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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

AMERICAL FAMILY PICNIC  
 Americal Museum  
 Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.  
 Saturday July 26, 1986  
 10:30 a.m. to ????

**1986 CLAM BAKE**

AMERICAL MUSEUM  
 Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.  
 Saturday, September 6, 1986

SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR FULL DETAILS

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Sept. 10, 1986  
 National Guard Armory  
 Victory Road Dorchester Mass.  
 7:00 pm National Executive Council Meeting  
 8:00 pm Regular Meeting

This is the fourth in a series of Medal of Honor Recipients. Americal Division- Vietnam

**Michael J. Crescenz K.T.A.**

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Army Company A, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Place and date: Hiep Duc Valley area, Republic of Vietnam, 20 November 1968. Entered service at: Philadelphia, PA. Born: 14 January 1949, Philadelphia, PA. Citation: Cpl. Crescenz distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a rifleman with Company A. In the morning his unit engaged in a large, well-entrenched force of the North Vietnamese Army whose initial burst of fire pinned down the lead squad and killed the 2 point men, halting the advance of Company A. Immediately, Cpl. Crescenz left the relative safety of his own position, seized a nearby machinegun and, with complete disregard for his safety, charged 100 meters up a slope toward the enemy's bunkers which he effectively silenced, killing the 2 occupants of each. Undaunted by the withering machinegun fire around him, Cpl. Crescenz courageously moved forward toward a third bunker which he also succeeded in silencing killing 2 more of the enemy and momentarily clearing the route of advance for his comrades. Suddenly, intense machinegun fire erupted from an unseen, camouflaged bunker. Realizing the danger to his fellow soldiers Cpl. Crescenz disregarded the barrage of hostile fire directed at him and daringly advanced toward the position. Assaulting with his machinegun, Cpl. Crescenz was within 5 meters of the bunker, when he was mortally wounded by the fire from the enemy machinegun. As a direct result of his heroic actions, his company was able to maneuver freely with minimal danger and to complete its mission, defeating the enemy. Cpl. Crescenz's bravery and extraordinary heroism at the cost of his life are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

**DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN ?**

AMERICAL DIV., 196th LIB 8th Spt. Bn. Co B - Seeking anyone from armament pit - Edwin McAuliffe, [REDACTED] Wausau, WI 54440

**SEEKING MEMBERS FOR A REUNION**

AMERICAL DIVISION 52nd Rgt., 1st Bn. Co. C (Vietnam 1969-1970) Pocono Mts. PA. Write to Steve Mundrake [REDACTED] PA 18414

**CAN YOU HELP THIS MAN**

David (the Leach) Harp is looking for buddies who served with him in Co B 3/21st Inf 196th Bde. His tour was during 67-68. Dave writes "the day I was hit was June 5 of 68'. We were up on a mountain and I was in the point squad humping the radio. I got shot in the chest that day. That's when Ruben Alecia and Scott Reed helped save my life." If you guys are out there, get in touch with "the Leach". Catch him at his home, [REDACTED] Canasta New York 13032.

**Vietnam Vets Network**

By Ron Ward - Vietnam News Editor

Your Vietnam Editor recently learned of a new organization made up primarily of men who served with the IIth Light Infantry Brigade. They're called the Hill 411 Association, named after a fire-base they worked off of in Nam. Their third annual reunion will be held on July 19 & 20, 1986 in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. The Hill 411 gang also is expecting a strong presence at the Welcome Home Parade in Chicago this June. Ill be visiting their hospitality room to gather some more information on this outfit and hope to have an article for the next newsletter. Meanwhile, the President of their Association is Terry Weeks. Catch him at 23 Oak Parkway Burlison, Texas 76028

One of our Associations newer members, Rick Savinen, (A Co 2/Ist Inf 196th Bde), is currently a patient at the VA Hospital in Northampton, Mass. Rick will be leaving the hospital soon and plans to make a visit to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington but he is urgently in need of some help locating the names of former Americal comrades who were killed at LZ Judy on or about August 25, 1970. Rick indicated that a Chinook helicopter carrying approximately 35 grunts from D Co 2/Ist was hovering over the LZ when it was shot down. He watched the men fall to their death and 3 more men from A Co were also killed by the rotor blade of the Chinook. Two minutes earlier he had been in a chopper in the exact spot of the disaster. Rick would like to know the names of the men who were killed so that he can pay his respects to them at the "Wall". He is also seeking information on his former CO, 1st Lt Richard Anshus. In late September or early October, 1970, the Lt was surveying the companys forward area in a Loach helicopter when he was shot down and captured alive by the NVA. If anyone has knowledge of the Lieutenants activities or whereabouts after his return to the States, Rick would appreciate the information.

Americal Division Veterans Association member Wayne P. Wilson has been elected Chairman, Secretary of the Allied Council of New Jersey Veterans Organizations. The Allied Council representing the almost one million veterans in New Jersey, is comprised of all the major vets organizations in the State of New Jersey.

