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## NAVARIN FARM CEREMONY 1986



Open Air Mass — Veterans Unit Flags — Navarin Farm, 20 July, 1986.

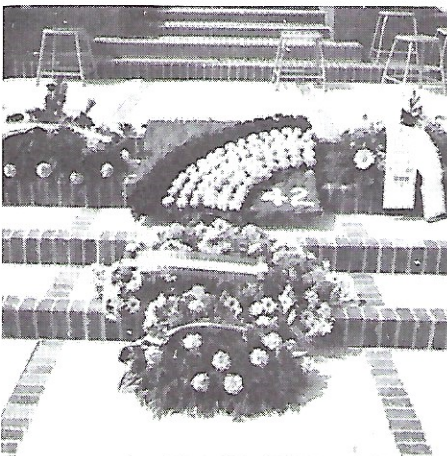


American Honor Guard arrives on Line — Navarin Farm, 20 July, 1986.

The annual Navarin Farm Ceremony was held on Sunday, July 20, 1986 with the usual pomp and pageantry.

The 42nd Division Association floral tribute was placed by Lt. Colonel David Androff, Defense Attache Office, The American Embassy. The Honor Guard, as in past years, came from the 3rd Infantry Division, Wurzburg, Germany.

The program, after Navarin Farm, included a visit by the official group to the German section of the French Military Cemetery at Souain and the 1914-18 Russian Cemetery at St. Hilaire le Grand. This group then joined the pilgrimage party at the French Military Cemetery at Jonchery where honors were rendered, prayers offered and wreaths placed. At Jonchery the assemblage was met and greeted at the communal hall by M. Jacques Machet, Senateur-Maire, with remarks, also, by M. Georges Fontes, secretaire - 'Etat aux Anciens Combattants. The community of Jonchery-sur-Suippes offered the traditional Vin d'Honneur. At the close of the gathering all present met at the Camps de Suippes for the customary meal and varied program.



42nd "Rainbow" Floral Tribute and others — Navarin Farm, 20 July, 1986.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We received a card from General John Donaldson through the American Embassy extending Season's Greetings to all Rainbowers. On the cover is a beautiful color photograph of the Normandy American Cemetery in France. General Donaldson reports regularly on the Navarin Farm Ceremony as he is assigned to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1986-87 Mid Year Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, will have been consigned to history as you read this, but, due to our publishing deadline, I must pen these words in January. This means I must content myself by relating what is expected to come before the Executive Committee and not try to anticipate the results.

All signs point to an excellent attendance as a result of the bitter cold spell and snow storms that have blanketed the middle and eastern parts of the Country. I just talked to Auxiliary President Loretta Schneider in Illinois where they are experiencing below zero temperature with 6" of snow while I am basking in a beautiful 72° sunny afternoon.

At Oklahoma City National Secretary Herb Butt was directed by the Budget Committee to investigate several options for computerizing our membership data and report at Mid Year. Also, at Oklahoma City, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was mandated to revise the Constitution and Bylaws and submit recommendations to the Executive Committee at Mid Year. Also due is a report by the Archives and Records Committee, recommending a final repository for the Association's records and artifacts.

Also expected is a report from PNP Carlyle P. Worlfer, Division Liaison Officer, on the presentation of the Division Soldier of the Year Award and Division Best Unit Award for this year.

A Reunion Liaison Officer will also have been elected at Mid Year.

You will thus observe Mid Year was a very busy place with a number of items that were disposed of, together with entertaining sessions where old buddies met to renew acquaintances and make new friends.

Hopefully, in the May issue we will be able to report to you the outcome on various issues that were acted upon at Mid Year.

Your Auxiliary President and I have been invited to visit California following Mid Year as guests of Pearl and Don Segel as plans are being made for a luncheon meeting the following weenend.

After California Loretta and I will attend the Iowa Rainbow Chapter Reunion in Waterloo, Iowa (see special notice this issue) and then on June 18, 19 and 20, 1987 the Ohio Rainbow Division Veterans Association Reunion in Columbus, Ohio.

We are blessed with an Auxiliary President who loves to travel and I only wish more of our national officers would see their way clear to visit these mini reunions with us.

