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AMERICAL DIVISION'S FIRST  
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT



JESSE R. DROWLEY

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MONTHLY A. D. V. A. MEETINGS

June 1987  
 National Convention  
 Reno, Nevada

AMERICAL FAMILY DAY  
 Saturday July 25, 1987  
 10:00 A.M. till ??????  
 Americal Museum  
 Fort Devens, MA  
 (More info inside Newsletter)

DATES TO REMEMBER

COMBINED CLAMBAKE AND REUNION  
 September 17, 18, 19, 1987  
 Plymouth, MA

See enclosed Flyer for full information

MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION

STAFF SERGEANT JESSE R. DROWLEY [ARMY SERIAL NO. 36.108,403], Company B, 132d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 30 January 1944. SERGEANT DROWLEY, a squad leader in a platoon whose mission during an attack was to remain under cover while holding the perimeter defense and acting as a reserve for assaulting echelons, saw three members of the assault company fall badly wounded. When intense hostile fire prevented aid from reaching the casualties he fearlessly rushed forward to carry the wounded to cover. After rescuing two men SERGEANT DROWLEY discovered an enemy pillbox, undetected by assault tanks, that was inflicting heavy casualties upon the attacking force and was the chief obstacle to the success of the advance. Delegating the rescue of the third man to an assistant, he ran across open terrain to one of the tanks. Signalling to the crew, he climbed to the turret, exchanged his weapon for a submachine gun, and voluntarily rode the deck of the tank, directing it toward the pillbox by tracer fire. The tank, continually under heavy enemy fire, continued to within 20 feet of the pillbox where SERGEANT DROWLEY received a severe bullet wound in the chest. Refusing to return for medical treatment he remained on the tank and continued to direct its progress until the enemy position was definitely located by the crew. At this point he again was wounded by small-arms fire, losing his left eye, and falling to the ground. He remained alongside the tank until the pillbox had been completely demolished and another, directly behind the first, destroyed. SERGEANT DROWLEY, his voluntary mission successfully accomplished, returned alone for medical treatment. [General Orders No. 73, War Department, 6 September 1944.]

This is the tenth in a series of Medal of Honor recipients in the Americal Division. S/Sgt. Jesse R. Drowley was the first member of the AMERICAL to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

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Did You Know?

The colors of the Americal Division were folded in November 1971, thus disbanding the 11th and 198th Brigades. The 196th Brigade remained in Vietnam until June 1972. In four years in Vietnam, about 100,000 men had served with the division; more than 3,400 had been killed and 22,500 wounded. They won 11 Medals of Honor. The last battalion of the last brigade, 3/21st Infantry, remained on the Da Nang perimeter. Six years after its first operation in Vietnam, the 3/21st conducted the last U.S. Infantry operation of the war. Two men were wounded by booby traps during the four-day patrol; then Hueys landed ARVN in their place in the bush and flew the GIs out. Thirteen days later, on August 23 1972, the battalion deactivated as increment IX of the U.S. Army withdrawl from the Republic of Vietnam. It was noted that the last ground combat units, 3/21st Infantry, and G Battery (Provisional), 29th Field Artillery, "...departed from Da Nang without ceremony."

\*Nolan, Keith William "DEATH VALLEY" Presidio Press Calif. 1987

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VIETNAM VETERANS NETWORK

## MEMORIAL DAY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

I'm sure that all veterans who were fortunate enough to attend the festivities in Houston over the Memorial Day weekend left that town with a smile on their faces as big as mine was. The event was a well attended huge success. The highlights of the four day long party took place mostly on Saturday. We began the day with a parade through the town, led by our old commander, General Westmoreland. I'd estimate the marchers numbered at least 100,000 but I've heard larger figures mentioned which like mine are unofficial. The Americal contingent took our assigned place in the march with the Americal colors held high for the thousands of well-wishers lining the sidewalks to cheer. We were behind a contingent of Canadians who had volunteered and fought in our forces and our rear was brought up by our old rivals in I Corps, the 1st Marine Division. Along the route we were treated to fly-overs by Hueys, Cobra gunships and Phantom jets. The cheers were so loud that I think perhaps the pilots may have heard us. I met a few men later in the day that had lost their voices as a result. General Westmoreland took up a position on the reviewing stand and shook hands with many of the men as they passed. I don't want to leave out the ladies, they were well represented by a good sized group of Nurses and Donut-Dollies. Upon arrival at the city's park, a huge amphitheatre had been prepared for an old time rock n' roll concert. The ladies were placed on the stage and introduced by the still beautiful Armed Forces Radio personality, Chris Noel. Westy gave a short speech congratulating us on our ability to handle the monsoon storm that was currently engulfing us and then the music began. Top name groups included Johnny Rivers, Buffalo Springfield, Richie Havens, and the Guess Who. The music went on into the evening and it would have been impossible not to enjoy yourself.

