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Presentation of Unit Citation



L-R: President Pete and daughter, John Walker and General Taluto. Ted Johnson at right.

THE WORD FOR WICHITA WAS WOW!!!

If you missed out on Wichita, you missed one of the finest reunions ever. Chairman Harvey Snapp and his All-Stars did a marvelous job at the reunion held on July 11-15, 2001, at Wichita's Hyatt-Regency Hotel. Although the turnout was low (500) by previous standards, it more than made up for it in the form of terrific accommodations, great food, spacious hospitality room, and excellent tours (something for everyone). We congratulate Harvey and Marguerite Snapp, Cliff and Irene Summerfield, and Ralph and Rita Rundquist et al.

Regular meetings went off without a hitch and there was much time for socializing. The delicious lunch was featured by a moving talk given by Dr. Danny Fischer (survivor of Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps). The training officer at Camp Gruber, Maj. Howard I. Schauer, was introduced and he promised to do all he could to make the Tulsa reunion a success. Lise Pommois, our French connection, and Danny Fischer were given certificates of permanent members of the Foundation. There were eight first-timers, distinguished by a blue ribbon on their badge.

The memorial service was conducted by chaplains Fr. Norman Forde, Fr. Robert Weiss, and Rev. Ray Willemssen. Ted Johnson performed magnificently (normal for Ted) in rendering "Rouge Bouquet" in his delivery of the champagne hour, followed by Taps. The mourn-

ful notes hung in the air as we soberly filed out.

The feature banquet on Saturday night with PNP Ted Johnson as M.C. Seated at the head table were Fr. and Shirley Forde, Auxiliary President-elect Grace and Red Cap John Walker, President-elect Ted Simonson and Pat Hughes, PNP Harold and Edna Melinek, President Pete Pettus and his lovely daughter, Joni, Auxiliary President Dorothy and Red Cap Joe Smith, PNP Ted Johnson, Brigadier General Joseph Taluto, Deputy Commander 42nd N.G. (Mechanized), Harvey and Marguerite Snapp, PNP Bill and Mary Kenny, PNP Peggy Fleming (Rainbow Girl), Mike Stupak, and General Taluto's Aide, Lt. Smith.

The centerpiece was the presentation of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 222nd Infantry Regiment for their stand at Ohlungen Forest which signaled the end of the last German offensive in the West (not the Ardennes but Nordwind in Alsace). The presentation was made by the personable and charismatic General Taluto to John Walker, Chapter President of the 222nd. A note of pathos crept into the proceedings as a representative of each Company read a list of men killed from his Company at Ohlungen.

So came an end, all too soon, to our brief journey into the past as we shared another golden moment with our blood brothers and sisters. God bless and keep you until we meet again.

President's Message



President Ted in 1945

Let me start the new year by saying how well the past year ended under the direction of Pete Pettus and with the outstanding Annual Reunion hosted by Harvey and Marguerite Snapp together with their retinue of Kansas compatriots. Those of us present owe a great debt of gratitude to these tireless, dedicated Kansas Rainbowners! Our days in Wichita were truly bewitching. Great hotel, great food, and best of all, great, friendly, loving friends.

There's an old tune familiar to most people our age that contains the lines, "...and the days grow short when you reach September," followed by, "...and you haven't got time for the waiting game." For those who missed Wichita, that was the gist of what I briefly said to everyone present: Now is the time for us to enjoy our times together for as long and often as we can. The Transition Team under the chairmanship of Dee Eberhart is making solid progress toward consolidating all of our future business under the direction of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association and Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Not only will the foundation insure that the ideals we fought for are reinforced and remembered forever, but also the committee is working to guarantee that the foundation will continue having reunions as long as there are any of us who are still both able and want to get together. With Dee's leadership and the committee's support, the offices and officers necessary to keep our present activities intact and alive will be transferred directly into the Foundation without a missed beat. Our target date for completing the transfer is July 2003. When that's done, the only difference you will see is fewer business meetings and more time for more people to enjoy each other's company. I can't wait!!!

We have two planned "parties" between now and next July's "Take Me Back to Tulsa" annual reunion. The first is Veterans Day in Birmingham, Alabama - Friday through Monday, November 9, 10, 11 & 12. The Texas Chapter, with the guidance of Bill Shurtleff and Tom Owen, is helping our long-time Birmingham group plan the best-ever participation. There

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Chaplain's Message

Almighty and Merciful God - you have given us the priceless heritage of life; you have touched our minds with truth and our hearts with love. Forgive us that we ever in any way fall short of the best that we know. As we in Rainbow fought against world-threatening tyranny in World War I and World War II, so now give us the will and the means to make our world better than we have yet known. Keep always before us the slogan of Duty, Honor, and Country; Our Country, under God, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Amen.

