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# Birmingham Veterans Day



Rainbow's National President Vasil J. Evanoff and National Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock, pose with the wreath before the Birmingham Soldiers Monument during the National Veterans Day observance in Birmingham.

#### President Vassil J. Evanoff

The Evanoffs arrived at the Days Inn in Birmingham, AL, on Monday, Nov. 8th. Mary and Leon Praytor came to the motel and proceeded to take us sight-seeing and to dinner. On Tuesday, your National Auxiliary President, Winnie Baldock, and Redcap Frank, Dot Strange and Bill Barton arrived. Jim Mize, Mary and Leon Praytor joined us at the Days Inn for some good Rainbow talk and fellowship before they treated all of us to a very enjoyable evening at the Celebrity Playhouse Dinner Theater.

Wednesday morning, our hosts took us all sight-seeing again and to lunch before we moved to the Hyatt Birmingham Hotel to prepare for the festivities. We attended a Distinguished Guests Reception at 5:00 pm and the National Veterans Award Dinner at 7:00. Admiral Hyman George Rickover, USN-Ret, was the recipient of the National Veterans Award.

After a very impressive acceptance speech by Admiral Rickover, we were treated to a display of the State Flags of our nation which were carried by university students along with some very stirring patriotic music performed by members of the Samford University School of Music band, chorus and orchestra. The Samford School of Music members presented a musical salute to Veterans 1982. To say the least, this was all so very impressive and it was indeed a great joy to see and hear these young people with their tribute to our great country and her Veterans.

Thursday morning we were up bright and early for breakfast and then on our way to Memorial Services at the Cathedral of the Advent. At 11:30 we attended the World Peace Luncheon and at 2:00 pm, we enjoyed watching the National Veterans Day Parade. Patriotism and love of our country were very evident at this celebration. The evening was topped off with a visit by all of us to the home of Bernice Ragsdale for champagne and Rainbow fellowship before we all were taken out and treated to dinner. So you can see that we were kept busy watching, observing and eating!

With Jim Mize in charge, along with Bill and Dot and Mary and Leon, we were always at the right place at the right time. We will always remember these activities at Birmingham.

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## President's Message



President Vassil "Rube" Evanoff

I hope that each and every one of you had a Happy Holiday Season, and as we start the New Year, I would like to wish all a successful and prosperous New Year.

The President's travels continue. Myrtle and I attended the Texas Chapter picnic on Sept. 25, 1982, at the ranch home of Verna and Johnnie Stubbs. Excellent Rainbow fellowship was enjoyed by all. Winnie and "Redcap" Frank were also in attendance. Our Hosts, Verna and Johnnie, made us feel welcome and at home. For more details on this meeting, I suggest you reread Horace Rose's article in the November REVEILLE ("Texas Blast Off"). I concur with all of Horace's comments.

October, with no travel, enabled me to do some of my fall garden and yard work.

Our next outing was a two-week Rainbow Trip by car via Birmingham, AL; Columbia, SC; Fayetteville, NC; Roxboro, NC; Norfolk, VA and Hampton, VA.

What can I say about the Veterans Day Celebration at Birmingham? It was as great as my predecessors said it would be. I will never forget the 10-11 Nov. 1982 at Birmingham. A great and rewarding experience.

MID-YEAR! Let's have a big turn-out! I had the opportunity to preview the Mid-Year meeting hotel, the Chamberlin, on Chesapeake Bay at historic Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA. I can assure you that it is an excellent place for Rainbow fellowship. Submit your advance registration to Chris Reilly and make your room reservations directly with the hotel. And, it is not too early to start making your plans for next July at Dallas. Reunion Chairman, Clovis Brakebill and his Committee have great plans for all. This should be another great Reunion.

According to the November issue of REVEILLE, our membership is behind where we were last year at this time. Are you one of those who have not paid? PLEASE pay your dues! We need your support!

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### Father Ebr Writes

This is Father Charles again . . . remember him, over in Ghana?

