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BEATING THE ODDS

*Dedicated to the survivors of KZ Dachau
Written by Veteran Dee R. Eberhart, PNP RDVA,
Rifleman of the 42nd Rainbow
Division at the Liberation of
KZ Dachau April 29, 1945 –
And read to those
assembled at Dachau
29 April 2010*



We both beat the odds,
Against the enemy, one and
the same.
You in the camps,
We in the Infantry.

This is a lasting bond,
With odds that we both would fall,
Unless the enemy finally fell.
We as survivors, both before and after
That late April day,
Had discovered the secret of
Beating the Odds.

One of you told me
That he entered and left
Twelve different camps.



"How did you
survive?"
I asked.
"Luck" he
said. "An
ounce of luck
beats a
kilogram of
skill."

And luck is needed
To beat the odds.

We all suffered the cold,
But we had three layers of wool,
And you had ersatz cloth
With no warmth.
We both faced death daily,
But we had rifles in hand,
And you had only empty hands.

We all wonder
At the miracle of survival
And greet each day as a special gift.
Luck or Providence needed
In those deadly times,
65 years ago,
With the deck stacked against us,
But we found the ways
To beat those odds.

Greetings to Rainbowers Everywhere!

The 2009 - 2010 Rainbow year is all but finished. Our reunion in New Orleans is but a very few weeks away. To review this year, I would liken it to a speeding train. It has gone by that fast. From our reunion in Dayton, Ohio, to the Northeast Reunion in Ocean City, New Jersey, to the Birmingham Veterans Day Celebration, to the Memorial Day Service in Muskogee, OK, to attending local monthly meetings, it has been a very enjoyable year for me and Auxiliary President Linda.

As with other years, we have lost some GIANTS from our organization. For fear of leaving out the names, let me say, the experience, knowledge and hard work of those folks, cannot be easily replaced. The title of a country song by George Jones is, *Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes*, and it talks about heroes of the past and how hard it is going to be to replace them when they're gone. I look at the great number of Rainbow heroes who have brought us to this point in the history of our Foundation, and I realize those who came before us/me, deserve a great amount of recognition. From 1919 to the present, WW I to the War On Terror, the 42nd Rainbow Division has had those who were willing to step up and step in, to keep Rainbow alive, functioning, and to make sure the world will "Never Forget!". No one lives forever of course, so it is incumbent upon those who love Rainbow, and cherish the memory of those veterans who loved and gave their best to Rainbow, to now step up and step in to keep this wonderful Memorial Foundation alive in the future. Please encourage your family members to join the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, and be a part of all the great work we do.

I am thrilled that our current active duty Rainbow soldiers, as well as recently retired members, have become involved, and are interested in being a part of the work of Rainbow. We must educate people everywhere, about the purpose of Rainbow. It is more than our soldiers fighting to keep our country free. We, in Rainbow are saying it goes beyond that. We love the fellowship, camaraderie anytime we get together, for sure, but we do so much more.

No doubt you can see in this copy of The Reveille, how busy some of our Rainbowers have been since our last issue. Our thanks to Dee and Barbara Eberhart, as well as Teddy Dixon, for their presence at the 65th anniversary ceremonies on 29 April 2010, celebrating the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in Dachau, Germany. And thanks for a big assist goes to our great friend, and fellow Foundation member Ludwig Stoeckl, who is there in Dachau.

I want to give special recognition to our President and Memorials Officer, Jim Clemons. Jim has worked tirelessly this past year, coordinating so many different activities and ceremonies. It would be hard for me to believe we could have had the success we've had this year without him. He has reported his activities in a timely manner, as well as being a great liaison between Rainbow and government indices, both here and abroad. He has given contribution and effort that go beyond the scope of his duties. I have rarely seen anyone take their work to heart as he has this year. Of course, this being my first year as Chairman, maybe I'm just paying more attention now.

I know that there are many others who work behind the scenes, doing a great job for Rainbow, and never seem to get recognized for all they do. For my self, I want to thank everyone in Rainbow for all your efforts this past year, and for making it an easy and fun year.

Let me close by saying, I hope to see everyone in New Orleans, in July!

Earnest E. "Earnie" Owen, RDVMF Chairman



[photos— Dee R. Eberhart, reading "Beating the Odds"; below left, Dee Eberhart conversing with Max Mannheimer, right. Mr. Mannheimer, an author, is an honored member of the RDV Memorial Foundation. He was at the Dutch ceremony at the Leitenberg cemetery on the morning of April 29, 2010 and the first featured speaker on May 2. He is a survivor of Auschwitz, where most of his family were killed, and other camps, including Dachau.]