Our Americal hospitality room at the Astro Village Hotel was packed for most of the three days we operated. Quite a few of the other Divisions had hospitality rooms in building and many vets spent the evenings hoisting Budweisers at each one. Tradition has always been that the Americal throws one of the best parties and we didn't let anyone down this time. We received nothing but complements on the welcome we extended to all vets who visited us, even the Marines. My thanks to all the men who helped in hauling beer and ice and to everyone that pitched in financially to pay for it.



Dear Ron:

I would like to ask for your help in publishing an article on the origins of the Vietnam War. The article, written from a veterans point of view, attempts to resolve the enigma of our military involvement in Indochina. This article comes two years after I published a book about my personal experiences in Vietnam. The book was only a first step for me in coming to grips with the war. You sent for a copy of my book, REDLEG, and were kind enough to review it for the newsletter. As a result, I heard from Americal vets all over the country, and even one from Australia. Any suggestions on finding someone interested in publishing my article would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
James M. Glecker

[REDACTED]  
Afton, Ok. 74331

Editors note: Jim's book REDLEG, was a finely written account of his duties as an Artillery officer with the Americal during one of the toughest years of combat by our Division. His newest article titled, AMERICA'S WAR IN VIETNAM: RESOLVING THE NAGGING QUESTIONS", raises some interesting questions on why and how we fought the war in general. I'm wishing Jim luck in getting it published and hope that someone within our membership can help him out.

VIETNAM VETERANS NETWORK (Continues)

Dear Ron;

Im sure you're aware that there is a National 196th Association headed by Bill Knight. This Association has been in existance since about 1983. I am a paying member. The dues are \$12 a year. If you do'nt pay your membership yearly, no newsletter. Jim Crum (2/1 196th 68-69') decided to assemble a mailing locator list. So far we have over 750 recent names and addresses. Of these names, only 200 are 196th paying members. Jim and I decided to provide a no-charge locator service. Some of the original 196'ers got wind of this and wonder if we're trying to organize some type of rival organization. We're not, the 196th Association has so far just let these non-paying former 196'ers not have access to old members of their units. There is, again, no other group that is doing what we are. You have to admit, we do run on a small budget. Most of the paid up members are the original 196'ers from 65-67'. Quite a problem since we were there until 72'. Any suggestions? We have sent out uncountable inquiries and gotten total positive responses, cash, and mailing stamps. We think that its good for both the 196th and the Americal.

On the positive side, last February I was interviewed by TIME-LIFE Books for my opinions on the 196th and the Americal as a whole. This was for the last volume in the series when they broke down each Infantry Division. I have the interview on tape and Mr. Hathaway is supposed to send me a copy of what they put together. I hope to bring it to Reno if I get it in time. He told me I was quoted directly. I sure hope I reflect favorably on the Americal and the 196th.

I look forward to meeting you in Reno.

Sincerely,  
C. Tony May

Dear Ron;

I just wanted to write a few lines to say how much I enjoyed the Memorial Day activities in Houston. The hospitality room was super. I met many fine people. I was especially surprised to see the wives and children show up. These activities can indeed be a family affair. The march down main street was nothing short of fantastic! I was not prepared for the crowds cheering General Westmoreland and the troops as they went down the street. Ten years ago we would have been greeted with bottles and bricks. "The Moving Wall" continues to draw large crowds and brings out the emotions of many people. It is a fitting way to remember those we lost. That is the whole purpose of Memorial Day. I hope that we were able to gain a few new ADVA members through our presence in Houston. Many vets that I talked to were unaware of the existance of the ADVA and were interested in joining. I certainly intend to participate in future events and will highly recommend the same to others. It was certainly worth the trip.

Thanks,  
Gary L. Noller  
B CO 1/46th Inf 196th Bde  
Vietnam 70-71'

New member, Howard D. Moore, who served with the 1/52nd. Infantry 198th. Light Infantry Brigade during August 70' thru August 71' wants to have anyone who was part of his outfit to get in touch. He has some good Nam photos that you might like to see. Also, he wants a unit crest for the 1/52nd. Infantry. If anyone can help him, his address is 7108 E. 104th. Street in Kansas City, Missouri 64134, or phone (816) 761-8985.

## Silver Star

SP/5 Thomas H. Chase, a medical aidman with D Co. 23rd Medical Bn., Americal Division, recently received a Silver Star for his action while serving with B Co 1/52nd Infantry. The company was conducting search and clear operations near LZ Young when it came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Chase immediately rushed into the exposed area to assist several casualties. At this time, hostile mortar rounds began falling throughout the area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, SP/5 Chase remained in a rice paddy and adjusted friendly artillery fire on the enemy positions. During the fire mission, a wounded soldier who was in shock began walking about the area. SP/5 Chase ran to the man, pulled him down behind a dike and administered first aid. His courageous actions were directly responsible for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers.

The above citation appeared in the "Southern Cross" newsletter in late 69'. It was submitted to us by ADVA member Jim Talley.