I haven't forgotten you . . . even in these difficult, disorganized times . . . with the Bad News weighted against the Good News and accentuated by the mass media as is its nature. You have been mentioned in my daily orisons with Christ and our friends in the Communion of Saints, especially at the altar, where it counts most

The Christmas season gives us a chance to renew ourselves in faith, hope and love; God knows how much we need this renewal after all the ordeals of 1982. Christ's Birth and the salvation it brought us give us cause for rejoicing even. I hope and pray this joy and comfort will continue on for you into the New Year 1983.

Here in Ghana, the soldiers continue their attempts at restructuring our economy, our banking, eduction and agricultural systems. I suspect a slight improvement in conditions. Closing the borders of the country some time ago has prevented much of our resources (cocoa, lumber, diamonds, etc.) from being smuggled out of the country. There seems to be more food in the market places. The mass media and the citizens have the right to criticize and do question some of the measures the government has taken. This is a healthy sign. Our Bishops, in a confrontation with the top people, have insisted that God must be included in all their planning and we hope they will continue to listen. We expect the Ghanians to retain their patience, reasonableness and good cheer through it all.

I keep busy writing for our monthly magazine, the Catholic Voice. Also, with our team, the three nuns, the three priests and one Brother, we manage to contact each patient at least once a month at the huge government hospital, Korle Bu, here in the capital. This coming Saturday is Children's Day in Ghana, so we are having a party for the mothers and the kids in the Maternity and Children's Blocks. We won't be able to give them much — an orange, a banana, a few cookies. There is no toffee (candy) to speak of, but they will be grateful for the little we give with our love. By the way, we have welcomed into this world a pair of Siamese twins at Korle Bu ... two lovely little girls, back to back. The doctors have already successfully separated them and so far they seem to be normal in every way. I blessed them after the Mass last Sunday.

In May, God permitting, I will be coming home again, this time ahead of schedule, to observe my Golden Jubilee in the Holy Priesthood. My American classmates celebrate June 26th at our SVD house in Conesus, NY. Our big Erb clan will gather at our Holy Family parish in Rochester,

#### Prayer

Let us Pray,

Lord, fill our hearts with Your love and lift our minds in hope as we enter a new year. Help us to feel the touch of Your hand on our shoulder as we plod along the pathways of life. Teach us to be alert to the sound of Your voice comforting, consoling, encouraging, strengthening us. Open our eyes to see Your beauty all around us - in the stars at night and the sun during the day, in the faces of our friends and all the good and beautiful people who surround and support us. Make us aware of Your presence at our side to cheer us each day during this year. Inspire us to be Your hands and voice and eyes to spread Your love to all those whose lives touch ours. Amen

- Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., National Chaplain.

## Birmingham

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Early Friday morning, Nov. 12th, the Evanoffs and the Baldocks motored to Charleston, SC, for some sight-seeing on Saturday and dinner with W.W. Muckenfuss before attending the South Carolina State Chapter meeting on Sunday.

At the conclusion of this gathering we were on the road again. Winnie and Frank continued on their way to their home at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Myrtle and I continued on up to Fayetteville, NC, where we had the pleasure of having breakfast with Helen and Carlyle Woelfer, Public Relations Officer for RDV, at their home on Monday. After breakfast we left for Roxboro, NC, for a visit with Jane and Dolian Harris. We accompanied them to Norfolk, VA, on Tuesday and spent time at the MacArthur Memorial. We then went to Fort Monroe where we previewed the Chamberlin Hotel, the site of Mid-Year on February 25 and 26. Then back to Roxboro for a good night's rest before departing for home on Wednesday. We arrived home Friday noon after traveling 3,900 miles.

We will be in Clearwater for the Florida State Chapter meeting on Dec. 4th, the Orlando Chapter meeting on Dec. 5th, then on to Tulsa on Dec. 19th for the Tulsa Chapter Christmas Party. Details of these meetings in the next REVEILLE.

NY, August 21st. The committee in charge are "on it" as we say in Ghana, and you'll hear more about this later when plans are finalized. It will be good to see many of my relatives and friends, some of whom I haven't seen in years.

Goodbye for now. May God be good to you during the coming Holy Season and throughout the New Year 1983. Hope to see you all at Dallas, God willing.

In the love of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Charles, SVD.

