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## Western Reunion, 1984



About one-third of the Rainbowers who attended the Western Reunion at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas in November, managed to assemble in front of the WELCOME sign on the front of the hotel for a group photo. As someone said, trying to assemble that whole group of happy-go-lucky people was like trying to teach close order drill to a can of worms!

The Second Annual Western Rainbow Reunion has come and gone, but left lots of fond memories for the ninety Rainbowers from seventeen States who assembled at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas in early November.

The setting was about as perfect as you could dream: a huge hotel (1173 rooms), perfect weather, a magnificent Hospitality Suite at the top of the hotel with all the goodies that go with wetting one's whistle, an in-house Casino with hundreds of slot machines, black jack tables, poker tables, roulette and on and on, plus many more Casinos within walking distance (Circus Circus was just across the street).

Reunion Chairman Don Segel, with much help from his wife, Pearl, and his brother Ron, did an outstanding job of having everything arranged and running smoothly. The Hospitality Suite was open most of the time from the minute Rainbowers began arriving on Friday the 2nd, until they departed on Sunday the 4th.

About half the participants were from California, but twenty-five showed up from east of the Rocky Mountains, from as far away as Connecticut, West Virginia, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Of course, no one doubts that it was the Rainbow fellowship that brought them all that distance, and that the lure of the Las Vegas Strip had nothing to do with it. Sure!

Included in the group were two veterans of Rainbow I, Kurt Frederick of San Jose, CA, who treated us to another of his fine poems, and George and Ida Smith, of Phoenix, AZ. There were also six first-time Rainbow Reunion attendees, and the big Rainbow sign on the front of the Riviera Hotel brought in two WW II Rainbowers out of curiosity. Naturally, President Carr extracted dues from both of them.

We were honored by the presence of National President John Carr and his wife Margo, National Secretary Peg Keating, National Auxiliary President Bea Miller and her Redcap, Past National Presidents Al Brewer, Hugo Grimm and John George, and Past National Auxiliary Presidents Mary Brewer, Oriana Grimm and Winnie Baldock.

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## President's Message



Natl Pres John D. Carr

Hello, My Rainbow Friends,

Here we are moving along to the half way mark of another Rainbow Year. You know, as I write this message to you, my greatest desire is that your life has been as rich and fun-filled with Rainbow Spirit as mine. You know, as I travel with Rainbow, I can see flash-backs in my life that make me so happy to have served almost three years with you in time of war and since 1960, to have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful Rainbowers and their lovely wives at Rainbow Reunions.

As a good many of you that know me will attest, I am a person of great optimism. For a good salesman that is a must. Now you can study the picture at the head of this column. We are both Life Members. The fine young Rainbower with me is Kurt Frederick of HQ Co, 166th Inf, World War I. Now, Kurt has asked me not to tell you his age, so you will just have to guess. The real optimistic part is that both of us vowed to live long enough to be winners with our investment in Rainbow Life Membership. Don't you want to join us?

My thanks on behalf of all Rainbowers in attendance at the Great Western Reunion to Don and Pearl Segel for so much fun and fellowship. Also, my wife would kill me if I did not thank Ray and Barbara Deming for donating the lovely stained glass she so cherished and luckily won. Again, a big thanks to each and every one who was there and who had a part in making Rainbow the Greatest.

Now I have returned from Birmingham, Alabama, after representing Rainbow in one of the largest Veteran celebrations in the United States. Anyone who has had the privilege of attending this grand occasion will know what I mean. I wish each of you could witness this tribute to America's Veterans. There was a total of twenty-three Rainbowers and wives present. My thanks to Bill Barton, Leon and Mary

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# Western Reunion

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There were, mercifully, no scheduled meetings, no speeches, no committees, no one had to be at any particular place at a specific time. As intended, it was just a weekend of Rainbowners together, visiting, renewing old acquaintances, meeting new members and doing one's own thing.

