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Chairman's Message

Memphis is gone, but not forgotten. I and many others will not forget the friendly hotel staff, the great hospitality rooms, the heart-warming camaraderie of being together again with people especially dear to us, and the special surprise of hearing a very busy General Taluto explain via telephone how he is preparing his troops for combat duty in Iraq – the third generation of wartime “Rainbow Citizen Soldiers.” The General has pledged to keep us informed of anything we might do to encourage and support his troops and families, and I have pledged our Foundation’s willingness to step up and do our best to help him help his troops. As the time grows nearer for the current 42nd Rainbow to embark for Iraq, it is important that we all be prepared to spend some time and effort on their behalf if the General calls us to serve.

Not very far ahead is the annual Birmingham Veterans’ Day celebration. Aleen Walker, God bless her hearty, indomitable spirit, is leading the planning for another “knockout” celebration. Plan now to join us in Birmingham. The price is right; the ambiance is right; the hospitality is right; the pace is right; the camaraderie is right; the banquet is right – EVERYTHING IS RIGHT.

While on the topic of good times, let me pause to particularly thank James “Pete” Pettus, our Reunions Officer, for the superb job he did in getting us organized for Memphis. He, his wife Rose, and “Dodo” Kallaher were the advance party that made it possible for all the rest of the behind-the-scenes workers – Auxiliary women, trustees, national officers, chapter members, bazaar contributors, committee members and hospitality room volunteers – to go about their respective tasks unimpeded and efficiently.

By the way, “Pete” and I have already pledged to be even better organized for next year Indianapolis.

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CAMPAIGNS

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

MEMPHIS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Approximately 370 Rainbows gathered at the Memphis Marriott East July 13-18, 2004. It was a great affair put on by Armed Forces Reunions and ably chaired by Pete and Rose Pettus and Delores Kallaher. The Early Bird was a great success as Ted Johnson led a rousing sing-along featuring Rainbow in the Army and That Old Mountain Dew. Next Delores Kallaher led the Riverboat Cloggers in some lively dances. Aside from business meetings, many tours were available. Most popular were Casino Night and a tour of Graceland. No one reported spotting Elvis. Individual unit dinners were heavily attended. On Saturday, the Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. Norman Forde along with Fr. Weiss and Rev. Willemssen. Scott Sturtevant led the piano prelude and Sybil Canon sang beautiful WWII songs “I’ll Be Seeing You” and “White Cliffs of Dover.” Readings from the Scriptures were delivered by the three chaplains and Father Weiss conducted the “Champagne Hour” including reading of “Rouge Bouquet” and Flanders

Fields. After all joined in the National Anthem, Taps was played and we all filed out silently.

At the banquet head table were notables PNP Fr. Bob Weiss, PNAP Delores Kallaher, Rev. Norman and Shirley Forde, PNP Pete and Rose Pettus, PNP Ted Simonson and Patty Hughes, PNAP Marge and Past Red Cap Gerard Eaton, and Incoming Auxiliary President Esther and Red Cap Dick Pearce. Announcement was made that the Queen of Battles plaque was won by Hqs., 222nd Infantry, and the hotel stay was won by Porter Richardson. Highlight of the evening was a telephone conversation with Gen. Joe Taluto, the Division Commander of the 42nd Mechanized National Guard. The unit will be going to Iraq as a complete Division shortly. Some parts of the 42nd had already gone to Iraq, attached to the 1st Division and 10th Mountain Division. Unfortunately, four deaths were sustained. The banquet ended with good-bye hugs and kisses, looking ahead to Charleston in February.

SALUTE TO WWII VETERANS PARADE

On May 31, 2004, a little past 8:00 a.m. on a drizzly and delightfully cool Memorial Day, the Salute to WWII Veterans Parade stepped off at Madison Avenue and 3rd Street, marched down to Independence Avenue in our nation’s capital and there, after turning the corner west on Independence Avenue, proceeded past the Reviewing Stand, this grand parade consisting of 139 parade elements, including the 42nd Rainbow Division Infantry Division element, marched past clapping and cheering spectators along that historic avenue. So it was, finally, the nation’s salute honoring World War II veterans marched proudly in our nation’s capital in salute of World War II veterans and their just-dedicated WWII Memorial.

The 42nd Division parade element was perhaps the largest element in the parade and the only one representing a military organization as a unit. Our participation in the parade came as a result of a luncheon in January this year at which the Memorial Day parade event was briefly mentioned. Joe Shumard, a parade task force member, was speaking about the traditional George Washington Birthday parade in Alexandria, Virginia which he organizes each year. A phone call to Joe following the luncheon result-

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DUES ARE DUE!