# Veterans Day Muskogee Mo-Kan Memorial Day



Muskogee Phoenix, November 12 - America honored its veterans Thursday in ceremonies across the land, and in Muskogee, the first Veterans Day service was held in the 42nd Rainbow Division Amphitheater located atop Honor Heights Hill.

The Muskogee Memorial Rainbow Division Chapter was in charge of the service which featured Chaplain Elmer Huyck, State Disabled American Veterans Chapter.

The recently completed amphitheater overlooks Camp Gruber, where the 42nd Division trained just before going into battle in Europe in World War II.

The 11 am service followed the annual Veterans Day breakfast which was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 474. The meal honors veterans in Muskogee and is sponsored by local veterans units

During the Rainbow Division service, Al Cahoon, former Secretary-Treasurer, placed the wreath honoring veterans of World War I and World War II. The flagbearer was Bob Haggard, Vice-President of the Chapter. Also on hand were President Ambrose Rochel and Secretary-Treasurer Leo Elsky, both of Muskogee.

The Mo-Kan Chapter, RDVA, held a memorial ceremony and mini-reunion at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, MO on Armistice Day, 1982. The memorial ceremony was held in the Chapel of the college, and it was led by the President of Rockhurst, National Chaplain Father Robert Weiss. The significance of the occasion was brought out by the participation of both students and faculty of the college, and by the attendance of the students and faculty. The meditation by Father Weiss was very appropriate and appreciated by his audience whether from the college or from the members of Rainbow.

After the memorial, dinner was served in the Rockhurst Student Union Building. The speaker for the occasion was Jim Anderson, Editor of the VFW Magazine. Mr. Anderson spoke on Veterans affairs, and particularly how the Rainbow was viewed by members of other Divisions in both wars.

In attendance at the memorial ceremony and dinner were three WWI members of Rainbow: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teagarden of Manhattan, KS; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ham and Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Findley of Kansas City. Other WWI widows present were: Velma Parham of Wichita, KS; Elma Hedrick of Tulsa, OK; and Irene Small and Helen Stewart of Kansas City.

Also attending from out of town were: Hugo and Oriana Grimm, St. Louis; Bea and Fred Miller, and John and Lorena George, Tulsa; Gerald and Norma Maple, Neligh, NE; Dixon and Tommie Rogers, Fayette, MO; LeVan and Mary Thurman, Richmond, MO; Herb and Lora Butt, George and Louise Rhodes, Tom and Soccorro Padilla, Harold and Mrs. Cullum, Dick and Stella McRae, Woody Dutton, all of Kansas City. The Hamms had as their guests Joe and Pearl Gordon.

On 10 November, a fellowship hour was sponsored by George and Louise Rhodes at their home in Lees Summit, MO. All of the out-of-town guests except the Teagardens attended, and there was a good sprinkling of those Kansas City Rainbowers. Assisting Louise in entertaining were her mother, Elizabeth Hoffman, and also Jennie Honey, Tom Berry, Diane Travlos, and their daughter. (This reporter will take his lumps because he forgot the daughters' name) As with the dinner at Rockhurst, lots of good old Rainbow visiting and fellowship was had at this occasion.

- Dixon C. Rogers.

## Un - Real People

There were a lot of disappointed people on the evening of November 19 when the "Real People" TV Program didn't carry the story on the Rainbow Reunion, as we were told they would. Immediately after the program ended, the Editor received several phone calls, and later received more letters asking what had happened to the Rainbow segment.

The answer is simply this: There is a Program Editor whose responsibility it is to select and trim the various filmed segments to fit the time schedule, and he had to do just what the Editor of the REVEILLE has to do time and again - select the best items from the material he has available for that particular publication, whether it is TV or REVEILLE.

And let's be realistic, the Rainbow Segment would have been quite tame compared to the "shoot-em-up" segments that were shown, and certainly not of impelling interest to the broad spectrum of Americans who watch the program.

At the very end of the program, a statement was made that the Rainbow segment and several others would be aired when time and space permitted. So you'll just have to watch your TV Guide to see what is to be presented each week. Maybe we'll get lucky somewhere down the line.

