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MONTHLY A. D. V. A. MEETINGS

May 16, 1987

Armed Forces Day

10:00 A. M.

Americal Museum

Fort Devens, Mass.

June 1987

National Convention

Reno, Nevada

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual Dinner Dance
April 25, 1987NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEE NOTICE ON BACK PAGEAMERICAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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

ROBERT C. MURRAY K.I.A,

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company B, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Place and date: Near the village of Hiep Duc, Republic of Vietnam, 7 June 1970. Entered service at: New York NY. Born 10 December 1946, Bronx, NY

Citation: S/Sgt. Murray distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with Company B. S/Sgt. Murray's squad was searching for an enemy mortar that had been threatening friendly positions when a member of the squad tripped an enemy grenade rigged as a booby trap. Realizing that he had activated the booby trap, the soldier shouted for everybody to take cover. Instantly assessing the danger to the men of his squad, S/Sgt. Murray unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own safety, threw himself on the grenade absorbing the full and fatal impact of the explosion. By his gallant action and self sacrifice, he prevented the death or injury to the other members of his squad. S/Sgt. Murray's extraordinary courage and gallantry, at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit to him, his unit, and the U.S. Army

VIETNAM VETERANS NETWORK
By Ron Ward Vietnam Vets Editor

Heres a serious item that I hope the membership will be able to help out with. Lets all make an effort to find some answers for Mr. Knoblech.

Dear Mr. Ward;

My deceased son Craig was in B Co. 4/31st. Inf. He died in 1968 and I was trying to contact some of his buddies to get a little more detail. I know his buddies names but the Army refuses to forward mail to them. So I ask you, is there a reunion group for my sons outfit and to whom should I write? He was drafted in Michigan. Thank you if you have any addresses for me.

Irving Knoblech

[REDACTED]
E. Lansing, Mi. 48823

I wrote back to Mr. Knoblech and learned a bit more about his sons death. He wrote, "Many thanks for your kind letter of recent date. Thank you for offering to put a request in your next issue regarding my late son, Craig. It will be interesting to learn more about the engagement that took place on Feb. 11, 1968. He was a rifleman and had to expose himself twice to lay down protective fire. On the second occasion, he was mortally wounded."

BLEND'S INTO POPULACE

The local Viet Cong forces were full time soldiers, but not always in uniform. The elite troops of the Viet Cong battalions wore uniforms. Sometimes it was khaki shorts and shirts, the dress uniforms. Sometime it was black pajamas, their fatigue uniform.

VIETNAM VETS NETWORK Continues

Allan Williams, a 25th. Infantry Div. vet and associate member of the Americal, (his father was with the Americal during the big one), wants to pass on some information about a tropical disease called Melioidosis. You could have this disease and not know about it as it has no clear symptoms. A state-side doctor with no background in tropical medicine probaly would noy diagnose it correctly, and that includes VA doctors. The disease is fatal. If you want some more information on Melioidosis, contact Allan at S & K Data [REDACTED], Louisville, Kentucky 40223.

DID YOU KNOW SP/4 JAMES L. LOPES A Co. 1/6th?

A letter follows from the Mother of SP/4 James L. Lopp who was KIA during Tet 68'. He was a member of my own company, A Co. 1/6th. Infantry of the 198th. Light Infantry Brigade. I arrived in-country shortly after so I hope that there is someone else out there that can help Mrs. Lopp.

"I saw your ad in our local paper for the reunion of service men. I hope that this letter reaches you in time for the January reunion. Its possible that there wont be anyone that knew my son but I thought I would write to you and see if it would do any good. Jimmy was in a special class at Fort Hood. Most of the boys were from the mid-west. They were so proud of the 198th. It was a special bunch that trained especiall for "search & destroy". They left in the Fall of 67'. We lost him in the battle of Danang. Just before they went up there he sent a lot of pictures of things over there, their landings and a lot of guys I suppose were his friends. He never got home to tell us who they were and as we dont have a class picture, we dont know who they are. He had a twin Brother who could not go because of an injury, who would be glad to hear from someone who knew him. So if you can in any way find someone that knew of him, tell them to contact me. Maybe they would like the pictures. I know that they lost a lot of men that day, Feb. 8. He was reported missing for 10 days. It will be 20 years next year. I cant believe it. Im 70. Hope you can find one of his buddies. Thank you for any thing you can do for me and I hope I get a reply from someone.