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Chaplain's Message

Almighty God, we commend to your
gracious care the members of the 42nd
Infantry Division, Mechanized, the Rain-
bow Division, as they deploy to Iraq.
Defend them by day with your heavenly
grace; strengthen them in their daily
tasks; give them the courage to face what-
ever situations they face, and grant them
a sense of your abiding presence where-
ver they may be. Remember also their
loved ones back at home, who wait for
their return. May all members of the
Rainbow family support those who are
deployed and their families at home in
any way possible, and may the efforts of
all our forces help to establish democra-
cy and peace in Iraq.

Amen.

Norman P. Forde, RDVA Chaplain

Dachau

Dear Friends:

This is an early notification that there
will be 60th Anniversary ceremonies at
Dachau on May 1, 2005. Both Dr. Barbara
Distel, Director of Dachau Museum and
Paul Kerstenne, President of the Interna-
tional Dachau Foundation have invited
Rainbow Division Veterans to attend the
May 1, 2005 ceremonies at Dachau. More
details will be received at later dates and
will be circulated, in one form or another,
to our veterans.

Best Rainbow regards to all.

Dee R. Eberhart



Dee Kramer donated her painting of the
WWII memorial to the 222 Auxiliary
Bazaar. Ivan Wallace won the silent
auction. Dee's husband Lou and Ivan
served in the same company.



Can anyone
recognize this
man? We met at
the World War II
Memorial. We
would like to
know his address.

James Rose
831 Northgal
Toledo, OH 43612
Tel. 419-476-0093

PNAPs and PNPs at Memphis

Left to right: Winnie
Baldock, Delores Kallaher,
Dee Kramer, Oriana Grimm,
Loretta Schneider, Grace
Walker, Joanne Dart, Myrtle
Wallace, Marge Eaton and
Pearl Segel. Present but
not in picture: Mary
Brewer, Blanche Trout,
Barbara Eberhart, Peggy
Fleming, Dorothy Smith
and Betty Owen.



Left to right: Dee
Eberhart, Hugo Grimm,
Dick Tisch, Ted Johnson,
Rube Evanoff, Don Segel,
Ivan Wallace, Bill Kenny,
Ted Simonson, John
McGovern, Herb Butt,
Harold Melinek, Pete Pettus
and Fr. Bob Weiss. Not in
picture: Charles Marshall,
Fred Goldsmith, Dolian
Harris and John Carr.

National Reunion**July 12-16, 2005****Indianapolis Marriott East****Indianapolis, Indiana****(317) 352-1231 or (317) 322-3716**

Rates: \$87.00 + tax, good from July 10-18. The Indianapolis Marriott is located at 7202 East 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Please contact the hotel directly for accurate driving directions. At the Marriott, you'll discover a rare blend of elegant decor, Midwestern hospitality, exceptional facilities and services. There are 255 guest rooms, which are newly remodeled as of 2001. The hotel is just six miles from downtown; just 10 minutes via the interstate. All attractions and the airport are easily accessible due to the hotel's proximity to Interstates I-70 and I-465 on the east side. There are indoor and outdoor pools, a health club, sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room which gives the guests a 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 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 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. **Damon's Ribs** (American, nearby) is open

for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **Red Lobster** (seafood, nearby) is open for lunch and dinner. **Lincoln Square** (American, nearby) is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Room service is available.

Carrie Limousine Service provides shuttle service to and from the hotel. Please call (317) 241-7100 for information and reservations. The current fare is \$18.50 per person, one-way. They are located outside of the baggage claim area at the airport.

RV parking is allowed for guests of the hotel. There are no hook-ups on the premises. Indianapolis KOA Campground is approximately 10 minutes from the Indianapolis Marriott. For information, please call (317) 894-1397. For reservations, please call 1-800-562-0531 at least a month in advance. Indianapolis KOA is located at 5896 West 200, North Greenfield, IN 46140.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, Scoot Around 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. The hotel is located six miles east of downtown. It is near the junction of I-465 and I-70 East, Exit 89 on Shadeland Avenue.

Vendors, schedules, and prices are subject to change.

Mid-Year Reunion**February 9-13, 2005****Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport****5991 Rivers Ave.****Charleston, South Carolina 29406****(843) 744-2501**

The 2005 Mid-Year Reunion will be in Charleston, S.C. at the Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport. The dates are Feb. 9-13. Prices will be good for two days before and after these dates. There will be a 15% discount on all hotel restaurants. Room rates will be \$89 plus tax.