ADVA member Bill Laurie from Mesa, Arizona wants us to know that Australian soldiers who served in Vietnam are planning a "Welcome Home Parade" in Oct. of this year. Bill writes "Our Digger brothers are hoping as many Americans as possible can come down. and I hope a good number can. Would be very welcome by the Aussies, who were fine troops. As far as they're concerned, the entire U.S. VN vet. community is welcome. If you met any of these guys in Chicago, you know what fine people they are. In any case, heres the address for more information if anyone wants to write. Office is staffed by Australian VN vets so they'll get back to anyone post haste." Australian Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Peter Poulton/Chairman 15 Dudley Avenue Blacktown, N.S.W. 2148 Australia or phone 622-9258 with operator assistance

Bill also writes "The National Council for Social Studies is coming out sometime this Fall with a proposed instructional package for use in high school classrooms on the subject of Vietnam. Have seen a couple of the proposed chapters and find it not only poor history, but outright slop. Yup, we screwed up in Nam. Yup, we could have done things different and better and all that, no question. But, we weren't losing the war the way this material suggests, and the enemy was emphatically not the saintly nationalist they're made out to be. If I ever find this trash in the school my son attends, I'm going down to demand equal time. You might want to advise your readers on this, and make sure their kids are not being subjected to some poor history. Info was sent to me by another Nam vet who has a Ph.D in history; he was irate when he saw it. Nam was and is far to important to be discussed and debated in anything but the most objective and comprehensive terms. Lesson plans assembled by some jerk who has an ax to grind, and never went to Nam, do NOT cut it."

## VIETNAM VETERANS!

Send your articles for the Newsletter to;

RON WARD  
[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, MO 63123

VIETNAM VETERANS NETWORK (Continues)**Did You Know?**

A bulletin I received from the DAV raised some interesting points about the number of Vietnam-era veterans who serve in Congress. More than 15 million war veterans came back from WWII and Korea and for a couple of decades afterward, it seemed that every other lawmaker must be a veteran. In contrast, more than 9 million served in the Vietnam-era, yet our representation in Congress seems remarkably small. Only 52 Senators or Congressional Representatives with military service between 1964 thru 1975 are currently in office. That's less than 10% of the total 535 members. I'd be willing to bet that the non-veteran legislators who were deferred from service during the Vietnam War, could come up with egg on their faces nowadays trying to explain why they stayed at home. In my home state of Missouri, we have no Nam vets on Capitol Hill but how about yours? If anyone possibly knows of one of those politicians with Americal service, I'd like to hear from you.

Ron Ward

Dear Bill;

Thanks for the use of the Americal Division Banner. Met up with other members of the Americal Division and we all marched proudly in the Los Angeles parade. Even signed up a few members in the process. Enclosed is a photo of the Banner that was used in the parade. Keeping the faith.

Yours truly,  
Dudley Farquhar  
Operations Triumph

Ed Note; Dudley took our banner to Los Angles and carried it in the "Thank You" Veterans Parade held on May 9, 1987. Below is a picture. Thanks Dudley.



Greetings;

I didn't find any info on the Annual dues for receiving the Americal Newsletter, but deduced from reading the list of delinquent members that is is \$12.00 a year.

If so enclosed is my check for \$12.00. I am inter-

continued next column

ested in the exchange of info that is taking place between members of the Americal.

Dan Comacho  
A Co. 1st Bn @0th Inf  
11th LIB

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Dear Mr. Dunphy;

Since my husband came home from the Vietnam War he has talked a great deal to me about it. He also has a couple of pictures albums filled with pictures that were taken in Vietnam.

But the one thing he has talked about the most are the Nurses that served in Vietnam. I would like to dedicate this letter to all the gallant Nurses that served in Vietnam. I know that if it weren't for those Nurses my husband might not be here today. A lot more of our men would not have come home from the war if it had not been for these dedicated people. The Nurses not only cared for our men and helped to mend their broken bodies but they listened to their problems and they wrote letters home to wives, girl friends, and parents. Let's all give them a big pat on the back!

Remember--the men fought the war for us but the Nurses helped to return them to us. A SALUTE to all of the Nurses from my husband and I.

Mrs. John (Mackie) Floyd  
1/16 198th LIB

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Dear Bill;

Thank you for sending me the Americal pin. You will find a check enclosed for that amount plus an application and fee from a friend of mine.

Jim Markham

Ed Note; Jim served with the 1/46 198th LIB. Below is his home address. He would like to hear from any of his old buddies.

Jim Markham

[REDACTED]  
Milford, MI 48042

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Dear Mr. Dunphy;

Enclosed is my check for dues for May 87 thru May 88 for membership in the Americal. I really enjoy the Newsletter and often spot item about guys I know and correspond with.

Had a letter recently from your Editor, Jim Buckle. Just sent him a book about the Bougainville Campaign, the Aussie part. He could not find what he was looking for in the States. Always willing to help out down this end for any of the troops.

I served in Vietnam in 1971. I'm 55 now and retired from the Air Force after 24 years service.