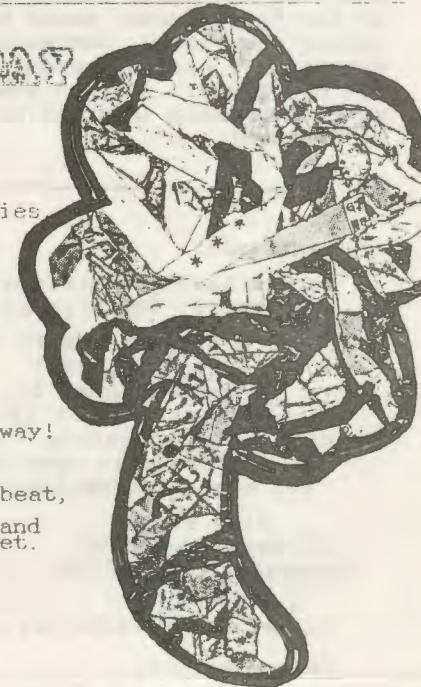
Sincerely and hopeful,
Mrs. Helen Lopp

[REDACTED]
Scales Mound, Ill. 61075

While in Chicago for the "Welcome Home Reunion" this past summer, I was fortunate enough to meet an Americal vet, Jerry Kleinberg and his wife Marilyn. Jerry has since then joined the ADVA and I recently received a nice letter from his wife which accompanied a poem she wrote about the fine time we had in Chicago. In 68', Marilyn was a nurse at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. She met her future husband Jerry when he arrived there after being hit by 6 rounds from an AK-47. The two years in the hospital that it took for his recovery gave him enough time to court his future bride. They just celebrated their 17th. wedding anniversary and have three children.

Marilyn wrote that they are very active in "Wings Across America, Flight for Freedom". In July of 88', 25 ultra-light planes will fly from California to Washington, D.C.. It will take from six to eight weeks. Upon arrival in D.C. they plan to give petitions containing hundreds of thousands of signatures to the President calling for the release of our MIAs. Now thats the kind of project that I like to hear about. POW-MIA items have been on the back-burner lately with the news media so my hats off to anyone who continues to keep the faith and spread the word.

In future issues of the newsletter, I hope to let the membership know more about "Wings Across America"

OUR LUCKY DAY

Within this shamrock
here in lies,

Pieces of tickertape
that fell from the skies

A day to remember
How could we forget?
Chicago "WELCOMED HOME"
the Vietnam Vet!

Superstitiously known
as an unlucky day,
Friday, June 13th,
didn't turn out that way!

Two hundred thousand
marched to their own beat,
While three hundred thousand
cheered near the street.

There were many emotions
filling the air,
While on-lockers shouted,
We really do care.

Feelings kept in hiding
for so many years,
Today opened up
with kisses and tears.

Our wish for the Parade weekend,
That it never would end.
We found our new begining
and made many a new friend!

Marilyn Kleinberg
December, 1986

LETTERS TO THE VIETNAM EDITOR

Hi There;

Enclosed are Earl's dues. Please send information on Life Membership. Change of address within.

Your paper is very interesting. Keep up the good work! I am proud to be married to Vet and I am proud of all of our Vets. My Hat is off to all of you.

Best wishes for a great year,
Mrs. Earl Russell

ED. Earl was in Adj Sec HQ

To Whom it May Concern;

A Vietnam buddy of mine Ken Dey, sent me this application. I am very interested in becoming a member. Enclosed are my dues.

Thank You,
James Turnage

SEND ALL VIETNAM NEWS TO:
[REDACTED]
Ron Ward

St. Louis, MO
63123

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Steve Dennison, ADVA member and Vice-President of Vietnam Veterans Inc. of Pittsburgh wants to let area veterans know that the 7th. Annual Vietnam Veterans, Inc., Reunion-Picnic will take place on Saturday, May 30, 1987. It starts at 12:00 noon and lasts till 10:00 PM. The picnic will be open to Nam vets and all their supporters. The fun takes place at the Fairgrounds, South Park, Museum Building, (under the clock). Admission prices are: \$5 paid up member, \$10 paid up member and immediate family, \$10 non-member, \$15 non member and family. If you want membership information on the group, call Steve at 885-4951.