It is located just off I-26, the main route into Charleston, at the corner of Rivers Avenue and East Aviation Avenue. The hotel is five minutes from Charleston International Airport, 15 minutes from downtown and historic areas, 20 minutes from the beaches, and five minutes from the Charleston Area Convention Center.

The hotel number is 843-744-2501.

Corrections and Additions to Birmingham's Veterans Day

When the information that was in the June 2004 issue of the *Reveille* was written, it was hoped that all the rates would remain the same as last year. Unfortunately, when the Birmingham Veterans Day Committee had their first meeting, it was found necessary to raise the rates for the Banquet and Luncheon. The rate for the Peace Banquet is now \$22 and for the Peace Luncheon \$20. These prices plus the bus \$10 now total \$52. We are sorry about this, but as everything else

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CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL

42nd RAINBOW FOUNDATION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

REUNION DATES: July 12-16, 2005

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
 TEL. NUMBER (____) _____ MARRIOTT HONORED GUEST CARD # _____
 ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____
 # OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. _____ HANDICAP ACCESS _____ SMOKING
 _____ NONSMOKING _____ KING BED _____ BEDS _____ If room type requested is not
 available, nearest room type will be assigned.
 RATE: \$89.00+tax (currently 12%) for 1-2 people in room. Rate honored 3 days before/after official
 reunion dates, based on availability.
 CUTOFF DATE: 6/21/05. After this date, reservations will be processed on space & rate availability.
 CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6pm on your arrival day.
 All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.
 ___ AMEX ___ DINERS ___ VISA ___ MASTER CARD ___ CARTE BLANCHE ___ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Indianapolis Marriott, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Birmingham Corrections and Additions

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is going up, this is just following along. As before, please send your check to Aleen Walker, 2121 Red Hill School Road, Hayden, AL 35079. She will need your check by October 12, 2004. As part of the tour on the 10th, we will visit the refurbished statue of Vulcan, the god of fire and metalworking. It is the largest metal statue in the country after the Statue of Liberty, and he is celebrating his 100th anniversary. There is a \$5 fee if you wish to climb or take the elevator to the observation platform on the top, from which you can see all of Birmingham. There are gardens and a museum at the base of Vulcan, if you don't want to visit the top. All other prices remain the same.

And last, but not least, on Tuesday evening, the 9th we will meet in the Hospitality Room (411) at 5 p.m., prior to adjourning to the hotel restaurant for a Dutch treat supper.

As of the Annual Meeting in Memphis, there are a lot who have been there before, who plan on attending again, as well as those for whom this will be their first trip. Why don't you join us?

Y'all come. You won't regret it.

Ohio Group

Ohio Rainbows assembled on Thursday, June 24, 2004 at the Best Western Inn in Lancaster, Ohio for our 2004 Rainbow Banquet. 22 were present for this event.

At 7:00 p.m., Comrade President Bill Lahmann called the group to "attention," the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country was recited, "Grace" was offered and we then sat down to a delicious banquet.

The business meeting followed the banquet. The group agreed that a one-day meeting does not allow sufficient time for reminiscing and partying. Therefore, next year's Reunion will be two days - the 22nd and 23rd of June 2005. The location will be Best Western Inn in Lancaster, Ohio. Come join us. More information will follow.

Veterans' Day - Garden City, Long Island, New York

This year the wreath-laying ceremony conducted at the "Rainbow" Monument in Garden City on Veterans' Day, will be considerably expanded. The American Legion William Bradford Turner Post #265, the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, and the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation of Norfolk, VA, all under the capable leader-

ship of George Haber (a local history buff and public relations professional) will conduct a 2 1/2-hour program, starting at 9:30 a.m. on November 11 at the Monument.

To honor the legendary "Rainbow Division" of World War I, the Rainbow Division Monument (which is being cleaned and veiled) will be unveiled and rededicated during the ceremony.

The program will include the winners of the essay contest that is being conducted prior to Veterans' Day in the Middle Schools of Nassau County. Prizes will go to middle school students for winning essays or poems relating to the Rainbow Division and America's role in World War I. The five judges will be Jack Baker (Rainbow WWII Veteran), John Donovan (Commander AL Post 265), George Haber, a writer for *Newsday* (Long Island Daily) and a former newspaper editor. We are hoping to include several speakers with connections to the Rainbow Division of World War I, World War II and the present-day New York National Guard Rainbow Division, who by the way are now on active duty at Fort Drum, NY, Fort Dix, NJ, Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, TX, and Camp Shelby, MS, preparing for service in Iraq.

Any Rainbows who live in the area are cordially invited to participate in the ceremonies. What better way could you spend Veterans' Day, than to honor those of Rainbow Division, who came before us?

