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YOUR GUARD IS UP

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MONTHLY A. D. V. A. MEETINGS

February 11, 1987

1:00 P. M.

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, Mass

NOTE: THIS IS AN AFTERNOON MEETING

March 11, 1987

8:00 P. M.

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, Mass.

April 8, 1987

8:00 P. M.

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, Mass.

May 16, 1987

Armed Forces Day

10:00 A. M.

Americal Museum

Fort Devens, Mass

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE APRIL 25, 1987

Vietnam Vets Network

By Ron Ward - Vietnam News Editor

This is the eighth in a series of Americal Medal of Honor recipients.

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN TAYLOR

Rank and organization: Captain (then 1st Lt.) U.S. Army, Troop B, 1st Cavalry, Americal Division. Place and Date: West of Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, 1 November 1967. Entered service at: San Francisco, California. Born: 31 December 1937, Arcata, California.

Citation: Captain Taylor, Armor. was serving as executive officer of Troop B, 1st Squadron. His troop was engaged in an attack on a fortified position west of Que Son when it came under intense enemy recoilless rifle, mortar, and automatic weapons fire from an enemy strong point located immediately to its front. One armored cavalry assault vehicle was hit immediately by recoilless rifle fire and all 5 crewmembers were wounded. Aware that the stricken vehicle was in grave danger of exploding, Capt. Taylor rushed forward and personally extracted the wounded to safety despite the hail of enemy fire and exploding ammunition. Within minutes a second armored cavalry assault vehicle was hit by multiple recoilless rifle rounds. Despite the continuing intense enemy fire Capt. Taylor moved forward on foot to rescue the wounded men from the burning vehicle and personally removed all the crewmen to the safety of a nearby dike. Moments later the vehicle exploded. As he was returning to his vehicle, a bursting mortar round painfully wounded Capt. Taylor, yet he valiantly returned to his vehicle to relocate the medical evacuation landing zone to an area closer to the front lines. As he was moving his vehicle, it came under machinegun fire from an enemy position not 50 yards away. Capt. Taylor engaged the position with his machinegun, killing the three man crew. Upon arrival at the new evacuation site, still another vehicle was struck. Once again Capt. Taylor rushed forward and pulled the wounded from the vehicle, loaded them aboard his vehicle, and returned them safely to the evacuation site. His actions of unsurpassed valor were a source of inspiration to his entire troop, contributing significantly to the success of the overall assault on the enemy position, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military profession and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army

ATTENTION!

In a previous issue of the newsletter, we printed a request by F. Clifton Berry for 196th Light Infantry Brigade vets to contact him and hopefully supply information for his upcoming book about that outfit. Your Vietnam Editor received word from Mr. Berry that many veterans of the 196th. responded with information and photos. He asks that we use the newsletter to publicly thank all the men who provided help. His book, titled "THE CHARGERS" is one of the early titles in the Illustrated History of Vietnam that will be published by Bantam Books beginning in Summer 1987. The books in the series will be paperback with many color photos. The manuscript for THE CHARGERS is complete now, so Berry asks that no other materials be sent to him. Berry said that the official archives are in a sorry state but he was able to reconstruct the chronology of the 196th from activation to inactivation as the skeleton of the book. The individuals who responded with their experiences add flesh and blood to the account.

Editors note: Berry was the Brigade S-3 of the 196th in 67-68'

VIET VETERANS NETWORK (Continues)

A SACRED PLACE ON THE POTOMAC

It is at once the the simplest and yet most moving of all Washington monuments and memorials. And as the Vietnam Vets Memorial nears its fourth anniversary, "the Wall" has become more than just an astonishingly powerful remembrance of the 58,132 who fell in a bitterly divisive war. Indeed, many of the 15 million people who have descended the gently sloping path along the V-shaped granite wall have come not merely as visitors but as pilgrims.

They arrive bearing the flowers, candles and flags traditionally honoring graves and stone slabs that list the names of the dead. But to a degree unprecedented at any other memorial in America, relatives and friends are bringing offerings to their dead, from a pack of Lucky Strikes or a cap spontaneously laid down to carefully framed photographs and handwritten letters of love.

The tradition began in 1982 when the brother of a lost Navy pilot cast a Purple Heart into the wet cement of the walls foundation. Later, someone left scuffed cowboy boots before the 247-foot wall, the first recovered memento.

At first, the National Park Service gathered the abandoned items and stored them in one of its lost-and-found repositories. But none of the items was ever reclaimed. So officials decided to treat the collection, now 4,000 items, as historical artifacts. Now the momentos are "field finds" much like Indian arrowheads or colonial-era potshards found in National Parks. Once collected by Park Service Rangers, the momentos are handled with white cotton gloves, tagged and placed in plastic envelopes or stored in special containers to preserve them for museum display or study by scholars.

Almost everything deposited at the wall, other than fresh flowers and unscribed flags, is housed in the National Park Services Museum and Archeological Storage Facility in Lanham, Md., a cavernous block warehouse holding 30,000 historical artifacts, including items from Lincoln's assassination. "We may never understand the phenomenon that brought these gifts about," says curator David Guynes. "But the wall has become a sacred site". We accord these objects respect now and save them as very important sources for future historians to understand the impact of the war."

Welcome Home

*Here you are my friends
Good to see you again*

*Been a while since we had to go
To the field, where the Medal of Honor grows*

*Bronze & Silver grew on trees
There for the pickin'; just follow me...
But our medals were made of lead
Not hangin' from our chests, in 'em instead*

*But we're glad you're here, we knew you'd come
From Texas and Missouri, it's a long run...*

*We're not lonely here, we've plenty of friends...
Got three Grunts lookin' over us — on guard til the end*

*So don't fret your mind, don't shed your tears
Remember, we're here with you very, very near.*

Dedicated to Chris Peebler & D. J. Lipetzky — killed in action June, 1969 near Tam Ky, South Viet Nam, 196th Light Brigade, Americal Division. We miss you all — Dan Dinklage & Jerry Feldman.

Author — Dan Dinklage

Left at the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, D.C., by Dan Dinklage & Jerry Feldman, Veterans Day, November 11, 1986.