## Foundation Report

Pres. Ted Johnson

July 13, 1982, was a day that should live in the annals of Rainbow along with July 14, February 22, March 15, November 11 and May 8. There in the warmth of the same Oklahoma sun that saw the transfer of colors, name and pride in Rainbow thirty-nine years before, the Gruber Memorial became a final reality. Now known as the Rainbow Division Memorial Amphitheater, a dream begun in the February Mid-Year in Indianapolis in 1972, became a Living Memorial on July 13, 1982.

Now that the Memorial is finished, I have assembled all the costs, not only of the Memorial itself, but all categories of expenses from the beginning. We are pleased that the total cost of the Memorial, from the original artist conception to the final fence built after the Reunion, was \$85,297.13.

No one can count the work and sacrifice, the faith and failing hopes, the doubt and determination that was needed to put together the mass to make Dan Glossbrenner's suggestion and Jim McNicol's formal proposal come true. To all of you who paid, who prayed, who persevered, Rainbow will be perpetually grateful.

The funds approved in Cedar Rapids in 1980 for the final phase amounted to \$35,000. In fact, we spent only \$34,000 and the City of Muskogee has a nominal balance left in the account to cover any late bills or adjustments. The Rainbow Arch, which was pictured in the REVEILLE after being tipped over, was fully covered by the City's insurance policy. These proceeds will be used to erect a larger, non-destructible Rainbow made of metal and deeply emplanted in the foundation.

Nothing is totally vandal-proof, including our flag, which was also cut down and likewise replaced by the City. However, with the cooperation of the Muskogee Memorial Chapter, the City, and concerned citizens, we believe the novelty will pass and our memorial will now remain secure. A letter from a prominent citizen of Muskogee reads: "Dear Mr. Johnson,

"I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy seeing the American Flag flying in your facility at Honor Heights Park. The facility itself is very beautiful, and the flag adds an untold measure to its value to our community.

"Thank you for making this wonderful addition, and if I can help you, please let me know.

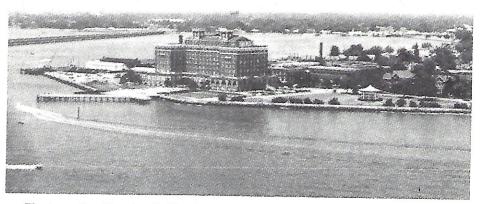
"James C. Leake

"Leake Industries, Inc., Muskogee, OK."

#### Looking Ahead

Your Chairman and President have served since the inception of the idea of the

## Historic Fort Monroe



The imposing Chamberlin Hotel sits surrounded by Chesapeake Bay, insuring that every room has a view of the water and activities thereon, unblocked by the usual highrise office buildings.

The timing of our Mid-Year Meeting, February 25 and 26, will bring us to Fort Monroe, Virginia, near the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It would therefore be wise to bring some warm clothing for those few times you will be required to go outside.

Concerning air travel, Chris Reilly advises that most commercial flights go into Norfolk, and commuter planes will most likely arrive at Patrick Henry. The hotel is about mid-way between the two airports. If you are arriving by air and desire complimentary limosine service, you should notify the hotel in writing several days in advance, giving the name of the airline, flight number, time of arrival and airport. Commerical limo service costs about \$7.00 from either of the two airports.

If you haven't made hotel reservations yet, or sent your registration to the Mid-Year Committee, here again is the information you need:

Hotel: Chamberlin Hotel, Hampton, VA 23651-0007. Rooms for those attending the Rainbow Mid-Year have a special rate of \$29 single and \$34 double; this rate also applies if you arrive early or wish to stay beyond the close of the Meeting. A check for one night's lodging should be included with your room reservation.

Registration: A fee of \$25 per person attending is required for registration. Send your check as soon as possible to Chris Reilly, 1136 Court Revere, Odenton, MD 21113.

See page 6 for schedule of events for the Mid-Year Meeting.

Foundation. We were determined to see the Memorial through and during that time we had precious little time to devote to bettering the organization of the Foundation and its operation. A proposed organization plan to set up Nominating, Audit and other committees was circulated to the Directors, Officers and PNP's prior to the Tulsa Reunion. It will be refined for presentation at the Mid-Year in February. Our goal is to increase member participation and interest in the future growth and activities of the Foundation. This obviously includes the prospect of new officers.

