



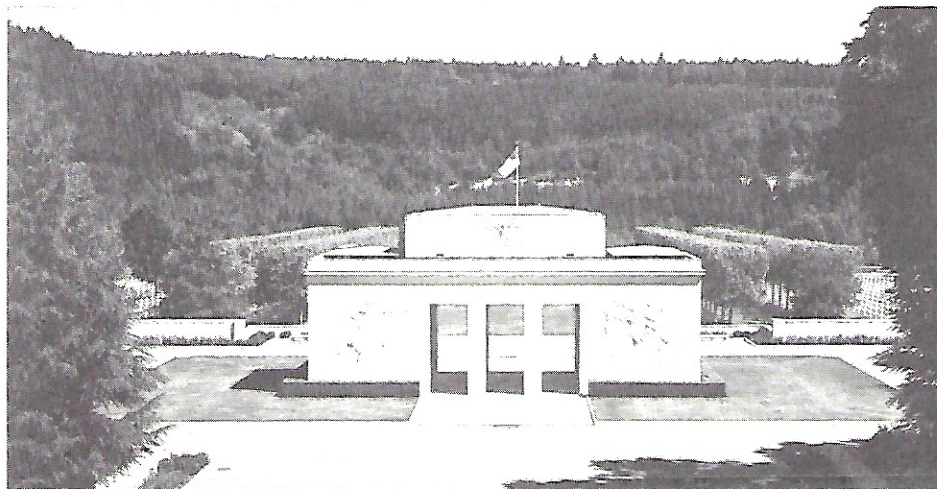
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Where Men of Rainbow Rest

Brig Gen John W. Donaldson, USA, Ret



The serene beauty of the American Military Cemetery-Memorial at Epinal, France, is the final resting place of more than 5,000 American heroes of World War II, including men of Rainbow who fell during the bitter fighting along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers in January, 1945.

Paris, France. December 8, 1984. It was exactly forty years ago this month that Task Force Linden landed at Marseilles and moved up the Rhone Valley to go into defensive positions along the thinly held line of the Rhine River at Strasbourg. And less than a month after our arrival on the continent we had taken our first casualties in the battle for Gumbshausen, where the Germans had established a stubborn bridgehead with one of their crack grenadier divisions, and Rainbow had the mission of pushing them back across the Rhine.

Rainbow's War Dead of this, its first World War II engagement, now rest in peace at the serene and beautiful American Military Cemetery-Memorial at Epinal, France, in the Vosges Mountains, 46 miles southeast of Nancy. The cemetery, 48 acres in extent, is situated on a plateau 100 feet above the beautiful Moselle River and is surrounded by the forests of pine and hardwood so typical for that region. The 5,225 of our American military Dead now buried here represent 42 percent of the burials which were originally made in this region. The remainder were repatriated according to the wishes of their families. Additionally, there are 424 names on the Wall of the Missing in the Court of Honor surrounding the Memorial Building. Among these fallen heroes are 89 Men of Rainbow buried in the cemetery's two grave plots, and 28 men of Rainbow commemorated on the Wall of the Missing.

The cemetery is situated four miles south of the provincial capital of Epinal. A winding road leads up to the main gate from Highway N-57 past neatly trimmed grass borders and beautiful pink rose beds. About 300 meters inside the main gate, the entrance road leads through a wooded archway to the attractive stone Visitors' Building, where the road forms an elliptical drive and continues on to a visitors' parking area. The Visitors' Building, itself, faces the Memorial and its Court of Honor, which in turn look out on a wide manicured, grassy mall flanked by mature plane trees which separate the graves area into two plots. A 75-foot flagpole stands at the north end of the central grass mall and from its parapet there is a beautiful view of the Moselle River and its steep forest-covered banks. Located in the northeast and northwest portions of the graves area are small circular cul-de-sacs with benches and fountains.

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President's Message



PNP Al Brewer and PNAP Mary Brewer pose with National President John Carr at the 1985 Mid-Year Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.