Agent Orange Update

The battle continues for Nam vets who had their health damaged by exposure to Agent Orange. They continue, without success, to demand disability benefits from the VA for herbicide related ailments. Unable to sue the U.S. Government, they took the chemical companies to court. Two years ago, Dow and six other chemical companies settled the Agent Orange class-action lawsuit against them out of court, by agreeing to pay vets and their families \$180 million. Interest has now raised that figure to nearly \$220 million. But to date, not a penny has been paid to anyone.

The reason that no payments have been made is because an appeal has been filed by some vets who consider the settlement amount paltry and they insist that the case go to trial with a verdict to be rendered by the court. Until the court acts later on this year, no money will be distributed. They could order that the plan be upheld as originally designed or up the ante by the chemical companies.

The original plan would take the \$220 million and allocate a portion of that to medical services for all Agent Orange victims and their families. But the bulk of the funds would go as direct payments to individuals. \$220 million might seem like a lot of money but don't start getting excited over it yet. Cash payments would be restricted to two groups: the totally disabled and survivors of those that have died, an estimated 49,000 people in all. The maximum payment is estimated at \$12,800 to be spread out over a 10 year period. Im serious guys. This means that a vet who is determined to be 100% disabled as a result of Agent Orange, will receive about \$100 a month for that 10 year period. Plus, a vet must have been totally disabled since 1970 or before to be in that \$100 bracket. Those disabled more recently will get less. The families of deceased vets would get a lump-sum payment estimated at \$3,400. The current plan completely rejects the claims of approximately 39,000 wives who have reported miscarriages, 69,000 children alleged to have birth defects, and all claims of partially disabled veterans.

Now heres something that is going to tick off a lot of you men. Approximately 40 lawyers who were appointed by the court to represent the veterans and their families, were awarded \$9.3 million in fees. That \$9.3 million will be subtracted from the settlement fund. Thats approximately \$232,500 for each of them. We all know that a full one-third of the damages is the standard attorneys fee in such contingency cases so naturally some of the attorneys are appealing their awards. Lets see, one third of \$220 million is approximately \$73.3 million. Divide that by 40 lawyers and you have a little less than \$2 million per attorney. So thats it men, the lawyers representing your Agent Orange claim against the chemical companies, propose that a dead veterans family gets \$3,400 and his fee is \$2 million to get that for them. Lets hope that the courts render a decision that will show some justice where its definately due.

Your BROTHER, Ron Ward

Regardless of the article I wrote about about the many faults of the current Agent Orange settlement, I advise all vets who believe that their health problems are dioxin related, to seek an examination at a VA hospital. Even though we are aware that no disability claims based on exposure to Agent Orange have been adjudicated in favor of claimants, the examination could help to detect any illness the veteran may have, regardless of origin. If the Agent Orange studies now in progress should produce tangible conclusions, the exam could produce vital evidence in preparation of a claim for disability. It is always prudent to the veteran to claim a disability is service connected as soon as possible. The passage of time will weaken this claim.

**Membership Is Everybody's Business
— Get Involved —
We Are Winning — Get That Membership In**

VIET VETERANS NETWORK (Continues)

HELP WANTED

Attention all members;

I am desperately in need of finding some of my old buddies who served with me in the 1/52nd. Infantry in the period of August 1970 to November 1971. Im trying to upgrade a medal through Congress and have to have statements from some of the men who served with me in order for the medal to even get considered. I have gone through our National Adjutant, Bill Dunphy and even with his help, my endeavor is futile without statements from the men who served with me. Enclosed find a copy of D.A. Orders awarding the Purple Heart to men who were wounded during the particular operation on 24 and 25 April 1971. Hopefully with a printing in our Americal Newsletter, I can get a response and an answer to my quest.

Thank you for your help.
Sincerely,
Stephen J. Dingle

Editors note: Steve recieved the Silver Star for his actions on 25 April 1971. Hes trying to have that decoration upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor. Below are the names of the men who were wounded with him during the action. If you can help Steve to locate any of them, contact him at 1350 Pleasant Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Major Charles E. Getz, SP/4 Rodney K. Heckart, PFC Stephen D. Boe, PFC Jimmie L. Moore, LT. Gerald C. Dennis, Sgt. Michael J. Fitz, Sgt. Joseph L. Heard, SP/4 Fred M. Shetters, SP/4 Rueben L. Scott, SP/4 Charles C. McNeill, SP/4 Larry W. Marcum, SP/4 Donald L. Linne, SP/4 Bryant A. Braugus, PFC Billy R. Bevins, PFC Jimmy L. Hooks Jr., PFC Paul T. Savoie, Pvt. Virgil W. Steadman, Pvt. Brian E. Morris

John "Dutch" DeGroot want to know if theres anyone out there that served with him in the 3rd Platoon 23rd MP Company of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade or any of the guys from the 1st Aviation that used to let him ride as a door-gunner.

I met Dutch in Chicago last June and he was a huge helping hand at our Americal hospitality room. Since then, weve been able to get together at the Wall to renew our friendship. I think he has the distinction of being the only ex-MP that has ever showed up at our parties which are predominately old Grunts, Aviators, or Artillery men. Honest guys, if you were a MP, dont be bashfull and stay away. We "forgive" you for your sins and promise to show you a good time at all parades, reunions, etc. Just ask the Dutch, his address follows. [REDACTED] Mount Prospect, Ill. 60056 [REDACTED]

Gary Collins, an old bayonet fighter with D Co 5/46th Inf of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade is trying to locate his old buddies in that outfit. They fought off of LZ Gator, LZ Buff, and in the area of the Pinkville. Gary writes "I need to find them. I miss them. They were a part of my life." You can catch Gary at the following address. [REDACTED] Bryan, Ohio 43306

From ex-combat medic, Rolly Castronova, comes a friendly reminder that donations are still needed for the construction of the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Their goal is \$650,000.00 to build a monument honoring the 1318 men KIA and 59 men MIA from that state. The Boston Common is the designated site for this memorial, one of many that are currently planned or under construction through out the Nation. This is a worth while project being instituted under the guidance of the Boston Vietnam Veterans Association. Rolly is the North Shore Coordinator for that group of dedicated vets. Contact Rolly at [REDACTED] Peabody, Mass. 01960

Send your tax-deductible contributions to the "Mass. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund" c/o the Boston Vietnam Vets Assn [REDACTED] Boston, Mass. 02134

TAPS

Dear Members;

Im writing to you on behalf of my daughter, the late Margaret Ann Haskins Rose who was a member in good standing with the Americal Div. Vets Association. Peggy, as we called her died of cancer on June 11, 1986. This has been a 2 year struggle for her. She leaves a 15 year old son, Aaron. She was a Medical-Surgical Nurse with the 27th. Surgical Hospital in Chu-Lai. She served her country well. She was a member and officer of the Vietnam Veterans Association, West Coast of Florida. This group loved her and they later added to their groups name "The Lt. Peggy Rose Chapter". Her memorial marker will carry the Nurses emblem, the Americal emblem, and the Dragon. This memorial is being cast by the Graham Bronze Company. Everybody loved Peg and she is being sorely missed.

