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Chairman's Message

The long procession of "Old Rainbows" who have "passed over the rainbow" has been joined by our Senior Past President, Theodore (Ted) Armand Johnson — the man that just last year we acknowledged to be the epitome of what a "Rainbower" should be by officially designating him "Mr. Rainbow." His years of service to our group, his leadership, his patriotism, his largess, his indomitable spirit, and his unrelenting drive to see Rainbow extend beyond our brief life spans need not be recounted here. These attributes are already an integral part of our history. They have been, and will again be, recounted elsewhere.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be directed to 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation Scholarship Fund c/o Jon Janosik, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44511.

Each and every reader of this column is urged to make a donation to the Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Ted Johnson. Any amount you can contribute will be helpful. Try to be generous in memory of Ted, knowing that your contribution will also help future Rainbow scholars. As most of you know, I hold three offices in Rainbow. Two of them, Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Scholarship committee, are inextricably intertwined with the above request. I will be asking the Scholarship Committee at the Indianapolis annual meeting to establish a scholarship to be granted each year in Ted's name, just like we do with the Duhacek Scholarship. If the committee agrees, I will be carrying the torch for its adoption by the Board of Trustees. So, you can see that it would be wonderful to have a large sum contributed to help fund the scholarship in his name.

As Chairman of the Board, I would like to remind you that the Scholarship Chairman is at this time preparing scholarship application materials to be sent out to Scholar-

Over the Rainbow



There comes a time when you just have to do your duty, painful as it may be. PNP THEODORE A. JOHNSON passed away the night of February 22 at a hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. Ted was the youngest of four boys. Consequently his draft board was against drafting him. However, Ted fooled them and enlisted.

Ted was one of the ASTP students from Fargo that was transferred to the 42nd Division. He served in the 81 mm Mortar Section and was discharged as a S/Sgt with the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver and Bronze Star Medals.

He was an Iowa College graduate with a law degree and had retired from J-Tech Industries after years of service.

He has been Senior Past National President for the Association, now Foundation. He served RAINBOW over the years in many positions — all the way from Chapter Secretary to National President during the 1964-65 Membership year. He was Judge Advocate for years and will long be remembered as the MC that so ably conducted the Champagne Hour.

Ted is survived by his wife Shirley, daughters Julia Sturgeon, Ely, IA and Jeannie Prince, Dallas, TX; Sons Jeff, Oleweine, IA and Jim, Cedar Rapids, IA; as well as seven grandchildren.

Visitation was on Feb. 27 at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, 520 Wilson Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, and services were conducted Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, Ely, IA at 2:00 p.m. Memorials to the RAINBOW Memorial Foundation Scholarship Fund are suggested rather than flowers.

RAINBOW has lost a very loyal workaholic member. I have lost a valued friend and staunch supporter.

Respectfully,
Herb Butt

Editor's Note: Ted was a gallant soldier and true comrade as my foxhole buddy. He loved RAINBOW and was a great patriotic American. He was a credit to his family and his RAINBOW comrades, always there for anyone who needed him. The world became a better place for his having been in it. Til we meet again old friend! You have earned your Rest in Peace.

Rainbow Love,
Ken Carpenter

ship Applicants. It is not too late to have applications submitted to the Scholarship Chairman. The only deadline requirement is that I receive the completed application materials by May 15, 2005. If you want these materials sent to a prospective scholarship candidate, contact me at 220 Highland Terrace, Los Gatos, CA 95030 or Telephone (408) 354-

0718 or e-mail me at tigerted@mail.com. Please provide me with the student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address if the student has one, and the name of the Rainbow person nominating the student.

Yours in Rainbow,
Ted Simonson, Chairman

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Chaplain's Message

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore Thee graciously to bless the President of the United States, his counselors, and all others in authority, during this war on terrorism and the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Grant that they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, and unwavering in their duties and in the administration of their solemn charge to lead this nation. And may each of our citizens, as they have the opportunity and the ability, support the efforts of our nation to bring peace and stability to the world. We pray in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Norman P. Forde, RDVA Chaplain

In Memoriam

Dear Ken:

Earnie Owen sent us an e-mail saying that "Al Cahoon, 242 A Co., passed away January 26 at the VA hospital in Muskogee, OK. He had an upper respiratory infection and was just too weak to fight it off. There was a graveside service at the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery," January 31 at 1 p.m.

