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CHARLOTTE: QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

The National Reunion at Charlotte, N. C. July 7-11, 1999, was featured by the fact that it was attended by 550 Rainbowers, the smallest in many years. Conversely, it was a resounding success in every other way. We were treated to fine accommodations, good food, great entertainment, very nice hospitality room facilities and interesting and pleasurable tours. Business meetings were fast paced and not long drawn out affairs. Chairman Charles Paine, and buddy Tom O'Neill are to be congratulated for a great reunion. They were greatly helped by a most competent committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, Don and Lois Samolinski, John and Rosemary McGovern, Don and Joanne Dart, Don and Pearl Segel, Dorothy Nagy, Christine Ledford and Jack Baker.

The early bird party was a great success with live music. The luncheon was featured by an inspirational talk given by noted author and historian Keith E. Bonn. Keith brilliantly edited the Nordwind Epic, "The Final Crisis". Keith also asked Lise Pommois, author of "Winter Storm" to stand. She was given an overwhelming round of applause. The memorial service, conducted by Revs. Norman Forde and Robert Weiss, was a moving event. Ted

Johnson, who gets better each time, gave his usual moving and inspirational rendition of the Champagne hour.

The showpiece of the reunion, the banquet, was an unqualified success under the direction of Emcee Otto Schultz. General Kinley, commander of the 42nd Rainbow Division Mechanized of the National Guard, delivered a masterful and moving speech. He also presented the Distinguished Unit Citation, on behalf of the Department of the Army, to members of Anti-Tank Co., 242nd Infantry. Sol Feingold accepted for all his comrades.

VIPs at the head table were as follows: President Dick and Rosanne Tisch, President-Elect, Harold and Edna Melinek; Auxiliary President, Delores Kallaher and Red Cap, Clarence Griffith; Auxiliary President Elect, Barbara and Redcap Dee Eberhart; Otto and Kay Schultz, PNP Bill and Mary Kenny (Foundation Chairman), Norman and Shirley Forde, Rainbow Girl Peggy Fleming, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paine.

So came to an end another gathering of the Brotherhood as we looked forward to perhaps another year, God Bless and keep you until we meet again!

President's Message



Dear Rainbow Family and Friends,

It was a great honor and privilege to be installed as your President last month in Charlotte. I thank all Rainbowers for having the confidence in me, and I will do everything in my power to uphold the tradition and dignity of this office.

My goal will not be much different than those of the Presidents before me, as we are all trying in to increase the membership, but it seems to be a downhill struggle. As I mentioned in my acceptance speech we have only two avenues to pursue in this matter. The first thru our children and grand children, and the second is to obtain more membership thru the 42nd Infantry Division (M). I don't know of any other ways that we can perpetuate the ideas and ideals of the RDVA to carry us past the present and into the future. We all must work harder to obtain these goals. At this stage of our lives we are losing more members than we are gaining.

We are a great organization and I will do everything within my power to see that we remain that way not only till the year 2010, but for many years beyond.

We must try to get more members to attend the Mid-Year and National reunions as this might be the only way to keep in touch with each other.

I would personally like to thank Gil Koehler for his many years of dedication as Sergeant-At-Arms, as he now turns over his duties to George Van Allen of the 142nd Engineer (combat) Bn. and welcome Charlie O'Hagan K Co 232 Inf. as the V.P. South Region, and it goes without saying, the very best of everything to Pete Pettus the President Elect.

I have just received and accepted the resignation of Norman A. Thompson as Liaison Officer, and in his place have appointed Herman J Bergeth effective immediately.

Hope to see you all in San Diego and Cincinnati.

Yours In Rainbow,
Harold G. Melinek

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1964-1965	Theodore A. Johnson
1971-1972	Charles F. Marshall
1972-1973	Herbert E. Klinedinst
1977-1978	Ivan H. Wallace, Jr.
1978-1979	Hugo E. Grimm
1982-1983	Vassil J. "Rude" Evanoff
1984-1985	John D. Carr
1985-1986	Carlyle P. Woelfer
1986-1987	Frederick W. Goldsmith
1987-1988	Dee. R. Eberhart
1988-1989	John M. Keyser
1989-1990	Dolian Harris
1990-1991	Donald L. Segel
1991-1992	Rev. Robert F. Weiss, SJ
1992-1993	Jack R. Hildreth
1993-1994	Romeo J. Fagiolo
1994-1995	John J. McGovern
1995-1996	Vern Smith
1996-1997	John L. Whisler
1997-1998	William Kenny
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1979-1980	Edith Sayers
1980-1981	Oriana Grimm
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1982-1983	Winnie Baldock
1983-1984	Blanche Trout
1984-1985	Bee Miller Burge
1986-1987	Loretta Schneider
1987-1988	Pearl Segel
1988-1989	Catherine Woods
1989-1990	Pear Emlett
1990-1991	Joanne Dart
1991-1992	Myrtle Wallace
1992-1993	Peggy Fleming
1993-1994	Beverly Koehler
1994-1995	Virginia Duhacsek
1995-1996	Betty Owen
1996-1997	Mildren Fagiolo
1997-1998	Mae Coyle
1998-1999	Delores Kallaher

