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Chairman's Message

Just as I sat down to write this message, a personal letter from the chairman of the National Veterans' Day celebration in Birmingham arrived in the mail. Obviously, Aleen Walker again has "Rainbow" well taken care of in Birmingham. Nobody can beat the combination of Rainbow caring and Southern hospitality that Aleen provides. November 11th will find me in Birmingham enjoying the company of some of the finest people in this country in the city where our WWI comrades launched our organization in 1920.

I've just about completed parceling out to the Board of Trustees the suggested revisions in our constitution and by-laws for their study and recommendations for action during the mid-year reunion in Tucson, Arizona. These are the suggestions submitted by persons during and immediately following last year's annual reunion. If any other member of the foundation has suggestions for changes in this document to be considered at the mid-year meeting, I must receive them within the week following your receipt of this newsletter. Please remember that everyone (Veterans, Auxiliary Members and Associate Members) is a full-fledged member of the Foundation and is entitled to provide input.

I've received a couple of calls from persons who are planning on making bequests to the foundation in their wills. It goes without saying, but I will say it anyway, in the long run we need to accumulate enough capital to provide sufficient interest income to fund maintenance of our memorials, both in our own country and abroad in perpetuity. If we also wish to continue scholarships into the years following the passing of most of us, we need even more endowment funds. There are a good many of us who believe the continued promotion of our Rainbow ideals is an enterprise worthy of continuation for many,

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CAMPAIGNS

World War I: Lorraine-Champagne- Aisne-Marne- St. Mihiel-Meuse-Argonne.
World War II: Central Europe- Rhineland- Alsace-Ardenne.

Mid-Year Reunion

February 12-15, 2004 • Radisson Tucson City Center

Thursday, February 12

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Reunion Registration open – Lobby
Hospitality Suite open – Hours will be posted
Evening on your own

Friday, February 13

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Reunion Registration open – Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Arizona Sonora Desert Museum Tour
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Transition Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – C&BL Meeting
Evening on your own

Saturday, February 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pima Air Museum Tour
10:00 a.m. – Foundation Meeting
Lunch on your own
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Reception
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Banquet Dinner

Sunday, February 15

Farewells and departures. See you in Memphis!

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

Friday, February 13

Board bus for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, selected by the New York Times as one of the ten best zoos in the world and described as "probably the most distinctive zoo in the United States." Being a living museum, it features animals, plants, and fish native to the Sonora Desert – a 120,000-square-mile region of Arizona, the Mexican state of Sonora, and the Gulf of California. This is a self-guided walking tour; please wear comfortable shoes.

9:00 a.m. board bus, 12:00 p.m. back at hotel
\$31/person includes bus, guide & admission

PIMA AIR MUSEUM

Saturday, February 14

Board bus for the Pima Air Museum,

established in 1967 and now ranked as the third-largest aviation history museum in the U.S. View models, uniforms, insignia, WWII mock-up airmen's quarters, a B-29 "Superfortress," Douglas "Globemaster," F-84 "Shooting Star," F-100 "Super Sabre," SR-71, and a pristinely restored B-17. There are over 200 planes on display including JFK's Air Force One. Trace America's heritage of flight from a full-scale replica of the Wright brothers' plane to the X-15 rocket that first took men to the edge of space. For a nominal fee, take advantage of the convenience of a tram ride through this outdoor museum.

9:00 a.m. board bus, 12:00 p.m. back at hotel
\$29/person includes bus, guide & admission
Driver and guide gratuities are not included in prices.

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Here are the directions for reaching the Radisson Hotel City Center Tucson.

If coming south on I-10, take exit number 258. Follow N. Freeway for 400 feet. At the sign, Phoenix, turn left and follow W. Congress for 800 feet, turn right on Broadway for 85 feet.

If coming north, exit on S. Granada, go north to W. Congress and same directions as above.

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Chaplain's Message

**In this time of war, the War on Terrorism,
may we use some words from our National
Anthem as a meditation for Veterans' Day.**

*O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's
desolation;*

Blest with victory and peace,

May the heaven-rescued land

*Praise the Power that has made and
preserved us a nation.*

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it
is just,*

And this be our motto, "In God is our trust";

*And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph
shall wave*

*O'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave.*

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

Hi, Rainbowers...

