhoda" [Ed.: A reminder to readers about why so many of these notes were written a year ago - we did not publish ANY correspondence in the Fall, 2012 newsletter due to lack of enough members paying dues.]

**Sent by Randolph Martz, Past President, National 4th Infantry [IVY] Division Association Northwest Chapter - MILTON EUGENE LIND**

### Milton Eugene Lind

Milton Eugene Lind passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the age of 88, due to complications of multiple myeloma. He was born Oct. 19, 1923, in Teakean, Idaho, to Paul and E. Grace (Raby) Lind.



As a young boy, he moved with his family to Kendrick, where he attended school, survived typhoid fever, learned the ethics of working hard and the joys of small town living. Upon high school graduation, he signed up to serve in World War II. Milton served in the U.S. Army 344th Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Division. He was with the Headquarters Battery, drove truck on to Utah Beach, Normandy, France, and laid communication lines. Upon his return home from the war he began work as a mechanic for Zimmerly Air Transport in Clarkston. He then worked at Hillcrest Aircraft and enjoyed many years at Gustin Aviation in Lewiston.

Milton married Joyce Megenity July 20, 1963, and adopted her children, Cindy and Greg. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He did not consider himself a learned man yet all who knew him believe differently. He didn't speak with many words so when he did, it was a good idea to listen. Milton (Milt or Uncle Milt) to his friends was a skilled mechanic and craftsman. He could fix any motor, be it steam, diesel, gas or electric. Pilots from far away would bring their planes to him for repair. His frugal way brought creative solutions to many mechanical problems. He kept automobiles running long after others had given up hope. He brought new life to old steam tractors and engines. If it was intended to run, he could envision how and kept it going. Woodworking was another hobby he enjoyed and he was a skilled whittler. On a dare, he succeeded in building one scale paper model airplane per day in 2010.

Milt was a trustee at the Orchards Methodist Church, served for many years as a member of the Lewiston

Orchards Irrigation District board, was proud to be a Kendrick Pioneer and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Baker-Lind Post 3913 in Kendrick. Upon his retirement, he enjoyed his coffee time with friends around town. He liked to retell the jokes and stories his friends and he shared along with a shake of the head for political drama. He and his son enjoyed time together as members of the Experimental Aircraft Association here in Lewiston. Milt was proud to have had the opportunity to visit our nation's war memorials in Washington, D.C., through the Honor Flight program for World War II veterans.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Leon and wife Ruby; and brother, Wayne, whom the family lost to combat during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his daughter, Cindy Ulmen and her husband John of Lewiston; their children, Jeff with wife Jennifer and their children, Nathan, Nicholas and Jessica, of Boise; Jason with wife Cherie and son Jacob of Meridian, Idaho; Michael of Bellevue, Wash.; and Marcia of Moscow; his son, Greg Lind of Lewiston, and his children Ben with wife Stephanie and daughter Belia of Junction City, Kan.; Sara Kennely with husband Roger and daughter Lizzy, of Navarre, Fla.; his brother Robert (Bob) and his wife Daisy of Springfield, Ore.; sister-in-law Ella Mae James of Cornelius, Ore.; several nieces, nephews and their families.

All who knew Milt respected him. Most loved him. Please join us in remembering him at his graveside service at 11 a.m., April 28 in the Veteran's Honor section of Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens in Lewiston. Dinner will follow at the Orchard's United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Scholarship Program or the Orchards United Methodist Church.

## 344FA Bn [Con't.]

**Mastromonaco, Domenick, NY** - "Dear Rhoda, I would like a small favor from you. Picture #4 shows one soldier supporting another, who was shot in the jaw, being escorted out of battle area. I had my camera on hand and quickly took this picture, even though my camera was set for distance. Many years later, we met a friend on a D-Day Anniversary Tour. I showed the pictures to this buddy, and he told me that the man was a doctor. He gave me his address, and I sent him these pictures. I received a very nice reply from him. He was so thankful for the pictures. I asked him if we could meet at one of our reunions. He said his wife was handicapped, and he could not leave her alone. My problem is that, in cleaning up, I must have thrown his name and address away. I just want his name so that I could give these pictures their name. Thank you. Did Eddie Sedillo come to the reunion? I think I remember him, but not sure. I remember him being a nice guy. Thanks again! Dom Mastromonaco" [Ed.: We answered Dom's letter and think the doctor may have been Bill McConahey, who passed away several years ago. If a reader has different information, please contact the Reids.]



#1

Lt. Cross started to walk - told me to follow.

A tank hit a mine - was told enemy has crack fighters.



#3

Enemy on the run after we sent 10 guns of artillery fire



#2

Enemy machine gun setting grass on fire.



#4

Soldier shot in the jaw - Being escorted out - would like positive I.D. on who the escort Dr. is



#5

Enemy on the run abandoning many armaments

**It's time to pay your 2013-2014 Dues!**  
**Remember, DUES are now \$30!**  
**Send your check today if NOT already paid!**



357th

**Chumley, Donald C., E CO - VA** - 5/22/12 "Dear Jim & Rhoda, Thanks for keeping me on your mailing list. I appreciate your dedication to the 90th. I read your last newsletter cover to cover. Enclosed is a small check as a memorial to Capt. Charles B. Smith [Smitty] and the past comrades of Co E, 357th. Just a little about Smitty - no mention was made in his obituary that he also served as CO of Co E 357th. He served as my CO in E Co from sometime in March [I know he was with us when we crossed the Rhine March 23 and was with us on VE Day when we were in Czech]. Several days after VE Day, Smitty, myself, and several others were in a jeep accident. We were traveling in a 16 jeep convoy, the 4th from the front and overturned down an embankment. Smitty had broken ribs and a concussion. I had a broken left leg [femur]. The driver, Alec Fazekas, was not injured. Benjamin Luithle, who was Smitty's runner, had a concussion. All survived. Just a tidbit of my memories. Sorry I will not be able to attend the 2012 Reunion. My thoughts & memories are with the 90th very often. Thanks again for your hard work. A comrade, D. Carl Chumley" [Ed.: Thanks for the story - memories!]

**Espinosa, Miguel, A CO 1Bn - CO** - 7/11/12 - "Dear James, Sorry that I will not be with you all during your coming meeting in Dallas [2012], but I just cannot make it at this time. However, I notice that I haven't paid my dues, thus this note that besides saying hello and offering my good wishes, I am enclosing a check for the dues and a bit more. I hope you all have a great meeting, and I will appreciate your giving my greeting to General Sholar and his wife, Linda. Many things have happened, such as my moving to Denver, CO and living with the widow of a college friend of mine from 1940, when I attended the University of Colorado. I will also mention that I was honored by the French Government with a ceremony at the West Point Military Academy on May 8, 2012, when they presented me with the French Medal of Honor, grade Chevalier. It was a great ceremony for 35 veterans, and best of all we got to mix with some of the cadets, including the granddaughter of Bill Mauldin, the great cartoonist of WW II. Hope you and your lovely wife, Rhoda, are well and happy. Sincerely, Miguel Espinosa"

**Gedaro, Rocco [Rocky], C CO - ME** - 6/5/12 - note from Dan Sheridan: "I am very sorry to relate the sad news that Rocky Gedaro passed away September 21, 2011. I am enclosing the obituary from the Portland Press Herald and some of the stories that Rocky wrote about the 90th Division. Rocky often sent me emails that brightened my day with words of inspiration, wisdom, patriotism, and humor. He will be dearly missed. Best Regards, Dan Sheridan"

Rocco N. Gedaro, 87



SOUTH PORTLAND - "Decorated World War II hero, Staff Sergeant, Rocco N. Gedaro, 87, of Boothby Avenue, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011 at Maine Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Rocky was born in Portland on Feb. 9, 1924, the son of Antonio and Marie Intrieri Gedaro. He attended local schools and graduated from Portland High School. After high school, Rocky entered the United States Army on Nov. 1, 1943, at Camp Croft, SC. In April of 1944, he arrived in Plymouth, England to train for the Normandy Invasion. On June 8, 1944, he landed in Normandy, France, two days [continued]

after the Normandy Invasion. He was one of the first replacements for the 90th Infantry Division C 357 Regiment. Rocky fought every battle from June 8, 1944 to Jan. 13, 1945 until a severe case of frostbite caused him to be hospitalized in England for three months, after which he was assigned to a non-combat engineering outfit in Southern France. When the war ended in Europe in September, 1945, Rocky was on a ship headed back to the United States. He fought in battle campaigns that included Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Battle of the Bulge. For his brave service, he was awarded the military's Bronze Star Medal, fourth highest honor for bravery, heroism or meritorious service in defense of his nation. After returning from his combat action, Rocky met and married Betty Jane Irvine. He went to work for the United States Post Office, retiring after more than thirty years of employment. He had a side business, Rocks T.V. Repair, that he ran for many years. Rocky's children often commented that he could fix anything. Rocco and Betty Jane enjoyed spending time at the family cottage on Little Sebago Lake, which included a huge stone fireplace made of rocks that he and his children gathered in the family station wagon.... Rocky was a member of the South Portland VFW Post #832; the Harold T. Andrews American Legion Post No. 17 of Portland; Portland Elks Lodge, and the Italian Heritage Center in Portland." [Ed.: There were 4 additional paragraphs that are not included here. Thanks to Dan Sheridan for sending the information.]

**Hjelmstad, Harry L., A CO - Obituary -**

*In loving memory of...*

Harry L. Hjelmstad, 93, passed away on Friday morning, January 11th at Sanford Medical Center in Mayville, ND.

Harry Leslie Hjelmstad was born October 29, 1919 in Holmes, ND, the son of Iver and Sophie Hjelmstad. He attended school at Union 101 and was a life-long member of Stjordalen Lutheran Church until its closure. Harry was a Sergeant in the US Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star during his military service.



He married Delores Forseth on August 13, 1947. They farmed in the Reynolds area and lived on the farm until 2001 when they moved to Mayville, ND. Harry served as a director of Nodak Rural Electric for 27 years as well as serving on the State Rural Electric Board during a portion of that time. He served as Clerk for Union Township for 45 years. He also was very involved in many other organizations including: President of Stjordalen Lutheran Church; Commander of DAV in Grand Forks, ND; President of Grand Forks County Farmers Union and a 50 year member of the Legion Club in Hatton, ND and the VFW in Mayville, ND.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Iver and Sophie and his sisters Sarah Hjelmstad and Harriet Clementson; great granddaughter Whitney Sand.

He is survived by his wife Delores and three children: Nancy (Don) Krogstad, Grand Forks, ND; Lyle (Carol) Hjelmstad, Reynolds, ND and Cathy (Greg) Birkholz, Howard Lake, MN; six grandchildren: Shelly (Dave) Vollmer; JoDee ( Lance) Nielsen; Amy (Troy) Sand, Jason (Katie) Krogstad; Jennifer (Brad) Heisler and Adam Birkholz; and eight great grandchildren - Tucker and Ashlyn Nielsen; Ethan and Abby Sand; Reed, Sophie and Luke Krogstad; Audrey Heisler; brother Arne (Donna) Hjelmstad, Towner, ND.

*Blessed be the memory of Harry L. Hjelmstad.*

## 2013-2014 Dues Reminder!

Check your mailing label to see if you need to pay for 2013-2014. If NOT paid, you owe \$30, which is the new dues payment. Don't delay-pay today!



357th [con't.]

**Kujanik, Joseph, G CO - IN - 8/21/12** - "Enclosed is my check for the Association's 2012-2013 dues + a little extra. I sympathize with you and your effort in producing this fine magazine, because of my work in safety. I am still promoting the use of safety belts and also helping the Trade Winds Sign Shop Rehabilitation Center, which employs physically challenged people. Not only are we helping to make our roads and highways safer, but we are also helping the physically challenged. This safety sign is based on my remembrance of the honest and dedicated state troopers that I knew as a youngster, plus the strength and influence of cartoons that were drawn by Bill Mauldin during World War II while I was in Germany during WW II. These buckle-up signs are throughout NW Indiana at parking lot exits of churches, schools, cemeteries, and businesses. They are also on roads, highways, Indiana toll roads, show windows of businesses, bank drive-up windows, and even in other states. In the past, these signs were black on white with various words, but now I standardized with "Be safe, Buckle Up". Now the bottom half background is yellow, which makes it more visible. I am also involved in making Hummingbird feeders from recycled pill containers & the side dish containers from Kentucky Fried chicken. The Hummingbirds use them. I submit this material to you for your information & convenience. These are my retirement projects! Thanks again for a very fine magazine. Sincerely, Joe Kujanik" [Ed.: We have printed Joe's signs a few times in past newsletters. He is a busy man! We loved the drawings for making Hummingbird feeders. I would like to get Jim to make some for me!"]