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Chaplain's Prayer

As we enter the last months of this year, this Twentieth Century, we look back in gratitude to You, O Lord, for the many blessings we have enjoyed as a nation. We have been challenged, in two great World Wars, to protect our own freedom, and to help other people throw off the shackles of evil dictatorships. Each time the Rainbow Division played decisive roles in pushing on to victory. Not by our own might was this done - only Divine guidance and protection enabled us to accomplish our goal. Now as a new century approaches, we humbly pray for your continued blessing on this nation and on the world. For our part we pledge our continued labors for peace and our unflinching loyalty to God and Country. In your Holy Name we pray, O Lord.

Amen.

Norman P. Forde
CH (COL) USA ret
RDVA Chaplain

Prayer of a Soldier in France

Joyce Kilmer
165th Infantry

My shoulders ache beneath my pack (Lie easier, Cross, upon His back)

I march with feet that burn and smart (Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart)

Men shout at me who may not speak (They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek)

I may not lift a hand to clear My eyes of salty drops that sear.

(Then shall my fickle soul forget Thy Agony of Bloody Sweat)

My rifle hand is stiff and numb (From Thy pierced palm red rivers come)

Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me Than shall the hosts of land and sea.

So, let me render back again This millionth of Thy gift. Amen.

PNAPS AT CHARLOTTE

L to R Back Row: Peggy Fleming; Virginia Duhaeck; Driana Grimm; Deloris Kallaher; Catherine Woods; Loretta Schneider; **L to R Front Row:** Jeanne Dart; Betty Owens; Pearl Segel; Winnie Baldock; Jeane Kemmerer; Myrtle Wallace and Beverly Koehler. **Not Present:** Nan Klinkdinst; Mildred Fagiolo; Mae Coyle; Blanche Trout; Frances Marshall; Mary Brewer; Edith Sayers; and Bea Miller Borge.

PNPS AT CHARLOTTE

L to R Back Row: Jack Keyser; Jack Hildreth; Bill Kenry; Fred Goldsmith; Dolian Harris; Don Segel; Hugo Grimm; Ivan Wallace; **L to R Front Row:** John Carr; Dee Eberhart; Rube Evanoff; John McGovern; Ted Johnson; Fr. Bob Weiss; John Whisler; Carlyle Woelfer **Not Present:** Romeo Fagiolo; Charles Marshall; Herb Klinedinst



Cincinnati 2000!

July 12, 13, 14, & 15, 2000

The plans are complete, negotiations are done and the result is a wonderful reunion in store for you. The hotel is exceptional! Over \$15,000,000 has been spent in 1996 & 1997 on renovations in this hotel and it shows. You will be pleased!

Our 2000 national reunion of the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association will be held at the Cincinnati Regal Hotel, 150 West 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. The dates are Wed. - Sat. July 12-15, 2000. The registration fee will be \$40.00 per person and trust me, you will get full value of your money. Parking will be at no charge. The shuttle service from the airport is \$12.00. The hotel has 887 rooms and the room rate will be \$80.00. Please mention the 42nd Rainbow Division Reunion when making reservations. This rate can be used two days prior and two days following the reunion dates.

Please make your reservations and send registration fees early. If you require a special room, such as, a handicap room, early registration is mandatory.

Information on tours will be in future Reveille issues. Descriptive forms can be sent on request after that.

If you were at the Charlotte, NC reunion, you received forms that included hotel reservation and registration forms for the reunion. Always make a copy for yourself when you send it in. The reunion forms were in an envelope addressed to Norm Thompson. This has been changed. Instead, please send registration form & \$40.00 per person to:

Louis J. Hendricks
6609 Mariemont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45227-4234

More information in the next Rainbow Reveille.

Rainbow Division Veterans Mid-Year Reunion

February 3, 4, 5, 2000
San Diego, California

As the song goes, "California here we come", the Mid-Year reunion will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, San Diego, California, February 3-6, 2000, phone 1-800-676-6567. The room rates for single, double, triple or quad accommodations are \$85.00 per night, suites \$175.00 per night. The rates are guaranteed three days prior to and following the Mid-Year. All rooms are subject to state and local taxes. When making reservations be sure to mention the 42nd Rainbow Division Reunion. The cut off date is January 3, 2000.

A cloud 9 shuttle service is available from the airport for about \$7.00 per person each way. Phone 1-800-9-Shuttle.

Registration is \$40.00 per person, and checks should be made payable to

Rainbow Division Veterans Assoc.
Attn.: Donald L. Segel, PNP,
650 Jacson Way,
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-2897.

All tours for the famous San Diego Zoo, and Sea World, plus many other attractions can be made directly at the hotel desk.

Since this is the first event of a new century, let's all pitch in and make this Reunion one that will go down in Rainbow History.