All the best,  
Geoff Tierney

Ed Note: Geoff lives in Queensland, Australia and is an Associate Member. He sent some pictures and if they reproduce okay the will be in a later issue

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VIETNAM VETERANS  
Send your letters to:

Ron Ward

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St. Louis, MO 63123

# Reunions

April 28, 1987

Gentlemen;

We are having a Vietnam Parade and Reunion in Waynesboro, pa on August 22, 1987. Would you be so kind as to publish the advertisement in your publication.

Vietnam Veterans Parade and Reunion  
 August 21, 22, 1987 Waynesboro, PA  
 Dance; August 21, 1987 9:00 P.M.  
 Parade August 22, 1987 10:00 A.M.  
 Reunion following parade - Vets and families  
 Parade is open to all veterans.  
 For more information contact the following:

Dick Avey Darrell green

Waynesboro, PA 17268 Waynesboro, PA 17268

## ★ GUADALCANAL ★ SOLOMON ISLANDS

WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



It's about time someone took action to memorialize the single greatest military action in World War II, the Battle for Guadalcanal. It will remain in military history as an action as significant as the battles of Gettysburg and Waterloo. Moreover the Guadalcanal Campaign was a six month intense bloody land struggle, vicious air battles and a series of the most deadly Naval actions in modern time. Guadalcanal not only brought the invading forces to an abrupt halt but it initiated their destruction.

To memorialize the Marines, Navy, Army, Air Force, and our Allies, plans are being made for a show - case tour of such battle sights as Henderson Field Red Beach, Ilu River Delta, Bloody Ridge, Mt. Austin, Matanikau River, Cape Esperance, and other key areas. For Example the Pagoda will be rebuilt as a Snack - Bar at the Honiara Hotel's beach.

A brass plaque will be placed at Henderson Field, the rebuilt Pagoda, and aboard the aircraft carrier Guadalcanal honoring all Medal of Honor awardees for valor on Guadalcanal. All ships sunk in Iron Bottom Bay will also be honored in a similar manner. A very impressive monument will be placed at Blood Ridge. A memorial of such beauty and grace that it will attract world attention. Private funds will be used to build these memorials. Congress has approved but not funded our plans.

A United States Memorial will be built in Honiara near Point Cruz.

Enclosed is check for \$100.00. Please send Charter Membership Certificate.

Enclosed is check for \$60.00 or more. Please send historical Guadalcanal W.W.II 10" China dinner plate designed by Mike Masters and produced by Kreisshaus in brown tones and gold. The plate's underside describes the Guadalcanal Battle. (Plate also will be sent to all charter members).

Enclosed is check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ : it's my contribution to help construct the memorial to honor our fellow comrades.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to: Guadalcanal-Solomon Islands War Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 56189, Harwood Heights, IL 60656-0189

Ed note: Robert C. Muehrcke M.D. is a member of A.D.V.A. He served with the 132nd Infantry during World War II.

HAVE A NICE SUMMER !!!  
 DON'T FORGET TO WRITE !!!

CHECK THAT CARD NOW!  
 RENEW THAT MEMBERSHIP!

## VIETNAM VETERANS NETWORK

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find a check in payment for the renewal of membership for William J. Lynch.

My husband really enjoys the Newsletter and enjoys reading the articles on Vietnam. He served with the 198th LIB in 'Nam.

Plus--I can't wait til he reads the Newsletter so that I can read it. Sometimes I find it more interesting than the "Ladies Home Journal"!

Thanks,  
 Karen L. Lynch

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### GUERRILLAS BY NIGHT

He was the farmer in a rice paddie, an old woman in the market place, a teenager on a bicycle, a fisherman in a sampan. He was Vietnamese, indistinguishable from the loyal Vietnamese except by his act. He was a tough fighter whenever he elected to fight.

The Viet Cong also included the hard core political cadre, main force local troops, part time guerrilla and men and women and children terrorized into helping.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

### 132ND INFANTRY REGIMENT WORLD WAR II ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 508327  
CICERO, IL 60650-8327

World WAR II Veterans of the 132nd Infantry Regiment will hold their 46th Anniversary Reunion Celebration on Labor Day Weekend, Friday September 4, 1987 through Sunday September 6, 1987. Headquartwrs, Hospitality Room, Motel facilities, the "Ice Breaker" and the Dinner Dance will all be localized at the Chicago Marriott Hotel in Oak Brook, Illinois. Wives and friends of the men of the 132nd Infantry Regiment are invited to attend.

The 132nd Infantry regiment, with more than 1300 members, originally a part fo the Illinois National Guard, 33rd Division, was inducted into Federal Service in March of 1941 and with the Inductees of the then new Selective Service, trained at Camp Forrest, near Tullahoma, Tennessee. In January of 1942 the Regiment, with re-enforcements from the Central and Southern units of the Division, left New York City by ship convoy through the Panama Canal to the south Pacific as a deterrent force for New Caledonia where it was joined by units from Massachusetts and North Dakota to become a fighting component fo the newly formed, and uniquely un-numbered Americal Division, the Army's first amphibious force in the Pacific conflict. Combats awards were received for action in the Solomon Islands--Guadalcanal and Bougainville, and the Phillipine Islands.

