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Iowa State Reunion



Staunch Rainbowers Howard Parker and Edward Foertsch (I. to r.) were reelected as Secretary-Treasurer and President, respectively, of the Iowa State Rainbow Association at the State Reunion at Cedar Rapids in April.

Howard Parker

The Iowa State Rainbow Veterans Association held its Annual State Convention on April 16 and 17 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We had 43 Rainbow friends register this year and it appeared everyone was well fed, won their share of Bingo prizes and went back home with smiles on their faces.

We like to call it "Iowa Rainbow-Land" in April each year, and we are proud that we have been able to attract quite a few Past National Presidents the past few years.

This year we had the pleasure of having our National Presidents representing both the Veterans and the ladies Auxiliary. Rube Evanoff joined us as well as Winnie Baldock, each with their spouses, and we were very happy to have them join us. President Rube urged everyone to attend the National Reunion this year in Dallas.

"Iowa Rainbow-Land" is proud to have our own Past National Presidents, Ralph Heasty, Homer Gardner and Ted Johnson in attendance. We also had our good friends, PNP Buck Jones and PNP Herb Klinedinst and their wives visit us, and we hope they will continue to attend our conventions in the future.

Our good friend and faithful Rainbower, Hank DeJarnette, did more than his share to see that everyone was comfortable and enjoyed themselves, and I wish we had a few more workers like him.

So, until next April when we meet again, enjoy Rainbow fellowship whenever you can, and we invite all Rainbow friends to come to Iowa for our Annual Reunion.

We re-elected Edward Foertsch as President for another year, and Myrna DeJarnette was elected President of the Iowa Auxiliary. Total membership is 95 for this year.

President's Message



President Vassil "Rube" Evanoff

Rainbowers, and ladies of the Rainbow Auxiliary, this will be my final opportunity to convey my Presidential message to you via the Rainbow Reveille. It has been a fast, furious and exciting time frame.

We have attempted to generate some excitement, some new direction by simply encouraging more people to become involved in the future leadership of our great organization. When more people become involved, new ideas surface, such as the letter to the editors program which is reaping excellent results.

This program did not originate from the current leadership, but rather came about from the rank and file members. That's right—the future leaders of our grand and glorious organization. We must give them the opportunity, the encouragement and provide them with the necessary tools to make it happen. The letter to the editor program must be expanded, organized and structured to insure that the coverage encompasses the entire country.

Administratively we seem to keep reinventing the wheel, primarily due to the fact that we have not documented our standard operating procedure of administrative functions and procedures. This must be done.

I strongly encourage each and every one of us to be very supportive of the Task Force Committee Program. The Committee consists of the five Regional Vice Presidents, and chaired by J. Wm. Keithan, West Region Vice President.

Be a Rainbow Chaser. We still have a big job to do.

See you all in Dallas, Texas, July 11 through 14, 1983.

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President's Travels

We attended the Iowa State Reunion at the Longbranch Motor Inn at Cedar Rapids on April 15-16-17, 1983. The National Auxiliary President, Winnie Baldock, and her "Red Cap" Frank were also in attendance.

This was a very successful Reunion with 45 in attendance at the banquet. The Rainbow fellowship was great! There were five PNP's present at the banquet, Ted Johnson, Herb Klinedinst, Garnett "Buck" Jones, Homer Gardner and Ralph Heasty. Quite a record.

Hank DeJarnette, Reunion Chairman, had anticipated that there would be about eight people in early and had made arrangements for dinner. Upon checking, he was surprised that there were 24 Rainbowers who had arrived early. Through the great efforts of Hank and his lovely wife, Myrna, they arranged for reservations for dinner for the entire group. As usual, the end result was excellent.

We will be leaving on April 29, for Fayette, Missouri, where we will be guests of Tommie and Dixon Rogers, who will be hosts for the Mo-Kan Chapter meeting at their home on April 30.

