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Auxiliary President



President Pearl Emlet & Red Cap Glen

I am honored to be President of the Rainbow Auxiliary for the coming year, and look forward to attending as many events as possible. My Red Cap and I will try to accept all invitations sent to us.

The following are my officers for '89-90.

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CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Let us Pray,

Lord God, our loving and merciful Father, as summer draws to a close, we look back with gratitude on the good times we have enjoyed, the friendships we have renewed, the pleasant sights we have seen, the beautiful sounds we have heard. For the record breaking numbers of us who came to St. Louis for our 70th annual Rainbow Reunion, our days together were a special blessing. As we count the favors you have showered on us, we thank you, Lord, for our Rainbow comrades and the memories that each reunion adds.

Now we are beginning a new Rainbow year, and we are deeply grateful that our lives have been enriched by our years of service and by the rewarding friendship of so many men and women of Rainbow. Bless us all during this year and keep us true to You, to our country, to our families, and to each other. Amen.

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

New WWII



Rainbow History Book

A Condensed copy of the WWII Blue History Book was made available at the July Reunion in St. Louis, Mo. Added to the original printing are the famous "TRAIL OF THE RAINBOW" inside the front cover, and a complete update of all Rainbow Memorials and Monuments around the world inside the back cover.

ALL WRITTEN MATERIAL FROM THE ORIGINAL BOOK, PLUS SELECTED NUMBER OF PHOTOS MAKE UP THE

INTERESTING BOOK.

A total of 200 books were sold at the St. Louis Reunion. The cost of these books is \$5.00 PLUS \$1.00 for postage. Checks are to be made to R.D.V.A. and mailed to Hugo E. Grimm, P.O. BOX 200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357.

THESE RAINBOW BOOKS WOULD MAKE A GREAT GIFT FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. SEND FOR YOURS TODAY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

World War 1 Veterans Honored

The French Government has honored WW I veterans with French Commemorative Medals and Citations for service in France during World War I — "The Great War to end all wars."

Not pictured is George Irwin who also received the award.



Anthony Remza, PNP Phil Trout



Charles Johnson, Harry Hunter



Irwin Schaeffer, PNP Phil Trout



Citation
and
Medal



French War Veteran Silvano Mazloum, San Francisco French Consulate Attache Jon Cabanis and World War II 42nd Rainbow Division Veteran Jack Summers, Joseph Jensen and Kurt Frederick.



L-R: Pres. Jack Keyser, Harm Aries, Harve Stayton, Urban Dayton. Seated Glen Tracy.

Mid Year Reunion

The mid-year will be held Feb. 7-10, 1990 at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. Room rates \$43.00 daily.

More information will be in the Nov. issue of the Reveille.

Reunion registrations of \$40.00 per person should be sent to:

Mrs. Jane K. Harris
413 South Morgan St.
Roxboro, N. Carolina 27573

PITTSBURGH 1990 Reunion

Make plans now to attend the National Rainbow Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 11, 12, 13 & 14 at the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers, Gateway Center. Room rates will be \$59.00 daily.

Reunion Pre-registrations of \$40.00 per person should be sent to 1990 Rainbow Division Reunion:

Jon M. Janosik
3389 Kingston Lane
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216-799-1004

More information will be in future Reveilles.



L-R: PNP Carlyle Woelfer, Jake Oxholm, John Gardiner, Horace Rose, Pres. Jack Keyser.

WW1 Veterans

The following WW I Veterans, Wives and Widows attended the St. Louis Reunion.

Harry Hunter, Ohio
John & Irene Gardiner, Florida
George Irwin, Florida
Dutch Briggs, Iowa
Harm & Muriel Aries, Iowa
Urban Dayton, Iowa
Harve Stayton, Iowa
Horace & Dehelia Rose, Texas
Effie King, Ohio
Louise Owens, Tennessee
Laura Craig, Florida
Evelyn Seelig, Ohio
Florence Johnson, Florida

John D. Carr Award Winner

To help promote the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans, not only in Life Membership, but also in greater attendance at National Reunions, P.N.P. John D. Carr awards a life membership at each National Reunion. This year's winner was James C. Schaefer from North Royalton, Ohio.



Rainbow Division Veterans Past National Presidents attending 1989 Reunion were: FRONT L-R: Bill Barton, Carlyle Woelfer, Al Brewer, Charles Sayers, Buck Jones. BACK L-R: Hugo Grimm, Phil Trout, John Carr, Charles Marshall, Ivan Wallace, Fred Goldsmith, Dee Eberhart. Not pictured Herb Kleindinst and Ted Johnson.



