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**1986 CLAM BAKE****AMERICAL MUSUEM**

Fort Devens, Mass.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1986

**MONTHLY MEETING**

September 10, 1986

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, Mass.

7:00 P.M. National Executive Council meets

8:00 P.M. Regular Business Meeting

October 8, 1986

National Guard Armory

Victory Road Dorchester, Mass

8:00 P.M. Regular Business Meeting

LET'S HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.  
BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU!

**Vietnam Vets Network**

By Ron Ward - Vietnam News Editor

This is the fifth in a series of Medal of Honor Recipients

**David F. Winder - K.I.A.**

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. Place and date: Republic of Vietnam, 13 May 1970. Entered service at: Columbus, Ohio. Born: 10 August 1946, Edinboro, PA. Citation: Pfc. Winder distinguished himself while serving in the Republic of Vietnam as a senior medical aidman with Company A. After moving through freshly cut rice paddies in search of a suspected company-size enemy force, the unit started a thorough search of the area. Suddenly they were engaged with intense automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire by a well entrenched enemy force. Several friendly soldiers fell wounded in the initial contact and the unit was pinned down. Responding instantly to the cries of his wounded comrades, Pfc. Winder began maneuvering across approximately 100 meters of open, bullet-swept terrain toward the nearest casualty. Unarmed and crawling most of the distance, he was wounded by enemy fire before reaching his comrades. Despite his wounds and with great effort, Pfc. Winder reached the first casualty and administered medical aid. As he continued to crawl across the open terrain toward a second wounded soldier he was forced to stop when wounded a second time. Aroused by the cries of an injured comrade for aid, Pfc. Winder's great determination and sense of duty impelled him to move forward once again, despite his wounds, in a courageous attempt to reach and assist the injured man. After struggling to within 10 meters of the man, Pfc. Winder was mortally wounded. His dedication and sacrifice inspired his unit to initiate an aggressive counterassault which led to the defeat of the enemy. Pfc. Winder's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the cost of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit and the U.S. Army.

**HELP WANTED**

Richard Keck is seeking information on an Americal vet who was KIA on May 8, 1971 on an operation in or near Laos. PFC Albert Ray Hawkins was working out of LZ Vandergrift with the HHC 14th CAB or Cav. Any individuals who served with PFC Hawkins or have knowledge of the circumstances of his death should contact Keck who is helping Hawkins relatives on this matter. Write to Rich at [redacted] Powell, Tn. 37849.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A BUDDY?



## HELP WANTED (Continued)

Jim Giles who served with the 1st/20th Infantry Ith Brigade is looking for someone to help him find a couple sets of unit crests for his outfit. Anyone who can help should contact Jim at his home, [REDACTED], So. Glen Falls, N.Y. 12803

Mike "Sgt. Mike" Carter wants to hear from anyone who served with him in the following units of the Ith Brigade: E Co 4/21st Inf during 67-68 and also during 70-71, E Co I/20th Inf during 66-67 while they were in Hawaii. Contact "Sgt. Mike" at his home [REDACTED] St. Albans, W.Va. 25117

Tony Percoskie who was a door gunner with the 178th Aviation is looking for any grunts that can recall a fire-fight that took place on May 12 1968 at a place called Kahm-Duc. He writes that his outfit was making a tactical extraction of members of the 196th Brigade and the first ship going in was shot down. The pilot was Captain Joe Sturtavant and one of the gunners was Harry Studebaker who jumped from the ship before impact, injuring his leg. Any grunts out there who were present at this action and the following battle in which Kahm-Duc was eventually over run by the 2nd NVA Division should contact Tony at [REDACTED] McAfee, N.J. 07428.

Dan "The Crook" Straight who served with your Vietnam Editor in A Co I/6th Infantry 198th Bde. sent in the following photo of some grunts in his squad. The very night that this photo was taken, the platoon was assaulted at this position and heavy casualties were sustained. Identified in the photo from left to right, Glen Nelson- wounded, Gene Whitley- wounded, Joe Britt- wounded, Joe Macias- killed, Ricky "bear" Bowen- wounded and later killed after returning to the unit, and Ed Luken who was the only one of this group to make it through the night unwounded..

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the survivors listed or of the following men, Edward Tinsley and Carl "Jack" Boyer, contact Dan at [REDACTED] Ft. Collins, Co. 80525.



**THE  
VIETNAM BOOKSTORE**  
(OPERATED BY THE VIETNAM WAR NEWSLETTER)

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POST OFFICE BOX 122, COLLINSVILLE, CONNECTICUT 06022

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

I am doing research for a novel dealing with the Vietnam War.

One of the book's major characters is based on the experiences of a close friend, Marvin Reinhardt Jr., who served with the Americal Division in Quang Tri Province. He was attached to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, First Battalion, 52nd Infantry. During his tour, 1970-71, he served in the First Battalion's commo platoon on "LZ Stinson

Any information on the First of the 52nd's operations during this time frame and area of operations, operation maps, any details on LZ Stinson, or the battalion itself that the Americal Division could provide would be greatly appreciated. Send any info to;

Kenneth E. Ethridge  
[REDACTED]  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Dear sir;

Enclosed is my money for joining your association. I served in the 123rd Aviation Bn. "Co B" in Vietnam. I would like to hear from anyone that served with me.

Stephen W. Ratcliffe  
[REDACTED]  
Enom, OH 45323

Dear Ron;

I was wondering if you could locate a former buddy of mine? His name is Dave Placenta formerly of 1/46 Infantry Americal Division. He is from Fort Wayne, Indiana. I lost his address.

Thank you,  
Ronald W. Christy  
[REDACTED]  
New Middletown,  
Ohio 44442

Thank you again, I enjoy the organization very much. Former 196th LIB.

## SERVED IN RUSSIA

Landing Zone Siberia, the Americal Division's strategic fire support base, located on Hill 165 about 25 miles north of Tam Ky, got that name because of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, a part of the famous Americal Division, served in Siberia during World War I.

The name was chosen by LTC Robert B. Longino, who commanded the unit in 1969, in Vietnam. The unit landed in Vladivostok, in southeastern Siberia on August 21, 1918. Their mission was to guard the Trans-Siberian Railway against other military factions competing for power inside Russia. The unit was withdrawn in April 1920, and returned to the United States.

Ten years later in 1930, the "Polar Bear" Regimental crest was adopted as their emblem. This was to recognize their outstanding Russian service. The unit continued the same tradition in Vietnam too. The 31st was recognized as one of the best Regiments during the Vietnam War.