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A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

EARNIE OWEN – RDVMF CHAPLAIN

Lord, as we humbly come before Your presence, please hear us in this time of world trouble. Without Your help and guidance, we would be lost. Thank you for providence, long suffering and forgiveness, as we support our country and those fighting to keep us free. No one knows the outcome of the future, but You. Help us to do good to those in need, and may our nation be a beacon in a world where hope and freedom have been diminished. We stand and declare, Your word is right and true; and you are faithful in all You do, and that You love righteousness and justice; and that the earth is full of Your unfailing love. Ps 33:4-5 (NIV) Amen

RAINBOW RECOGNITION AND RECOLLECTIONS IN HONOR OF -

HUGO EUGENE GRIMM - 132D SIGNAL COMPANY; PNP 1978-1979 AND RAINBOW REVELLE PUBLISHING

EDITOR EMERITUS. Rainbow has lost a wonderful and dedicated friend. Hugo was born April 26, 1925 in Alton, Illinois to Hugo Henry and Estelle (nee Kolb) Grimm. He passed peacefully "over the rainbow" on May 3, 2010, seven days after his 85th birthday. A committal service with Military Funeral Honors was held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri on May 28th. Hugo attended Ritenour High School in St. John, Missouri where he played basketball and football. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in September, 1943, his Junior year of high school. He entered at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri and completed his basic training at Camp Gruber in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was then deployed to Europe and served with the 132nd Signal Company of the 42nd Rainbow Division. Hugo delivered official message's back and forth between Division command posts in his beloved Jeep #6 and was also Lieutenant Appleyard's private chauffeur. Hugo returned to Jefferson Barracks April, 1946 as a Tec 5 and was honorably discharged shortly thereafter. He received the following honors for serving in World War II: Victory Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with Two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Two Overseas Bars. Hugo and his wife, Oriana, attended their first National Rainbow Division Reunion in Birmingham, Alabama in July, 1951. The last reunion they attended was in Kansas City in July, 2002. Between these dates they attended a total of 54 July reunions. Hugo served as National Reunions Chairman in 1974 and 1989. Hugo and Oriana also attended many mid-year reunions. PNPs and PNAPs enjoyed trips in their motorhome to state reunions. Hugo loved providing items for sale such as 42nd Rainbow Division decals, patches, pins, stickers, and various WWII History books, as well as maps of the 42nd Rainbow Division route through Europe. Hugo became involved with the Rainbow Reveille in 1974. He spent countless hours updating membership cards and mailing Reveilles. Hugo became the Reveille Publishing Editor in the 1980's. Hugo met his wife of 61 years, Oriana (nee Rohlfing), on a blind date in April, 1947. They were blessed with three daughters - Kathy, Chris and Cindy. Hugo was employed by Community Federal Savings and Loan Association in St. Louis for almost 39 years. He retired as Vice President of Savings in December, 1985. Prior to this he was an auditor for the Kroger Company. Hugo's passions in life were his family, Lutheran High School North, the 42nd Rainbow Division, as well as his 1978 Ford Bronco. He was very proud to be a World War II Veteran and faithfully displayed the American Flag. Hugo is survived by his wife, Oriana; his three daughters: Kathy (Jim) Wiebel, Chris (Chuck) Rowan, and Cindy (Bennie) Kirkpatrick; five grandchildren: Jo (Tiffany) Wiebel, Matt (Sara) Wiebel, Melissa (John) Schrader, Adam Rowan, and Aaron (Tanya) Kirkpatrick; and six great-grandchildren: Laney and Adam Wiebel, Evan Wiebel, Madison Heflin, Mason Kirkpatrick, and Augustus (Gus) Schrader. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Woods of Denver, Colorado and is brother to the late Kenneth Grimm. **Mrs. Oriana Grimm was President, RDV National Auxiliary 1980-81.**



SGT. ALBERT WHATLEY, CO. I, 167TH INFANTRY WWI. Tribute by Dee R. Eberhart, PNP



RDVA, Trustee of the RDVMF. Read by ALA Senator Ted Little, Auburn, on the occasion of the Rededication of his reconstructed Memorial on 30 May 2010 at Mt. Olive Church on Society Hill Road, Lee County, Opelika, AL: "It has been an honor and privilege to be one of our Rainbow Division Veterans at a number of the annual Veterans Day Ceremonies at Birmingham. We always pay tribute to the men of the 167th Alabama Regiment, one of the four superb regiments in the WWI, 42nd Rainbow Division. Sgt. Albert Whatley, Co. I, 167th Inf. lost his life on July 15, 1918 in the pivotal Battle of Champagne, at which time the Rainbow Division was the only American Division serving under the command of General Henri Gouraud and the French 4th Army. This battle was the culmination of the last major German offensive during WWI, and the enemy was totally defeated, but with great loss of life on both sides. The 42nd Division was singled out for special praise from General Gouraud for its superior performance in both defense and counter attack. Alabama's 167th was instrumental in halting the enemy's advance in its regimental sector. We honor Sgt. Whatley and we are grateful to you for your remembrance of his sacrifice." The original statue was sculpted in Italy for Sgt. Whatley's parents. Sculptor Sebastian Martorana of Baltimore, MD, recreated the vandalized head and rifle in matching marble commissioned by the Lee County Cemetery Preservation Commission. **photo of original statue.**

National Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance



Jim Clemons, RDVMF

President/Memorials Officer:

At Washington, D.C on April 14 and 15, 2010, the United States Holocaust Museum, held a very moving Liberation commemoration Ceremony honoring the Liberators – those U.S. and Allied military forces

who liberated Holocaust survivors from Nazi concentration camps on this, the 65th anniversary of that terrible time in World War II. Some 120 Liberators were present at the National Commemoration representing some 40 US and Allied Military units as well as a Rescuer from Poland.

The 42nd Infantry Division, the Rainbow Division, which liberated the Dachau concentration camp on 29 April 1945, was well represented at the event with 27 Rainbow Division WWII veterans present, many wearing their Rainbow caps. Some of the 42nd veterans were guests at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel while others stayed at the equally first class Fairmont hotel. The National Holocaust Museum, the event sponsor, organized the event, providing all attendees with truly first class accommodations and comfort

The event program on April 14 and 15 was quite busy with bus motorcades and police escort to the various events. Wednesday evening there was the cocktail reception and National Tribute Dinner at the Omni Shoreham Hotel with Attorney General Eric Holder the keynote speaker. On the morning of April 15 there was an "Honoring Liberators Program" at the Mandarin Oriental Ballroom. The program featured three World War II veterans relating their memories: An African-American veteran and a Japanese-American veteran each telling of their memories and reactions after entering a concentration camp upon its liberation. The third WWII veteran was Morton Brooks, a Rainbow veteran from Company C, 1st Battalion, 242nd Infantry Regiment (see page 51, "Hold At All Cost") who told that after being captured on January 9, 1945, he and 349 other U.S. POWs were sent to Berga, Germany, a mini concentration camp near Buchenwald where he had to drill holes in the wall of a mine shaft where the Germans then placed explosive charges to blast the rock.

Under the heading **'From the Observation Post'** in the Iowa Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans Association April, 2010 newsletter, the feature was about the Liberators ceremony, April 13-15, 2010 attended by **Jim Schaefer, I-Co. 232nd Infantry**. The ceremony, sponsored by the U.S. Holocaust Museum,



honored the Liberators of Nazi concentration camps in WWII, 65 years ago. The Liberators being honored included, of course, the 42nd Rainbow Division veterans who liberated Dachau. Jim Schaefer, and others too, recalled at their luncheon meeting that memorable day on 29 April 1945 and the liberation of Dachau. The luncheon get-together was held in the appropriately named Family Restaurant on Route 169 just south of Humbolt, Iowa. The chapter's next meeting will be on September 8. Many kudos to an active Rainbow Chapter

who enjoys meeting for a gabfest, remembering old times, the good, the bad and the ugly, and enjoying a tasty meal at a restaurant having obviously very tasty food.



Grace (Mrs. John R.) Walker, PNP National Auxiliary :

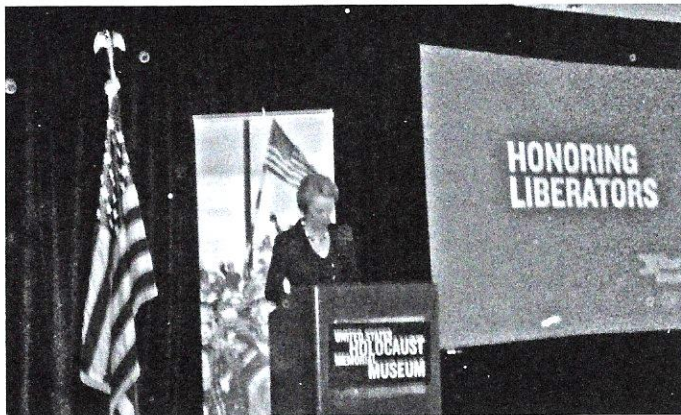
John and I were invited by the Holocaust Museum, as were all of the Liberators, to spend one and a half days, April 14-15, in our country's Capitol in remembrance of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps 65 years ago. The 42nd Infantry Division liberated Dachau on April 29, 1945 and freed Holocaust victims from years of suffering. There were 120 LIBERATORS who attended and the 42nd RAINBOW DIVISION was represented by 27 veterans – more than any other division. Our wonderful Reunions have kept us together ! By 9:30 AM, [April 15], we boarded our coaches and along with our Police escort, were taken to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.... The Keynote Address was