For reservations and/or further information:

Clarence W. Galetti  
3610 St. Paul Avenue  
Bellwood, Illinois 60104

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COMPANY F & HDQ'S CO. 182nd INFANTRY  
AMERICAL DIVISION

OCTOBER 16, 1987

N.C.O. Club  
Hanscom Field, Bedford, MA

The purpose of this early notice is to give you time to plan for a night out with your friends and those with whom you socialize.

At this years "Something different" Dinner Dance you may invite girl friends, sons, daughters, friends and relatives. We are presenting you with the opportunity of having your family and friends participate in this years Reunion. This could be a very unusual, interesting and fun evening. You may reserve a table for your group.

Set aside Friday Night, October 16, 1987 for the "Something Different" Dinner Dance.

For more information write:

William Vinci

Medford, MA 02155

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### AD BOOK CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to Rita Mulvahill for her contribution to to the Dinner Dance Ad Book. It was received after the book had gone to the printer. Thanks Rita!

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

## TAPS

William LeVasseur  
Glendale, AZ  
182nd Infantry  
Life Member

Edward T. Menz  
Quincy, MA  
101st Med  
May 7, 1987

Bennie Wauneka  
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182nd Infantry  
February 20, 1987

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February 6, 1987

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Life Member  
November 25, 1986

Robert S. Lavers  
Quincy, MA  
182nd Infantry  
December 12, 1985

Lynn R. Short  
Albany, NY  
39th MP  
Life Member  
December 22, 1986

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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### PLAQUE DEDICATION

A plaque will be dedicated to the memory of Past National Officer Maurice E. Sullivan on July 25, 1987 [Family Day] at the Americal Museum, Fort Devens, MA at 2:00 P.M.

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### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are eligible to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge they are available in miniture suitabel to wear on your lapel. If you qualify and would like one send \$2.00 to;

Jim Buckle

Wakefield, MA  
01880

182nd Infantry Regimentals are also available in miniture for the same price = \$2.00

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### ATTENTION!

Co. B 101st QM & 125th QM Co.

"O'Hara" would like to hear from you. Please contact him at the address below.

Paul W. Santogeanis  
[REDACTED]  
San Dimas, CA 91773

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## NEW MEMBERS

\* Matthew J. Swajkowski  
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\* Vietnam Veteran  
# Sponsor

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★ DATES TO REMEMBER ★FAMILY DAY

Saturday July 25, 1987

On Saturday July 25, 1987, at 10:00 A.M., Family Day will be held at Fort Devens, Americal Museum Area. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting at 10:00 A. M. Bring your tables and chairs, food and cooler and make a day of it. It's a great time of year to sit under the trees and enjoy the nice cool breezes, renew old acquaintance and tell some of those old war stories that we have never heard before. This will be the last official get together at the Museum area in 1987, as the Clam-Bake (See enclosed Flyer) will be held in Plymouth this year. So lets make a special effort to have a big turnout for FAMILY DAY this year.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Send all dues  
Send all death notices  
Send all membership notices  
TO  
William L. Dunphy Adj.

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West Roxbury, MA  
02132

If you are a "Snowbird" use the form below or a facsimile

 <b>COMING NORTH?!</b>		 
CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SNOWBIRDS		
YOUR NAME		
Winter Address	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Summer Address	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Sign Here	Coming North On: Month Day Year	

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Send all material for the Newsletter to;Jim Buckle  
[REDACTED]Wakefield, MA  
01880

Harold P. Aarhus  
164th Infantry  
Concord, CA.

\*# Mary L. Hines "Larry"  
American Red Cross  
Raleigh, NC

Walter J. Larson  
221st Field Artillery  
San Francisco, CA

Leo Canto  
121st Medical Battalion  
Canton, MA

\* MG Hugh F. T. Hoffman Jr.  
Commanding General Americal  
McLean, VA

\* Dr. Oscar Patterson III  
14th Combat Aviation  
Fayetteville, NC

Americao DeFeo  
182nd Infantry  
Revere, MA

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245th Field Artillery  
Clarksburgh, W/VA

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125th Quartermaster  
Brockton, MA.

Robert E. Doucette  
182nd Infantry  
Lynn, MA

\* Robert C. Kelly  
196th LIB  
Mt Penn, PA

Decie K. Regen  
721st Ordnance  
Ocala, FL.

