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## Auxiliary Shocked At Death Of President Lora A. Butt



Lora, at close of last business session in Oklahoma City.

The untimely death of Auxiliary President Lora A. Butt on September 15th has deeply affected the Auxiliary members and those Rainbowers who were privileged to know her personally.

Lora suffered a massive heart attack on September 12th, exactly two months after the joyous occasion of being installed as Auxiliary President at the National Reunion banquet in Oklahoma City on July 12th. Although paramedics responded promptly, Lora had suffered considerable brain damage and was in intensive care until her death on September 15th.

There is little that can be said or written about such a lovely person, who looked forward so eagerly to serving the ladies in this 1986-87 year, that would make it any easier to comprehend. The ladies' activities, of necessity, will continue, but there will always be a void in their organization that will exist as long as memories continue to be memories.

In addition to her husband, National Secretary Herbert A. Butt, Lora is survived by a son, Clayton L. Butt, and a daughter, Mrs. L. Carolyn George, and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Hiskett, as well as four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Peace Lutheran Church in Kansas City with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery on September 18th.

Anyone desiring to do so may make a memorial contribution to the American Heart Association, Greater Kansas City Division, 9401 Reeds Road, Overland Park, KS 66207 or to the Peace Lutheran Church, 8240 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64138.

### President's Report

Funeral services were conducted this morning for National Auxiliary President Lora Butt of Independence, MO. It is 6:30 P.M. September 18th as I pen these shocking words and I have just concluded a lengthy telephone conversation with Natinal Secretary and husband Herb. I believe we were both trying to console each other.

Several hundred friends and relatives attended the services. I am sorry to say that I was not present, but Rainbow was ably represented by a number of people, including Past National Auxiliary President Oriana Grimm and her husband, PNP Hugo Grimm. Also attending were Myrtle Evanoff, immediate PNAP, and her husband, PNP Rube Evanoff.

The four of us, Lora, Herb, my wife and I had completed plans to attend the Texas meeting at the Stubbs' Ranch next week; the Western Reunion in Las Vegas in October and were making the final arrangements to attend the Northeast Reunion in Sturbridge, Massachusetts and the 40th Annual Veterans Day activities in Birmingham in November.

Lora, being the outgoing exuberant person she was, was really looking forward to doing her part to represent Rainbow, and it is a pity she was not even able to attend her first visitation. I am confident, however, the ladies of the Auxiliary will regroup in short order and, of course, Betty and I intend to carry out every visitation to the best of our ability.

Lora was a charming, loving and witty person, who deeply affected the lives and feelings of all of us who came into close contact with her. Although I had met her years ago, I didn't really get to know her well until several years ago when we were both elected as vice presidents of our respective bodies and working toward the current presidential offices. We join all of you Rainbowers everywhere in extending our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Butt family. Farewell, Lora, we will miss you forever.

I received a letter recently from Don Downard, our Service Officer, regarding a clipping which states that all WW II veterans are entitled to a dividend of 65 cents per \$1,000 of their G.I. insurance for each month of service and is due regardless of whether or not the insurance is still carried. Don says this is a hoax, which rears its ugly head about every year and is just not true. He says he has had to deal with many letters annually over the past 20 years, informing veterans that this is a fake, so read and heed fellows: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. By the way, fellows, the first of Don's articles regarding veterans affairs arrived in Editor Jim Wright's hands too late to make the September issue, but is pre-

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## New Auxiliary President



After the initial shock of learning of the death of Auxiliary President Lora A. Butt and as a result of many telephone calls and much soul searching, 1st Vice President Loretta Schneider agreed, albeit somewhat reluctantly and with a few misgivings, to assume the Auxiliary presidency immediately in an effort to carry on the activities and functions of the Auxiliary without any undue interruptions.

Loretta, who resides at Vergennes, Illinois (Route 1, Box 116, 62994) attended the Texas Reunion as her first official act.

## President's Report

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sented elsewhere in this one. Don is looking forward to answering questions for our Rainbowners, so let's keep him busy.

The response from you budding authors and chapter secretaries for articles, news, meeting dates, etc., has been gratifying and is keeping Jim very busy. Jim and I both thank you and encourage your efforts and comments, in order that we can continue to improve the Reveille, the lifeblood of our Association. "WRITE TO WRIGHT."

For years fellow Rainbowners have asked various members of the Arizona Chapter in Phoenix when they would hold a reunion and the answer has always been the same; to wit: "Can you stand the heat, which can get up to 115° in July?" This year, since your National President is from Phoenix, the Chapter will sponsor the Mid Year Session, February 27th and 28th, 1987. (See special notice on Mid Year on Page 5, Column 2.)