I have seen the program that Reunion Chairman Rube Evanoff is putting together for the National Reunion in

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## RAINBOW DIVISION FLAG IN WASHINGTON PARADE

The Rainbow Division flag was on parade in Washington, D.C., on 13 October 1986, along with the 27 other regular army and National Guard divisions now active. The occasion was the annual convention of the Association of the US Army (AUSA) held in the Washington Sheraton Hotel.

In attendance were all of the senior army leadership, military and civilian, and the senior commanders of the army worldwide, together with their command sergeant major and soldier of the year. In addition there were many civilians from all parts of the country, who are supportive of the army in their communities. Over 5,000 people were in attendance, including senior officers from Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France and Korea. Over 800 firms manufacturing defense items had displays and representation.

The opening ceremony was performed by the United States Army Band (Per-shing's own) and the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard). Many Rainbowers will recall that the 3rd Infantry provided a large number of cadremen for the Rainbow Division Infantry in 1943.

As the narrator gave a short statement of each division's history, with the band playing in the background, each division flag (color) was carried to the stage by a soldier wearing the uniform of the division's first combat or its activation. The soldier carrying the Rainbow color wore the WW I combat uniform.

## IN MEMORIAM

Past National President Howard G. Smith died January 7th, 1987, at his home in Lutheran Towers, Orlando, Florida, after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Smith was National President during the membership year of 1926-1927 and was the Elder Statesman of the Past National Presidents. He served with the 168th Field Artillery in WW I. He is survived by his wife Ruth of the same address.

Those of you who did not have the privilege of knowing Mr. Smith personally may recall having seen him on national television in conjunction with a program depicting the military career of General Douglas MacArthur.

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Late word has been received of the death of Lilymae Weitzel Johnson, Past National Auxiliary President, at Tempe, Arizona, on October 21, 1986. Lilymae, as she was affectionately known, continued to take an active part in affairs of the Auxiliary and was present at the national reunion in Oklahoma City. She was also active in the Gold Star Mothers. Her survivors include one son and two grandchildren.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Vice President and Reveille Chairman Joseph Rosalia, Orlando, FL, is recuperating at home from his second heart bypass operation. He is planning on making it to Minneapolis.

Earl Hicks Teagarden, WW I veteran and husband of the late Edna Teagarden, PNSP, died on December 14, 1986. They belonged to MO-KAN Chapter.

Thanks to all the chapters and units that send me copies of their publications. They are all interesting and I learn more about the 42nd than I ever knew and, besides, where can I steal so much that is interesting for the Reveille?

I try to answer all letters and give whatever info available to me or refer you to someone who does know the answer to what you are seeking. It's been nice to hear from so many.

Hugo Grimm received a Christmas card from Mrs. Harry Collins, widow of General Collins, wishing all Rainbowers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hope to see and meet many more of you in Minneapolis.

## THE PROPER SALUTE

If there has been any misunderstanding heretofore as to the proper manner in which to show respect to the Flag of the United States, Editor Emeritus Martin L. Davis, M Company, 222nd, has sent us the following officially prescribed methods of saluting the Flag:

Public Law 94-344, which was passed as a Joint Resolution in 1976, states firmly:

"During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the Flag, stand at attention and salute. Those present in uniform should render the military salute.

"When not in uniform, men should remove the headdress with the right hand holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Men without hats should salute in the same manner."

Further, "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" should be rendered standing at attention facing the Flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the Flag and render the military salute."

Nothing in the law authorizes a person not in uniform to render the hand salute.



## THE SGT. MORALES STORY

As promised in the November article about S/Sgt Adolfo (Al) Morales, the following has been excerpted from the story printed in The Tidings, the Catholic Archdiocesan weekly in Los Angeles:

It was bitter cold on January 25, 1945, when Sgt. Morales suffered massive wounds. He had held off German paratroopers so his men could withdraw and then decided it was time to go. He stumbled across a river bed and 25 yards away was a young German soldier with a burp gun. The kid fired, ripped open one leg; fired another burst, ripped open the other leg. Sgt. Morales reached for his BAR and was hit in the arm. At the time he didn't realize he had also been hit in the stomach. He reached for pressure points on his leg and packed himself in snow to stop the bleeding, at the same time reciting Hail Marys — he lost track of how many.

