



**29 APRIL 2017 –
THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION OF THE
LIBERATION OF DACHAU
CONCENTRATION CAMP,
DACHAU, GERMANY**



This photo from the U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM was taken by Belgian photographer, Rafael Algoet on 29 April 1945 at KZ DACHAU, Dachau (Bavaria), Germany.

General Henning Linden, assistant commanding general, 42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division, confers with various officials during the liberation and surrender of the main concentration camp at Dachau Germany (Bavaria).

Pictured from left to right are: an aide to SS Lt. Wickert, who surrendered the camp; Lt. Wickert (partially hidden by his aide); Paul M.G. Levy, a Belgian journalist attached to SHAEF, who is serving as an interpreter; Dr. Victor Maurer (back to the camera), the delegate of the International Red Cross, who arranged the terms of the surrender; General Henning Linden; Linden's bodyguards. Maurer is holding a makeshift flag of surrender constructed from a broomstick

"On April 29, 1945, when several hundred men of the U.S. Army's 42d "Rainbow" Division came upon Dachau, they did more than liberate a concentration camp and give new life to several thousand human beings who had been earmarked for death. They opened the eyes of the world to the horror of the Holocaust, and neither those brave men nor the world would ever be the same again." Joseph I. Lieberman, U.S. Senator, Connecticut, April 1998, from his Foreword, *Dachau 29 April 1945 The Rainbow Liberation Memoirs*, Edited by Sam Dann, Texas Tech University Press, 1998, 266 pages

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE APRIL 2017

Happy Spring to all! I have a lot to report on so let's get to it. **First**, the France trip in July 2018 is coming along. An itinerary is being firmed up and we are working out final details on cost, registration and other pertinent information. There is a lot of interest! This is going to be a fantastic trip culminating with a beautiful ceremony at the Oise-Aisne Cemetery hosted by the 42nd Division. **Second**, Saturday Aug 12th at 1PM we will gather at the WWI Memorial in Garden City, NY to celebrate the 100th birthday of the 42nd Division and their mobilization and deployment to serve on the battlefields of France (some of which we will see on the France trip in 2018). All are welcome to attend the Ceremony in Garden City. It promises to be well attended and a very special day. **Third**, we have established our Annual Reunion and Award Banquet weekend. Sep 8-11, Troy, NY. Those who are seeking a scholarship opportunity should start reading about the process at www.rainbowvets.org Select the Scholarship tab on the homepage. **RAINBOW, NEVER FORGET!** Joe Taluto, RDVF Chairman



42D INFANTRY DIVISION CHANGE OF COMMAND

42D INFANTRY DIVISION, TROY N.Y. - The 42D Infantry (Rainbow) Division will welcome a new Commanding General in a Change of Command ceremony at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, N.Y. on May 6th at 1:00 pm.

Brigadier General Steven Ferrari will take over duties as the Commanding General of the 42D Infantry Division from Major General Harry E. Miller who has taken a position as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, District of Columbia.

Brig. General Steven Ferrari returns to the Rainbow Division where he previously served as Assistant Deputy Commander of Sustainment.

Brig. Ferrari has served in numerous leadership and staff positions in his 34-year career as an officer in the Army National Guard. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as the Commander, Joint Area Support Group - Central, Multi-National Forces Iraq, in Baghdad, Iraq from June 2008- June 2009.

The 42nd Infantry provides leadership, training and resource oversight for the combat readiness and mobilization of eight Army National Guard brigades, including the 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Massachusetts, the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade in New York, the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in New Jersey, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain) in Vermont, 197th Fires Brigade in New Hampshire and the 369th Sustainment Brigade, also in New York. Brigadier General Ferrari is currently employed as the Deputy Adjutant General for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

General Ferrari is married to Tracy and they have two sons; Steven and Nicholas. The currently reside in Sicklerville, New Jersey.

Courtesy Photo New York National Guard



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CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, as spring brings new life to dormant plants and sunshine to warm our bodies, we ask You to give new hope to our weary and fearful world and to our anxious hearts. We thank You for the bountiful blessings You have showered on our beloved country. Help us to recover from our economic crisis and to create with Your assistance a world free of malice, terrorism and corruption. Keep us ever mindful of those most in need.

May we be newly dedicated to the cause of freedom and justice for all.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

Reverend Robert F. Weiss, S.J.