Dear Americal vets;

Your Vietnam Editor would like to thank the many members who showed up at the Chicago Vietnam Vets Welcome Home Parade. I had a feeling that this one would be a big one due to the central location of Chicago and you all helped to make the weekend the biggest so far, even topping the attendance at the dedication of the "Wall" in Washington. The parade organizers had predicted a turn-out of 100,000 men but we proved them wrong by sending 200,000 on a march through the downtown streets. We were led by retired General William Westmoreland and a legless veteran who dragged himself the entire length. I doubt if much work was conducted in the business district that day as it seemed that every office window was filled with pretty women throwing confetti or kisses. The Americal contingent was a couple of hours behind the start of the parade but the enthusiasm was still high when we passed the reviewing stand. It was hard to tell who was cheering the loudest, the spectators or us. The excitement was so high that it's difficult for me to describe. One would have to be there to believe everything that happened.

Following the parade which ended at Grant Park, the scene of some ugly anti-war protests during the 60's, we were treated to some top notch entertainment by a dozen or more rock bands, solo singers, balladeers, etc. By nightfall, the weather turned cool and wet but that didn't stop anyone from having a good time. Seems like the party went on all night.

Meanwhile back at the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn, the Americal Division hospitality room went full blast and non-stop for practically the entire weekend. Every Army division had a hospitality room somewhere in town that week and I think I visited all of them but never found one that was as well equipped as ours. A Chicago resident and 196th vet, Jim Hogan, deserves the bulk of the credit for making our room such a success. Jim made all the advance arrangements for the beer and a delicious supply of catered food on the first evening. Word got around in a hurry and we were visited by vets from nearly every other division, even the "Jar-Heads". Jim is a recently signed up member to the Association and I expect that well be hearing more from him in the future. Our hats are off to Jim and all the other Americal vets who helped out with hauling those beer kegs and chow to the room.

In addition to the parade and entertainment, we paid our respects to 80 Medal of Honor winners who attended a dinner at the Holiday Inn and marched as a group in the parade. Seeing that many men together that were awarded the Medal is a sight guaranteed to give you a warm feeling. The Americal Division in Vietnam had the distinction of 11 men who were awarded the Medal. Four of those men lived to tell about it.

The POW-MIAs weren't forgotten during our celebration. On Saturday afternoon we held a remembrance for them at Daly Plaza. One of their greatest supporters, ADVA member Mike Standerfer, was present and could be found in the thick of the activities. Mike hasn't given up the faith and I'm sure he's working on another project to top his walk to the Alamo in support of the MIAs last year.

For those vets who haven't been able to visit the Wall in Washington, we were fortunate enough to view the "Mini-Wall" that was erected in Grant Park. It's a half scale replica of the original and quite a moving sight to view.

Well men, that about sums up the good time we had. Those of you who weren't able to attend missed an opportunity that probably won't come around again. Chicago will be hard to top.

In this coming November on Veterans Day, I'll be setting up a hospitality room at the Hotel Washington which is within walking distance of the Vietnam War Memorial. In the next newsletter I'll be providing some more details on this. Try to make it.

Keep the faith,  
Your Brother  
Ron Ward

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Anthony R. Andre  
182nd Infantry  
Brookline, MA

Robert H. Casey  
Associate Member  
Brookline MA

\*Ralph K. Franklin  
Military Intelligence Det  
Windsor, VT

William C. Howard  
Associate Member  
Lynn, MA

\*Herman W. Voellings  
160th Maintenance  
Worcester, MA

\*Vietnam Veteran

## SUMMARY

533 Life Members

462 World War II

63 Vietnam

8 Associates

## NEW MEMBERS

\*Herb Pierce  
Pt. Orange, FL  
198th LIB

# Michael L. Matalik

\*Todd W. Regan  
Sauk Village, IL  
196th LIB  
# Ron Ward

\*Franklin F. Reinier  
Highwood, IL  
11th LIB  
#Ron Ward

\*Peter G. Tenayck  
Palatine, IL  
11th LIB  
#Ron Ward

\*James N. Baird  
Rock City Falls NY  
1/82 Arty  
#Ron Ward

\*Roger D. Barney  
McArthur, OH  
1st Cav  
#Robert K. Radune

\*Walter Clark Jr.  
Hanover Park, IL  
198th LIB  
#Ron Ward

Maurice Faul  
Church Point, LA  
246th FA  
#Herbert L. Murphy

\*John Auciello  
Princeton, NJ  
11th LIB

#Dennis Matthews

\*John DeGroot  
Chicago, IL  
198th LIB  
#Ron Ward

\*David A. Frazier  
Chicago, IL  
1st CAV  
#Ron Ward

\*James L. Highland  
Mattoon, IL  
196th LIB  
#Michael L. Matalik

\*John J. Leahy  
Aualon, NJ  
198th LIB  
#Richard Drapczuk

\*Richard P. Mosher  
Waukegan, IL  
196th LIB  
#Ron Ward

\*Kenneth Musselman  
Huntington Beach, CA  
198th LIB  
#Roland T. Castronova

Leroy G. Chilson  
Iperial Beach, CA  
164th INF  
#Lloyd Morrell

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## NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

\*Steven J. Fredendall  
Janesville, WI  
176th Avn Co  
#Ron Ward

Anthony R. Andre  
Brookline, MA  
182nd INF  
#Self

\*Bruce T. Hundley  
Southfield, MI  
63rd Inf Plt  
Combat Trackers  
#Herbert L. Murphy

\*Robert D. Brown  
Dunwoody, GA  
198th LIB  
#Roland Castronova

\*Charles F. King  
Kansas City, MO  
198th LIB  
#Darrell Hott

\*Danny L. Banfield  
Cerritos, CA  
11th LIB  
#Ron Ward

Peter A. Mastrorio  
Hollywood, FL  
121st Med Bn  
#Mike Lapardo

William E. McCormick  
Wachapreague, VA  
182nd INF  
#Joseph Marotta

\*Bernie G. Moveda  
San Bernardino, CA  
198th LIB  
#Darrell Hott

Loy M. Robinson  
Memphis, TN  
Finance Dept  
#Self

\*John R. Roggenkamp  
Brooklyn, NY  
#Paul Coyne

Richard A. Hartman  
Canoga Park, CA  
246th FA  
#E. R. Horton

Clyde C. Smith  
Hammond, IN  
125th QM  
#Self

\*Otis Bryan England  
Bettendorf, IO  
123rd AVN BN  
#Ron Ward

\*Joe Alejandro Jr.  
Houston, TX  
11th LIB  
#Edward W. Marsh

\*Jay C. Fenstermacher  
Santa Ana, CA  
198th LIB  
#Vet Center Anaheim

Fernando Vera  
Oxnardo, CA  
182nd INF  
#Self

Paul Coyne  
Brooklyn, NY  
11th LIB  
#Robert Taormino

\*James L. Brown  
Austin, TX  
198th LIB  
#Ron Ward

\*Michael Fightmaster  
Edmond, Ok  
23rd MP  
#Darrell Hott

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Brookline, MA  
Associate  
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\*\*\*\*\* CONVALESCING AT HOME \*\*\*\*\*