**McGriff, E. Carver, M CO - IN - 6/26/12** - "We [Marianne & I] recently spent several days with Norm & Linda Richards, Milt Staley, and Henri Levaufre, in Normandy, taking part in several memorial events, including one which took place in a steady, cold rain at Utah Beach, where Milt & I shared the placing of a wreath on the 90th Memorial. The ceremony was excellent despite the weather. The next day we proceeded to Mayenne for a memorial service, then to Ste. Suzanne, plus another village [the name of which Marianne would have to supply]. The daughter of the man killed at the crossroads in Ste. Suzanne was there and her story is a wonderful one, best told by Norm. A high point for me was the memorial at Gourbesville, where the monument pays special tribute to the 3rd Battalion, 357th Regt., which liberated the town. It was my first action of the war. You probably know about the young re-enactors, led by Vincent Orierrie. He's a fine young fellow, as are his friends. They are thoroughly devoted to the 90th, & I gave Vincent my original division patch from 1944. Days later, Marianne & I took Vincent and his girl friend to [con't.]

dinner in Paris, and we have become good friends. The group of them wined and dined us all on two successive nights and are responsible for the memorials in several locations. Marianne, who speaks French fluently, asked one of the French officials why the people there seem to love us given the damage we did there so long ago. He replied that whereas we in America have experienced many wars in modern times, the people of France have been in just two major wars, both of which resulted in their land being occupied by the enemy, and both times the Americans came and rescued them. He said, 'why wouldn't we love you?' People need to know that a visit to Normandy will meet with a warm welcome from the people there. Marianne & I will be leading a tour of 46 people through Normandy in August/September [2012], a rerun of a 40 member tour we led in 2011. Best wishes to you both. See you in Texas. Sincerely, E. Carver McGriff"

## **Smith, Charles Byron, Jr. Obituary**



ORONO - Charles Byron Smith Jr., 92, husband of the late Julia A. Smith, died Oct. 4, 2011, at an Orono health care facility. He was born April 30, 1919, in Orono, the only child of Charles Byron Smith and Cora (Buchanan) Smith, who died young. He was lovingly brought up by his stepmother, Beryl Perry Smith, who later adopted him. Charlie attended Orono public schools, graduated from Orono High School in 1936 and the University of Maine in 1941, with a Bachelor of Science in poultry husbandry. He later earned a Master in Education degree in education at Maine, followed by a sixth year and additional graduate studies at the University of Connecticut. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and served four years in ROTC - and OTCS, graduating as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He trained in California, Louisiana, Arizona, and Abilene, Texas, where, as a first lieutenant, he became commander of G Company, 357 Infantry Regiment of the reactivated 90th Division. While in Abilene, Texas, he married Julia Alice Smith, college classmate from Parsonfield. The unit division trained in England and entered France on D & E Day, serving under Gen. George Patton across Europe - two Moselle River Crossings - to Czechoslovakia. Charlie was discharged in 1945 as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve with three Purple Heart awards, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with V for valor, the Division Award Croix de Guerre, plus numerous awards for engagements. He was a life member of OMOR American Legion Post 84 and served for several years in its once nationally recognized honor guard. Charlie taught vocational agriculture for eight years at Hermon High School, where he also taught On The Farm training courses - government program, to local veterans engaged in or returned to farming. He was Hermon's first fire chief & then a volunteer group, Cub Scout Master, school building committee member for the new elementary school, and farmed 200 acres in Hermon. He taught in a three-man Vo-Ag program in New Salem, Mass., before joining a regional vocational agriculture center at Woodrow Wilson High School, Middletown, Conn. He later became director of audiovisual services for the city of Middletown (Conn.) school system until he retired to his hometown of Orono in 1978. He was an active reader for years. In Orono, Charlie carried on part time farming on his father's and grandfather's farm on Main Street. He was active in the Legion, the Methodist church, Orono Public Library, Orono Historical Society, and Page Farm and Home Museum. He belonged to Maine Sons of the American Revolution, Lynde Lodge - later transferred to Orono, and Anah Shrine. Years of camping and summer gatherings at Perk-O-Rock Landing on Pushaw Lake were the strongest bond in Charlie's life and family. Later retirement years had been made more comfortable and pleasant for Charlie and his family by friends and family in the Orono community, and by the loving and caring staff at Dirigo Pines Inn, Orono. Charlie was predeceased by his wife, Alice, in 2009. He is survived by their six children, Dianne Blackmer of Jefferson, Iowa, Peter Smith and his wife, Kathy, of East Hampton, Conn., Leigh Smith and his wife, Gretchen, of Seattle, Dana Smith and his wife, Jan Kristo, of Orono, Louise Smith and Carmen DiBuono of Orrington, and Brian Smith and his wife, Susan, of Bangor; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several cousins. A service of remembrance will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Brookings-Smith, Orono Chapel, 72 Main St., Orono, with Pastor Steven Smith, of Orono United Methodist Church, officiating. Friends may call 1 p.m. until time of the service Saturday. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments immediately after the service at Orono United Methodist Church. Those who wish to remember Charlie in a special way may send gifts to Orono Public Library Foundation, P.O. Box 308, Orono, ME 04473 or Page Farm and Home Museum, care of University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04473-5782. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

## **Trilling, Kenneth G., D CO - Obit sent in by Al & Jean Cohen, 359/M -**

"Enclosed is a clipping from the Albany Times Union newspaper on May 5, 2013. I noticed the gentleman had served in the 90th Division and thought you would be interested. Hope you survived the winter and are feeling well. Jean & I are both OK & looking forward to seeing you at the reunion. Best wishes, Al & Jean Cohen" [Obit on next page - Thank you, Al & Jean!]



357th [con't.]

**Treiling, Kenneth G., D CO - OBIT. -**



**Treiling,  
Kenneth G.**

**SLINGERLANDS** — Kenneth G. Treiling passed away at St. Peter's Hospital on May 2, 2013. Ken was born May 29, 1926 in Queens. He was the son of the late Frank and Helen Treiling and was one of five siblings who all predeceased him: Frank, Jerry, Adelaide and Helen.



Ken was a World War II veteran. He was a sergeant in the 90th Infantry, who fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge. Once the war had ended he returned home and renewed his friendship with Betty Sanborn, who became his sweetheart who he married June 26, 1948. They enjoyed 61 wonderful years together, raising their family and making a life built on love, faith and friendship.

Ken enjoyed spending time at his residences in Wynantskill, Vero Beach, Fla. and Friends Lake.

Ken worked for New York Telephone Company and retired after 38 years of service to enjoy his time with his family. He enjoyed many hobbies including stamp and coin collecting, refinishing furniture and gardening. Ken loved classical music, volunteering for various charitable organizations, the Adirondacks, and traveling with his beloved Betty. He had a sharp wit, and a deep faith.

Ken was predeceased by his wife, Betty, and his son, Ken. He is survived by his children, Kathy Spanner (Jack) of North Carolina, Jeanne Hawkey of Schenectady, Bob Treiling (Colleen) of Glenmont, Mary Treiling of Schenectady and Tom Treiling of Florida. He also is survived by 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who loved him dearly.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, May 6, 2013 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in Schenectady. There will be no calling hours. Interment will be in the Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville immediately following Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ken's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

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**Fowlkes, James A., HQ CO - MO - 5/13/12** "Please find enclosed my check for my dues plus a little extra. There aren't too many of us old Vets left from D-Day. I was a wireman with attacking Com. on front lines every day. I am happy to still be here. I am 90 years old. Wasn't the 90th put in for a Presidential Unit Citation? You have done a great job. Sincerely, James A. Fowlkes #37239066" [Ed.: Yes, you are correct, but it never happened. There were several efforts since 2004 - and probably prior to 2004 - to try & make that happen. All efforts made failed to make that happen, which is a great tragedy for the 90th. We've been told we cannot pursue it anymore.]

**Hartranft, Webster R., A CO - from his daughter, Bonika Hartranft:** "I received your 90th Division mailing sent to my father. I regret to inform you that my father, Daddy, & best friend has gone home to be with the Lord in 2006. His daughter, Bonika Hartranft" [Ed.: good to know he's in Heaven!]

**Card sent by Bonika Hartranft**

In Loving Memory of



**Webster R. Hartranft**

October 30, 1917 August 28, 2006

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again.

2307 Mayfair Dr -  
Charles F Snyder Jr Funeral Home & Chapel  
Love Pt 1763-4133

**Hullah, Ivan, M CO - IL - "Hi Jim, I enjoy the paper very much. Ivan Hullah"**

**Leung, Lincoln H., K CO 3Bn - CA - 7/29/12 - "Dear Jim & Rhoda, Our best wishes on the 94th Reunion in Fort Worth, TX [2012] We miss out again. God willing, we hope to make a reunion in a future year! Thank you both for all the impressive reunions and service to the 90th Division. Again, may this message find both of you in the best of health. Warm regards with Love, Lincoln and Lillian" [Ed.: I sure hope you two can make another reunion. It's been too many years since we saw you - you are missed!]**

**Pemberton, Howard L., 92 - M CO - OBITUARY - sent by Jerry Wiley:**

Howard L. Pemberton, 92, of Storm Lake, Iowa and formerly of Columbia, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Visitation will be Monday, May 14, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Howard was born June 14, 1919 in Hallsville to Clyde O. and Cleo E. [Bryan] Pemberton. He married Lucille Cox on March 28, 1942 in Columbia. She preceded him in death on April 23, 2001. He married Ardys Heinshon on June 29, 2002 in Storm Lake, Iowa. She survives. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945 with the 90th Infantry. He received a Battle Field Commission; 2 Silver Stars; 1 Bronze Star; and 2 Purple Hearts. He was employed by Riback Supply Company for 26 years. He is survived by three sons: Lawrence Ray Pemberton; William Floyd Pemberton; and Gary Lee Pemberton; three daughters: Brenda Kay Amend; Cheryl Ann Gysbers; and Carol Jean Shafer; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William G. Pemberton. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association."



## 358th [con't.]

**Schmidt, Vernon N., E CO - CA** - 4/1/13 - "Dear Jim & Rhoda, Enclosed are a few photos taken at Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 3/25/13, with the 90th Sustainment Brigade. What a great day to be with these current 'Tough Ombres'. 69 years ago, I was a private training out in this wooded mountain area and in a matter of weeks would be in the Siegfried Line in Germany as a Tough Ombre. Lots of memories. Vern" [Ed.: Thanks for the photos!!]



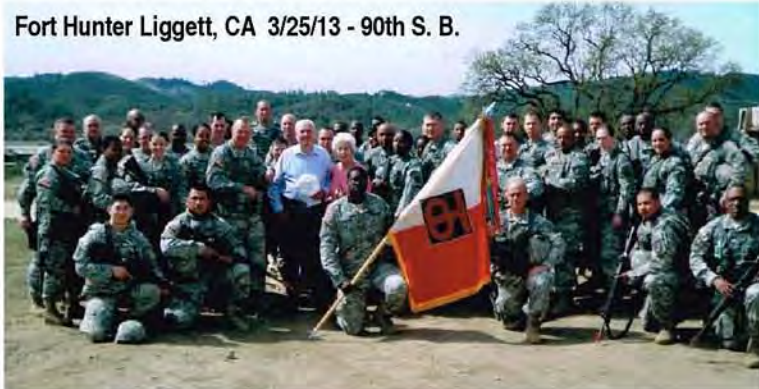
**Above left:** COL David Hammons welcomes Vern Schmidt - Captain Dale Barnes at right was Vern & Dona's escort for the visit.