At that point a young Lt. Carlyle Woelfer set up covering fire and four men, including Jay Kriz, went out to rescue Morales in the face of enemy fire. In their haste they dropped him a few times, but succeeded in getting him back to the company.

Sgt. Morales found himself in a field hospital with both American and German wounded. He was flown back to New York, then to Bushnell Army Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, where he was told he would never walk again. His shredded left arm had been amputated above the elbow. He said he couldn't feel sorry for himself, not with 10,000 other amputees and sightless soldiers moving through. He was transferred to Letterman Hospital in San Francisco where he underwent 21 operations and, with tremendous perseverance, true grit and determination, learned to walk again.

After his discharge he studied photography under the GI Bill at the Archer School in Los Angeles and at Art Center. He earned his living as a photographer. Subsequently he applied for photographic work at an Inglewood firm and was told, "We don't want cripples." He persisted and was hired at \$1.10 an hour, worked there 17 years and became General Manager. When the company moved to the midwest he remained in California and finally was hired as a bilingual counselor by the California State Department of Employment and eventually became a veterans' representative for the agency doing counseling in VA Hospitals "to men who never thought they could hold another job."

In 1979 Morales suffered a stroke and was again told he would never walk again. You know the answer. He did.

Fellow Rainbower Sam Platamone wrote to President Reagan last summer in an effort to have Al's Bronze Star upgraded to the Silver Star. The outcome

of that endeavor is not known.

Although his health prevented his attendance at the reunion in Oklahoma City, it would indeed be great if Sgt. Morales could accompany Rainbow buddy Sam Platamone to Minneapolis in July.

PNP Carlyle Woelfer just recently visited Los Angeles, where he enjoyed a mini reunion of sorts with Sam Platamone and Sgt. Morales, whom he had not seen for 42 years, and where he met Lawrence Landgraf of Co. L, 222d, and Jesus Palos, who it was determined was a member of the 2nd Bn, 242d Infantry. As a result of the publicity given Sgt. Morales in the Los Angeles area, these latter two men have joined RDVA, not having known of its existence heretofore.

## THANKS, RAINBOW THANKS, 242D

RDVA's lovely French Connection, Mrs. Lise M. Pommiois, has written the following letter:

"Will everyone forgive me for writing this letter so long after the reunion? When I came back home, I was faced with my father illness and death, and then time flew. Attending the reunion in Oklahoma City was a tremendous and unique experience and I had never thought it would be so moving. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. It gave me the opportunity to meet old friends from last year and to make lots of new ones. I only wish I had more time to write long newsy letters from France to everyone, but I am busy working for you: translating into English the book our Historical Society published in 1985 about the battle of Hatten, making additions to it in order to pay due credit to all involved, supervising the sculptor's work on the bench for the 242nd. I am also planning a trip to Washington, D.C. to gather more information about the battle of Hagenau (December '44-March '45) and, of course, another one to Minneapolis next July. I am looking forward to meeting you all again. Meanwhile be sure I am always available for those who want to come over to Alsace and locate their foxholes or simply do some sightseeing. May I express my deepest thanks to all those who made my visit to the States so enjoyable and unforgettable, especially to the members of the 242nd."

If you are planning a trip to France and need assistance, you may contact Lise M. Pommiois at 8 Rue des Cerisiers, 67110 Niederbronn France.

## RAINBOW DESCENDANT STILL HALTS ENEMY



Dick and Stella McCray (President and Auxiliary President of the MO-KAN Chapter) are pictured with the Kansas City Chiefs' super nose guard Bill Maas. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maas, Newtown Square, PA. Tom Maas was in the 2nd Bn, Hq Co., 242nd, WW II. His son Bill is a favorite with the Kansas City fans and a first class credit to his family.

## MINI REUNION SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

With the President's approval and authorization of the Time and Place Committee, Liaison Officer Philip F. Trout is planning a mini reunion in Salzburg, Austria in September 1988.

Arrangements have been made with Lufthansa German Airlines to pick up Rainbow Veterans and wives at four U.S. locations: West Coast, Los Angeles, CA; Southwest, Dallas, TX; Central, Chicago, IL; and east coast, New York City. All planes will depart on the same day and arrive in FRANKFURT, Germany on the same day. Final costs have not been worked out, but naturally L.A. and Texas departures will cost somewhat more than from New York.