On May 14, we will be at the Abraham Lincoln Motor Inn at Reading, PA, for the Pennsylvania Mini Reunion.

Then on to Columbus, Ohio, on June 9-10-11, for the Ohio State Reunion at the Howard Johnson Motel.

Then—Dallas, Texas on July 11 at the North Park Inn for the 1983 National Reunion. Hope to see all of you there.

We have met so many wonderful Rainbowers throughout our Rainbow travels, and we sincerely want to thank all for everything that was done for us and for all the great Rainbow fellowship.

This is a year that we will long remember. Rainbow people are the greatest!

-President "Rube" Evanoff

Alfred Arseneau

Alfred O. Arseneau, Sr., has reservations for the Dallas Reunion this year. What makes this announcement newsworthy is that this WW I veteran is totally blind and confined to a wheelchair. Arseneau, of 16565 Prospect Road, Pioneer, CA, went overseas with Rainbow in 1917 as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company I, 149th MG Battalion, and returned to the United States as a member of the 150th MG Battalion.

He plans to arrive in Dallas on 9 July, and Reunion Chairman Clovis Brakebill has made plans to meet him and see that he makes it to the Reunion.

Prayer

Let us pray,

God our Father, our thoughts at this time of year turn again to our annual Reunion and to the shared moments of our Rainbow history in the two Great Wars. It is a time when we realize the debt we owe to our officers, our Reunion Chairman and Committee, our Reveille editor, our Memorial Foundation officers, our Auxiliary, and all the generous, dedicated men and women of Rainbow who keep our Association alive and vigorous. On them we ask Your blessing. Keep them in Your love. Be with all men and women of Rainbow. Protect those who will be traveling to Dallas to enjoy the fellowship, the rededication, and the reminiscenses that are the Rainbow. Be with those who cannot be at the Reunion and help them to be with us in spirit.

Amen.

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



Hugo Grimm reports that he still has a few of the beautiful reprints of the World War II Rainbow Division History, and when these are gone, there will not be another printing. So, this is your last chance to obtain this irreplaceable volume. This is a hard-cover book with full-color Rainbow on the front. Added to the original printing are the famous "Trail of Rainbow" inside the front cover and a complete list of Rainbow Memorials and Monuments inside the back cover. To obtain your copy (or copies), send \$25.00 or more per copy-PLUS 84 cents per copy postage, to Hugo Grimm, #1 Community Federal Center, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Hugo also has a supply of the three-color Rainbow stamps for sale. They are the size of postage stamps and come in sheets of 100. The cost is \$2.00 per sheet or you can have a whole book of 25 sheets for \$50.00. All profits from the sale of the Rainbow History and the stamps goes to the Memorial Foundation.

Farewell to ASTP

P.N.P. Ted Johnson

I was one of a few hundred men who briefly attended North Dakota Agriculture College as an ASTP student during World War II. Company A had about 6 months, we in Company B had 3 or 4. In the winter of 1982-83 I read The Winds of War. A passage on page 138 of the paper-bound version took me back to that winter of 1943-44. The blizzard had come and gone away. Relationships between ASTP men and NDAC girls had matured and sometimes deepened. Yet somehow, the isolation of winter in North Dakota in 1943, in stark contrast to the summer in Infantry Training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, had left many of us with mixed feelings that the war was passing us by. Fargo had young men who had been casualties or captured on Corregidor and Bataan. We even had a major who escaped the Death March return and speak to us on campus.