**Above right:** Vern; MG Megan Tatu; Dona Schmidt; Sgt. Corey Beal, Public Affairs Chief - General Tatu paid an inspection visit to the 90th Sustainment Brigade



**Vern & COL David Hammons, CO, 90th Sustainment Brigade**

## Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 3/25/13 - 90th S. B.



**Col David Hammons; ?; Vern Schmidt; MG Megan Tatu; Capt. Dale Barnes**



**Vern with MG Megan Tatu, 79th Sustainment Support Command - 90th S.B. is under the 79th**



**Operations tent for 90th Sustainment Brigade**

## Dewey L. STINSON Jr.



**NEWPORT NEWS** - Dewey Lee Stinson Jr. died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, at the Mennowood from complications attributable to Alzheimer's Disease.

Dewey was born Sept. 7, 1925, the son of Dewey L. Stinson and Bessie May McDearmon, at their home in Newport News.

Graduating from Newport News High School in 1943, he then attended the Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School. Soon after, Dewey voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 1944. He was assigned to the 3rd Army, Company L, 358th Infantry during World War II. He was a Rifleman with a Combat Infantryman Badge. He received as a citation the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. He participated in three major campaigns, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge).

Upon returning home from the War, Dewey completed his apprenticeship at the shipyard prior to enrolling at VPI under the GI Bill. Graduating from VPI, in 1952, with a Mechanical Engineering Degree, he returned to Newport News Shipbuilding, where his career extended until his retirement in 1976. He worked in various capacities, the last being Superintendent of the Steel Fabrication Division.

Dewey was a member of the Agathon Club, German Club, and a Free Mason. He served on the committee for the refurbishment of the current Peninsula Fine Arts building. In addition to his passionate and extensive knowledge on the history of the Civil War, and being a descendent of a Confederate Veteran, Dewey was a founding member of the Civil War Preservation Trust Association.

Dewey was also passionate about the landscaping and maintenance of his home in the Hidenwood area, surrounded by azaleas, rhododendron, and boxwoods.

Dewey was preceded in death by his wife, the former Gene Cynthia Crockett; and his grandson, Dewey L. Stinson IV.

He is survived by his sons and their families respectively, Dewey L. Stinson III and his wife, Marjorie Quarles Stinson and daughter, Sarah Jean Stinson, Mark A. Stinson and his wife, Cynthia Cooper Stinson and daughters, Jill Cynthia and Lee Anna; a brother, John C. 'Jack' Stinson and his sister-in-law, Betty Ann of Richmond; and nephew, Ashby Stinson and family.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at Peninsula Funeral Home. Burial services will be private.

The family wishes to give our heartfelt thanks to all of the staff and caregivers at the Mennowood Retirement Community and their 'Comfort Cove' area. They all provided truly loving and dedicated support and care to Mr. Stinson for the last four years of his life.

## Stinson, Dewey L., Jr. - L CO - note from son, Dewey.

**III** - 12/16/12 "Sir, I thank you for your service, and I know my father appreciated the correspondence from the 90th Division. However, my father died this past January after years of fighting Alzheimers. He was very proud of his service in WW II, and I have enclosed a copy of his obituary. He was a good man who had a full life. Dewey L. Stinson, III"



## 358th [con't.]

**Culver, Clifford, E CO - Obit.** - 5/27/13 - from daughter, Jill Marie Peak: "Dear Jim & Rhoda .... Dad loved attending reunions and talked about them all the time, especially the last year or so when he knew he wouldn't be here much longer. I made picture collages of all the reunions we attended, and he hung them on the living room wall of his home. His favorite one was from the D.C. Reunion when we got to see the WWII Memorial. For several years, he took that collage to the local school for Veteran's Day where it was displayed in the trophy case. I've enclosed a copy of his obituary and the program from his service. As the Honor Guard folded the flag for my Dad, I thought back to all the times Dad & I watched as the flag was folded during the Sunday morning brunch in Honor of all his fellow comrades that had passed the year before - this time it was for him. After the Honor Guard presented the flag to my older brother, he gave me the flag to keep because of the trips Dad and I took to the 90th Reunions. .... Thanks so much for all you have done for all the WW II Veterans over the years. Sincerely, Jill Marie Peak" [Ed.: Clifford and Jill attended many reunions, and we have missed seeing them these last few years. I've posted here some of the information she sent, plus a portion of the obituary. Check the website for the full obituary.]



From his Funeral Service Bulletin: Jill Marie is at far right. The "Nice" picture & the "funny" picture - Clifford is center front.



**CLIFFORD R. CULVER**  
1925-2012

Excerpts from the Obituary not printed in next column: Hunting, fishing & camping occupied his time after he retired at age 55. He also organized an annual family reunion at the Leidel Campground along the Klickitat River. He never missed a reunion in over 30 years. He enjoyed training his dogs & attending many school sporting events, in head-to-toe purple & gold. Survivors include 1 son, 2 daughters & spouses, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grand children, many nieces & nephews, along with his loving companion, Ina Marvel & her 4 children and spouses, plus her grandchildren and great-grand children. He loved them all.. He was pre-deceased by his parents, his wife, and 1 brother + 2 sisters.



## Culver Obituary

Clifford was born July 20, 1925 to Harry and Lily Culver in Cottage Grove, OR, the youngest of five children. The family moved to Goldendale, WA when Cliff was 3, where he lived out his life. While in school he was on the football, basketball & track teams. During his senior year he played his last two football games after being sworn into the army in Portland, OR. He served in WWII from September 24, 1943 until he was Honorably Discharged on December 8, 1945. He served as a replacement with the 90th Division. He received the Bronze Star & Purple Heart. As the USS Enterprise Carrier brought him home, docking at New York harbor, his picture was taken and then published in the Oregonian.

After returning home from the service he married Maxine Reed in 1948 and they raised four children in the home they built together. Camping, agate hunting, ice skating & festive Christmas's were a few of the things they enjoyed as a family.

After the service he worked at Agator Electric and the sawmill prior to being hired by the State of Washington to work at the Highway Department where he was employed for 30 yrs retiring in 1979 at the age of 55. At times he worried that he had retired too soon, but the rewards of spending time with family and friends, hunting, camping and fishing, occupied his days. Later he often commented on how he would not have been able to spend so much time doing what he loved if he had still been working. Nor could he have spent so much time with the grandchildren he adored.

When he could no longer hunt he picked up a camera and started taking pictures of deer. When he could no longer fish he took his family fishing, describing in detail the history of each fishing hole. Memories of a trip to Alaska with his dear friend Ina was a story often shared. In his late 70's he began attending WWII army reunions with his daughter Jill, events he thoroughly enjoyed. He was a member of the American Legion and lifetime member of the Goldendale Booster Club.

## 359th

### Eisenberg, Richard B., M.D., Med Bn - Obituary

#### Richard B. Eisenberg, M.D.

Richard B. Eisenberg, M.D., age 96, of Erie, passed away on March 1, 2013.

He was born on August 30, 1916 in Erie, Pa., son of the late Harry and Frances Bukstein Eisenberg.

Dick was a graduate of Strong Vocational School and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army from 1942 until 1946, as a medical officer, in Europe with the 90th Infantry Division, including the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the liberation of the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp.

Dick was Clinical Director and Vice President of Regional Clinical Laboratories of North West Philadelphia (now Associated Clinical Laboratories), Erie, from 1974 until 1983. He also served as Chief of the Department of Pathology at Saint Vincent Health Center from 1949 until 1974. He held many titles in his lifetime, including President of Saint Vincent Health Center Medical Staff, in 1980, and President of the Erie Pennsylvania Medical Society, in 1972. He was a lifetime member of Temple Anshe Hessed and was a member of the Board of Directors there. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Council.

Dick was an avid sailor and longtime member of the Erie Yacht Club. He loved downhill and cross country skiing, and was a accomplished pianist and loved music and the arts.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mina, in 2003, and his son Marvin J. Eisenberg.

Survivors include a son Richard Eisenberg, Jr. and his wife Waterford, Pa., two daughters, Emily Kuhn and her husband of Philadelphia and Mary Jane Eisenberg and her husband of San Francisco. Dick is also survived by three grandchildren: Michael Kuhn and his wife Tatiana Rudzinski Kuhn, Kuhn and Ivan Eisenberg and three great-grandchildren: Esha, and Hudson Kuhn.

Friends are invited to call at **Burton Funeral Home**, 602 1/2 Street, Erie, Pa., on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. and are invited to service at Temple Anshe Hessed on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bayfront Maritime Museum, 40 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16507 or Temple Anshe Hessed, 96 1/2 Street, Erie, PA 16502.

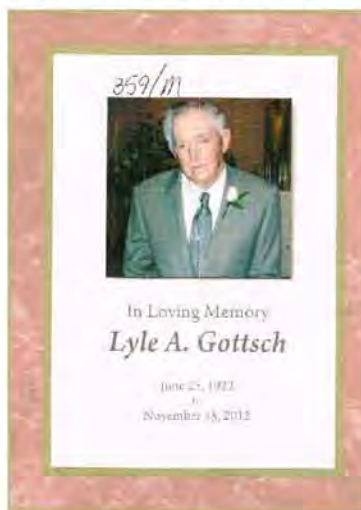
Richard Eisenberg Funeral Folder is on the next page

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359th [con't.]

## Lyle A. Gottsch Funeral Folder



**Service**  
First United Methodist Church  
Springfield, Nebraska  
November 19, 2012 at 10:30am  
Rev. Marvin D. Neubauer

**Music Selections**  
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"  
"On Eagles Wings"  
"In the Garden"  
Organist Linda Moody  
Soloist Kerri Schlange

**Casket Bearers**  
Merlin Schlotting    Mick Kreisels  
Kevin Mitchell    Tom Thierolf  
Steve Adair    Mike Gottsch

**Interment**  
Springfield Cemetery  
Springfield, Nebraska

**Full Military Honors**  
Springfield American Legion # 143  
VFW Post # 9558

Following the Graveside Service there will be luncheon served in the Church Fellowship Hall

**Hauser, Gordon J., A CO - WI - 5/15/12** "I have a grand nephew who was a 2010 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He is presently training as a naval pilot to become a 'Tail Hook' from a carrier. I served with Alvin Cohen as a guard at Nuremburg in the fall of 1945 with 26th - 1st Div. We made Life Magazine in January, 1946."

**Medly, Jesse Clyde, 92 - sent by Art Meier, who received it in an email from Vincent Orriere in France** - Jesse Clyde Medley, 92, of Dyersburg, TN., passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at NHC Healthcare in Hendersonville, TN. He was born on June 5, 1920 in Humphreys County, TN, near Waverly. He was the oldest of 7 children born to William Charley Medley and Delia Annalou Gorden Medley.

"Clyde" as he was known by friends, moved to West TN with his family at the age of 16. It was here that he met his wife Vernon Davidson Medley. They were married on January 19, 1944, while he was home on leave from the Army during WWII. They were married 52 years before her death in 1996.

Clyde served 3 ½ years in the US Army's 90th Infantry Division, landing on Normandy on Utah Beach on D Day in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944. He was honorably discharged October 1945, receiving the following decorations: WW II [Victory Medal](#), American Campaign lapel button, and the European, African & Middle Eastern theater ribbon with 5 bronze stars for service in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. Clyde was proud of his [military service](#), achieving the rank of Corporal, and was honored at the Dyersburg Veterans Day Service and Parade in November 2001 at the age of 81.