Norman P. Forde

Chaplain (COL) USA ret.

RDVA Chaplain

From the Editor

Due to lack of space we are unable to print all of the material submitted. Or we had to edit several submissions. Be of good faith. We will get them in for the next issue.

Recommended Reading

"From Normandy to the Ruhr: With the 116th Panzer Division in World War II" by Heinz Gunther Gudarian.

Want to know the real reason the Panzers were held back from the coast? (Hint: It has nothing to do with Hitler's sleep habits!) This is the long-awaited English translation of the book by the First General Staff Officer that will profoundly change the way most people view the German army in the west. \$39.95 plus \$4.50 shipping and handling. The Aberjona Press, an imprint of Aegis Consulting Group, Inc., P.O. Box 629, Bedford, PA 15522. Toll-free (866) 265-9063; fax (814) 623-8668; e-mail aegis@beford.net. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

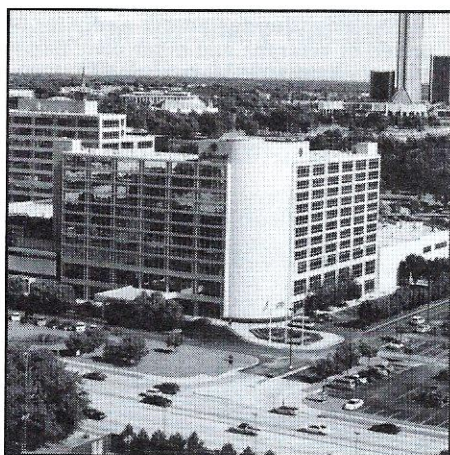
Note: A limited amount has been reprinted of Dick Engler's "Final Crisis: Combat in Northern Alsace, January 1945." It may be purchased for \$29.95 plus \$4.50 shipping and handling at the above address.

PNPs at Wichita

Top Row: (left to right) Bill Kenny, Don Segel, Romeo Fagiolo, Hugo Grimm, Ted Johnson, John McGovern, Harold Melinek, Dick Tisch. Bottom row: (left to right) Rube Evanoff, Ivan Wallace, Dee Eberhart, Fr. Robert Weiss, Charles Marshall, John Carr, Jack Keyser.

PNAPs at Wichita

Left to right: Virginia Duhascek, Mildred Fagiolo, Betty Owen, Joanne Dart, Pearl Segel, Myrtle Wallace, Katherine Woods, Peggy Fleming, Francis Marshall, Barbara Eberhart, Beverly Kohler, Oriana Grimm. Present but not in photo: Delores Kallaher.



The Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills Hotel

National Reunion

Tulsa, OK • July 10-13, 2002

BACK TO TULSA IN 2002

For many of you who trained with the 42nd Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber outside of Muskogee, OK this will be a great nostalgia trip. Of all of the Rainbrowsers that I have talked to in the past months, everyone of them are enthused about the Tulsa 2002 Reunion and so am I. For registration and hotel reservation forms contact Don Segel, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

First, we have a beautiful hotel, the Marriott Southern Hills Hotel, 1902 East 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74136-5477. The phone numbers are (918) 493-7000 and fax (918) 532-0950. The dates of the Reunion are July 10-13, 2002 with the room reservations to be honored two days prior and two days after the Reunion. We will have a room rate of \$78. Tulsa has changed, but all for the better. It is a beautiful city to be enjoyed as a site for our Reunion. We will have all of the extras, such as free parking, free shuttle bus service to and from the Airport, beautiful Comp rooms for our officers, no charge Hospitality Rooms, nicely appointed and conveniently located meeting rooms, well placed space for the Bazaar and the Registration area and excellent facilities for the General Meeting, Memorial Service and Early Bird Party.

The hotel will also provide complimentary beverages of soda, punch and beer for the Early Bird Party and a 15% discount at the hotel restaurants.

We will have an excellent number of tours, but details have not been completed as of this writing. We will have a complete list and description of the tours in a future Rainbow Reveille. We expect them to include a Camp Gruber/Muskogee Luncheon Tour on Wednesday, a tour of the Frankoma Pottery, the Gilcrease Museum, the Philbrook Museum, a City Tour and a Dinner Theater Night on Thursday evening. We will make these available to you as soon as possible.