Dear Rainbowners,

I hear the whistle blowing and I know we are getting near the end of another Rainbow Year. I hope your year has been as much pleasure as mine, as we have traveled down Rainbow Trail.

Since the last **Reveille**, we have had a very fun-filled and productive Midyear Meeting in Oklahoma City. My thanks, and the thanks of those in attendance go to Al and Mary Brewer for chairing such a fine Midyear. But when you have an outstanding Chapter such as Oklahoma City, with all their willingness and cooperative spirit, it is made easy. So again, to each and every one, we all say thanks.

After Oklahoma City I had the pleasure of going to Columbia, TN, to the home of Peggy Fleming for a luncheon and celebration of the Harry J. Collin's Chapter's 25th Birthday. Yes, we did recall what we were doing on the 15th and 16th of March 20 years ago. Did you?

Again, by the time you read this message, I will have traveled to Waterloo, Iowa, and Phoenix, Arizona. In May, it will be to the Eastern gettogether in Washington, D.C. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in these places. Finally, on to Ohio for the State Meeting in June.

As I wrote in the beginning, time marches on just as old soldiers, with their shoulders back, their heads held high. For it was we who made the sacrifice that freedom for all might prevail in this, the most wonderful Country in the world. So 'till next time, let your thoughts gather on how you can best help let your fellow Rainbowners know of us and the greatest of all division associations ever formed.

Get your bags packed, your reservations in, and come to West Palm Beach for your National Association Annual Reunion July 10 - 13, 1985.

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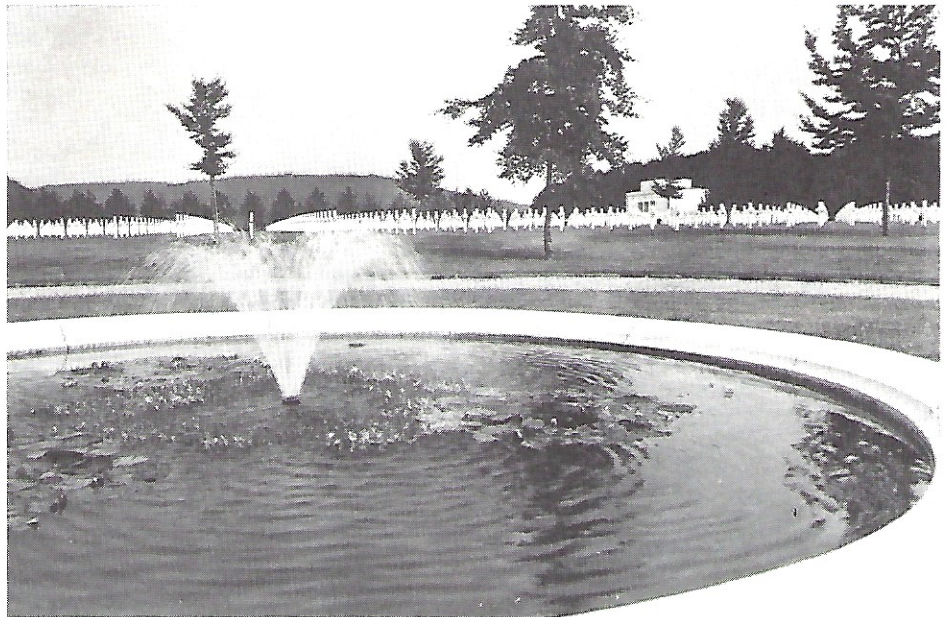
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The Epinal Military Cemetery Memorial



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The rectangular Memorial, consisting of a chapel on the east side and a museum room on the west side, separated by an open but covered portico, stands in the center of the Court of Honor. The walls, like those enclosing the Court of Honor, are of Rocheret limestone from the Jura Mountains. The south face of the exterior contains two large bas-relief carvings designed and sculpted by Malvina Hoffman of New York. They represent the Crusade in Europe and the Survival of the Spirit.