Continental Airlines will be the official carrier for both the National Reunion and the Mid-Year. A 12% reduction in airfare from the lowest coach price is given to us by the airline. When booking your reservations please use the following: J-3 HRBL; code ZKGN. Tickets must be purchased 60 days in advance, and you will receive a 7% discount plus a 5% discount. You can also check with your travel agent about senior savings coupon good on two trips a year. Please register promptly, full refund if unable to attend.

To All Rainbowers

The New Jersey chapter RDVA will be holding its semi-annual reunion at the Valley Forge Marriott Suites, Wayne PA, on October 9, 10, 11, 1999. This will be a very important event in the history of the New Jersey Chapter and the RDVA. On this date we will be unveiling a monument in the memory of the 6 42nd Rainbow Men who received this country's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. We will be paying tribute to these great men, as there were five from World War I and one from World War II. The monument is possible through the courtesy of the National Ladies Auxiliary. After the unveiling, we

will proceed to the Freedoms Foundation library to hang a bronze plaque listing the names of these honored men. Followed by lunch at the Douglas Mac Arthur Building.

We would like to have as many Rainbowers, Auxiliary Members and friends with us to share in this special occasion.

For more information call Jerry Hunsberger 215-234-4897.

Veterans Day Birmingham

Please contact Leon Praytor, 206 Raimund Ave. Bessemer ALA, 205-425-7353, for information or Jack Hildreth 205-333-8688.

New Chapter

At Charlotte it was decided that there would be a new Association Chapter strictly for family and extended family - the next generation. It is being organized now and will be applying for a Charter this year. Anyone seeking information may contact Auxiliary President Barbara Eberhart or Suellen McDaniel 828-464-1466

Veterans Benefit Booklet

The 1999 updated booklet VA-AD-99-1 Federal Benefits for Vets and dependents is available at no cost. Write to: Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Washington, DC 20420.

Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to PNP Vern and Ellen Smith and PNP William and Mary Kenny on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and President Harold and Edna Melinek on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Recommended Reading

"FEUR" by Werner Adamyzk.

Engrossing story of a German artilleryman who experienced four years of combat on the Eastern Front in Russia. \$23.00 plus \$4.00 S&H. Texas Tech University, Press Box 41037, Lubbock, TX 79409-1037.

"Dachau 29th April 1945" edited by Sam Dann. \$29.95 plus \$4.00 S&H. Texas Tech University, Press Box 41037, Lubbock, TX 79409-1037.

"Surrender of Dachau Concentration Camp" by John Linden. \$25.00 plus \$4.85 S&H. Sycamore Press LTD, P.O. Box 5263, 780 Elm Grove Rd., Elm Grove, WI 53122.

"Final Crisis" Nordwind Epic by Richard E. Engler. \$29.95 plus \$4.00 S&H. Aegis Consulting Group, P.O. Box 51022, Ft. Monroe, VA 23665.

"Forged By The Furnace and The Fire" Robert L. Maynes - I Co., 22nd Infantry. \$25.00 - Robert L. Maynes 607 Baker, Cortez CO 81321, 970-565-3976.

FFI continued from the June issue

24 December: Christmas night means an uneventful round. When I come back at 6 o'clock in the morning, I am called by an American doughboy standing in front of the Kuhn's house, opposite the C.P. The medic needs my help upon entering the house. I find the maid lying on a bed, riddled with shrapnel, and the medic tries to extract all the metal pieces, one after the other. Julia Schnoering is holding her hand encouraging her. The American medic is a jovial man, and he starts joking with her and we burst out laughing which makes the situation even worse for the poor wounded maid, who starts groaning with pain and weeping. We remain pitiless. Then, seeing us laugh, the two young girls join in and it would be very funny if it were not for the wails of the maid. When I go home, I must take cover, several times, as our village is shelled for an hour by the German artillery.

25 December, Christmas Day: Our church has been destroyed, and religious services are held in the parish centre. Complying with our request, the vicar has agreed to say mass in our chapel, and has invited the American doughboys. I am his server. We are greatly impressed by the piety of the kneeling soldiers who pray with their arms stretched out and tell their beads.

27 December: We often go on patrol and try to find the four persons missing from Kilstett - to no avail. The news is bad, we hear a great battle is raging somewhere in the Ardennes, in Belgium. In fact, we learned later, the battle was almost over, but a new German attack was feared further down South, even in our sector. I often accompany American officers to organize the troops quarters. Villagers come from time to time, and ask for gas. They offers schnapps or butter in exchange. This is part of my work as an interpreter. The American commander, a worthy man, is fond of me, and I can ask for his help at any time of the day or night. Today, something unpleasant happened to us. We were on night patrol, with American elements. Our friend, Joseph Febry, fired by accident and hit the leg of a doughboy. Joseph cries, bitterly, as we set up to his feet again, the doughboy who takes serenely. Since I am responsible for the patrol, it causes me a lot of trouble. I am questioned by an American military board after swearing to say the truth on the Bible. I try to cover my friend as much as I can, and given the most convincing arguments. The board eventually admits them. A few days later, Febry is taken prisoner. He will spend awful months in a underground camp. Several years later, he came and thanked me for what I had done. Who could refuse him anything? he and Eugene Raeppl formed a strange pair, so gallant and faithful. I am thankful to them all as they were always ready to help in these time of misfortune.