The group will depart from Frankfurt by bus on a 14-day tour, which will include visits to Luxembourg and General Patton's grave; to St. Avold, France and the Lorraine Cemetery to visit graves of our departed Rainbow buddies. Also Wurzburg, Germany; Hatten, France; Strasbourg, France; the Black Forest, Germany; Switzerland, Austria, Innsbruck, Kitzbuhl, Zell am Zee, Salzburg, Austria for two days; Munich and the Oktoberfest; Dachau Concentration Camp and much, much more.

Start planning now. First, however, attend Bloomington, Minnesota in 1987 and Denver in 1988. If you have any funds left, join us in the Salzburg Reunion. More details will be forthcoming from time to time.



## HOLOCAUST WITNESS

The Suncoast News is published and distributed on the west coast of Florida from St. Petersburg to Spring Hill, a distance of 60 miles, with a circulation of 120,000. In a recent edition a disbeliever wrote a letter to the Editor calling the holocaust a hoax. There were a number of rebuttals to that letter, one of which was written by Michael J. Diglio of Hudson, Florida, a 242d veteran, and his letter to the Editor was published in the December 17, 1986 edition, as follows:

"I wish to add my experience to those detractors, who don't believe in the Holocaust. I am a combat veteran of the famed 42nd Infantry Division (Rainbow Division). On April 29, 1945 we liberated the infamous concentration camp Dachau located outside of Munich, Germany. We saw with our own eyes the 20,000 bodies piled one on top of the other ready to be burned in Hitler's crematories. We saw additional thousands of emaciated prisoners, who couldn't have survived much longer. These scenes turned hardened combat veterans into weeping souls. We were used to seeing corpses on the battlefield, but the scenes that unfolded before our eyes were the most horrifying that I have witnessed in all of my 70 years.

"I am not Jewish, but can attest that the Holocaust really existed. I have in my possession the history of the Rainbow Division in World War II. A chapter in that history delves into the liberation of Dachau. The scenes in that chapter will turn any God-fearing person's stomach.

"The Holocaust wasn't perpetrated solely on the Jewish peoples of Germany and the countries that Hitler's armies overran, although they were by far the greatest victims. Those who have seen and read the history of Nazi Germany will discover that Catholics, Free Masons and free thinkers of human rights were among the Nazi's first victims."

As a result of Michael's letter he heard from three Rainbowners, two of whom are RDVA members and the third veteran, a member of 142d Engineers, had never heard of the RDVA. Michael is doing his best to recruit him as a new member.

## A GREAT RECORD

Records are made to be broken, but it's doubtful this one will ever be topped. Past National President George L. Irwin, Deerfield Beach, Florida, has attended 51 national reunions in 67 years, starting with the first reunion in Bad Neuenahr, Germany in 1919, at which time the Rainbow Division Veterans Association was organized. He was present at the 8th Annual Reunion in New York City in 1926 when the late Howard G. Smith was elected and installed. Our hats are off to this wonderful gentleman.

## 1987 IOWA REUNION

The 1987 Iowa Chapter RDVA Reunion will be held in Waterloo, Iowa at the Conway Inn on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Following is the schedule of events:

April 3, 1987: Registration 4:00-6:00 PM. Early Bird Dinner 6:30 PM. Story telling time 7:30 PM.

April 4, 1987: Registration 8:00-10:00 AM. Coffee and Rolls 8:00 AM. Men's business meetings: 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Ladies' business meetings: 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Banquet at 6:00 PM.

April 5, 1987: All Rainbow breakfast 8:00 AM. Joint Memorial 10:00 AM. Checkout and so long until next year.

Room rates: Single \$19.95. Double \$22.95. Four people \$29.95.

Send reservations to: Conway Inn, 5th and Jefferson, Waterloo, Iowa 50702. Be sure to mention 42nd RDVA Reunion.