So when the excitement began to build up for the Military Ball, many of us were embarrassed that we were still on campus. But we weren't too embarrassed to get lined up with dates and it proved to be a really fine dance. Just before intermission, Col. McClure took the microphone to make an announcement. We all stood expectantly in front of the stage, hand in hand, wondering what he'd have fitting to say on such an occasion. He was brief. He had received a telegram from the War Department which he proceeded to read to a hushed audience. After the preliminaries, regarding the needs of the Army, he went on: "All ASTP units will be disbanded, and the troops will be returned to the Army Ground Forces." Most of Fargo ASTPers were to be assigned to the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

A stunned silence turned to a soft buzz and then to a crescnedo of cheers as infantry-trained young men realized they were being sent back to the infantry. Just as Woek wrote in The Winds of War: "Everyone said it was the best...dance in years. The big headlines, the excited radio broadcasts, had created a pleasurable stir in flat quiet Pensacola. The student aviators felt more important and the girls found them more glamorous; war was in the air, and however remote the combat, these were warriors."

So it was in Fargo, North Dakota. We left shortly thereafter for a trip that was to take us to the Rainbow, to France and on through the Siegfried Line and over the Rhine through Wurzburg and Nurnberg, and just before Munich, to the Dachau Concentration Camp. And just as we left, the coeds wrote in the school paper:

Farewell to A.S.T.P.

"With 'I've got sixpence . . .' echoing through the air, a long line of young men



OKIE F. MUSKOGEE

is centified as having been a member of the 42d (Rainbow) Infantry Division while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America in World War II

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Rainbow Service Certificate

Every Rainbower attending the 65th National Rainbow Reunion will receive a complimentary 8"x10" Rainbow Service Certificate similar to the replica shown above. It is a beautiful document suitable for framing and preserving. The RDV Logo will be in color, the official Rainbow Seal will be embossed in the lower left-hand corner and each certificate will bear the signature of National President V. J. Evanoff.—Rainbowers unable to attend the Reunion may receive one of these certificates postpaid, by forwarding their request along with a check for \$10.00, made payable to Reunion Chairman Clovis Brakebill, 3342 Dartmoor Drive, Dallas, TX 75229.

from all parts of the USA started marching down Thirteenth Street. The skies were grey and wisps of snow whirled down from above. As we watched from our vantage point, a curious sense of emptiness came over us for many of us had never seen real evidence of war before. Here we were watching boys march away whom we said we would be glad to see leave.

"No longer would we have to stand the whistles and looks that greeted us as we entered the Science Hall. No longer would we blush under an "eyes right" or be wakened by the early morning tramp of GI shoes. We can all sit down on a bus now, and we don't have to sympathize with the boy who 'only got an A-minus' in a physics test.

"But . . . still . . . an odd silence has fallen over the halls of NDAC. We shall miss taps at night and the songs they sang as they marched between classes. We were glad when it stormed so wholeheartedly some time ago because then we proved that we could have winter in North Dakota, but secretly we were even more glad the sun was shining on Thursday . . . somehow it made the last day more pleasant to remember.

"The friends we made are gone now. We did not realize how we would miss them when we wished them goodbye and good

luck, but we were sincere in our wishes. Now as we walk down the quiet paths from class to class, with sudden sharp remembrance we hear the hymn of our state as it was sung by the boys marching away. Company A by the Field House . . . Company B advancing in perfect formation . . . remembering the candles at the Mess Hall. Perhaps it was their tribute to us . . . perhaps not . . . but we shall remember them as they were at that moment . . . a part of our state . . . our school . . . and our circle of friends."

Attention 3 - 232 Inf.

Alfred Kaplan recently wrote that he was a member of the 1st Platoon, Co. K. 232d Infantry during WW II, and wanted to know if the Rainbow Division publishes a paper that would print a photo of his platoon. The Editor wrote, sending a copy of the REVEILLE and invited him to send the photograph. He was also advised to write to the 3rd Bn. 232d Inf. Chapter.

If the 3rd Battalion Chapter hasn't heard from him yet, we advise that you take steps to contact him. Obviously he is interested in joining the Association. His home address is 18025 N.E. 9th Place, Miami, FL 33162.

And don't forget to invite him to the 1983 Reunion in Dallas.