Herm Bergeth, Tulsa 2002 Reunion Chairman

Mid-Year Reunion

San Diego, CA • February 7-10, 2002

The Mid-Year Reunion will be held February 7-10, 2002, in San Diego at the Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Tel. (619) 298-0511 or (800) 676-6567. Rates per person: single (one person); double (two persons, one bed); double/double (two person, two beds) are all \$90 plus hotel tax. The rate for a suite is \$169/person plus hotel tax. Reservations must be received no later than January 6, 2002.

Reservations are \$40/person (refunded if canceled). Make check payable to RDVA and mail to: Donald L. Segel, PNP, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-2827; tel. (310) 454-7015.

Hotel Information

Luncheon/Banquet: Be sure you have the correct tickets - luncheon on Friday and banquet on Saturday.

Shuttle: The hotel provides a shuttle for trips up to five miles.

Shopping: Fashion Valley Mall; left from the mall and left on Fashion Valley Road.

Rail: There is a rail station at the mall with stations at Old Town, Downtown and Tijuana. At Tijuana, walk across the border and take a taxi if required.

Trolley: There is a trolley stop at the mall for the city tour with stops at several locations. The trolley also leaves from the front of the hotel (\$24).

Car rental: Enterprise office in the lobby.

Dining: 15% discount at the hotel. Going left from the hotel a short walk to Town and Country Hotel (deli and coffee shop); Trellises Garden Grill; Charlie's and Kelly's Steak House.

Right for half a mile is the Hanalei Hotel (D.J. Family Restaurant, Hunter Steak House). There is a Denny's and other coffee shops on Hotel Circle South across the freeway.

Airport shuttle: Cloud Nine Shuttle to and from the airport. (800) 974-8885. Special rate to the handlery is \$7.

Parking: Free.

From Los Angeles: Take 405 South (becomes 5) and East on 8.

Badge: Try to bring a previous reunion badge.

Farewell: There will be coffee, orange juice and donuts in the Hospitality Suite at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Hotel rate guaranteed three days before and after reunion.

East Coast Reunion

Ocean City, NJ • October 3-5, 2001

The New Jersey Chapter will host the East Coast Reunion on October 3-4-5, 2001, at the Port-o-Call Hotel in Ocean City, N.J. All Rainbrowsers are welcome; a great time is promised. It is later than you think, so start spending your kid's inheritance. For more information call Harold G. Melinek at (908) 604-9181 or Justin Walker at (914) 476-3508.

National Veterans Day 2001

Birmingham, AL • November 9-12, 2001

The RDVA has been a sponsor and active participant in the National Veterans Day celebration held in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the nation's largest Veterans Day event, attended by prominent military and government officials. The RDVA President and Auxiliary President are required to attend and are given honored seating at the four events.

This year your President, Ted Simonson, who attended last year, has asked that it be elevated to a major RDVA and Auxiliary event and the membership be encouraged to attend. In past years the Praytors, Walkers, and Hildreths have handled arrangements without assistance from the Association. This year the Memorial Foundation and the Texas Chapter, RDVA have signed on to help organize and promote this colorful event. Where else in this world can you participate in two large banquets, the Veterans Day Dinner and the Peace Luncheon; listen to and meet some of the country's leading advocates on veteran (your) affairs; visit with leaders of our military forces; and participate in a major parade with an audience of thousands? Those of us who have attended in the past always come back for more. For those with an Internet connection and need further encouragement go to www.nationalveteransday.org.

This year Veterans Day falls on a Sunday and the Veterans Day Committee has pushed the Peace Luncheon and parade back to Monday, November 12 with the Veterans Day Banquet held on Sunday night. The Rainbow group has always had a bus tour, and short memorial service at the Viaduct 167th Infantry plaques. This needs to occur on Saturday when participants and sites such as the Alabama Theater are open. Thus this year we adding an extra day to the Rainbow visit.

PROGRAM

Friday, November 9

6:00 p.m. - Dutch treat dinner (meet in hotel lobby)

Saturday, November 10

8:00 a.m. - Dutch treat breakfast (meet in hotel lobby and board bus for restaurant and tour)

12:30 p.m. - Rainbow Viaduct Memorial Service

Sunday, November 11

9:00 a.m. - There will be a meeting of the Transition/Merger Committee sometime on Sunday. Open meeting; all attendees are encouraged to attend.