Al was born on the 4th of July, 1918; was at Scofield Barracks, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941; became one of the cadre men at Camp Gruber (summer 1943); platoon Sgt. A-242; captured at Hatten, Jan 9, 1945; postwar, he organized the 242 Chapter and presided until our charter was granted in July 1976 but would not run for chapter president.

Throughout the years, he was a generous contributor to Rainbow, including the Auxiliary and a number of chapters. He quit traveling many years ago, but he participated in some of the nearby Honor Heights ceremonies at Muskogee.

The family may be contacted through his daughter Carolyn Watts, 3504 University Ave., Muskogee, OK 74403.

Dee

Correction

Dear Mr. Grimm,

In the November 2004 issue Reveille, Vol. LXXXV #2, on the back page under the second column of Scholarship Operating Fund, a correction of my name should be made. I am listed as WILLIAM D. WATKINS which is not correct, and should be listed as WILBUR D. WATKINS, donation of \$250, in memory of John F. Walter, 3rd Marine Division.

Dachau Survivor

I was liberated in Dachau and to date I did not talk about it in the hope of forgetting the horror of it all. Today, however late, I wish to thank the 42nd Rainbow Division for liberating me and giving me a second change to live a normal life. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I will

remain forever in your debt.

Ernest Weiss, Coral Springs, FL

Enjoyable Mid-Year at Charleston

80 Rainbowers gathered at Charleston S.C. on February 10-14, 2005. Only one Business Meeting was scheduled so that much free time was available for the many tours that could be taken. Pete and Rose Pettus are to be commended for this successful event. As usual, the hospitality room, managed by Mayland Crosson with Bill Shurtliffe's help, was stupendous and enjoyed by all. The banquet was well run. V.I.P.'s at the head table were PNAP Esther and Richard Pierce, Auxiliary President Marge and Gerald Eaton, PNP Ted Simonson and Patty Hughes, PNP Pete and Rose Pettus, PNP Father Bob Weiss, and Reverend Norman and Shirley Forde. The affair culminated in a joint singing of "God Bless America," led by the Beautiful Voice of Linda Owens. All then repaired to the hospitality room for a nightcap. Now after hugs and kisses it's on to Indianapolis.

National Reunion Program will be printed in the June issue. Hotel registration form was in the September issue and is available on the Internet.

Family Readiness Group

E-mail message 11-4-2004 from Susan Taluto, wife of Brig. Gen. Joseph Taluto, to Grace Walker, PNAP:

Our family readiness group is very active. We are raising funds, collecting items for care packages to send to soldiers, preparing for the holidays and a children's party, and providing programs and resources to our families. We have wives, husbands, children, grandparents, parents, friends and extended family members in our group.

Your members can help by writing letters to soldiers, sending small items for care packages, writing letters of support to a family, donating funds for phone cards or postage. Some groups have donated small quilts, blankets or teddy bears for small children to hold for comfort while Mom or Dad are away. All items should be sent to State Armory, Glenmore Road, Troy, New York, 12180 to the attention of HHC, 42ED, Family Readiness Group. Letters to soldiers should just have a line on the envelope that say either "female soldier" or "male soldier." We cannot give out roster information but our group will make certain that it gets to one of the 42nd soldiers. If the writer gets a response, then return mail can go directly to the soldier that responded.

My husband and I truly appreciate all the support we've received from the RDVA and hope to be able to thank you in person once Task Force Liberty completes this important mission.

Susan Taluto

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.

There is free shuttle service to and from the hotel. Please call (317) 241-7100 for information and reservations.

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.

Registration is the normal \$40.00.

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Tour Descriptions

CITY TOUR

Wednesday, July 13

Board bus for a driving tour of Indianapolis, home to the American Legion since 1919 and the Amateur Sports Capital of the World. The professional guides will give you an informed narration of the past and present as you ride by the State House, the Hoosierdome, and Meridian Street, where the Governor's mansion is located. Also see the Indiana World War Memorial that pays homage to the Indiana men killed in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. A stop will be made at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, judged in its early days by the International Association of Architects to be one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own at Circle Center Mall. At least two shuttle times will be offered, based on your hotel location.