The Chapel is entered from the portico through bronze doors inset with rectangular panes of glass. The altar, flanked by circular planters of teak, is in an apse in the north wall. The altar and the two plinths on which it rests are Rouge Antique marble from southern France. On the wall above the altar is a large sculpture of the Angel of Peace designed by Miss Hoffman. Flanking the apse are two groups of flags containing a representation of our historic American and Service Flags. A teakwood pew rests against the south wall of the Chapter facing the altar.

The primary feature of the museum room opposite the chapel is the large colored glass mosaic map depicting American and allied military operations from the landing in southern France on 15 August, 1944, to the junction with Allied Forces advancing from Normandy on 11 September at Sombernon, near Dijon; and their subsequent advance after turning eastward, crossing the Rhine and sweeping across Germany to meet with the spearhead of the U.S. Fifth Army south of the Brenner Pass.

The Mosaic, 54 feet long and 14 feet high, was designed and fabricated by Eugen

Savage of Branford, Connecticut, utilizing data provided by the American Battle Monuments Commission. The insignia of other division-size units participating in ground operations in the region, is illustrated on the border of the map; and the 42nd Division designation is listed on the panel at the north end of the mosaic.

The servicemen and women interred in the two fan-shaped grave plots died in the service of their country. They came from every state of the Union, except Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia. Two graves hold the comingled remains of two identified Dead who could not be separately identified. In 14 instances, two brothers lie side by side. Sixty-nine graves hold the remains of American Dead who could not be identified.

Each grave is marked by a white marble headstone, a Star of David for those of Jewish faith, a Latin Cross for all others. The lines of white headstones against the background of emerald green grass and mature shrub massifs, all bordered by the pine and hardwood forests of the Vosges region, leave with the visitor a deep impression of peace and serenity, as well as dignity and pride.

This sacred spot is watched over with loving care by the American Battle Monuments Commission's resident superintendent, Lucas Antonelli, who is a World War II veteran himself, and has taken care of Epinal American Cemetery since December, 1960. He and his able staff are honored by the many visits from American and other countries families and stand ready to assist visitors in any way.

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MEMORIAL FILE 1984-1985

Prayer

165th INFANTRY
 Albert Dick Hq Co
 Albert M. Ettinger Hq Co
 William S. Miller Hq Co
 Clifford Robertson A Co
 Harry Wittman A Co
 John J. Matthews B Co
 Joseph D. Ward D Co
 Carlos Belcher F Co
 John Catterson F Co
 Morris Find F Co
 Raymond A. Long, Sr. F Co
 Nelson Pearce F Co
 Matthew Feeley L Co
 Eugene F. Cannon L Co
 William Spencer L Co
 James D. Cocks M Co
 Fred M. McGill M Co
 Joseph A. Moran M Co
 Joseph F. Metjenbacker Sup Co
 John L. Faherty Unk.

166th INFANTRY
 Arthur A. Anderson Hq Co
 Thomas I. Thompson Hq Co
 Oscar R. Williams, Sr. B Co
 Paul A. Williams D Co
 Samuel Lipton E Co
 Pearl F. Reichelderfer F Co
 J. Stanley Stevenson F Co
 Virgil H. Stein H Co
 Philip H. Stein G Co
 Paul Siebert H Co
 Homer K. Needles K Co
 Theodore Kinzer M Co
 Tom Smith MG

167th INFANTRY
 Paul W. Austin Hq Co
 William B. Mitchell Hq Co
 Donald Philbrick Hq Co
 James L. Mize C Co
 William C. Powell I Co
 Hannis R. Smith K Co
 Calvin D. Davis M Co
 Frnak A. Howard Unk
 Charles G. Startey Unk

168th INFANTRY
 Roy E. Cheever A Co
 Harry K. Welch B Co
 Elmer E. Brammer C Co
 Calvin C. Ferrell E Co
 Leo J. Schrody E Co
 Leo J. F Co
 Roy C. Bates F Co
 Clarence Day I Co
 William O. Phillips I Co
 Myral D. McCrudy K Co
 Fred H. Randle K Co
 Elmer E. Poston L Co