If you have any inquiries, please direct them to Russell Aries, 1701 W. Lone Tree Rd., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

## HONORARY RAINBOW MOTHER

Stella Mae Hedrick, who celebrated her 100th birthday on August 2, 1986, resides at the Ambassador Nursing Home, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her youngest daughter, Bea Miller (wife of Tulsa Chapter Member Frederick R. Miller) is a Past National Auxiliary President. Her eldest son, Paul S. Hedrick, Jr., (deceased) was a Sergeant in the 232nd Infantry. Her eldest daughter, Mary Kay Whyman, is the widow of Frank Whyman, who was an active WW I Rainbowner. In view of all these wonderful Rainbow connections, we take the liberty of bestowing upon Mrs. Hedrick the title of "Honorary Rainbow Mother" and hope that she can enjoy more wonderful birthdays.

If you know of any other person who has an interesting connection to the RDVA and its members, please let the Editor know in order that they might be given proper recognition.

## BET YOU NEVER KNEW

In December 1945 a barbershop quartet from Company H, 232d Infantry, won the barbershop contest sponsored by the 42d Division in Salzburg, Austria. The quartet was composed of S/Sgt Harold Steadman, baritone; Sgt Dale Hodge, tenor; S/Sgt Bill Howard, melodist; and S/Sgt Ted Johnson, bass. That Ted Johnson just has to be our own PNP.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

PNP Carlyle P. Woelfer received the following letter from Major General Bernard G. Ehrlich, CG, HQ 42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division, NYARNG.

"Dear Colonel Woelfer:

"I write this letter in appreciation for the visit you made to Fort Drum during our annual training tour on behalf of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, and for the presentation of the beautiful plaques presented to the Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion 174th Infantry, the best company in the 42d Infantry Division for 1985.

"I was pleased of course to see you again, and I was very gratified that the Rainbow Veterans Association honored us with such a dignified representative. I hope you enjoyed the few hours you were able to spend with us. Perhaps we have set a precedence which will carry on in the future. The Rainbow Veterans Association is always welcome to join us and needs no invitation.

"I understand Colonel Friess sent you several photos of the awards presentation. It's great that these moments can be captured for posterity. I only wish the pride and enthusiasm that was instilled into the company that received the award could be captured and exhibited for all eternity.

"Please express my sincerest appreciation to the entire Rainbow Veterans membership for the care and understanding they have shown this year through your awards program. It means a great deal to us all knowing our brothers in Rainbow care."

## AIRPORT LIMO SERVICE

The Minneapolis & Suburban Airport Limousine Service provides transportation to the Radisson Hotel South. Rainbow signs will be posted to aid those of you arriving by air. The limousine service "starters" are located across from the baggage carousels Nos. 9 and 10. Vans leave every 15 minutes from 4:30 AM through 11:30 PM. One way fare is \$5.50. Round trip is \$9.50 per person.

## ANOTHER MIRACLE

As a result of the story "Miracle on 42d's Street" Wilson LaVay, who was a Sergeant in Company H, 242d, writes he was one of the men holed up in that basement along with Joe Nielsen so he has been furnished Joe's address and by now they have hopefully renewed acquaintances.



## LONG DAYS — LONG NIGHTS

When Rainbow soldiers were in their foxholes and outposts in Germany in January 1945 the majority of them thought there could be no worse place to be, but Dewey Harris, Jr., and his buddies were soon to learn there were worse places and many of you will agree as this story unfolds.

On the 19th of January '45 Dewey and his comrades were on line in defense positions at Hatten, a small town in Alsace north of Strasbourg. The daytime temperature averaged 20° above zero, but nighttime temperatures were a completely different thing with the thermometer registering as low as -10°. In addition to the numbing cold, there was 6" to 8" of snow, which made movement rather treacherous and slow.

On the 20th of January the 242nd Regiment was to withdraw to the city of Haguenau. To make this move possible, Dewey Harris and several other men were dispatched to outposts to make the Germans think the entire regiment was still in position until the main body of troops had completed its withdrawal.

About five o'clock on the morning of the 20th Lt. Whisenhunt called on the field phone with instructions to unhook the phone and come on in as they were the last to leave the C.P. All the bed rolls, blankets and other gear of those sent to the outposts were on jeeps which had already departed the area.

Dewey and four other men crawled out of the outpost to find an additional 6" of new snow had fallen during the night. This and the early morning darkness made it impossible to follow their tracks from the previous day back to the C.P., so they proceeded to pull the phone wire out of the snow and followed it back to the C.P., which was totally deserted, except for a small terrier digging through some discarded K rations.