Sincerely, her Mother
Margaret R. Duvall



OUTFIT REUNIONS

The 196th
Light Infantry Brigade

196th LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

JUNE 25-26-27, 1987

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FOR INFORMATION

William H. Knight

[REDACTED] Winslow, Indiana 47598

CALL

In conjunction with the "Welcome Home Parade" in Houston on this coming Memorial Day, the men of A Company 3/21st. Infantry 196th. Light Infantry Brigade will be having a reunion. These men have been getting together for the last several years. The front man in Houston is ADVA member Dan Dinklage. Dan hasnt selected the Hotel yet where the troops will be holding this shindig but we want to start getting the word out right away. Hes been getting in touch with the approximately 25 men who have attended reunions in the past but want to hear from anyone else who served with that Company. If youre one of them, contact Dan at his home. The address is [REDACTED] in Humble, Texas. Zip 77339 or phone [REDACTED].

VIET VETERANS NETWORK (Continues)"GREAT TEXAS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS"
STAND-DOWN & VETERANS MARCH

Okay boys, its time to get together again like we did in Chicago last summer. Its going to be Houston this time for the "Great Texas Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Stand-Down & Veterans March". With a logo like that, we cant lose.

In keeping with tradition, the Americal Division will be well represented at this event. The party lasts from Thursday May 21 till Sunday May 24. Plans include music, Nam era art displays, distinguished speakers, buddy locator service, the "Rollin Wall", barbeque, and lots more. We have some ADVA members in that area who are getting it together for us. When you arrive in town, check in at the Americal hospitality room to meet old buddies and find out where the Americal vets will organize for the parade through downtown Houston.

Americal LZ will be at the Astro Village Hotel 2350 S. Loop West Houston, Texas 77054 phone [REDACTED]

We have a hospitality room reserved for Thursday-Friday May 21 & 22, but will be again on Saturday night the 23rd. if enough guys want to buck up and keep the party rolling. The current figure I recieved on the expected crowd is 100,000 men. Spread the word to all the "combat-daddies" you know that the Americal Division is famous for throwing a good party. Dont be square, be there!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ron;

I am a Vietnam Veteran. My rank was CW2, and I was a helicopter pilot serving with Company A, 123rd. Aviation Battalion, Americal Division at Chu-Lai from Oct. 68' till Oct. 69'. Joining the ADVA has been an enjoyable experience and I look forward to the newsletter. Your efforts to keep the Vietnam Veteran informed and an integral part of the Association is appreciated.

During the holidays, I wrote the attached poem that I feel expresses the feeling of many vets. If you would like to print it, please do. If you recieve requests for the poem I would be glad to reproduce it and mail it to those who want a copy. Just have them send a self-addressed envelope with \$1.00 to cover handling to:

Mel Shinholster

[REDACTED]
Lilburn, Georgia 30247

OUR NATION'S SONS

YOUR NATION'S SONS CAME HOME IT SEEMS
TO BE FORGOTTEN LIKE YOUR DREAMS
AS VIETNAM VETERANS WE WERE DEPLORED
ALWAYS SHUNNED, OUR EXISTANCE IGNORED

WE WERE YOUNG WHEN WE WERE CALLED TO GO
WE WENT WITHOUT QUESTION, BUT STILL WANTED TO KNOW
AS OUR FATHERS BEFORE US HAD ALSO GONE
WOULD THE OUTCOME OF BATTLE HAVE A DIFFERENT TONE

WE FOUGHT AN ENEMY MANY COULD NOT SEE
IN THE JUNGLE, IN THE MOUNTAINS, NEAR THE SEA
LAND WAS NOT CHEAP WHERE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT
WITH THE BLOOD OF YOUR SONS IT WAS BOUGHT AND BOUGHT

FOR THOSE OF US WHO SURVIVED, WE STILL HAVE DREAMS
OF YOUR NATION'S SONS WHO DIED, IT SEEMS
ETCHED INTO OUR MEMORIES OF TIMES NOW PAST
DAYS OF OUR YOUTH WE THOUGHT WOULD LAST

WE CAME HOME EAGER TO RENEW OUR LIVES
CHANGED FROM OUR YOUTH WE WERE NOW DESPISED
TO BE IN VIETNAM WAS OUR ONLY SIN
RETURNING TO THE NATION THAT SENT US IN

THE WAR IS GONE NOW FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT FIGHT
WE'RE GLAD FOR THEM, THAT WAS THEIR RIGHT
BUT WHAT OF THE YOUNG MEN, YOUR NATION'S SONS
WHO WERE CALLED TO ARMS AND DID NOT RUN

OUR NATION'S SONS (Continues)

IN YOUR HEARTS, IS THERE NO SHAME
WHEN A NATION TRIES TO FORGET OUR NAMES?
YOU TOOK AWAY OUR YOUTH AND SENT US TO WAR
BUT UPON OUR RETURN A NATION CLOSED ITS DOOR

WE HAVE BECOME A SILENT GROUP OF MEN
NEVER TO SPEAK OF WHAT WE DID THEN
NO ONE TO TALK TO AND SHARE OUR FEAR
LET JUST ONE PERSON LEND AN EAR

WE CRY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO FOUGHT AND DIED
THEIR NAMES SET IN STONE, TESTED AND TRIED
THEIR SACRIFICES GLISTEN IN THE SETTING SUN
ON SHINING BLACK MARBLE IN WASHINGTON

WE ARE THE MEN WHO FOUGHT AND RETURNED
WE ASK TO BE ACCEPTED AND NO LONGER SPURNED
WE ARE VIETNAM VETERANS, EVERYONE
BUT FIRST WE ARE OUR NATION'S SONS

Melvin R. Shinholster
123rd Aviation Battalion
Americal Division
1968 - 1969

Mr. Dunphy:

I finished reading VIETNAM WAR ALMANAC by Harry G. Summers Jr., copyright 1985, just recently, and I was wondering why the 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade, was not mentioned as being part of the formation of the Americal Division. I was a member of the 25th Div. at a place called LZ Montezuma when the initial forming of the Americal took place in 1967. Task Force Oregon was also formed at this time and many prominent people were there for the formation of both groups. I dont remember the exact date but I have pictures of Gen. Westmoreland and his private plane "Dumbo" and also pictures of Robert McNamara. As I recall, one Brigade of the 1st Cav and one Brigade of the 101st Airmobile was also part of the original Americal Division. Right after the meeting, we were told we could wear the Americal patch along with the "Tropic Lightning" patch. As this was an important part of my life and I know that it did take place, Im wondering if Mr. Summers did not do his homework very well or if this is another one of those little hidden items that were hidden by the War Department. It may not be very important now but never the less it did happen and I feel that some should know. If you need more detailed information or pictures during that time frame, I can be reached at the address you will find at the end of this letter. I realize that you did not write the book in question but I cannot reach the author and he lists your Association as a reference. If you can furnish me with his address I will contact him personally and correct his error. I would appreciate any help you could give me and wish to thank you for your time and hope you will keep me posted. I was proud to be a member of both the Americal and the 25th Division and still keep shoulder patches from both. My name and rank during that period of time was SP/5 Timothy P. Macsary 3rd Brigade, 25th Med Bn and 1/35th 25th Inf Div "Cacti Green".

Editors note; This is the first Ive heard about these other units being attached to ours. If any other members have first hand knowledge of it, get in touch with the Vietnam Editor or Tim. HMI Timothy P. Macsary [REDACTED]
Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center
[REDACTED] Kansas 66607-1399

Important Notice!!
To All Members!
Check your membership
card now are your dues
paid?

A SALUTE TO THE NATIONAL GUARD

This issue of the Americal Newsletter is dedicated to the National Guard.

On September 1, 1939 the armies of Nazi Germany crossed the borders of Poland and Europe soon became engulfed in the conflagration that is known as World War II.

However, the part of World War II that the Americal became embroiled in actually began in July of 1937 when the Japanese Army in Manchuria, it had occupied this province for many years, crossed the Hun River into Liaoning Province, precipitating the Sino-Japanese War. From this point the Japanese War Machine rolled across China, north to the Aleutians, west to Wake and Guam, and south through the Solomon Island where they were finally halted on Guadalcanal.

September 1, 1939 found the United States with a standing army of only 190,000 men. The mainstay of the reserve forces that could be called upon were eighteen under strength National Guard Infantry Divisions and other units scattered throughout the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The call to Federal service began for the National Guard on February 16, 1940 when the 45th Division was Federalized. This division consisted of units from Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma National Guard. "Call-Up" continued through 1940 and by February 24, 1942 when the 43rd Division was the eighteenth and last Infantry Division to enter Federal service.

In March of 1940, even after the first National Guard units were Federalized, the Congress of the United States whittled away at defense spending. \$12,000,000 that had been earmarked for Alaskan defenses was eliminated and the entire Air Force was allowed only 57 aircraft--not additional, just replacements.

By now Czechoslovakia, Bohemia and Hungary were under the German boot.

Finally, on September 16, 1940 Congress approved the Selective Training and Service Act. All men between the ages of 21 and 35 were required to register. This Act authorized a training period of twelve months for 1,200,000 Selectees and 800,000 Reserves.

Many of the first men inducted under this Act were used to "flesh-out" the National Guard units.

All of the National Guard Infantry Divisions that had been Federalized were square divisions. They each contained four infantry regiments and supporting units. In late 1941 an Army decision was made to streamline all of these all of these divisions and convert them to triangular divisions. This process also did away with Brigade Headquarters, shortening the chain of command and making a division more manageable.

The infantry regiment that were cast off during this process suffered various fates---some went to Africa, some went to Italy and then Europe, the Caribbean, the Aleutians, and three never left the States.

As all Americal men know, three of these cast off regiments met overseas and formed the Americal Division. This was the only new division formed from other National Guard units---also the only Division to serve without a number!

At least three tank battalions, taken from Georgia, Minnesota, and California National Guard units

A SALUTE TO THE NATIONAL GUARD (Continues)

were sent to the Philippines in 1941 and became P.O.W.'s with the fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

One artillery unit was at sea on its way to the Philippines when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. This unit was diverted to Java to assist the Dutch. With the fall of Java these men became P.O.W.'s and some of them were destined to help build "The Bridge on the River Kwai"---few returned to their homes at the end of the war.

Nine of the original National Guard Infantry Divisions saw action in Europe---the 29th Division from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and D.C., landed in France on D Day---. The remaining nine divisions, plus the Americal, saw action in the Pacific.

Is it not fitting that we give a big "THANK YOU" to the National Guard for a job well done? These units, many with a long history of answering our Country's call to arms, (the history for the 182nd Infantry dates back to 1636) came through again in one of our Country's darkest hour.

Adjutant's Notes

Jim;

Please accept my apologies for not having the copy ready for the Newsletter. I will catch up on all for the new Life Members, new members, dues, deaths, and Chapter news in time for the next issue.

Bill

Ed note; Bill is resting comfortably at home after suffering a mild heart attack. He is in good hands for Helen will make darn sure that he does what he is supposed to do.

How about getting a card of to him NOW!

Just so that you will not have to waste time looking up his address it is;

Mr. William Dunphy
[REDACTED]
West Roxbury, MA
02132

The January dues notices have been mailed
Please remit check!

Please send all applications for membership to A.D.V.A., dues, death notices and requests for Life Membership to Adjutant Bill Dunphy.

Please send all Newsletter items to ;
Jim Buckle

[REDACTED]
Wakefield, MA 01880

Please send all Vietnam Newsletter items to;

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PAST NATIONAL OFFICER
MAURICE E. SULLIVAN



It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of one of our Past National Officers, Maurice E. Sullivan, formerly of Milton, Ma and West Palm, FL. "Sully" died at his home on December 15, 1986 in Brockton, MA. He leaves his wife Dorothy, five daughters, one son and ten grandchildren.

"Sully" will be missed very much by his many friends of the Americal Family. He had served for many years as our National Finance Officer, Historian and on the National Executive Council. He had been a Charter Member of the Southeast Chapter since his retirement and relocation in Florida.