Gentlemen:

We are having a Vietnam Parade and Reunion in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania on August 22, 1987.

VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE & REUNION
August 21, 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 Welcome
Parade is open to all Veterans

For more information contact the following:

Dick Avey
332 West Second St.

Darrell Green
344 West Second St.

Dear Comrade:

Recently the City of Warren, Michigan dedicated a new memorial honoring 54 Warren men K.I.A. in Vietnam. A black granite slab, 9 feet long and 4 feet high with an eternal flame will honor our fallen brothers. Hundreds of people attended the ceremony including Local 1909 - UAW Veterans Committee. Representing the AMERICAL DIVISION were members Jim McClanahan 198th LIB and Don Gerty 196th LIB

Fraternally,
Jim McClanahan



Left to Right; Joe Ladochi, V.P. Local 909 UAW-Gary Sox, USMC-James Albert III, 1st CAV- Ron Childress, 1st CAV & 1st Avn Bn-George Costales, Local 109- Jim McClanahan, 198th-Don Gerty, 196th.

OUR COMBAT GI'S

Vietnam is still a pop art oddity 12,000 miles away.

The public worries more about living with a possible tax increase. Officials worry about living with world opinion. The GI worries about living.

His world there is nightly blackout and mortar traffic. It's alive with booby traps that can blow his legs or his life to shreds. It's occupied with an enemy and an ally that look exactly alike.

He would give a month's pay for a sound sleep. And 10 years of his life for a night at home.

He is not a bit player in a comic opera conflict, not the trump in an international card game and not 12,000 miles away but as near as the muddy and bloody pictures in the newspapers.

Moreover, he is usually a very young American citizen in a hell of a fix. The average age of a combat GI in Vietnam is eighteen and a half.

But what a man he is!

A pink-cheeked, tousled-haired, tight-muscled fellow who, under normal circumstances, would be considered by society as a half-man, half-boy, not yet dry behind the ears, a pain in the employment chart.

But right now, he is the beardless hope of free men.

He is for the most part unmarried and without material possessions except for possibly an old car at home and a transistor radio here.

He listens to rock 'n' roll and the 105mm howitzers.

He has learned to like beer by now because it is cold and because it is "the thing to do". He smokes because he gets free cigarettes in his C-ration package and it also is the thing to do.

He still has trouble spelling, and writing letters home is a painful process. But he can break down a rifle in 30 seconds and put it back together again in 29. He can describe the nomenclature of a fragmentation grenade, explain how a machinegun operates and, of course, utilize either if the need arises.

He obeys now, without hesitation. But he is not broken.

He has seen more suffering than he should have in his short life. He has stood among hills of bodies and he has helped to construct those hills.

He has wept in public and in private, and he is not ashamed in either place, because his pals have fallen in battle and he has come close to joining them.

And he has become self-sufficient; he has two pairs of fatigues, washes one and wears the other. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but not his rifle.

He keeps his socks dry and his canteen full. He can cook his own meal, fix his own hurts and mend his own rips - material or mental.

He will share his water with you if you thirst, break his rations in half if you hunger, split his ammunition if you are fighting for your life.

He can do the work of two civilians, draw half the pay of one and find ironic humor in it all. He has learned to use his hands as a weapon and his weapon as his hands. He can save a life or, most assuredly, take one.

Eighteen-and-a-half-years old.

What a man he is . . . already.

Editor's note: During the war years, this article was printed in many state-side newspapers. We've obtained it from Mike Kukler's publication, The Vietnam Veteran, [REDACTED] Gastonia, NC 28053

VIERNAM VETERANS NETWORK Continues

I am proud to join the A.D.V.A.. It's good to know that such an organization exists! I'm looking forward to the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER. If there is anyone out there that remembers me in Co.A 1/6 Infantry, 198th Brigade please drop a line. I was in 'Nam from Nov 69 to Nov 70.

Glen A. Uriel

Hello Mr. Dunphy;

Here is my payment for Life Membership in the A.D.V.A.. It sure makes me feel good to be a part of this organization. I hope I will see some members in Texas over Memorial Day. I have a week off and plan on being in Houston-Dallas.

Thank you for all the time you put into the organization. I hope someday I will be able to help in some way.