And there was never a lack of something to do. If one tired of the Rainbow chatter in the Hospitality Suite, all they had to do was step on the elevator and drop to ground level, where they could gamble in the huge Casino, partake of bounteous foods in any of four restaurants, frolic in the Olympic-size swimming pool, watch spectacular floor shows or visit any of the other 31 Casinos in Las Vegas. In fact, there was so much to do that many were happy to stretch out in their room occasionally and just relax for a while.

The 1984 Western Get Together ended officially on Saturday evening with a fine banquet with no speeches and with every family going away with a door prize. A raffle of three beautiful pieces of stained glass, donated by Ray and Barbara Deming, helped swell the kitty to keep the Western Reunion solvent.

What about the future of the Western Reunion? Much conversation in the Hospitality Suite was centered on that very question. Many suggestions as to location were put forth, some rejected out of hand, some put on hold for further information, and other suggestions were adopted as good possibilities. By the time you attend the National Reunion in Florida next July, we will have the answer, and you will like it. Start thinking Western Reunion now. Early November, 1985!

# President's Message

Praytor and all those that entertained Margo and me so well.

Editor Martin Davis tells me I am as long winded on paper as I am in person, and to shorten my messages. Martin, how can I do it when I have so many things to share with such wonderful people? My Rainbowners and their wives.

So, to all of you, I hope you had the merriest of Christmases and to each, the most Happy and Prosperous New Year ever. See you in Oklahoma City in February.

Yours in Rainbow.

(Editor — Not fair, Mr. President! I simply hinted, when we met in Las Vegas, that I did have a few other items I'd like to put in the Reveille besides the President's Message. We knew we were getting a Super Salesman when we elected John Carr President, and we need a Super Salesman to build a fire under the RDVA. Go, John, GO!!)

# Prayer

Let us pray;

As we celebrate the advent of this new year of our Lord 1985, Anno Domini, we can scarcely believe, Lord our God, the number of New Year's that You have given us to celebrate You and to bear witness to Your love. You've given this Earth that You created into our stewardship yet again, and we pray that we'll also be given the Faith, the strength, the love and the wisdom to guide it and all Your creatures successfully along the path that You've opened to us. Especially for the leaders of this great country of ours, we ask for Your guidance as we and they move confidently forward this year in service to Nation and humankind. Humbly we beseech You, Lord, to continue to be present to us in all of our days as we strive, in Your Name, to fulfill the glorious promise of this new year. Lord God, we praise You and thank You for Your love that constantly renews us. Amen.

Rev. Mr. James W. Dunham,  
National Chaplain

# Why Rainbow Linkage?

What is all this about Rainbow Linkage as mentioned in the September Reveille? It was suggested that some linkage be developed between our Rainbow Division Veterans Association and the 42nd Infantry Division.

The 42nd Infantry Division, including New York, Kentucky and South Carolina, also uses "Rainbow" in their name, but is in the same status as the 26th Infantry Division from New England, the 28th, 29th, 38th and other similar organizations.

If a linkage is developed with the 42nd Infantry Division, why not with the other organizations? These are all present National Guard organizations.

The question may be: Why make any connection with any National Guard organization?

—Earl H. Teagarden,  
Manhattan, Kansas

# The Division Bagpipers

The Editor, Rainbow Reveille,

Dear Mr. Davis,

I noted, with considerable interest, the front page of the Reveille of January, 1984, which displayed a photo of the Division Band in formation. "For the information and guidance of the Command," the drum major was Sgt. Ira Morton. In the band the bagpipers are, from right to left: Walter Dunton, Carl Gray, Earl McKay, Robert Bosche, Gino Marco partly hidden by Sgt. Morton's arm, and — almost completely hidden is Bert Lilburn. I can't make out any of the men behind the first rank.

Yours truly, Earl A. McKay.



# 117th Ammunition Train



117th Kansas Ammunition Train at Fiemont Farm south of Suippe, July 8, 1918.

## Earl A. Teagarden

(Editor — Not being acquainted with the "Trains" as constituted in World War I, we asked Rainbower Teagarden to tell us how they were organized, their equipment and how they operated.)

When the war was declared and the need for more men was apparent, the Kansas National Guard organized twelve truck companies with fifty men each. Six companies were organized in Rosedale, a suburb of Kansas City, and other companies were organized in Chanute, Iola, Dodge City, Pratt, Parsons and Manhattan.