Eastern Region Chapter

The Eastern Region Chapter will hold their semi-annual reunion on October 6-7-8, 2004, at the Port-O-Call Hotel, Ocean City, N.J. Contact: Stewart Hihn at 410-592-7911, John Walker at 410-721-8830, or Harold Melinek at 908-604-9181.

We Get Letters

Dear Kenneth,

As I sit here writing you this letter about our CA chapter of the RDVMF recent get-together in Laughlin, NV for 4 days of comradeship and feeding the slot machines, I am treated to Torrance, CA's 45th Armed Forces Day parade fly-bys of F-14 and F-18 Navy jets and Seahawks Helicopters and the C-17 Transport. Our condo is located directly under the approach to Torrance Municipal Airport. This airport, known as Zamperini Field, was built and used to train WW2 Lightning Fighter (P-38) pilots. Last year the Army was featured, so this year it is the Navy's turn. The Navy has also sent the USS Decatur missile destroyer to anchor off the Torrance, CA beach. The Decatur sailors will also take part in the parade. At least 60,000 people are expected to line the parade route this year, double the number that watched in 2003. A large featured static display of

many fighting vehicles also will be able to be seen at the end of the parade route in the Del Amo Fashion Center (mall).

This get-together is one of the things the Chapter does during the year. We also get together for a Christmas brunch in Anaheim, CA at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Our Laughlin, NV outing was held at the Ramada Express and was a great success due to the great job that Dave Cohen and Ray Deming did putting this occasion together. The hospitality room was exceptional with lots of good food and drinks along with many pictures of us old warriors when we could still turn young girls' heads! Lots and lots of memories that always seem to get a little embellished as time goes by. Some of the activities included visiting other casinos, a Colorado riverboat ride was discussed, the Ramada Express train ride was interesting, Barbara and Dee Eberhart and the Krenklers drove over to Oatman, Arizona to see the wild burros in and out of town with a stop at the Hotel/Bar in town where Clark Gable and Lana Turner spent their honeymoon in 1939. All in all it was a great success and lots of fun, and those that missed it should try to join us next year, God willing.

We all came back a few pounds heavier and a few bucks lighter.

To all Verna's and Fred's Rainbow friends we send our Rainbow love and wishes for continued good health.

Fred (Fritz) Krenkler

Chairman's Message

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We truly expect to be able to "Let the good times roll" in Indianapolis.

Finally, in this issue of the Reveille, you have seen a plea for funding support. At this writing, we have about 1,300 members of the Foundation. If each one of us could resolve to set aside \$10 per month (one dinner at McDonald's or Wendy's) and donate it to our Foundation, we would accumulate over \$130,000 per year - over half a million dollars in four years! I'm going to do it! Will each of you join me and commit to donating \$10/month this year? Do it, please! We can build our endowment and guarantee our future viability as an organization in the same fashion. Set your personal \$10/month plan in motion today.

Yours in Rainbow,
Ted Simonson, Chairman

Salute to WWII Veterans Parade

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ed in the concept that the 42nd Rainbow Division should indeed be a participant in the Memorial Day parade event celebrating the dedication of the WWII Memorial.

E-mails and phone calls were made – a lot of them. And some faxes, too. John Walker graciously accepted the task of presenting the parade concept at the RDVMF Mid-Winter meeting in Tucson. Charlie Fowler and Larry Kendrick provided advice and support. For full funding support, effort was first directed toward obtaining sponsorship from several sources including Pepsi Corporation. Pepsi's soft drink product "Mountain Dew" could be tied in with the Rainbow Division song of the same name. However, the \$1,000 seed funding from the RDVMF and generous personal contributions from many of the RDVMF obviated the need for outside sponsorship.

There was the issue of a parade float. Again, Joe Shumard of the Alexandria parade task force came to the rescue. Contact with Shaw Parades in Hagerstown, MD was made. John Shaw sent photos of various floats his group had in storage, and bingo!, there was one, within budget, which could be redesigned to fit our parade theme concept to present the 42nd and its history. The fund-raising combined with generous support from RDVMF membership Bill Shurtleff, Ted Simonson, Dee Eberhard and Jon Janosik, just to name a few, were supplying good counsel and support. Suellen McDaniel became a cheerleader.

A lot of scurrying about to present the flags of the 50 states and District of Columbia in keeping with Rainbow parade tradition occurred. No military reserve units were available, high school and college ROTC units were going on summer break, and after poking around, contact with Curtis Pruett, the National Capitol Area Marketing Director for the Boy Scouts, led to Mike Farrell, an Eagle Scout in La Plata, MD who organized a superb flag presentation unit. A similar routine was involved in obtaining a marching band. None were available in the immediate metropolitan area owing to summer break, but the Madison Council High School's marching band, led by Keith Cottrell, was ready, willing and able. So here's a tip of the cap to an excellent rural county high school band from Madison County, Virginia which performed with great capability and poise.