9:00am board bus, 2:30pm back to hotel
\$33/Person includes bus and guide.
Lunch on your own.

CONNER PRAIRIE

Thursday, July 14

Board bus and leave the 21st century behind. Arrive Conner Prairie, a living history museum. The first stop is the theater for an introduction and short film. Enjoy an authentic 19th century dining adventure. Experience the delicious tastes of 1836 while being entertained by a costumed host who will inform you of the diverse culinary tastes of Prairietown residents during lunch at Persimmons, Conner Prairie's Restaurant. Tour the re-created 1836 pioneer village, where you'll be able to chat with the doctor, the innkeeper, the blacksmith or the baker about life, religion, or politics of their day. Don't miss the Pioneer Adventure area, where you can try your hand at 19th century activities such as candle dipping, weaving, or barn dancing! Visitors may choose to tour the historic estate of William and Elizabeth Conner for an additional charge.

10:30am board bus, 3:00pm back to hotel
\$54/Person includes bus, guide, lunch, and admission

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Friday, July 15

After your luncheon, board the bus and proceed to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum with one of the world's largest and most varied collections of racing, classic, and antique passenger cars. See thirty-two Indy "500" winning cars on display and view the half-hour film depicting the history of the track. For an extra charge you may board the Speedway buses for a spin around the track (weather and race schedule permitting).

1:30pm board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel
\$30/person includes bus, guide and admission

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please be at the bus boarding area five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For reunion attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5 per person). Reunion attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code.

42nd Infantry Division Mechanized Deploy to Iraq — Families Need Support

Charles Fowler, RDVMF Memorials Officer sold "God Bless Our Troops!" buttons during the reunion in Memphis. These buttons are 2 1/4" in diameter, white, with a portion of a waving flag across the top, and a "Rainbow Patch with 42" under the motto. Charlie said, "We made enough at the Annual Reunion to pay for all those purchased, all that we sell now will be clear profit and will be sent to the Support Group. I'll have them in Birmingham and at the Mid-Year."

Ed: The buttons sold for \$2.00 each. If ordered by mail, please add the cost of postage to the \$2.00. One button weighs 1/2 ounce. Charlie adds, "If folks want to send an extra donation, it will all be sent to the 'Support Group.' My address until October 3 will be P.O. Box 64, Londonderry, NH 03053-0064 and after that date it will be 25821 Impatiens Court, Bonita Springs, FL 34135-9417." (Now in Florida.)

My Friend from Schweinfurt

In the year 1943 I heard that we had lost 40 B-24 in the raid of a German factory located in Schweinfurt, Germany. I never thought about it again until 1945 when as a BAR (on of two in our squad) we attacked Schweinfurt in the early dawn. I remember when we were in formation walking very quietly and we must have been successful because we passed several German soldiers in trenches asleep. They gave up without a fight because they were totally surrounded. I remember walking by the concrete fortification of their anti aircraft guns. This is where I saw stacked on end all the B-24's that were shot down in 1943. It was a very sobering time of my life. We laid down on the edge of a railroad taking up firing position while we waited for the other regiment that we learned was pinned down by machine gun fire. One of our tanks was sent to take care of the machine gun nest. We followed and when the tank was returning the tank driver said do we want a ride back. When we were climbing on I heard one of the crew men say, get on as many as you can as that will be that much protection for us. I did them one better because I climbed down inside the tank. We then were deployed at another part of the railroad or maybe it was a spur but we lay down on the tracks and open fire on the German's that were trying to escape. We got several prisoners at that location. We were told to go from building to building and flush out the enemy. In the process I went to the front window to see what was going on as I was in the process of removing the front shutter so I could see a large explosion occurred right in front of the building I was in and the window blew in my face. My ammo bearer was with me naturally and I turned and ran right over him. As it turned out it was a Long Tom firing from a flat bed car on the railroad a few miles away. The Long Tom, that's what they called back then I don't know if that is the correct pronunciation, but was German largest gun or artillery mounted on a flatbed. The German's fired a couple more rounds and we were running between the building and we came to a court yard and the only way we could get to it was through a small opening in the brick wall. We jumped through the opening. I threw a BAR through the opening and then I dove through. The Captain was in our group and Jumping Joe, the name that we pinned on him went up in the top of the building and called for our artillery to fire on the Long Tom and it was knocked out the first barrage. There sure was some scared GI's and I was one of them. I can remember that I was in a crater for a fox hole when the word came down that President Roosevelt had passed away and we had a gathering pray. That is my recollection of Schweinfurt, Germany.