I hope this finds you all doing well.

A comrade and friend,
Jerry Feldman

P.S. I sure enjoy the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER!
I served with A Co. 3/21 196 LIB 1968-1969

Hi Bill;

Just thought I'd pay my dues and go for a Life Membership. So I put your name down as my sponsor.

Following our conversation a few months ago, about the Vietnam veterans banding together, I started working on a plan and so far it is going along well.

The United States Veterans-Vietnam Era, now has [4] four Posts in Mass. They are;

1. Somerville, MA
2. Brockton, MA
3. Everett, MA
4. Beverly, MA [3 Different posts]

There also posts trying to start in Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

If anyone is interested please contact me;

Paul Trefry

Everett, MA 02149

I served with the 1st CAV in Vietnam

Dear Ron Ward;

I've just got active in Veteran organizations in the last few years. I'm a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and am now a member of your AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ORGANIZATION.

We have just formed another organization - it is called, Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 3, Southern Wisconsin. We were born on November 2, 1986. We already have 40 members. To be in our organization you must have earned the Vietnam Service Medal or Ribbon. There are two other Chapters in Wisconsin. They are Chapter 1, Milwaukee and Chapter 2 Big Bend, Wisconsin. There are Chapters starting up in Iowa and Illinois and hopefully some day it will be nation wide. Milwaukee's Chapter 1 is planning on being the Headquarters for all the Chapters.

If you have any members or anyone else that would like any information on our new organization give them my name and my address and I'll drop them a letter about us.

Terry Babler

New Glarus, WI 53574

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

HERIBERTO RIVA JR.

Heriberto is seeking anyone that served with him in Vietnam. Especially Doctor Samuel Carter and Thomas W. Twele.

Heriberto Served in Co. D 3rd Bn 21st Infantry, 196th LIB. If you remember him he would like you to write;

Heriberto Riva Jr.

San Benito, TX 78586

A final reminder here that the "Great Texas Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Stand-Down and Veterans March" will take place on Memorial Day weekend May 21 thru May 24. The Americal hospitality room will be open starting on Thursday evening, May 21. Were located at the Astro Village Hotel, 2350 South Loop West, (thats I-610 at Kirby). Phone number for the place is 392-4398. All Americal vets who plan on marching in the parade, be sure to check with us at the hospitality room so you'll know where we will fall in. Also, if you're interested in cutting your expenses by sharing a hotel room, we can help you to find another Americal vet or two, and bunk together. Bring a sleeping bag and crash on the floor if there room.

I'm sure that I'll be seeing a lot of the usual faces in Houston, men I've met at the "Wall" and in Chicago. Once you've been lucky enough to attend an event such as this, you'll keep coming back every time. A knowledgeable person in Houston has told me that they expect 100,000 Vietnam vets to be in town for the week-end. That's what the parade committee in Chicago predicted last summer but we ended up with 300,000 instead.

The committee has plenty of activities planned. A computer buddy-search, the "Moving Wall", Vietnam war art displays, military equipment displays, POW-MIA rallies, Bar-B-Que, top entertainers like Britt Small & Festival, Chris Noel, Martin & Holiday. The list goes on and on. There's gonna be plenty to keep us busy but most of all this is an opportunity to get together with other Americal veterans.

See ya there,
Ron Ward

LAKE WORTH, FL

I fly the FLAC every day. Bumper plates added to let people know I'm a proud member of A.D.V.A. and G.C.V. My bit to help publicize the organizations.

Jack Folmer
247th FA

ALL THE
POWs
ARE NOT
HOME
YET!



DINNER DANCE AD BOOK

Many thanks to the members that supported our Program Ad Book. This is the only money raising activity that A.D.V.A. has outside of dues.

The following Ads were received after the Ad Book had gone to the printer.



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43rd INFANTRY DIVISION
Sept. 11, 12, 13, 1987
Hartford Marriot Hotel
Farmington, CN

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July 9, 10, 11, 12 1987
Sheraton Plaza Hotel
Killeen, TX

For details contact;

For more info write;

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Letters to the Editor

Hi Jim;

I'm writing to find out if you know of anyone that is interested in going to Australia in April of '88 on the trip "MacArthur Heros". It is being organized by the Society of Military Travelers. The trip will be for either 15 or 18 days.