At Sully's own request, in lieu of flowers at his passing, his wish was that donations in his memory be made to the Americal Division Veterans Association Museum, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. We are happy to report that the donations that have already been made will support our Museum for over a year.

Each time that Sully visited Boston, one day was set aside by him and his wife, Dotty, to visit the Museum. The Executive Council has voted to place a plaque in the Memorial Room at the Museum in memory of a loyal comrade and loving member of the Americal Family.

Dear Sirs; 12-8-86

I wish to inform you that my husband died on July 9, 1986.

Hugh E. Ritter
Mustang, OK
Co. K 132nd Infantry

Angelo Calcagno
Saugus, MA
Co. E 182nd Infantry
Jan. 7, 1987
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TO: All Unit Owners Oct. 17, 1986

The death of Ralph T. Noonan has deprived Cape Cod Crossroads Condominium of a loyal and devoted trustee and friend.

As a fitting tribute to his many years of faithful service - much of which was above and beyond the call of duty - the Trustees and his friends are planning to dedicate a flagpole in his honor on the grounds of the Crossroads.

Presently proposed is a 30 foot fiberglass flagpole and an appropriate plaque.

Installation of the pole will be accomplished by volunteers and the first flag will be donated by Ralph's widow.

Funds for the pole and plaque are being sought through private donations. If you desire to contribute to this lasting memorial to a devoted husband and father, a distinguished soldier, state and town official, a trustee and a friend please send your donation to the;

Ralph T. Noonon Memorial Fund
%Joan Nilson, Adm. Asst.
Cape Cod Crossroads Condominium Trust
[REDACTED]
Hyannis, MA 02601

Ed note; General Noonon was a Life Member of the A.D.V.A. Ralph was a former member of the 101 QM. This article was sent in by Bernie Chase who thought that the Generals friends in our organization might appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to his memory.

CAN YOU HELP THESE MEN ?

Both of the following named men served with the 182nd Infantry in World War II and would like to hear from some of their friends in the 182, the Americal, and especially their individual companies;

Daniel R. Masterpole
[REDACTED]
Schenectady, NY 12306
Co. H 182

James Davidson Jr.
[REDACTED]
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Co. G 182

CHAPTER NEWS

FAR WEST CHAPTER NEWS

1987 NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 19, 20, 21, 1987

RENO, NEVADA "the BIGGEST Little City in the World"

Hosted by the Far West Chapter A.D.V.A.

This is the first National Convention held out-the New England area since the organization was founded in 1946. The FAR West Chapter is proud that we were selected to bring this prestigious event closer to the members of the West. We are expecting a large attendance of World War II and Vietnam veterans. The Sands Regent Hotel and Casino is located in downtown Reno, Nevada at ARLINGTON AND THIRD. Tel. 800-628-3553.

*670 Deluxe oversized rooms. \$42.00, single or double, Friday thru Sunday. \$14.00 single or double, weekdays, before and after Convention dates.

*Free parking for about 700 cars. Ample parking for self-contained RV's at no cost.

*10 minutes from airport. (\$2.00 shuttle fee).

*Complete Casino on premises. *Two 24 hour restaurants and 24 hour snack bar on premises. *Large outdoor swimming pool. *Discount liquor store, gift shop, barber/beauty shop on premises. *Complete health club on premises featuring Jacuzzi, sauna, Steam room, exercise equipment (\$3.00 daily fee). Massage services available. *Free Day and Night Fun Book each day for out of State residents. (\$11.00 value).

ACTIVITIES: These are for starters! Much more in the planning stage. Surprises announced later. *Registration all day Friday and Saturday AM. Commanders call Friday evening. No host happy hour(s) and Ice Breaker. You will soon recognize your old buddies. Sign up sheets will tell you who is there and where located.

*Sat. AM. Business meeting of members to discuss items of interest to the Chapters.

*Sat. AM Meeting of all women in separate location to discuss formation of Far West Ladies Auxiliary. All ladies encouraged to attend. Special invitation sent of all widows of Far West members. Temporary co-chairpersons, Lois Markovich and Amy Higbee.

* Sat PM Free time to win your stake. There will be no "losers" at this Convention.

*Saturday Evening. BIG TIME. Special surprises and guests prior to dinner. Dancing and entertainment. More on this later but we guarantee you will enjoy this time.

*Sunday AM. Memorial services conducted by Rev. Neil Higbee, Chaplain, Far West Chapter. A special program is being planned by Chaplain Higbee and all will want to attend.

*Sunday PM. Free time to continue your winning ways at the casinos.

*Sunday evening. For those staying over we plan on obtaining reservations for a dinner show at one of the locations featuring a headline celebrity.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Beard growing contest in keeping with the Western Days Celebration theme. Prizes for the "Bushiest" - "Most Novel" - "Most Colorful" - "Scraggiest" CATEGORY ONE may have been started anytime. CATEGORY TWO: Started after Lincoln's Birthday 1987. (Note. No- I so not have my beard now). For males only and restricted to members.

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*Western Days Celebration in Reno, June 14th thru the 28th. World famous Reno Rodeo, June 21st thru June 28th. Uniform of the day for Convention, Cowboy/Western/blue jeans/ or informal in keeping with the Western Days theme. Or dress up if you wish.

*Good chance to see the country at ground level and party all the way, AMTRAK rates from Boston, \$250 round trip, \$200 from Chicago round trip. If interested contact Jim Flynn, 80 Upland Road, Belmont, MA 02178 or tel 617-484-7442.

*Get airline reservations in early for the best rates and specials.

*Don't forget to send declaration of interest from last page of the Nov-Dec Newsletter to receive packet of information as they are compiled. Returns have far exceeded our expectations and all indications are that this is going to be a big fun-filled event that you will remember for a long time. We will be working right up until the Convention to bring you interesting and enjoyable activities. If you have some constructive ideas let me know right away. "SEE YOU IN RENO"

Lloyd Morrell

P.S Get those tear-sheets from the enclosed flyer in ASAP. That means, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! We need that reservation ASAP!

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CHAPTER NEWS

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER REGIONAL COMMANDER

Ed A. Heartquist

Tarpon Springs, FL

33589

Tel #

The next meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Americal Division Veterans Association will be held at the Ramada Inn in Clearwater, FL on April 3, 4, and 5 1987. Our last meeting at Daytona Beach was a huge success so let's make this even bigger and better.