Early in August, the National Guard was sworn into Federal Service. The Manhattan companies were assembled and billeted in the YMCA, and after some meager training by an older First Sergeant, who had seen action on the Mexican Border, the new Ammunition Train was assembled at the fair grounds in Topeka. There it was reorganized into three caisson companies, four truck companies, one wagon company and a headquarters company. This writer was assigned to a caisson company, Company "E".

The Train was loaded on railroad cars and taken to Camp Mills on Long Island. There the unit was housed in eight-man tents, each company with its own mess. We were trained as foot soldiers with a few long hikes with packs and all equipment.

The Train embarked at Hoboken on October 21, 1917. After thirteen days at sea, the men and officers reached Brest, France, but there was no pier large enough to unload the ship. After transporting baggage and equipment on lighters, the men left the ship and entrained on French 40 and 8 cars. After one night and two days, we detrained near Coequeodon, where the artillery had landed.

In January, the company received 180 horses and their equipment, harness, saddles, caissons, etc. The horses were picketed in a nearby field and we worked

with them and the equipment every day. Many of the men in our company were from cities, pencil pushers, etc., and had little love for horses. But the men who were reared on farms enjoyed the responsibility of caring for the horses.

The caisson companies were assigned the responsibility of serving artillery batteries with ammunition. Our battery was the 129th from Illinois. The battery would order ammunition, and working only at night, a sergeant and two or more squads would go back to an ammunition dump and haul the ammunition to the battery.

The four truck companies were responsible for hauling all ammunition from a rail head to the dumps, and then to provide the infantry companies with their needed ammunition. The caisson companies seldom saw the truck companies. The wagon company transported equipment of all kinds, supplies for the kitchens, feed for the horses, gear for shoeing horses, etc. Each company had three officers, and a major in charge of all. A headquarters company helped in supplying the officers.

During 1918, our company was relieved from the front two or three times and we stopped a few days at so-called rest areas enroute to another front. At those times, we washed harness and saddles, and were always thinking of proper care for the horses. Oats was always available and usually baled hay. But when hay was not available, the horses were grazed on the roadside or a nearby field.

After the Armistice, our company moved to Luxemborg, and on December 1, moved into the Occupation of Germany, where we were billeted in a gymnasium. Soon afterward, authorities checked our horses and they were disposed of at public auction.

The winter of 1918-1919 was uneventful, with occasional short marches providing a bit of exercise. The company left Germany on April 8, 1919, for home.

## Mid-Year Meeting

The Holiday Inn and Holidome in Oklahoma City, OK, is the site of the 1985 Mid-Year Rainbow Meeting, on February 22 and 23. Don't worry about the winter weather we are liable to encounter there; Rainbowers are a hardy breed, having attended Mid-Year Meetings in such wintry locations as Chicago (3 times), Washington, D.C. (4 times), Kansas City (3 times), Roanoke, VA (3 times), and Tulsa, OK (2 times).

It wasn't until 1976 that the Mid-Year Meetings moved to Florida, and there they stayed for seven years. Now, we're going back to the middle of the nation so no one will have to fly or drive clear across the country to attend.

The Holidome is an unusual concept in outdoor fun and games in the midst of winter, a tropical paradise full of greenery, lush vegetation and an abundance of recreation. Swim in the indoor pool, steam in the sauna, challenge your putting skills with miniature golf, or try your hand at electronic games.

The Holiday Inn is located at Interstate 40 and Meridian, near the Will Rogers World Airport, and free transportation is provided by the hotel.

To reserve your room, send a check for \$42.00 (for one to four persons), or your credit card number, to Holiday Inn Airport West, I-40 and Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108, Tel (405) 942-8511. Specify that you are attending the Rainbow Meeting. Your reservation must be received before February 8 to insure that you have a room.

And send advance registration of \$25.00 per person attending to Al Brewer, P.O. Box 242, Mustang, OK 73064. You will be helping the Committee prepare for the Meeting, and speed up your registration when you arrive at the hotel.