Rainbow Division Auxiliary Past National Presidents in attendance at St. Louis Reunion were: FRONT L-R: Francis Marshall, Jean Kemmerer, Nan Kleindinst, Mary Brewer, Edith Sayers. BACK L-R: Pearl Segal, Annabelle Cook, Oriana Grimm, Winnie Baldock, Blanche Trout.

Poet Laureate Kurt Frederick Passes Over The Rainbow

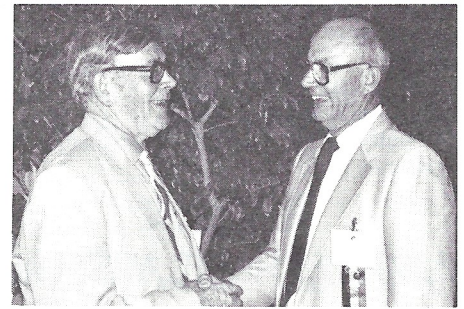
Kurt Frederick's daughter, Claire Stanger, writes that her father's rusted out, storm tossed and weary ship was finally grounded July 15, 1989. Kurt suffered a massive stroke and retired from life without pain or suffering. He died while socializing with friends, which is how we will remember Kurt — a warm, friendly man, a poet and a Rainbow Veteran in the finest tradition who will long be remembered by his Rainbow Comrades.

The last Rainbow event that Kurt attended was an April, 1989 Luncheon honoring him and other World War I Veterans. He was presented the French WW I Medal by attending French Combat Veterans, the San Francisco French Consulate and the RDVA California Chapter. Before moving to California, Kurt was an active member of the Michigan Chapter and for many years was the editor of the "OP" newsletter.

Somehow, it seems an appropriate coincidence that Kurt should pass over the Rainbow on the last day of our annual Rainbow Reunion.

Kurt is pictured receiving his French award on Page 3.

New Reveille Editor



Ken Carpenter, newly appointed Reveille Editor is congratulated by PNP Hugo Grimm, and Reveille Publishing Editor, before the St. Louis Reunion Banquet.

Ken has been a member of the RDVA since 1948 and was the first WW II man to become President of the Maryland Chapter in 1957 and attended several National Reunions before becoming involved with family and Army Reserves. He became active again in 1985.

He was a member of the original cadre at Camp Gruber and served with Co. H 232nd Infantry.

Thanks To All



The St. Louis Chapter thanks everyone who attended the National Reunion. It was our pleasure to host this year's event, and we have received many letters indicating that we were successful, with the help of the Marriott Airport Staff. Shown above

Foundation Officers and Trustees

The Officers of the Foundation are:
Basil Manly IV, Chairman of the Board
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2 Years

Winnie Baldock
Dee R. Eberhart
Vasil J. Evanoff

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Lost but Found

- 7 - WW II army pictures
- 1 - ceramic 42nd RDV trivet
- 3 - rebel military pins
- 1 blk. camera lens cover
- 1 blk. camera part

Contact Hugo Grimm if they belong to you. See page 2 for address.

REUNION

SIGN IN SHEETS MISSING

Several red ink sign-in sheets were removed from the boards and must be returned. These sheets become part of reunion records. Please mail them to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357.

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Theodore A. Johnson
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Gladys Matson
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John D. Carr will be Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, consisting of John M. Keyser, George A. Jackson, Jr., Winnie Baldock and Dee Eberhart.

A later announcement will be made relative to a Foundation meeting to be held at the time of the National Association Mid-Year meeting.

PRESIDENT ELECT

The President Elect for the 1989-90 Rainbow year is Life member Donald Segal, who also serves as National Historian. He served in Co. B 242nd Inf. Don and wife PNAP Pearl make their home in Pacific Palisades, Ca.

FLASH — 222nd - FLASH

The Regiment, at their business meeting in St. Louis voted to stop mailing the Badge to those members who have not paid their dues by Oct. 1, 1989.

A WALK WITH MY FATHER (WW II Through a Daughter's Eyes)

(Continued from June issue)

by Jeanette LaVoy

Largely unprotected, we yelled to the Lieutenant that we should get out of there. "Not without orders," he cautioned, and ran to where our Captain, Kordik, a colonel and the chaplain were crouched low in a German-dug trench. Standing upright, the lieutenant raised his right arm to signal ascent and took a hit in his hand. While staring at it in disbelief, he was shot in the head. The colonel and others were captured just 25 feet from where we knelt. My bazooka men got it that day.