Rev. John S. Franklin  
[REDACTED]  
East Wareham, Mass.  
02538

JAMES J. FLYNN  
[REDACTED]  
Belmont, Mass.  
02178

How about sending a card to an old friend?

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER?

## TAPS

EDWARD BROWNSTEIN  
Roslindale, Mass.  
101 QM  
May 17, 1986

EUGENE L. PERULLO  
Revere, Mass.  
21st Recon  
June 6, 1986

GRANVILLE P. GARDNER  
Weymouth, Mass.  
182nd Infantry  
July 21, 1986

GERALD (JAKE) RUDISILL  
Badin, North Carolina  
182nd Infantry  
July 1986

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

My family and I wish to thank you and the other gentlemen of the Americal Division for the beautiful tribute given to my husband. We were very impressed by your sending the flags to the funeral home. We want to thank all of our friends who came and sent beautiful cards, also all who sent cards and called him on the telephone when he was sick. We miss him dearly. He was a very good man. We would like to thank the priest that called and remembered him at Mass. Again thank you Bill for your thoughtfulness and prayers. God be with you.

Nellie Perullo

P.S. Thanks for visiting him. He loved the Americal and all of you men.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

Williston, North Dakota -- October 10 -12, 1986

## CONTACT

Jerry Wilder  
[REDACTED]  
Williston, North Dakota  
58801

## ATTENTION

The All Veterans Centennial Memorial Association invites you to participate in the erection of a monument to all of the North Dakota people who served in the Armed Forces during our first one hundred years of statehood and in particular to the three thousand six hundred North Dakotans who gave their lives in the service of our country. Send donation to;

All Veterans Centennial Memorial Assoc.

[REDACTED]  
Bismarck, ND  
58502



# Important Dues Information

# Forget- Me-Not

# WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS!

# YOUR DUES STATUS

## YOUR ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE

AMERICAL

VETERANS

FOUNDED



DIVISION

ASSOCIATION

1945

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

John E. Doe

IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THIS  
ASSOCIATION. MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES May 1987

No 1640

NATIONAL ADJUTANT

THIS IS YOUR CARD IN ADVANCE

Help us keep cost low with prompt payment  
DUES IS \$6.00

The above Membership Card is a sample of what we mail in ADVANCE of your payment of DUES. Please note this was mailed May 1986 and expires May 1987. This system has worked out very well but we do have people who do not cooperate and the card below is the follow up.

## YOUR ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE

Your 1986-1987 dues are overdue

..... 3 months

Card no. 1640 was mailed in advance

Last May..... please remit \$6.00

FOR YOUR ANNUAL DUES.

Help us keep cost low with prompt payment.

This card is mailed to all DELINQUENT MEMBERS in intervals of (3) months (6) months and (9) months PLUS a letter to remit \$12.00 to Headquarters - \$6.00 for the back DUES plus \$6.00 for the next years DUES. If we do not hear in 30 days the name is removed from the ROSTER

PLEASE NOTE THE COST TO COLLECT \$6.00 cost the ADVA 22¢ plus the form cost plus the labor to mail. It is just not worth all this to collect \$6.00 if you are going to spend almost a \$1.00. This is if we make four mailing and we have 38 delinquent September members at present who received their first notice last September 1985

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

At the National Convention the Executive Council discussed the problem of delinquent DUES and the cost and time to collect \$6.00. The following new method was APPROVED.

1. Mail the Membership card in advance as in the past
2. NO MORE MAILED DELINQUENT DUES NOTICES. Use the Newsletter and print the overdue card numbers for (3) issues and then drop the member from the ROSTER.

EXAMPLE: Card mailed for 1986-1987 Dues in May of 1986. Expiring May 1987

1st Notice July-Aug 1986

2nd Notice Sept-Oct 1986

\*3rd Notice Nov-Dec 1986

## \*FINAL NOTICE

We published the card numbers in the May-June Newsletter that the past due "September" would be dropped from the Roster but with the new system we are holding for an additional (30) Days from the date of the mailing of this Newsletter.

## FINAL NOTICE

1985-1986 Dues Notices to expire Sept  
1986 - Mailed September 1985

1480	1495	1466	1461	1459	1446	1439
1429	1420		1417		1401	1404
	1381	1382	1374	1344	1341	1335
1330	1326	1321	1318	1307	1327	1311
1278	1286	1291	1290	1268	1256	1265
1263	1247	1238				

## 2ND NOTICE

1986-1987 Dues Notices to expire Jan  
1987 - Mailed January 1986

1197	1169	1168	534	1185	1172	1163
1175	1155	1143	1134	1120	1119	1106
1103	1086	1092	1081	1090	1069	1056
1058	1054	1041	1037	1035	1034	1025
1002	999	995	989	1006	987	985
984	979	966	952	958	948	946
943	941	937	934	949	945	
932	921	913	907	904	925	918
884	894	893				

## 1ST NOTICE

1986-1987 Dues Notices to expire May  
1987 - Mailed May 1986

503	507	513	526	510	520	523
519	536	561	564	548	549	1151
565	573	587	589	590	604	631
635	624	645		649	647	650
	678	682	684	677	683	691
695	707	714	715	717	731	737
752	744	732	745	760	802	804
818	823	835	838	844	852	845
						843

National Adjutant

ADDRESS  
CHANGE?



# Letters

The following two letters were received at National Headquarters and I believe they speak for themselves about the vast amount of work that went into the Museum since the dedication on May 19, 1979 under the direction of our past Director Hector L. D'Amato, who ate, slept and lived the Americal Museum. Hector had the help of fifty dedicated curators who over the past years have given their time and talents freely. Our present director, Ken Turner, for the past year, with the help of the fifty curators has carried on the standards and long range planning of Hector to build a Museum we can all be proud of.