I'm traveling alone and thought you might inquire through the Newsletter. Traveling alone is an extra \$650.00 so if I can find a room mate it would be a welcome saving for the both of us. If anyone is interested more info can be obtained by writing to me or to the travel company who may be reached at; The Travel Service, 1707 H. St. N.W. Suite 607, Washington, DC

Sincerely,
Pat Farino

Dear Bill;

Last summer my home was broken into and among other things that were stolen was my wallet that over the years had become a small warehouse. Among my prized possessions in the wallet was my Life Membership card. Could you possibly send me another?

I was up in Gloucester visiting Al Piscatello last October. He's a great guy! We had just found out that Ernie Chase had passed away. Sorry to read about some many of the guys going on to greater heights.

Ed Cooper
121 Med Bn

LETTERS TO THE Editor Continues

Dear Sir;

I did not know any thing about the A.D.V.A. until a recent trip when a friend told me about it. Enclosed please find my application and dues.

I was serving in B Battery, 245th FA in New Caledonia when the Americal was formed. I stayed with this unit through Guadalcanal, Fiji, Bougainville, and Negros Island and the Phillipines and was sent home on rotation Sept. 2, 1945

I was proud to be part of the AMERICAL!

Joseph Kling
245th FA

IN MEMORIUM
Alfred P. Lopresti

We are proud and honored to have known you.

And this is not the end.

Save us a spot in Heaven Buddy,

Until we meet again

Though we're still here on earth today,

Each man is resolute

You have our love and our respect,

And a Very Special salute.

But don't let things get out of whack;

When you arrive in Heaven, Buddy,

Stand up - And send it back

This poem was written by George McAverney and was sent to Al's wife. She wanted to share it with us. Al was a member of South Pacific Buddies.

Sir;

This is to notify you of my husbands death. Ernest Leo Chase passed away on Jan. 26, 1987.

He enlisted in the National Guard Feb. 12, 1939 and was discharged July 2, 1945. His two closest buddies were Al Piscatello and Ed Cooper.

We would have been married 41 years in Feb. 1987

Thank You,
[121 Med BN]

Mrs. E. L. Chase

Hi You All;

Greetings from the Blue Grass State! Enclosed is a check for my dues.

Was up in Chatham last June for my 50th High School Reunion. Was hoping the Americal would have something going but dates were not in accordance.

[The Old Kentucky Col.] Regards,
AL HARTWELL

Really enjoy the NEWSLETTER. Keep up the good work! The little bit extra is for stamps or?

F.B. Short
246th FA Med Det

CURTIS B. CLARK BUILDING

On January 30, 1987 a new elderly housing development was dedicated in Gloucester, Massachusetts and was named in honor of Curtis B. Clark.

Curtis is a Life Member of the A.D.V.A. and a member of long standing. During World War II he served in the 57th Engineers.

DON'T FORGET YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

NEW MEMBERS (Con't)

Thomas E. Zajak Schiller Park, IL 247th FA	*Frederick P. Short Lincoln, RI 198th LIB
#Lawrence Wiegman	#Joseph Buss
*Lawrence D. Blocher Coral Springs, FL 1st CAV	*Ken J. Turner Smyra, GA 198th LIB
#William L. Dunphy	#Claude B. Snead III
*Thomas R. Briggs Ricjboro, PA 11th LIB	Antone C. Tavares Fairhaven, MA 221st FA
#John P. Farley	#Bernie Chase
Daniel R. Masterpole Rotterdam, NY 182nd Infantry	*Rodney D. Kruger Council Bluff, IA 196th LIB
#Arthur Wood	#George Vallinch
*Raymond C. Keffer Ridgely, MD 1st CAV	Arthur J. Smith Shohola, PA 182nd Infantry
#Ron Ward	#Joseph Marotta

MUSEUM MESSAGE

For the past four months we have been busy taking inventory at the Museum. Until you realize the time that is necessary and see the volumes of paper used, it is difficult to fully realize the volume of materiel that we have in the Museum. Pictures have also been taken of all displays on the walls and in the show cases. These will be compiled into a book.

I wish to thank all who may have helped me in this task and a special "Thank-You" to Fran Diorio and Jim Flynn for their assistance in this endeavor.