149th FIELD ARTILLERY
 Edwin O. Johnson B Btry
 Michael A. Martino B Btry
 Irving R. Cornish C Co
 Roy H. Ekberg E Co

150th FIELD ARTILLERY
 Peter A. Carroll Hq Btry
 Andra B. Eley B Btry
 Willis L. VanDerbeck B Btry
 Herman Gagnon C Btry

Let us pray:

"In Flanders fields the poppies grow - - -." As our Veteran's organizations offer us those modest little cloth or paper flowers in return for our donations this Memorial Day; as we visit the cemeteries, listen to the bands, watch the marchers and salute the passing colors; we must invariably think of our fallen Rainbow comrades of two great wars. They died in war, but they died for peace. The fields now arrayed in the scarlet of the humble little poppy were witness to their struggles and their pain. Beauty often arises out of anguish, but Oh!, how long, Lord, how long before men turn away from this wickedness not of Your making, and which You abhor, and embrace one another in the presence of Your peace? Those were good men, Lord, Your sons, and we can but dimly comprehend the depths of Your grief in their coming to You in that way. Help us, Lord God! Stay the hands of the wicked! Let no more of our children or grandchildren die because humankind ignores Your stern warning: "Thou shalt not kill!" Let no nation again test America's devotion to God, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Bolster us anew in our dedication to Your peace, Lord, but bring potential aggressors against that peace to the stark awareness: Americans will not be slaves! For peace we pray in Your Holy Name, Lord. Amen.

Rev. Mr. James W. Dunham, National Chaplain

151st FIELD ARTILLERY
 Allen E. Loomis Hq Btry
 Erwin F. Coates C Btry
 Arthur R. Morshare D Btry
 Hugo W. Neumuth D Btry
 Primus J. Skumatz D Btry
 C W. Atwater E Btry
 Walter T. Abraham E Btry
 Lee W. Palmer F Btry
 Harvey E. Thompson Med

117th AMMUNITION TRAIN
 Oscar O. Davis C Co
 William C. Schroeder E Co

117th ENGINEERS
 James R. Latimer Hq Co
 LTC G. L. "Chuck" Evans F Co
 Kenneth A. Sutherland F Co

117th FIELD SIGNAL BATTALION
 Earl O. Humphrey B Co
 Homer Reed B Co

117th SANITATION TRAIN
 Granville W. Caughron 167 Amb Co
 Flody Tournier 168 Amb Co
 John H. Haas 168 Amb Co

166th FIELD HOSPITAL
 Roy W. Hatch
 117th SUPPLY TRAIN
 Joe Strange E Co

149th M G BATTALION
 Warren H. Schnable B Co
 Frank J. Simons B Co
 Alfred O. Arsenau I Co
 Robert C. Fratscher L Co
 150 M G BATTALION
 LTC Cloyde P. Schroeder A Co
 151 M G BATTALION
 Edward C. Smith B Co

222nd INFANTRY
 Ted Fischer Hq Co
 Alois Kurzynst Hq Co
 Roland T. Carr A Co
 Ramorr B. Hidalgo B Co
 Lucien D. Elie E Co
 Eugene Fauth E Co
 Earl Good E Co
 Stuart M. Thompson, Jr. E Co
 James C. Bruce F Co
 John Sabo G Co
 Corbett Summers G Co
 John B. Bowker H Co
 Emmett Burgett I Co
 Stanley Przygocki I Co
 Lewis L. G. Tarnowski I Co
 Paul W. Laws K Co
 John W. Berndt L Co
 William McNally L Co
 Ed Sliwa L Co
 James B. Adcock AT Co
 Ivan M. Jones AT Co
 Gilbert LeBeau Unk

Previously Unreported:
 Gayther W. Johnson Hq Co
 Howard H. Johnson Hq Co
 Hugh Hammond Hq Co
 Henry Jean Pauchey Hq Co
 Felix H. Rosser Hq Co
 Ernest Yates Hq Co