Thursday Night  
July 1, 1986

Dear Americal Buddies of the Americal Museum:

To say a humble thank you for the pictures, the hospitality of the Americal mystique and showing us around, does not seem very worthy, but all of Marge's and my thanks for rescuing the errant purse really does deserve some prayers for you.

Keeping the Americal Memories alive desere a good job well done. We shall tell Senator Dyer we say the Flag of the sovereign state of Missouri in company with the other colors of the 49 state flags.

Thank you again.

Jim & Marge Williams  
Missouri - 246th FA Btry

Sir: Please accept enclosed check for Life Membership. I just received the Newsletter and saw the large list of new Life Members and then figures it was time for me to take advantage of the bargain.

The middle of June my wife Helen and I made our first visit to Massachusetts. Had an enjoyable week visiting all the historic sites and of course that included Fort Devens and the Americal Museum. We were a little too early so we did a little tour of the camp and a bite to eat in the cafeteria. When we returned to the Museum the door was opened and Frank Diorio and Jim (can't recall last name but was a Nam Vet) was there to greet us. After exchanging names etc. and the tour we sat and just had a very enjoyable visit.

You know Frank is also quite a salesman for I came away with an Americal Cap and a couple of other mementoes which I will wear with pride. I am proud to be a member of this fine organization and only sorry that I don't live closer to be an active member.

Those boys who work the Museum detail really deserve a pat on the back.

We will be back for another visit. - Sincerely,

Harry & Helen Milne  
Pennsylvania - 247 FA Btry C  
& Hq & Hq

The above is a small sample of the letters we receive at Headquarters. The Curators' time and efforts are well spent and appreciated by the Membership.

National Adjutant

"TOGETHER THEN,  
TOGETHER AGAIN"

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**RETURNED MAIL:** At the National Convention the Executive Council discussed the problem of the large amount of returned mail each time a mailing is made. The March-April Newsletter had over sixty (60) returns which cost the Organization per letter - 12½¢ to mail, 30¢ to accept back and 39¢ to remail; a total cost of 81½¢ per Newsletter. Also Note - there are some members that change their address two to three times each year and never notify the National Headquarters. Must be a rub-off from their army days!

The following new method was Approved:

When a member is prompt in sending us his new address, we will of course remail his Newsletter. BUT if a member's mail is returned by the Postoffice marked No Forwarding Address, and we have not been notified we will NOT remail this Newsletter.

**REPEAT:** We will NOT remail this Newsletter.

I wish to thank those members who have notified us when they move or those who have a winter and a summer address so we can switch their cards for the season changeover.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The May -June Newsletter has so far had over thirty (30) returns and there will be more. For DUES of only \$6.00 per year it is not worth the cost of 81½¢ per Newsletter to remail if you do not wish to cooperate and help us to keep our costs down.

**PLEASE USE THE ADDRESS CORRECTION FORM POSTED IN THE NEWSLETTER (on another page) FOR THAT NEW ADDRESS**

National Adjutant

**EDITOR'S ERROR** and an apology for the oversight in not reporting the following in the May - June Newsletter:

Harry Corliss who has had two major operations in the past few months is on the mend and has requested that we print a nice bit THANK YOU to all his friends who sent cards and called his home from near and far inquiring of his health while he was convalescing.

**Editor's Note:** Harry is a past officer and a curator at the Museum since the day one. I could not guess how many hours of dedication Harry has given to the Americal and the Museum. I would say that he was one of Hector's right-hand men. Glad to see that Harry is on the mend.

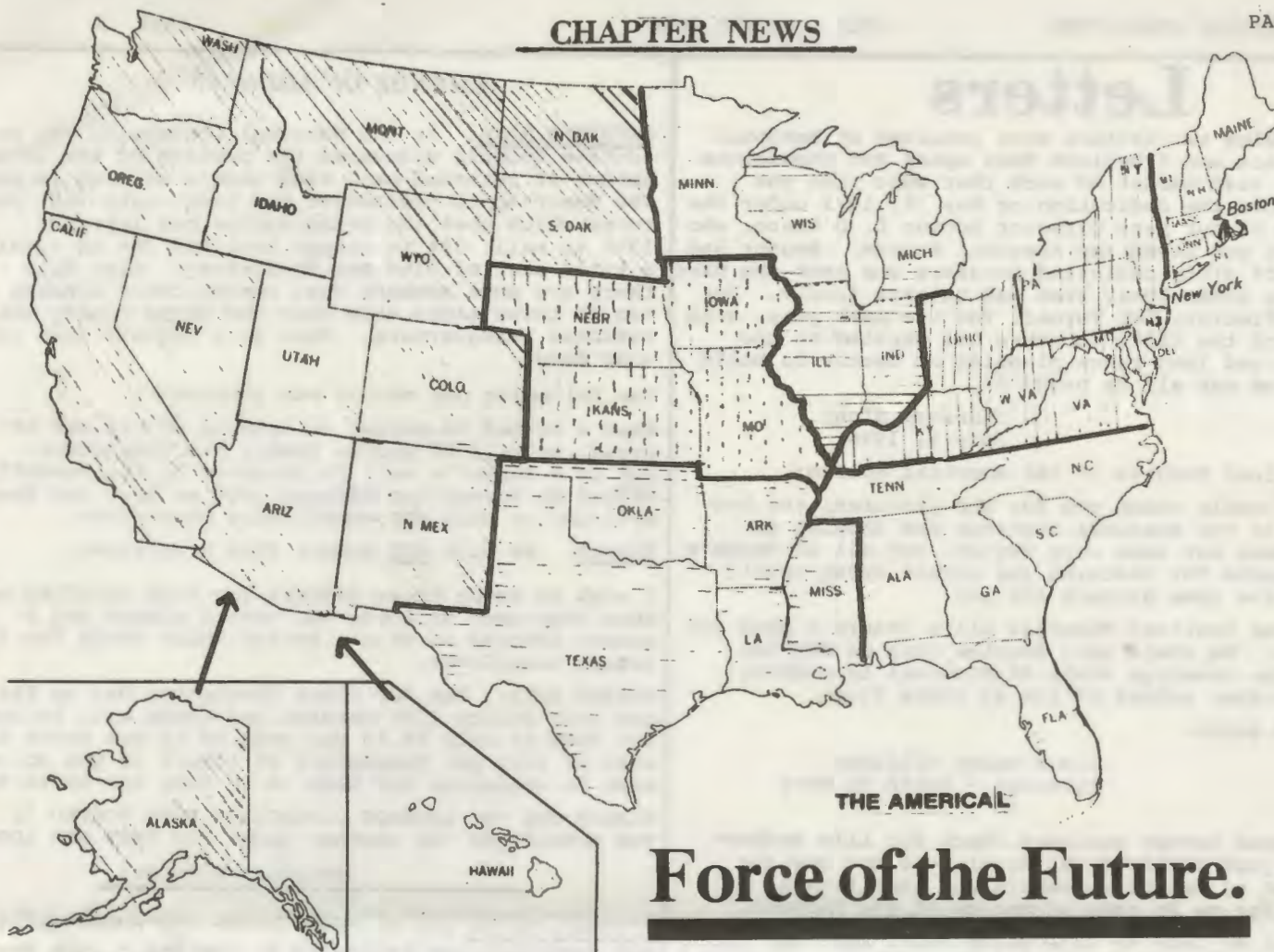
### INFORMATION REQUESTED:

The 1st Infantry Regiment is holding it's First Regimental Dining-In at Ft. Lewis, WA on 19 Sep 1986. Anyone having served in the 1st Regiment (2d Battalion) please contact:

1 LT. Kennedy E. Jenkins  
2d Battalion (LA), 1st Infantry  
Ft. Lewis, WA 98433-6520  
PH. [REDACTED]

**DON'T BREAK  
FAITH WITH  
OUR  
POW-MIA**





**EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER**

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

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SD, UT, WA, WY

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COMMANDER: Norman Mullen  
Perris, CA., 94523

Tel # [REDACTED]

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PLYMOUTH & WAREHAM & SOUTH OF THE CAPE  
COD CANAL

COMMANDER: Bernard C. Chase  
So Yarmouth, MA., 02664

Tel # [REDACTED]

**SOUTH MID WEST CHAPTER**

AK, LA, MS, OK, TX

CONTACT: VACANT

PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHAPTER - CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



## CHAPTER NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

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REGIONAL COMMANDER: Robert T. Hock

Reading, PA., 19601

Tel # [REDACTED]

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

DATE: Friday & Saturday  
September 23-27, 1986

PLACE: Sheraton Hotel at Station  
Square (Across from the  
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COST: \$65.00 per night (single or  
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Send reservations to; Sheraton Hotel  
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State double or single room and date and time  
of arrival. Also state that you are an Americal  
Division Veteran. Deadline Date Sept 12, 1986

### FAR WEST CHAPTER

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

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Pleasant Hill

CA 94523 Tel # [REDACTED]

### JUNE 1987-The Biggest Little City In The World

For those who have not yet got the "latrine rumor" please be advised that the ADVA Executive Committee accepted my invitation to host the 1987 National Convention. I have selected Reno, due to it's more central location, it's compactness for people to get around and for the extra special events that will be taking place during the time of the Convention. Beginning June 19th and ending June 28th you will be enthralled by the Western Days activities that take place all over town, with the top ranked Reno rodeo starting June 23rd to 28th. I am hoping the Far West Chapter members will extend themselves for their Eastern tenderfoot brethren and get behind this 100%. This is the first time the National affairs has ever been held outside New England. We intend to concentrate on a full program for the ladies, starting with a course at the fully accredited Reno-Tahoe Gaming Academy, to learn all the fundamentals of WINNING. This and much, much more will make this an exciting vacation for everyone, so make your plans now to include this in your vacation plans for 1987. I will promise everyone a good time.

Lloyd J. Morrell  
Regional Commander  
Far West Chapter

SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR ALL CALIFORNIA ROUNDUP

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Note: See Far West News for coming events.

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Tarpon Springs, FL 33589

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COMING ATTRACTION: A convention of the Southeast Chapter of the Americal Division 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 complex with 200 rooms and 700 feet of beach.

Daytona is known as the world's most famous beach and our rooms will be overlooking this famous beach. Our price will be 109.95 for three days and two nights for a double room that is large enough to accommodate six people. This price includes a seven dollar meal ticket 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 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 mention that you are a member of the ADVA. If there are any questions please contact me and I'll try to come up with an answer. SEE YOU THERE!

CONTACT: Perry's Ocean Edge

Daytona, FL 32018

(out of State)  
(in Florida)

Edwin A. Heartquist  
Regional Commander

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V - J DAY 1986

August 15, 1986 will mark the 41st anniversary of the end of hostilities between United States and Japan in World War II. The occasion will probably pass more or less unnoticed by the news media although they gave a big play to the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima that was held in Japan. (At least the Boston area media did.)

Only one state in the Union, Rhode Island, still observes Japan's World War II surrender as an official holiday. Two small towns in that state, Bristol and Exeter, were the only ones to have any type of celebration. Small groups of veterans in both towns gathered to mark the occasion.

The Americal division was on Cebu at the time of the surrender and the official history, "Under The Southern Cross" gives a brief story on the surrender.

The following article was sent in by Joseph F. Kruczek, MAJ RET USA. It was printed in the AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE and was written by Robert C. McGiffert.

Mr. McGiffert was with Headquarters of the Americal from Bougainville through Leyte, Cebu and Japan. He is now a Professor of Journalism at the University of Montana.

Many thanks to Mr. McGiffert, The Legion Magazine, and Major Joseph Kruczek for sending in the article and obtaining permission for us to print it.

#### **Surrender On CEBU** **by Robert C. McGiffert**

The Japanese couldn't believe the war was lost ...

It was a ceremonial day, a day made for generals. Seven were on hand: three winners and four losers. The victors and the vanquished faced one another on a wide, grassy field under high summer clouds. Behind the generals, their lieutenants stood in rows. Some distance off, where the ground fell away from the knoll on which the generals stood, the ranks of troops stirred restlessly in the heat. Many were bored, in a hurry to get on with it and on to other things. Many having been disarmed, were disconsolate and fearful.

From the cluster of victorious officers, the senior general stepped forward, an aide at his side. The first of his defeated adversaries unbuckled his sword and handed it to his conqueror, who handed it to his aide. Then one by one, in turn, three other generals and an admiral gave up their swords in token of surrender.

Thus, with time-worn symbolism, another battle receded into history, another vanquished army shuffled forward to captivity.