Wilson served with the 176th Assault Helicopter Company in Chu Lai in 1968-69 and with the 1/20th, IIth Light Infantry Brigade in Duc Pho and the 3/2Ist, 196th Light Infantry Brigade in Danang as a Platoon Sergeant in 1971.

Also, Wilson credits well known Association member Dave Greiger with swooping down out of the sky on February 28, 1969 and rescuing him and four other crew members from almost certain capture by the NVA. Thanks Dave!

Editors note; The above article was submitted by Wilson. A business card included with the item indicated that he is also director of the New Jersey State Commission on Agent Orange.

Members in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area might be interested to know that an ADVA member, Paul Boehm, (5/46th Inf 198th Bde), was recently elected to the position of Vice-President Chapter #224 of The Vietnam Veterans of America. If you're interested in this organization, the chapters address is [REDACTED] Green Bay, Wisconsin 54308

The Association has recieved a request for help from a writer who is researching for a book on the usage of shotguns in the military. I recall one man in each platoon humping a 12 gauge pump shotgun loaded with 00 buck so perhaps there is an ex-grunt out there that can help him out. The author indicates that official documentation on the usage of shotguns by individual military units is sketchy so he needs to gather first-hand information from veterans. Matters of particular interest include:  
Types of shotguns and ammunition used  
Tactical purposes for which shotguns were used  
Numbers employed per squad, platoon, etc.,  
Why shotguns were preferred over other weapons  
Specific actions in which shotguns were employed  
Limitations and problems encountered  
Photos of shotguns in the hands of troops  
The potential author of this book is a Vietnam era veteran of the USAF, Eric Archer residing at 6940 Bristol Drive Berkeley, Ca. 94705

The Association has recieved a request from another writer who states that he has allready published two books on Vietnam. The subject of his next book is the Que Son Mountain-Hiep Duc valley campaign of 20 July thru 7 Sept 1969. The battle was fought by the 196th Light Inf. Brigade operating out of LZs West, Center, and Siberia. They went up against the 2nd NVA Div. in a fight for control of the Hiep Duc Resettlement Village. If youve got any war stories on this one, get in touch with the author, Keith Nolar [REDACTED] Webster Groves, Mo. 63119 phone # [REDACTED]

The Association has recieved a request for help in locating a Division Operational Report. Jim Crum, (B Co 2/Ist Inf 196th Bde), is specifically looking for # OACSFOR-OT-RD 692339. Its dated 19 August 1969. Any member who can help him out should contact Jim at 620 High Street [REDACTED] Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

The Association has been contacted by an author, James R. Arnold, who is conducting interviews with Nam vets who served with the artillery during the war. In a prior issue of the newsletter we ran an article by him concerning a book he was writing about armor. Arnold stated that he recieved many responses from Americal vets as a result of that item and he wishes to thank all the men who contacted him. Any "Redlegs" out there who have a war story for this man can contact him--James R. Arnold, [REDACTED] Bluemont, VA. 22012

The following article on well known ADVA member, Dave Greiger, is reprinted from "The Vietnam Veteran", a Nam vets newspaper down in Gastonia, North Carolina.

When Dave Greiger returned from Vietnam, he didn't let any grass grow under his feet. He added 2,120 flight hours to his already impressive 980 combat hours flying helicopters in Nam.

He joined the US Parachute Association and is credited with 1,120 parachute jumps. He also holds a license as a qualified jumpmaster and instructor. When parachuting became tame, Dave went scuba diving. So now he's a recognized licensed scuba diver.

Today Dave is known throughout the US for his top quality Vietnam related products. But the former pilot who had two helicopters shot down by enemy fire traveled a long hard road before he met success.

Born in Fremont, Ohio, he was drafted into the Army in 1966. After his basic at Fort Benning, he was selected to Infantry OCS. After OCS he had Rotary Flight Training and was then assigned to the 176th Assault Helicopter Company, the "Minutemen". Dave flew 980 combat hours bringing Americal soldiers into battle. He is credited with rescuing a fellow air-crew from the battlefield.

After Vietnam in October 69, he went to Camp Wolters, Texas as a flight instructor. In Nov. 72, he was back at Fort Benning. He completed the advanced Officer Infantry Course and went Airborne. On the way he earned a B.S. Degree in Aeronautical Studies and was graduated Magna Cum Laude. With the rank of Major, everything was coming up roses. But on November 19, 1978, a near fatal accident ended Dave's promising military career. After years of rehabilitation and speech therapy, Dave is back on his feet, in business for himself, selling Vietnam related products.



DAVE GREIGER at the "WALL" Nov. 11, 1984

## TAPS

A former Americal veteran, James G. Picchi, passed away on March 22, 1986. Jim entered the Coast Guard in 1968 to begin his military service but also pulled hitches with the Marines and the Army. He made two tours to Vietnam and earned three Purple Hearts to go along with his Combat Infantry Badge.