## Editor's Corner

In publishing Edward R. Johnson's poem "In Memoriam" in the June issue, we neglected to mention he served in Company D, 232d Infantry.

Bill Clayton, Official RDVA Photographer, is also a bit of an artist or cartoonist, as the case may be. (See Column 2, Page 5)

Articles we were promised for the November issue failed to arrive. Let's hear from you before December 1st for the January issue.

We can't squeeze any more info into the masthead on Page 2 unless we furnish microscopes with which to read the fine print, however, President Elect Dee R. Eberhart is also the current Sergeant At Arms.

## MacArthur Memorial

The annual wreath laying ceremony was conducted at the graveside of General Douglas MacArthur at 1100 hours on July 11, 1986. The invocation was given by Army Reserve Chaplain James Lovingood. The wreath was laid by Bill O'Shields. Colonel (Ret) Lyman H. Hammond, Jr., read two articles in memoriam. To the Rainbow veterans he read "Rainbow Farewell" as printed on page 3 of the May issue of the Rainbow Reveille. To all veterans he read the poem by Edward R. Johnson on page 4 of the June issue of the Reveille.

Colonel Hammond reports this is an impressive ceremony and one which the Department of Civic Facilities, City of Norfolk, would like to perpetuate, but that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get any kind of veterans' attendance. He suggests that probably the best procedure is to continue the simple wreath-laying with a special ceremony in significant years, such as in 1988, which will be the seventieth anniversary.

## New Memorial Sites

The Air Museum in Dayton, Ohio displays a huge Nazi banner with the inscription "Schweinfurt" on it and a letter from General Collins donating it to the Air Corps with the following legend: "We have avenged your death."

The American Legion of Iowa has donated over \$5,000 to the State for refurbishing the painting in the Iowa State Capitol showing the Rainbow Division WW I 168th Infantry in their old glory in Des Moines.



## Clovis H. Brakebill New S.A.R. President



Rainbow Veteran Clovis H. Brakebill of Dallas, Texas, a member of the Artillery Chapter, is currently basking in the limelight and enjoying his tenure as President General of the Sons of The American Revolution, having been elected to this prestigious office at the National Congress of the SAR held at the Hyatt Hotel, Tampa, Florida in June 1986.

You will recall that Rainbower Brakebill was Reunion Chairman of the highly successful reunion held in Dallas in 1983, but that his appearances at Rainbow reunions have been few and far between since that time as he has been extremely busy climbing the ladder of success in the SAR having held the office of Secretary General prior to his elevation to the presidency.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Brakebill upon attaining these high honors in another worthwhile organization, but trust that his activities with the SAR will not conflict or preclude his sharing time with the RDVA in the future.

## RDVA Needs You

All you former members of the Appleton, Father Duffy, New Jersey and 142d Engineer Chapters, if you haven't associated with some other chapter, may be in danger of being dropped from the current mailing list.

Examine your last membership card and, if it isn't for 1986-87 and no one has asked you to pay dues, you can avoid a lot of problems and prevent headaches on the publishing and mailing end of the Reveille by sending dues of \$6.00 direct to National Secretary Herbert A. Butt, 16916 George Franklyn Drive, Independence, MO 64055.

## Not To Be Sneezed At



Myron Roberts and Glenn Schmidt with Rainbow Handkerchief.

Two Company A, 242d Infantry veterans attending their first national reunion in Oklahoma City found they had more in common than just being in the same platoon and squad. Meeting for the first time in over 41 years, Myron C. Roberts of Edmond, OK and Glenn E. Schmidt of Sacramento, CA embraced as they shared their WW II experiences and then discovered they had been in the same POW camp and shared the same barracks life in Stalag IXB.

This was not to be the only bond between them as, at the Saturday evening banquet, Myron produced a large handkerchief with eleven names embroidered on it. Much to his surprise, Glenn discovered his name and address on it — a simple act of comradeship long forgotten. Myron's wife had highlighted the names and the addresses in various colored threads and hand stitched a rainbow in each corner. Both men were overcome with emotion as they recounted experiences of cold, sickness and hunger endured during their stay near Bad Orb, Germany. The handkerchief was signed prior to liberation so the men could be traced in the event some became separated or did not return.