Company M, 3rd Battalion, 222nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division WWII

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APRIL 29, 2017 COMMEMORATION OF THE LIBERATION OF DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP by the PACIFIC NW ASSOCIATION OF THE 42ND INFANTRY "RAINBOW" DIVISION.

The spring 2017 meeting of the Pacific NW Association will be held April 28-30 at the TownePlace Suites/Marriott, Seattle SouthCenter, Kent, WA.

After the banquet on 29 April which begins at 4:30PM there will be a dialogue with representatives of The Holocaust Center For Humanity, Seattle.

The dialogue will include former Dachau inmate stories and the stories from individual members of the 42nd Division which were originally solicited by the "Friends of Former Dachau Prisoners"(FFDP), The Netherlands, and coordinated by Mr. Jaap Mesdag and Frank Burns, President of the Pacific NW Association. The accounts are under



copyright to the FFDP and were subsequently printed for the first time in each issue of the REVEILLE, beginning with the June 2012 issue through April 2015. These may be accessed at <rainbowvets.org> by visiting the NEWS or PRESS ROOM pages.

Photo: View of the Dachau concentration camp after liberation, Germany, April 29, 1945.

Photo credit — U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Dee Simon, Executive Director of the Holocaust Center for Humanity, Seattle extended an invitation to the Rainbow gathering to attend a joint presentation by this organization and the Japanese community on Sunday April 30 at Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 King St., Seattle. The program will highlight the activities of the Japanese American (Nisei) 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team which liberated a sub-camp of the Dachau Camp system, the Kaufering IV Hurlach satellite camp, one of nearly 170 such camps. Barracks at Kaufering sub-camps were partially underground. The 522nd was the only Nisei unit to fight in Germany.



Photo: View of barracks after the liberation of Kaufering, a network of subsidiary camps of Dachau, Landsberg-Kaufering, Germany. photo credit - www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org

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WORLD WAR II PERSONAL RAINBOW MEMORIES

Robert "Bob" Spearing, S/Sgt, Company G, 242nd Infantry Regiment From his letter to Mrs. Mayland Crosson 1/4/1999



It was our second day of action at **GAMBSHEIM**. The Germans began to counterattack sometime in mid-morning. When the stuff started to whistle about my ears I was able to find an abandoned German slit trench in the middle of a field we were crossing. It was just long enough to contain all my crew and just deep enough to keep us from getting hit by bullets. Although no real protection from diving shells or mortars, we were in pretty good shape if things didn't get too hot. They got too hot.

The enemy fire made us all stay flat on our stomachs and we weren't too deep down in the trench as it had filled with water and was frozen solid just about a foot and a half below the surface of the field. At any rate, the enemy soon had us pinned down flat so we could not get away and they began to lob mortars and shells in at us, attempting of course to flop one right in on us. One shell or well directed mortar would get all of us. Desperately looking for a way out I kept bobbing my head up to see where we might find a safer position. Every time I put my head up an enemy sniper put a bullet right next to my ear. All very thrilling? I was dying a thousand deaths.

Then, as suddenly as the heat had been turned on, the enemy turned it off. I got over to where Bob Collins was at the other end of the field and he ordered me to get my squad out of the slit trench and back about fifty yards to a stone wall. Back in the slit trench again I gave orders for a withdrawal to the stone wall. One at a time, they left on my order. I was the last to leave and guess what? The Germans turned the heat up and the sniper was once again trying to knock my ears off. Mortars were coming in again. I knew I had to move and do it quick. I crawled from one end of the trench to the other where I could exit for the stone wall. I had a musette bag hanging onto my chest. It was full of hand grenades. It suddenly slipped down a hole in the ice beneath me and I was trapped.

I couldn't back up or go forward. At full panic with this I jerked my head and neck with the most powerful gesture I could muster and thank God, the bag's strap parted and the back fell into the hole. I got up and started running for the wall with the sniper on both of my ears. Suddenly without warning my feet slipped on the ice sheet just before the stone wall and I fell backward in the perfect picture of a soldier who had just been wounded. I heard one of my men gasp, "Spearing bought it!" As luck would have it the sniper thought so too and stopped shooting at me.