Chapter News

Muskogee Memorial Chapter

Leo M. Esky made up a very attractive brochure to pass out at the Rainbow Memorial Amphitheater during the Muskogee Azalea Festival. The brochures carry the Rainbow insignia on the front page, along with a photo of the dedication of the Memorial. On the back is a detailed map of Honor Heights showing the locations of entrances, parking lots, the various display areas of flowers and the amphitheater. Inside is a short history of the Rainbow Divisions of both Wars, and the story of the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation and Camp Gruber.

The brochures were also displayed at three Muskogee banks, at the office of the Chamber of Commerce and at the Muskogee Information Center, and were handed out to carloads of visitors as they entered the Festival by Esky and other members of the Muskogee Chapter.

42nd M. P. Platoon

John Schneider, 42nd MP Platoon, is a member of the Executive Committee of the RDVA, and in his area he is doing everything possible to locate former members of the Division. One of the ways in which he tried to locate men is through Letters to the Editor, which he mailed to many newspapers in the southern part of Illinois. We know it works because a relative of Rusty Rowatt called to say she saw the item and knew Rusty was a former member of Rainbow. Also, John received a nice letter from Ralph E. McCoy of Carbondale, IL, saying he had received his basic training with the 222d Infantry, he moved to Division Headquarters where he was assigned to the G-3 Section. If any of you remember Ralph, you might want to write to him at 1902 Chautauqua Street, Carbondale, IL 62901.

42nd Recon Troop

After the Wurzburg campaign, the 42nd Recon Troop picked up a Russian aviator. His plane had been shot down in combat and he had been held prisoner by the Germans, who had treated him rather badly. However, he managed to escape and he was happy to join the Americans.

When he joined us, he volunteered to be our scout, and always operated with our forward units. Don't ask me how we got authority to keep Mickey. I guess headquarters never knew about him.

Mickey was a great asset in that he always volunteered to scout a German village before we entered it. His knowledge of the Slovak languages helped him to get information from the slave labor, and he continually sought out the SS Troops and their positions.

However, we found that we had to keep an eye on Mickey. One night Mickey did not return, and we sent a patrol to find him. He was found with two German



"I don't care what your buddies in Company 'E' are wearing to the Rainbow Reunion, I'm not going unless THAT goes back to the attic." (Bill Clayton, E-222)

prisoners and he had them busily digging their own graves. We informed Mickey this was not our policy.

Another time, after we had interrogated a German officer, Mickey somehow got into the room with the officer, and we found him trying to obtain further intelligence by beating him with the butt of his pistol.

When the war ended, we outfitted Mickey with a new uniform, a new wrist watch and sent him home to Russia in an Army jeep. Mickey told us he did not think the Russian Army would believe his story, and would confiscate all his GI equipment.

—Phil "Rainbow" Trout AMTRAK to Dallas

At least two Chapters, Michigan and the 232d Infantry, are pushing the idea of taking the Amtrak to Dallas for the Reunion. It will be interesting to learn how they made out, so that perhaps Chapters in the west and southwest can use that same means of getting to the 1984 Reunion in Detroit-Windsor. Leon Schenck, let us hear from you after the Dallas Reunion. At last report, it appears that some airlines are

offering rates to Dallas somewhat lower than Amtrak, plus the airlines provide free food and take much less time to reach their destination.

222nd Infantry Chapter

Carlyle Woelfer published information in the 222d Infantry Badge concerning the procedure for veterans to follow in order to obtain information regarding military service records, wounds/injuries and/or awards.

Write to the following address, providing dates of the period of interest, Army Serial number, unit to which assigned and the names of individuals who may have knowledge of the particular event:

Commander, USARCPC, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO. 63132. For questions regarding awards, address your letter ATTN:AGUZ-PSE-A; for questions regarding records, address ATTN: AGUZ-PSE-VO.

Due to the volume of records to be searched and the number of requests received, it will normally take the Records Center three to six months to provide a reply, so be patient.

Time for a Change?