30 December: The Americans withdraw and it is said Alsace will be evacuated. About the strength of the platoon remains (Elements of Companies L, M, and Antitank, 232nd Inf.). We accomplished our daily task. Today we are pessimistic. We question Jung, but he gives us evasive answers and tries to comfort us.

31 December: Tonight, we celebrate the New Year. I'll be twenty tomorrow. What will the New Year bring? The American Lieutenant honors us with his presence. He looks worried and does not give precise answers. Is he usually like this or is there bad news? HERE ENDS MY DIARY.

1945 began with the almost complete withdrawal of American troops. Then, on January 5, a hurricane hit our village. I wake up several days later, dazed, on the hospital bed. A man from Gamsheim comes and my friends die tragically. I can see the baker, Alphonse Vix, in front of me, he already walks with crutches. I put down the names of some American doughboys who fell in our village. What a mixture of men of all origins: Joseph Patterson, Carroll Rollson, Dominic DeLuca, John T. Ratschak, Eugene Crabtree, John Gallagher.

Eugene Huss took part in the burial of John Gallagher. Does he remember him? We stopped for a minute in front of his body. He had his beads around his neck. And who remembers the time when we read the letter from a German woman to her husband in which she told him she had a baby daughter, and how sad we were looking at the corpse? We did not understand what was going on. One of us tore the letter away from the reader and shouted "stop".

Note: By Joe Neilson H-242nd Inf./John Gallagher (a good friend) was an ammo bearer in our HMG squad. He was killed instantly by exploding artillery shells as we lay a few feet from each other on the ice at Gamsheim 1-6-45.

Joseph M. Patterson (KIA) Co. G/242

Dominic R. DeLuca (KIA) Co. E/222

John T. Ratschak (KIA) Co. E/222

Carroll Rollson (KIA)

Eugene Crabtree (KIA) Co. E/232

A series of articles concerning the role of the FFI and Gendarmerie Nationale in the defense of Kilstett and Gamsheim.

(Translated from the French from the publication: Association Nationale Anciens Combattants Français Et Américains)

(The National Association of French and American Veterans)

Liberty Memorial Walk of Honor

If you were at the National Reunion this past July and attended any of the meetings, you probably heard me talk about the "Walk of Honor" at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Liberty Memorial is conducting a Major fund raising project for the renovation of the Memorial and the "Walk of Honor" is a large part of this fund raising. The Liberty Memorial is the largest memorial in the country to honor those who did not return from World War I and was dedicated in 1921.

Our connections to the Memorial are threefold. The Rainbow Division veterans along with the 35th Division veterans raised a substantial sum for the development and erecting of the Memorial; the Hall of Flags located there was for a long time a Rainbow National Memorial until with the deterioration of the flags it was deleted from the list and as one of our six listed museums the Memorial houses one of our largest collections of Rainbow World War I material. The "Walk of Honor", will feature commemorative granite bricks, which can be purchased to honor those who served in World War I, World War II, any war thereafter or an individual who promotes the ideal of Liberty.

The brick sizes are as follows: 4"x8", \$100.00, with a maximum of 3 lines of copy, 8"x8", \$250.00, with 4 lines of copy and 16"x16", \$1000.00 with 6 lines of copy. Each line is limited to 15 characters of spaces.

Donations can be made by individuals, groups or chapters. At the Reunion \$1000.00 was donated by the RDVA Foundation, Auxiliary and the Artillery chapter donated \$250.00 and there were three individual donations, one for \$250.00 and two for \$100.00 and battery "C", 392nd

FA Bn has pledged a donation. I would hope we hear from some of the other Chapters: Infantry, Military Police, Signal, Medics, Quartermaster, Engineers, etc. and local or State Associations.

Anyone who is interested in making a donation to this very worthwhile cause and needs more information of a form for the donation, please contact me at P.O. Box 64, Londonberry, NH 03053-0064 or (603) 432-2635. In the Spirit of Rainbow, Charles Fowler, Memorials Officer.

Leave A Legacy

Submitted By Mary C. Kenny

The campaign initiated by Barbara Eberhart and Mary Kenny to encourage Rainbowners to tell their stories was inaugurated at the reunion at Charlotte. Judging from the number of men who volunteered to tape their stories, the project was very successful.

We expect this to be an ongoing project and we hope to encourage as many veterans as possible to either tape or write their stories and send them to us. There is no better way to have people understand the great legacy of Rainbow than through honest, sincere accounts told by the men who were there.

We welcome all stories, tapes, memorabilia for use in our collection.