Once my back hit the ice my body continued along, sliding across the ice and I finally stopped after my feet hit a tree

trunk. I just lay there trying to get my breath, thanking God the sniper had been fooled. It was at this time that I heard Bob King's voice coming to me from behind my tree. I didn't want to move and let the sniper know he had missed me but King's calls got so urgent I finally gasped: "What is it!". He said, very matter-of-factly, "You are getting wet!" No, I do not want to see that spot again.

Photo of S/Sgt. Spearing taken from the 242nd Infantry pictorial and review book, Camp Gruber, OK, fall of 1944

OUR OWN CHAMPAGNE DAYS

Louis "Lou" Hubach, Sgt., Company B, 232nd Infantry Regiment, February 2017

Once in awhile we actually had a sort of fun. Shortly after B/232nd Infantry left Würzburg – minus a few of our guys, we were hooked up with a platoon of Tank destroyers (TDs). They were new to us with their open top turrets and their huge 90 mm guns.



Since Würzburg was so badly damaged by air and artillery we had a water problem. The city water system was kaput but I think the whole division had FOUND THE WINE!? Champagne warehouse in the city. What could one do without water even to brush one's teeth? Use what is available!

When we left town by foot, the TDs were with us, troops in single file on both sides of the road and the TDs in the middle. It was a shame that they had used a large amount of their ammunition and left all those ammunition racks on the outside the turret empty. Bingo! A great place for cases of champagne!

After a few miles, our lead rifle squads ran into a pesky machine gun emplacement. It was alongside the road and just inside a row of trees. Being pinned down they asked for help.

The mission fell to my squad of 60mm mortars. It needed my expertise as gunner. Well, wouldn't you know, the ammo bearers' ammo round pockets were about the same size of a mortar round, and thereby the same size as a bottle. And some of the pockets were filled with bottles.

So it was still a surprise to me that I put my hand back for a round to fire and instead got a bottle of bubbly. It did not fit the mortar. Short delay while the proper item showed up.

We were taught in training for 60 mm mortars to send the first round beyond the target, the second round too short of the target and average them out. So the third round should be right on the target. It was!

So we celebrated the relief of our riflemen's annoyance, with what? But of course it wasn't properly chilled, but no one really cared...." *Photo of Lou sent by Lou Hubach*

PRESERVING A LEGACY OF VALOR

By Patrick J. Chaisson, RDVF Historian

It is a legend taught to every newly-assigned member of the 42nd Infantry Division:

Originally the shoulder patch was a complete half arc and contained thin bands in multiple colors. During the latter part of World War I and post war occupation duty in Germany, Rainbow Division soldiers modified the patch to a quarter arc, removing half the symbol to memorialize the half of the Division's soldiers who became casualties (killed or wounded) during the war.

World War One was the first conflict where large numbers of Americans perished on foreign soil. In that struggle, the United States lost over 116,000 servicemembers – 2,058 of them from the Rainbow Division. Those who survived sought to remember the sacrifice of their fallen comrades in a meaningful way.



To properly honor these war dead, the U.S. government established in 1923 a federal agency known as the American Battle Monuments Commission, or ABMC. This bureau's first task was to care for the last remains of those who fell in battle overseas. Families' wishes were of utmost importance, as this 1921 article from the Appleton (Wisc.) *Post Crescent* describes:

"In round numbers, about 75,000 Yankee soldiers lost their lives in Belgium and France. Their next of kin had the option of leaving the remains in France or having them returned to America for burial in the home graveyard.

"When the work began, it was estimated that 60 per cent of the bodies would be shipped home as per request and the remaining 40 percent would be left here. However, since that time sentiment has changed, many parents and wives feeling they would prefer to have their dear ones sleep in the soil they so heroically defended."

The article concludes: "The result is that it is now estimated about 50 per cent of the dead will be buried over here [in France]."



(According to the ABMC, the actual proportion of First World War combat dead interred in overseas American military cemeteries is 30 percent.)

In cooperation with the government of France, ABMC officials established a total of eight permanent cemeteries in Europe where the fallen now rest eternally. Each cemetery features visitor reception facilities, multi-faith chapels, sculptures, and battle maps depicting the course of the war in the region.