Eugene Strain, 242nd Regt.

We Get Letters

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

Hello, my name is William Maynard. I would like to know if you could put an ad in the Rainbow Reveille. I am doing research on the 232nd Reg. 3rd Bat. Co. K. It seems that men of this Co. were issued the French Croix de Guerre award; My grandfather was one of them. His name was Herbert E. Sharkey. I have spoken to several vets that were in this Co. and were also issued this award. It seems to be a unit citation. I would like you to run an ad to see if I can locate any other veterans that were also issued the Croix de Guerre. I have one veteran by the name of Walter Smith that sent me a copy of his separation paper that lists this award and a photo of his Ike Jacket with the Fourragere of the Croix de Guerre on the left side. The vets that I have spoken to that confirm the award and were also issued it are Herbert E. Sharkey, Boyden Wells, Lenwood Ashcraft, Walter Smith, John Ballard. I am looking for any information that anyone could provide. It was issued between the months of June 1945 and November 1945 in Austria. It seems there is no record of this award being issued and I would like to have it recorded in the archives so these men can be remembered. They can contact me at my address, which I will enclose. I would like to thank you for your time. Could you please let me know if you can run this ad for me.

Thank you,
William P. L. Maynard III
62 Bates Pond Road
Canterbury, CT 06331
e-mail wmaynard@dbcglobal.net

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Dear Ken,

When we spoke on the telephone yesterday, you suggested that I write you requesting information about the events around my uncle's death in WWII. His name was Pfc. Arnold Reed Dollarhide, and he was killed in action during the battle of Ohlungen Forest on January 26, 1945. I would like to add this information with other personal effects from my uncle, in order to keep his memory alive in our family for generations to come. Our family at one time had a book which described the battle in some detail, and specifically mentioned him by name. It described how shortly before his death, he went out on patrol in an armored car. They encountered Germans and took some prisoners. Afterward they took the prisoners back to a company headquarters in Neubourg. An artillery shell exploded near the headquarters building, killing my uncle and one of the prisoners. This account may have been described in a book entitled, 42nd Rainbow Division: History of World War II, by Hugo C. Daly. I would very much appreciate

a copy of the pages describing these events if you can possibly locate them, and of course would appreciate anything else you can find about him. I hope the following information will help you locate the information about him:

Name: Arnold Reed Dollarhide
Grade: PFC
Army Serial Number: 17107737
Date of Death: January 26, 1945
Place of Death: Neubourg, France
Unit: Rainbow Division; 222nd Regiment; Co K

Thanks you very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Roland R. Miller
509 Harper Lance
Midland, MI 48640
989-839-2615
ronmiller@chartermi.net

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Dear Mr. Carpenter,

My husband, the late Edwin A. Schlapbach, (May 26, 2002) served with the 42nd Rainbow Division during World War II. He was also a prisoner of war. He was captured in January 1945 and was held at Stalag 9 near Bad Orb, Germany.