5:30 p.m. - Reception for honored guests

7:30 p.m. - Veterans Day Awards Dinner, Birmingham Auditorium. Speaker: Richard J. Santos, National Commander American Legion

Monday, November 12

9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service at Church of the Advent

10:30 a.m. - World Peace Luncheon (auditorium).

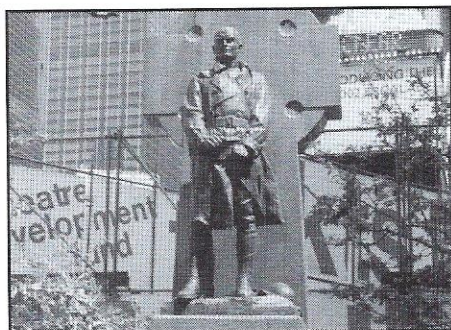
Speaker: Anthony Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

1:30 p.m. - Veterans Day Parade. A bus will be provided for Rainbow attendees to ride in the parade. RDVA and Auxiliary presidents will be seated in reviewing stand.

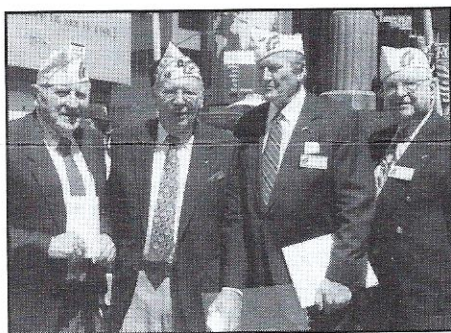
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Mayor Giuliani and Coalition for Father Duffy Rededicate Memorial for WWI Hero in Times Square Ceremony

Civic Leaders Join Members of the Fighting 69th and Rainbow Division in Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of Legendary Chaplain's Birth



Father Duffy statue dedication



*At Father Duffy's statue dedication:
(L to R) Public Relations Officer,
Justin Walker, PNP Dick Tisch,
PNP Bill Kenny and PNP Harold Melinek.*

NEW YORK, May 2, 2001 - The Coalition for Father Duffy and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani today rededicated the Father Duffy Memorial in Times Square in a poignant ceremony marking the 130th anniversary of the beloved cleric's birth. A new historic marker designed by the New York City Parks Department was also unveiled near the bronze memorial statue of Lt. Col. Francis Patrick Duffy, an inspirational World War I hero who became a charismatic community leader in New York City in the years after the war.

Joining the Mayor at today's rededication ceremony were Joseph A. Healey, former Commanding Officer of the 69th Regiment, Commanding General of the Rainbow Division and Co-Chair of the Coalition for Father Duffy; William T. Kenny, Chair of the Memorial Foundation of the Rainbow Veteran's Association and Co-Chair of the Coalition for Father Duffy; Henry J. Stern, the New York City Parks Commissioner; and Rev. Peter M. Colapietro, Pas-

tor of Holy Cross Church. The 69th Infantry Battalion Color Guard, Regimental Piper Joseph Brady, and the New York City Police Department Band also attended the rededication ceremony.

"Today we reaffirm our respect for this great American hero, a man who profoundly touched the lives of thousands of people, both here in New York and on the bloody battlefields of France," said General Healey. "Father Duffy's military and civic heroism inspired a generation, and continue to inspire us today. This memorial is a testament to his life, and it should stand plainly and proudly, without interference, as a reminder to all who pass by of the true meaning of heroism."

The General added, "Last year, I was honored to stand alongside the Mayor and members of the Theater Development Fund to announce that a new design - by two talented Australian architects - had been selected for the TKTS booth which stands on Duffy Square. The design was chosen for its simplicity and beauty, and because it respects Father Duffy. Next year on May 2nd, as we celebrate the 65th anniversary of this great monument, I hope to be back here with private citizen Giuliani and members of the TDF to celebrate TKTS' grand opening."

Mayor Giuliani said, "When this site was first dedicated in 1937, New Yorkers took note of the special role that Father Duffy played both here in the City and abroad. Father Duffy was widely recognized as one of the true heroes of that time - both for his courage and valor, and for his deep devotion to his faith. Time and development has, unfortunately, obscured the solemnity of that earlier event, and of what this statue symbolizes to those in the military and to the faithful. It is therefore altogether fitting that we gather on this auspicious location to remind today's generation of an earlier time, when great men made great sacrifices for the betterment of us all."