The date was August 28, 1945, two weeks after the end of World War II. This was the Japanese surrender on Cebu Island, the cigar-shaped, verdant centerpiece of the Visayan Islands of the Central Philippines. With these formalities at the village of Ilihan, a cluster of houses near Cebu's northern tip, nearly 10,000 Japanese survivors of a fierce three-month battle began laying down their arms.

#### **Surrender On CEBU, Continued**

To some observers of the gentlemanly proceedings, the time was out of joint. Like other island battles of the Pacific war, the battle for Cebu had been savagely fought. In 96 days of combat, the Japanese lost more than 9,300 soldiers. The U.S. Army's Americal Division--formed three years earlier in New Caledonia from units of the Massachusetts, Illinois and North Dakota National Guards--suffered 2,400 casualties: 458 dead and missing, 1,969 wounded.

A U.S. soldier who faced capture during this campaign could expect no quarter. Fresh in my own memory that day at Ilihan was the sight of an American infantryman siezed by the enemy during an unexpected firefight. When the Japanese withdrew after the skirmish, they left behind his body, decapitated and gored by bayonets. I could not reconcile the courtesies of Ilihan with such barbarity.

The spectacular surrender on Cebu and the artful means by which it was arranged attracted little notice at the time. Indeed, the campaign to drive the Japanese from the Central Philippines was one of the better kept secrets of the war. After General MacArthur's finely orchestrated return to Leyte and the subsequent liberation of Manila and Luzon, the attention of the public was focused farther north, on Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the islands of Japan itself. By August 28, the day of commotion at Ilihan, Emperor Hirohito's capitulation was two weeks old; U.S. troops and ships were hustling north to occupy the enemy's home islands, and the surrender for which the world had waited--in Tokyo Bay, aboard the battleship Missouri--still lay ahead.

But to those who witnessed it, the dénouement at Ilihan was bizarre. To begin with, the surrender was difficult to arrange because the Japanese on Cebu didn't know the war was over. They were isolated in a corner of the island, without working radios. When Hirohito called upon his troops to end the fighting, his message did not reach Cebu.

The Americal Division's commander, Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold, tried to get it through by air drop. On August 16, thousands of leaflets rained down on the Japanese sanctuaries. The message was both a news bulletin and an invitation to surrender.

"Japanese forces throughout the world have surrendered by order of his August Majesty, the Emperor of Japan," it stated. "On 14 August 1945, it was officially proclaimed that Japanese wherever they might be would lay down their arms, having realized that peace was the only solution to a hopeless cause.

"Now that your Emperor has come to an honorable agreement, we feel that you on Cebu should come to us as we have always wanted you to. In the past some of you have taken advantage of our guarantees of fair and kind treatment. Now that hostilities have ceased, lay down your arms and come to us. You will be treated fairly according to the rules of the Hague and Geneva Conventions.

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**Surrender on CEBU, Continued**

There is one point where you can assemble and be collected: Sacsac. Come to the above point unarmed during daylight hours waving this leaflet."

The Japanese, lacking aircraft, used a tree for their reply. On August 17, they nailed a message to it: "We do not believe your propaganda."

Again General Arnold struck from the air. His new leaflets expressed hurt that his integrity was doubted. Then they invited the Japanese commander, Lt. Gen. Sadashi Kataoka, to send an emissary to U.S. headquarters to determine whether U.S. victory claims were true.

Again Kataoka replied by tree. His message, nailed at the roadside where it would be found by American patrols, set a time and a place for a meeting. And so at noon on August 20, a Japanese lieutenant named Hosaka and four enlisted men, followed by a band of about 40 curious Filipinos, clumped around a bend in the road near the village of Sacsac and advanced under a Rising Sun flag to meet a party of half a dozen Americans. With the help of a Nisei interpreter, Hosaka and U.S. Maj. Raymond Chesley exchanged greetings and agreed on details of Hosaka's imminent trip. Then the lieutenant bade his comrades goodbye and got into a jeep for a 30-mile ride to get the bad news. During his overnight stay at division headquarters, Hosaka talked to interpreters and listened to broadcasts from Japan. He reported back to General Kataoka that the war was over.

Kataoka sent another note to Arnold. "I received your kind message from First Lieutenant Hosaka," it said. "I have faith in your veracity and am positively convinced that Japan has surrendered. I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kind treatment accorded the lieutenant."

Over the next few days, the surrender at Ilihan was arranged.

The formalities of surrender were scheduled for 10 a.m., but for hours before that the road from the north was clogged with Japanese. In they marched to the assembly area, armed with rifles, mortars, grenades and machine guns. On command, they stacked their weapons, then spread out in ranks across the field. Many soldiers carried small white boxes containing ashes of friends. Despite the ordeal of isolation and siege, the Japanese troops were neatly dressed. So were the Japanese army nurses who marched in with them and whose appearance sent a wave of surprise through the Americans at the scene. We had not known that women were among the enemy on Cebu.

With all the enemy troops disarmed and in the field, facing Americal detachments, General Kataoka led three other generals and an admiral to the knoll between the massed soldiers. There they stood in line while a dozen unit commanders and staff officers formed a double rank behind them.

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**Surrender on CEBU continued**

Then, from the road at the field's edge, General Arnold strode forward, followed by three files of unit commanders, staff officers and interpreters.

On the knoll, he faced his former adversaries. Within moments, their swords were his.

General Kataoka then went to a house at Ilihan and signed the surrender instrument that formally turned over 2,667 officers and men to American control. In the course of the next three days, an additional 7,200 Japanese were disarmed at other assembly points in northern Cebu.

These troops had not marched to Ilihan, though their commanders had been there. Those commanders had stood on the knoll with General Kataoka and, like him, had unbuckled their sabers and turned them in.

Thus did a genteel silence settle on the bloody battlefields of Cebu. \*\*\*\*\*

There is an organization in Japan known as the Liloan Kai and it is made up of former members of the Japanese Army that served on Cebu and Surrendered to the Americal. Previous Newsletters have carried articles about these men. Through the efforts of our previous Editor, Bill McLaughlin, we are in contact with this organization. One of these men, Rev. John Oishi, and the following is a story that was written in the Quincy Patriot Ledger.

On a recent visit to Tokyo your Editor had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Oishi and his former comrade-in-arms George Fukui. George is a business man in Tokyo. More about that later -- on with the story--

**Ex-G.I., Japanese Soldier Meet, Discuss Battle Days**

Bill McLaughlin, Formerly of Milton, now living in East Falmouth, and the Rev. John Tsuguo Oishi of the United Church of Christ in Tokyo, Japan, recently had lunch together at the Harvard Club in Boston.