ARMED FORCES DAY will be celebrated on May 16, 1987 this year. OPEN HOUSE will be observed at the Museum and the monthly Americal Division Veterans Association meeting will be held at the Museum at 10:00 A.M.

Kenneth R. Turner
Museum Director

CONVALESCING AT HOME

William Dunphy [REDACTED] West Roxbury, MA 02132	Albert "Bud" Thomas [REDACTED] Deerfield, NH 03037
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Reverand Franklin wishes to express his heartfelt thanks for the many cards and calls he has received.

Wouldn't this be a good time to drop a line to that buddy of yesteryear? We are not getting any younger and we can't put things off much longer.

Better still, why don't you give him a call? The off hour charges are very reasonable.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My year as Commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association is winding down and I look back to it as a great experience. I have learned much and have made many new friends.

All of our social functions of the past year went off well and were a success. I wish to thank the Chairmen and his committee of all the functions for a job well done. I also wish to thank all the members that supported our organization by there attendance.

The plans for the Annual Dinner Dance are now finalized and I am looking forward to meeting you all again at the Cottage Crest In Waltham, Massachusetts on April 25, 1987.

I am also looking forward to our National Convention in Reno, Nevada on June 19,20,21,1987. May I also extend my thanks to Lloyd Morrell, our Far West Chapter Commander and our Convention sponsor, for the time and energy he has put into organizing this Convention. This will be the first time that the National Convention has been held outside of New England. Help us to make it a huge success -- BE THERE!

Thanks again for allowing me to be your Commander.

Kenneth R. Turner
National Commander

NATIONAL CEMETARY NEWS

A meetion go the New England Joint Veterans Committee was held on Tuesday March 10, 1987 at the National Cemetery Administration Building. The meeting was held to make plans for Memorial Day Services on Sunday May 24, 1987 at 2:00 P.M. at the National Cemetery. The 26th Division Band will lead the parade at the Memorial Services this year.

At this meeting we were informed that Mr. Ralph Church, who has been the Director of the National Cemetery of Massachusetts since it's conception, has been transferred as Director to open a new National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Ralph has been a very special friend pf the Americal and also to all the Veterans of New England. We will miss him and wish him good-luck in his new assignment.

Bernie Chase
Americal Representative

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS
HISTORY OF THE AMERICAL DIVISION IN WORLD WAR II

We still have some copies of our history available. If you are interested in obtaining a copy send \$8.95 plus \$1.50 postage to

HY FORMAN
[REDACTED]

Randolph, MA
02368

This is for the soft-bound edition

* Zed T. Bell 196th LIB Jacksonville, IL	Thomas W. Goodwin 101st Medical Regiment Roslindale, MA	Robert L. Padon 132nd Infantry Garland TX
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* * * * * * * SUMMARY * * * * * * *		Thomas J. Ward 182nd Infantry Brighton, MA
WWII 471 Vietnam 83 Assoc 8 Total Life Membership 562		* Vietnam Veteran

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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.

CORRECTION

In the NOV-DEC issue, a new Life Member, CHARLES L. GERRANS of Muskegon, MI was listed as being a member of the 182nd Infantry. It should read 132nd Infantry - REPEAT - 132nd Infantry

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

FINAL - NOTICE - FINAL

1986-1987 DUES Notices to expire
September 1987
MAILED SEPTEMBER 1986

We did not want to publish names but as this the FINAL NOTICE and third notice I don't like to drop any member. We have used you card number in the past but this time your name.

Allen James E	Bostrom, Fred J Sr
Boyd Robert B Jr	Barrett William A Jr
Coburn Lois M	Cunningham Thomas
Castillo Art A	D'Ambrosio Joseph R
Duby Linwood J	Gralton John D
Hazelton Edward C	Iverson Michael D
Lefebre Paul	Litschitz Ronald A.
Madej Victor	McAneney George
McLean Ronald L	O'Neil John F Jr
Odom Bob O	Pettavino John S
Pung Andrew B	Smith Kenneth A
Stantraitis Gary P	Tuma S John Jr
Vitters Alan G	Weathers Thurman O.
Wright Donald P	

We will publish your name as the last resort as your third notice of overdue DUES.