President "Rube" Evanoff

The future of Rainbow is contingent upon our ability to make things happen in lieu of just letting things happen by chance. What I am really saying is that there is a need for change in how we conduct our business.

We are reluctant to make changes for several reasons. One is that it requires some effort on our part, and second, we are fearful of the unknown. And, as a result, we are hesitant to make the change.

There are questions being asked by the rank and file Rainbowers, such as: How come we seem to have the same chairmen for the nine key committees year in and year out? Let me see if I can answer how that comes about, because I will be faced with that responsibility of appointing the nine chairmen at Dallas.

I would imagine that it goes something like this: we determine who is in attendance at the Reunion, and I suppose the rationale becomes that we had better name the ones who served last year due to the fact that they know the ropes. Let's face it, that is being realistic - that's the real world, simply because we have not defined what we expect of our chairmen and the committees. We have not spelled out their functional responsibilities, the action items and the time frame in which we expect the duties to be done.

On the other hand, would it not be more effective if we were in a position to do something like this: "Mr. Rainbower, I am appointing you Chairman of the XYZ Committee and here are the functional responsibilities of your Committee. The activity items are these, the action items you must address are these, and your written report must be submitted to the Secretary by such-and-such time."

I am sure we would all agree this would be proper. But I am afraid that it will happen the same old way at Dallas, as we have not yet developed the tools to make the change. Hopefully, the Task Force will be able to make a contribution in this area reasonably soon. I can assure you that some of the Chairmen would welcome the opportunity to step down.

What I am suggesting is, let's make the job easier for everyone, not only for the chairmen, but all the elected and appointed officers in the Association. Let us define in writing what we expect of them. If we define the functional responsibilities, define the activity that should take place and the time frame, it will be a simple matter to determine if the desired results were achieved, and if any corrective action would be needed.

The question we may ask is this: Is this the direction the National Association of RDVA wants to pursue? If so, we had better get to work on it, right now!

Last Call for Dallas!

This is the last call for the 1983 National Rainbow Reunion at Dallas, Texas on 11 to 14 July.

If you have not made hotel reservations, there is still time but you must hurry; the deadline date is 27 June. Write or phone North Park Inn, 9300 N. Central Expressway (Hwy. 75N), Dallas, TX 75231. Tel (214) 363-2431. Be sure to mention RDVA Reunion when you phone or write. Give your expected arrival and departure dates, whether WWI or WWII, your Service Unit and your home address. All rooms have 2 beds and a flat rate of \$48.00 per day.

The Reunion Registration Fee is \$25.00 per person. Pre-registration is encouraged. Remit fees to Registrar Horace Rose, 9706 Forestridge Drive, Dallas, TX 75238, giving the full name and address of each person registering, and the Service Unit of the veteran.

The Reunion Registrar reports 167 pre-registrations received as of 25 April. If you have not yet pre-registered, delay no longer lest you get caught in the registration line that may be a long one, upon arrival at the Reunion.

And keep singing that happy tune, "Dallas Here We Come!"

WWI Veterans Dinner Party

All WWI veterans, their wives, and widows of WWI veterans are invited to a dinner party Wednesday evening, 13 July, hosted jointly by Sydney Anderson, his son Ken, and Daughter-in-law Jean, at Ken and Jean's home. If you plan to attend, please signify your intention by signing the appropriate sheet on the bulletin board in the Convention Center lobby. You are also requested to assemble in the Main Building lobby at 4:30 p.m. preparatory to boarding a chartered bus that will transport you to the party and return you to North Park about 9:00 p.m.

Discover Dallas!