## Flying Our Flag

American flags fly in the city of Del Norte, Colorado, six times a year, thanks to Rainbow veteran Franklin Voss, 222d Infantry. In fact, seventeen or more American flags are displayed on businesses on both sides of Grande Avenue for several blocks on Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Covered Wagon Days, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

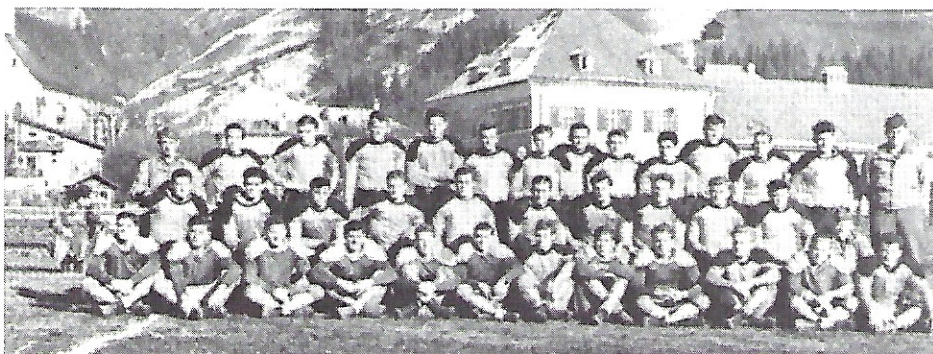
Eight years ago, Voss, who retired from the Post Office in 1975, volunteered to house the flags, some 25 to 30 at any time, and to put them up in the morning and take them down at night.

"It reminds people," Voss explains, "of their loyalty to the country and that it is a privilege to be a citizen of perhaps the most freedom-loving country in the world."

He says he is proud of his country's flag. "As long as our flag flies, our defense of it is something that every American citizen should be proud of."



## Where are they Now?



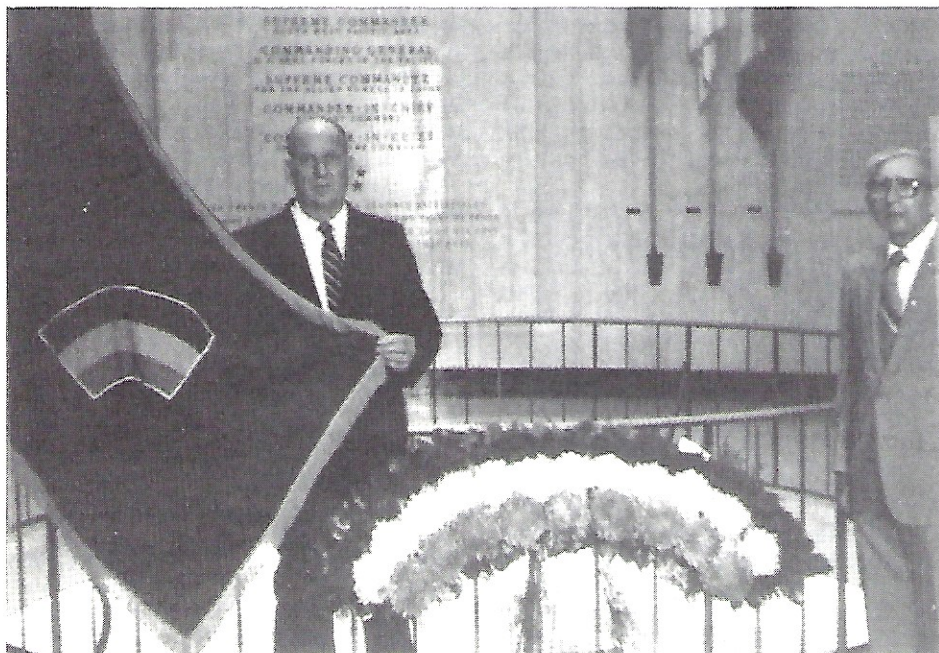
This is the 232d Regimental Football Team as they appeared during the 1945 schedule they played in Austria and Germany against other US battalion and regimental teams. Scoring 176 points to their opponents 37, this team went through the season undefeated and was tied only once in nine games.