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1987-1988 Dues Notices to expire January 1988 - MAILED JANUARY 1987

YOUR CARD NUMBER

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214		1695	227	239	240 246
249	259	260	247	241	267 272

PLEASE check the above Card Numbers and see if your number appears. PLEASE REMIT your Dues

Using the Card Number in the Newsletter has worked out very well but we do have a few who have missed their number in the past issues.

May Dues notices will be mailed in April. Please note we mail your Card in advance and your cancelled 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

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Boston, MA., 02104

ADDRESS
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NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

To Members of the Americal Family:

A big "THANK YOU" to the membership for the many get well cards and telephone calls from the North, South, East & West. I cannot put into words what it has meant to me since my set back of January 20th.

Also a thank you to Jim Buckle and Hy Forman for their help in keeping the paper work of the Adjutant's Office from back logging. Without their help which was controlled by my wife Helen who clocked me for one hour a day just by one simple operation pulling the cord on the typewriter.

THANK you once again,

Bill Dunphy

"THANK YOU" VETERANS PARADE COMMITTEE

Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



CHAPTER NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

DC, DE, KY, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV

EASTERN REGIONAL COMMANDER

Robert T. Hock

[REDACTED], Reading, PA., 19601

Tel# [REDACTED]

Future activities for the coming year: We are planning our annual Reunion to take place at the INNER HARBOR, Baltimore, some time in September 1987. Preferably on the 18-19th of September 1987

In conjunction with the Reunion George Yates (Chairman) reports that every thing is on schedule to place the Plaque at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Wash DC. Paul G. Donelan designed the Plaque per the required standards THANKS PAUL:

Peter Messina reports that the National Convention for 1988 will be held at the Embers Convention Motel, Carlisle, PA., from June 9-12, 1988. This is the first time that a Chairman has tied up the date and has much of the vast planning complete almost two years in advance.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CHAPTER DUES

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

IL, IN, MI, MN, WI

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL COMMANDER

Herbert L. Murphy

Saginaw, MI., 48604

Tel # [REDACTED]

Herbert Murphy reports that the elective Officers for the year 1986-1987 are as follows:

Nat'l Commander Herbert L. Murphy
Adjutant Quartermaster Lyman Henry
Chaplain Gilbert Abele
Sergeant at Arms Rush Propper

The Great Lakes Chapter will hold their next meeting at the Best Western Motel just outside Toledo, Ohio, Jct of I-75

& US 20 at Exit 193 On I-75. The address is [REDACTED], Perryburg, Ohio, 43551

The dates are May 8th & 9th, 1987 Dinner Meeting Saturday night at 7PM. Make your reservations by calling 1-800 528 1234 - Room rates are \$39.00 per night and will accommodate (4) persons. Mention your are with the Americal Division , Great Lakes Chapter.

Just a thought Herb why not plan the the National Convention in 1990 in your area. FRUIT FOR THOUGHT.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CHAPTER DUES

WILLIAM F. McGOLDRICK-CAPE COD CHAPTER

Plymouth & Wareham & South of the Cape Cod Canal

CAPE COD CHAPTER COMMANDER

Carlo A. Pola

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 02563

Tel # [REDACTED]

Sandwich, MA

Commander Pola reports the following elective Officer for the coming year.

Commander Carlo A. Pola

Vice Commander Hugh Mugherini

Treasurer Joseph F. Marotta

Sergeant at Arms Edwin A. Kuja

Commander Pola reports no activies for 1987 as of yet.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CHAPTER DUES

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]

NOTE: See back page for National Convention details.

Chapter News Cont.

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER
AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER REGIONAL COMMANDER

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

A Convention was held early April 1987 as of this Newsletter no report but I know it was a good time as usual. The Committee had picked out Clearwater, Florida and if you have not attended past Conventions held by the Chapter make plans to attend the next one.

Regional Commander Heartquist reports that the National Convention which will be hosted by the Chapter will be reviewed and tentative dates set for 1988.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CHAPTER DUES:

CENTRAL MID WEST CHAPTER

IA, KS, MO, NE

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

Ron reports that the following member would like to join in forming a Chapter with him. We now have another contact

Charles P. King

[REDACTED]
Kansas City, MO., 64119
Tel # [REDACTED]

I have sent all the names of the members in the area plus a copy of the By-Laws with the rules to form a Chapter. If you care to join a local area Chapter please contact Ron or Charley.