When this small contingent left, in an effort to rejoin the main body of troops, the pup decided to accompany them, which was perfectly all right with the five young soldiers as they had all had a dog of one description or another when they were kids and it made them feel a little better.

Following the route taken by the regiment was not too difficult as the snow was packed and there was equipment scattered along the road that some men had discarded as being too cumbersome.

After walking about ten to twelve miles they came upon a concrete pillbox, a remnant of the Maginot line, and decided to spend the night there instead of outside.

The only problem was the dog. He either wanted in or out every half hour and each time he would bark until someone would either let him out or back in. The last thing they wanted was to draw attention to their location so finally had to kill the dog to keep him quiet.

The next morning they breakfasted on some K rations and again began following the trail left by the regiment. Everything was fine for perhaps five miles when the group came to a point where the regiment had wrapped primer cord and plastic explosives around trees on either side of the road, felling them across the road to prevent tanks from using the road.

Crawling over and under the trees with their entanglement of limbs proved to be extremely tedious as this "tank barricade of trees" extended for possibly two miles. At times the men tried walking in the woods, but found it had not frozen under the snow and was very swampy going with mud and water over their knees.

After several hours they finally succeeded in getting through the tank-trap and came to a small river where they had also blown the bridge, so they had to wade across with water up to their waists.

Just across the river they came to a main road with a house on the corner. A farmer in a German uniform was cutting firewood. When the men approached him he put his hands in the air and started talking in German. That is when they were thankful Victor Heinrich had been sent to the outpost, too, as he spoke German very fluently, having been raised in Chullenberg, Texas. The farmer said he wore the German uniform when the Bosch were coming and a French uniform when the French or Americans were around.

He offered to take them into his house to dry their clothing and his wife and daughter brought cookies and apples while the clothes were drying. During that time Victor was talking to the farmer and was told which way the regiment had gone. Also, that they had better hurry as the Germans were coming soon.

The Rainbow men thanked them for their hospitality; gave them some chocolate and cigarettes and left. It was a very bright day with a little sun shining on the snow. As they walked along the main road the snow was packed to a thickness of about three inches and were in single file with Dewey Harris bringing up the rear, when suddenly they heard a rifle shot. As the men turned around they saw a tiger tank with six men riding on top about 200 yards behind them. They were coming along so quietly on the snow that the group

## NATIONAL REUNION MINNEAPOLIS JULY 8 - 9 - 10 - 11, 1987

The time is getting closer and, although it may be redundant, the National Reunion (the 68th Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association) will be held at the Radisson Hotel South, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis (Bloomington) Minnesota on July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1987. Although reservation envelopes carry the dates July 8-12, the 12th is a day of departure. The area code is 55435.

Complete programs of both the RDVA and Auxiliary were promised for the March issue, but unfortunately will not be available until the May publication. Rest assured, however, that Reunion Chairman PNP Rube Evanoff and his staff are going all out to make this a most memorable reunion; one you can brag about for years.

You may secure reservation forms from V. J. "Rube" Evanoff, Reunion Chairman, 5101 West 109th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437 or phone him at 6-612-888-2256. He would also appreciate receiving advance registrations at \$35 per person so much of the paperwork will be out of the way before opening day.

We haven't seen the 1987 baseball schedules as yet, but perhaps the Minnesota Twins will be at home and you baseball fans can take in a game in their new domed stadium.

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never heard them approaching.

One of the German soldiers had fired at Dewey's back, but missed. Upon turning back around, he saw John Starks and Victor Heinrich jumping the ditch by the side of the road and running into the woods. Needless to say, Dewey and the other followed them into the woods, but couldn't catch up with them and thought at the time they were probably more frightened than they were. They had already crossed a side road that ran at right angles to the main road. When the last three reached the side road the tank was coming down that road with six men on top, so they cut back into the woods only to find twenty Germans following their tracks in the snow. They had been riding bicycles behind the tank. They had heard the Germans weren't taking prisoners so the men decided that was the end of the line.