At the Ocean City, NJ RDVMF Spring meeting there was opportunity to meet with Major General Taluto of the 42nd National Guard ID (M), regarding the availability of two soldiers to appear on the theme float – so there was WWI, WWII and current Rainbow represented

on the float the theme "Citizen Soldiers of the 42nd Serving America." A special nod goes to Harold Melinek, in providing good comment and for providing items for the color guard.

Mention must be made regarding Bill Shurtleff's efforts locating a motel for the Rainbow Parade element to gather, stay overnight, and have a hospitality room. The Days Inn motel in Capitol Heights, MD, represented a moderately priced and convenient place to assemble, form up, and move out to the parade. That we did at 0615 parade day, in a convoy of two buses, one for the Rainbow and the other, the Boy Scout group from La Plata, MD. It is noted that Mayland Crosson ran an excellent hospitality room.

The 42nd Rainbow Division's parade element began with a 30-foot banner proclaiming "Trail of the Rainbow 1917-2004," a banner carried by the grandchildren of 42nd WWII veterans. Again, thanks to Bill Shurtleff. That was followed by a color guard of four, Pete Petrus, John Walker, Bud Gahs, and George Van Allen, WWII veterans all, presenting Old Glory and the Division colors with battle streamers. Then came the division's parade element director and organizer, clad in typically (and appropriate) tired-looking combat infantry uniform, pants, field jacket, boots and helmet, rifle slung on the shoulder, barrel down in the drizzle, accompanied by "Willie" Shurtleff, a fellow infantry veteran with a backpack, limping along in true combat infantry GI fashion, cane in one hand and leash of his pet dog, Molly who followed obediently along, in the other.

The flags of the 50 states and the District of Columbia smartly followed, carried by Boy Scouts from Southern Maryland. Presenting the flags of all the states and the District of Columbia is a Rainbow Infantry tradition began in Germany during WWII at surrender ceremonies in several German cities.

Next in the 42nd Rainbow parade element was the theme float with a large Rainbow insignia and division numerals in the center. On the float was a WWI doughboy, Jeremy Edmonds (a soon-to-be grandson-in-law), four WWII RDVMF veterans, Ted Johnson, Ted Simonson, Bill Kenney, and Don Segal and two soldiers, 1SG Murice Agrard and Sfc. David Waldro, both from 101st Cavalry of the 42nd ID (M) scheduled for deployment to Iraq in the coming weeks. At the rear of the float was the legend "Citizen Soldiers of the 42nd Serving America" and "France, Central Europe, 9/11 and Iraq."

The theme float was followed by the 90-member Madison County, Virginia High School Marching Band. The band has received high honors from the Commonwealth of Virginia and had recently performed at Disney World.

The last segment of the division's parade element was the second float, beautifully decorated with a large sign identifying it as a 42nd Rainbow Divi-

sion conveyance on which 25 WWII 42nd veterans, Ladies Auxiliary officers, wives and family members were seated.

On Tuesday, June 1, Senator and Mrs. Lieberman hosted an afternoon reception at the United States Capitol in the LBJ Room for 18 members of the 42nd Rainbow Division and their families in honor of the division's liberation of the infamous Dachau concentration camp on April 29, 1945. The significance of the reception by Senator and Mrs. Lieberman was that her mother was rescued from the Dachau concentration camp by that action. Col. John Linden, USA (Ret.), whose father, Brigadier General Henning Linden, took the surrender of the Dachau concentration camp, presented Senator and Mrs. Lieberman with a copy of his book, "Surrender of the Dachau Concentration Camp 29 Apr 45 – The True Account." Col. Linden's book contains official documentation, photographs and material related to the surrender and the several controversial incidents which occurred. A plaque at the Dachau concentration camp memorial honors the 42nd Rainbow Division for liberating the concentration camp and the surrender of the Nazi SS guards. The reception concluded with photo ops including Senator and Mrs. Lieberman with the veterans of the 42nd Infantry Division, wives and family members.