The squad consisted of 36 men, including the coach, T. G. Anderson of West Virginia, a medical corpsman and a manager, from 23 different states and with widely varied backgrounds. Some had played high school football, others had played in college and a few had semi-pro experience.

The scores were generally pretty lop-sided: They beat the 194th FA Bn 20-6; the 242d Inf, 13-0; the 104th Inf (26th Div), 7-0; the 304th Inf (83d Div), 20-6; the 242d Inf again, 19-0; the 1277 Eng Bn, 40-0; the 26th Inf (1st Div), 31-0; the 222d Inf, 7-6; and in the final game played in Vienna on Thanksgiving Day, the 222d and the 232d battled to a 19 to 19 tie.

A few of the team have renewed acquaintances at Rainbow Reunions, and it is the aim of these fellows to be able to contact more players and get them into Rainbow and to Reunions. If you were a member of the team, or one of the many fans who traveled to see the team play, please contact either **Harvey Underhill, 1770 Price R., Youngstown, OH 44509**, or **Jack Refling, 1906 Madera Ave., Apt. #3, Waukesha, WI 53186**. Refling has negatives of the above photo, and would like to send copies to other team members if they will write him.

## MacArthur Memorial



The Annual Rainbow floral wreath was laid in ceremonies at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, VA, by Charles E. O'Shields (M-222) left, and Robert W. Flora (H-222), at the time the National Reunion was being held at Windsor, Canada. The Government of South Korea also presented a statue of MacArthur, marking the 34th anniversary of the Inchon landing and America's efforts to save the Republic from the Communists.

## National Reunion 1985

Here it is 1985 already! And you don't have your reservations for the National Rainbow Reunion, yet! Let's get working on it!

The National Reunion will be held in West Palm Beach, FL, on Wednesday, July 10th through Saturday, July 13th. Then we can all fly or drive back home on Sunday and be ready for work (yuk!) on Monday.

Room rates are a flat \$40.00 for one or two persons, one bed or two. And for those who wish to arrive early and/or extend their stay, the special Rainbow rate will apply two nights before and after the official meeting dates.

To insure your reservation, send a check for \$40.00 plus 7% tax, or your credit card number, to Hyatt Palm Beaches, 630 Clearwater Park Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, or you may phone in your reservation by calling (305) 833-1234.

And don't forget to register with the Reunion Chairman! The Reunion Committee needs your advance registration money to cover costs of setting up the Reunion. So mail your check for \$35.00 per person to Reunion Chairman Phil Trout, 4121 8th Avenue, Temple, PA 19560, without delay.

Chairman Trout has arranged special air travel fares through Berkshire Travel Agency, Reading, PA, for the period July 10 to 14. These fares will be Super Savers or Discounted Excursion Fares, whichever is lower. For information and rates from your city, phone the travel agency at 800-223-3884, toll free.

## How to Find 'Em!

Herb and Lora Butt were rummaging through the Kansas City Farmers Market to pick up a few bargains, and were ready to head back to the car when Herb noticed a fellow who looked familiar. So Herb approached him and asked if, by chance, his name was Briscoe. And it was! Victor Briscoe, to be exact. It was the first time in many years he had visited his brother in Kansas City and the first time his brother had been in the market in as many years.

As Herb remembers, Briscoe was in ASTP at Fargo before he went to Gruber, and was later transferred to the Engineers.

So Herb filled him in on the Rainbow Association and extracted dues money. Much information was later passed on to Briscoe, including back issues of *Reveille*, information on the Las Vegas Reunion, National Reunion, Mid-Year Meeting, etc.

The question everyone is asking is: How in the world could Herb recall a face after 40 or more years? Herb's only explanation is, "It just seems to be tucked away back in the noggin somewhere!"



## Who Named Rainbow?

When we broached this topic in the June 1984 Issue of *Reveille*, we didn't really think there would be much interest from the troops, but we were pleasantly surprised by the response it drew.