Many Rainbow Division soldiers rest in these beautifully tended burial grounds. The 36.5-acre Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial lies one and a half miles east of Fère-en-Tardenois, Aisne, Picardy, France, and is where Sgt. Alfred Joyce Kilmer of the Rainbow Division's 165th Infantry is buried. At 130.5 acres, the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial (located east of the village of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon in Meuse) contains the largest number of American military gravesites in Europe. Among these honored dead are several 42nd Division soldiers who fell in combat nearby.

Another element of ABMC's mission is establishing and maintaining U.S. military memorials, monuments and markers, both overseas and in select U.S. locations. At the impressive Château-Thierry American Monument, dedicated in 1937, visitors can learn about the U.S. forces that fought in the Marne region of France during the



summer of 1918. Rainbow Division soldiers participated in this massive assault, known as the Battle of Soissons or

the Second Marne. (See my column in the January 2017 *Rainbow Reveille* for more on that battle.)

In 2018, the RDVF will be sponsoring a tour of these memorials, as well as other sites administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission in France. This trip, a ten-day commemoration of the Rainbow Division's combat service during World War One, will take place in July of next year. The tour will include visits to the Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne American Cemeteries, where participants can reflect on the sacrifice of those interred there while surrounded by a majestic yet peaceful natural setting.

The American Battle Monuments Commission — guardian of America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and

memorials — honors the service, achievements and sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces. These are the same worthy goals shared by our Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation. Both organizations continue to commemorate the deeds, sacrifices and traditions of the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division in a purposeful, dignified way.



PHOTO ONE: Overview of Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. (photo: ABMC)

PHOTO TWO: Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is the final resting place to more than 14,000 Americans that gave their lives in World War I. (photo: ABMC)

PHOTO THREE: The Chateau Thierry American Monument in France. (photo: ABMC)

PHOTO FOUR: Sgt. Alfred Joyce Kilmer's gravesite in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. (photo: Wikipedia)

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A MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION (ABMC) OISE-AISNE AMERICAN CEMETERY

SERINGES ET NESLES

Superintendent, USMC SgtMaj (Ret)
Hubert "Bert" Caloud

Here's something maybe you'd find interesting. Yesterday (March 7) French teachers and sponsors brought a group of Danish High School Students on a working vacation in France to the cemetery. I talked to their teacher about 2 weeks ago and told her how very appreciative I was that they would include our American Cemetery on their tour of historical sites in France.



I took them up to the Memorial, explained the cemetery, its background, showed them the map room, names of missing in the chapel. We faced the cemetery headstones while French and American National Anthems were played. We moved down to the Flag pole area, talked about how our heroes earned this little piece of France, played Taps while the Security Guard and I lowered, folded the flag and explained what we were doing and the history and traditions behind it. I always enjoy young people, they have the right spirit ... and maybe they CAN make the world a better place.

Photos sent by Bert Caloud; top photo – Bert is standing on far left, 1st row.





***In Sacrifice for Liberty and Peace:*
Centennial Commemoration
of the U.S. Entry into World War I**

Hosted by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission at the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO April 6, 2017 - Ceremony and Clips
<http://www.worldwaricentennial.org/sacrifice-about.html>

On April 6, 1917, the United States officially entered World War I, a war that changed the nation and the world forever. On April 6, 2017, thousands in attendance, as well as those watching video across the nation and around the world, joined the United States in commemorating this turning point in our nation's and the world's history with the "*In Sacrifice for Liberty and Peace: Centennial Commemoration of the U.S. Entry into World War I*" ceremony, hosted by the United States World War One Centennial Commission at the [National World War I Museum and Memorial](#) in Kansas City, Missouri.

This international ceremony consisted principally of the reading of passages from significant and representative American writings of a century ago about the U.S. decision to enter the war, including selections from speeches, journalism, literature, poetry, and performance of important music of the time. Heads of State from eight nations read passages reflecting the reaction of their respective nations to the U.S. entry into the war in 1917. "In Sacrifice for

Liberty and Peace" also included flyovers by U.S. aircraft and *Patrouille de France*, as well as military bands, color guards, ceremonial units, and video productions. Students across the nation also participated in this historic event, learning how WWI changed the United States and the world.

Notable attendees included Secretary of the Army Robert M. Speer; Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II; Missouri Governor Eric Greitens; ambassadors of nations involved in World War I; veterans organizations, including those representing historic U.S. military units; descendants of significant American WWI figures, including Helen Patton, Sandra Pershing, Deborah York and Noble Sissle, Jr.; and other organizations, dignitaries, and VIPs. The Heads of State of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and the United Kingdom read passages from their respective countries during the Ceremony.