Killed in Action:
 Solomon Bredosky B Co
 Albert Calcaterra B Co
 Douglas D. Cornette B Co
 Robert A. Fletcher B Co
 Robert Funchess B Co
 Johnny A. Gates B Co
 James W. Kirk B Co
 Lester J. Knoblock B Co
 Pasqualino LaTorre B Co
 Russell A. Roehr B Co

232nd INFANTRY
 Willis R. Young A/B Co
 John C. Krenshauf B Co
 Roy B. Kelley D Co
 Harry A. Nelson Bn Med
 Elmer H. Cook, PNP H2B
 Ralph C. Joyner E Co
 Howard L. Dotson G Co
 James A. Mumper H Co
 Leroy F. Reynolds H Co
 Robert L. Adams L Co
 Thomas B. Gooch L Co
 Leo Roberts Can Co
 Norman J. DeLaney, Dr. Sv Co
 John Sewell Sv Co

242nd INFANTRY
 Robert L. Chambers Unk
 Walter E. Luick F. Co
 Albert W. Atkinson K Co
 L. B. Whitaker K Co
 Leroy Francis M Co
 John M. Hart M Co
 Hayden T. Hamilton A/T Co

RAINBOW ARTILLERY
 Robert Andreoli 232 Hq Co

122nd MEDICAL BATTALION
 Harry W. Jones C Co

132nd SIGNAL COMPANY
 Andrew A. Burne
 Vance Hultz
 Henry Kingsbury
 Afton A. Koenig, Jr.
 Marion Leonberger
 Gene J. Sjogren

MILITARY POLICE PLATOON
 Kenneth H. Webster

42nd QUARTERMASTER
 BATTALION
 Theodore R. Vanz

UNIT NOT REPORTED:
 Clota F. Brown
 Herbert Bussman
 Frank P. Haussman
 Herman Murry
 Manuel Peacock
 By D. Phillips
 John E. Shurts
 Col. Lawrence S. Woods

Mid-Year Meeting: OK!

Mid-Year Executive Meetings are generally considered a form of winter mini-Reunion, with lots of visiting with Rainbow buddies and ladies, but they're not expected to come up with much of importance.

Not so the Oklahoma City Mid-Year in February, 1985. In spite of President Carr's efforts to keep the business meeting restricted to the morning hours on Saturday, unexpected problems arose forcing the meeting to continue after lunch.

Secretary Peg Resigns!

The most numbing shock of the Mid-Year Meeting was the resignation of Secretary Peg Keating, effective with the National Reunion next July, and some of us are still feeling the effects of her announcement. To many of us, Peg has become an institution and an integral part of Rainbow. However, she has other priorities that she wants to follow, and her Rainbow work kept her from doing the things she deems important in her life. Her health is also a consideration.

She is not dropping out of our lives, she promised, and we can look forward to seeing her at future Rainbow assemblages. President Carr now has the job of finding a replacement for Peg, and he will announce his choice at the 1985 National

and Reunion later, but for now, suffice it to say that the Holiday Inn West in Oklahoma City was found to be a cut above the hotels we are accustomed to live in during past Reunions. You won't be disappointed.

The Rainbow Insignia

Editor Davis announced that he and Bill Clayton are planning to publish a full-color booklet on the History of the Rainbow Insignia, based on the World War I shoulder patches given by veterans to the New Rainbow in 1943. After hearing the plans and examining some representative hand-made WW I patches, the Memorial Foundation President and Chairman offered to provide funds to produce the booklet. Clayton, a professional in advertising graphics, will handle the color photography and graphics for the book, and sales to the membership will be handled by the Memorial Foundation. It is hoped the book can be ready for sale at the 1985 National Reunion. For more information on the WW I shoulder patches, see the story on page 4 of the November, 1984, *Reveille*.