There can now be little doubt that the original idea of naming the new National Guard Division "Rainbow," even before it was given a number, came from General MacArthur, despite the following letter from Ernest Shelton, Ex-C.O., I Company 167th Infantry:

"Dear Mr. Davis,

"I quote below a paragraph from *Alabama's Own in France*, by William H. Amerine, published by Eaton & Gettinger, NY, in 1919:

"It was so named by Secretary of War Baker because its units were from twenty-six states of the Union, their locations forming an arc across the map like that of the natural rainbow."

"I had never heard of any other origin of the name. I hope you can have it put on the record for I am sure this is correct."

To test the theory that the 26 states in Rainbow formed an arc across the Union, we took a small map of the US and colored those 26 states. Try it! If you can see an arc there, you have better eyesight than we do. Or better imagination! The source quoted by Ernest Shelton is the only quote we have found that described the states as forming an arc. All other sources quote MacArthur as saying something like: "It will spread across the country — like a rainbow."

Mr. John M. Leeds, Jr., Assistant Archivist of the MacArthur Memorial and the City of Norfolk, Virginia, was one of several writers who pointed to *Americans All: Rainbow at War*, written by Brig Gen Henry J. Reilly, who clearly credits MacArthur with originating the name, "Rainbow."

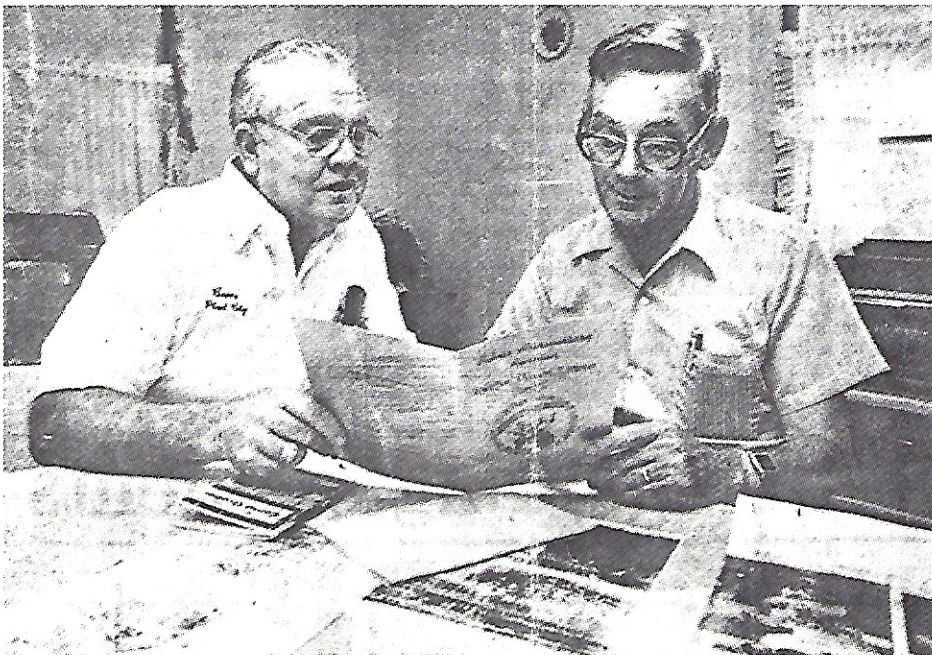
If you have a copy of *Americans All*, you can turn to page 26 and read that when MacArthur was told the new composite division would include units from twenty-six states, said, "Fine, that will stretch over the whole country like a rainbow."

Then, on page 27, in one of his jobs as press censor for the War Department, MacArthur was briefing reporters and told them of plans for the new National Guard composite division, General Reilly quotes him as saying, "After talking along these lines for several minutes, I said, 'In the make-up and promise of the future of this division, it resembles a rainbow.'"

"As I remember, one of the correspondents spoke up and said, 'Rainbow — that's the name for the division. I shall call it the Rainbow in my dispatch.' I believe a number of others adopted this idea."