Perhaps this chance meeting will result in other contacts and bring together again these "Bad Orb Buddies." The nine other men who signed the handkerchief are: Merle E. Gladden, Kansas City, MO; Antonio J. Gonzales, Ciales, Puerto Rico; Albert E. Hunt, Flint, MI; Henry F. Kirby, Flint, MI (or Owosso, MI); Louis L. Novashinski, Nanticoke, PA; Robert A. Petersen, Lansing, MI; Charles Sterrett, Beaver Falls, Oregon; Arthur L. Valdez, Raton, NM; William E. Wood, Rich Hill, MO.

If any of these men are current Rainbowers or anyone knows of their whereabouts, please so inform the Editor.

## A Splendid Offer

National Membership Chairman Dolian Harris is making you an offer you can't refuse, so instead of clipping coupons and buying items you don't need with mail-in rebates, read his message carefully and then get busy.

"Dear Fellow Rainbowers:

"During the teens and the 40's the Rainbow called us and we gave it what it took. Many of our comrades gave their lives. The rest of us gave some of our best years. Now the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association needs us to keep the organization alive.

"Jane and I are giving a life membership to help stimulate growth. Anyone who hasn't paid annual dues for the year July 1984 to June 30, 1985 and prior thereto will be considered as a new member for this award, as well as brand new members.

"Chapter Secretaries must turn in the names of qualified persons to me during the year, together with a list of the new members. This is to be verified by the National Secretary. The cut-off date will be May 31, 1987. The prospective members are out there and it is up to each Rainbower to help find these men.

"One World War One man attended his first reunion at Oklahoma City, saying he didn't know about the RDVA until recently. He said he read about it in the newspaper in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Metcalf is 90 and one-half years old. Think about all those years this Rainbower missed enjoying the friendship and fellowship of his former comrades.

"Personally, I know how it feels to wait too long to contact an old buddy. After many long distance calls to sheriffs' departments, police departments and people with the same surnames in the county, I finally learned this particular Rainbower had passed over the Rainbow about fifteen years ago in another state. Mr. Metcalf is an excellent example of potential members being out there, who have never been contacted.

"Most local membership chairmen are trying, but they can't relate to your specific buddy the way you can.

"If we are successful, we all do it. If we aren't, we are all to blame."

(Signed) Dolian Harris,  
Rainbow Division Membership Chairman.)

(Editor's Note: Dolian didn't mention what would happen in the event of ties in getting new members; perhaps a drawing at the National Reunion in Minneapolis. Plenty of time to work on that, Dolian.)





## 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans History Book Final Deadline

### YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF MILITARY HISTORY...BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

We have been receiving a distress signal from many members of the 42nd Rainbow Division Association who have NOT written their personal biography for inclusion in the 42nd Rainbow Division History Book. Therefore, we have EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO DECEMBER 20, 1986. Because of this extension, there will be a delay in the printing of the book. This is a **FINAL DEADLINE**. As you are probably aware, the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association is publishing a commemorative history book on the 42nd. This historic, hardbound, large 9" x 12" "coffee-table" deluxe library-edition book will feature an army green leatherette cover with the 42nd Rainbow wings embossed in silver. WE WANT YOUR PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY in 200 words or less, plus two pictures—one when you joined the military and one current photo. We have already received hundreds of biographies. You don't have to purchase a book to have your history published. All pictures, etc., will be returned. A sample biography is included here to help you write yours. **PRE-SALE ONLY!** We plan to print only the number of books sold in advance. The more books sold now, the more pages the book will contain.

**HERE'S WHAT TO DO:** Write your biography, send two pictures, book orders and checks to the address on the order form below.



**KEITH WRIGHT**, born in Fredricksburg, IN Aug. 13, 1921 and entered service by the Draft May 14, 1944 at Camp Grant, IL. Was married to Bettye Jeanne and had two sons when inducted. Took basic Camp Robinson, Little Rock, AR. Started in Message center when switched along with

everyone else to rifle Co. Trained for 17 weeks then after 10 day furlough, reported to Camp Gruber, OK in Oct. 1944 and was assigned to Co. K, 232nd Reg. 42nd Div. where he spent the rest of his army career. Keith shipped out with the rest of Rainbow, minus the Artillery, in Nov., 1944. Moved up to the front lines at Strausburg, France Christmas eve 1944.

Keith served as a rifleman, and Ast. Squad Leader 2nd Platoon, Co. K, 232nd Regiment. Shipped home with the 26th Div. in Jan., 1946. Discharged in Feb. 1946, added a daughter to the family in 1947. Worked for Haudaille Corp. till 1954, then moved to Santa Ana, CA where he worked for U.S. Motors until retirement in 1978. After retirement moved to Palm Desert, CA where he presently resides.