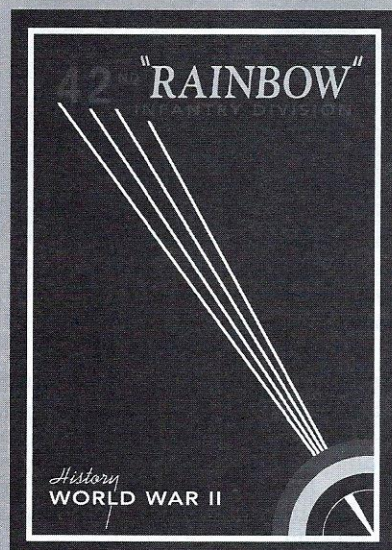
He told me that he and the other prisoners sang a song to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic." I cannot remember what he told me and he couldn't remember the exact words, but part of it was "Come and get us Georgie Patton, Come and get us Georgie Patton so we can ramble home. We're a bunch of soldiers...deep in Germany, Come and get us Georgie Patton." But, there was a lot more to it. I was wondering if anyone happened to be there and if they remember the words to their song. I would like to know it so I can pass it on to my grandsons.

Also, before my husband died he told us that people, especially military, should have taps played and then just at the end of the services at the cemetery, they should play reveille. He said that when reveille is played, it would be like a "new morning" or "getting up to a new morning" Anyway, we thought that the military unit was going to do this, but then they said that they were not allowed to do it. We were discussing it as we left the cemetery in the hearse and my grandson said, "Well, I have it on my cell phone." So, he played it on his cell phone. And my husband got his wishes anyway. But, I still think it was a good idea.

So, if anyone does remember the song, I would appreciate a copy of it.

Sincerely,
Margie Schlapbach
729 Heinzwood Circle
Lawton, OK 73505
e-mail: grunt33@sbcbglobal.net

42nd Rainbow WWII History Book



Many Rainbow Veterans over the years have asked to purchase another copy of the Rainbow History of WWII. You have said you wanted to give a copy to your children, grandchildren or replace books that have been lost or destroyed. Others would like to place the book in their public library, school or college.

With this in mind we have reprinted the original WWII History Book in limited number. The book that was first published in 1946, has 166 pages and bound paper back in 8 1/2 x 11 page format. The cost of \$22 includes shipping and handling.

This would make a great holiday gift for the younger generation.

Please mail orders to:

Hugo Grimm
32 Austin Hill Court
Wentzville, MO 63385

Iowa Chapter

As the new President of the Iowa Chapter I send greetings to all of the Iowa 42nd veterans and the ladies associated with the Rainbow. Many thanks to Howard Parker and his wife Katie for the ever so many years of working to keep this chapter going. I shall continue in that tradition. Give me your feedback. It will be appreciated. To help in that regard, my e-mail address is evjimiao@webtv.net. The address is 3525 Marquette St., Apt. 213, Davenport, IA 52806-5547.

Jim Schaefer

Honored Dead

(Never in Memorial File
or Never a Member)

242nd Infantry

Casto, Calvin M.	Co. B.
Koepke, Robert	SV. Co.
Drake, Robert W.	H1B
Daniel, James	Co. H.
Jennings, Eugene S.	Co. H.
Johnson, James W.	Co. H.
Nail, Thomas	Co. H.
Keddy, Royden	Not Known

Battery C. 392nd F.A.

Matson, John W.
McBrayer, Eugene C.
McKinnon, Oswald
Meade, John P.
Miller, Arthur T.
Miller, Bert
Milliken, Ronald E.
Mueller, Leonard R.
Neater, John J.
Paulsen, Loren J.
Richardson, Gus W.
Stephens, William H.
Stochel, Edward A.
Wall, Hubert
Woods, Jack F.
Zykoski, Joseph A.

Folding the Flag

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776? Have you ever noticed that Honor Guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies BUT we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in "Eternal Life."

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country, to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidances.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we "Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivis-

ible, with Liberty and Justice for all..."

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers, For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great as it has been molded.

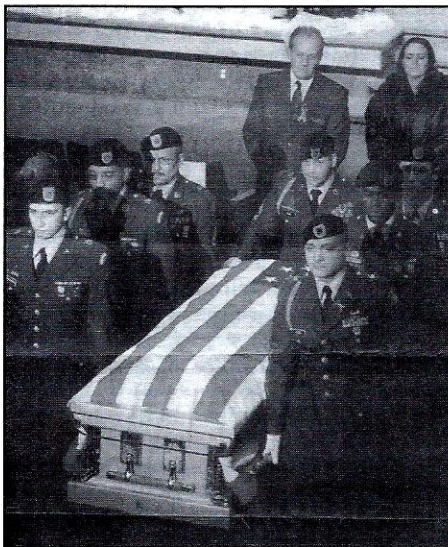
The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of Kind David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew's eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the starts are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust." After the flag is completely folded and tucked, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms that we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning... In the future, you'll see flags folded...NOW YOU WILL KNOW WHY.