[Shortly afterwards, en route to Hatten, Lise took us to see a most unusual sight. An addition to an old house which looked like a lean-to, was in fact, an old bread oven. Lise said the townmen had built them outside of their houses to prevent fires, and are found only in that village. We saw the last remaining oven; the others having long since been destroyed].

MODER

W Germans were in the houses. We were hand-to-hand, house to house fighting with the Germans and they were all drunk. And the nearby dorf of SOULTZ, a lovely, timbered town was the first one to be hit by Jets.

HATTEN/RITTERSHOFFEN

"We were in one town where we were supposed to relieve the 79th Division. Confusion ensued . . . the line was left open, and while men from both the 79th and 42nd slept quietly in the farmhouses, the Germans hit the town. The 79th was ordered to stay and fight, while the 42nd was ordered out of town, however, since many of the 42nd were in the houses which were now under attack, not everybody could get out. I seem to remember them going up and down the road with flame throwers too."

"One outfit was on the right hand side of the town and it was at night — we burned down a house. Machine Gun Company was 2 or 3 Tanks. We must have had some Infantry with us, but I never saw any of it. The Germans sent a Burp Gun over the fence top and shot at us and we ran into a house.

Somebody started shooting at us out of a house with a machine gun, then a Tank opened up and burned that house down."

[Lise then chauffeured us to see the Monument that she helped to get built in honor of the American Soldiers who had fought there.]

Carved by Staub, the Monument is flanked on the left hand side by a stone bench of the same reddish material. What is needed is its match on the other side to balance the site.

The words on the bench read: IN

MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES AND CIVILIAN DEAD. 242nd INFANTRY, 42nd RAINBOW DIVISION.

The Memorial Monument itself reads EN MEMOIRE DE LA BATAILLE DE HATTEN, RITTERSHOFFEN. JANVIER, 1945. (In Memory of the Battle of Hatten.)

[Afterwards, Lise took us to the Walters residence. Mr. Walters was away and we were instructed to return in an hour, which afforded us time to visit a tiny village festooned with flowers of every hue. The village of "Seebach" awards a prize to the best floral display decorating a home or yard. It was a lovely sight. Wilson's wife Dorothea was totally enchanted and got ideas about her own garden.

With time to spare, we drove out to a long abandoned Pill Box which sported a Tank on top of it. Lise commented that part of the Maginot Line has been sold to the public. When it was built, there was an agreement in the Treaty of Versailles between France and Germany that the French should not be able to shoot directly into Germany. The Germans often parachuted over the Pill Boxes taking them from behind, or they surrounded it, capturing it. The Germans were well apprised of their locations. Some Pill Boxes on the Line were started in 1929 and were never actually completed. Some ran soldiers beneath the ground on trains. There were several Maginot Forts that did not surrender until very long afterwards.]

THE VISIT TO A FRENCH FARM HOUSE IN RITTERSHOFFEN

The grand finale was finding a particular, familiar house from which my father fought the Germans belonging to the Walters family. They graciously invited us in and uncorked some delightful homemade Raspberry Wine. In a cross fire of German, French and English, memories were exchanged, and current information regarding the family given. Their little son Remi exhibited the largest and the smallest of their numerous rabbits, and later dazzled us by his feats of daring on his mother's two wheeler (his own having recently been demolished.)

D Does this look familiar?

"Oh yeah. See . . . the barn right there was part of the house." A Lieutenant (who had the G.I.'s) had us stop, and in the hallway was where I put some bullets through some clothes hanging on the wall thinking it to be Germans.

(The sound of barking dogs permeates the air as it did on that night.)

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER



A ceremony was held on April 15, 1989 at the Chelsea Methodist Retirement Home, Chelsea, MI. This was to honor "Annie Morley" who has faithfully raised and lowered the flag every day for ten (10) years at this retirement home.

A plaque was presented to "Annie" by the Michigan Chapter, 42nd RDVA for her faith and loyalty to her country and flag by our President Leroy Inman, (left) and PSP Lavell Smith (right).

This gesture was brought to the attention of the Michigan Chapter by WWI member PSP Lavell Smith who resides with his wife Gertrude at the Chelsea Methodist Retirement Home.