The new historic marker unveiled today by the City of New York reads in part, "In (sculptor) Charles Keck's bronze effigy of the soldier-priest, he depicts a stoic Duffy, nearly eight feet tall, in military garb, helmet at his feet and Bible in hand. The statue is set on a pedestal backed by a green granite Celtic cross, which is more than 17 feet tall... For decades, Keck's portrait of Father Duffy has enthralled millions of visitors to this hub of Manhattan and is a permanent reminder of the local hero who ministered in the decidedly secular world of Times Square."

As regimental chaplain of the 69th New York Infantry, known as the "Fighting 69th" and one of the most famed regiments in United States Army history, Duffy became a highly decorated soldier, receiving medals from France and the United States. In 1937, five years after his death, Father Duffy Square was dedicated in an emotional, historic ceremony. His heroic life was immortalized in the classic 1940 war film, "The Fighting 69th," in which Pat O'Brien portrays Duffy as the priest who helps the cowardly Jerry Plunkett (James Cagney) understand the true meaning of bravery.

The Coalition for Father Duffy is comprised of veterans and other civic-minded New Yorkers, and was formed in 1999 to restore dignity and respect to the Father Duffy Memorial.

Archivist's Column

At the Wichita reunion, two requested grants made to the Rainbow Foundation were approved by the Board of Trustees. We will be able to add several video pictorials to each of our four primary repositories, one on World War I veteran Paul Jarrett and another of David Dann's excellent production of "The Trail of the Rainbow."

The other and larger grant was made to the Omar Bradley Foundation, headquartered at the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, PA is to create and make available a computerized inventory of Rainbow materials collected there and make it available to anyone who is interested, on the Internet.

This will make both major collections, the one at the University of Nebraska and the U.S.A.M.H.I. available to the public on the Internet. Investigations are continuing on making our museum collections similarly available.

Along with transporting Regimental hospitality room supplies to the reunion, the long ride was profitable from a collection standpoint. Gary Tucky brought a full barracks bag of his service items and Stella McCray brought a box material. A collection of Al Brewster's was to be picked up but Mary Brewer took ill and was unable to bring the collection to Wichita.

The long drive to and from Kansas or other future reunion venues have run their course. Materials donors are urged to make use of the mails and/or a UPS type firm to transmit items to be processed to the archivist. A few other contributions were brought to reunion and they fit easily into the suitcase.

You may recall a recent "Reveille" article about the pilots of the 402nd Field Artillery Air Station. At reunion I met up with pilot/author Dick Clarke. He has since provided me with the completion of his story and has supported it with two copies of some 36 exquisite photographs taken while on duty. They illustrate the DivArty Air activity and the fact that there is yet much relevant Rainbow material out there.

The challenge is to get it out of those dark and dusty drawers and into a permanent repository. Please make immediate arrangements to transmit for posterity such material to your archivist.

Keep well and happy in Rainbow,
Bill Keithan

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We are pleased to announce that the President for the year 2002-2003 is Herb Butt. Herb served with Co. A, 222nd Inf. He resides at 16916 George Franklyn Dr., Independence, MO 64055.

2003 Reunion

The 2003 Reunion will be held in St. Louis, MO. It will be the last reunion held by the Association. After 2003, we will continue to have national reunions sponsored by the Memorial Foundation. Keep this in mind: **Rainbow will continue to hold national reunions into perpetuity.**

Queen of Battles Award

This plaque is awarded by Company G/242nd Infantry to the Line Outfit having the most members present and is called the Johnny Frassel Award. It was won by Company M, 222nd Inf.

Winner of John Carr Life Membership

The winner was Alan Ball.

Winner of Four Night Hotel Stay

The winner was Bill Keithan.

Rainbow License Plates

To purchase a plate send \$5.00 to Hugo E. Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.

232nd Inf. Regimental Crest

There are still some regimental crests available. Send \$6.00 to Betty Owen, 813 Westwood Dr., Richardson, TX 75080.

We Get Letters

I received a greeting card today forwarded to me by Don and Mickey Carner that many of you signed at the recent national reunion at Wichita, Kansas.

I thought I might extend my appreciation to one and all, assuring all that my thoughts are always with Rainbow and those associated with this great association. I pray that our association will always foster all that is good about all our soldiersmen.