\* Col John M. Gasper Jr.  
23rd Administration Co.  
Fort Div, NJ

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196th LIB  
Kansas City, MO

\* Gregory L. Straub  
23rd Adminstration CO.  
Cleona, PA

Herman Gramstorff  
182nd Infantry  
Stuart, FL

Edwin A. Kuja  
57th Engineers  
Plymouth, MA

Fernando Vera  
182nd Infantry  
Oxnardo, CA

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WWII 480 Vietnam 89 Assoc 9

John T. Woodworth  
Division Artillery Staff  
Hingham, MA

Total Life Membership 578

\*\*\*\*\* CORRECTION \*\*\*\*\*

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN ADVA

40 or under.....	\$100	Payment	4*
41 to 60 .....	75		3*
61 to 70 .....	50		2*
71 or over .....	25		1

\* Note: Payments of \$25 in 6 month intervals.  
Any member who has paid his dues in advance  
will receive credit toward LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

In the March-April Issue  
a new Life Member, Joseph  
D. Paladin was listed as  
living in Haverhill, MA.  
It should of read  
CAMBRIDGE, MA.

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*Membership Is Everybody's Business  
— Get Involved —*

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

*We Are Winning — Get That Membership*

### Plaque Dedication to

MAURICE E. SULLIVAN

A Plaque will be dedicated to the memory of  
Past National Officer Maurice E. Sullivan  
on July 25th, 1987 (Family Day) at the Ameri-  
cal Museum, Fort Devens, MA. at 2.00 PM.

PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE TO ATTEND

Committee  
Santo J. Ravagno  
William L. Dunphy William S. Coronella

ALL THE  
**POWs**  
ARE NOT  
HOME  
YET! 

FINAL - FINAL - FINAL - NOTICE

\* \* \* \* \* 3rd &amp; Final \* \* \* \* \*

1987-1988 Dues Notices to Expire in  
January 1988----MAILED JANUARY 1987YOUR CARD NUMBER

10	9	26	36	21	28	58
61	48	41	37	82	88	117
108	128	143	159	172	178	193
173	191	177	214	1695	227	239
240	246	247	259	260	241	267
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In the March-April Newsletter I printed 41 card numbers and only 5 members sent in their Dues. This would make me believe that only the 5 members took the time to read the notice and see if their number was printed as an OVERDUE DUES MEMBER.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JULY - AUGUST WILL HAVE YOUR NAME INSTEAD OF A CARD NUMBER AND YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST.

The May Dues notices have been sent out this past month PLEASE REMIT THE \$ 6.00 Dues. Remember you receive your card in ADVANCE and all we ask is please send in a check. YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT

NEW ADDRESS WHEN YOU MOVE

Don't keep it a SECRET - Let us know.

CLIP AND MAIL TO HEADQUARTERS.

Americal Newsletter  
P.O. Box 1381  
Boston, MA., 02104

ADDRESS  
CHANGE?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAPTER NEWSTHE AMERICAL  
Force of the Future.FAR WEST CHAPTER

AK, AZ, N CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR ND  
SD, UT, WA, WY  
REGIONAL COMMANDER: Lloyd J. Morrell  
[REDACTED] Pleasant Hill, CA., 94523  
Tel # [REDACTED]

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Contact: Vacant

WILLIAM F. McGOLDRICK- CAPE COD CHAPTER

PLYMOUTH & WAREHAM & SOUTH OF THE CAPE  
COD CANAL  
COMMANDER: Carlo A. Pola  
[REDACTED] Sandwich, MA.,  
02563  
Tel # [REDACTED]

SOUTH MID WEST CHAPTER

AK, LA, MS, OK, TX

CONTACT: VACANT

EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

DC, DE, KY, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV  
REGIONAL COMMANDER: Robert T. Hock  
[REDACTED] Reading, PA 19601  
Tel # [REDACTED]

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

IL, IN, MI, MN, WI

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Herbert L. Murphy  
[REDACTED] Saginaw, MI., 48604  
Tel # [REDACTED]

SOUTH EAST CHAPTER

AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Ed A. Heartquist  
[REDACTED] Tarpon Springs  
Florida, 33589  
Tel # [REDACTED]

CENTRAL MID WEST CHAPTER

IA, KS, MO, NE

CONTACT: Ron L. Ward  
[REDACTED] St Louis, MO., 63123

PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHAPTER

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

William L. Dunphy  
Chapter - Coordinator



## HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER  
506 CLINTON ROAD  
HARRISBURG, PA 17109



May 27, 1987

Dear Bill (Dunphy)

The tentative schedule of events for our Eastern Regional Chapter weekend of Sept. 18, 19, 20--1987, is as follows:

Friday, September 18th

1. 12 Noon: Meet at the Tomb of the Unknown's in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, DC for the presentation of the Americal Plaque, and a wreath at the Tomb.
2. From the Cemetery, travel to the Tremont Plaza Hotel at 222 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland for registration.
3. Private dinner with an address by Major General L.B. Ramsey (Ret.) starting about 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 19th

1. Annual meeting of the Chapter starting at 9:30 A.M. in a private room at the Hotel.
2. Bus tour to Fort McHenry & return to Inner Harbor Area.
3. Free Time--Do what you want till approximately 7:00 P.M.
4. Meet at Special Room in one of the famous Italian Restaurants in the Harbor Area.