Born in Japan, Rev. Oishi, had been brought up in California but returned to Japan to attend college. When the war broke out, he was drafted into the Army.

Along the years since World War II, as passions cooled, Oishi wrote to the Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine seeking assistance in contacting American veterans of the Americal Division involved in action in and around the Cebu-Leyte area.

Through this medium, the two men were brought into lengthy correspondence.

McLaughlin is the editor and national historian of the Americal Division Association. Oishi is a member of the Japanese veterans organization called, "Liloan Kai"--meaning the veteran's group.

Both men had fought in the Philippines in World War II, McLaughlin with the Americal Division and Oishi with a Japanese unit. Oishi still carries a carbine slug in his back.

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**Ex-G.I., Japanese Soldier Meet (cont'd)**

"I carried an M-1 (Garand) rifle so I assured him it wasn't me that hit him," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin, who had served in the Americal Division's artillery, was transferred to a reconnaissance unit. Oishi served in a student group and landed on Leyte in 1943. He retreated with his unit from Ormoc across the island to an area in the northwest corner where McLaughlin's unit, 21st Recon Troop of the Americal Division engaged them. Falling back still further, Oishi's group anchored itself in the outskirts of Cebu City until late May or June when napalm, bombing and infantry attacks dislodged them.

McLaughlin said that in comparing notes with Oishi he found that both of them (at different times, of course) had slept in the same building, a former church school in Liloan--a small town in which the Japanese unit's headquarters were located. Over the luncheon, the two soldiers relived those days of battle in the Philippines.

Oishi complimented McLaughlin on returning a flag taken from a dead Japanese soldier to the victim's family.

"It was a highly laudable act," Oishi told McLaughlin. "Such items are of great sentimental value to the family of the deceased, because the remains of the Japanese dead were left behind on the battlefields and the remains could not be identified and recovered after the war in a great majority of the cases."



McLaughlin also has been corresponding with another Japanese, George Fukui, who went to school in the United States and upon returning to Japan was up caught up in the war.

In one of his letters to McLaughlin, commenting on the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, George Fukui, also a member of "Liloan Kai" said: "Bill, there are a lot of pros and cons on the use of the bomb in hindsight but my argument is that had the Japanese developed the bomb and had the means of delivering it, they certainly would have used it. The Japanese military was intent on expending the lives of 20 million people to defend the mainland and the way the soldiers were forced to resist to the end I would say that the atom bomb was inevitable--the people of Hiroshima sacrificed their lives and saved the lives of millions."

**VETERANS UPDATE**

Your Editor is involved in a lengthy correspondence with Vernon Pierce a former member of the 147th Infantry. This unit was at one time part of the 37th Division, Ohio National Guard and it was cut loose from that Division when the old square divisions were streamlined. The 147th had long and active career in the Pacific during the war.

According to the Americal history the 147th was attached to the Americal at one time during the battle for Guadalcanal. For some unknown reason the casualties that the 147 suffered on the "Canal were listed in the Americal history under the 132nd Infantry "Roll of Honor".

Vernon had pursued this matter long before I became involved and as yet to find a satisfactory answer. I am still doing research on the subject and would appreciate any help a member might be able to give.

In the meantime I will print the name of these departed comrades below;

**IN MEMORY**

To these gallant men who gave their live in the service of their country

Lt. Harold E. Chadwick	Pfc. Joseph Maloney
S/Sgt. Gail E. Fox	Pfc. Jack Ferguson
Sgt. William H. Woodcock	Pvt. Albert Dubois
Sgt. John P. Singleton	Pvt. Harold W. Massie
Sgt. John T. Brauning	Pvt. Roger M. Hatfield
Cpl. Clarence L. Rife	Pvt. James R. Montague
Pfc. Martin L. Forsberg	Sgt. James S. Watters
Pfc. Frankly T. Crawley	Sgt. Gerald E. Wallingford
Pfc. Kenneth A. Quigley	Cpl. William Shearer
Pfc. Stanley Anthony	Pfc. Lonnie Bell
Pfc. Charles W. Casey	Pvt. Vincent J. Rotchford
Pfc. Lawrence Null	Pvt. John Cellini

**WE GIVE OUR THANKS**

We are sorry to learn of the death of the brother of Harry Corliss. Albert Corliss, of California, was instrumental in obtaining the State of Oregon flag for the Americal Museum. May we at this time express our deepest sympathy to Harry and the family of Albert Corliss.

**MUSEUM MESSAGE**

This summer we have received a few more articles for display in our museum. Please remember to have names of people and places on articles left for display.

We have had several generous donations this summer from the following;

LTC Lew Doyle (Ret) San Antonio, Texas  
 Otto F. Boehmig Turtle Creek, Penn.  
 William Pukalo Canterbury, Conn.  
 Edward Largess West Brookfield, Mass.

I wish to thank them on behalf of our organization.

Kenneth R. Turner  
 Museum Director



## Letters to the Editor

Hi Bill,  
Have a bit of news for you! I don't remember if I told you about my giving some information to a professor and his wife from Australia who wrote a book about the G.I.'s in Australia during World War II. His name is E. Daniel Potts and wife Annette. The Book covers the years 1941 thru 1945. All the material was gathered from interviews, old letters, diaries and other sources during travels after the war thru the United States, Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand etc.

I met him through a member of my Church who spent some time in Australia. Prof. Potts and his wife spent some time at my friends home here in Detroit and that's how I met Potts. Well, I gave him some information from an interview and also from a diary I had kept from our overseas venture. This was a couple of years ago and now the book has been published "YANKS DOWN UNDER" and my wife gave it to me for a Christmas present. It is the first time for me to have my name published in a book and I was really thrilled.

As Ever,  
Gil Abele  
121st Med. Bn.

Dear Bill,

Just to let you know what a great pleasure it was to have you visit me at the West Roxbury V.A. Hospital during my stay there in December. You came back the next night but I hadn't returned from recovery and wasn't quite with it -- sorry about that.

I enjoyed our get together with Harry Corliss and just talking about the Americal--what else! I wonder if we could have that Ward named the Americal Ward? Three of us were patients including Skiffington from the 182 HD

I must say that the veterans Auxiliaries are doing a great service for the veterans. It's nice to know someone cares.

I'm going to let the whole world know that you drove Harry Corliss all the way to Medford. then drove yourself home. You are the driving force behind the Americal family. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I'm coming along very well after my Hernia operation. I'll be making further recovery when I go to Florida. While there I'll attempt a spearhead on some of our Americal friends we spoke about.

