

LA CROIX ROUGE FARM, FRANCE JULY 26, 2014 Memorial Ceremony



**Meurcy Farm FR
27 May
2001
original
dedication
of WWI
Rainbow
plaque for
the Battle of
the River
Ourcq**

Photo by Cory Eberhart

From Dr. Monique Seefried, "The 42nd Division plaque formerly located on the wall of Meurcy Farm to commemorate the Battle of the Ourcq has been placed at the entrance of the Rainbow Division Memorial area, at the junction of the remains of Croix Rouge Farmhouse and of the pathway leading to the Memorial statue of the 42nd Division. These hallowed grounds are where the Division Battle of the Ourcq began.



Dr. Monique Brouillard Seefried, President, Board of Directors, Croix Rouge Farm Memorial Foundation, has been appointed to The U.S. Centennial Commission by the United States Congress. She has written, "I feel very honored by the trust that is being put in me and will endeavor to serve the Commission to the best of my abilities, to ensure that the history of the United States in World War I and the sacrifice of so many Americans is properly recognized and commemorated, in the U.S. and in France. **WWI plaque and ceremony at Croix Rouge Farm FR 26 July 2014.** www.croixrougefarm.org



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Hope everyone had a great summer!

The RDVF sure has. We attracted over 150 new members this year alone to our Foundation mission and have substantially increased our outreach through the rainbowvets.org website. The Board voted to re-invest our money with a financial institution which has resulted in some very positive growth.

We established two memorials in remembrance of the 42nd Division for Operation Iraqi Freedom while relocating and maintaining some of our memorials in France.



**Fort Drum NY
27 June 2014,
photo by MSG
Peter K. Towse,
42Div PAO**

We concluded the year with a well attended annual reunion where we made more plans to expand the Foundation's mission through the **Center for**



Family and Member Support, presented 20K in scholarship awards to 10 descendants of Rainbow soldiers and held a banquet that featured as speaker the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Frank J. Grass, who praised the Division's actions past and present. Best of all, we saw many of our comrades and their families! Next year promises to be even better.

After three years in Albany we are going to hold our 2015 annual reunion in the vicinity of the West Point Military Academy in August. We are going to put more emphasis on fun activities and comradeship while maintaining our charitable work. While plans are not complete our thoughts are to have a golf outing, a tour of the Academy and a day trip to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in NYC. The reunion will end with a scholarship awards dinner hopefully at the West Point Club.

Keep visiting www.rainbowvets.org !

RAINBOW NEVER FORGET!
Joe Taluto, RDVF Chairman

Rainbowvets.org Website a Big Success !

The rainbowvets.org website has been a big factor in reaching out to our members and keeping them informed. When someone joins the RDVF they are actually making a statement that they support, supporting Rainbow Soldiers and their families past, present and future. When you joined you also established an account which enables us to stay in touch with you; however, if that information changes, email address, telephone number, etc., we lose touch with you. If that happens, we cannot send you information about things like, upcoming events or the current REVEILLE newsletter. When you visit the website, simply log in to your account and make sure it's up to date!

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God of the Nations, Thou has made us heirs of a great heritage and trustees of priceless things. May we never forget the price paid for them, and the eternal vigilance required to preserve them.

Amen

John Callan, Chaplain, 11th Supply Train, 42nd Division WWI

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ELWYN DAVIS' MEMORY OF THE LIBERATION OF DACHAU

By Elwyn Davis, Btry B, 232nd Field Artillery, 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division WWII
The twelfth in a series of speeches from 42nd Division WWII veterans requested by the "Friends of Former Dachau Prisoners" (FFDP), The Netherlands and coordinated by FFDP representative, **Mr. Jaap Mesdag and Frank Burns**, President, Pacific NW Chapter of the RDVF. Our shared project is continuing. Please contact **Frank Burns** for further information:

(206) 527-0987 frankdorothyburns@gmail.com This speech is under copyright to the FFDP and will also be published on their website in the near future. **Photos are from Elwyn Davis.**

I am Elwyn Davis, a World War II veteran. I am a longtime resident of a small town called Long Pine, Nebraska which is about 45 miles northwest of where I was born and raised on a small ranch in northern Nebraska. At that time our address was Duff, Nebraska. Like a lot of post offices back then, which were located several miles from a regular town, it consisted of only a small general store with the post office in the same building as well as having a gas pump. It was located south of Bassett, Nebraska, a small town of about 1000 people. My folks moved to town because of sickness. I worked on a neighboring ranch until it was time to start high school. I rode my horse to town 35 miles.