The grandson of Rainbow Veteran,
Arthur E. Evans, of the 242nd Med. Det.
attached to the 242nd Inf. 42nd Rainbow
Div. of WW2 (deceased) is Sgt. Vincent
Lara, who is stationed in Iraq. He would
like to hear from anyone willing to write
to him. He would love to get a letter or a
magazine. His favorite is "Hot Rod." I
have been writing to him for the past four
months. His wife delivered a baby girl by
the name of "Olivia" on June 4, 2003. His
address is:

Sgt. Vincent Lara
3rd Platoon
933rd Military Police Academy
LSA Adder
APO AE 09331

It is horrendously HOT in Iraq and our
"boys" are suffering heat strokes as well
as getting shot. We owe them all the
attention we can give them. They are
always hungry for news of HOME.

Please spread the word and have as
many of our Rainbowers contact Sgt. Lara
or any other G.I.'s they may know are
overseas fighting for freedoms we enjoy
in our great country.

Chairman's Message

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many generations to come. And, we
all know the veracity of the time-
worn but still true adage - money
talks.

Consequently, there's a good
chance that sometime before Christ-
mas the membership will be receiv-
ing a request for donations to bol-
ster both our long-range endowment
funds and short-range needs for
additional scholarship support.
Plan ahead now to be able to
include our Rainbow family on your
gift list. To put the idea of a dona-
tion in perspective, I offer my own
situation as an example. I'm a mem-
ber of the local Lions Club and the
town's Community Foundation.
Both charge annual dues of \$150.
There's weekly required luncheon
meetings at \$10 or more, plus myri-
ad requests for monetary support
for a never-ending list of projects
and many hours of required partici-
pation in community projects as
well. Rainbow dues, in contrast, are
\$10 per year, and the time demands
on most of us are absolutely mini-
mal and entirely voluntary. Surely,
if we truly value what we have done,
want to do, and should do, almost all
of us could, with a little planning,
easily donate a minimum of \$100
per year to our foundation. That's
the equivalent of two meals at a
moderately good restaurant or
about five trips through McDon-
ald's. Think about it. I believe our
WWII accomplishments, our efforts
to preserve the memory of those
feats, and our desire to continue
sharing our principles with future
citizens is worth far more than this.
Begin now to set aside small
amounts to help out when you hear
from us toward the end of the year.

Yours in Rainbow,
Ted Simonson

Scholarship Winners

The Duhacsek Scholarship winners are: Larkin Hopkins, Chelsea McCartney and Matthew Parry.

The 28 Rainbow Scholarship winners are: Daniel Barrell, Michael Buchanan, Genevieve Boyle, Devin Burns, Michael Craig, Caroline Crank, Jourdan Dudgeon, Mary Elizabeth Dugan, Paul Fuller, Matthew Garlich, Jamie Janssen, Elizabeth Johnson, Leif Johnson, Jessica Kelley, James Kramer, Kari Kramer, Brian Markwald, James Moroney, Molly Norris, Stephanie Pridgen, Marie Sandholdt, Whitney Segraves, Jerry Sirna, Meghan Smith, Anders Taylor, Gwen Taylor, Ashley Wilkens and Jason Weinstein.

The winners will be notified by mail of their selection as scholarship winners and also recruited as potential members of the Millennium Chapter. The committee chair will provide Treasurer, Jon with the names and addresses of the winners so that he can send a check to each scholarship winner.