given by General David H. Petraeus, Commander, U.S. Central Command. He did an excellent job and took the time to shake the hands of many of the Veterans. There was then a candle lighting ceremony with the candle lighting being done by six Members of Congress and Stephen Johns, Jr., son of the late Museum security officer Stephen Tyrone Johns, who was shot in front of the Museum. Before ending, El Maley Rachamin (recited at Jewish Funerals) was sung, followed by a Kaddish (mourner's prayer). The Retirement of the Division flags followed, and then the Recessional by the U.S. Army Band. It was all a most solemn ceremony, and a day and a half that I'm sure will remain in the memories of all who attended. As General Petraeus said in his speech, "These heroes carried out one of the noblest of the WWII missions when they rescued the survivors of the concentration camps from certain death. The liberators here with us today should know that their actions continue to inspire those who wear our nation's uniform. Their units remain proud of their noble actions.



ALL PHOTOS FOR THIS EVENT SENT BY PETE PETTUS
<http://www.facebook.com/notes/42nd-rainbow-division-millennium-chapter/holocaust-remembrance-days/388907899491>] FOR GRACE'S COMPLETE ACCOUNT.



Esther Peirce, RDVMF Vice-President, has sent a list of Rainbow veterans attending the Holocaust Museum Activities. Morton Brooks (Boynton Beach, FL), Jim Clemons (Fredericksburg, VA), Ralph DiCecco (Seattle, WA), Earl Eichmeyer (Marthasville, MO),

Morris Eisenstein (Delray Beach, FL), Romeo Fagiolo (Silver Spring, MD), Abraham Goldrich (New



Hyde Park, NY), Malen Griep (Burlington, KY), Thomas Humphries (Las Vegas, NV), Peter Karadimos (Rockville, MD),



Elmer Katt (Herman, NE), Hilbert Margol (Atlanta, GA), Howard Margol (Atlanta, GA), Robert Martinson (Lake Forest Park, WA), Nicolas Mattera (Annapolis, MD),



Richard Peirce (St. Charles, MO), James Pettus (Desloge, MO), Carl Phillips (Shawnee, KS), Ed (Chuck) Rappe (Hobe Sound, FL), William Roberge (Camano Island, WA), Larry Rosen (Rockville, MD), Ted H. Ruhling, Sr. (Granbury, TX),

James Schaefer (Davenport, IA), Edward C. Schmoldt (Oregon, OH), Richard Tisch (Chatham, NJ), John Walker (Crofton, MD), Ivan Wallace, Jr. (Pinetta, FL).



James Bartholomew (Litchfield, CT) who had planned to attend with his son, passed Over the Rainbow on April 12.



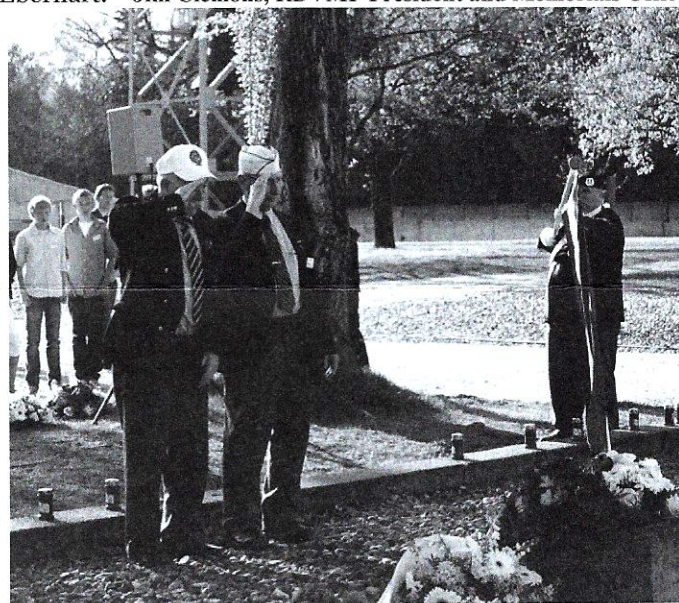
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ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION

On April 29, 2010, the historic date of liberation and on May 2 ceremonies marking the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp were