Text and image are from the United States World War I Centennial Commission web page (link above)

RAINBOW IN FRANCE

Meurcy Farm Plaque Dedication, May 27, 2001

After Lorraine and Champagne,
the Ourcq was next,
and worst of all for the Rainbow,
worst of all at midsummer time,
at that tragic time of reaping,
before St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne.

Half of the Rainbow remains in France,
at the many battlefields –
La Croix Rouge and Meurcy Farms,
along the Ourcq, and in the woods,
and in the fields, and in Sergy and Seringes.

Half of our Rainbow and now
a tablet of bronze,
with our special Rouge Bouquet,
and our Irish lyric poet,
remain in France forever and ever,
and in everlasting loving memory.

It is not adieu, but au revoir!

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by WWII veteran, Dee R. Eberhart,
Company I, 242nd Infantry, 42nd Rainbow Division,
published by The Saurus Press, 2004



SAVE THE DATE

Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation World War One Centennial Battle History Trip to France

SAVE THE DATE

21 – 31 July 2018



The RDVF is sponsoring a trip to France in July 2018 to commemorate the World War One Centennial and the conclusion of the Great War. Join 42nd Infantry Division veterans, family members and friends for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Highlights of our ten-day tour include:

- Participation in the Official U.S. World War One Centennial Ceremony at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
- Honored guests of the Rainbow Division Memorial (Croix Rouge Farm) ceremony and concert
- Guided tours of important American battlefields at Champagne, Argonne and Chateau-Thierry
- Visits to World War One museums, monuments and U.S. cemeteries
- Of course there's time for winery tours, visiting cathedrals and a free day in Paris, "The City of Light"

The RDVF is organizing this trip in cooperation with Fitness Travel France, Inc., a veteran-owned agency with years of experience providing European military history tours. Our professional guide, Brig. (Ret) John Smales, will lead you to where the Rainbow Division made history during World War One. Other features include:

- Comfortable lodging in scenic, historic French provinces
- Travel by modern motor coach (bus)
- Some meals included

Price plans include full (air to/from U.S. plus tour) and partial (just tour) Join us in France from **21 – 31 July 2018**. Save these dates now.

More information, to include a full itinerary and estimated cost, will be published during the summer of 2017. Visit the Rainbow Reveille (<http://www.rainbowvets.org/>) for up-to-date information on the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation World War One Centennial Battle History Trip to France.



**WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL FILE
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CUMBEE , Charles R.	Co. B/142 Eng. Comb. Bn.
DOSCOIL , Emil	F/232 Infantry
FROST , William Dalrymple	unit unreported
JONES , Clarence L.	Svc Btry/232 nd F.A.
KLEIN , Arthur, Btry B/392 nd F.A. +	U.S. Constabulary
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MANLY , Basil IV	H/232 Infantry
MARGOL , Howard	Btry B/392 nd F.A.
MARTINSON , Robert A.,	HQ/242 Infantry
MAYNERICH , Frank Sr.	HQ Btry/ 402 nd F.A.
SOMMERFELD , Clifford R.	B/232 Infantry
STRUMBLY , Ernest M.	142 Eng. Combat Bn.



**WWII NATIONAL AUXILLIARY DEATHS
REPORTED SINCE JANUARY 2017**

Irene M. Sommerfeld, wife of Clifford R. Sommerfeld, B/232

From the “RAINBOW FAREWELL”

Rainbow is more than the color in the sky – more than the sunlight shining on the rain. It is to us, a symbol of the strength and character of the finest fighting men in America; a symbol of our love of country and comrades, transcending the love of life itself. As God gave the rainbow to man as a sign of eternal promise, so have “Rainbowers” accepted it as their pledge in turn, that Freedom – Justice – and Humanity – shall prevail.

For all this, many of our comrades, under the tender coverlet of Old Glory, have been carried to the end of the Rainbow...

No words could ever mar, no deeds could end this comradeship of ours, dear friend.

Your mission in following the rainbow to its glorious end was not to find the proverbial pot of gold, but rather the noble purpose of bringing added glory to the Flag of Our Country. This you have done.

We salute you.

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS FOUNDATION, INC.

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