Rainbow Division Veterans

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FILE — JULY 2002 - JULY 2003

Abshire, Robert E. Co. A, 232nd Inf.	Davis, E.P. (Slim) 222nd Inf.	Holcomb, William 42nd M.P. Co.	Nowak, Walter J. Unknown	Stewart, Robert L. Unknown
Allen, William T. Co. B, 232nd Inf.	Deane, James A. Hqs. & Hqs. Co., 222nd Inf.	Holland, Sam Jr. Co. K, 222nd Inf.	O'Connell, Frederick Co. I, 232nd Inf.	Strickland, Albert 132nd Signal Co.
Altier, Theodore A. Co. D, 232nd Inf.	Degroot, William C. A/T Co., 222nd Inf.	Holmes, Robert Co. L, 242nd Inf.	Opkins, Larry J. Hqs. Co., 232nd Inf.	Sterner, Ferne (Dr.) Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Arnone, Philip G. Division Band	Dipaolo, John Unknown	Hose, Carrol E. Co. M, 242nd Inf.	Paine, Charles M. (Membership Committee) Co. G, 242nd Inf.	Sterrett, Charles J. Co. A, 242nd Inf.
Barrat, Glen C. A/T Co., 242nd Inf.	Donovan, Laurence Co. A, 242nd Inf.	Humphrey, Charles T. 222nd Medics	Parry, Russell Co. G, 242nd Inf.	Stocker, Robert A/T Co., 222nd Inf.
Bass, Wesley H. Co. A, 232nd Inf.	Elkema, Kenneth H. Co. M, 242nd Inf.	Jakubowski, Thomas P. Sv. Co., 242nd Inf.	Patterson, Owen H. Co. D, 222nd Inf.	Strothenke, Ervin W. Co. E, 222nd Inf.
Bean, Ted Bty. A, 232nd Inf.	Erb, Charles C. (Rev.) Div. Arty.	Jelsing, Quinton Co. A, 242nd Inf.	Pawluk, Marty 122nd Med. Bn.	Sykes, Alton B. Sv. Bty., 542nd F.A.
Beck, Homer R. A/T Co., 232nd Inf.	Ercole, Anthony Co. B, 232nd Inf.	Johnson, Charles Co. C, 232nd Inf.	Perry, Onroe A/T Co., 232nd Inf.	Townsend, Eugene E. Co. M, 232nd Inf.
Bergeth, Herman Co. L, 222nd Inf.	Evenson, Donald R. Can. Co., 232nd Inf.	Keddy, Royden 242nd Inf.	Pirro, Frank Co. I, 242nd Inf.	Trolio, Joseph R. A/T Co., 242nd Inf.
Bolt, James T. 222nd Inf.	Fava, Frank Co. B, 242nd Inf.	Keigley, John E. Co. B, 232nd Inf.	Porter, Victor S. Co. D, 232nd Inf.	Twiss, William M. Hqs., 242nd Inf.
Bode, Wendell H. H1B, 242nd Inf.	Ferrell, James C. Co. L, 232nd Inf.	King, Thomas D. Co. H, 242nd Inf.	Priebe, Wilbur L. Co. K, 242nd Inf.	Underhill, Harvey H1B, 232nd Inf.
Boren, Homer C. Co. B, 242nd Inf.	Frank, Donald H. Co. K, 242nd Inf.	Kostecka, Leo Co. I, 222nd Inf.	Prytula, Michael C. Bty. C, 542nd F.A.	Upton, Harry F. Can. Co., 242nd Inf.