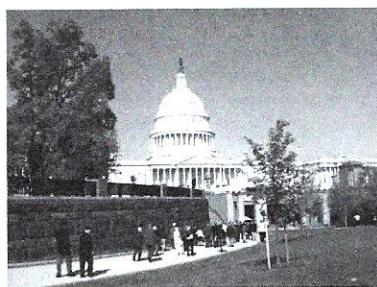
held by Stiftung Bayerische Gedenkstaetten KIG-Gedenkstaette Dachau. Germany's highest ranking representative, Federal President Horst Koehler, attended the official ceremony on May 2. Representatives of the 42nd Rainbow Division who attended the event as liberators included Dee Eberhart accompanied by wife Barbara and Teddy Dixon and his son, Johnston. Honored Member Ludwig Stoeckl, from Dachau, acted as the Memorials Officer's logistician and procurement agent in obtaining from a local Dachau florist a Rainbow wreath especially made for the occasion. The wreath was officially presented at the ceremonies along with remarks by Rainbow veteran Dee R. Eberhart. **Jim Clemons, RDVMF President and Memorials Officer**



From **The World Jewish Congress 05/03/10 (photo and article)** "At the site of the former Nazi concentration camp in



Dachau near Munich, 120 survivors and officials have marked the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the camp by American troops. German President Horst Köhler – who was the first German head of state to ever take part in a ceremony



in Dachau – urged that the atrocities committed by the Nazis always be remembered. Addressing the Dachau survivors and the chairman of their association, Max Mannheimer, Köhler said: “Over all the years, you have not once demanded revenge or retaliation, but you have always called for reconciliation.”

“Mannheimer, 90, who became one of the Jewish inmates at Dachau after surviving the Theresienstadt and Auschwitz



death camps, said people of many nationalities had been imprisoned at Dachau when the camp was liberated by the 42nd Rainbow Division of the US Army on 2 May 1945 [sic – The correct date is 29 April 1945]. He added: “We hope that today’s Europe will also be liberated: from extremism left and right, from anti-Semitism and from racism.”

From Barbara C. Eberhart, PNP National Auxiliary, wife of Dee R. Eberhart, I-242. “I sent a thank you message to our Dutch friends Sonja and her husband Ivo who were responsible for persuading Dee and me, joined by our daughter, Katie, to make the long trip to Dachau. They had organized and carried out a most impressive program for their group from Holland. A small number of survivors, and numerous family members were on their attendees list, which



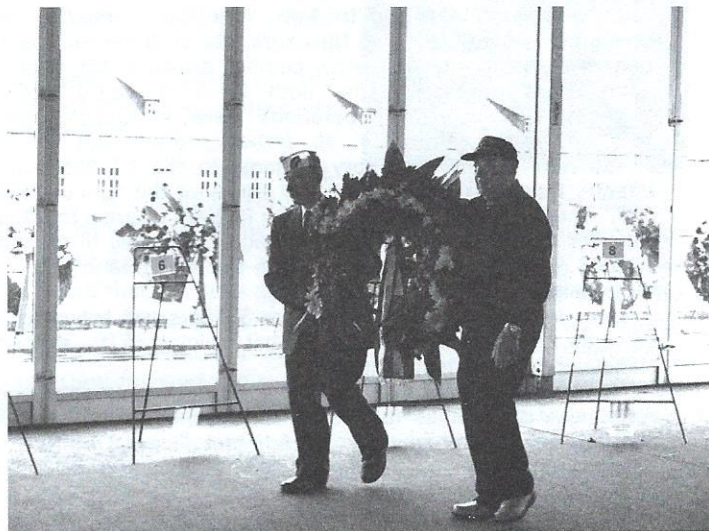
totaled approximately 77. Included were sons, daughters and grandchildren of the survivors, as well as families of those who did not survive the horrors of the Nazis.

The prevailing theme that was emphasized many times was the desire for families to carry on in perpetuity the memory of the Holocaust and all of its horrors, and teach the next

generations of the danger of remaining silent when people are victimized; to encourage families to join together in fighting discrimination and in perpetuating the memories of Holocaust victims who suffered the barbarism of the Nazi regime. Our Memorial Foundation has the same dedication to encourage membership and participation of families to continue the memories of that horrible time. The Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation is an example of unified diversity – all united in a common cause under the Rainbow! Never Forget!



There were two other Rainbow Division Veterans attending the ceremonies. Teddy Dixon (F-222) and his son Johnston, both came from Northern Ireland, and Teddy’s grandson Ian Dixon from Burke, Virginia. They left after the Dutch ceremonies, and were not able to attend the events sponsored by the International Dachau Committee. Dee and I were surprised and delighted when Sandy and Lois Lebman (42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance), and their daughter and son-in-law got on the bus that we were on when the bus driver went to several hotels on the way to the Dachau Castle banquet on May 1st. We did not know that they had come to Dachau. Dee asked Sandy if he would help carry the Rainbow wreath to the wall the next day. Of course Sandy felt honored to do this. We were pleased that he was with us May 2 for the Dachau ceremony. Ludwig took very good photos of Dee and Sandy with the beautiful Rainbow wreath.