Keith's hobbies are visiting his children, four grandchildren and travelling all over the country in his motor home and he especially enjoys going to the Annual Rainbow Reunions.



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# FINAL DEADLINE DECEMBER 20, 1986



## S/SGT Adolfo (Al) Morales K Company 222D Infantry



Much has been written about Staff Sergeant Adolfo Morales in recent issues; about the relentless search to find him; his heroics in covering the withdrawal of his squad; his 33 bullet wounds and subsequent loss of an arm; and the presentation of medals at Oklahoma City to his stand-in, Sam Platamone.

Shortly after the Oklahoma City Reunion Sam Platamone visited Sgt. Morales and personally presented the medals, as evidenced by the above photo.

Editor Al Antczak of "The Tidings," the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocesan weekly, personally interviewed Sgt. Morales and, as a result of an in-depth interview, wrote and published a story regarding Sgt. Morales' heroics, his subsequent physical problems and rehabilitation, the latter as a result of sheer self determination on the part of Sgt. Morales.

It's a wonderful account and a real human interest story; a little lengthy for inclusion in its entirety in the Reveille, however, as time and space permit we plan to print excerpts in future issues.

Sam Platamone advises that, as a result of the publication, RDVA has picked up another former Rainbower, Larry Landgraf (wife Gloria) of Los Angeles, neither of whom had ever heard of RDVA.

## Penna Mini Reunion

The Pennsylvania Mini Reunion was held as scheduled at Reading, PA on May 17th with 45 people attending, including then President Carlyle Woelfer and wife; VP Romeo Fagioli and wife; Harold Campbell (President PA Chapter) and wife; Sec-Treasurer Vince Klos and wife; and Committee Representative Glen Emler and wife. Activities included an early bird get-together, an Armed Forces Parade Saturday A.M.; luncheon and banquet. WW I honored guests were Anthony Remza, Al Boldt and Irv Schaeffer. Phil and Tiny Trout arranged and hosted the shebang.

## Mid-Year Reunion



The Mid-Year Reunion will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2333 East Thomas Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85016, on February 27-28, 1987. The rates for Rainbow veterans are \$69.00 per suite and the suites accommodate up to four adults. This rate also includes a complimentary breakfast and cocktail hour. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 29, 1987.**

Reservation forms and envelopes are available by contacting Mid Year General Chairman Gilbert W. Koehler, 1269 E. Manhattan Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282 or Telephone 1-602-838-2816. As General Chairman, Gil would appreciate receiving your early registration check in the amount of \$35.00 for each person attending.

A bus tour of Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun is planned, in addition to a luncheon and banquet. All rooms are two room suites, which includes a living room with wet bar, refrigerator and microwave, a bedroom and two TV's. No tipping is expected for hotel services. Free transportation to and from Sky Harbor International Airport, only four miles away.

Why procrastinate; send in your registration check; tell us how many hotel reservation forms you need and you, too, can be basking in balmy springtime 70° weather while the rest of the country is still freezing. Do it now!!!

## A Sincere Thank You

National Secretary Herbert Butt and children Clayton and Carolyn wish to express their sincerest appreciation to all of you in Rainbow for your expressions of sympathy by cards, telephone calls and memorial contributions in our loss of Lora A. Butt. Thank you all so very much.

## Texas Round Up Rainbow Style

The annual shindig a/k/a the Texas Rainbow Reunion was again held at the ranch of Verna and Johnnie Stubbs near Fort Worth, Texas on September 26th & 27th, with approximately fifty people in attendance.

Among those present were National President Fred Goldsmith and wife Betty; Texas Chapter President Tom Owen and Betty Owen (Texas Auxiliary President); Texas Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Arnold Hofland and Lucille; National Auxiliary President Loretta Schneider and husband John; Auxiliary National Treasurer Virginia Duhacsek and husband Walter; Auxiliary Sergeant at Arms Verna Stubbs (gracious hostess for the reunion) and Texas Chapter Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer Delia Rose and Horace.

As always, Johnnie and Verna proved to be excellent hosts and the barbecue (sounds like the name of the Stubbs' ranch, Bar-B-Q) and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

## Give It Some Thought

Have you been in the habit of itemizing your deductions on your income tax returns? If so, here is some food for thought: If you have ever considered making a donation or gift to either the Memorial Fund or Scholarship Fund, both of which are tax deductible, you may want to contribute to one or both of these funds before the end of 1986, thus enabling you to include them in your itemized deductions when you file your 1986 tax returns. The recently passed tax revision or overhaul eliminates many standard deductions and unless you fall into the big bucks category will be forced to use the "standard" deduction on 1987 and subsequent returns.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund may be sent to Treasurer Jon M. Janosik, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44511, who is also the Treasurer for the Memorial Foundation. Likewise, gifts to the Scholarship Fund may be forwarded to Treasurer Janosik, with the proper designation on each check in order that they go into the proper account.