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## TOTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 1-30-87

CHAPTER	LIFE	MEMBERS	TOTAL 1986	TOTAL 1987	MEMBERS	LIFE
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Montgomery		5	5	6	6	
Phoenix		13	13	13	13	
Los Angeles		35	35	42	38	4
Ft. Carson (CO)		28	28	0	0	
Washington, DC		21	21	24	24	
Clearwater		30	30	25	25	
Miami		12	12	0	0	
Orlando	3	10	13	16	13	3
Atlanta	1	10	11	11	10	1
Chicago		47	47	45	44	1
Indianapolis		8	8	8	8	
South Bend		21	21	19	18	1
Bloomington		2	2	1	1	
Iowa State	1	80	81	67	65	2
Chanute (Kansas)		11	11	10	10	
Dodge City-Pratt		3	3	4	4	
Northeast (Maine)		17	17	14	14	
Baltimore		14	14	17	17	
Detroit	7	73	80	81	80	1
Minnesota		69	69	50	50	
MO-KAN	1	24	25	25	24	1
St. Louis		19	19	20	20	
Lincoln (NE)		7	7	6	6	
RED BANK (NJ)			0	0		
NEW YORK		40	40	0		
OHIO STATE & 132D	1	136	137	128	127	1
MUSKOGEE		13	13	3	3	
Oklahoma City	1	4	5	11	7	4
Tulsa		28	28	23	23	
EASTON (PA)		11	11	8	8	
LANCASTER		10	10	10	10	
Philadelphia		17	17	17	17	
Reading		27	27	26	26	
Charleston (SC)		7	7	9	9	
Memphis		9	9	7	7	
Dallas		95	95	72	72	
Richmond (VA)		5	5	5	5	
Roanoke		8	8	6	6	
Appleton (WI)			0	0		
UNIT CHAPTERS						
222nd Infantry	20	460	480	462	440	22
"M" Company		33	33	30	30	
Hq Co 232nd Inf		16	16	2	2	
1st BN 232nd	2	145	147	106	103	3
2nd BN 232nd	1	62	63	79	78	1
3rd BN 232nd		44	44	58	58	
242nd Infantry		211	211	221	221	
Artillery		162	162	131	131	
122nd Med BN		48	48	54	50	4
Med Det Spec Trps		11	11	11	11	
142nd Combat Engr		6	6	1	1	
MP Platoon	6	26	32	38	32	6
42nd Recon		10	10	10	9	1
Division Band		22	22	17	17	
National At Large		29	29	26	26	
Life - (Not Claimed)	50		50	57		57
TOTALS	94	2302	2396	2186	2073	113

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Minneapolis and it is great. Now is the time for you to prove your interest by writing the hotel for your reservations and sending your advance registration check to Rube.

All the hard work our Public Relations Chairman Carlyle P. Woelfer and Membership Chairman Dolian Harris have put forth is paying off, judging by all the info received from V.P. Pete Compton of the West Region, Tom Owen of the Central Region and others. I even received a copy of an RDVA news release from the local paper in Chanute, Kansas, sent to me by Iris Quinn, widow of John Quinn, who was President of the Arizona chapter. If a news release appears in your paper we would appreciate receiving a copy or at least a note, in order that we can determine how effective we are in reaching the public.

Being National President has its trials and tribulations, such as not having the addresses or telephone numbers of newly elected officers, committee members, etc., after the reunion is over and you head home, wondering if you can survive another year. I will admit it has its compensations and they far outweigh the trials. I have really enjoyed my travels and visits with the chapters and mini reunions all over the country and have not missed one invitation so far. We have had the opportunity to make new friends with many Rainbowers and their wives, who have never been able to attend a national reunion for one reason or another. An additional treat I have enjoyed and appreciated is that so many chapters, units and secretaries have included me on their mailing list to receive their literary efforts, local news and publications. I've read and saved them all and sincerely hope my name will remain on those mailing lists long after my term of office is over. Thanks, fellows, for giving me countless hours of enjoyable reading and keeping me up to date on your activities.

Thanks, also, to all of our hard working officers and committeemen and I tip my Presidential Hat to each of you for helping me: MAKE RAINBOW LIVE!!!

## GOT A DICTIONARY?

Among other things, "military intelligence" has been described as an oxymoron. In view of recent events at the national level, the same description might be applied to the "Senate Intelligence Committee."

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