The reception was organized by the senator's Director of Communications, Matt Gobush, and coordinated by Jim Clemons, 42nd Rainbow WWII Parade Chair/Liaison. Final reception details were completed about 6 p.m. May 31 for the 2 p.m. June 1 reception. The Parade Chair/Liaison, accompanied by his wife, then returned to the Days Inn motel in Capitol Heights, MD to fully brief RDVMF members about the June 1 reception. The hour-long reception in the United States Capitol's LBJ Room was an historic occasion honoring the 42nd Division for its accomplishments. All of the guests represented members and family of the 42nd Rainbow Division. Each had their picture taken with Senator and Mrs. Lieberman, and yes, they were finally mailed out on Friday, July 9, according to one of Senator Lieberman's interns.

By Jim Clemons

*RDVMF WWII Parade Chair/Liaison
July 11, 2004*



Navarin Farms Ceremony

Ceremonial Program

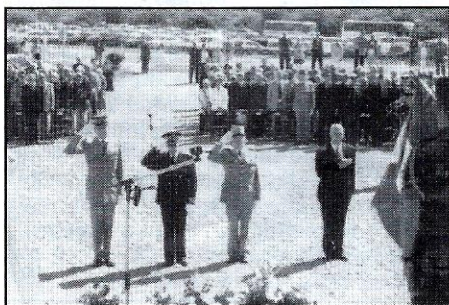
- Positioning of the Colors
- National Anthems
- Addresses and Benediction
- Wreath Laying
- Taps
- Retiring the Colors
- A solemn high religious mass was held immediately after the ceremony

Wreath Presentation

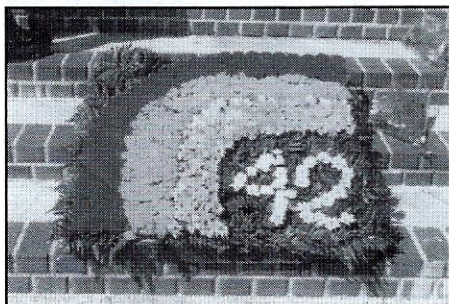
- 42nd Infantry Division Veterans Association wreath presented by Director, ABMC European Region, Brigadier General William J. Leszczynski, USA (ret.)
- Champagne Veterans Remembrance and Monuments Association wreath presented by General Xavier Gourard, French Army
- The Marne Department presented by Mr. Valentin
- Marne Department Military Delegate presented by Col. Collot D'Escury

The ceremony was very dignified and the speeches were excellent. The ceremonial troops were very professional and their timing was perfect. Wreaths were presented at the French Military Cemetery in La Cheppe after the Navarin ceremony. A formal lunch was served at the Camp de Suippes Officers Club after the ceremonies.

Joseph P. Rivers, Superintendent



Wreath Laying



42nd (Rainbow) Wreath

Man Takes Family Pride to Memorial Parade

As Ted Johnson of Ely, Iowa, rides on the 42nd Rainbow Division float in the Memorial Day parade Monday in Washington, D.C., he will be among hundreds of fellow World War II veterans who each have their stories, their lives spanning nearly 60 years after the war ended and their memories.

Ted, 79, will arrive Saturday. Among his stops will be the new \$67.5 million National World War II Memorial that honors 16 million Americans who served in the armed forces during the war, the more than 400,000 who were killed and the millions who supported the war effort.

Among those honored are Ted, his four brothers and his mother, Ina Johnson, who raised them in Fayette, Iowa.

"She had a five-star flag in the window," Ted says. "If one of us was killed it would have been four stars and a gold one for the dead one. We were fortunate."

Indeed they were. You need to look no further than Waterloo, Iowa, hometown of the five Sullivan brothers who all died when their ship was sunk during the war.

For the Sullivans, the memorials have been many. Books, a movie, a community center, even consideration for Iowa's commemorative quarter. And rightly so. Their death was a tragedy.

But thousands upon thousands of other World War II servicemen and women also put their lives on the line. While local community memorials paid tribute to them, the nation as a whole had done nothing.

"It's been a long time coming and I'm glad to see it," says Ted's daughter, Julie Sturgeon of Ely, who will be among those

to accompany him to Washington, D.C.

"World War II vets really didn't get much recognition," says Julie, 54. "When it was time for my generation to put up memorials, it was in the middle of a conflict that didn't have much support."

But the Vietnam War veterans did get their national memorial while World War II veterans waited.

It is about time.

Yes. To pay tribute to the Ted Johnsons of this country, the Harold and Howard and Warren and Eugene Johnsons, the Ina Johnsons.

"When I went through German towns marching, not in combat, I swore I saw my mother standing there with little kids around her," Ted says.

Ina was of German descent, as are more than half of Iowans today. The war was tough on her for more reasons than sending her sons off to fight.

Harold, the oldest, was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge as he fought in the Army. Howard in the Air Force, Warren in the Marines, and Harold and Ted in the Army all made it back fine.