## Mary And Al, We Thank You

To Al and Mary Brewer and all those people who assisted at Oklahoma City, to make the National Reunion a success, we offer a belated THANK YOU for a job superbly done, in view of all the obstacles that seemed to pop up from nowhere.



## At Your Service

This is the first time a service column has been included in the Reveille. President Goldsmith appointed Don Downard to fill the job of Service Officer for the next year.

If the comments contained herein or any future column seem to lean toward benefits available to WW II veterans, please be advised that Don will assist any U.S. veteran who requests help, even though the Rainbow Reveille is directed to WW I and WW II Rainbows and their survivors.

Changes in VA Laws are being considered and debated on Capitol Hill at this time, due to efforts to reduce the national debt. Some changes have actually been enacted. Mr. Downard will endeavor to keep abreast of these in order to give our readers accurate information.

Many cases involving veterans' benefits and claims have been studied and processed over Don's desk during the more than 20 years he served as a Veterans Service Officer for Disabled American Veterans and Texas Veterans Affairs Commission. Each one is different and requires different action.

Two situations pop up that are really sad: One is there are veterans out there who are entitled to benefits, who don't know it. This is extremely unfortunate, because some of these ex-warriors really need help. Some may think they are entitled to something, but just aren't sure and, therefore, refrain from submitting a claim. The answer to this is: "When in doubt, salute." If you are not entitled, you will be tactfully and politely informed as to the reasons why.

Secondly, Mr. Downard has seen proceeds of GI insurance go to someone the veteran did not intend it for. This includes ex-wives, perhaps divorced years ago; mothers, who are now deceased and, even friends long since lost. Remember that the insurance proceeds will go to the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary you chose perhaps forty years ago. The solution: Keep your beneficiary designation up to date. The insurance does not change when you remarry or want a different person to receive the proceeds. You must notify the VA if you expect your insurance to go to another, other than the original beneficiary.

Another matter, also about insurance, is that most VA life insurance premiums can be waived so that you do not have to pay the premiums if you are totally disabled. We know of many veterans who continued to pay after becoming totally disabled; some even bed ridden.

Your Service Officer will answer any letters received inquiring about possible benefits and he will advise you as to how and where to file any claims, so, if you need help, let him hear from you. Simply

## 1987 Reunion - Minneapolis



The 1987 Annual Reunion of the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association will be held at the Radisson Hotel South at 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please note: The hotel is located in Bloomington, MN, but has a Minneapolis address.

The Reunion will be held from Wednesday, July 8th, through Saturday, July 11th.

Room rates in the south tower are \$59 single; \$59 double; \$195 for 1 bedroom suite and \$280 for a 2 bedroom suite. Cabana rooms are \$69 single; \$69 double; \$225 large 1 bedroom suite; and \$300 for a large 2 bedroom suite.

Advance early registrations of \$35.00 per person are being accepted by Reunion Chairman V. J. Rube Evanoff, 5101 West 109th Street, Bloomington, MN 55437 (Phone 1-612-888-2256). Advance hotel reservation envelopes may also be obtained from the Reunion Chairman.

Units desiring hospitality and meeting rooms, please forward your needs and requirements to the Reunion Chairman.

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## Smithsonian Honors For Rainbow Veteran

Lt. Col. David Binkley, who died at age 86 in Lemoyne, PA on November 27, 1985, was a highly decorated veteran of both WW I and WW II. In WW I he was a member of the 168th Infantry, 42nd Rainbow Division. He served in the Asiatic and Pacific theaters during WW II.

For his service in the two wars he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Italian War Cross, Bronze Star and on three occasions was awarded the Purple Heart.

As a Private in WW I, Binkley sought and obtained permission to go out alone in front of the line to recover his corporal, who was lying severely wounded in the open. He had to cross a 50 yard area swept by enemy machine guns. Needless to say, he rescued his corporal, although himself wounded in the process, but refused to go to the aid station and remained in action until his company had attained its objective.

Because of his heroism, Lt. Col. Binkley was selected to have his portrait painted by artist Joseph C. Chase and his portrait is now displayed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

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