An appropriate short program also was performed in the chapel. The guests and several Rainbow members and Auxiliary sang songs and an explanation of the significance of the flag was recited by one of the retirees of the home. Cooperation from the staff of the retirement home was exemplary.

After the program was concluded, all participants gathered in the newly remodeled dining room for cake, coffee and good old fashioned camaraderie and hospitality as expected from the Rainbow members.

East Coast Reunion

The East Coast Reunion was held May 19 and 20th at Reading, Pa. Phil and Tiny Trout hosted this affair. The purpose was to unite the Eastern Block after the loss of the great WW I Chapters.

The Hampton and Sheridan Inns were used for rooms and entertainment. New Jersey and Pennsylvania Rainbrowsers provided most of the crowd. Six attended from the Washington D.C. area, four from New York State, and two from new England. Sixty-five attended in all. Two speakers provided entertainment.

Edward Melefsky, teacher and dean of students at Alvernia College, Reading, Pa., Col. Forrest Rettgers, Ret., Reading, Pa., and Romeo Fagiolo from College Park, Md., graciously volunteered to hold next year's reunion in the Washington, D.C. area.

Bob Munson and his wife were the leaders from the N.J. Chapter. Past ladies Auxiliary Presidents attending were Dorothy Schaefer, Pa., Annabelle Cook, N.J. and Pearl Emmlett, Pa., First Vice President.

Find the Missing Rainbrowsers - Publicize the RDVA

We need to locate more Rainbow Veterans. At the 1989 Reunion it was agreed by many members present that it may be easier for a member to get cooperation from his local newspaper to publicize the ongoing search for Rainbow Division veterans. It is suggested that where practical, each member request that his local area newspaper(s) publish (as public service announcement for a non-profit veterans group) an item such as shown below. You may cut it out and paste it on a sheet of paper with a request addressed to the managing editor (or someone that you know) requesting that the item be published. If you wish, use your name instead of that of Herb Butt, with your address. Let's try it.

C.P. Woelfer, Public Relations Officer,
RDVA

Attention 42d Infantry (Rainbow)

Division Veterans

The Rainbow Division Veterans Association of WWI and WW II is continuing to search for former members of the division, (who do not now belong to the Association) who served in the division at any time during WW I or during the period 13 July 1943 to 13 July 1946. If you or a relative had such service, the Rainbow Division Veterans are anxious to have you join them. This is an opportunity to renew acquaintances with those who shared many experiences with you. There are many local area chapters started by WW I Rainbrowsers and most WW II units of the Division have chapters that meet during annual reunions. All would like to meet you. The 71st Annual Reunion is scheduled for July 1990 in Pittsburgh, PA. For membership and related information, contact Herbert A. Butt, RDVA Secretary, 16196 George Franklyn Drive, Independence, MO 64055. Come, join us.

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Rainbow Memorial Amphitheater Scene of Wedding

Reginia Lopez and John Hubbs were married June 10, 1989 in the Amphitheater. The couple met there one evening and then frequently enjoyed excursions to the site and have shared memorable moments there.

The Amphitheater is dedicated as a memorial to the 42nd Rainbow Division men who gave their lives in WW II. The monument was given to Muskogee, OK several years ago.

Last Call

Western Get-Together

The Fifth Western Get-Together has been arranged and all Rainbrowsers are encouraged to participate in this fun — no meetings — reunion to be held at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 West Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89102 from Sunday, October 15 to check-out on Wednesday, October 18, 1989. Hotel reservations (\$36 Single/Double, \$43 Triple) may be made by calling 1-800-634-3101 with your credit card number ready, or by mailing your check for first night rate to the above address. Please identify yourself as a RDVA October Reunion attendee in both instances. Registration is being handled by Don Carner, 27150 Dahlia Court, Sun City, CA 92381 (714) 672-3029 and the \$25 per person fee includes the Hospitality Suite, drinks and snacks, buffet banquet, fun, and all the socializing you can handle. Both reservations to hotel and registration to Don must be received no later than September 15, 1989! Transportation from airport is via Bell Transport — \$2.75 per person. Mostly-informal fun, gambling, socializing and a planned free show featuring Las Vegas entertainers plus our fabulous banquet with entertainment and raffle offer you a great time with your Rainbow buddies. Come join us! Questions can be answered by Don at the above number or Ray Deming (714) 866-4205.

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