Both Herb Klinedinst and I are grateful for the marvelous opportunity we've had to be a part of this magnificent effort, and we assure you we plan to maintain our same high interest, as so many other members have. Yet, we feel that new leadership will build yet a better and finer tribute to our fallen comrades and cause; and we welcome, indeed we urge, that new leadership.

#### Foundation Audit

Total Contributions	\$ 134,784.27
Interest Earned TOTAL Income	\$ 32,085.69 166,869.96
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 117,772.96
BALANCE	\$ 49,097.00
On Deposit 10/30/82	
Fletcher National Bank 1st Natl Bank & Trust	\$ 47,640.45
(Muskogee)	1,456.55
	\$ 49,097.00
Recorded to these accounts:	
Founding Member Trust Founding Chapter Trust Assoc. Member (Auxiliary) Trust Founding Sponsor Trust	\$ 10,820.16 9,556.41 3,649.94 23,613.94
TOTAL, Fletcher Bank	\$ 47,640.45
1st Natl. Muskogee TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 1,456.55 49,097.00

### Chapter News

—The Minnesota Rainbow News lists sixty members who were in the 151st Field Artillery Regiment of the Rainbow Division in World War I! Most of them reside in Minnesota, but eleven live in California, two in Texas and one each in nine other states.

—The Muskogee Memorial Chapter has established a schedule of dates on which the Chapter will place wreaths at the Rainbow Memorial on Honor Heights: the wreath on Azalea Festival Day will be paid for by the National Memorial Foundation; the wreaths to be placed on Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day will be paid for by the Chapter and donations.

-More and more small chapters are throwing in the towel. According to Secretary Peg Keating, Oshkosh folded last year; Fond du Lac has only one member; San Diego will become inactive next year; Rennie Moore is holding the Montgomery Chapter together, and when that chapter closes, the only viable chapter in Alabama will be Huntsville; this is the last year for the Danville Chapter; Bloomington has been closed but survivors pay dues to National and want to be reported; Red Bank is down to 5 members; Roanoke hasn't reported any members for two years; Francis H. Lehr, President (for 39 consecutive years) and only officer of the Easton Chapter, paid dues for the members this year; Dodge City-Pratt is down to seven members (lost three last year); upon the death last year of Sec. Calvin Bolding, the Mobile Chapter has apparently become inactive. Members of these and other faltering chapters can continue to send their annual dues to the National Secretary in the name of the Chapter. National dues are \$6.00.

—The Arizona Chapter reports that National President Evanoff and National Auxiliary President Winnie Baldock will attend the Chapters meeting on March 19, 1983, at Sierra Lakes in Tempe.

-Marty Pawlak, Michigan State Chapter, is still riding herd on the idea of taking Amtrak to Dallas for the Reunion. The group rate for 15 persons from Detroit (or other points in Michigan) is now \$218 round trip. Those joining the group at intermediate stops in Michigan would have to pay the full amount to get the excursion rate. From Chicago, the group excursion rate if \$159 round trip. Again, those boarding at Lincoln, Springfield, etc., would pay the full rate. Advance deposits are no longer required, but the reservation must be made as a group with full payment 15 days prior to departure. Anyone in Michigan, Illinois and intermediate points can get current information from Marty at 8161 W. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116.

### Heroes All

Sergeant Richard W. O'Neill, Company D, 165th Infantry, 42nd Division, was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action on the Ourcq River, France, on 30 July, 1918. The Citation reads:

"In advance of an assaulting line, he attacked a detachment of about 25 of the enemy. In the ensuing hand-to-hand encounter he sustained pistol wounds, but heroically continued in the advance, during which he received additional wounds, but, with great physical effort, he remained in active command of his detachment. Being again wounded he was

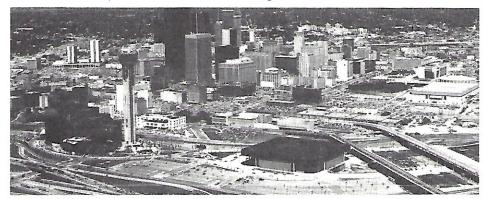
forced by weakness and loss of blood to be evacuated, but insisted on being taken first to the battalion commander, in order to transmit to him valuable information relative to enemy positions and the disposition of our men."