Sunday, September 20th

Check out and look forward to National Convention in June, 1988 at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

We invite anyone from the National Association to join us for this weekend. Please contact us and we will send you the finalized schedule and reservation information sometime in July, 1987.

Write to:

Robert T. Hock

[REDACTED]  
Reading, PA 19601

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AMERICAL IS DEDICATING A PLAQUE AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER PLUS PLACING A WREATH AFTER MANY MONTHS OF PLANNING BY THE EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER. LETS HAVE A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAL FAMILY.

# MAIL CALL

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

My unit, 283rd CA Bn., was a bastard outfit trained in the field as CA and heard we were part of the Americal Division at one time. We were a pickup battalion on the west coast, assembled in Fort Cronkite near San Francisco. We shipped on a Liberty ship, zigzagging on our own after a day of blimp escort, to Vila Levu and finally settled in the Lautoka area.

After more intensive training we left for Guadalcanal and took a position on the Poha River next to the Marines. From Guadalcanal we went to New Guinea. From here I wound up in the hospital at Milne Bay and there was sent home, losing all contact with my outfit.

Reading of your upcoming reunion in a veteran's magazine I wrote to Arthur Wood asking about the Americal and he told me to write to you.

Sincerely,  
Peter W. Kierbiedz

Peter;

According to the book by Stanton, Order Of Battle, and Americal records, the 283rd was never attached to the Americal. However, We certainly welcome you as an Associate member. Bill

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This is Ernie Herbert;

Enclosed is my check to pay for a life membership. I thought this would be a good buy because I forgot easy and I do want to keep paid up.

My wife used to take care of all these things but she passed away last year. She was a Sgt. in the Marine Corp. back in the 40's.

We were married in 1948 and she died of cancer in February of 1986.

Ernie Herbert  
Co. A 182nd Infantry

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Dear Bill;

Enclosed is a check for two years dues. We will be travelling this year so I thought that I had better get the money in now.

We had a nice visit with Jerry Martel in Odessa, Texas this past winter. He is still the same old Gerry.

Regards,  
Maurice L. Dee  
182nd Infantry

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Dear Comrade Turner;

Enclosed is my check of \$50.00 for a lifetime membership in the Americal. I part with my ducats with great reluctance, but how can I turn down a bargain of the century? Needless to say it is a pleasure and an honor to be a member of the Americal Association.

Respectfully,  
Fernando Vera

P.S. I am looking for a Thomas Vigil. He was wounded and sent home from Bougainville in 1944. Last known address was Oklahoma City, OK

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID? CHECK THAT CARD!

## MAIL CALL Continues

Hi Jim;

Last Wednesday I spotted a car in the Heartland Shopping Center with an Americal Plate. I left my name and phone number under the wiper blades and today I heard from Mrs. Quirk. Her husband is a patient in the V. A. Hospital.

I'm a survivor from the 26th Signal - did the whole 43 months out there, returning home after Hiroshima. That's a long time ago!

I would like to be able to say where and when I will see you guys again but we are heading out to Little Rock, Arkansas shortly -- how long -- that's to be decided after we get there. Our daughter might talk us into staying.

Any literature you wish to send I'd be glad to receive. Who knows, I could still be back some time in the future.

Good luck always,  
Frank J. Curtis

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Dear Bill;

April 6, 1987

Sorry to hear your a little down. It's difficult to keep a good Americal man down for long. It's that good training we got in the Pacific.

You know Bill I had a triple bypass back in June 1984, just a few days after I retired. That's the way it goes, right. Anyways, I just got married again 11 Mar 87. So you see Bill we old guys just patch it up and move along. We've got a lot left to do.

The Americal Association will be passing along to a great bunch of guys from a place they called "Nam. They wore our patch, a shield of blue with those four white stars. They did well and added to the Americal history.

Bill, you and I are needed, so up and at 'em. We have a long way to go with a lot left to do. To help make you feel better I am enclosing a check for a new member or perhaps reinstated, whatever. This man did a lot for our troops in the early days in Noumea, New Caledonia. He would MC the live show in that little theater called "Hixon Hall". If you remember Les would open with a great big smile and say "Hi Fellers!" We would respond with "Hi Les" -- and so it was "Hixon Hall Tonight" and the great bands of the Division took turns playing and supplying music for the show. The Americal had lots of talent.

Les Martinson was a member of HQ Co 101st QM -- later the 125th QM Co. He started with the rest of us in Jan 41 -- a M/Sgt working along side the late General Noonan.

Les told me he would never see seventy again. He is in great health, plays tennis, many a match with men in their thirties -- and wins! He still works directing movies and TV and would like to hear from some of the old gang. His address is 2288 Coldwater Cyn., Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

In the past month I have been in contact with some fifteen or twenty members of the 101st & 125 QM men that I hadn't seen or talked to in over thirty five years. When they found out I was in California their next question was "How is Les Martinson" -- how is he and what is he doing? Some had seen his name listed in the credits on T.V. and movies. But California is a big state and it can be difficult to reach and old friend. I just want to say that our old friend Les is still the same man he was all those many years ago.