Apparently Jim was undergoing a financial crisis at the time of his death and his funeral expenses were covered by the Vietnam Veterans Betterment Organization. They are a small group with limited funds that went into the hole for \$2000.00 to cover the bill. Anyone interested in making a contribution to help out, the address is James Picchi Memorial Fund c/o Vietnam Veterans Betterment Organization, [redacted] Barrington, Rhode Island 02806

Editors note; The above article was submitted by ADVA member John Meenagh. John says that his buddy Jim past away wearing our colors. He loved the Americal so much that he had the insignia tattooed on his arm.

### Michigan ...

Maj. Kenneth R. York, operations officer for the 2nd Infantry Brigade and 70th Training Division headquartered at the U.S. Army Reserve center here, died in an automobile accident Tuesday night (January 28) while returning home from a meeting at the headquarters.

Police said York's car collided with another car driven by a 23-year old man on M-59 at U.S. 23 in Livingston County at 10:22 p.m. according to Livingston County sheriff's deputies. York, 39, lived in Highland.

The 23-year old is reported in stable condition at McPherson Hospital in Howell.

Full military services were held Saturday (February 1) at 11:00 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Home, 5391 Highland, Pontiac, MI.

York has been an officer in the Flint reserve for about 15 years. he served in Vietnam as a forward artillery observer from March 1970 to 1971.

York was an engineer at the General Motors Parts Plant in Drayton Plains. He leaves his wife, Nancy, and two sons, Timothy and Randy.

Editor's Note: This death notice on Major York was submitted by Rich Gibbs, I/52nd Inf., 198th Light Inf. Brigade. Gibbs indicated that Major York had served with the Americal Division's 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.

### SEEKING FORMER COMRADES

AMERICAL DIVISION - 26th Engr. Co. D (Hill 35, Vietnam) Steven Aronson, [redacted] Duluth, MN. 55802

## New Life Members

Jerome Altieri  
182nd Inf  
Wakefield, MA.

James Donovan  
182nd Inf  
La Jolla, CA.

\*Gerard F. McDonald  
196th LIB  
San Diego, CA.

\*Thomas D. Baker (Sgt Ret)  
196th LIB  
Phoenix, AZ

\*John D. Fairchild  
11th LIB  
Potomac, MD

James M. McGrady  
182nd Inf  
Carver, MA.

Arthur L. Bartlett Jr.  
22nd Ordnance  
Amesbury, MA.

Alexander E. Forsythe  
117th Gen Hospital  
Sudbury, MA.

Joseph A. Plantamura  
182nd Ind  
West Long Branch, NJ.

William J. Bergen  
182nd Inf  
Charlestown, MA.

John W. Gallagher  
Peep Troops  
Canby, OR.

\*Douglas Remley  
82nd FA  
East Boothbay, ME.

William J. Carroll  
125th QM  
Woburn, MA.

\*David L. Harp Sr.  
196th LIB  
Canastota, NY.

Joseph W. Riccardo  
247th FA  
Burbank, ILL.

Angelo R. Cataldo  
182nd Inf  
Hyannis, MA.

George L. Hyde  
164th Inf Band  
Project City, CA

Alfred Santoro  
182nd Inf  
Medford, MA.

\*Emmitt H. Clark Jr.  
198th LIB  
Wadesville, IND

Patrick J. Jennings  
101st QM  
Winchester, MA.

Carl S. Spinosa  
Assoc- US Navy  
Palm Harbor, FL.

Edward M. Corbert  
182nd Inf  
Everett, MA

\*Robert Lombardo  
11th LIB  
North Haven, CT.

John E. Teeple  
246th FA  
Brighton, MI

Martin P. Cornelius Jr.  
247th FA  
Lac Du Flambeau, WI

Alfred P. Lopresti  
182nd Inf  
Malden, MA

Howard P. Terry "Pete"  
101st Med Band  
Whitefish, Mt.

Wilford H. Craine  
182nd Inf.  
Flint MI.

Dominic A. Lucci  
182nd Inf  
Stoneham, MA

\*Herman W. Voellings  
98th & 160th Mtce Co  
Worcester, MA.,

Russell G. Denaro  
101st Med Det  
Natick, MA.

James D. Maher  
182nd Inf  
Cambridge, MA

Herbert J. Wall  
182nd Inf  
Plantation, FL.

Denver E. White  
182nd Inf.  
Palm Bay, FL.

\* Vietnam Veteran

### SUMMARY

528 Life Members

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN ADVA

467 WWII

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

61 Vietnam

\* Note: Payments of \$25 in 6 month intervals.