Rooms on first floor, at poolside, have been set aside for us. A single room is \$42.00 and a double room is \$48.00 plus 7% tax.

A one day deposit is required to hold a room and reservation must be made by March 15, 1987.

If you are interested send deposit to Ramada Inn Clearwater, FL and state on your note that are from the Americal Division Veterans Association and your date of arrival. The Ramada Inn is located at the junction of U. S. 19 and Route 60, across the street from the Clearwater Mall.

Any questions -- drop a note to Ed Heartquist or call him at the number noted above.

See you there,
Ed Heartquist

Reunions

AMERICAL DIVISION FIELD ARTILLERY

April 29 - May 1, 1987

Charleston, SC

Contact: E. R. Horton

Timberlake, NC

27583

CO. E & MED. DET. 182nd INFANTRY

May 2, 1987

Melrose, MA

Contact: Jim Buckle

4 Wilson Ave.

Wakefield, MA

01880

1-617-245-8038

RECENT REUNIONS

CO. F 182nd INFANTRY

Company F 182 Infantry Annual Reunion was held at Hanscom Air Base N.C.O. Club on November 7, 1987. Invited guests were Americal Division National Commander Kenneth R. Turner and National Adjutant William L. Dunphy.

The traditional moment of silent prayer was made for our fallen comrades and for Arthur Hansen, Robert Connors and Everett "Abe" Lincoln who have died since last years Reunion dinner. Acknowledgment was made of members that could not attend

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RECENT REUNIONS CONTINUES

due to illness, namely, Captain John Mullin, Bill Vinci, Edward "Muggsey" Maguire and Joe McDonald. Lieutenant Colonel, retired, Bob Mitchell of Key West, Florida sent a "gift" and his regrets that he was unable to attend.

Joe Siano has collected the history of the 182nd Infantry in commemoration of the 350th year anniversary of the Regiment. A copy of this book will be given to the Americal Division Museum at Fort Devens, MA. Copies of this book are available through Joe Siano.

After dinner entertainment was provided by a group doing a take-off of the skit of the Andrew Sisters melodies of the 1940's. This group dubbed the Andrew Sisters Plus 2, included John LeVert, Buddy Lorenz, Paul Miele, Joe Papa and Frank LaValle. George Barron summed up the "act" appropriately by stating that these were the most talented and ugliest broads he had ever seen. This skit was directed by Si Iannetti who wrote the hit song "Babaluci" sung and recorded by Lou Monti which is currently being aired by the Boston stations, particularly WXKS AM.

The Company F committee has promised something special for next years Reunion dinner. The committee members are; Bill Vinci, John LeVert. Joe Siano, Paul Miele, Joe Papa, Buddy Lorenz, Hack Cohen and Frank LaValle.

Co. F 182 Infantry Associates

Joe Papa

VETERANS UPDATE

Maurice Reardon writes a column in the Quincy Ledger, (Mass.) entitled Veteran's Corner. He also singles out a former serviceman as "Veteran of the Month". Recently chosen for this honor was Irving Isaacson a former member of E Company 182 Infantry, Americal Division. He writes;

SOFT SPOKEN INFANTRYMAN

Isaacson served in Americal unit in Pacific

Irving Isaacson is a soft-spoken polite man whom one would hardly envision a hard-charging infantryman, but in World War II, on the other side of the world, he found himself playing that role.

In March of 1941 he was drafted into the Army along with thousands of other young men to receive one year of training. Like millions of other young men he found himself in for the duration when war was declared.

"Ike", as his buddies in E Company called him, served through Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and up into the Philippines with the AMERICAL.

Returning to civilian life he became a member of the American Legion and the Jewish War Veterans. He is past Commander of the Quincy Jewish War Veterans as well as the present program chairman. A post he has held for twenty-five years.

He is known for his community activities, raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Heart Fund and other groups. He is also a past commander of the Quincy Veterans Council.

He and his wife Esther are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of two.

VETERANS UPDATE Continued next page

VETERANS UPDATE Continues

ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER D.A.V. 1987

Kenneth G. Musselmann

Kenneth is a life member of Chapter 19 in Lake-wood, CA and started his climb to the top by first serving as that Chapters Commander. He has served in several national offices in addition to serving as National Chief of Staff in 1981-82.

Musselmann served with the AMERICAL DIVISION in Vietnam. During combat, a land mine explosion and gunshot wounds resulted in the amputation of both legs. He holds the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals for his combat service.

H. A. Geiger Jr.

Geiger, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, also is completing his second year as a National Officer. He started his climb from Chapter 68 in Reddick, FL.

Geiger saw combat in the central highlands of Vietnam with the AMERICAL DIVISION in 1970-71.

FORT DEVENS, MA -- For many Massachusetts citizens Fort Devens was the first stop they made when they joined the Army back in world War II. Going even further back, Camp Devens was opened in 1917 during World War I.

The history of "The Fort" has a personal meaning to many of the visitors who come through the Fort Devens museum, which, after two years of extensive renovation, is open again.

The museum features colorful posters, uniforms, weapons and equipment used by the soldiers throughout the history of the post. On loan from a collector in Stow the "Camp Devens Express", originally used to transport troops to downtown Ayer, is on display in the museum.

Dr. Teresa Wallace, curator, has put together a fine series of exhibits tracing the history of the post.

Keith Lauer, president of the Leominster Historical Society, was impressed with the collection and the way it was displayed. Evelyn B. Hachey, chairman of the Leominster Historical Commission, said "I think the museum is delightful. Terry Wallace has done an excellent job." Lauer added that the museum is an excellent way of bringing the base to the community at large. Both admired the simplicity of the design, and commented on how the visitor can concentrate on one thing at a time.

The Museum is located in Building P-5 along Antietam St. near Verbeck Gate. Visitors are welcome Monday thru Friday 10a.m. to 4 p.m. By spring the museum hopes to add weekend hours.

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS VIETNAM ERA

A plaque will be erected commemorating the outstanding bravery, heroism and personal sacrifice and conspicuous gallantry of the Massachusetts CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR Recipients of the Vietnam campaign. This plaque will be erected in a place of honor adjacent to the MEDAL OF HONOR recipients of previous wars.

Your presence is requested;

Saturday March 28, 1987 at 12 Noon
State House, Third Floor, Boston, Mass.