Bottrell, Roy A. Co. G, 232nd Inf.	Frentop, Arthur H1B, 232nd Inf.	Ladlee, Richard H3B, 232nd Inf.	Ramsey, Clifford J. Hqs. & Hqs. Bty., 542nd F.A.	Usher, Norman Co. K, 232nd Inf.
Bowman, Milton R. Co. D, 232nd Inf.	Garlock, Lester G. Co. A, 232nd Inf.	Lamp, Eugene L. Co. G, 232rd Inf.	Reed, Dallas W. Co. C, 142nd Engrs.	Vasquez, Ignacio R. Co. H, 232nd Inf.
Boyd, Winfrey 392nd F.A.	Garske, Alfred 42nd Q.M. Co.	Lang, Charles F. H1B, 242nd Inf.	Riebling, Edward J. Hqs./Sv. Cos., 142nd Engrs.	Walker, H. Dale Co. I, 232nd Inf.
Brown, Garland M. Co. D, 232nd Inf.	Gavulic, David 132nd Signal Co.	Lindred, Clifford Co. L, 232nd Inf.	Rice, Homer S. Co. C, 232nd Inf.	Warila, John R. Co. M, 222nd Inf.
Bryant, Victor L. Co. F, 222nd Inf.	Glidden, Walter D. Co. D, 232nd Inf.	Maas, Thomas E. H2B, 242nd Inf.	Rohr, Wiford Co. M, 232nd Inf.	Wilson, Robert W. H3B, 222nd Inf.
Caggiano, Michael O. H2B, 222nd Inf.	Goodwin, Harold R. Co. C, 242nd Inf.	McGrath, William E. Co. L, 242nd Inf.	Rooker, Robert L. Unknown	Wood, Frank R. Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Campbell, Jack Co. B, 222nd Inf.	Goodwin, Richard R. 742nd Ordinance	Malitzke, Glen C. Co. C, 242nd Inf.	Sandkaut, Louis Co. F, 232nd Inf.	Wood, Perry D. Co. H, 232nd Inf.
Carney, Edward J. Cannon Co., 222nd Inf.	Gordinier, Ted E. Co. M, 222nd Inf.	Marshall, Elmer F. A/T Co., 242nd Inf.	Savitt, David C. Med., 242nd Inf.	Wyolda, Tony J. Unknown
Carter, Jack Co. L, 232nd Inf.	Grattan, Melvin James Co. B, 242nd Inf.	Mayberry, William E. Co. H, 222nd Inf.	Seiver, Quenten C. Div. Hqs.	Yandel, William C. I&R Pltn., 242nd Inf.
Carver, George A. (Bn. Cmdr.) Hqs., 542nd F.A.	Guido, T.J. 42nd Q.M.	Mays, Ben J. Co. E, 232nd Inf.	Siegel, Martin Co. C, 242nd Inf.	Zepplin, Byron B. Co. M, 232nd Inf.
Christi, Gray L. Co. F, 222nd Inf.	Gullet, Robert O. Sr. A/T Co., 242nd Inf.	Milauskas, Anthony P. Co. E, 222nd Inf.	Skinner, Kenneth R. Artillery	
Collins, Robert Co. G, 242nd Inf.	Hade, Robert L. H3B, 232nd Inf.	Money, Lerma Co. C, 142nd Engrs.	Snyder, Vernon G. Medic, 232nd Inf.	
Collins, Robert Co. G, 242nd Inf.	Hanna, Dave Bty. C, 392nd F.A.	Moss, Roland J. 122nd Medics		
Crown, Melvin W. Co. I, 242nd Inf.	Harrigan, Richard C. Hqs. Co., 232nd Inf.	Nelson, Willard 42nd Q.M.		
Damiano, Samuel A. 742nd Ordinance Co.	Hoekstra, Richard C. Bty. A, 392nd F.A.	Nicholson, I.A. A/T Co., 232nd Inf.		