Ted, as the youngest, has survived his brothers. His spent a decade in Washington, D.C., as a contract administrator for Collins Radio and then co-founded his own company, J-Tech, in Cedar Rapids. He and his wife, Shirley, have four children.

Ted's "baby," though, has been the 42nd Rainbow Division. Since it was formed in 1917, hundreds of Iowans, including the 168th Infantry of World War I, have been in it. Ted is the oldest living past president of the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation.

In Monday's parade, Ted will wear his Army jacket with a rainbow on the sleeve. It still fits after an alteration.

"They put a patch in the back," he says. "It doesn't show."

But his pride sure does.

Scholarship Winners

FIRST	LAST	ADDRESS	CITYSTATE	ZIP
Mary	Bate	13905 113th Avenue NE	Kirkland, WA	98034
Robert	Couch	441 Parkway Circle	Idaho Falls, ID	83401
* Emily	Donelson	4165 Bellflower Drive	Alpharetta, GA	30005
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Christine	Eaton	2706 Paddock Wood Road	Keswick, VA	22947
Kathlee	FitzPatrick	Anthony Wayne Road	Morristown, NJ	07960
Nora	Forde	2585 Catawba Ridge Court	Orange Park, FL	32065
Matthew	Fritts	8124 Telegraph Rd.	Severn, MD	21144
Scott	Fuller	560 Douglas	Idaho Falls, ID	83401
William	Kenny	1 Chadwell Place	Morristown, NJ	07960
Andrew	Knott	646 Raton Pass	Miamisburg, OH	45342
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Jacob	McDaniel	9817 Marion Martin Rd.	Charlestown, IN	47111-9233
Zachary	McDaniel	9817 Marion Martin Rd.	Charlestown, IN	47111-9233
Daniel	McInnis	2310 Overlook Drive	Bloomington, MN	55431
Margaret	Mutchler-B	9800 Westward Drive	Austin, TX	78733
Tyler	Roe	1902 Joan Drive	Idaho Falls, ID	83401
Ethan	Rogers	6465 Evergreen Drive	Independence, OH	44131
* Kelly	Schaefer	23550 Shelburne Rd.	Shaker Heights, OH	44122
Lee	Scott	2908 33rd Street	Snyder, TX	79549
Cameron	Sloan	1601 Lawrence Road	Ellensburg, WA	98926
Kathleen	Stephan	1231 Misty Mountain Court	Barnhart, Mo	63012
Heidi	Swartzloff	7792 Wildberry Court	Portage, MI	49024
Sean	Weaston	2676 Alliston Court	Columbus, OH	43220

*Duhacsek Award = \$1,000

William Kingsbury

Continued from June Issue

About 24 hours from port, we were met by four British destroyers that kept encircling the ship, watching for submarines. We arrived in the river at Liverpool, and docked at about 8 a.m. One could feel the easing of tension with everyone on board.

We entrained at 4 p.m. on January 17, they were the English-type passenger cars, and we were on our way, arriving at Winchester at midnight. We then marched to Camp Morn Hill. It was an uphill climb of about 5 miles. There we were quartered in British barracks. We were fed a breakfast of English biscuits and marmalade and tea.

The following day, our officers, with an English officer as a guide, led us on about a 10-mile hike through the English countryside. We were warned that all traffic was on the left side, which was strange to us. We did get into the English town, but it was a small place and in war time it was very quiet. I had gotten my first Army pay a few days before we left Meritt, I was paid for three months and had plenty of money, but the only thing that I found to buy were several apples from an English kid at a three-penny piece each. That was the equivalent of a dime. I gave him two dimes, for two apples.

After about five or six days in camp, we rode to Southampton, where we boarded the Channel ship H.M.S. George V. It was just a tin can and we had an exciting overnight voyage to LaHavre, in France. We were escorted on our voyage by an English blimp that hovered over us all the way. A British barrack was our home for several days. We slept on a bunk made with chicken wire stretched over a frame, and covered with a straw tick. We were then loaded into our first "Hommes 40 Cheveau 8, en long" box cars, and traveled to the French town called Selles-sur-Cher, in the 41st training area.

Selles-sur-Cher must have been a pretty little French town in peace time, but now it was rundown and dirty. Several days after we got there our company was marched to the center of town, given French brooms, and assigned the chore of sweeping the main street. I expect that the job had not been done since the war started. The piles of debris were then picked up by local farmers, who used the piles as fertilizer.