On the Social Side

One hundred and four Rainbowners registered for the Mid-Year Meeting, and most of them were on hand for the Early Bird Party on Friday evening, the luncheon on Saturday.

Northeast Organizes

There is an area in northeastern United States that has been overlooked by the Rainbow Division in its zeal to recruit members and form chapters. It consists of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

These States had no Guard Units at the beginning of World War I, so were omitted from the original Rainbow organization. Since World War II, there have been no Rainbow Chapters active in the area since the Massachusetts Chapter folded in 1972, and none of the other states have ever supported a Chapter.

But things are going to change, if an ambitious group of World War II Rainbowners can make it happen. They met on February 10, 1985, at Nahant, MA, to start the organizational process and elected Ray Lefebvre of Westfield, MA, as President; Charles Paine of Bridgewater, CT, Vice President; and Bill Twiss of Nahant, MA, as Secretary-Treasurer.

They have mounted an energetic recruiting campaign through the pages of the *Reveille*, the Badge and local papers throughout the area to find members in the northeast part of the US. A personal mailing by President Lefebvre will go out to 111 prospective members, and papers are being processed to obtain a Charter at the National Reunion this July.

In Memoriam



Past National President Elmer Cook, 1976-77, Passed Over the Rainbow in March, 1985. Unfortunately, those who knew of his passing failed to provide the Editor with any information concerning his death or burial.

Douglas MacArthur

Under the date March 21, 1955, National RDVA President Stanley S. Barrow wrote to General Douglas MacArthur inviting him to attend the 1955 Rainbow Reunion, which was to be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

General MacArthur, who was no longer in the Army, answered by letter of March 25, that he would be out of the country at that time, but added, "In spirit I will be with you at the Champagne Hours on July 14th."

He signed the letter, "Most cordially, Douglas MacArthur." That, says PNP Barrow, should end any argument over how the General's name was properly spelled.

Historians Report

National Historian Don Segel has issued a request that books, correspondence and pictures concerning the Rainbow Division in either World War I or World War II be sent to him for inclusion in the Associations historical files. Or, if you have items that you wish to retain for the present, send him a detailed list of what you have.

It is his desire to publish a complete inventory of Rainbow items of interest, no matter where they are located. He hopes to collect enough items that two or three collections can be set up in members homes throughout the country for use by all Rainbowners, with a master set in a selected archive.

Books and similar items can be mailed very inexpensively at library rates. Write Historian Donald Segel at 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

Liberty Memorial

The Liberty Memorial Museum of Kansas City, MO, is the nation's only major military museum, specializing in the First World War and the part played by America in that War. The Museum is an important part of the Liberty Memorial, a gigantic structure conceived as a monument to peace immediately following World War One.

Herb Butt of Independence, MO, and Dixon Rogers of Fayette, MO, have been Rainbow's main liaison with the Memorial to keep an eye on the many Rainbow Flags and other artifacts that were on display there. However, a change of policy resulted in the closing of the Rainbow Shrine and the removal from display of all the Rainbow material, including the two flags and the battle streamers from the walls of the Shrine.

Herb Butt has had little success in negotiating the return of the Rainbow flags, and asked PNP Ted Johnson to join him in trying to discuss the differences with the Curator of the Museum.

Following the 1985 Mid Year Meeting, Butt and Johnson obtained an appointment with Curator Mark Beveridge. When they arrived, Beveridge had all the Rainbow artifacts laid out in his office, including the two flags, still in their cases. Johnson described the flags thus, "In spite of having been—what we thought to be—hermatically sealed, they had been allowed to absorb ultraviolet light which has left the infantry blue of the WW I flag a very pale grey with the Rainbow colors themselves badly faded . . . The WW II infantry blue background is about half faded from its original shade. The streamers from WW I are whitish grey; the streamers of WW II still retain a bright Rainbow hue."

Beveridge made it clear that the purpose of the Liberty Memorial is to become a #1 Class World War I Museum. To that end, they cannot accept any documents or memorabilia dated after 1919. He also pointed out that the RDVA had never contributed to the upkeep of the Rainbow items.