This event was possibly the first release

## In Search of Rainbowers



Immediately following the Windsor Reunion, President John Carr followed up on a chance first meeting with Rainbower Loring Carper, and visited him in Winchester, IL. Their visit resulted in a seven-column spread in the *Winchester Star*, and the photo you see above. Carr used the opportunity to publicize the search for Rainbow veterans, and asked that all Rainbowers of both Wars write to the National Secretary. Loring was part of the cadre of officers and non-coms who were assigned to Camp Gruber to train the recruits as they arrived to form the World War II Rainbow.

to the public of the name that had already been decided upon by the War Department.

Secretary of War Baker frequently related the incident which brought Major MacArthur into the conflict. Baker, a genius for organization, liked to believe that he discovered MacArthur. This is his story as recounted in *General Douglas MacArthur, Fighter for Freedom*, by Francis Miller, 1942:

"I conceived the idea of forming a division from the National Guards of the entire forty-eight states. No officer in Washington liked the idea. When MacArthur walked into my office with some papers, I asked him what he thought of it.

"Great," MacArthur replied, "It will spread over the country — like a rainbow!"

"MacArthur had named it! We called it the Rainbow Division."

But, in the introduction to *Americans All*, Secretary Baker says, "General Mann and Major MacArthur left my office to study the answer to the suggestion I had made (about forming a National Guard Division), and returned with a list of organizations to compose such a Division. MacArthur enthusiastically described it as 'stretching like a rainbow clear across the United States.'"

Clearly, Secretary Baker's memory

wasn't too good because he quoted MacArthur differently every time he told the story.

"I then directed such a Division to be formed and told General Mann that I thought he ought to be its first commanding officer and take it overseas, and that MacArthur ought to go as his Chief of Staff, a suggestion most enthusiastically received by the General."

Then, in the *History of the 42nd Rainbow Division*, written by major Walter B. Wolf, Adjutant, 84th Infantry Brigade, he writes:

"Even before its concentration and at the very time when the authorization for its formation was announced, the 42nd Division received the alternative name by which it is more commonly known: The Rainbow Division. This name was given it by its first Chief of Staff, then Colonel Douglas MacArthur, who was its first member."

Again, nit-picking, we could say that the last statement was wrong, because Secretary of War Baker first named General Mann as the Commanding General of the new Division, and then named MacArthur as Chief of Staff. Therefore, Mann was the first Rainbower.

So, in closing this subject, let us agree that a statement made by Douglas MacArthur did, in fact, give the Rainbow Division its name. NUFSED!



## Chapter Totals

		7/84	11/84
ALABAMA	Birmingham	5	4
	Huntsville	66	32
	Montgomery	14	—
ARIZONA	Phoenix	19	12
CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	50	40
COLORADO	Fort Carson	—	26
District of Columbia		20	15
FLORIDA	Clearwater	35	30
	Miami	15	12
	Orlando	19	17
	Pompano	6	—
GEORGIA	Atlanta	12	10
	Macon	2	—
ILLINOIS	Chicago	55	51
INDIANA	Indianapolis	11	10
	South Bend	21	23
	Bloomington	4	4
IOWA	State Assoc.	101	70
KANSAS	Chanute	11	11
	Dodge City-Pratt	7	5
MARYLAND	Baltimore	15	15
MICHIGAN	Detroit	90	90
MINNESOTA	Mnpls-St. Paul	86	32
MISSOURI	Mo-Kan	32	29
	St. Louis	20	9
NEBRASKA	Lincoln	8	7
NEW JERSEY	Red Bank	5	—
NEW YORK	Father Duffy	88	50
OHIO	State Assoc.	140	114
OKLAHOMA	Muskogee	22	2
	Oklahoma City	12	8
	Tulsa	29	28
PENNSYLVANIA	Easton	13	13
	Lancaster	19	15
	Philadelphia	21	20
	Reading	30	30
S. CAROLINA	Charleston	13	7
TENNESSEE	Memphis	13	11
TEXAS	Dallas	103	85
VIRGINIA	Richmond	6	6
	Roanoke	7	7
WISCONSIN	Appleton	17	17
222nd Infantry		500	381
YANKE M-222		39	41
HQ 232d Infantry		15	2
1st Bn., 232d Infantry		136	90
2nd Bn., 232d Infantry		88	45
3rd Bn., 232d Infantry		46	49
242d Infantry		174	177
Rainbow Artillery		163	147
122d Med Bn		53	52
Med Det Sp Tps		10	10
142d Combat Engr Bn.		28	29
42nd MP Platoon		42	24
42nd Recon Troop		15	14
Division Band		23	10
National At Large		45	25
TOTALS		2,542	2,063

## Life Membership

Twenty-two Members of the RDVA and one Associate Member are now Life Members in Rainbow.