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## MAIL CALL Continues

A real down to earth guy still with that big smile and he really makes you feel welcome.

Hope we've made your day a little better. Please contact Les with his membership kit very soon and if possible send any available copies of the Newsletter. He will enjoy reading our Division news.

Paul W. Santogeanis  
101st & 125th QM

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Jim;

A group from the 125th Quartermaster met at the Americal Museum at Fort Devens and had one great day!

Paul Santogeanis, who was visiting from California rounded up the group.

It was an enjoyable day with plenty of laughs about the old Guard days, Camp Edwards, and those great days spent overseas. There was also a good many laughs remembering some of the "Characters" ---every outfit HAD THOSE!

Frank Diorio  
101st QM



Starting Left to Right- Frank Harrold 101 & 125 QM  
Joe Bucci 101 & 494 QM, Paul Santogeanis 101 & 125 QM, Joe Thompson 101 & 494 QM, H. )'Melia 101 & 494 QM, J. O'Connor 101 & 494 QM.  
Kneeling-Left to Right- E. Luongo 101 & 494 QM, Frank Diorio 101 & 494 QM.

P.S. Add Jim Flynn to the list as the picture they took with him in the group did not come out. I knew he would break the camera.

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Editor;

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which was published in the International Herald Tribune concerning the Island where we were formed and from which we took our name. I would like to share this with other members of our organization.

NEW CALEDONIA TROUBLE HE

The Melanesian Kanaks do represent about 43% of the population of New Caledonia, but some reports give the impression that all 43% want independence from France. This is not true.

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## NEW CALEDONIA TROUBLE Continues

The legislative body consists of 46 members. At the last vote, 34 voted to remain with France. Of those, about half were Kanaks; and the Assembly president, Dick Ukeiwe, is a Kanak.

I think readers also have a right to know that the Kanak independence faction has been supported by Colonel Moammar Gadhafi. Eighteen persons were sent to Libya for "training" just before the last National elections in 1984. Colonel Gadhafi contributed about \$5 million for the support of the independence faction.

ED. Note: This article was written by Colonel Harold G. Holcombe Jr. and was printed in the International Herald Tribune. Colonel Holcombe is a Life Member of A.D.V.A. and he served in the South Pacific with the Div Arty.

He also enclosed the following item that appeared in the New York Times.

## LIBYA'S MOVE INCITES FEAR

NOUMEA, New Caledonia -- Libyan overtures to the South Pacific are provoking fears of a new front of Libyan sponsored terrorism, in a region unaccustomed to anything more violent than a free falling coconut.

Here in New Caledonia, where a large Melanesian minority apparently favors independence from France, there is apprehension that Libya will encourage violence and rebellion. Already several dozen Melanesians separatists have gone to Libya for training.

The president of the Melanesian independence colation, Jean-Marie Tjibaou, suggested in an interview that within the next few weeks his organization might express its willingness to accept arms from Libya. But Mr. Tjibaou noted that it would be difficult or impossible to transport weapons to this closely guarded island.

"There is good reason that Libyans fill people with fear," Australia's Foriegn Minister, William G. Hayden, said after returning from a trip to New Zealand to discuss the situation with that country's Prime Minister, David Lange. "It is a real problem for the region."

The chief American representative at the United Nations, Vernon A. Walters, said on a visit to Fiji in April that the United States was concerned by any attempt by Libya to destabilize the Pacific.

"To be blunt, Libyans have a considerable potential for mischief-making," Mr. Walters said.

Thank you Colonel Holcombe.

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There is trouble in Paradise! As you all know New Caledonia is about the richest island in the Pacific because of it's natural resources. A lot of people would like it but I think France will fight for that island.

Quite a few other islands in the Pacific are at odds with the U.S. over fishing rights. Fishing boats from the West Coast violate their waters and our government does nothing about it.

Guess who is being the champion fo their rights and paying for fishing rights?

Answer in the next issue.

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HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

SEE YOU JULY 25, 1987 AT FORT DEVENS



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BOSTON, MASS. 02104



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

J-V-86

Gary L. Noller

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NOLLER, GARY L.

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#### Eligibility for Membership

Membership in ADVA is open to all officers and enlisted men now serving with or who have served with the Americal (23d INF) Division in an assigned or attached status during the following periods:

World War II (South Pacific)	1942-1945
Korean War (Caribbean)	1954-1956
Vietnam	1967-1973

Eligibility includes those who served with Task Force 6814 and Task Force Oregon. Branch of service is immaterial.

#### AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 1381, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02104

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address — Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Americal Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service — From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

V. A. Claim No.: \_\_\_\_\_

V. A. Office — City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: Please Enclose Annual Dues)

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received	Date Addressed:	Expiration Date:
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Other		