Honored Dead (Never Belonged to Association)

242nd INFANTRY

HQ

Stayner, Reid

UNKNOWN

Crook, William

A/T Co.

Elbert, William J.

CANNON

Banas, Vincent

SERVICE Co.

Zezulka, George J.

MED. DETACH.

Begin, Romeo T.
Blackford, Ray H.
Brieve, Nelson J.
Crawford, Denver R.
Doreme, Alex D.
Fanaele, James L.
Hertzberg, Seymour H.
Jackas
Joniac, John
Koss, Roy M.
LeBourgeois, Valmond
Levinchuk, Raymond S.
Lipman, Irvin M.
Musil, Robert H.
Newman, William H.
Savitt, David C.
Short, Jimmie T.
Silvecky, James R.
Vickery, Eugene J.

H1B

Babb, Alfred
Bonovitz, Michael
Burlin, Willard C.
Dauchy, Walton
Egeth, Philip
Embrey, Everett
Hagman, Harold
Halbeck, Charles J.
Handy, Leslie
Kwiatkowski, Kenneth
Ripkowski, Felix
Ritter, Jack
Shea, James
Sienkiewicz, Joseph

Co. A

Broadly, Melvin A.
Ganzekauer, Edward
Matuski, Henry S.

Co. B

Enders, Donald E.
Saylor, Hayes
Stitt, Roy W.

Co. C

Franklin, William

Co. E

Evans, Richard G.
Fedick, Walter

Co. F

Stinnett, Harold E.

Co. G

Branks, James D.

Carlson, Walton B.
Folsom, L.A.
Maher, Herman D.

Co. I

Fritch, Art L.
Kuykendall, Jack
Raff, Kenneth E.
Rossing, Charles R.
Barnett, Walter E.
Brown, George R.
Casper, George W.
Curtis, Thomas C.
Earnest, James E.
Flowers, Oliver J. Jr.
Fricker, Howard T.
Haas, Glen C.
Jackson, Earl M.
Johnson, Albert P.
Morgan, Lester T.

Peterson, Gunnard C.
Schofield, Joseph C.
Surak, Andrew

Co. K

Biaszkowski, Frank
Frank, Donald

Co. M

Cronin, John E.

BTY. A, 392ND F.A.

Creighton, George W.
Fleming, Frederick
McDonald, Frederick

UNKNOWN

Vargo, Andrew
Wood, Robert L.
Sholar, Willie E.

Deaths Reported Since St. Louis

Blum, Edward
Collins, Max
Duff, Michael
Eddy, Joseph
Hutnik, Steve
McGillivray, John
Mitchell, William
Mossholder, Wyman
Neilson, Joseph
Snuffin, William
Unger, Sidney
Westbeld, Warren

Co. C, 232nd Inf.
Co. K, 232nd Inf.
Co. I, 232nd Inf.
Co. G, 232nd Inf.
Co. I, 242nd Inf.
H1B, 222nd Inf.
Co. E, 232nd Inf.
Co. I, 232nd Inf.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
I&R Pltn., 242nd Inf.
A/T Co., 232nd Inf.
Co. H, 232nd Inf.

Remembering the Horrors of War

As a teenager growing up in a small western Indiana town, Bill Bender viewed going to war against Nazi Germany as a great adventure. The reality of combat proved it was anything but.

On the line and under fire from autumn 1944 to the German surrender in May 1945, Bender said, "The only thing we were thinking about was surviving."

Bender was a private first class in the 222nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Rainbow Division.

In autumn 1944, his regiment was one of three in the division sent to support depleted Allied forces trying to contain two German armies in the Alsace region of France.

In January 1945, a powerful German force attacked the division along a 30-mile battle front. Although overshadowed by the Battle of the Bulge, it was the last big German offensive of the war.

After repulsing the German forces, the Rainbow Division went on the offensive as part of the 7th Army. The unit crossed the German frontier and advanced through Wurzburg, Schweinfurt, Furth and Donauwörth. Units of the division liberated the infamous Dachau concentration camp before sweeping into Munich.

Bender stayed only 24 hours at Dachau, but it produced some of his most vivid memories of the war. "We had no inkling that they were doing things like this," he said of the extermination of Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, the disabled, and others that Nazis regarded as undesirables. My attitude was that it was horrible, horrifying," Bender said.

After his 1946 discharge, Bender married his high school sweetheart, raised three daughters and worked 35 years at Eli Lilly Co.



Bill Bender (left) and other members of the 222nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Rainbow Division spent time in Wurzburg, Germany, during April 1945.

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before January 9, 2004. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
242 W. 22nd Street
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 42nd Rainbow Division

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 1/9/04

	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION FEE (Includes Luncheon and Banquet)	\$ 40		\$
TOUR OPTIONS			
Friday Arizona Sonora Desert Museum	\$ 31		\$
Saturday Pima Air Museum	\$ 29		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME (for nametags) _____

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SPOUSE NAME _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) ____-____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

ARE YOU CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) ____-____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES ___ NO ___ ARE YOU FLYING? ___ DRIVING? ___ RV? ___

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

Presidential Letter

We received a covering letter and a signed presidential letter from President George W. Bush, which was read to the membership at the St. Louis reunion in July. PNP Herb Butt felt that the entire membership should be privileged to see these letters, so he undertook to receive permission to do so. We received permission on September 22, 2003. Both the covering letter and the presidential letter are printed in their entirety. They appear below.