Any member who has paid his dues in advance  
will receive credit toward LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

It's a

bargain

## New Members

*Askeland, Arthur G. 196th LIB San Jose, CA. # Michael Maire	*Clark, Gary 198th LIB Seattle, WA # Dave Greiger	Coverman, Herman D. 182nd Inf Phila, PA # C. Kilgus Jr.
*Crandell, John M 196th LIB San Jose, CA # Michael Mairer	Dorazio, Raymond J. 57th Engineers N. Providence, RI # Joe Marotta	Doucette, Robert E. 182nd Inf Lynn, MA., # By self
Frickie, Bernard 121st Med Bn Columbus, Ohio # Al Cotta	*George, Philip A. 39th Engineers Wyandotte, OK # Jim Glecker	Gramstorff, John C. 182nd Inf Farnsworth, TX # Joseph B. Chin
*Hogan, James 196th LIB Chicago, Ill # Ron Ward	*Hoplin, Mark 198th LIB Detroit Lakes, MN # By Self	*Kavanaugh, Kevin D. 196th LIB Glendale Hgts, Ill # Andrew Olinta
*Meador, Darrell L. Col 1st Spec Trps Fort Wright, KY # Dave Greiger	*Meanev, Steve 16th Aviation Concord, NH # Rich Savinen	*Peterson, Robert A. 198th LIB Fareibault, MN # Kenneth Glazer
*Savinen, Rick 196th LIB Northampton, MA. # Ron Ward	*Tresize, Robert M. 196th LIB Easton, PA # Thomas L. Kline	*Wheller, Alan 196th LIB Star City, WV # Thomas S Cueto
*Wood, Norman E Major III 123rd Aviation St Louis MO # Frederick A. Kolbrener	*Webb, Mike 178th Aviation Brooksville, Fl # Ed Heartquist	*Cantrelle, Stanley J. 196th LIB Lockport, LA # Roland L. Whitnev
*Cerullo, Albert Jr. 176th Min Man 12 Muttontown, NY # Dave Greiger	Kreisel, Frank J 132nd Inf Woodbridge, NJ # Fred F. Homann	*Jackson, Don L. 723rd Mtce Woodbury, TN # Dave Greiger
*Roach, Edward F. 11th LIB C Falls, RI # Ron Ward	*Wineinger, Max E Sr 11th LIB Raleigh, NV # Rick Savinen	*Baker, Thomas D, Sgt 196th LIB Phoenix, AZ # Col Robert W. Carbray
*Delmore, Stan 18th Artillery Westminister, CA. # Anaheim Vet Center	*Pratt, Gary A. 198th LIB Jefferson, Ohio # Ron Ward	*Snidecor, Michael T. MACV-DXI Carefree, AZ # Dave Greiger
*Ratcliffe, Stephen W. 123rd Aviation Enon, Ohio # Edward J den Braven	*Treyry, Paul I. Jr. 1/7th Cav Everett, MA # Frank Diorio	*Harp, David L. Sr. 196th LIB Canstate, NY # Ron Ward

\* Vietnam Veteran

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## NEW MEMBERS - Cont.

\*Brown, James A,  
198th LIB  
Bedford, MA  
# Frank Diorio

Carroll, William J  
125th Quartermaster  
Woburn, MA.,  
# Frank Diorio

\*Frym Dale W  
1st Air Cav  
Palmdale, CA  
# Ron Ward

\*Voellings, Herman W.  
98TH Mtce Co  
Worcester, MA  
# Frank Diorio

Halom, James T.  
247th FA  
Edine. MN  
# John P. Folmer

## DUES DUES DUES

The May Dues notices were mailed out last month. Please check and see if you paid same. We send the membership card out in advance as this saves work and money and works very well just make one more check and see if you mailed the check into Headquarters or better still if you care mail in two years \$12.00.

THANKS to the many members who sent in their checks plus the ones who paid for two years or better still became Life Members.

Don't keep it a SECRET, Let us know  
Clip and mail to  
Americal Newsletter  
P.O. BOX 1381  
Boston, MA., 02104

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS!

THE FOLLOWING CARD NUMBERS ARE NOT PAID UP MEMBERS. We send out your dues card in advance to let you know the dues is due and a large number of the membership pay their dues on time. In reviewing the records having been the Adjutant for the past few years I find that the same few members seem to be the late ones to pay. PLEASE remember that your Dues is only \$6.00 a year and when you check out other organizations it is only thru the efforts of your Officers in watching the BUCK we have been able to do this.

PLEASE check out your CARD # and if it is on the following list for SEPTEMBER or JANUARY please remit to Headquarters.

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1238						

*	*	*	JANUARY	*	*	*
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1106	1103			1092	1090	1086
1081				1069	1058	1056
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	989	987	985	984	952	949
979		966	958	948	946	945
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	907			894	893	884

1054

National Adjutant

FINAL NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES SINCE SEPTEMBER 1985. THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWS LETTER AS YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS NEWS LETTER IS MAILED TO YOUR HOME. PLEASE CHECK CARD NUMBERS IN THE ABOVE LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 EXPIRATION DATE.