Clyde worked for W. T. Cutchin & Associates and Ford Construction of Dyersburg as supervisor of bridge construction, retiring in 1990 at the age of 70. Clyde loved the outdoors, enjoying fishing, hunting, gardening, welding and his profession. He was an avid fisherman, spending many hours on Kentucky Lake with family and friends. He was affectionately known as "The Inventor" later in life, as he embraced the latest technology known to him as

the CB radio. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Vernon, brothers Robert "Bobby" and Walter, and a sister Ludie. He is survived by 3 daughters, Janet (Jim) Threet of Hendersonville, TN., Brenda (Rocky) Brewer of South Elgin, IL., and Linda (Terry) Siddens of Mesquite, TX; 7 grandchildren, Virginia Morgan of Austin, Texas, Amy (Brian) Hite of Louisville, KY., Tiffany (Noel) Ocegueda and Mallory (Jamie) Sloma of South Elgin, IL., Cody (Eric) Heubner of Petersburg, IL., Sarah Siddens of Denver, CO, and George Siddens of Austin, TX, and 9 great grandchildren. He leaves one brother, Thomas Medley of Portage, IN and two sisters, Willie Bea Vormnitag of Trimble, and Ollie (Bud) Brock of Finley, and many nieces and nephews.

## Paepke, Carl A., H CO - sent by son-in-law, Steven Poulsen - 4/12 -

"Carl A. Paepke passed away April 18, 2012 after a brief illness of lung cancer.

### CARL A. PAEPKE, 86

GREENVILLE — Carl A. Paepke, 86, of Pierson, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

He was born at home in Pierson Township on Sept. 19, 1925, the son of Albert and Gladys Bradley Paepke.

Carl was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army 90th Division "Tough Ohmbres" stationed in Central Europe and receiving a Bronze Battle Star. He married Donna J. Fike on Aug. 28, 1944, in Rockford. They were married for 65 years when she died on Christmas Day 2009. He also was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathleen, in 2006; his sisters, Jessie and Mildred; brothers, Glenn and George Dann; and sister-in-law, Mildred Paepke.

Carl was active in the community and currently serving 18 years as Montcalm County commissioner and on many committees of the commission especially enjoying the Health, Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste committees. He attended St. Thomas Lutheran Church, was a life member of the Sand Lake VFW Post and past commander, the Sand Lake Lions Club serving as an officer and also a member of various political organizations. He enjoyed his farming and was a member of the American Breeders Service where he worked with cattle breeding and research in breeding. He also enjoyed his gardening, woodworking, picnics and fishing in his pond.

He is survived by his daughters, Priscilla (Bob) Heimbecker and Jeanne McKim Poulsen (Steven), both of Trufant; his grandchildren, Jeffrey (Denise) Heimbecker and Jerry Heimbecker, both of Croton, Katie (Lawrence) Vander Zee of Cutlerville, Matthew Heimbecker of Trufant, Shawn (Julie) McKim of Ponte Vedra, Fla., Jacek (Kevin) Underwood of Lowell, Brad Austin of Cedar Springs; great-grandchildren, Brett, Breanna, Timothy, Zachary, Jacob, Joshua, Jennie, Lauren and Jaxon; his brothers, Fred of Lakeview and Daniel Paepke of Idaho; sister-in-law, Beulah Dann of Pierson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Trufant with the Rev. Aaron Sorrels officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Pierson Cemetery, Pierson.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hurst Funeral Home, Greenville.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Thomas Lutheran Church or Hospice.

Messages of condolence may be sent via [hurstfuneralhome.com](http://hurstfuneralhome.com).



PAEPKE, CARL A.

Steven Poulsen wrote: "Unfortunately, we can't attend the 2012 Reunion, but plan on attending in 2013.

**Ed.:** We hope to see him and his wife [Carl's daughter] in Fort Worth this July.

**Note:** See articles about Carl on following page. He was a regular Reunion attendee and came with his daughter and son-in-law. He will be greatly missed!





359th [con't]

## Paepke, Carl - newspaper articles.

Paepke was a World War II veteran, when he earned a Bronze Star while serving in Europe. Paepke was a lifelong Pierson Township farmer, devoted to this county, and of his quiet contributions to the people of the area would be difficult to fully capture. He was a county commissioner for 18 years, and it is well known that he spent countless hours attending an untold number of committee meetings, all in the effort to make Montcalm County a better place to live. Carl was a friend of this newspaper, and through the years we had our differences. No matter, he was a respected leader who did his homework, stood strong in his beliefs and worked tirelessly for his constituency. We have lost a man who truly was a member of "the greatest generation."

**'the greatest generation'**  
**Paepke an example of**

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DAILY NEWS

## Rilinger, Albert J., K CO - Obituary from daughter, Elaine -

Albert J. Rilinger



Albert J. Rilinger, 88, Axtell, died Friday, February 16 at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca.

Al was born February 7, 1919 on a farm north of Seneca to George J. and Mary Fangman Rilinger. He spent his early years on the farm with his parents and worked for different farmers in the area. He attended school at St. Benedict and at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Al entered the U.S. Army on March 30, 1942 and was sent to Camp Barkley, Texas where he was assigned to the 359<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was sent to England in March 1944 and participated in the invasion on Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He fought through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia with his unit. For his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal and the European Campaign Ribbon with the Bronze Arrowhead Device and five bronze campaign stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was also awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Oak Leaf cluster, Combat Infantry Badge and he qualified as a marksman with the rifle. He was a Platoon Sergeant in charge of 45 men during most of his European service. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army on October 26, 1945.

Al was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where he served on the parish council and was an usher in the church. He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Al was an active member of the VFW and the R.R. Hendricks American Legion Post No. 214 where he served in various capacities including Commander, Adjutant and Sergeant at Arms. He also served one tour as the commander of the American Legion County Council. Al also served his community on the Marlon Township board.

He married Alice M. Madden January 3, 1946. She preceded him in death September 29, 1995. The couple had enjoyed traveling and went on trips to Nashville, Washington D.C., and Las Vegas. He enjoyed dancing, fishing, hunting, playing cards and calling and playing BINGO.

He farmed for over 50 years raising cattle, hogs, chickens and growing corn, milo, soybeans, wheat and hay.

Al entered Crestview Manor on August 16, 2005 where he lived and enjoyed visits from family and friends.

Mr. Rilinger is survived by two daughters, Elaine M. Rilinger, Axtell and Janice M. Kussman and her husband, Richard, Forest Hill, Maryland; six brothers, Aloysius Rilinger, Overland Park, Raymond Rilinger, Seneca, George Rilinger, Orlando, Florida, Edgar Rilinger, Canton, Ohio, Paul Rilinger, Seneca, and Emmett Rilinger, Parker, Colorado; three sisters, Sister Dorothy Marie Rilinger, Leavenworth, Ann Rueser, Davenport, Iowa and Sister Jean Marian Rilinger, Leavenworth; and two grandsons, Eric Kussman, BelAir, Maryland and Dirk Kussman, Germertown, Maryland. He was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Rilinger, February 17, 1969.

Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Axtell with Father Albert Hauser, O.S.B. presiding. A rosary was prayed at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Axtell. Bruce and Michelle Buessing were the Eucharist Ministers. St. Michael's Choir provided music. Casket bearers were Gene Rilinger, Jerry Rilinger, Don Rilinger, Kenny Rilinger, Ted Rilinger, Mike Rilinger and Mark Rilinger. Honorary casket bearers were his grandsons, Eric and Dirk Kussman. Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Axtell. Military honors were conducted by the R.R. Hendricks American Legion Post No. 214, Axtell.

## Smith, Rexton Ralph, H CO - Obit sent by daughter Judy - "Here is

my father, Rexton Ralph Smith's Obituary. I've included a picture of my mother and me that my Dad carried in his helmet for 2 years all during the war. The tear in the picture is part of history. Thank you, Judy"



**Rexton Ralph Smith**  
 Lansing

Age 93, born in Lansing on May 25, 1919, died May 7, 2013; son of Ralph Rexton and Wilhemina (Cetus) Smith. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church; a graduate of Lansing Central HS, and Lansing Business University.

Rexton spent two years in the Army during WWII, including 18 months in the European Theatre as a heavy-mortar gunner in the 90th Division (the "Tough Hombres") of General George Patton's Third Army. He was in numerous major battles, including the Allied invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge; Rex was awarded five Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, and a Purple Heart during his service to his country. Upon discharge from the service, Rex started his own business, owning and operating Crest Cleaners & Laundry until 1973.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Elizabeth (Balcam) Smith. Surviving are 2 daughters, Judith K. Smith and Barbara (Frederick) Stables; 2 sons, Kenneth (Kristin) Smith and Jeffrey (Christy) Smith; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Helen (Maurice) Branch; and 2 nephews and 2 nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave, with The Rev. Ronald Brooks officiating. The family will receive friends in the Church Library from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Central United Methodist Church or the Disabled American Veterans.

Special thanks to all staff members at Ingham County Medical Care Facility for their extraordinary kind and loving care in the final years of Rex's journey home.

Rex told us that the loss of his wife in 2004 was a struggle ten times tougher than any battle he ever fought in WWII. And so, Godspeed to our quiet, humble hero, as he and the love of his life are now reunited, Forever and a Day.

Arrangements by Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.



Judy Ruth



# THE DAILY NEWS

Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

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## Pierson commissioner died last Wednesday

By ELIZABETH WALDON  
 DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

STANTON — Montcalm County commissioners are honoring one of their own.

Carl Paepke died last Wednesday at his Pierson home after fighting lung cancer. He was 86 years old.

At Monday's regular Board of Commissioners meeting, commissioners unanimously approved a resolution honoring Paepke's years of service to the county, along with a special plaque.

Paepke joined the Board of Commissioners on Jan. 1, 1995. He served as chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Solid Waste Committee. He also served on the Finance & Personnel Committee, Health & Human Services Committee, Law Enforcement & Courts Committee and as a representative to the Michigan District Health Department Board.

Also at Monday's meeting, Commissioner Ron Retzlaff of Crystal proposed renaming Flat River Nature Park in Paepke's honor, as Paepke was chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to rename the Montcalm Township park as Carl Paepke Flat River Nature Park. "I think it's a wonderful idea," said Commissioner Carl Johnson of Montcalm Township. Paepke was in his 18th year as commissioner for District 5, which encompasses Maple Valley, Pierson and Pine townships. Commissioners will appoint someone to fill the remainder of Paepke's term, which expires at the end of this year. Candidates must



Carl Paepke

be a resident of Maple Valley, Pierson or Pine townships to be eligible to apply for the position. Applications are available online at montcalm.org or from Controller-Administrator Chris Hyzer's office in the Administrative Building (old courthouse) in Stanton.

The deadline to apply for the position is 4 p.m. May 7. Commissioners will appoint a new District 5 commissioner at a special meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. May 14.

Johnson reminded his fellow commissioners that Paepke, who was a Republican, will be honored

tured speaker while State Sen. Judy Emmons and State Rep. Rick Outman also will be present.

Tickets for the Lincoln Day Dinner are \$30 each or \$50 per couple and may be purchased from Johansen or Montcalm County Clerk Kristen Millard.

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 at the annual Montcalm County Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner on May 11 in Sheridan. A meet and greet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will be the fea-



## 359th [con't.]

**Thomas, Robert L., K CO - sent by son, Roger 1/12/13** - "Dear Mrs. Reid: It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the death of my father on September 6, 2011. He died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 88. He loved being a member of the 90th Division Association, and he and I attended several Annual Reunions. He served his country proudly as did both of his sons and three of his four grandchildren. His great-granddaughter is presently serving in the U.S. Navy. He was admired and loved. He is missed. Sincerely, Roger S. Thomas"

**Thompson, George M., Jr., M CO - sent by daughter, Faith** - "Dear Jim & Rhoda, I am writing to give you an update on my father, George Thompson.



George as a young soldier

He has had a series of illnesses which have sapped his physical strength, and is now residing in a nursing home in Massachusetts. He still loves to discuss anything related to WW II, and we talk about the reunions we attended as well. Due to his condition, we had to skip the 2012 reunion, and we really missed seeing everyone. I know he will not be able to attend this year either, but my sister, Beth, in Houston, may drive to Dallas for one of the dinners. She will register if she thinks she might attend. Many 90th Division

members told me several years ago when I attended my first reunion in Kansas City, that the group was like a second family. I have come to realize this myself and truly missed seeing you both; Donna and Pat Palma; Norm Richards; Jeanne & Al Cohen; Alan Twisselman; Tyler Alberts, and all the rest of the gang. We have wonderful memories of the times spent in various cities with such a marvelous group of people. I hope to make it to an event in the near future and reconnect with all of you. Thank you again for all you do for the 90th Division! Kind Regards, Faith Thompson" [Ed.: Faith, I really was hoping to see you all at the 2012 reunion, so was very sad you could not be there. Please give George my love and best wishes - I SO enjoyed talking to all your family - you added a wonderful warmth to the reunion, and I hope Beth will come & see us - you too, if you can! THANKS for the pictures!]