I called the hospital this past Monday to inquire about Harry Corliss and his by-pass. He was in recovery and doing well. I called again today and they had him sitting up--that's the Americal spirit! I'm sending Harry a card

Bill, may you and yours and the Americal family have a happy, health 1986. Keep up the good work and God bless.

Regards,  
Dom Pantaleo

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

A Few of the former members of the HQ, 247th F.A. BN, Americal Division held a reunion in Florida a couple of months ago. We had a surprisingly good turnout in spite of the fact that we only had some two dozen names to work with. We would like to continue our reunions and broaden our attendance and wonder whether we might obtain assistance from the Association. Specifically, we are looking for the names of men who served during World War II with the HQ Battery, 247th F.A. BN. As you probably know our battalion was organized in New Caledonia in 1942 and served in the Solomons and the Philippines.

Would it be possible for the Association to furnish us with the names of those members who served in our unit? I do not know what system you use for your membership roster but if this could be done we would be most grateful. If your records do not lend themselves to such a search perhaps you could publicize our request in your forthcoming newsletter.

I have recently joined the association and while writing to you I shall permit myself the expression of a disappointment. The writeup of the Americal History contains no mention whatsoever of the 3 105 Howitzer and the 1 155 Howitzer Battalions attached to the Division, mine being one of them. Mention of the Artillery units would in no way take away from the glory of the Infantry Regiments whom we so loyally supported.

I hope you will give my request consideration and thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely,  
James T. Halom  
[REDACTED]  
Edina, MN.  
55436

Jim; It is against the policy of the ADVA to give out any addresses without the express permission of a member. Your address has been included in the above at your request and we hope that all interested members will contact you directly.

Editors note; You will notice the artillery mentioned in many places in the Americal history. to mention a few -- Page 74, 75, 84, 94 & 95. And I am sure there are many other places.

National Adjutant;

Card number last year was #60, got a new one with dues request, #735. Is that possible or do they change every year? No response necessary if unimportant. (Card numbers do change. Adj)

Two items to note. First, have chosen life option to save you some annual headaches. Initial pay't enclosed, others will follow at intervals spaced enough to keep wife from saying What! \$100 for dusty old Arm pals! Second, brand new address enclosed.

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NOTE; Please send all membership applications and Dues to National Adjutant William Dunphy  
[REDACTED] W. Roxbury, MA 02132



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

To Whom It May Concern;

I received a copy of ADVA newsletter about seven years ago from Cecil Carrol who was also in the 125th QM. It was misplaced but never the less here is \$10.00 for dues. If not enough please notify me, if too much please use any left over for any other need -- printing etc.

I joined the 125th on Bougainville, was transferred out when the Americal was to leave Japan for home as I was two points short to come home. I got to leave Japan Christmas Eve of '45.

Sorry to have misplaced this application as past newsletters sure would have helped to have gotten some addresses of some of the fellows, as I intend to retire next year. If all goes as planned we are going to do a lot of travelling and also try and find a lot of fellows.

Thanks for listening and I would be happy to hear any kind of news or see anybody

Thanks again,

Clyde C. Smith

Hammond, ID 46324

P.S. I was in New England a couple of times in the last ten years but as you know vacations do not permit much time. Lord willing, I'll have time to find people the next time I am in that area.

Hey you guys from the 125 - how about a letter to Clyde

Dear Bill;

Just a short note to thank you again for providing me with the advance information pertaining to the convention-reunion at the Mt. Ascutney Mountain Resort. I'm also dropping a line to Joe Marotta to express my appreciation, not only for his help in sending me details about reservations, etc. at the Hotel, but also for the monumental task of planning the event and the successful fruition of his untiring efforts

Both you veterans made it possible for me to attend without any problems regarding reservations, transportation to Mt Ascutney, ect. from Los Angeles

Needless to add I had a marvelous time. Now I'm setting my sights for the convention-reunion tentatively scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend in Reno next year.

This event will be much easier for me to attend, because Los Angeles is much closer to Reno than to Boston. I'll be watching the "Newsletter" as Lloyd Morrell discloses more information on that National Convention as the date draws near.

I was happy to learn at the meeting in Vermont that Lloyd's suggestion to have each local chapter of the ADVA sponsor a National Convention was favorably received. This will make it easier for those who, for some reason, are unable to travel across the country to attend a national convention near to their "neck of the woods".

sincerely,  
Al Cotta  
121 Med Bn, Co D

Dear Bill & Jim

Enclosed find check for \$25.00 for \$6.00 dues and History book on Americal Div., keep any change for Museum, Many thanks.

I was in the 221st FA Bn from 1943 to 1945 in Fiji Island, Guadalcanal, Leyte, Cebu, Nigros and one of the first soldiers into Kamakura, Japan.

Am enjoying Newsletter very much and remember Bougainville, Hill 260 and Torakina River very clearly also the Million Dollar Hill (Tree?) which looked all Brown Blown Up Dirt Look.

Our readers would like to know about another Million Dollar Bridge on Guadalcanal. It was made of all Mahogany wood. Anyone else remember it?

Many thanks and God's Blessing

Leo Wm. Orfe

Beverly, NJ

I remember a solid mahogany bridge over the Torakina on Bougainville. ED. How about hearing from some Engineers out there? You fellows must have built it.

The GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN VETERANS are in the process of compiling a book of that historic battle. If you are interested in being part of this book HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO-- Write your personal biography in 150 words or less, indicate place of birth, when you joined the military, what branch of the military, rank achieved, awards held, any personal interest story as they relate to the Guadalcanal campaign, family data, and what you're doing today. Send biography with two black and white photos, one of when you joined the military and a current mug shot. (color photos will be accepted; black and white are preferred) Please send any unique or rare photos for inclusion in the photo section of the book. All materials will be returned after publication. The deadline for submitting your story and photos is October 30, 1986. Send all information to;

GUADALCANAL HISTORY BOOK

Paducah, KY 42002-3101

As many of you know, or may not know, the section of U.S. Highway 91 that runs between Connecticut and Vermont is known as the AMERICAL DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. Every Memorial Day Ed Largess, on behalf of ADVA, places a wreath on the signs that are in the three rest areas on this stretch of road. The picture below shows Ed and PNC Ed Haddad performing the honor this year.



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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

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Dates of Service — From:		To:	Serial No.:
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Date Received:		Date Processed:	Expiration Date:
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