Send to: Mary C. Kenny, 1 Chadwell Place, Morristown, N.J. 07960, 973-267-0743.

Scholarship Committee

Chairman Dottie Smith met with the scholarship committee on Wednesday, July 7. There were 31 scholarship applications for the fall term, although funds for 41 were available. The four highest rated scholars were ranked very close together. As a result, and because of the shortfall in application, it was decided to grant four Duhacsek scholarships of \$1,000 each. The remaining 27 qualified for the \$500 scholarships. As previously reported, only first year scholarships are granted, in order to increase the number of first year scholarships available.

Those receiving the \$1,000 Duhacsek scholarships are; Joseph Bergmark, Kristine Monahan, Shawn (Webb) Schultz, Erick Singer.

Those receiving \$500 scholarships; Jennifer Anderson, Jack Oliver Brannon, Keely Bridgewater, Peter Casey, Matthew Cooksey, Michael Doncet, Michael Dugan, Andrea Gardner, Crista Havey, Mathew Horner, Marissa Igoe, Luke Johnson, Angela Kearns, Amanda Kleinheksel, Kelsey Krug, Brian Knott, Elizabeth Leseberg, Britt Lande, Alicia McBarron, Christopher Michna, Stacy Olson, Michael Scott, Laura Sramek, Theodore Sturgeon, Lori Triplett, Ezra Vandemark.

Chairman Dottie Smith resigned as chairman to pursue her duties as Vice President of the Auxiliary. Ted Simonson is the chairman. Address requests for scholarship applications and questions about scholarships to Ted, 220 Highland Terrace, Los Gatos, CA 95032, Telephone & FAX (408) 354-0718, e-mail is tigerted@ricochet.net.

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President Elect

We are pleased to announce that the president-elect is James Pettus Jr. James served with Co. K/23nd Infantry Regiment. He resides at 1121 N. Deloges Dr. B-1, Desloge, MO 63601-2944 in the summer. In the winter, his address is No. 124, Hacienda M.P.H., 15006 Gilbert, Chandler, AZ 85225.

2001 Reunion

The 2001 National Reunion will be held in Wichita, Kansas.

Queen of Battles Award

This membership plaque is awarded by Co. G, 242nd Inf. To the line unit having the most members, and is called the Johnny Frassel Award. It was won, once more, by Co. M, 222nd Inf.

Thanks From The Reveille Committee

The reveille committee wishes to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 232nd Inf. For its generous donation of \$300.00.

Winner of John Carr Life Membership

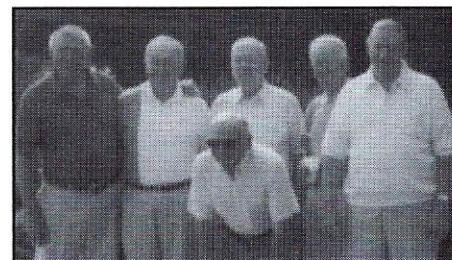
The winner was Basil Manley who donated \$100 to the Memorial Foundation.

Rainbow Flag Pin

We now have a "USA Flag/42nd Rainbow" pin all in one. Use it on a lapel or hat. USA Flag in red, white and blue colors; 42nd in rainbow colors. Cost \$3.00. Checks to R.D.V.A. Mail to: Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.

242nd Regiment Football Team

Gilbert Schaible has succeeded in locating several members of the 242nd Regiment Football Team. Six of them recently had a reunion on April 21-23, 1999, in Lafayette, Indiana. Gil would like to hear from anyone wishing to attend future reunions. Write to: Gilbert E. Schaible, 1109 Beckley Rd., Lafayette, Indiana 47904. Pictured are: Front, Lew Pellowitz; Back row from left, Curt Natusch, Ed Johson, Gilbert Schaible, Bill Caldwell and Ed Ginther.



42nd National Grand Activities

The spring and summer for the Rainbow Division has been a period of intense training and preparations for a multitude of unit missions and exercises in 1999. The Division has accomplished everything from supporting National objectives overseas to military training here in the Northeast right down to community operations in local neighborhoods. The spirit of the Rainbow stretches over more than multiple states, the Rainbow stretches its capabilities over multiple missions and military needs.

While the armor and mechanized battalions of the maneuver brigades continue their pursuit of training excellence on gunnery ranges of Fort Drum, New York and the combat simulation cell at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Rainbow soldiers from other division elements expand the Division's scope of operations. Military Intelligence units provided analysis of data to support Defense Intelligence Agency operations in the Balkans. Aviators from the 3-142nd Aviation Battalion, 142nd Aviation (Assault Helicopter) provided assistance to local state agencies in removing obstacles from state preserves and parks. This summer the Division Headquarters will support the senior leader and staff training of a second National Guard Division with a rich World War II history, the 29th Infantry Division (Light). In every action, this division trains and prepares for any contingency that can arise, from federal service to state disaster response.