AMERICAL MUSEUM

We would appreciate it very much if all persons sending pictures to be displayed in the Museum, would print on the back -- Date -- where taken -- Name of people in the picture.

On article sent in to be displayed please attach a note with name of donor, description of article, where it was from and any other information that may be available.

If you desire to become a Museum Curator please call me at [REDACTED]

Kenneth R. Turner
Museum Director



POELAU LAUT

A motorship in that she had a diesel-engine drive, this ship was operated both before and after World War II by the Netherlands Royal Mail Line. Even during the war, her Dutch crew manned her, although she was then operated under joint American-British control, chiefly carrying our U. S. Army schedules.

Essentially a freighter, she was converted at San Francisco. Her entire wartime sailings were in the Pacific, and she troop-lifted G.I.s to all areas for that theater of operations. Her last voyage as a trooper was to Eniwetok in August of 1945. Following return from that, she was turned over to her Dutch owners. This was in November 1945, at San Pedro, California.

The POELAU LAUT was built at Amsterdam, Holland in 1929. She had troop accommodations for 2,117 passengers. With a length overall of 517 feet, and a 61 foot beam, she had a 29 foot draft. Gross tonnage; 9272. She was rated at 15 knots, ---17.3 miles per hour.

Hey you guys from the 245th F.A. --- remember this cruise ship you were on? It took you from Bougainville to Leyte.

Sent in by;

Maj. Joe Kruczek

GVC MEMORIAL STONE ON WAY TO

GUADALCANAL

Shipped aboard the Papuan vessel, the MV CAP ANAMUR around the 12th of December and it is due to arrive in Honiara, Guadalcanal in January of 87. This stone, and the placing of this stone was made possible by the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans organization. The inscription reads;

IN LOVING MEMORY

GOVERNMENTS CREATE WARS BUT YOUNG MEN ARE CALLED TO FIGHT IN THEM. THIS IS A HALLOWED AREA. FOR IN WORLD WAR II THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN GAVE THEIR LIVES HERE ON THE GROUND, IN THE AIR, AND ON THE SURROUNDING SEAS. SAY A PRAYER IN YOUR OWN WAY FOR THESE GALLANT MEN WHO SERVED SO UNSELFISHLY WHEN THEIR COUNTRIES CALLED AND WHO FOUGHT AND FELL IN A DESPERATE STRUGGLE THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT PEACE MIGHT COME TO THESE ISLANDS AND TO THE WORLD. REMEMBER THEM ALWAYS OR THEIR SACRIFICE WILL HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. GOD GRANT TO US THE PEACE THAT THEY HAVE FOUND

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP
A NEW MEMBER
THIS MONTH?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Bernie;

Thank you for delivering the A.D.V.A. check to help Post 188 with the collation after the ceremonies at the National Cemetery. Please let the National Officers know that we really appreciate your donation. Each occasion usually cost the Post \$300 to \$500 plus and the Americal is great for helping us out. You are the only organization that does help us -- thanks a million.

I don't have to tell you that the Americal vets are special -- always have been -- and always will be! I'm truly glad to be and Americal Division veteran -- our bond with each other is somehow very different than other organizations. We seem to be closer to each other and more caring than most other groups and we have always been that way. Please express my thanks to all of our National Officers for their kindness to me and to Post 188. The Americal looked terrific at today's Veterans Day Memorial Service. I was glad to see so many of the members turn out for this occasion.

Yours in Comradeship,
Dick Gallant

Ed. Note; Dick is Commander of Post 188 in Sandwich, MA and he is Chairman of the Joint Veterans Committee at the National Cemetery.

After the Memorial Services at Bourne National Cemetery, American Legion Post 188 in Sandwich always hosts a big spread for all the vets that want to attend. They really know something about hospitality!

Hello William;

Today is my seventy-one (71) years birthday. I am sending \$25.00 to be a Life Time Member of the Americal Division Veterans Association. I am a former member of the 247th F.A. I had the best time at Fort Bragg NC last September 26 -27 1986. Lt. Gen. James J. Lindsay did a super job of the 247th F.A. and Lt. M.A. Shreder of Co. C 426th Signal Bn. did a super job with our assigned project,

Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville, TN in September.

Sincerely,
Dan Dorsey

Hello Ron;

I received my life membership card and lapel pin and must say that I am very proud to a member of the Americal again. I served with the 196th from Aug 68 to July 69 around LZ center. Alpha Company 3/21st Infantry. (Gimlets)

I want to thank the A.D.V.A. and you for providing the suite in Washington on Veterans Day. It felt like a home away from home. Thanks again! I plan on going to Washington DC every year that I can. The "Wall" is a very special place and a place for me to be on Veterans Day.

Again, thanks for being there. I'm looking forward to more reunions and being active again for the AMERICAL.

Jerry Feldman

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continues

Dear Mr. Buckle;

In the Sept-Oct Newsletter I noticed Taps for Aldo Loranini, 245th F.A. If it isn't to late I would like to drop the family a line. I would appreciate it if one of your staff would send me his mailing address. Aldo took care of me when I was bitten by a scorpion while on guard duty in Bougainville.

Last month my wife and I spent a few days with Leslie Draffins in Lancaster, SC. I saw Leslie once since we both served together in the AMERICAL and before that in Ft. Bragg as the 72nd F.A. (75 mm) When this unit became the 245th F.A. in New Caledonia, I submitted several drawings for our insignia but the Southern Cross was picked. While in Atlanta, GA I attended a Bar Mitzvah at a Temple our Jewish Chaplain on Guadalcanal had been in. I found out about our Chaplain a few years ago from a newspaper report of the Temple having been bombed by the K K K.

I studied watch repairing at the Bulova Watch Co. While attending school here I met Gen. Omar Bradley. He was Chairman of the Board of Bulova. He presented me with a personally autographed copy of his autobiography. He also answered several letters that I wrote to him. A very fine gentleman.

This past summer while in Jerusalem I had the occasion to meet Vice President Bush. While chatting with him I learned that his godchild had recently graduated from a girl's school that is across the street from my store. He had attended the graduation.

A couple of year ago while in Boston I spent some time with Harry and Nikki Corliss and Frank Brown.

While in the 245th F.A. I had several jobs. I mail clerk, switchboard operator, Battery artist-painting names on the Piper Cubs, and also wrote news articles about the boys to send back home.