Included in this elite group are two World War I Rainbowers, Kurt Frederick, 166th Infantry, of San Jose, CA., and Earl H. Teagarden, 117th Ammo Train, of Manhattan, KS.

The 222d Chapter is leading with 6½ members paid in; the 242d Chapter is following loosely with 4½ members (Thomas Aldridge served in both units); the 232d Inf and 122d Medics are right behind with three members each; and the Recon Troop, 132nd Signal and 232d FA have one member each.

To join this fast-growing Life Membership Group, simply send a check for \$100 to Secretary Peg Keating, marking your check "Life Membership." Then, beginning in 1985-86 Membership Year, you pay no more National dues. But inasmuch as unit and local chapters do not participate in the proceeds of the Life Membership, you must still continue to pay dues to them as you have in the past.

## Rainbow Division 1984

The 42nd Infantry Division underwent annual summer training at Fort Drum, NY, most of which was in the field. The Division is sponsored by the 101st Airborne Division, which participates in the evaluation of the units of the 42nd while on active duty. Ratings are "Go" or "No Go" as to meeting training requirements, maintenance and personnel readiness.

All units to date have been rated "Go." The 101st Division evaluators are reported to have stated that they would be glad to go into combat with the 42nd Division units now.

The Division had an average of 90% of authorized strength during summer training. Current communications equipment is old, and like most reserve component units, needs replacement. Helicopters are of the older models, but newer ones are on the way to replace and bring up to strength. Current trucks also need replacing as they are also older models.

—Carlyle Woelfer, Public Relations

## Membership

My friends of Rainbow, you and I can count our blessings, and as we total all this up, performance will be the bottom line for a maximum effort as we work for full representation of Rainbow across the nation. I ask you one and all to check your score card, have you delivered when Rainbow issued the challenge. The program is for full commitment, you can do it, the strength of your chapter and Rainbow is in your hands.

We do not have that luxury of passing the buck to another Rainbower, the time is now that you and I drink deep the Chalice of Rainbow, for the very life of Rainbow. Pick up the telephone, move away from the TV set, write your friends, be active, Rainbow requires your action in the numbers game as an increase in membership equals a stronger Rainbow. Do it now.

Hopefully you have inserted your ad in your local newspaper, so that Rainbow will prosper in the National picture, only you can do it. Recruit for the good of Rainbow, you can feel good once again when you know that you have placed Rainbow out front.

I ask you to view the membership column of this issue of the Rainbow Reveille, find your chapter, it reflects your performance record for the good of Rainbow. Hopefully you will show an increase in your personal participation and this is reflected with your chapter showing an increase in memberships. Wishing will not do the job, it takes positive action, let us join hands and "Make Rainbow Live."

Only full participation will make 1985 a prosperous and Happy New Year for Rainbow. Reach out and recruit your Rainbow friends, you have it in your power to "Make It Happen." Think Positive! Act NOW.

James V. McNicol, Membership Chairman

(Editor - The National Secretary urgently requests that Chapter Secretaries submit Remittance Sheets promptly. Without them, Peg Keating has no way of keeping the Chapter Totals up to date, and she gets blamed by the Chapter when her report doesn't agree with the Chapter figures.)

## Merchandise

The National Secretary has the following items available: Rainbow decals, \$1.00 each; RDVA decals, 25 cents each; cloth shoulder patches, 50 cents each; key rings, \$1.00 each; Rainbow stamps, \$2.00 per sheet of 100. Send check and self-addressed stamped envelope to Peg Keating, 505 Terrell Road, San Antonio, TX 78209.

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