Sergeant O'Neill received fourteen decorations, including seven from foreign governments. In 1975, the barracks at Camp Smith in Peekskill, NY, were named O'Neill Hall in his honor by Governor Carey.

Born in New York City, Richard O'Neill died in Hawthorne, NY, in May, 1982, at the age of 84 years.

—Nicholas F. Martone, President, Father Duffy Chapter.

# Remember - Big "D" in '83



The BIG "D" story began in 1841 when John Neely Bryan, a Tennessee lawyer and trader, established a trading post on the east bank of the Trinity River. He laid out a townsite half a mile square near a good crossing on the river and began trading with the Indians and west-bound wagon trains. Bryan is quoted as saying he named his village for "my friend Dallas," who has never been identified. After the Republic of Texas joined the United States, and County of Dallas was created and named for George Dallas, Vice President during the presidency of James K. Polk.

Many chapters of the Dallas story have been written in the one hundred and fortyone years since it was first established. Those chapters may be summed up by citing a
few statistics of Dallas today. It is now the nation's 7th largest city and is served by 21
major airlines. It contains hundreds of miles of expressways, yet it can boast that its air
is the cleanest of any major city in the nation. It is the headquarters of 657 million-dollar
corporations, home of the largest merchandise mart in the world, a top convention city, a
major banking, insurance and computer-services center and a center for the graphic
arts. Dallas is a city of newcomers, young people and millionaires. Dallas is a restless,
ambitious community, always faced with a new job to be done and a new goal to be attained. It is also a music town, a theater town, a nightclubbing town, a center of culture
and education and style; above all, it's a friendly town.

There is never a lack of excitement or activities for all tastes in Big "D". The visitor can sample cuisine from almost every continent, shop in world-famous stores, move with the swirling nightlife, find family entertainment, and partake in sports and the arts. Most of these are available at the nearby nationally famous North Park Shopping Mall and at Caruth Plaza, both within a short distance of North Park Inn. The Inn furnishes mini-bus transportation to and from the Mall, free to North Park guests; Caruth Plaza shops are adjacent to the Inn. I could go on and on! I know that the foregoing may sound to you like a lot of b--- (boasting), so we invite you to come see for yourself while attending the 65th Annual Rainbow Reunion at North Park Inn in Dallas, Texas, come next July 11-14.

As you read this, why not sit down and get that registration check (\$25 per person) in the mail to Registrar Horace Rose, 9796 Forestridge Drive, Dallas, TX 75238. You will not only be helping to defray expenses for Reunion preparaiton but you will be doing yourself a favor by avoiding standing in line to register upon your arrival at the Inn.

In the next Issue, we will bring you more Reunion details which will include a report on the number of registrations received and on hotel reservations to date.

Remember Big "D" in '83! Y'all come!

## Chapter Totals

	1	11/81 11/82		
ALABAMA	Birmingham	2	5	
	Huntsville	53	40	
	Montgomery	22	19	
ARIZONA	Phoenix	23	19	
CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	54	55	
	San Diego	9	9	
District of Columbi		20	18	
FLORIDA	Clearwater	45	25	
	Miami	20	15	
	Orlando	24	20	
	Pompano Beach	11	8	
GEORGIA	Atlanta	10	11	
GEO.TGI.T	Macon	10	11	
ILLINOIS	Chicago	70	60	
TELINOIO	Danville	10	8	
INDIANA	Bloomington	4	4	
INDIANA	Indianapolis	19	11	
	South Bend	28	18	
IOWA	State Assn.	110	95	
KANSAS	Chanute	12	11	
KANSAS	Dodge City	10	7	
MARYLAND	Baltimore	18	17	
MICHIGAN	Detroit	60	70	
MINNESOTA	Mpls-St. Paul	96	56	
MISSOURI	Mo-Kan	38	35	
MISSOUNI	St. Louis	18	15	
NEBRASKA	Lincoln	14	13	
NEW JERSEY	Red Bank	8	5	
NEW YORK	Father Duffy	125	80	
OHIO	State Assn	161	116	
OKLAHOMA	Muskogee	13	20	
UNLAHUWA	Oklahoma	11	4	
	Tulsa	42	30	
PENNSYLVANIA	Easton	4	14	
FEININGILVAINIA	Lancaster	29	26	
	Philadelphia	22	20	
	Reading	35	20	
S. CAROLINA	Charleston	12	6	
TENNESSEE	Memphis	18	16	
TEXAS	Dallas	92	66	
VIRGINIA	Richmond	6	6	
VINGINIA	Roanoke	_	_	
WISCONSIN	Appleton	17	11	
MISCOMSIM	Fond Du Lac	1	1	
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UNITS:				
222d Infantry 380		380	359	
M-222 "YANKE" 33			17	
232d Infantry 2			6	
1st Bn. 232d Inf 42			75	
	2nd Bn. 232d Ir	f 40	38	