PLEASE DON'T LET ME DROP YOU

ADDRESS  
CHANGE?

## TAPS

Steve Grzeskowiak  
April 9, 1986  
132nd Infantry  
McHenry, Ill.

Alfred B. Knasas  
Life Member  
April 22, 1986  
182nd Infantry  
Quincy, MA.

\*Thomas S. Marsh  
March 18, 1986  
198th LIB  
E Tawas, MI.

Joseph P. Reilly  
May 10, 1986  
121st Medical Bn.  
Jamaica Plain, MA.

John A. Roman  
April 26, 1986  
132nd Infantry  
Chambersburg, PA.

Dr. Joseph Ziskind  
Life Member  
Date Unknown  
101st Medical Regiment  
New Orlesns, LA.

\* Vietnam Veteran

Dear Mr. Dunphy

My mother and family and I wish to thank you and the other gentlemen of the Americal Division for the beautiful & thoughtful tribute given to my father. I know it was especially appreciated by my mother. It was 42 years ago (May 20th) that my father came home from the Pacific on leave to marry my mother. She misses him dearly as well as all those whose lives he touched, for he was a good man.

Again my deepest gratitude for your thoughtfulness and prayers. May God bless you.

George Knasas

Patriotism is not a short frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

Adlai Stevenson  
Address, August 30, 1952

May 10, 1986

Dear Sir: I'd like to inform your organization of the death of John Roman, my husband.

Please let the other members know. He was in the 132nd Infantry and served in the South Pacific Area during WW II

Sincerely

Mrs. John Roman

John's Interment was at Fort Indian-town Gap, National Cemetery, Annville PA.

\* \* \* CONVALESCING AT HOME \* \* \*

John J. Dullea  
[REDACTED]  
Peabody, MA., 01960  
26th MP Co

Paul J. Fortunato  
[REDACTED]  
Medford, MA., 02155  
121st Medical Bn

William G. Leate  
[REDACTED]  
Falmouth, MA., 02536  
221st Field Artillery

Alfred R. Mathews  
[REDACTED]  
Woburn, MA.. 01801  
101st Quartermaster

Alfred LoPresti  
[REDACTED]  
Malden, Mass.  
182nd Infantry

HOW ABOUT DROPPING A CARD TO A BUDDY

OR MAKE A PHONE CALL

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

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

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Robert T. Hock, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Reading, PA., 19601

Tel # [REDACTED]

Through the efforts of Harold Stein and George C. Yates, we now have a time and place for the Pittsburgh Reunion in 1986

DATE: Friday & Saturday  
September 26-27, 1986

PLACE: Sheraton Hotel at Station  
Square (Across from the  
Golden Triangle)

COST: \$65.00 per night (single or  
double) normal charge \$90.00  
FREE PARKING

### FAR WEST CHAPTER

AK, AZ, N CA, CO, HI, ID MT, NV, OR, ND  
SD, UT, WA, WY

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Lloyd J. Morrell,  
[REDACTED]  
CA. 94523 Tel # [REDACTED]

NOTE: See complete page on all items of  
coming events for your chapter on another  
page of this newsletter under (FAR WEST  
NEWS)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

COMMANDER: Norman Mullen, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Perris, CA., 94523  
Tel # [REDACTED]

NOTE: See (FAR WEST NEWS) for coming  
events.

### WILLIAM F. MCGOLDRICK - CAPE COD CHAPTER

Plymouth & Wareham & South of the Cape  
Cod Canal

COMMANDER: Bernard C. Chase, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] So Yarmouth, MA., 02664  
Tel # [REDACTED]

Meetings are held at the Dennis F. Thomas  
V.F.W. Post #2578 the second Monday of

each month, except June & July ,  
TIME: 1:00PM

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Pat Conte - Pres-  
ident of the Heartline Chapter - West  
Roxbury V.A. Medical Center will be  
the Guest Speaker plus a V.A. Heart  
representative for heart care.

### GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

IL, IN, MI, MN, WI

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

### SOUTH EAST CHAPTER

AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Ed. A. Heatquist  
[REDACTED], Tarpon Springs,  
FL., 33589 Tel # [REDACTED]

COMING ATTRACTION: A convention of the  
South-East Chapter of the Americal Di-  
vision Veterans Association will be held  
in Daytona Beach, Florida on October  
10th and 11th, 1986 at Perry's Ocean  
Edge. Perry's is a Motel-Hotel Com-  
plex with 200 rooms and 700 feet of  
beach.

Daytona is known as the world's most  
famous beach and our rooms will be over-  
looking this famous beach. Our price  
will be \$109.95 for three days and two  
nights for a double room that is large  
enough to accomodate six people. This  
price includes a seven dollar meal tick-  
et per person for each night - plus,  
all the coffee and doughnuts you want  
each morning. It is really a good deal  
so let's take advantage of it, and have  
the biggest and best gathering of Amer-  
ical Vets that we have ever had in the  
South-East.