The Museum has laid down guidelines under which they would continue to house and display Rainbow WW I artifacts and archives; and in return, the RDVA would turn over to the Museum all items that pertain to WW I Rainbow; direct its chapters and individuals to deliver all such materials in their possession; provide a suitable bronze plaque for display at the Liberty Memorial; and direct annual contributions to the Liberty Memorial Association for the continued maintenance of the Rainbow collection.

Wrote Johnson, "I recognize that we still have not resolved the problem of splitting up the WW I and WW II flags and other

mementos." All this information, and more, has been provided to J. William Keithan, RDVA Archivist, to be considered in his search for a suitable archive site for Rainbow artifacts and files.

John D. Carr Award

To help promote the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans, not only in Life Membership, but also in greater attendance at National Reunions, President John Carr has announced that he will award one Life Membership at each National Reunion, subject to the following provisions:

1. A drawing will be held at the last business meeting of the RDVA Annual Reunion to select the recipient of the Award.

2. The winning member must be present at the Reunion, registered with the Reunion Committee with registration fee paid in full.

3. In event the winner is already a Life Member, as verified by the Secretary's records, a check for one hundred dollars as full refund will be mailed to the winner.

1985 Reunion Alert

The 1985 National Rainbow Reunion is almost upon us. In fact, it is upon us when it comes to making reservations and registrations.

Hotel Reservations: Hyatt Palm Beaches Hotel, 630 Clearwater Park Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. To insure your reservation, send a check for \$40.00 plus 7% tax, or your credit card number; or you may phone in your reservations by calling 1-305-833-1234.

Reunion Registration: Send your check for \$35.00 per person registering to Reunion Chairman Philip Trout, 4121 8th Avenue, Temple, PA 19560.

Then, when you have taken care of those details, start planning your wardrobe for the trip. Leave your fur coats and ski jackets behind! You're headed for the Land of Eternal Sunshine! At least, that's what the tourist agencies tell us.

Special Air Rates

Delta Air Lines, in cooperation with the RDVA is offering a 35 - 40% discount to attendees traveling on Delta round trip to the Reunion. All you have to do is follow four simple rules:

1. Leave for destination between specified travel dates you set.
2. Stay no longer than fifteen days.
3. Purchase tickets in advance: 45 days in advance gives you a 40% discount; 7 days in advance gives you a 35% discount.
4. Phone 1-800-241-6760 for reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. EST, and refer to **File Number KOO86**.

If you normally use the services of a travel agent, have them place your reservations through that same toll number to obtain the same discount.

Chapter Totals

	'84	'85
ALABAMA		
Birmingham	5	4
Huntsville	66	33
Montgomery	14	—
ARIZONA		
Phoenix	19	15
CALIFORNIA		
Los Angeles	50	41
District of Columbia		
FLORIDA		
Clearwater	35	35
Miami	15	12
Orlando	19	22
GEORGIA		
Atlanta	12	11
Macon	2	3
ILLINOIS		
Chicago	55	51
INDIANA		
Indianapolis	11	10
South Bend	21	25
Bloomington	4	4
IOWA		
State Assn.	101	80
KANSAS		
Chanute	11	11
Dodge C. - Pratt	7	
MARYLAND		
Baltimore	15	16
MICHIGAN		
Detroit	90	95
MINNESOTA		
Mpls.-St. Paul	86	78
MISSOURI		
Mo-Kan	32	29
St. Louis	20	9
NEBRASKA		
Lincoln	8	9
NEW JERSEY		
Red Bank	5	5
NEW YORK		
Father Duffy	88	70
OHIO		
State Assn.	140	148
OKLAHOMA		
Muskogee	22	3
Oklahoma City	12	10
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	100
VIRGINIA		
Richmond	6	6
Roanoke	7	7
WISCONSIN		
Appleton	17	17
222nd Infantry	500	500
M-222YANKE	39	51
HQ 232d Infantry	15	3
1st Bn 232d Infantry	136	137
2nd Bn 232d Infantry	88	75
3rd Bn 232d Infantry	46	51
242nd Infantry	174	228
Rainbow Artillery	163	168
122nd Med Bn	53	56
Med Det Sp Trps	10	10
142nd Combat Engr Bn	28	30
42nd M P. Platoon	42	37
Division Band	23	22
National-At-Large	45	35
TOTALS	2,542	2,534