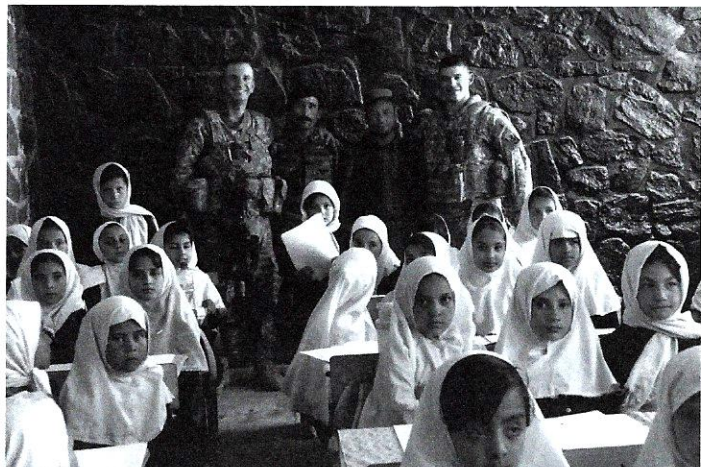
Photos of this event by Ludwig Stoeckl

RAINBOW REACHES ACROSS ALIGNED BRIGADES

BY LT. COL. RICHARD GOLDENBERG, HQ, 42ND INFANTRY DIVISION TROY, N.Y. -- The Citizen Soldiers from the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters look towards a busy spring and summer this year in their role to train aligned brigades for combat deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Currently, the division is aligned with one brigade deployed in Afghanistan, the 86th Infantry Brigade from Vermont.

Later this year, Soldiers from the 197th Fires Brigade from New Hampshire will deploy to Iraq and the Massachusetts-based 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade will deploy to Afghanistan.



KABUL, Afghanistan - First Lt. Jeffrey Hartline, left, and 1st Lt. Louis Santillo, right, stand with an Afghan National Police officer and an Afghan National Army soldier at Naswan Pansat School in Kabul, May 2, 2010. Hartline, Embedded Training Team 6-1, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and Santillo, Police Mentor Team 8, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery, Vermont National Guard, helped the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police distribute school supplies and clothing to the students. The Soldiers are deployed with the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, from Vermont.

In late 2011, Soldiers from the New York Army National Guard's 27th Infantry Brigade are expected to mobilize for possible deployment back to Afghanistan. The brigade headquarters, with nearly 2,000 Soldiers, deployed in 2008 as security forces or mentors, trainers with the Afghan national army and police.

This spring, elements of the headquarters will support the New Hampshire Army National Guard's 197th Fires Brigade training at Camp Grayling, Michigan. The Rainbow Soldiers will help roundout the unit's command post exercise.

Just a few weeks later, Brig. Gen. Stephen Wickstrom and the Rainbow Headquarters will welcome all of the Army National Guard's divisional leaders to New York City. Meeting at the Lexington Avenue Armory in New York City on June 4-6, the senior leaders of the National Guard's combat divisions will discuss the future roles of their staffs, both for contingency operations overseas and domestic operations here in U.S., supporting homeland security efforts.

The New York City armory is home to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, the modern day legacy of the famous "Fighting 69th." These Soldiers deployed to Iraq in 2004 wearing the Rainbow shoulder insignia and many of them again deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. The regiment deployed with the 42nd Infantry in WWI as the renamed 165th Infantry Regiment.

Later in June, more headquarters Soldiers will travel to Camp Edwards, Mass. to support the combat training of the aligned 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

Many of the troops will finish the spring events attending the retirement ceremonies for Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the former division commander and former Adjutant General in New York. Taluto announced his retirement this winter after 45 years of service to our state and nation.

This summer the division will travel north to Fort Drum, again supporting the command post exercise preparations for overseas deployment. In mid-July, leaders and staff from the headquarters will train alongside counterparts of the Army's 10th Mountain

Division (Light Infantry). The 10th Mountain is slated to deploy back to Iraq in 2011.



BAGHDAD, Iraq - Sgt. Amanda Adamson from Struthers, Ohio, a member of the 101st Engineer Battalion, takes aim with her assigned weapon at the Caughman Range on Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq, April. 3. Between missions, all of the units in the battalion had an opportunity familiarize themselves on their weapons at the range. The 101st Engineer Battalion is part of the 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

Finally, the division's training takes a homeland security focus in late August when the headquarters and Rainbow staff conduct a training exercise to prepare leaders for a domestic mission, supporting local civil authorities in the wake of a natural disaster or other crisis. Forming these plans and training with civil emergency response partners make the National Guard's response much more timely and effective when that disaster actually strikes.