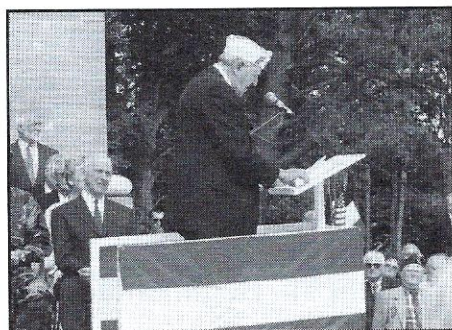
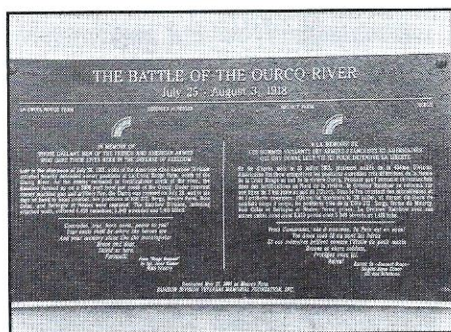
I pray that all our members, in the association, foundation and auxiliary will continue to foster the qualities of Rainbow that were born out of battle, nourished in peace and advocated the forward looking picture of Rainbow. Now in our twilight years, we thank all personnel for all the bonds that were experienced with our mutual associations. That feeling of camaraderie always present, continues to grow as we advance in age.

I would like to express my appreciation to the association for all the courtesies that have been extended to me over the years. I assure one and all they were appreciated and even afar, I will continue to do what I may be able to do. My association with all Rainbow was a desire of long standing and Rainbow permitted me to be part of it all. To one and all I extend my warmest and heartfelt thanks for all that you have done or will do on the behalf of Rainbow.

In closing, I humbly ask that we work together to:

MAKE RAINBOW LIVE
James V. McNicol
222nd Infantry-RDVA

Rainbow Returns to France



PNP Ted Johnson delivers presentation of the plaque speech.

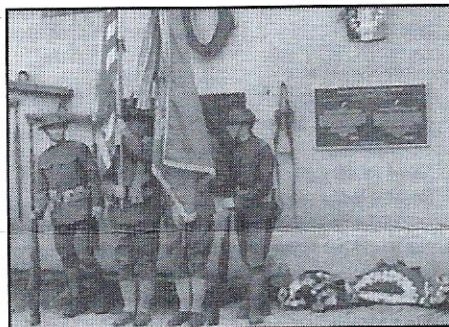
During the Memorial Day week, approximately 40 Rainbow Division veterans, family members and friends assembled in Chateau Thierry to participate in weekend memorial ceremonies honoring Rainbow soldiers, and other comrades of WWI. Saturday was our Ourcq River battlefield tour day under the guidance of 2 local experts, Florent Deludet and Gilles Langin. On Sunday morning, May 27 (French observance of American Memorial Day), the Rainbow contingent had reserved seats at the impressive Aisne-Marne, Belleau Cemetery commemorative ceremonies. Following which a five course dinner was served in the town of Fere en Tardenois, a major WWI battle site. In the afternoon, at the Oise-Aisne American Military Cemetery, our wreath, along with others were placed prominently in the amphitheater. Speakers included PNP Ted Johnson for Rainbow; M. Jacques Damery, owner of Meurcy Farm where our Rainbow plaque was unveiled later; Brigadier General Robert M. Williams, Deputy Commander V Corps; French officials; and prayer by Msgr. John F. Corr, guest of Bill Kenny. American and French military honor guards, some in WWI French and American uniforms, buglers who played both American and French versions of Taps, National anthems of both countries and presentation and retirement of colors, including the Rainbow flag with battle streamers, completed the ceremonies at the cemetery, attended by more than 1,000 people.

WWI Rainbow poet Joyce Kilmer had been killed by a sniper at privately placed a U.S. buddy poppy, and a symbolic "Rouge Banquet" at the base of his cross.

At Meurcy Farm, M. Damery welcomed the many guests. The plaque was unveiled, a wreath was placed, plaque wording was read in English by Charles Fowler and in French by our Honored Member Lise Pommois. A commemorative poem "Rainbow in France" was read with French translation by Lise Pommois. At the champagne reception (Vin d'honneur) an exchange of gifts followed with a bronze Remington cowboy and bronco presented by Bill Shurtleff to Jacques Damery.

From Chateau Thierry Rainbow people traveled separately, some to WWII battle and monument sites in Alsace (Kilstett, Hatten and Haguenau), and some to other destinations in Europe.