The George Thompson Family at the World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA while attending the 90th Division 2010 Reunion. George is 3rd from right, and Beth & Faith are on the left - Faith behind little girl

## Thompson, George [con't.]

**Beth, Faith, and Dad, George Thompson at the 2011 Reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota [Ed. : This is a nice picture, isn't it?]**



## 712th TK Bn

**Lounsberry, Aaron Peter, Jr.**

**C CO - sent by his widow, Iris**

"A. P. was always proud to say his outfit was attached to the 90th Division! I miss him greatly, but I know he is in a better place. We were married 65 years."



Aaron Peter Lounsberry, Jr.

Services for Mr. Aaron Peter Lounsberry, Jr. will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the chapel of John Kramer & Son with Rev. David Booth officiating. Interment will follow at Alexandria Memorial Gardens under the direction of John Kramer & Son.

Mr. Lounsberry, 87, of Alexandria passed away Sunday, January 8, 2012 in The Summit nursing home. He was born in DeQuincy, LA and lived there until he was called into service. He served in Europe during World War II, and was a replacement after the D-Day Invasion in June 1944, after which he was assigned to the 712th Tank Battalion attached to the 9th Infantry Division, Third Army. He received five campaign stars and was awarded a Bronze Star. After returning from Europe, he was employed by the Missouri Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad and retired after 38 1/2 years in Alexandria. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Aaron liked to fish and for many years had a place on Toledo Bend Lake.

## 915th FA Bn

**Novelli, Ross J. - TX - 5/8/12**

"Dear Jim & Rhoda, Thank you again for all you do for others. May God invoke His blessings upon you and yours. I will not make the 2012 Reunion as creeping age is starting to limit my usual activities. I will miss seeing Clyde Kennedy, my e-mail correspondent, and one of the very few remaining of the 915th FA Bn. God bless all of you, and prayers for a good reunion. With warm personal regards to all ya'all [Texas Style!] - Sincerely, Ross Novelli"

## ARCOM/RSC/RSG/RRG

**Braquet, CSM [R] Dana - TX**

"I was the CSM for the 450th Chemical Bn in Houston & the 373rd Corp Support Bn in Beaumont that deployed to Afghanistan & Uzbekistan in '03. The 450th was under the 90th Regional Readiness Command. The 373rd was under the 90th RRG Group & then under the 1190th. I was with Col. James Beesley in Afghanistan as a CSM. - Looking forward to future reunions and the association with friends I served with. Dana Braquet"

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**2013-2014 Dues are due July 1!**



# Letters From Family Members of 90th Veterans

This section offers news from 90th widows, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends

## The Widows Write...

**Ahluquist, Walbruga [Wally], widow, Folke A., 537/AAA** - "Thank you so much for the very interesting newsletter. I do enjoy reading it and only wish I could still participate in some of the reunions. Sorry to say, my health problems don't allow me to do so. Greetings to you and all the members of the 537/AAA - keep up the good work!! Thank you again. Sincerely, Wally"

**Bergdale, Fran, widow, Harold, 358/SV - From her daughter, Leona Gilbert:** "Dear Mr. & Mrs. Reid, I thought you would want to know that my Mom, Fern Bergdale, passed away February 19, 2013 at the age of 103. I'm enclosing the program from the funeral. For many years, when they were younger, my Mom and Dad never missed the annual 90th Division Reunions. Thank you for keeping those memories alive. Best, Leona Bergdale Gilbert"



*Fern  
Leona  
Bergdale*

Born: Wednesday,  
April 14, 1909,  
Hawarden, Iowa  
Died: Tuesday,  
February 19, 2013,  
Houston, Texas  
Age:  
103 years, 10 months, five days



**Fern Leona Bergdale**, 103, former Falls resident of many years, passed away in Houston, Texas, on February 19, 2013. She joins the love of her life, husband Harold, who preceded her in death in 1999 after 61 years of marriage. Fern was born April 14, 1909, in Hawarden, Iowa, to James Henry and Mary (Christensen) McAninch. She grew up on her family's farm outside Hawarden, and graduated from Hawarden High School in 1925 with a "normal training" certificate, after two years of high school teacher training. She began teaching at age 18 in a one-room country school outside Hawarden, a position she held for twelve years.

Fern and Harold were married in 1939, after Harold's graduation from USD Law School, and the newlyweds set out for Los Angeles, California, to make their permanent home. Jobs were scarce; Harold drove a street car, and Fern worked in the Sears catalog order department. They saved to build a small house, which was almost finished, but they never got to live there. Harold had completed R.O.T.C. officer training in college, and when Pearl Harbor was attacked in December 1941, he was immediately called to active duty in the Army.

Fern followed her husband to Abilene, Texas, for his pre-war training, and their lives as a military family began. Harold was shipped to Normandy with his beloved 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, landing on Utah Beach on D-Day in 1944. Fern served her time on the home front, returning to her parents' home in Hawarden to wait out the war. When Harold returned in 1945, they moved to Sioux Falls. When he was recalled in the early 1950s, Fern and their daughter Lorna followed him to Stuttgart, Germany, where he served in the Occupation Forces for four years.

The family returned to Sioux Falls in 1956, where Fern served for many years as the office manager of Harold's law practice and insurance agency; they retired in the late 1980s. They were active, devoted members of Central Baptist Church in Sioux Falls for more than four decades. They had many friends, an active social life, and traveled frequently. Nearly every winter after their retirement, they spent several months in Sun City, Arizona, where they enjoyed the company of many of their Sioux Falls snowbird friends.

Fern moved to Houston, Texas in 2000, at the age of 91, to be close to her daughter and grandson. She remained remarkably healthy and active until very recently; she had her own apartment, kept up on current events, and enjoyed numerous excursions, shopping trips and dinners out. One of the highlights of her life was her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 2009, a four-day event attended by many relatives and friends. Fern is survived by daughter Lorna Gilbert and grandson Steven Gilbert, both of Houston; and by numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband Harold, her grandson Jeff Gilbert preceded her in death, as did her two sisters, Stella McAninch Patrick of Hawarden, Iowa, and Lavon McAninch Bergdale of Alcester, S.D.

Ed.: I remember Fern at the 2001 Reunion in S.A., TX

**Davis, Patricia, widow, Oren V., 358/K** - "My Tough 'Ombre, Oren V. Davis, passed away August, 10, 2012. He was not only an American hero, he was mine and his family. Sincerely, Patricia Davis"

**Halvorson, Betty, widow, 315/Eng.** - 6/8/12 - "Dear Rhoda, Was so happy to get the Spring 2012 newsletter. As always, you did a fantastic job!!! Was very sad to see where Joe Engle had passed away. His Memorial Breakfast speeches were the best. He will really be missed at reunions. The family is all doing well but are so busy. This year I began to feel better. It was a terrible 4 years of pain and doctors. I still don't get much done each day. I'm sending a check to cover my dues and some for the 500 Club. I would love to make it to the Reunion, but will have to see how things work out. My daughter and family live in Sherman, TX [about 75 miles from Fort Worth]. It was such a JOY to see you at the reunion in Bloomington, MN in 2011. You and Jim are pretty 'special' to the 90th Association. You have brought so many veterans together to share their stories, memories, good times and sad times. Would love to have you send my daughter the newsletter if possible. I hope she might become a member some day. I would like that, and it would make her Dad proud. He loved his army buddies. I really enjoyed the story about Orville Cole written by his great nephew, Greg Thompson. My husband was in the 315th Engineers and built some of the bridges the men crossed. He also landed D+1 at Utah Beach; was in the Normandy Invasion; Moselle River; Dillingen; and Battle of the Bulge. He got home in November, 1945. Hope this finds you both in good health and doing well. You have brought so much happiness to so many veterans and their families. God bless you for what you all do!! We are blessed to have you in the 90th. With love and a big hug, Betty M. Halvorson." [Ed.: It was a delight to see you in Bloomington as I had not seen you for several years and missed you. Since you didn't make the 2012 Reunion, I hope you can make it to the 2013 Reunion. That would be great!]

**Johnson, Lillian, 344/FA BN** - "Enclosed are my dues for 12-13 + a little extra for the 500 Club. Sorry I have been negligent about sending it before. I am losing my eyesight, so it is difficult to get these things done. I don't always think of it when my girls are around. Wish I could be at the reunion in Fort Worth, but I guess this 94 year old will be home. I'll be glad to read about it in the newsletter. Best wishes, Lillian Johnson"

**Kopicki, Sally, widow, Stanley, Unit ?** - "I'm sending a 2nd notification of my husband, Stanley's passing April 21, 2010. My family & I are still missing him, and we always will. I hope someone reading this remembers my husband - a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather + a great G.I. He was one of the best God made! In 1998, Stanley and I, our son Michael & his fiancée, Lennie, visited France. We saw Utah Beach and all the little towns, including the little church where an effigy of a parachutist hung from the steeple. This is where my husband waited in the church courtyard to be evacuated. He remembered the name of the church & all the surrounding towns; where the Germans were; the battles; soldiers falling; and how lucky he was to have survived when his two friends were killed. God bless all those lost, those who lived, and those passing. Mrs. Stanley [Sally] Kopicki"

**Olejniczek, Helen, 358/L** - "I am sorry I am late with my dues. I have been in a nursing home since October, 2011, and my mail is slow to reach me. I still look forward to receiving my newsletter. Sorry to hear about Joe Engle. Helen"

# Family Album

# Other family, con't....

**Poole, Bette, widow, Reginald, 359/M** - "Hi Jim & Rhoda, I will be thinking about all of you when July 25 comes around. Hope you have a great time in Fort Worth. I have so many wonderful memories of the reunions we attended - Pittsburgh was our last one in 2007. It was always a trip Reg looked forward to. I don't travel much anymore, but my heart will be there with you. Best wishes, Bette Poole" [Ed.: I well remember your attendance in Pittsburgh, and we will always miss seeing you at Reunions. It gets harder & harder each year as we lose so many of our marvelous veterans and their wives. Thank you for writing.]

**Read, Esther Beam, widow, John Beam, 359/HQ** - "Dear Rhoda, Sorry I've been catching up with my dues. I know I'm two years behind, so let me know if I need to send more. I lost my husband in 2011. John died April 28, 2011, just 16 days after his 85th birthday. Since then, I've just been trying to get through each day. I'm trying to take care of the yard and flowers. I have a boy mow the lawn. My macular degeneration is getting worse all the time, and my brain doesn't seem to be functioning much better this morning! I turned 85 this year, so I guess I'm doing okay. I hope you haven't given up on me. Hope this finds you both well, and I know you are always busy. My Best Regards, Esther Beam Reed" [Ed.: Dear Esther - I NEVER give up on anybody! You have been a faithful supporter and dues payer, and it's always a delight to hear from you!]

**Sablich, Phyllis, widow, Louis, 357/AT** - "In re-reading my bulletin from this year, I see I owe dues for '12-'13, so enclosed is a check. Please keep sending the bulletin. Thanks - Phyllis Sablich" [Ed.: We will, Phyllis! Thanks!]

**Singer, Margaret, widow, Wilbur, 359/AT** - 6/10/12 - "Dear James & Rhoda, You have to be the kindest people I know - you keep taking time to put the newsletter together - and mailing it. On November 16 [2012], Wilbur will be gone 14 years - I think of him every day. When I can't fix something, I have to hire someone to get it done. I DO have 3 children, and they do lots of things for me [Ann, Linda, & Mark]. They live close by and call be every day. I will have my 89th birthday June 28 [2012]. I wish I could come to the reunion, but I just can't. I don't get around like I used to. Your friend, Margaret Singer - 2012"

**Staruk, Catherine, widow, Walter, 344/FA Bn** - 7/3/12 "Dear Rhoda & Jim, I am a little late with this check. Sorry about that. I am going to Massachusetts for a few weeks - had hoped to make the reunion, but we have a family reunion August 4th. As the Matriarch of the clan, I intend to "order" a change to the following weekend for next year & to "order" at least one of our five to join me! My admiration for what both of you do knows no bounds. Hope you are well. Love, Catherine Staruk" [Ed.: We let Catherine know that the Reunion this year is the last weekend in July, so we are hoping to see her in Fort Worth!]