2nd Bn. 232d Inf 40 3rd Bn. 232d Inf 43 21 242 Infantry 154 145 Rainbow Arty 79 120 122 Med Bn 45 50 Med Det Sp Tps 10 142 Combat Engrs29 25 34 42nd MPs

42d Recon Tro

Division Band

National At Large TOTALS 48 39 2,330 2,041

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No Dues No Reveille\$

## Membership

This Issue of REVEILLE signifies the half-way mark in the Rainbow Year. If you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately. If you are a Secretary of one of the Chapters and have dues accumulated but have not sent in a returns sheet recently, please do so. Every member is needed. Now is the time to start thinking about dues and payment of dues for the new year which will start in July, 1983.

The week before Armistice Day, 11 November, a letter was sent to all former members of Rainbow whose addresses were still a matter of record. This mailout totaled about 1,200 letters. In doing this, we hope to regain the memberships of those whom we contact. If anyone of the REVEILLE readership knows anyone of these men, or if you know another Rainbow Soldier, please try to enlist him in the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

In the most recent issue of the Badge, Editor Jim McNicol carried a reprint from one of our occupation papers which said in effect that the Rainbow Division Association had signed up 10,000 members of the WW II Division. That figure means that if we are typical average male Americans, there should be about 6,000 of those men alive today. That figure is almost twice the total number of addresses that are carried by the REVEILLE staff. It is more than twice the number if you consider that the addresses and members that we now have consist of veterans of both WW I and WW II. What has happened to these men? You can help us by tracing them down and getting them to join the RDVA.

One final thing that you, the readers, can do for us is to make sure that each individual that you find gives us his company, battalion or regiment, and whether he's WW I or WW II. It is important for the records, and it is important for those who are concerned with membership, because we try to have someone from his unit contact the individual. In many cases, this can be done with someone from the same company or battery. With this kind of care, maybe, just maybe, we can find those 6,000 WW II men who were former members.

—Dixon C. Rogers.

# Mid-Year Program

Detailed programs will be available at the Registration Desk in The Chamberlin Hotel, showing the name or number or the room where these events will be held.

#### FRIDAY, February 25:

1:30 to 5:00 pm - Registration 7:00 to 8:00 pm - Chamberlin Hotel Reception

8:00 pm to???-Early Bird Party

#### SATURDAY, February 26:

9:00 am to noon - Registration 9:30 am - Executive Board Meeting

12:30 pm - Luncheon

2:15 pm - Depart for MacArthur Memorial

3:00 pm - Memorial Service and Tour

4:15 pm - Return to Chamberlin Hotel

6:30 pm - No-host cocktails 7:30 pm - Official Banquet

### WW II Rainbow History

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aldridge of Alexandria, VA, recently ordered three copies of the WW II Rainbow Division History from Hugo Grimm, one for themselves and two for the Werners, a French family they met in Haguenau. The Werners owned the house shown on the upper left of page 23 of the History and wanted a copy for themselves and another for the public library in Haguenau.

In return, the Werners gave them a book of history of Haguenau and showed them a large plaque on the bank of the Moder River in memory of the American forces who had liberated them from the Germans.

You, too, can have a copy of the History by writing to Hugo and sending \$25.00 or more per copy, plus \$1.09 postage.

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