Dear Friend:

I am pleased to enclose a message from the President.

Please be aware that the White House has strict guidelines governing the use of presidential messages. The enclosed message may only be used for the specific date and purpose for which it was provided. Under no circumstances is the message to be altered, displayed in other media including the Internet, or used for recruiting, fund-raising, annual reports, advertising, as an endorsement, or for any other purpose without written consent from the White House.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. If applicable, please forward a copy of any printed material where the message has been used to the Office of Presidential Messages at the White House, Washington, D.C. 20502.

Sincerely,

Desiree Thompson, Special Assistant
to the President and Director of
Presidential Correspondence

July 1, 2003

I send greetings to all those gathered in St. Louis, Missouri, for the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Association 84th Annual Reunion.

As the United States engages in a global war against terrorism, we look to our veterans as examples of courage, dedication, and sacrifice. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who have fought for America have helped to secure our nation, liberate people around the world from the threats of tyranny and terror, and advance the cause of freedom worldwide. Throughout history, these brave men and women have answered the call of duty and risked their lives to protect their fellow citizens. These patriots continue to inspire new generations.

I join all Americans in expressing our gratitude for your abiding patriotism and selfless service in defense of our nation. Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a reunion filled with renewed friendships and shared memories.



President George W. Bush

Riviera to the Rhine

Aegis Consulting Group Inc. has announced its authorized reproduction of the official history of the Seventh Army in Europe during World War II in a new, particularly affordable format.

Riviera to the Rhine, by Jeff Clarke and Robert Ross Smith, was originally introduced by the U.S. Army Center of Military History in 1993. Until now, it has only been available either through the U.S. Government Printing Office or in very limited quantities through a magazine company which has already declared its limited run out of print.

Some Seventh Army veterans have nevertheless acquired copies of this excellent book, and all of them have strongly recommended that Aegis try to make it available to all veterans of the Association and their families.

To enhance the book's affordability and to allow veterans and their family members to purchase only those parts of the originally 600+ page book which are of interest to them, Aegis has produced the book as a series of lower-priced separate volumes. For ease of reading, the text, all of the many photos, and excellent maps are also 21% larger than in the original government printing.

Volume 1, *The Invasion and Campaign in Southern France*, covers the planning for and execution of Operation Dragoon and the destruction and pursuit of German forces up the Rhone Valley to the Vosges foothills. It addresses the period from August through September 1944. This 229-page volume sets the stage for the Seventh Army's offensive against German defenses in the High Vosges Mountains and the drive to the Rhine.

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Each perfect-bound, soft-cover volume may be purchased for \$14.95 indi-

vidually; and all three can be ordered for \$39.95. Shipping for one book is \$4.00, and each additional book is \$1.00. Pennsylvania residents must add 6% sales tax.

Order from Aegis Consulting Group, P.O. Box 629, Bedford, PA 15522; toll-free phone: 866-265-9063; e-mail: orders@bedford.net. Personal checks, money orders, and Visa/MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are all welcome.

Ken Carpenter

What Binds Combat Veterans Together?

It isn't friendship. We all have friends. You can go to a company picnic or a convention and you will not feel the same emotion in the air as when you attend a veterans' reunion. It is something beyond regular friendship. It is knowing that you and they have been to hell and back. It is a deep-rooted emotion that binds you together. It is the knowledge that when things were tough, you and your buddies stuck it out and lived through it.