**Stenger, Viola [Vi], widow, Wesley [Wes], 357/HQ** - 6/18/12 "Dear Rhoda & Jim, I hope you are both doing well and enjoying the summer. I think of you often. I have to tell you about the most memorable experience of my lifetime. I was at the Air Force Academy in Colorado on May 23, when my grandson, Kevin's, oldest son graduated with his class of 1073 cadets! [You met Kevin at a reunion a few years ago.] President Obama was there and greeted and congratulated each cadet. This was the largest class ever, and had the most women ever - 423. My grandson was commissioned a 2nd Lt the evening before graduation, and Kevin [my son, his Dad, did the commissioning. It was such an emotional time for me, and I couldn't stop crying. I kept thinking how

proud Wes would have been if he could have been there. It was awesome! I thanked the Lord a million times over, for allowing me to witness that event. I'm sure that you do exciting things too, and I hope I haven't bored you by sharing my wonderful experience. I just thought you might like to hear about it. Affectionately, Vi Stenger" [Ed.: Delighted, Vi! Of course we remember meeting Kevin - that was a wonderful experience for us, and we like to hear stories of our 90th family, so we are glad you wrote. We were disappointed that you did not make the 2012 Reunion...I'm hoping I'll see you in 2013 at the Reunion!]



## Family Album... Other Family Members



**Cowell, Diana Hamilton, daughter, COL Edward S. Hamilton, 357/M** - 5/21/12 - "Dear Rhoda & Jim, Thank you for all you do for the 90th veterans and their families and for a great newsletter. Here is my check to keep faith with my father's memories and help ensure this wonderful organization keeps going. I'm sorry I will not be able to enjoy being with all the Touch "Ombres in August [2012]. Diana Cowell"

**Currie, Earl, nephew, Staff Sgt. John W. Hammer, 359/L, KIA on Hill 122 7/11/44** - 8/15/12 "Dear Rhoda, On Friday, I received a most surprising call from Milt Staley, a member of the 90th Division Association. Milt called to tell me of his acquaintance with my uncle, Staff Sgt. John W. Hammer, 359/L who was killed in the battle for Hill 122 on July 11, 1944. Milt told me he was with John at the time he was killed. He provided details that I had not learned in any of the research I have done. We visited for about half an hour. It was good of Milt to get in touch with me, even after the passage of 68 years. Milt told me you had provided him with the information he would need to reach me. I am grateful to you for doing that. You, Jim, and other committed members of the 90th Division Association are to be commended for the service I am sure you have given to thousands of people who want information about the war and about those who served. This unexpected, but very rewarding contact with Milt has brought further closure to John's death. After my wife and I visited John's grave at the American Cemetery in Normandy a few years ago, I wrote the essay I sent you about John's life. With the additional information Milt provided, I may write an addendum to the essay. I hope you and Jim are getting along well. Thank you again for what you continue to do for the benefit of anyone having an attachment or interest in those who serve in the 90th Division. Sincerely, Earl"

**Francisco, Helen, sister, Carl Eckstrom, Unit ?** - 5/22/12 "Dear Jim, Thanks for the newsletter. I read it cover to cover! I don't know anyone, of course, but I found it very interesting. I just wish someone would remember my brother! Guess it's too late for that. Enclosed are my dues. You guys are doing a good job! Fondly, Helen"

**Junker, COL[R] Susan + Birchall, COL [R] Dennis, in-laws, Paul Larsen, 359/C** - 8/13/12 "Dear Mr. Reid: Enclosed is a check in memory of Paul A. Larsen. His daughter, Helen Larsen Birchall just attended her first 90th Reunion in Fort Worth [2012]. Watching her learn about her father's service and her heritage was a privilege. The research resources, assistance, and wonderful members, were an inspiration. Although we are nearby in-laws, we would like to contribute to the Association to continue the great and necessary effort to preserve history -- and share it. Sincerely, COL [R] Susan Junker and COL [R] Dennis R. Birchall"

**Klett, Jennifer Rude, granddaughter, Pvt. George "Judge" R. Knott, 360/G WW 1** - 5/11/13 "Dear 90th Division Association, Please consider me for Honorary membership in the 90th Division Association for the 2013-2014 year. I am the granddaughter of Pvt. George 'Judge' R. Knott, who [con't. next page]



**Klett, Jennifer [con't.]** - fought with the division in the 360th Infantry, Company G during World War 1. In fact, I have just completed a book about my grandfather's experiences during the Great War, called *'Judge the Doughboy: From Minnesota to Kaiser's Germany With the Texas Brigade During World War 1.'* I am currently looking for a print publisher. However, if none is found, the book will be available as an e-book on Amazon this fall. The book describes the 90th Division in its beginnings and traces its steps throughout the war. Please visit my website for more information on the book. Feel free to provide a link to the website under "books" on your 90th Division Association website, as well. Thank you for your efforts and for your service. I believe it is an honor to become a member of your organization. Sincerely, Jennifer Rude Klett" [Ed.: Our webmaster will be notified when the book is available.]

**Madis, Irma, widow - FRANCE** - "Dear James and Rhoda, I wish you and to your family a Happy New Year and a good health. May you be in good condition and be able to travel again to Lorraine on October, 2014 for the 70th Anniversary of Liberation, that will be organized by "Moselle River Association". I will be pleased to see you again. After the death of my husband, Arthur in May, 2011, I began to travel again with friends and went to Normandy in June, 2012. It was moving to visit the famous sites where U.S. troops landed on June, 1944 - Utah Beach; Pointe du Hoc; Arromanches; Ste. Mere` l' Eglise; and Colleville Cemetery. Thank you again for these heroic facts. My son, Capt. Gilles Madis, retired from the French Army and is now successful in his new civilian activity. His daughter, Saline, 25 years old, studies medicine for the 8th year. She will be a doctor and will marry in 2014 to a young doctor. His son, Guillaume, 29 years old, is waiting for a stage to England. My daughter, 32 years old, is a designer in Paris. Her son, Carl, 3 years old, is a famous dancer of Beyonce and Rihanna music. Thank you for sending me the newsletter in which you included pictures of Arthur, me, and Gilles. Good luck for preparing your next meeting with the 90th Division in 2013. My Best to you, Irma Madis" [Ed. note: Irma also sent the 2 articles with pictures on page 7. Thank you, Irma!]



**Miller, Paula, daughter, Jack S. DiGirolamo, 358/K** - "Dear James, I am saddened to inform you that my Dad, Jack S. DiGirolamo, died September, 2011. We did notify the local VFW, but obviously the message was not forwarded to you. Our prayers are with you and all military personnel. Sincerely, Paula Miller" [Ed.: No military or other associations or organizations forward any death notices to us, so we need to be notified directly.]

**Neubauer, Clara M., sister, Arthur Kueker, 357/I KIA** - "Sorry to hear that so many of our veterans who saved our country in time of need, are so poor these days that they can't afford \$20 for the newsletter [if they are still able to read]. Sorry to say I can't read much of it anymore, but so thankful it was still there when we finally found out about it, that I continue to pay as long as I can. You do such a marvelous job. Have a good year and God Bless you both. Clara"

**Saveraid, Linda R., daughter, Harry Rasmusson, 315/Eng** - "Hi Rhoda - Here is a check for dues. I'm not sure which year I owe for, so apply where

needed! Sorry we missed the 2012 Reunion. We had a family wedding going on and couldn't make it. I hope to see you in 2013. Take care and thanks for all you do!! Sincerely, Linda Saveraid" [Ed.: Linda, we missed you and your sister last year - Karaoke just wasn't the same without you two! Hope we DO see you in 2013!!]

**Phillips, Vance, son, William L., 357/K - KIA 6/19/44 - 2/21/12** - "During the summer of 2011, I met Norm Richards while sitting in my car, waiting for my wife, Patricia. She was in Sally's buying products for her hair. Mr. Richard's approached his car which was parked next to mine. He wore a cap with a T/O military insignia emblazoned on it. I shouted to him: 'Say, there, is that a Texas/Oklahoma 90th Infantry Division cap you're wearing?' -- 'Yes, it is', he answered. During WW II that was my Dad's outfit. Mr. Richards told me it was also his Dad's outfit. I told him my Dad never came home, so we never got to see each other. It turns out that Mr. Richards is the Assistant Historian for the 90th Inf. I gave him all the information about my father. I knew absolutely nothing about Company K of the 357th Regt. in the 90th. I only knew William L. Phillips of Missouri had fought in the Hedgerows of France. He was killed June 19, 1944 and is buried in France. A few days later, I received a call from Mr. Richards. 'Vance, I have names and addresses of three men from Company K still living.' I contacted all three by telephone. All three men are in their 90s. Two of the elderly men could remember almost nothing. But when I contacted Bill Munsch, he was alert and interested in my story. We began writing each other. He had a copy of his and my Dad's outfit made and sent it to me - no easy task for a man in his 90s. The picture arrived and there was my Dad - young and strong and handsome. Only five men to his left stood my new found friend, Bill Munsch of Allentown, PA. So, after almost seventy years, I've been able to fill a void in my life, thanks to Bill and his wife, Marjorie. I'm sixty seven years old now. I have three grown children and ten grandchildren. Hopefully, my father will one day meet us. Vance Phillips" [Ed.: What a wonderful story! It pays to wear that T/O cap!]

**Schmidt, Glenn, former WW2 POW & brother, Vern Schmidt, 358/E** - "Dear Jim and Rhoda, Sorry we couldn't make the 2012 Reunion. Jan and her family rented a home near Santa Cruz for July 30 - August 7. We do this every year - the last 2 were at Lake Tahoe. We hope to be with you next year. We had the final reunion of POWs of Stalag 1x13 at Stone Mountain, GA"

**Sebring, Nancy, daughter, Harry Rasmusson, 315/Eng** - "Dear Rhoda, I hope this letter finds you well, We were so sorry that we were unable to attend the 2012 Reunion! Dana was married during a beautiful afternoon on July 14. She and her husband, Andy Thordsen, make a wonderful couple! With all of the details and activities before, during and after the wedding, we just couldn't fit the Reunion into our schedule. I hope it went well, and we look forward to the 2013 Reunion! Enclosed is my check for dues for the 90th Association membership, with a little extra to help out with expenses. We appreciate your hard work and also appreciate receiving the newsletter. Take care and thanks! Sincerely, Nancy Sebring" [Ed.: Hey, this is pretty neat! Harry Rasmusson's 2 daughters sent letters very close together. We LOVE having you ladies as members!]

**Craig, COL [R] Walter M., Jr., son of Walter M. Craig, Sr., 359/HQ - PA - 5/4/12** - "Dear Mr. Reid, I renew in memory of my father, Captain Walter M. Craig, Sr., HQ, 359th Inf. With respect, love and affection, COL [R] Walter M. Craig, Jr."