It is to Rainbow Memorial Foundation Trustee Bill Shurtleff, that credit is owed for first conceiving and then following through with this long overdue recognition of the ordeals endured, deaths incurred and objectives seized by our WWI Rainbow predecessors, ancestors and comrades.



WWI Rainbow Plaque Dedication, May 27, 2001, Meurcy Farm, France.

Memorial Day 42nd Div. Association Plaque Dedication Ceremony, 2001

Editor's Note: (The following is an excerpt from the report of the superintendent of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, John Aust III. Lack of space prevents the printing of the entire report.)

Approximately 950 people were in attendance, including many dignitaries and VIPs. The memorial address was given by Brigadier General Robert M. Williams, ASDC of the 1st Infantry Division. The presentation speech of the plaque was given by Theodore R. Johnson, President of the RDVA Memorial Foundation. The acceptance speech was given by Mr. Jacques Damery, the owner of the Meurcy Farm, where the plaque was unveiled. Additional speakers were Mr. Giles Bacquaert, Sous-prefet of Chateau Thierry and Mr. Michel Alvoet, Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles. Prior to the start of the official ceremonies at the cemetery, the traditional wreath-laying ceremonies at Fere-en-Tardenois and Nesle-en-Dole took place.

Living PNPs

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. "Rube" Evanoff
1984-1985	John D. Carr
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
1993-1994	Romeo J. Fagiolo
1994-1995	John J. McGovern
1995-1996	Vern Smith
1996-1997	John L. Whisler
1997-1998	William Kenny
1998-1999	Richard Tisch
1999-2000	Harold G. Melinek
2000-2001	James P. Pettus

Living PNAPs

1965-1966	Frances Marshall
1970-1971	Mary Brewer
1972-1973	Nan Klinedinst
1979-1980	Edith Sayers
1980-1981	Oriana Grimm
1981-1982	Jean Kemmerer
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	Mildred Fagiolo
1997-1998	Mae Coyle
1998-1999	Delores Kallagher
1999-2000	Barbara Eberhart
2000-2001	Dorothy Smith

Respect for the Sacrifice

sent in by Frances Hutnik

I saw a man just the other day
His head held low as I passed his way
His age? Was really hard to say
His eyes so sad with wrinkled skin
You knew that sorrow lives within
And all at once he stood up straight
His shoulders no longer sagged
I noticed coming down the street
The grand old American flag
His head shot up without a strain
His warrior eyes showed no pain
This is my country I heard him say
Dear Lord, God bless the U.S.A.

*Harry Minor
Immediate Past President*

Hqs. Chapter Honors 222nd Inf. Regiment



Lou Kramer, Gen. Taluto, John Walker

WICHITA, KANSAS – Amidst one of the busiest training seasons the current Rainbow Division has seen in years, members of the RDVA Headquarters Chapter in Troy, New York traveled to the annual RDVA reunion for a special ceremony. On behalf of the Secretary of the Army, Brig. General Joseph Taluto, Deputy Rainbow Command for Maneuver, presented the Presidential Unit Citation to members of the 222nd Infantry Regiment for their heroic stand in the Ohlungen Forest in January 1945.

"In the military," General Taluto said, "we want to ensure that values like honor and valor are forever remembered by young soldiers. I can think of no better way than in the actions of one Rainbow Regiment in one battle – the 222nd Infantry and the defense of Alsace in 1945."

Representing the 14,000 men and women who wear the Rainbow Division shoulder patch as members of the Army National Guard, Brig. General Taluto presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the members of the regiment. The citation, which in part, reads that "Fighting back from ice-filled foxholes, the outnumbered defenders fought off wave after wave of enemy attacking all along the Regiment's front and infiltrating into friendly positions, well behind the main line of resistance. Despite the loss of 237 officers and men, the 222nd Infantry Regiment held its position, exacting a heavy toll of men and equipment on the enemy."

"These men of the Rainbow showed tremendous courage in fighting outnumbered and proved beyond any doubt that the American fighting man, with or without technology or numerical superiority, was a force to be reckoned with," General Taluto said.

Rainbow Division Hits High Marks Across the Board

FORT DIX, N.J. – With the resounding echoes of tank fire on the ranges of Fort Dix, the maneuver brigades of the 42nd Infantry Division achieved this spring

one of the highest accomplishments in the Army: Rainbow tank crews qualified in platoon level live-fires, a task normally reserved only for the active duty force.