A forty dollar deposit is required, and  
mail directly to Perry's, as soon as  
possible. A deposit is necessary to  
hold the rooms, so do it now and men-  
tion that you are a member of the ADVA.  
If there are any questions please con-  
tact me and I'll try to come up with an  
answer. SEE YOU THERE!

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# F A R W E S T N E W S

Unfortunately at the last minute I had to cancel out of the ~~Guadalcanal-Far~~ West combined reunion at San Diego. An unforeseen circumstance forced me to change my plans completely. I was disappointed as I was really looking forward to the event.

SCHEDULED EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE FAR WEST CHAPTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 1986

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER POTLATCH AND RENDEVOUS, Tri-Cities area (Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, Wa.)

This is a central location for members in Idaho-Washington-Oregon and most will have less than 200 miles to travel. Starting with a Happy Hour(s) on Friday night there will be something to keep everyone busy through Sunday, in addition to plenty of time to renew acquaintances and make new ones. The Northwest Classic Air Race, with races and air show acts, such as ultra lights, sky diving, gliders, balloons and ground displays on Saturday and Sunday should be a spectacular entertainment event. We will also have our own mini golf tournament and a mixed bowling team competition, with teams representing your military units. On Saturday night there will be a Tropical Luau, complete with hula dancers and possibly fire-walkers, followed by dancing in the lounge area, for those who can last. There will be wine tours and Hanford Science Center tours for those who want a change of pace. In other words, something for everyone.

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13 (Columbus Day) 1986

ALL-CALIFORNIA ROUND-UP AND WESTERN BARBEQUE

Santa Maria, California. This is a central California coastal location, equi-distance to all members in Calif., Las Vegas and even Phoenix, with most locations having 300 miles or less to travel. A feature event will be a 3 hour guided tour of the Vandenburg Air Force Base Space Shuttle and Landing Facility. We will have golf; we will have mixed team bowling competition between units; there will be self guided tours of the quaint Danish village of Solvang, or of Hearst Castle, both of which are world famous. Numerous wineries offer tours and tasting, if this is your pleasure. Starting with Friday nights cocktail party there should be plenty of activities for everyone. Saturday nights big

event will be a world famous Santa Maria Style Western Barbeque put on just for us, followed by dancing in the lounge, for those who are on their feet. Should be a fun filled 3 day weekend. Gather some friends together and join the activities, before the Fall rains set in. Meet your old friends and gain some new ones.

SPRING, 1987, 3RD ANNUAL FAR WEST CHAPTER CONVENTION, RENO, NEVADA

For a geographic shift to a more central area and for the amenities offered, Reno has been selected for the next convention, probably the weekend following Memorial Day. More on this later. An interesting program will be prepared and you should definitely put this on your travel schedule for next year. Planning for this one to be the best yet.

ONE LAST BUT TO ME A VERY IMPORTANT ITEM:

As you can see I am extending myself to give you a viable program to keep your interest. Sometimes I wonder why but feel this is one of the charges given to me as Regional Commander. Sort of a catalyst to keep it together. I am very disappointed that only eight (8) members have sent me dues, to help with the mailings, supplies etc. Jesse Drowley, Mark Durley, Frank Markovich, Fred Homann, Tony Hannel, Ernie (Gus) Brown, Herold Schulz, Don Squire and Pat Tognoli all care about the future. Some of them exceeded the little asked especially Jesse. But every little \$5.00 helps and that is all I ask. HOW ABOUT YOU?? Isnt it worth the \$5.00 a year to keep your events going on the West Coast?? The major complaint I have had from members, both WW II and Vietnam is that "Everything always happens on the East Coast". You are right. Because they participate and care what happens to the organization. Other Commanders dont have to beg for dues to help meet expenses. Granted they are not faced with the distances that we here in the West are. We will have to settle for quality and not quantity (that is not to say they dont have quality, because they do) but we will have to have fewer, but better, meetings if we expect to gather the clan together.

Please let me hear from you.

LLOYD MORRELL  
Regional Commander

## SOUTH-EAST CHAPTER NEWS (continued)

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Regional Commander

## Past Reunion:

A meeting of the South-East Chapter was held at the Holiday Inn at Weeki-Wachee, Florida with a two day affair on April 4th and 5th. The accommodations at the Inn were excellent and the Weeki-Wachee attraction was enjoyed by a majority of the members. A hospitality room was open on Friday evening and remained open all weekend. On Friday evening we visited the V.F.W. for dinner and dancing. After the meeting on Saturday, members and their wives visited the home of Dave Rossi and his wife at Spring Hill and a fabulous cook-out was enjoyed by all. Dave's wife outdid herself with all the food she prepared and Dick MacLean did the fabulous job of barbecuing steaks for hours. Their efforts were certainly appreciated. Bill and Helen Dunphy were with us for the weekend and we appreciate all his efforts in our behalf and his attendance at our meetings. Bill had come down to visit his brother, who had had a stroke and was convalescing in a Rehabilitation Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale.