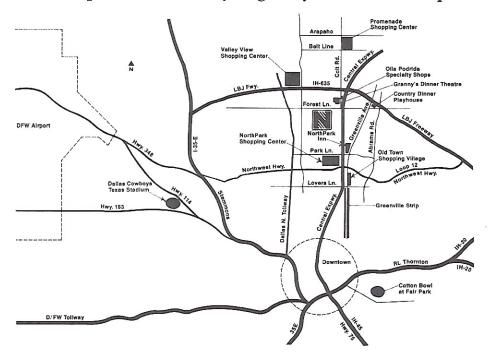
Reunion Co-Chairperson Lucille Hofland has arranged a guided tour in an air-conditioned bus for those who wish to see some Dallas points of interest. The tour will include visiting downtown Dallas, the log cabin of the city's founder, the Reunion Arena and development, the Kennedy Memorial, the new I. M. Pei-designed City Hall with its Henry Moore sculpture, Thanksgiving Square, Old City Park, and much more.

The tour will then head out to Southfork Ranch, home of the villainous J. R. Ewing. Those not wishing to visit Southfork will be let off at Olla Podrida, a delightful shopping complex of antiques, collectibles and crafts, where you may browse until the bus returns from Southfork. The tour will be on Thursday, 14 July, leaving North Park Inn at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 12:30 p.m.

The charge for the tour is \$15.00, which MUST be paid in advance of the Reunion date in order that tour bus reservations may be made. Please remit to Reunion Co-Chairperson Lucille Hofland, 4030 Beechwood Lane, Dallas, TX 75220.

-Horace Rose, Scribe

Northpark Inn Vicinity Highway and Street Map



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Membership

The 1982 - 83 Rainbow Year is drawing to a close. It would appear that we are losing more members than we would normally expect to lose through death. I hope this year's loss trend will be reversed, and that we can increase our membership during next year.

An increase in members cannot happen, though, without the cooperation of each member of the Rainbow Division Veterans. Each of us must become a Rainbow Chaser.

If you have not paid your dues for the 1982-83 Rainbow Year, please do so immediately. And, while you are at it, please also pay your 1983-84 dues. Prompt payment of dues to your chapter secretary can help us to be an affective organization.

This past year has shown all of us that if we tried, each of us could find and enroll at least one new member. Whether your motto is "Be a Rainbow Chaser," or "Each One Reach One - Each One Bring One," let us strive to increase our membership.

Dixon C. Rogers, Chairman

"Mad Dog" Collins?

Joseph Rosalia recently forwarded a clipping from the travel section of the San Francisco Examiner that was devoted to the city of Salzburg, Austria.

Pointing out the historic monuments within the city, and the noted persons who lived there in the past, the writer finally came to "St. Peter's Cemetery, which contains the graves of many illustrious personages. . . . including U.S. General 'Mad Dog' Collins."

As the Rainbower who sent it to Joe wrote, "I served with Harry J. for eight consecutive years, 1943 - 50, inclusive, and never heard him called more than 'Hollywood Harry' because he was, after all, quite a showman."

The Editor wrote to the travel writer, one Dick Alexander, care of the Examiner, asking where he got that name for Collins, and whether he knew that Collins' widow still lives in Salzburg. No answer has been received as of this date, two months later.

Reunion Program

Detailed programs will be available at the Registration Desk, showing the name or number of the room where these events will be held. The Desk and Auxiliary Sales will be staffed from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Monday, 11 July:

8:00 pm - Early Bird Party Tuesday, 12 July:

10:00 am - Executive Committee Meeting

2:00 pm - General Sessions - RDVA and Auxiliary

9:00 pm - Rainbow dance (cash bar) Wednesday, 13 July:

9:00 am - General Session, RDVA 12:00 noon - Rainbow Luncheon

2:00 pm - Memorial Service

3:00 pm - Unit Meetings Thursday, 14 July:

10:00 am - Committee Meetings

2:00 pm - Final Sessions - RDVA and Auxiliary

7:00 pm - "Happy Hour" (cash bar) 8:00 pm - Rainbow Banquet

10:00 pm - President's Reception

Tickets will be available at the Registration Desk for unregistered guests to attend any of these activities: Tuesday, Rainbow dance \$5.00; Wednesday, luncheon \$10.00; and Thursday, Reunion Banquet \$12.50.

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