This spring saw the RDVA presentation of the best divisional unit award in Rochester, New York. For the first time in the Division's history, Dick Tisch presented the Douglas A. MacArthur Trophy to an aviation company, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 142nd Aviation (Attack Helicopter). Attending the ceremony were Don and Joanne Dart, Justin and Gloria Walker, and George Van Allen. Following the presentation, CPT Daniel Golinski and ISG Michael Covullo and the rest of Bravo Company provided tours and information about the Attack Battalion's mission, its AH-1F helicopters, and he changes in aviation support Rainbow soldiers have seen in the last fifty years. Both the soldiers and the veteran's on-hand for the ceremony enjoyed the interactions between the division's past and present.

The Division also extends its gratitude to the many RDVA members who give their name to contact local Rainbow armories to offer their historical perspectives of the 42nd Division. Many a young soldier still need to learn of the history and legacy of this great organization and there is no better way than through the personal visits and lectures of the Division Veterans themselves. The Division Headquarters Chapter especially would like to thank the support of Richard and

Ruth Marowitz who have come to relive Rainbow experiences of the Second World War with our young headquarters soldiers. We welcome all RDVA members to contact local units of the Division to continue the education of the 42nd's rich legacy with the soldiers of today's Rainbow Division. The preservation and passing of this Division's history rests with Rainbow soldiers past and present.

For donations or loans of Rainbow photographs or historical items for display at local armories, please contact the Division's Public Affairs Officer, CPT Richard Goldenberg, 137 Glenmore Road, Troy, NY 12280 or email at RGLdnbrg@aol.com.

France Says Thanks To Soldier in WWI

Columbiana - Louis Trautman has seen a lot of history in his 102 years. Part of that history was his combat service in France during World War I. It was for that service that the French government will honor Trautman with its highest honor later this month.

Trautman is Columbiana County's last living WWI veteran. He enlisted in the Army at age 18 and served 31/2 years in France and Germany in Company D of the 166th Infantry, part of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's legendary 42nd "Rainbow" Division.

The French government has named Trautman a Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, France's highest national award.

In a letter to Trautman, Francois Bujon de l'Estang, French Ambassador to the United States, said the Legion of Honor is "a sign of the high esteem my country has for you who personally contributed to the decisive support the United States gave the French soldiers in the defense of their country during World War I."

A delegation from the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. will present Trautman with the Legion of Honor insignia in a ceremony at his home June 16.

What happened: Trautman was living in East Palestine when he enlisted. He recalls he was among the first 25,000 American doughboys to go overseas.

He remained for several for several months in Germany at the conclusion of the war as part of the occupation force, which made him one of the last soldiers to leave Europe.

At one point, his family in Vandergraft, PA, believed he was dead. They placed a gold star in the window of their home and conducted a memorial service.

Eleven months after receiving a letter that he was missing in action, they received a letter from Trautman. He had survived an attack of mustard gas.

In combat: Trautman said much of his time with MacArthur's Rainbow Division was spent in combat, fighting alongside one or two French infantry divisions.

"We were a unit unit, no doubt about

that," Trautman said. "We were always in danger."

He said MacArthur was a great leader who knew how to command and that "saved us a lot of trouble."

At home: Trautman married the former Mary Ruhl of Lisbon in 1926. They have one daughter, Mrs. Janet Newton of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The couple settled in East Palestine, where Trautman built a home and a car dealership, which he operated for more than 50 years.

Trautman said that if another war like WWI broke out, he would "want to go, but I'm just not able."



In Memorium

It is with sorrow we report the Passing Over the Rainbow of Helen Woelfer, wife of PNP Carlyle Woelfer. She is remembered as a charming and gracious lady. She passed away May 1, 1999 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. We convey our condolences to Col. Woelfer and his family. She is survived by her husband Carlyle, two daughters, two sons and five grandchildren.

Our National Chaplain Reverend Forde officiated at the graveside service. Rainbowers in attendance were Shirley Forde, David Bell, Mildred and Romeo Fagiolo, Charles Fowler and Val Spiegel.

Over The Rainbow



We regret to report the passing of another of our Rainbow Stalwarts, who we can ill afford to lose. George Jackson was heavily involved in helping set up the Rainbow Scholarship

Endowment which has helped college students around the U.S. for over 15 years and is today still flourishing due to his efforts. George was a much decorated combat veteran of B Co. 222nd Infantry in WWII. After the war, George was a college professor at Sonoma State University for more than 20 years. Here, he was instrumental in establishing several Scholarship Endowments, as well as, helping students with their problems. George earned a doctorate in philosophy at Claremont Graduate School. He is survived by his daughter, Alice Bunting, a sister, Virginia Hulsey, and four brothers, Don, Gene, Bob and John, two sons, Jim and Bruce, a daughter, Debra and two granddaughters.