You and your buddies may have less hair on top and a lot more inches around the belt line, but deep within all of you is a comradeship that you had during those horrible days of war. Whether it is 10 years or 50 years - when combat buddies meet it seems like yesterday. All of the memories begin to assemble in your mind... memories that you thought had been pushed back into the recess of your memory bank. "What ever happened to..." and "Remember when..." You try not to let on that these old veterans mean a lot to you, but by the time Auld Lang Syne is played and the flags furled and the station wagon is packed, there is a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye as you part company with the men who once lived and fought beside you. You tell your wife, "Man, it was good to see them again." And it was! "Ol' Charley" might have gained 50 or so pounds, but he sure could fire that machine gun. "Chief" looked almost as young and fit as he did when he crawled up and gave you first aid under fire. "Danny Boy" is now almost bald, but he was quite a sergeant in those days, and "Jimmy" gets around pretty good with one glass eye and one arm. Yes, memories flood your mind as you head for home. No one knows the feeling except those of us who were there. You wonder if you will ever see any of them again. Combat was hell, and you have many terrible memories of death and destruction, but the memory of total camaraderie with men who shared those experiences, will be forever embedded in your heart.

There is no friendship like that of combat buddies. It is something that lasts forever.

Source: National Veterans' News

Mid-Year Reunion
February 13-15, 2004
Radisson Hotel City Center
Tucson, Arizona
(800) 333-3333

HOTEL LOCATION: The Radisson Hotel City Center is located at 181 West Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85701. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown, just minutes away from Tucson International Airport. Over 24 restaurants are within a one-mile radius of the hotel. If you are driving, please contact the hotel for accurate driving instructions. Rates: \$89 + tax, king bed or 2 double beds. Honored 3 days before and after Reunion cut-off date of 1/23/04.

HOTEL EXTRAS: The Radisson features 307 guest rooms and suites. Guest rooms are equipped with remote control color TV, express check-out through your TV, voice mail, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, and coffee makers with coffee. The hotel has a heated outdoor pool, and a fitness facility. A gift shop is located within the hotel.

Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. Parking is complimentary to overnight hotel guests. Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out is 12 noon.

HOTEL DINING: Rosewood Room: serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Room service is available. Saguaro Lounge: For cocktails and sandwiches.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE: The hotel offers ground transportation to and from the airport 24 hours a day, every day. This complimentary service can be obtained by calling from the courtesy phone in the baggage claim area of the airport when you arrive.

NEARBY RV PARK: The hotel does not have spaces available for RV's. Call the Crazy Horse RV Campground at (520) 574-0157 should you need hook-up services. They will give you directions to their park and additional information.

WHEELCHAIRS: Should you need to rent a wheelchair, call Carondelet Home Health Service at (520) 721-3822. Currently, they rent wheelchairs per week. Delivery and pick-up can be arranged. Contact Pete Pettus for reservation forms, or call.

National Reunion
July 13-18, 2004
Memphis Marriott East
Memphis, Tennessee
(800) 627-3587 or (901) 362-6200

Room rates: \$79 plus tax (1 to 4 people), king bed or two double beds. Cut-off date 6/14/04.

The Memphis Marriott is located at 2625 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38118. The Marriott is located just minutes from the Memphis International Airport. Please contact the hotel directly for accurate driving directions. For your shopping pleasure, two malls are 5 to 20 minutes away. Indoor and outdoor pools, a health club, sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room gives guests the perfect opportunity to relax. Valet and dry cleaning services, safety deposit boxes, in-room iron/ironing board, and morning complimentary coffee in the lobby are just a few of the services offered for hotel guests' convenience. Hotel parking is free and ample. Check in time is 3 p.m. and check out is 12 noon. Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are also subject to availability. Please be sure to request these types of rooms when making your reservation. **Blue Shoe Bar & Grill** (American) open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Corky's Bar-B-Que**, nearby, is open for lunch and dinner. **Folks Folly**, a steakhous nearby, is open for dinner. **P.F. Chang's China Bistro**, a Chinese restaurant nearby, is open for lunch and dinner. Room service is available.

The Marriott provides complimentary shuttle service from the Memphis International Airport. The shuttle runs from the hotel on the half hour. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed to Baggage Claim. A phone is available in this area to call the hotel for pick-up. You may want to consider other transportation, as space is limited on complimentary services.