**Editor's note: Claude Lovett's name was inadvertently omitted from the Page 3 "Call of Taps" list - it is my fault, and I sincerely apologize for that. He was a long-time, faithful and active member of the 90th, and he and his wife attended reunions for many years. To honor him, he is given full page coverage here. He was loved much by all.**



## **Claude E. Lovett Jr. 357/G**

**Born June 12, 1921 --- Died May 8, 2012**

Claude E. Lovett, Jr. was born June 12, 1921 in a farm house on the Homer Creek Stock Farm located in the Neal community near Eureka, Kansas. He died on May 8, 2012. He attended Tonovay Public School for grades 1 thru 3, all of which were in a one room schoolhouse. In 1930, the family moved to their ranch in the Texas panhandle and Claude attended 4th thru 8th grades in Stratford. Due to family moves, he went to high school in Channing and Dumas, where he graduated in 1939 following which he enrolled in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, now Texas A&M University. Claude was a life member of the Century Club of the Association of former students and the San Antonio A&M club. He graduated from A&M in January 1943 and went directly into the army, assigned to the infantry officer candidate school at 90th infantry division, Camp Barkley, Abilene Texas. While a freshman at Texas A&M, he and his wife to be me on a blind date February 10, 1940 and on August 21, 1943 he and Mary Helen Rosener of Temple, Texas were married in Abilene. The 90th division moved to the Mojave Dessert in California for maneuvers and then to Fort Dix, NJ in March 1944. The division departed for England and on June 8, 1944, D day +2 landed on Utah beach in Normandy. As a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer, in combat, Claude was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two [Bronze Stars](#), [Purple Heart](#), Combat Infantryman Badge, three Campaign Stars, the Beachhead Landing Arrowhead, and the French Croix De Guerre. He was wounded by German machine gun fire November 12, 1944, spent some three years in four different military hospitals, and was retired from Brooke General Hospital (now BAMC) October 15, 1947 for permanent disability with the rank of Captain. Memberships in military associations include the Legion of Valor, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Officers Association of America and the 90th Division Association. Claude started work January 9, 1948 in San Antonio for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a rural salesman. On October 31, 1948 his only child, daughter Claudia, was born in San Antonio. After several different jobs in San Antonio he was the local manager in Crystal City and Harlingen then Division Commercial Engineer in Austin and Beaumont. In January, 1974, he returned to San Antonio as Advalorem Tax Manager from which job he retired on May 29, 1987. He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers, Alamo Chapter. Claude was an active member in seven different Methodist churches as he moved to different cities. He has been a member of Windcrest United Methodist Church since 1974 where he served in many capacities including Head of Finance and Building Drives, Chairman of the Church Council and President of the Windcrest Methodist Men's organization. After retiring from Southwestern Bell, he worked for 10 years assisting people with income tax preparation under the volunteer income tax assistance program. Claude was predeceased by two brothers, Hubert and Robert, and sister Dorothy Scarbrough. Survivors include his wife, Helen, daughter Claudia Taylor and husband Gary of Dallas, grandson Blake Taylor and wife Lindsay, great grandson Luke Taylor, granddaughter Brittany Sawyer and husband Lee, sisters Maxine Adair of Levellend, Texas and Edith Roberds of Las Cruces, New Mexico, sister in law Ellen Lovett of Amarillo, Texas.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 5PM to 8PM at Sunset Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 11:30am at Windcrest United Methodist Church. Burial with full military honors will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. **22**



# 90th Members Out & About - & In the news! - 2



## Herzberg, Art, 359/A - letter sent 6/11/12 - AZ

My wife Florence and I were eating at Chili's when two cute high school girls in uniform came to our table and thanked me for my service. I guess they suspected I had been in the service because of the way I saluted two boys, who were also in uniform, when they opened the door for us as we entered the restaurant. Then the man in charge of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Unit asked me a few questions and for my phone number and said they were going to send me to Washington, DC on the Honor Flight.

30 Vets and 18 guardians left Phoenix May 22<sup>nd</sup> on Southwest Airlines and arrived in Baltimore, MD where a banquet was waiting for us at the Hilton Hotel where we were checked in for two nights.

Early the next morning our chartered bus took us to the WW2 memorial, the Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam, Iwo Jima, Navy, and Air Force memorials, and a tour of the Capital building. Then, we saw the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, followed by another banquet at Ft. Myers.

Before we went to the airport to return home on May 24<sup>th</sup>, we went to Ft. McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was written in 1814.

Exiting the plane back in Phoenix we were greeted with hundreds of people cheering and clapping and yelling, "Thank you for your service". The Civil Air Patrol color guard led us back past security where our families were waiting and also cheering. I bit my lip to avoid looking stupid, but when I saw Florence I lost it.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> they had a reunion of our flight and the previous Honor Flight out of Phoenix. It was also my 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. They sang Happy Birthday to me, and they allowed me to tell this story... "We got on the ship to take us across the channel four days before D-Day on June 2, 1944 which was my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. The guys sang Happy Birthday to me and they said if I live to see 20 I'll live to see 100. I'm on my way."

WW2 vets, if you haven't been to the WW2 Memorial and you would like to go, look up Honor Flight on the internet. It's a national program, and it's 100% free to WW2 vets.

3 of our 90th  
WW II Vets  
"out & about"

Pruitt, Leslie B., 358/K POW - sent 5/1/12 - TX

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## Award Ceremony



## 90th Division



## Leslie B. Pruitt

### PFC Leslie Pruitt Program

- Notice of Start of the Ceremony
- Posting of the Color Guard
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Introduction of Distinguished Guests
- Introduction of Pruitt Family
- PFC Leslie Pruitt's Military Biography
- Historical Significance of Hill 122
- Presentation of Awards
- Guest Speakers
- Reading of the Soldier Prayer
- Benediction
- Reception

## Military Biography

Born: March 18, 1921  
 December 28, 1942: Inducted into the US Army  
 January 4, 1944: Transported to Camp Wolters near Mineral Wells for initial processing.  
 He was sent to Camp Perry in Ohio for Basic Training.  
 He was transferred to the 20th Armored Division, Cam Campbell, Kentucky as an instructor for truck driving.  
 Advanced infantry training was received at Fort Dix, New Jersey before departing for England on May 15, 1944.  
 He was assigned to K Company, 358th Infantry Regiment 90th Infantry Division after crossing the English Channel.  
 During the battle for Hill 122 he was severely wounded in his left jaw and left forearm. He was subsequently captured by the enemy. He was initially taken to Mortain France for first aid and later transported to Rennes France where he was confined to a prisoner of war hospital until being liberated on August 5, 1944 by American Forces.  
 He was then transported to England for extensive medical care and ultimately redeployed to the US for medical discharge.  
 Honorable Discharged: August 4, 1945

Wells, DeWitt, 359/K - NC

"The pictures [below & left] are what an 88 year old does on his day off from work. I still help my son with tree work. I help him with his equipment. The picture below is with "The Andrews Sisters" at the "First In Flight" Andrews Sisters Tribute Show at the VFW in San Antonio. The photo was taken by Paul MacKenzie



DeWitt Wells



This picture was taken by Paul MacKenzie who takes most of the Honor Flights photos. This was taken at Greensboro USO Military Ball 4/28/12. The lady was Barney Fife's girlfriend, Thelma Lou, on the Andy Griffith TV Show. She is 83 years old & lives in Mt. Airy, NC - The man on the right is my son who lives in Charlotte, NC. Keep up the good work! DeWitt Wells



That's me in the cockpit



# Remember When...!



Poem written by Jim Reid published in "The Calumet Crier"  
[high school newspaper - November 9, 1943]

## Field Artillery

By Jim "Yogi" Reid

*We are the buck privates,  
Stationed at Ft. Bragg.  
Due to lack of females,  
We always go on stag.  
We learn to fire the heavy gun,  
We learn to march in rank.  
We never fire the tommy gun,  
Or drive the heavy tank.  
We hear the boom of howitzer,  
As they echo thru the night.  
When we finish training here,  
We'll be ready for the fight.  
We make our bunk and shine our shoes,  
And on K.P. we go.  
How I long to see the day,  
When I'm an N.C.O.  
So take your cup and fill it up  
To the brim with an amber beer  
A toast to those, in the fighting rows  
To the branch that knows no fear.*



Jim Reid two weeks after high school graduation and before going to basic training



With his mother and sister - taken at the same time

A Poem written by **Bill Rhodes, 358L** in August, 2007 - Bill is **now 95**, and we have printed many of his poems in the newsletters -

### We Were Poor

Yes I guess we were poor,  
we didn't have any of today's gadgets, that's for sure.  
Yes we were poor in 1934,  
But we had a big bear rug in the middle of the floor.

We had no phone or washing machine  
and our only lamp burned kerosene.  
Since we had no plumbing you see,  
there could be nothing from the utility.

We got our milk straight from the cow,  
there were no cute cartons like you have now.  
We churned our own butter  
and baked our own bread  
we made our own jam,  
and were very well fed.

We'd carry our water up from the spring  
and the good home cooking would make you sing.  
I sawed and chopped all of our wood,  
and carried it into the house as much as I could.

The old wood stove would keep us warm  
in the middle of the coldest storm.  
We washed our clothes on scrubbing boards  
and hung them on the clothesline to dry.  
The neighbors could see your laundry  
as they were driving by.



taken in New Jersey, after basic training



someplace in Germany - after the war

**Gedaro, Rocco [Rocky], 357/C - died 9/21/11 -**

"This is a picture of a piece of shrapnel [shown in comparison to a dime] that embedded itself in my water canteen in the hedgerows of Normandy, France. I reached for a drink of water, during a lull in the shelling & heard this rattling noise in my canteen. It was this piece of shrapnel from a German artillery 88 Howitzer. This happened about June 10, '44. Notice how sharp the edges are. When a shell



lands, it explodes into all these small pieces of very hot steel, that scatter all over, and if they hit you, they tear a bad wound in your body. This injures or kills soldiers & civilians. I was very lucky that it hit my canteen & stopped in it. If it had hit a little lower or higher, I would have been seriously injured or killed. I carried this piece of shrapnel in my pocket throughout the war and keep it as a souvenir." [Ed.: This was sent in by Dan Sheridan.]



# SPECIAL SEGMENT 90TH SOLDIER'S STORY...1

Ed.: This segment contains more lengthy stories of individual 90th Veterans.



## Grondin, Richard, 357/A - OH

Do The Knights  
Ever Ride Away.

The Knights about which I chose to write is of course a play on words. I am not writing about the chivalrous men of the middle ages. I chose the word Knight in order to capitalize the word Night. And the Nights about which I have no option but to write, are the Nights I lived and remembered between July of 1945 and May of 1946. I know that I actually lived and experienced those Nights because the written history of the Regiment in which I served as a combat infantryman, confirms my remembrances.

1945-1946:

The foxhole is a lonely home. Sometimes I spend the Night there by myself, but most of the times I shared it with a fellow "Grunt" whom I do not know and will probably never get to know. Even if we have the time, we do not take the time to get acquainted. It is the first Night together and we both know, it may well be the last, so why bother---besides we're both too tired to talk. In a short while we'll begin our rotating "hour on and hour off" vigil for the Night. Tomorrow, or the day after tomorrow, or even the day after that, we will probably proceed to attack some hill, some dug in enemy position, some objective of some kind or another that will divide forever. Neither he nor I are overly friendly. Neither of us have any desire to lose another friend.

The explosions of artillery and mortar shells are consistent and almost constant. After a few days, we are able to distinguish the "incoming" from the "outgoing". Sometimes there is a pause between the explosions, as though they too, must take a breath. I cannot say that after a while, I got use to the explosions---It's only, as long as I can hear them, I know that I am not yet dead. The hole next to ours take a direct hit; either from an enemy shell, or one of our own that fell a little short. The identity of the shell is, at the moment, irrelevant, the two Grunts who were in the hole next door, no longer exist. There's a shoe that I don't remember seeing before. I did not check to see if there was a foot in it.

Orders came down to be ready to move out within the next hour. Under the cover of darkness and silence we moved to a forward position in closer proximity to the small village we were to attack at dawn. Any conversation between us, was very little and in whispers. We prayed that enemy artillery would not discover our presence. And thus we waited in silent fear until dawn was on the horizon, and the dreaded words "Lets go" was filtered through the ranks. Most of the time, the actual "attacks" were not as difficult as the waiting to do so. If the attack was indeed a surprise, the skirmish was usually a matter of minutes and the "Krauts" who were not dead or wounded, quickly retreated or surrendered.