**Actions of Anti-Tank Co./242nd Infantry
At Hatten-Rittershofen, France-Jan. 9-12, 1945**
(Taken from official records. This action earned a unit citation)

At 0001 hours., January 9, 1945, A company, 1st Bn. reported contact with an enemy patrol at a blown out bridge near pillbox #9. Captain Vincent Caringola, company commander of ant-tank company, alerted his 1st platoon, upon hearing this word. As his 1st platoon was supporting the 1st Bn/242, he proceeded to their C.P. to find out full particulars. At 0225 hours, Hatten was receiving heavy enemy artillery fire, all platoons of the Co. were fully alerted at 0400. At 0500, A Co. reported that enemy infantry was attacking in force. At once, Captain Caringola started back to his first platoon. At 0515, S/Sgt. Milmont, squad leader of the third squad, first platoon who was at his gun position, reported this attack, by phone to Lt. Richard H. Wells and T/Sgt. Wallace A. Enge, that is squad was being fired on by enemy rifle and machine guns. Upon trying to call the 1st and 2nd squads, Lt. Wells found that communications had been broken by the preceding artillery barrage. He then directed S/Sgt. Milmont to check the remainder of his men to see that they were in position and all right, while he, Lt. Wells, checked on the 1st and 2nd squads. At 0530 hours S/Sgt. Milmont, T/4 Elmer Marshall, PFC. Joseph Loncaric, and PFC. E.L. Thompson made their way back to the gun position by crawling through the intense mortar and artillery fire, after checking on the LMG crew with the third squad. At 0535, Lt. Wells and T/Sgt. Enge contacted the first and second squads. They found these squads intact but receiving heavy mortar fire. At 0545, the Lt. and Sgt. started back to the third squad position, but on the way, they became aware that third squad position was untenable, because the enemy had infiltrated to within a few hundred yards of their position, and had captured an American TD, one hundred yards to their left front. . . PFC Raczkowski and PFC. C.L. Thompson had held off the enemy foot troops with a 30 cal. LMG up to this time. At 0600, Lt. Wells arrived at the third squad position by crawling and running through a hail of fire. The enemy turned the captured TD's 76mm. gun on the third squad. A direct hit by enemy mortars silenced the LMG. PFC. E.L. Thompson and CPL. Gullett brought the 57mm AT gun to bear on the captured TD, but a well aimed enemy rifle grenade landed on their position, wounding two members of the crew. The enemy kept coming and

when they were within 50 yards of the 3rd squad position, that squad, under Lt. Wells tried to get back to the edge of Hatten to fight from the houses.

At 0615, Lt. Wells, Sgt. Milmont, T/4 Marshall and PFC. Loncaric reached the edge of Hatten. Lt. Wells ordered the men to take some PWs to the rear and to contact Captain Caringola, on the way, at the Bn. C.P. They were to ask for further orders, while he tried to contact the 1st and 2nd squads. Capt. Caringola ordered the men to take up positions with the riflemen protecting the Bn. C.P. At 0720, the second squad was attacked by the enemy. With the aid of their 50 cal. mg., they were able to drive the enemy off. At 0800, Lt. Wells, having contacted the 1st and 2nd squads, returned to the C.P. Capt. Caringola told Lt. Wells to go to the third platoon and have them move their two right flank guns to help the third platoon. At 0820 hours, the third squad the third platoon (the left flank gun), saw four enemy tanks coming from the woods to their extreme left front, heading towards Hatten. The third squad's field of fire had been, originally, coordinated with the fire of the two M18 TDS, and was not in position to fire on the enemy tanks. The TD sitting near them had been abandoned. S.Sgt. Richard R. Danilowski, knowing that his gun was the only weapon in a position to prevent the enemy armor from penetrating the first 1st Bn. lines, moved his gun from the prepared position into the open, under artillery fire, and opened up on the enemy tanks at 0825. Although the nearest tank was 800 yards away, one enemy tank was destroyed, and the rest driven back into the woods. At 0900 enemy personnel carriers and tanks began coming from the woods... Lt. Raymond L. Kiplinger, Jr., third platoon leader, came from right flank gun, at this time, and the 57mm gun was again moved to a more advantageous position, under artillery fire. This time, a personnel carrier and it's occupants were destroyed with the ammunition. The rest of the enemy vehicles veered off to the right and were soon out of range. At 0915, Lt. Kiplinger noticed that the third squads ammunition was running out and that the squad would need help. He took off, in his jeep to get ammunition and assistance from the other two squads. At 0925, T/Sgt. Enge, who had been fighting with a rifle squad, reached a position where he saw the 2nd squad of the first pla-