RV parking is allowed for guests of the hotel. There are no hookups on the premises. Graceland KOA Campground is approximately 6 miles from the Memphis Marriott. Please call 866-571-9236 for information, reservations, and directions. Please make your reservations at least three months in advance.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll-free number at 888-441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

New Jersey Chapter Reunion

The New Jersey Chapter held their semi-annual meeting on Oct. 1-2-3, 2003 at the Port-O-Call Hotel in Ocean City, N.J. The affair was attended by 87 Rainbowers. Most notably, five PNPs and two PNAPs along with the president of the Auxiliary were president. They were Foundation President PNP Father Bob Weiss, PNP Dick Tisch, PNP Bill Kenny, PNP John McGovern and PNP Harold Melinek, who is a great person to get things done right. Auxiliary President Marge Eaton and Red Cap Gerald were on tap as were PNAP Joanne Dart and

PNAP Grace Walker. Your editor Ken Carpenter was also present and we were honored by the presence of Major General Tom Garrett, the former 42nd Division N.G. Commander. Everyone in the chapter pitches in, but special thanks go to Chapter President John Harrison and PCPs Pat Guida and Bob Monsen.

Archivist's Report

Processing of the material required for accessioning at the St. Louis reunion is near complete. On the return trip, St. Louis to Seattle, a stop was made in Lincoln, Nebraska, for several nights and a most informative visit was made to the University Libraries there, one of our primary archives.

Numerous subjects were reviewed. Two major ones outside the normal routine need sharing. University legal counsel's offices are investigating the possibility of a reverse contact to Rainbow inquiries that reach the archives there either by snail mail or the Internet. This would enable the Foundation's membership officers to distribute information along with the information provided by the archives to the party raising the questions.

Approval will enable the Division's roster of both World Wars to be placed in both archive locations, providing them with the opportunity for quick search and respond to people asking questions and seeking information about a relative.

With the substantial increase of transmittals of narratives, stories, reports, and histories of Division personnel, the question is raised of publication rights. While the "Donor Receipt/Materials Transmittal" form carries an unconditional release and grants the Foundation all rights, the University feels the release should carry a more positive release.

This will require a redraft of the acknowledgment form and a request for release signature. The donor will be asked to sign a copy of the acknowledgment and return same to the archives. The signed copy will provide a legal safety net for publishable Rainbow material.

The long, hot drive to and from St. Louis was in anticipation of conveying to Seattle for processing promised archive materials. For two years there has been some disappointment in people not following through on bringing materials. While we may travel to West Coast venues for meetings by auto, the long jaunts by auto will be discontinued. Materials for the archives and museums should be sent by UPS or another public conveyance. With the merger, now is a good time to dispose of your files on the Association. Thank you.

Keep Well and Happy,
 Bill Keithan

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POW Stories

114 POW stories have been sent to

Mark Kingsbury, who will do the final assembly of the book. Mark is the Art Editor of the History Channel Magazine. His great-grandfather was a Rainbow POW in WWI and his grandfather was in Hq. Co., 232nd Inf.

Company Rosters

Val Spiegel continued to have a need for typists for the company rosters. Val will send rosters and typing instructions to anyone who volunteers by contacting him by e-mail at spiegel-val@worldnet.att.net.

I am accepting pledges and payments of \$100/5 years. If you need to make a payment, please send to me. Also accepting \$500 or larger donations. See pledge form below.

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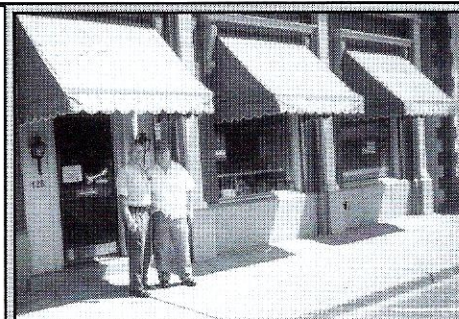
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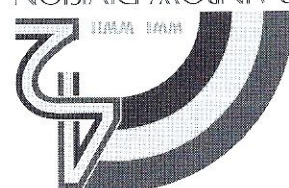
The Reveille editor and the publishing editor took a tour of St. Louis and eventually came upon the place where the Reveille is printed, "Messenger Printing Company." The picture below shows the dynamic duo in front of Messenger Printing.

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