Our next meeting will be in October on the 10th and 11th. See coming attraction for details.

Ed Heartquist  
Regional Commander

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL OR COMMANDER IN YOUR CHAPTER AREA AND GET INVOLVED ON A LOCAL BASIS. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET SOME FORMER BUDDIES.

William L. Dunphy  
Chapter Coordinator

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We recently succeeded in having one of the largest Conventions in recent years. Joe Marotta deserves a great vote of thanks for the wonderful convention he put on at Ascutney Mtn. Resort, in Brownsville, VT. The surroundings and the rooms were superb as were the meals.

We were fortunate to have comrades from many of our States. Chapter Commanders who attended were; Eastern Region Commander, Bob Hock of PA., Southeast Commander Ed Heartquist of FL., and Cape Cod Chapter Commander Bernie Chase (our new Senior Vice Commander). We were pleased to have a Vietnam member present--Bob Harris from Windsor, VT.

Our attendance for Saturday's dinner was just under two hundred.

I want to congratulate all the newly elected association officers and members of the Executive Council. We are now fortunate to have a Vietnam member on our Council

One of my goal is to get the Vietnam members working for the A.D.V.A. Two of our Vietnam members have agreed to co-chairman our 1987 Annual Dinner Dance. They are Roly Castranova and Joe Croteau.

Our next event will be the Family Picnic to be held in front of the Museum at Fort Devens. Don't forget to bring the essentials -- chairs, tables and lunch plus your other requirements. Any questions you have can be answered by calling me at 617-245-6266. See you there!

In closing I want to congratulate Jim Buckle, my ex-sergeant and good buddy, for two successful years. You really helped me toward my new job. I learned much by working with Jim. Best wishes for the future as my Newsletter Editor.

Thank you one and all for electing me and I will do my best to fulfill this obligation.

Ken Turner  
National Commander

## AMERICAL FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday July 26, 1986

AMERICAL MUSEUM

Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.

10:30 A.M. to ????

Bring your own chairs, tables and lunch. Plus other items required for a Picnic.

AMERICAL MUSEUM

Fran Diorio and I worked six months, two days a week on the museum this past winter. We painted walls, floors, showcases, toilets, and back rooms. New display cases were set up and signs were placed on all showcases. The pictures are now organized and in good order.

We are grateful for two generous donation that were received recently. The donors were Thomas Wilson (Vietnam) from Redondo Beach, CA. and Peter A. Mostroorio from Hollywood, FL. THANKS!

Donations are welcome at all times to help us keep the Museum in operation. This mean artifacts as well as money.

The next event at the Museum will be the AMERICAL FAMILY PICNIC to be held on Saturday July 26, 1986 from 10:30 til ????. Bernie Chase will be in charge (Sr. Vice). Don't forget to bring all the essentials--- tables, chairs. lunch, liquid refreshment and YOU.

Ken Turner  
Museum Director

DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance that was held on April 19, 1986 at the Daversport Yacht Club is now history and can be considered a success. We had one hundred seventeen people in attendance and not too many complaints were heard. The food was good, the music was good and the speaker was excellent. General Patton gave a very informative and interesting speech and many members were pleased and honored to have the opportunity to meet him and to shake his hand. This fact was quite obvious by the number of members that asked General Patton to pose for a picture with them.

Many thanks to the hard working members of the committee ---- Howard Moulton, Ken Turner, and Hy Forman.

DINNER DANCE AD BOOK

Many thanks to all 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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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

It is with deep regret that I accept the resignation of Joseph Marotta as a member of the Executive Council. Joe was one of the high vote getters in the election this year but he decided to pass up the post for personal reasons. Joe has been a tireless worker for the A.D.V.A. and many of our members have enjoyed the fruits of his labor when they have attended the Conventions that he has run. Many thanks Joe and I do hope that you will continue to give the A.D.V.A. the benefit of your experience as you have in the past.

As per our by-laws, Francis Guerriero is now elected to the Executive Council because he was the next runner-up in the number of votes.

You will notice on the inside of the front cover, Page 2, the elected officers for the coming 1986-1987 year. The members of the Executive Council are listed in order of the votes they received.

Ken Turner  
National Commander

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER

I wish to thank all the Officers that served with me during my two term in office, and to all the men that have served as committeemen and to the membership at large that gave me support.

Thanks to P.N.C. Bill Schmidt for heading up the Nominating Committee and coming up with a fine slate of Officers for the coming year.