Begun in 1996 by the 86th Brigade tankers from Vermont, Rainbow gunnery standards have risen over the past five years as Major General George Garrett, the 42nd Division Commander, established the unprecedented training standard across the division.

"This was a matter of laying out the training plans and resources for our Rainbow soldiers and letting them out-perform all expectations," said Colonel Mark Heffner, Rainbow Chief of Staff.

Known as Tank Table Twelve, the platoon live-fire qualification requires multiple M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks to maneuver on a live-fire range under the control of a platoon leader. The platoon engages numerous targets with their main tank gun and machine guns in a coordinated effort to reach a platoon objective.

The active Army requires its crews to perform this training but exempts the reserve and National Guard due to the complexities and coordination to train individual crews and then platoon and company leaders in the live-fire range.

"In the Rainbow Division, we want to set a higher standard for our soldiers," said General Garrett. "We've implemented this training plan in our brigades to not only improve training, but to improve our all-around readiness. This type of planning and preparation involves the entire brigade leadership and is certainly a big motivation for our soldiers."

"This is simply the best tank training we can offer our crews," said Capt. John Burke, a former commander in the Rainbow Division's Third Brigade which qualified its first platoons last fall. "This is the ultimate challenge we can offer our tankers, and they excelled."

Rainbow tank crews from Vermont and New York completed their training and live-fire qualifications in the past two years. This spring was the first live-fire from tank crews of New Jersey's 50th Brigade.

President's Message

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will be only one business meeting (That's the Transition Committee – open to everyone), leaving the remainder of the three-day event for nothing but enjoyable, fun activities – including a great hospitality room for everyone's enjoyment. Birmingham puts on the biggest Veterans Day celebration in the entire country. If you've seen it, you'll want to do it again. If you haven't, this is a "must-do" activity for every Rainbower. Sign up early. Reserved rooms in a great hotel are inexpensive (special government rate) and will go fast. See Bill Shurtleff's announcement elsewhere in this edition for all the particulars.

The February Mid-Year Reunion will be in San Diego under the direction of Don and Pearl Segel, and they're planning a spectacularly fun event. More about that later.

Tom Brokaw says we are the "Greatest Generation." What makes this so? Answer: We are the generation that buckled down and did all of the hard things well – from surviving the "Great Depression to winning WWII." We were the "Doers" from the 20's and 30's to the millennium. Are you feeling old? Nonsense!! Never!! Here are a couple of quotes from me: (1) "When you're too old for damn foolishness, you're too damned old." (2) "If you want to quit and sit on your fanny, do it right; ask to be buried sitting down so that you can enjoy it for an eternity."

In the meantime, LET'S LIVE LIFE!! – TOGETHER. Everything one can do in life is better when shared. See you in Birmingham for starters.

Think you can't do it? Take a look at Steve Hutnik, Charlie Marshall and Joe Smith. All of them with health problems; all of them still going strong in Rainbow. Wow!! Do I admire them? You bet!! No whining – just doing!! They are exemplars of what made us "The Greatest Generation."

"Rainbowers" are "The Greatest."
Ted Simonson

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Charles Fowler, In Memory of Wilbert Westrich, 392nd F.A. Btry. C, 50; RDV F.A. Auxiliary, 200; Minnesota Chapter, 3,991.99, Chapter Deactivated.

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HOTEL: You will need to make hotel reservations directly to the Sheraton Birmingham, 2101 Richard Arrington Blvd. N., Birmingham, AL 35203... phone (205) 324-5000. Ask for rooms reserved for Rainbow Division/WC Shurtleff. Single and double rooms are \$59 per night plus 11% tax. Parking is 7% per day. There is a block of 30 rooms reserved and the cut-off date for reservations is October 10, 2001. If you have a problem ask for Ms. Phillipi Stricklin who is our Sales Dept. contact. Rates are good for two days before and two days after the November 9-12 period.

PRICE OF ADMISSION: The Awards Dinner Banquet tickets are \$18 each and the World Peace Luncheon is \$15. We will charge \$10 for bus transportation for a total of \$43. Please send your check made out to TEXAS CHAPTER, RDVA before October 10 to: Bill Shurtleff, 7430 Windmill Lane, Garland, TX 75044. This is important to obtain seating together.

THERE WILL BE A HOSPITALITY SUITE AT THE SHERATON SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS CHAPTER and open as many hours as financially possible. Hope to see you there.

Tom Owen & Bill Shurtleff (Call me at (972) 495-6039 with any questions.)

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