Part of this defense support to civil authorities will be the creation of a division response team command post. Select members of the division headquarters will train and prepare to deploy in the continental U.S. should local emergencies require a significant National Guard response, putting Rainbow Soldiers in a forward command post to oversee response forces.

Similarly, members of the 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade are now training for their mission this fall to serve as a rapid reaction domestic operations force. These Soldiers will be available for natural disasters or crises that require National Guard aviation assets, a critical part of local emergency response.

The impact of Rainbow Division training and oversight will make a difference on the training, readiness and mission success for thousands of Army National Guard Soldiers aligned with the 42nd Infantry Division this year.

While the pace of training remains high, our Soldiers and their families know that they are making a difference in our Army and serve state and nation with pride.

Hello from the MILLENNIUM (Rainbow Family) Chapter! We are working hard to encourage membership in all kinds of ways, especially by illuminating the history of Rainbow through newsletters and completed projects such as the unit histories project, and when asked, to Carry The Torch by holding office in the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation (RDVMF). Through the past ten years of our existence (going on eleven, now), a number of Rainbow veterans have encouraged their own children to become members, too. I think this is a most important part of our growth. If you would help us raise the Torch higher by enrolling your children in the Foundation through the Millennium Chapter for one year, after sampling what we have to offer and learning what we stand for, they will be able to decide for themselves whether they want to remain as members. If you would like to initiate a gift membership, please send dues of \$15.00 to RDV Millennium Chapter. This would include five issues of REVEILLE and two issues of RAINBOW TRAIL. Thank you ALL!

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A rainbow connection

Ohio Department of Transportation District 3 deputy director John Hart, from left, World War II veteran Bob Wirts and state Sen. Bill Harris unveil The 42nd Rainbow Division Memorial sign Friday at ODOT District 3 headquarters on East Ninth Street.

Times-Gazette photo/
Tom E. Puskar

From news article –
“**VET wages successful effort to place signs along U.S. 42/Markers** honor Army’s 42nd Rainbow Division (by Irv Oslin, Times-Gazette Staff Writer; photo of Bob by Duane Martin T-G) –

“Bob Wirts served with the U.S. Army 42nd Rainbow Division in World War II. Sixty-five years later, he took it upon himself to fight one more battle. And he won.”



A LETTER FROM BOB WIRTS, 232 F.A. (5/5/2010) :

“Enclosed are the latest clippings about the signs. Thanks for your help. We now have our signs. They look great. Thanks to everyone in the Foundation.” The ceremony took place on April 30, 2010 and the two signs will be placed later this summer, after completion of a resurfacing project on U.S. 42 between Mansfield and Ashland (Ohio).



FROM JUSTIN DRAKE, BTRY B, 402ND FIELD ARTILLERY BN. : “Hello Men of the Rainbow! This is Justin Drake, better known as JB back in the days of the 42nd Rainbow Division, and I’m sending this to bring you all up on my wellbeing. I’m 88 years old and have three sons. They’re all doing well – two in DC and one still in Wisconsin with two daughters aged 17 and 14. My wife Shirley and I have been married for almost 60 years. I’ve been in the dairy business all my life since coming back from Europe in WWII, selling for a chemical company to keep dairies and factories clean. It’s been a good life and I’ve enjoyed it. Sure do have lots of memories from my days with you fellas while we were over there. To refresh your memory, during the war I was a Forward Observer for the Rainbow Artillery. Then I traveled around Austria with the Rainbow

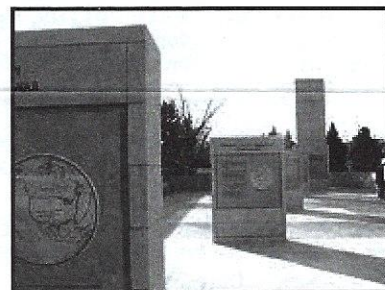
Division Dance Band and played the bass fiddle. I would love to hear from any and all of you.

Justin Drake, Capital Lakes HC, 333 W Main St #344-B, Madison, WI 53703-2778

FROM BETTY A. HEATON, WIFE OF THOMAS HEATON, CO. G, 222ND INF. REGT. (5/14/10)