Merry Christmas to you and family,
Seymour Rosenwasser
Btry "B" 245th F.A.

Received a letter from Bill McLaughlin recently and he is writing a Newsletter for the Artillery. If you are interested on being on his mailing list write to him at;

Bill McLaughlin

[REDACTED]
Mashpee, MA 02649

Dear Sirs;

I am curious to know if the members of the AMERICAL are aware that the New Hebrides is now Vanuata? This was publicized in one of the papers out here. I sent a copy to the Americal Museum at Fort Devens but never hear from them.

Part of Task Force 6814 spent a lot of time on Espiritu Santo, exactly where on the enclosed map I have no idea. Perhaps more could be published on this.

Robert J. O'Malley

Ed. Note; Your letter to Museum never arrived. Send any info you have to me. I'm planning article on the islands next issue.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continues

Dear Sir.

Please renew my membership. I lost my membership card so I don't know the number but I'm sure I'm about due.

I met Ron Ward at the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Day Parade. He is doing a good job for the Americal Division Veterans Association..

I hope to make it to the Vietnam Veterans Parade in Los Angeles in May. I want to feel that same feeling that I experienced in Chicago. I never felt so appreciated in my life!
I'll take better care of my new membership card.

Take care,
Ray Fawkes
82nd F.A.

Dear Bill;

I enjoyed the short telephone conversation that I had with you last Monday. As I mentioned, I am signing up a new member for the Americal Association, Howard Travis from Bourne, MA formerly from Saxonville. He was with the 101 QM from the National Guard days. I told him to send the application to your home address. I took Ed Menz with me to visit Howard, Ed is in very good health and I am praying he will recover. I would appreciate it if you would drop in on him sometime

About New Caledonia - spent three weeks there and ten days in Australia, three days in Brisbane and seven days in Sydney. Visited some New Caledonian friends that are living in Australia since the political strife in New Caledonia.

The people in New Caledonia were very pleased to see me because I did not go there in 1984-85 due to the civil disturbance. At the moment the situation is in limbo but could explode at any time. It is too bad that such a beautiful island with fine French people should be troubled with communistic problems. I stayed the whole three weeks with a New Caledonian family at Motor Pool, (familiar to you ex G.I.?) Their home was on a high hill overlooking the sparkling sea on one side. The other side faced the towering Mt. Kogi and Mt. Dore and Mt. Moui in the distance. A short walking distance and in plain view was the Catholic Church that the U.S Military built for the people of New Caledonia. At night the dark blue sky was covered with huge stars including the Americal stars -- the Southern Cross. Please Bill believe me when I say that I am enchanted with New Caledonia.

I spent two days and one night visiting people Moindou. From Noumea to Moindou highway #1 passes through the villages of Dumbea, Païta, Boulapari, La Foe and then into emptiness -- yellow grass rippling in the wind, from the highway to the mountains, as far as the eye can see -- white trunks and gray green foliage of the Niaouli trees. To me it was the silence of anguish from the hectic military days of World War II. My Moindou friends rounded up a good number of people for a huge banquet dedicated to me. To eat lightly would have been an insult to them. The tables were loaded with venison, huge pyramids of oysters, large red shrimp, huge crabs with enormous claws, cooked vegetables, salad, cake, ice cream and of course plenty of wine and choice of whiskey. I believe it took about three hours to finish the meal and talk about World War II days. You know the New Caledonians of World War II days adore the Americans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continues

I saw Paul Paturel two times and gave him the book "Under the Southern Cross" the American flag and 5000 Francs for his Americal Museum. I was impressed with the work of Paturel and his association. They have gathered much material and photos of the World War II era in New Caledonia. I hope you will be able to go to New Caledonia and meet Paturel and view his work. I told him to send you an Honorary Membership card which I believe he did. As I mentioned on the phone he really wanted the Americal Flag but he took the American flag.

Looking forward to seeing you in Florida.

Sincerely,
Ed Smith

Ed. Note; Ed made the donation of "Under the Southern Cross" and an American Flag to the Museum in New Caledonia in the name of the Americal Division Veterans Association.

THE VETERAN

Where is the veteran of yesteryear
Who went to war with a kiss and a tear?
I'll try to tell you where they are, as best as I can see
Those boys who went off to war and did so much for me
Some lay asleep in foreign lands
Some are sleeping 'neath desert sands
Some are sleeping beneath the sea-
They gave their lives for you and me
Some are walking the city street
with nary a shoe upon their feet
Some are in nursing homes and cry-
They know they're there until they die.
Come on America! Seek them out and show them that you care
Visit them and cheer them up
See that they are clothed and fed
Remember if it wasn't for them, America would be dead!
Written by, Sent in by,
Golda McGlaughlin Frances D'Amato
"Clothes for Vets"

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1987

William Coronella
Harry Corliss
Alfred Doig
Daniel Ramsey
James Buckle

★ DATES TO REMEMBER ★

NATIONAL CONVENTION

RENO, NEVADA

JUNE 19, 20, 21 1987

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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY APRIL, 25, 1987

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HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO A BUDDY THIS MONTH



HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 1381
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02104



February 11, 1987

Dear Members and Friends:

Each year our Association publishes an Ad-Book in conjunction with our Annual Dinner Dance, which will be held Saturday April 25, 1987.

We distribute these booklets, free of charge, to all members, friends of the Association a special mailing list, and to our advertisers. Each year our advertisers grow in number, offering a wide variety of services to the general public. We urge you to keep this booklet as a guide and patronize the merchants contained therein.

This is our main fund raising program of the year, and it helps us keep our annual dues at their present level.

Listing as a Booster allows for one typed line and cost \$5.00. Listing as a sponsor allows two typed lines and costs \$10.00. A business card size ad is \$25.00. We will duplicate your business card. Payment must be enclosed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kenneth R. Turner
National Commander
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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.

Dedication

ADVA is dedicated as a *LIVING MEMORIAL* to all veterans of the Americal Division and is pledged to foster true American patriotism, social and welfare activities for all members, allegiance to the United States Government, and its flag, and to perpetuate the traditions and history of the Americal Division of the United States Army.

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:		
Sponsored by:		(NOTE: Please Enclose Annual Dues)	
Date Received:	Date Processed:	Expiration Date:	
Membership Identity Number:	Lapel Pin	Decal	Other