After the attack, we would count our casualties and remember those who had fallen, and about whom we knew so little. And for the hundredth time, I would wonder why it was him and not me being carried to the rear in a litter sling. 'Tis a wonder never to be forgotten or understood. Most of the time in these attacks, I was firing my rifle at an

unseen enemy---He would become visible only when he came out of his hiding place with his hands above his head in surrender. If the attack was one that contained substantial resistance with a lot of small arms enemy fire, I would run and fire and hit the ground, look for cover and then get up and run and hit the ground and do the same thing over again until I finally got to the place to where we were supposed to go. Because of the physical training, (fourteen months stateside) I was probably in as good or better physical condition than anyone in our platoon, and as a result, the athletic requirements of combat was never much of a problem for me.

Sometimes the Nights were empty of moon and stars. When standing guard, the blackness would envelope me in a blanket of security; if I can't see him, I know that he can't see me. On such a Night filled with stillness, I would sometimes hear the very distant sounds of some other Division or some other Army, giving and receiving their respective calling cards. On such a Night, on guard behind a mound of ground or hedge, I would plant into my conscience, the exact location of my foxhole home. It would not be wise, while half asleep, to stumble into the wrong hole of another. To be shot by a member of your own Company would, not only be embarrassing, it would qualify you for the medal of stupidity, instead of the "Purple Heart".

It was the bright Nights with lots of stars and a full moon that would move the pulsations of your heart into a higher gear. In the quiet of such a Night, your imaginations saw and heard all kinds of things and movements. In such a night, you did not fall half asleep at your post; and when you subsequently lied in the same spot vacated by your roommate, you did not fall immediately asleep. Sleeping in the same spot as your predecessor, meant only, giving him back his raincoat that he had been using as a pillow and forming once again your own.

To any possible reader, it must seem a little strange that I should remember so vividly the Nights rather than the days in combat. Every day seemed like the day before and the day after, but many, many Nights held individual slots in my memory. I'll record here only a couple that were not recorded in "The First Few Hours and The First Few Days".

We had walked since Night had fallen and in the early morning hours we stopped to rest in some empty houses in a small village. In the house our squad occupied, we found some fresh German bread and butter and gorged ourselves accordingly. After weeks and weeks of living on K-rations only, our stomachs simply could not handle such tasty fair. Shortly afterward, we again began our walk to our pre-dawn attack positions. We walked and puked all the rest of the way.

On another Night, we had liberated a small town and two other GI's and myself shared a German home with an elderly German couple and two German soldiers who had surrendered to us. The couple served all of us some steamed potatoes and we ate together as a family and for a few wonderful moments, forgot the war that was going on all around us. It was only a few moments in another Night to remember. So not all Nights were bad and some indeed do ride away

*Richard K. Grondin  
Medina, Ohio*



# SPECIAL SEGMENT 90TH SOLDIER'S STORY...2



Two stories by the late Rocco [Rocky] Gedaro, 357/C - sent in by fiend, Daniel Sheridan

"I landed on D+2 at Utah Beach, Normandy, France as a replacement for Company C, 357 Inf. I fought as a rifleman from June 8, 1944 to Jan. 13, 1945, without being wounded. Any infantryman who landed in Normandy, France on June 6, 7, 8, 9, 1944, saw plenty of combat action against the enemy. An infantryman had to fire his weapon, whether it was an M1 rifle, BAR, or machine gun, at the enemy. He also had to throw hand grenades from behind one hedge, to where the enemy was taking cover, behind another hedge. At the same time, he has to seek cover behind a hedge, all the while he is being fired upon by the enemy with rifle fire, concussion grenades, machine gun fire, mortar shells, and artillery. He has to pray that he is not wounded or killed. He has to relieve himself often [pee]. When darkness falls, he has to dig a fox hole, and open a can of "c" or "k" rations. If he has a buddy near him, they take turns on guard - one sleeps 2 hrs., while the other guards, and then they switch places. This is to be sure the enemy doesn't counter attack while both are sleeping. If the enemy doesn't attack during the night, we have to attack. Some days we may take one or two hedgerows and some days we take none, while other days we have to fall back. This hedgerow fighting went on for over a month until we finally broke out of the hedgerows. It was a great relief to be able to ride atop a Patton Tank until we met resistance again. Then it was back to fighting and digging foxholes. General Patton was our commander. We hated him because he made us continue to chase the enemy after we broke out of the hedgerows. We were tired. Then our Sherman Tanks ran out of gas, and we had to park them in open fields. This is when the enemy observers saw us, and they zeroed in on us, and we were clobbered. After that, we all loved General Patton and think that he was the greatest General we ever had. We had just broken through the hedgerows of Normandy and were traveling fast, meeting no resistance.

We entered the town of St. Susanne and settled down for the night. My sergeant told me to stand in the middle of the road because B CO was coming through, and I was to tell them to go to the left at the fork in the road which was about 50 yards up the road. It was about midnight, and I heard a truck coming. Soon it was approaching me, and I said 'HALT!'. I jumped onto the running board and asked, 'B CO?' I heard the driver say 'VAS IS'. I realized then that they were Germans. I jumped off the running board and started to run toward the buildings, yelling 'JERRY'S, JERRY'S'. My squad opened fire on the truck as it started to move forward. It went about 20 feet and stopped. We counted nine soldiers in the back of the truck and three in the front seat. All were dead or dying. My sergeant removed a Lueger pistol from the dead Captain and gave it to me. We moved so fast in the breakout of Normandy that there were pockets of Germans hiding out in different locations. Most of the Germans didn't realize that we were ahead of them. This is one of the many combat experiences I was involved in."

Story 2 - "War Is Hell" "I write this June 21, 2002 because I can't sleep for thinking about WW II 58 years ago. I remember it as if it were yesterday. We were on the banks of the Moselle River and had been told earlier that we were to attack at 0500 and at 0400 the artillery, mortars, and machine guns would open fire on the enemy positions on the opposite bank. At 0400 our firing began - it stopped at 0500, and my squad climbed into pontoon boats. There were 4 - 6 men in each boat, & we had to paddle to the opposite shore to attack the enemy. While we paddled as fast as we could, the enemy sent flares into the sky, lighting up our crossing & firing mortar & artillery shells at us. My boat + some others made it to the other side. Some boats overturned due to the swollen & swift current of the Moselle. Some were hit with mortar & artillery fire. We jumped out of our boats and started to fire our rifles at the top of the bank. We received no return fire so climbed to the top of the riverbank. There we saw one of the best sites and surprises of the war. In front of us was a trench about 5 ft. deep & 2 ft. wide. It was long and curved up inland. On our right were trees, about 3-4 & 20 ft. tall. We jumped into the trench & knew we would not have to dig a foxhole that night. The Germans had retreated, so we were alone! Word came down at 1400 to be on the lookout for a counter attack & to take prisoners if the attack came. We didn't know how many there were, but they had very little cover, so we kept firing at them. Some of us who had German pistols began to throw them into the river as we didn't want to be caught with them for fear of what they would do to us. We stopped them cold - they turned and ran. As darkness came, we heard a wounded enemy soldier moaning 'ma,ma,ma' all evening. It was terrible to listen to, and if we could, we would have killed him. It was very demoralizing. At midnight, we could hear the enemy moving. They were removing their wounded and dead, which we let them do. The morning was peaceful. In the afternoon, we had several bullets hit the dirt in our trench, so we looked to see if we were being attacked. No enemy was in sight. We figured it was snipers in the trees. The 3 of us in the trench decided I was closest to the trees. I would fire a clip of bullets into the trees & move to a new position, and then the 2nd and 3rd man did the same thing. We got lucky. A sniper fell from the branch he was tied to & hung there. All 3 of us emptied our clips into him to make sure he was dead. Shortly, another sniper jumped from the trees. We could not see him. We heard someone running towards us, so I backed away from the corner. He came around a corner, & I yelled 'Hand De Hock!' [put your hands above your head]. He stopped & quickly did as ordered, a young, frightened lad with no weapons. We took our prisoner to our sergeant for questioning. The sniper never knew how lucky he was to be alive. All combat infantrymen hated and despised snipers. Snipers would hide & fire at us, sometimes wounding or killing some of our men. We had no use for them. I often think of that day & think how lucky that sniper was that we let him live. Then, I think of how lucky we were that we didn't kill him. I think that perhaps God spared me, & I lived through the war. Strange things happen in a war. I am sure other soldiers have had

# 2013 Reunion Information

DATE: JULY 25-28  
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Free Hotel Shuttle from /to DFW airport  
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Lobby

NOTE! If you are flying into LOVE FIELD Airport, there is no free shuttle. It is a fare based cab ride.

## General Overview of Reunion Activities

This Hotel has a beautiful entry foyer where we will have our Hospitality Room for the duration of the Reunion. In a separate room, 90th Historian, Tyler Alberts, will have his "Mobile Museum" set up, and he will have pictures posted out in the foyer/hospitality area. Tom Hill, whose uncle was in 358/K will have a military jeep in the lobby again on Friday & Saturday for people to explore, have pictures taken, etc. The Hotel staff is a wonderful, friendly group, and they are eager to meet our needs and requests. There will be a hotel shuttle that you can make arrangements with for transportation to specified areas, and there is also a train nearby that will take you places in the area. If there is enough interest, arrangements will be made to make a trip to the Fort Worth Stockyards. According to the locals, there is not much to see there, and if the weather is the typical HOT July temperatures, this may not be a wise activity choice. We will do our best to accommodate requests!

**Thursday** - Day trip to George Bush Presidential Library; Eve: Social  
Hour - Cash Bar; Dinner - no program - menu to be determined

**Friday Family Lunch** - Menu and Program to be determined

**Executive Committee Meetings**

**Ladies' activities** - to be determined

**Social Hour - Cash Bar**

**Friday Dinner** - Menu and program to be determined

**Saturday All Units Lunch** - Menu and program to be determined

**Saturday afternoon** - General Meeting

**Saturday afternoon** - Ladies' activities - to be determined

**Evening: Widowed & First Timers Reception**

**Social Hour - Cash Bar**

**Saturday Dinner** - Menu and program to be determined -

**Saturday after dinner and program** - Raffle and Karaoke

**Sunday Morning Memorial Breakfast** - Menu to be determined. - MC, BG

[R] Jim Ryan; Call of Taps; Passing of the Gavel

**ATTENTION LADIES!** - Activities are being planned for you

[Check the enclosed Registration Form for more details]

## A sample of "things to do" in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area

**Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas, Texas:** Awesome Mural Paint - **Jesus emerging from the tomb.** The Resurrection is a 12 x 40 mural, oil on canvas. It is a depiction of the moment of Jesus emerging from the tomb. The mural was commissioned by the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas **Other museums:** Sir Richardson Museum of Western Art; Kimbell Art Museum; Museum of Science & Industry; Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame - **Other areas of interest:** Nancy Lee & Perry R. Bass Performance Hall; Stockyards National Historic District; Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame; Cowtown Coliseum; Grapevine Vintage Railroad; Will Rogers Memorial Center; Fort Worth Zoo; Texas Motor Speedway

**Shopping opportunities:** Sundance Square [20 square blocks of shopping + art galleries, etc.]; The Shops at So7; Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall [including Bass Pro Shop]; Main street downtown Grapevine [a great variety of unique and "price friendly" boutiques carrying merchandise you will not see elsewhere]; The Brownstone in Arlington [collection of a variety of little shops under one roof - charming !]

**Recommendation:** check with hotel personnel for additional information on things to do and places to go - the hotel shuttle can be used for some of these venues with advance arrangements. There may be "sign-up" sheets to determine interest level in order to make proper planning

**A reminder:** The goal is to have you participate in the 90th Association's planned events [lunches and dinners] so that you can interact with fellow attendees - and especially our WW II veterans, whose numbers are diminishing more and more each year.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL - IT WILL TELL YOU IF YOUR 2013-2014 DUES ARE PAID OR NOT PAID!!



*Remember!!*

The 90th operates on a FISCAL year - July 1 - June 30



**ONLY 620 ended up paying 2012-2013 DUES!!**



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**7-1-2013 - 6-30-2014 Dues & 500 Club Payment Form**

**REMINDER! DUES ARE \$30! - INT'L: \$40**



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**The Fiscal year of the 90th Div. Assoc. is from July 1 - June 30 - Dues are due July 1**

[For overseas residents only] \*International

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