A Spiritual Soldier's Salute



Soldiers leave First Assembly of God Church in Waterbury, CT on Dec. 14, 2004, with the casket of Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry, who was killed in Iraq nearly two weeks ago. Behind the casket is Irizarry's widow, Jessica, in black coat.

WATERBURY, CT — With a blend of solemn military honors and upbeat evangelical fervor, Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry was laid to rest on Dec. 14, 2004. Irizarry, a member of that 1st Battalion 69th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, was killed Dec. 3 in Taji, Iraq, when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle.

"The greatest soldier there ever was in all the world, and he still exists, is Jesus Christ," said the Rev. David Torres, pastor of Aposento Alto Pentecostal Church.

In a rousing 15-minute sermon on resurrection, met with applause and shouts of affirmation, Torres preached that Irizarry, a devout Pentecostal Christian, had gone to rest in heaven because he was "spiritually prepared" to die.

"I know and I am sure that the soul of my brother very happy," Torres said.

Services were conducted in English and Spanish, with translations provided simultaneously by the Rev. Roberto Rodriguez.

Irizarry joined the church in 1999 and quickly became a leader within the congregation of about 120 members, teaching Bible classes and assisting with other church functions.

During the services, Irizarry's widow, Jessica, broke down briefly during a musical interlude in which mourners were exhorted not to cry. Otherwise she maintained the same quiet composure she'd exhibited publicly through most of the nearly two weeks since her husband's death.

At the end of the service, she spoke briefly to the congregation, her remarks translated into English by an inter-

preter, saying she still did not understand why God would call her husband home, but that she hoped in time to comprehend the greater plan.

About 20 members of Irizarry's military unit still serving stateside came to the services in First Assembly of God Church on Thomaston Avenue to serve as an honor guard for their fallen comrade. Irizarry was the third member of the unit killed in Iraq since its arrival in late November.

Rainbow Iraq Casualties

Soldier, Age, Hometown, and Date Fallen, Also the unit he belonged to and his brigade. Then an explanation of death and location. IED is an improvised explosive device, NBD is a non-battle death.

There are the losses from Task Force Liberty, the 42nd Infantry Task Force in North-Central Iraq.

SSG Todd D. Olson, 36, Loyal, Wis. 12/27 1-128th IN, 2 BCT 1 ID (IED, Samarra)
SFC Mark C. Warren, 44, LaGrande, Ore. 1/31 3-116th AR, 116th BCT (NBD, FOB Warrior)
SSG Steven G. Bayow, 42, Coloni Yap Micronesia 2/4 2-7IN, 3 BCT (IED, Beyji)
SGT Daniel Torres, 23, Ft. Worth, Texas 2/4 2-7IN, 3 BCT (IED, Beyji)
SGT Chad Lake, 26, Ocala, Fla. 2/13 5-7 CAV, 1 BCT (NBD, Balad)
SGT Rene Knox Jr., 22, New Orleans, La. 2/13 5-7 CAV, 1 BCT (NBD, Balad)
SPC Dakotah L. Gooding, 21, Des Moines, Iowa 2/13 5-7 CAV, 1 BCT (NBD, Balad)
SFC David J. Sallie, 34, Columbus, Ga. 2/14 2-69 AR, 1 BCT (IED Baqubah)
SFC David J. Brangman, 20, Lake Worth, Fla. 2/13 3-69 AR, 1 BCT (IE, Camp Uvanni)
SPC Justin B. Carter, 21, Mansfield, Mo. 2/16 1-15 IN, 3 BCT (NBD, FOB McKenzie)
SPC Jacob Palmatier, 29, Springfield, Ill. 2/24 1-30IN, 1 BCT (IED, Qaryat)

These are the losses from other Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division elsewhere in Iraq. These Soldiers were members of the 42nd Infantry Division all along and served with other divisions in Iraq.