toon firing their 50 cal. mg. at enemy troops within a hundred yards of them, and S/Sgt. Joos directing fire of their 57mm gun at the enemy tanks which had veered away from the third platoon. A heavy concentration of mortar shells was falling between Sgt. Enge and the second squad, making it impossible to reach them. One enemy tank was hit before enemy infantry overran their position T/Sgt. Enge had picked up an SC300 radio at the C.P. He now took it to the 1st squad of the 1st platoon and established communications at 0945 hours. Lt. Wells contacted Lt. Kiplinger on the right flank of the 1st Bn. and told him what had happened in Hatten and that he could move his two guns to the left flank to help his 3rd squad. Lt. Kiplinger told Lt. Wells that ammunition was critical and any help in that area would be appreciated. Lt. Kiplinger directed T/Sgt. Lindsey to move the two guns, and with a jeep load of ammunition, started back to his other gun. Stopping on the way, he phoned 1st Bn. commander and asked that ammunition be sent to him. At 1000, Capt. Caringola, seeing that tank support was needed badly, went from Hatten to Rittershofen, under heavy enemy artillery fire, in order to contact a Co. of the 48th Tank Bn. While there, he contacted Lt. Danny McBride, platoon leader of the second platoon, and ordered him to go forward to reconnoiter for positions on the west edge of Hatten and to move to Hatten as soon as possible. Lt. James V. Yates, mine platoon leader, who was at the Co. C.P. in Betschdorf, hearing of the situation, ordered the A Co. kitchen truck to be loaded with mines and brought forward while he searched for a position for a mine field to day armor penetration into Hatten. At 1030, Capt. Caringola returned to the 1st Bn. C.P. where he saw Lt. Wells, who informed him of the ammunition shortage of the 3rd platoon. He told the Capt that he had a truck load of ammunition to take to the 3rd Platoon. At 1045 Lt. Yates arrived at the C.P. and he and Capt. Caringola decided to lay a hasty roadblock across the main street of Hatten near the church. At 1055, the Capt. sent Cpl. James Derry to Rittershoffen to pick up two daisy chains which had been laid there.

To be continued



Bill Kenny was elected Chairman of the Memorial Foundation, with Ted Johnson Jon Janosik Treasurer, and John McGovern secretary.

Bill Kenny and Shirley Forde were elected to new three year terms as Trustees, and current Trustees Bill Shurtleff, Basil Manly, Virginia Duhaček, John Carr, Charles Meagher were added to the pool of Foundation advisors; those who provide the trustees with expert advice in their fields.

Chairman of the C&BL's Committee, Dee Eberhart, announced that the Committee objective is to secure Foundation Board approval of the C&BL revisions at the San Diego reunion, and to secure final member approval at the Cincinnati reunion. For both groups, there will be adequate time to review the proposed changes.

GRANT REQUEST, U. OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska requested \$10,314.50 to arrange, classify, preserve and index the "Rainbow Collection" at the University Libraries. Archivist Bill Keithan believes this grant should be sufficient for all the current collection and will allow interested parties access in the future, and recommends approval of the grant. The Foundation Trustees approved the grant.

LIBERTY MEMORIAL, KANSAS CITY

Kansas City is undertaking a \$100 million dollar renovation of their Liberty Memorial, that was once an important part of Rainbow memorials from WWI. They are selling paving stones around the Memorial to veteran's organizations and individuals which can be inscribed with a dedication to individuals, units, etc. The Foundation Trustees voted to purchase a \$1,000 block that will be a Rainbow memorial for both wars. Charles Fowler and Herb Butt will coordinate unit & individual

purchases of paving blocks.

NEW PLAQUE FOR WAMPEE PLANTATION HOME FOR THE FOUNDATION

We are hoping to have a rededication of the plaque that was originally placed at Wampee Plantation, Moncks Corner, South Carolina in 1973 as the birthplace of the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation in 1971. The building that the meeting was held in was demolished by hurricane Hugo and the plaque disappeared.

As we are still in the process of putting this all together, we do not have the final plans. Tentatively we are looking at October 27, 1999 for this ceremony.

If interested, please contact Memorials Officer Charles Fowler, PO box 64 Londonderry, NH 03053-0064 or (603) 432-2635 after the middle of September.

WAMPEE PLANTATION, SC

The Memorial Foundation was founded at the Wampee Plantation on October 26-27, 1971 at a gathering of WW1 & WW2 veterans. A plaque to memorialize the genesis was placed in the building in 1973, but the plaque was lost after Hurricane Hugo. A request by Memorials Officer Charles Fowler for \$550 of replace to replace the plaque was approved by the Foundation Trustees.

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Wibur R. Miller, 600; Norm Thompson, 100.

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Ed Achweigert, 100, In memory of George Jackson, Andy Anderson, Ira K. Saunders, & David Strum; Justin Walker, 100; Carlton Johnson 100; Jack Keyser, 100; Ralph Rundquist,

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In memory of;

Staff Sgt., Robert F. Barnwell, Carroll Anderson, 100; A.W. Davis 100. **Donald Hathaway**, Jacob Kizarian, 100. **George Jackson**, Theodore A. Johnson, 25. **Joan Creveling**, New Jersey Chapter, 50. **Horace Rose**, W.C. Shurtleff, 500. **Other contributions**; 222nd Aux. 196; Rosemary and John McGovern, 1000; Theodore and Shirley Johnson, 1000; William and Mary Kenny, 1000; Dee and Barbara Eberhart, 575; Don Schaetzel, 65 (sale of tape at Tristate Reunion)

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