On one of the hotels was a small sign stating that "Napoleon Bonaparte Slept Here" so you can guess how old the building was. In one of the bakeries was displayed some very tasty looking cakes. Several boys were looking at the cakes, and decided to go in and buy one, when a nearby youngster spoke up and said, "Hey buddy, if you want to buy that cake you had better let me go in with you, or the woman will soak you." The surprised soldier asked the youngster where he had learned to speak English. The youngster replied, "Oh, I was born in the United States, and my dad came back to join the French Army, so here I am. I usually hung around here on the main street to help out some guy who wants to buy something, the merchants will soak them because they don't understand French, but I won't stand for it and the local kids will back me up."

The town was located on a small stream called the Cher River. We did some drilling and had some instruction, but no guns to practice with.

On February 10, a group of buck privates and undesirables were gathered together, of which I was one. We were ordered to roll packs and get ready to travel. We were marched to the railroad where we were packed into the "Hommes 40 Cheveau 8 en long" box cars and rode all night to "Rolampont," near "Chaumont," the A.E.F. general headquarters. I was one of the groups assigned to Company G, 167th Infantry, 42nd Division, formerly known as the Alabama National Guard. Stationed at Leffonds, about 6 miles from the railroad.

The group was made up of boys from mostly small Alabama towns. Their brogue was so southern that we had difficulty talking with them. I was assigned to the first squad of G Company, Sgt. Grady Parrish, Cpl. Mally Wright. Both of these men eventually became very close friends. We rookies were issued full equipment, including Springfield rifles, the first firearms that we had. We were given about 1/2 hour instruction in infantry drill, and told that most of us were from farms and small towns, anyway, that we would soon master the use of the guns. The first time that we were sent out in formation I was assigned to a position in the front rank, with no one to follow and watch. I had lots of fun getting by.

To Be Continued

Fund Raising Appeal

Dear Men and Women of Rainbow:

The Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation is alive and well! Our reunion in Memphis provided ample evidence that we have successfully made the transition from an Association to a Foundation organizationally and legally. Financially, however, our Rainbow programs need the continuing support of all our Rainbow family.

What programs are we supporting? Here are the major ongoing projects that we promote to keep our Rainbow legacy of patriotism, duty, and service to country alive:

1. We have in operation a wonderful Rainbow Scholarship Program which has helped hundreds of Rainbow Veterans' descendants - children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren - further their education. Every year, 25 to 35 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 have been awarded. We want to continue these awards and increase the amounts given.
2. We maintain an impressive list of Rainbow Memorials, and we have encouraged and contributed to their renovation and upkeep - from the magnificent amphitheater in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the statue of Father Duffy in Times Square to the Rainbow Viaduct Bridge in Birmingham to the Meurcy Farm Memorial in France. Our Memorials Officer oversees 20 National Memorials in the U.S.; 7 memorials in France, Germany and Austria; and 83 significant "Rainbow Sites" in this country.
3. We provide funding for the continuation of our reunions as well as for the enrollment as Foundation members of the current active duty troops of the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Mechanized.
4. Last, but not least, we support the publication of our excellent newsletter, the *Reveille*.

While we currently have a sound financial base, we know that to provide well for the future we can neither rely on what has been accomplished in the past nor rest where we are at present. An analysis of our future needs impels us to make every effort to increase both the Scholarship and Foundation Endowments. The Rainbow Scholarships are still \$500, the same amount as 20 years ago when college expenses were much less and a dollar was worth much more. Other costs are rising too, especially for the upkeep of Rainbow Memorials.

We represent all the members of the Foundation in appealing for your generous support - as you have done so wondrously and so often in the past - and ask you to contribute what you can to build up these two endowments (or with a contribution to the operating funds if you prefer your gift to be used more immediately). We also ask you to remember Rainbow when you review your will.

The accompanying return envelope for use in sending your donation also contains information for directing donations to specific activities if you wish to do so. You do need to put a First-Class stamp on the envelope - it is not postage-free. Make your checks payable to the Rainbow Division Memorial Foundation, and remember that they are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your past support and for your careful and thoughtful consideration of this request. We are,

Robert F. Weiss, SJ, President
C. Theodore Simonson, Chairman

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POW Book

There was a "barely on time" delivery of the POW stories in the "Hold at All Cost" book to the Memphis reunion on Saturday, July 17. The book was well received by all who saw it. Copies will be sent to the authors and transcribers.

Anyone wishing to order the book, please send a check for \$25, \$20 for the book and \$5 for shipping and handling, to: John McGovern, 7052 Apple Creek Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560. Make checks payable to Rainbow Veterans Foundation.

Rainbow History Book Reprint

There is a reprint of the Rainbow History book. Send \$22 to Hugo Grimm for your copy: 32 Austin Hill Ct., Wentzville, MO 63385.

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