Unit Chapters Grow

You probably haven't taken the time to figure it up, but during 1984, the unit chapters started overhauling the geographic chapters in total membership, and in this month's chapter report, the unit chapters are about 400 ahead. This was expected, of course, because the unit chapters members are the younger World War II veterans.

Advertise Rainbow!

How easy it is to advertise Rainbow! All you have to do is drive around town on your usual business and entertainment routine. Of course, it would help if you have a bright Rainbow license plate on your car.

And now, you can have just such a license plate! It is made of aluminum in the exact size of the standard license plate with a yellow background. It has a Rainbow in each upper corner and the word "Rainbow" between in bright red.

In the center of the plate is a 3-inch high "42nd Div" in bold blue lettering. Below that is the unit designation in blue for the three infantry regiments, and blank for the other Rainbow Division Units.

These unique plates were displayed for the first time at the Mid-Year Meeting in OK City, and will be shown again at the National Reunion in Florida. But, in the meantime, you can order your Rainbow plates from **Myron E. Dudley, 1370 Park Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013**, by sending \$10.00 per plate, which includes shipping costs.

And be sure to state which Infantry Regiment you want on your plate, or whether you want it left plain.

2nd Eastern Reunion

The Second Eastern Region Rainbow Reunion will be held May 17, 18 and 19, 1985, at the Quality Inn in College Park, MD. This will be a full-scale mini-reunion, starting with an Early Bird Party on Friday evening, May 17.

On Saturday, there will be sightseeing in Washington, D.C., followed by a banquet at the host hotel.

On Sunday, you will brunch at the Ft. Meade Officers Club and conclude the Reunion with a concert by the US Army Band at Brucker Hall, Ft. Myer, VA. Brucker Hall was, of course, named for World War I Rainbower, and later, Secretary of the Army, Wilbur Brucker.

Those interested in attending, or obtaining more information, should contact the Area Vice President, Romeo J. Fagiolo, 2224 Beechwood Road, Hyattsville, MD 20783.

Membership

James V. McNicol, Chairman

Friends of Rainbow, the need is immediate, your response is a must. As I view the performance of the Rainbow membership structure, it is very apparent that the rank and file of this organization must support their individual chapters. I now ask you to take that checkbook in hand, write your secretary and make your membership active in the current year of 1984-85. It is a must for the Life of Rainbow.

Share the Load

You all well remember how we shared the load during our service time, and now I ask you once again to share the load of Rainbow. You can do this once again, send a check to your secretary for members of your chapter that may be having a difficult time keeping his Rainbow and Chapter dues current. Send your check to your Secretary and ask him to re-enlist delinquent members of your chapter. The amount of the check is your prerogative. This is your sharing and caring deed for the current year. You will feel good, your secretary will smile, and you will

Make Rainbow Live

I now share the performance of our individual chapters with you:

8 Chapters have exceeded their mark of 1983-84;

13 Chapters have equalled their mark of 1983-84;

1 new Charter has been issued;

1 Chapter reflects "O" members;

1 Chapter is recorded as being Inactive.

With more effort and dedication to the health of the individual chapters, many can go over the top. Please, let us all strive for excellence that Rainbow is noted for.

Membership Down

This month's Chapter Totals show that 1984-85 membership is just **eight** short of the 1983-84 total, but **seventy-eight** short of the 1982-83 figure. Now is the time for you Chapter Presidents and Secretaries to start shaking the trees to bring in new members and those delinquent members. Let's don't end this year on the down side.

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