Many thanks to Adjutant Bill Dunphy for all his help during the past two years. We have spent many long sessions on the telephone on A.D.V.A. business. Without the help of his vast experience I couldnt have been effective at all as your Commander. I came into this job "cold" and certainly needed and used his support these past two years. Thanks Bill!

I was not able to accomplish all that I that I wanted to while in office -- the time went so fast! I sincerely hope that I will be able, in the coming year, to put to use the knowledge that I have gained, for the good of the organization.

Being your Commander was a rewarding experience and I want to thank every member for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Jim Buckle  
P.N.C.

# Reunions

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## Letters to the Editor

Bill;

26 March 1986

Forty-one years ago this morning I was worried that I would get my ass blown off! But I did return!!

The Last Beachhead may not be good literature but it is word for word from my diary. The pictures were taken over Cebu City, the day we landed. Sometimes my memory fades but if I remember, John Hill and Hdq. Btry. of the 221st F.A. was on the same L.S.T. with the 125th QM Co.

### THE LAST BEACHHEAD

From the bridge with the commander of our LST we could observe at approximately 0700 hours, the cruisers and destroyers pounding the area around Talisay. The shelling continued for about an hour and then the rockets started hammering the beach. The entire area was covered with gray smoke but in the distance we could see the capitol of Cebu resting against the foothills west of the city, which appeared to be burning.

At 0800 hours with two regiments abreast, (132d-182d) the Americal hit the island five miles southwest of Cebu City with no sign of opposition from the Japs - this could not have happened six months ago.

In a short time, the reports from the beach started coming back. Numerous Japanese land mines had halted the first wave and a stalemate developed on the beach. The assault units could not move safely through the mine fields until mine detectors were brought in. A log jam was developing as other troops poured ashore. For some unknown reasons, the Japs were not defending the beach. Once paths were cleared through the mine fields, the assault units were able to advance on the city through abandoned Jap positions.

Dave Hayes and Dick Powell and I went in about 0900 for the purpose of locating places to put ration and gasoline dumps and establish a truck park. We met General Ridings on the beach who was pleased that we came in early and he briefly explained the situation.

The beach was completely covered with crude mines - any type of shell the Japs could get their hands on - concealed under pieces of boards. The initial amphibious vehicles had taken a terrific beating. Many casualties and the immediate problem was to clear the beach and establish a temporary cemetery. Sent word out to Joe Larkin on the LST to bring in the Graves Registration section and our service platoon.

When Larkin came in, a small plot was selected for the cemetery, but it turned out to be some spot - again covered with mines. With the help of our engineers and others, casualties were buried. Most of the casualties were badly cut on the legs, the results of the mines.

After locating a good bivouac, we brought the truck companies in. Supply dumps were located in a coconut grove just off of the beach on the road between Talisay and Tanke. Mines again bogged us down for several hours, but we were soon handling the rations and gasoline as rapidly as they could be unloaded from the LST

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### THE LAST BEACHHEAD (Continued)

After a sleepless night on the beach, and a can of "C" rations, I started out early the next morning, (March 27), with Nick and John Vierea to locate a spot for a forward gasoline supply point.

We met Johnny Watt's battalion (182) just before they shove off for Pardo, a small barrio halfway to Cebu City. We went along with them as far as Basek, where we found a good place for our gasoline supply point. Johnny Watt told us that Franco's outfit (132) had reached the edge of the city. We returned to the unit and started gasoline moving forward to Basek.

This afternoon, our second on the beach, Walt Vertner from the G-4 office and I started to visit the gasoline point. We found it operating O.K., so we decided to push along further down the road towards Cebu City. The road had been mined for its entire length with large size aerial bombs, poorly concealed, sharpened bamboo stakes, and barriers built of logs and earth.

Near Mambaling, we met General Ridings who told us that booth Franco and Dahler (132) had reached the City and that Bucky Harris (182) was swinging inland towards the Capitol headed for the Lahug Airfield. We continued on to the city and swung down toward the docks. Again the road was mined but poorly camouflaged; they were easily spotted.

The first place I recognized from my map was the Bank Building and the Shamrock Hotel. The bank was not badly damaged but the hotel was a shell. Walt and I proceeded cautiously along the dock area. The piers seemed to be in good shape and could handle six Liberty ships at a time. Several Jap ships were sunk off the seawall but ships could be brought in around them.

Opposite Pier 3, we met Franco and Dahler, who were taking a break before pushing their battalions up through the city to meet Bucky Harris near the airfield.

Scouting the area opposite the docks we located several reasonably intact warehouses that could be utilized for storing rations and other supplies.

The Cebu Trade School was claimed as quarters for the company and location for Division QM Office. The next morning (March 28) the company under Bill Ulbricht moved up from the beach, settled in, commenced operating and all prayed that this would be the Americal's Last Beachhead.

From - Noonan's Diary

Editor note: General, sorry that the pictures could not be reproduced to go with your story.

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