“I have been receiving the Reveille and do enjoy it so much. We attended most of the reunions before Tom died. It is such a wonderful group. Tom and John Walker had fought together, and they always looked forward to the reunions and reminiscing. I did also, and I’m sure Grace Walker did also. After Tom retired from work at Lockheed Martin Co., he devoted a lot of time to planning, soliciting money, and overseeing a World War II memorial built here in Littleton (CO) to honor WWII participants. He was ill with cancer at the time but still had enough energy to get this memorial planned, financed, and oversee the building of the structure. It was dedicated on the coldest winter day we had had in years! But



it was a success and is now being used every Memorial day for a memorial service. I just received the Reveille which I enjoy reading so much. Unfortunately, several of the people we knew have passed away, so it is with both joy and sadness the rest of us survivors of the WWII era are faced. That was a challenging time – both joyous and sad – but we all do have good memorial memories that we cherish.” [photos - The Littleton World War II Memorial was dedicated on November 11, 2000. It is located in Ketting Park, 6000 South Gallup Street Littleton, Colorado; left - World War II Veteran and Memorial Committee Member Tom Heaton addressed the veterans and their friends and families gathered to dedicate the memorial. Photos from <http://www.littletongov.org/history/wwii/dedication.asp>]

A LETTER RECEIVED BY <RAINBOWVETS.ORG> FROM FRÉDÉRIC BOZON-VERDURAZ, BÉZIERS FRANCE (5/15/10)

Thanks a lot for your quick and friendly reply. My story is one among the many people who lost a relative in a concentration camp. My uncle Emmanuel died in Dachau on February 1st 1945, probably during the typhus epidemic that struck again the camp. He was 22 and that happened a few weeks before the 42nd Army liberated the KZ. I went to Dachau a few weeks ago, and thanks to people from the camp records I had the opportunity to pray on the very place my uncle died. Then, I got in touch with Mr Schmidinger, Pastoral referent at the KZ, because I wished my uncle to have a mass. I asked him how it could be possible to thank him and he just emailed me that an exhibition called 'Names instead of Numbers' was touring and shown in different places, but unfortunately not many, in France. As I think I have a 'duty of memory' to carry out for all the deported who died in Dachau and other camps, I suggested I could find a place to hold this exhibition in France. I’m waiting for answers about its organization, and If you wish, I’ll keep you informed of all my steps before its completion date in my town. I’d be pleased and proud to have to display the book written by Col Linden who allowed the liberation of many prisoners who had, at last, the opportunity to come back home. I hope to hear from you soon. [Ed. Frédéric’s initial letter was to ask about ordering a copy of Col. John H. Linden’s book, Surrender of the Dachau Concentration Camp 29 Apr 45/The True Account (1997). The RDV Millennium (Rainbow Family) Chapter has sent him both this book and a copy of Dachau 29 April 1945/The Rainbow Liberation Memoirs, edited by Sam Dann (1998) as a gift for his town’s exhibition.]

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Rainbow REUNION Program July 13-17, 2010

TUESDAY JULY 13

8-9 PM Lobby Reunion Registration
2:00 PM Symphony Set up for Hospitality Room

WEDNESDAY JULY 14

8:00 AM-9:30 AM PNP Breakfast, Restaurant
9:30-10:30 AM Audit Committee Meeting,
Sovereignty Room
10:30-11:30 AM Memorials Committee Meeting,
Sovereignty Room
11:00 AM-2:00 PM Scholarship Committee Meeting
with Working Lunch, Restaurant
2:00 PM Registration Open, Lobby
2:00-3:00 PM Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
Sovereignty Room
3:00-4:00 PM Unit Meetings, Symphony Room
4:00-5:00 PM Budget Committee Meeting, Sovereignty Room
7:30-10:30 PM Early Bird Party and opening ceremony

THURSDAY JULY 15

7:00-7:45 AM Registration in Lobby
9:00 AM-5:00 PM Tour City and WWII Museum
(lunch on your own at Food Court)
8:00 AM-10:30 PM Hospitality Room Open

FRIDAY JULY 16

8:00-9:00 AM Auxiliary Presidents Breakfast, Restaurant
9:00 AM-NOON Trustees Meeting, Sovereignty Room
12:00 PM Luncheon, Ball Room
6:30-10:30 PM Unit Dinners, Ball Room

SATURDAY JULY 17

8:00-9:00 AM Millennium Chapter Meeting, Symphony
10:00-11:30 AM Memorial Service, Ball Room
2:00-3:30 PM Joint Business Meeting, Ball Room
4:30-5:30 PM Catholic Church Service, Symphony 2
4:30-5:30 PM Protestant Church Service, Symphony 1
6:30-7:30 PM Chairman and Presidents Reception, Lobby
7:30-10:30 PM BANQUET, Ball Room

NOTE FROM PETE PETTUS, REUNIONS CHAIRMAN -- THE RICHMOND HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IS LOOKING FOR A COMBAT UNIFORM TO PUT ON A MANNIQUIN STANDING BY A REPLICA OF THE DACHAU JOURHAUS GATE. IT WOULD HAVE A RAINBOW SHOULDER PATCH. IF ANYONE READING THE REVEILLE HAS ONE, LET PETE KNOW. (573) 330-1909 OR <JRPZIR@JUNO.COM>

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