SOUTH MID WEST CHAPTER

AK, LA, MS, OK, TX

Contact: Vacant

If some member would like to form a Chapter please contact National Headquarters for details.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Headquarters has received a letter from the Regional Commander Lloyd Morrell that Commander N. Mullen has resigned as the Commander of the Chapter.

We wish to thank Norman for all the effort and time he has placed in forming the Chapter. With out members like Norman the Americal could not have achieved the growth of membership to become a National organization. THANKS Norman for all your efforts plus your wife.

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What should I do?

All Signs
Point
To "Go"

*** JOIN A CHAPTER ***

1. Locate your Chapter Area and contact the Commander or Regional Commander

2. Be activated socially on a local basis.

4. PLEASE NOTE: This is VOLUNTARY on your part to be a Chapter Member not a requirement of the National Office.
3. You may be required to pay DUES to your local Chapter plus the \$6.00 to National. This applies to regular Membership plus Life Membership.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER *****DON'T WAIT
"MEET SOME OLD BUDDIES"

Expanding Horizons

FAR WEST CHAPTER CONVENTION NEWS - RENO 1987

This is not the original item I had written for the Newsletter, as I wanted to let you know more about the activities we have planned for the convention. However, certain events have occurred that require more immediate attention.

When I initially prepared the item for the Newsletter concerning the prices of accommodations at the Sands Regent I quoted a room rate of about \$14.00, before and after the convention dates. This was the rate quoted to me by the Director of Sales during our initial discussion. However, due to skepticism by a couple of Boston area members, I called back to the hotel and was told the \$14.00 rate was out and that it would be somewhere between \$28 and \$36, single or double. I sent a corrected item to the Editor, Jim Buckle, quoting the new rates. Before that went to press Jim Buckle called me (Mar. 30 or 31st and he said a couple of members had called the hotel and were quoted a rate of \$56.00 before the convention and were not able to obtain a rate for the period after the convention.

At this point I want to admit I was had by an overzealous new Director of Sales who didn't mind bending the truth in order to book the convention. She dangled a carrot and I bit, hook, line and sinker. This was not so far fetched, as the MGM Grand, which is the best hotel in Reno is advertising a \$17.00 rate at the present time. The only thing the Sands would give me in writing was the \$42.00 convention rate and we are locked into that with a contract... I have dealt with many hotels over the years and this is the first time I have had this happen. Invariably they would give a rate and honor it.

I have filed a complaint with the Reno Visitors and Convention Bureau, as they were the initial contact for the hotel arrangements. I have been unable to contact the General Manager of the hotel, as yet, but hope to do so in the next few days and see what can be worked out. Unfortunately, I have to meet the publishing date of the Newsletter before I can straighten out the problem, or make different arrangements.

Each of the members who have sent their registration, or declaration of interest, will receive a clarifying letter from me very soon, explaining how this situation has been resolved. I am also sending the National Commander and Adjutant a recent letter from the Sales Manager, admitting they do sometimes have a \$14.00 rate for out of State visitors, to show I was not hallucinating in initially referring to this rate.

Please do not let this change your plans, as we have a lot of registrations in already and everything except this is going good. Give me a chance to work out the details and let you know the results. I can promise you wont be sorry. And please accept my apologies for this confusion.

DEVIL MOUNTAIN JAZZ BAND will be back by popular demand. This zany musical aggregation is one of the top jazz bands in the Western States and not only entertain, but play very danceable music. They have recently played at such world renown jazz festivals as Sacramento and Monteray. Only the top bands from Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia and the US are invited to perform at these prestgeous festivals. This is the second year in a row they have been invited to Sacramento and will be coming to our convention shortly after their Sacramento performance.

One last item. We are offering a space on the program of $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inches if you would like to advertise your business or send a message to your friends or outfit. We are not in the convention business to make money, but it does cost and there are some extras we would like to do to make it a better convention. So if you feel you can afford to send a donation with your message it will be appreciated and put to good use. Donation or not, put the Message Center to use and let your old friends know you havent forgotten them. Mail this to my home address soon enough so that it can be placed in the program. A copy of the program will be sent to all who respond.

SEE YOU IN RENO

LLOYD MORRELL

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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

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Name:

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To:

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Blood Type:

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Signature:

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