SGT Frank T. Carvill, 51, Calrstadt, N.J. 6/4/04 3-112th FA, 1 AD (IED, Baghdad)
SPC Christopher M. Duffy, 26, Brick, N.J. 6/4/04 3-112th FA, 1 AD (IED Baghdad)
SGT Humberto F. Timoteo, 25 Newark, N.J. 6/5/04 3-112th FA, 1 AD (IED, Baghdad)
SPC Ryan E. Doltz, 26, Mine Hill, N.J. 6/5/04 3-112th FA, 1 AD (IED, Baghdad)
SGT Christopher P. Engeldrum, 39, Bronx, N.Y. 11/29/04 1-69th IN, 1 CAV (IED, Baghdad)
PFC Wilfredo F. Urbina, 29, Baldwin, N.Y. 11/29/04 1-69th IN, 1 CAV (IED, Baghdad)
SPC David M. Fisher, 21, Green Island, N.Y. 12/2/04 1-101 CAV, 1 CAV (IED, Taji)
CPL Joseph O. Behnke, 45, Brooklyn, N.Y. 12/4/04 1-258th FA, 1 CAV (IED, Baghdad)
PFC Kenneth G. Vonronn, 20, Bloomingburg, N.Y. 12/6/04 1-69th IN, 1 CAV (IED, Baghdad)
SPC Alain L. Kamolvathin, 21, Blairstown, N.J. 1/17/05 1-69th IN, 1 CAV (IED, Baghdad)
PFC Francis C. Obaji, 21, Queens Village, N.Y. 1/17/05 1-69th IN, 1 CAV (NBD, Baghdad)

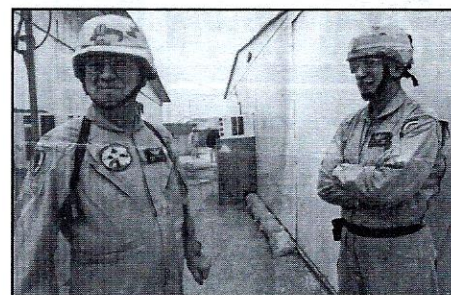
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Flyboys of Vietnam, Gray and Gazing at Iraq Sky



Chief Warrant Officers James Freeman of Stony Brook, N.Y., left, and Steven Derry of upstate New York.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, Iraq, Feb. 20 — The seasoned pilot was recalling a different war in a different place: "Every time we went in, we went in hot," he remembered. "You were fighting your way in and fighting your way out."

The pilot, Chief Warrant Officer James G. Freeman, was 23 when he began flying Huey helicopters in the Vietnam War in 1970. His missions with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company often involved dropping into a battleground to unload soldiers after helicopter gunships had "prepped" the zone with a torrent of rockets and machine-gun fire.

"There were a lot of bullets flying down there," Mr. Freeman recounted dryly during an interview. He was seated in a trailer on the airfield at Forward Operation Base Speicher, an American military base near here and his home for the next year while he is deployed with the 42nd Infantry Division of the New York National Guard, based in Troy, N.Y.

Mr. Freeman is now 58, with wry creases spraying from the corners of his eyes and a penchant for menthol cigarettes. As a member of the Guard, he has been deployed for events including the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., and relief and recover missions after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the crash of T.W.A. Flight 800 in 1996 and the attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

Now, 34 years after his yearlong tour of duty in Vietnam, Mr. Freeman is back in another war.

He is one of five helicopter pilots from the New York National Guard who flew Hueys in the Vietnam War and who have been deployed as Black Hawk pilots in northern Iraq with the 42nd Infantry Division. The five pilots, all together, flew thousands of combat hours in Vietnam and survived being shot down several times. In this war, however, they say their responsibilities have kept them largely earthbound, as younger pilots rack up the flight hours. And they are not very happy about it.

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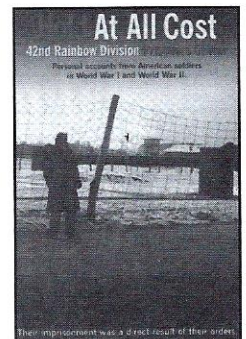
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