I spent seventeen weeks at Camp Roberts, California before I was sent to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma for training in 1944. Serving as Private First Class, I went into the 42nd Rainbow Division. I served in France, Germany and Austria. **I was in the 232nd FA (Field Artillery) at Dachau**

concentration camp on April 29, 1945. I had a friend in the 232nd Infantry who was a Captain. We found out years later that we were there at the same time. My friend's orders were to run by the main gate to see if they could draw fire. They had the 232nd FA go in by the back gate. I was in Battery B. We unhooked the 105's from the trucks and left three men with each 105. The 405's which were bigger, were behind us. I think there were four trucks with six men in each truck who came from what we called the back gate. The first thing we noticed when we got there was everything was so nice and green. But after we found out that the ashes from the ovens were used for the fertilizer to make it so beautiful, we felt very bad about what happened. We were not there very long, just long enough to make sure there were no German soldiers left. **We left so the medical detachment could get in to care for the prisoners.** I saw the ovens and the dead bodies. The Germans had let some of the prisoners plant a small garden. They (the prisoners) were pulling up their vegetables and giving them to us. It was their most prized possession.

Later on, after the war was over, I got to go to Paris, France with a buddy of mine. Some of the French Army met us and showed us around. One of the soldiers said he had seen me before. I told him that I didn't think so. He said, "Do you remember getting some vegetables out of a garden? I was one of them!" He had gone back to the French Army. He gave me his rifle bayonet. I still have it. I also have a swastika flag that I took out of Hitler's house.

After leaving France, I spent time in Salzburg, Austria guarding prison camps. Coming home on the train, somewhere between New York and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, I could see a windmill and a small stock tank with cattle around it from my window. I stood up and looked at it as long as I could until it was out of sight. I didn't realize how much I missed home and how homesick it made me feel. **When I got out of the Army, I worked on a ranch.** I lost my wife in 2005. I'm in a wheelchair and oxygen now. I have just recently been presented my 60 year American Legion membership pin on March 12, 2014 at the Long Pine American

Legion Post #260. I joined the Legion after returning home to Bassett in 1946 because "it was just the thing to do." Several years later, I attempted to transfer my membership. It was then I discovered that my name wasn't on the books, even though I had been issued a membership card. My membership then started over, which accounts for the difference in dates. I have served as Post Commander many times, as well as a variety of other leadership positions within the local organization.

I'm glad that I live in a free country.

A NOTE TO DACHAU LIBERATORS AND THEIR

FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS From **Mr. Jaap Mesdag** –

We're looking for WWII personal objects that relate to the liberation of Dachau that could be loaned to us for a display at the exhibition in the Verzetmuseum (Museum of the National Resistance Against the Nazis). If such an item will lead to a "speech" from a proud relative, 2nd or 3rd generation, this may begin a new series in our project of collecting Dachau Speeches! The format might be: the object for exhibition, to which veteran it belonged, how this veteran was involved in the liberation of Dachau, how did he fare after the war and why does the relative who brings in the object on loan think it is important that the liberation of Dachau and the stories of the prisoners and their liberators should be remembered. This could lead to another exhibition with the stories of the former prisoners from the Namen statt Nummern (names instead of numbers) project since their biographies are written by high school students.

Jaap Mesdag, representative of Friends of Former Dachau Prisoners, The Netherlands
To learn more, please contact Frank Burns, info above, or the REVEILLE editor.



NATIONAL GUARD 4-STAR GENERAL PRAISES 42ND DIVISION

GENERAL FRANK J. GRASS, the 27th Chief of the National Guard Bureau, attended the RDVF Banquet in honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Division's mobilization and deployment to Iraq. General Grass praised the Division for its performance in Iraq and described all the challenges they had to overcome. The Division HQ received the Meritorious Unit Citation for its outstanding service in Iraq in 2006. The General went on to say how the Division has a distinguished past and rich history and how well the current Division is living up to that with its readiness to serve in the homeland or abroad. General Grass met with many of our soldiers, past and present.



Standing, left to right – BG Paul Genereux, Former 42nd Division Commander and current RDVF V-Chairman and Membership Officer; MG Joseph Taluto, Former 42nd Division Commander and Current Chairman of the RDVF; General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau; MG Harry Miller, Current 42nd Division Commander; MG Steven Wickstrom, Former 42nd Division Commander **Seated, left to right** – Richard J. Tisch, WWII veteran, 42nd Division Field Artillery and Past National President, RDVA; James R. “Pete” Pettus, WWII veteran, 232nd Infantry Regiment and Past National President, RDVA; Bill Lahmann, WWII veteran, 42nd Division Field Artillery and Devon Kruger, WWII veteran, 242nd Infantry Regiment. Photo by MSG Peter K. Towse, 42Div PAO

RDVF RECOGNIZES LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE



The RDVF Board of Trustees established a recognition award for those individuals that have served the Foundation in positions of responsibility for many years. **In this our inaugural year we recognized seven outstanding servants to our Foundation.** Dee and Barbara Eberhart, Dick Tisch, Harold Melinek, James “Pete” Pettus, Jim Clemons and Esther Peirce. They all received the RDVF Medallion for Long and Faithful Service. There is not enough room in

the REVEILLE to describe their contributions. We hope to establish a page on our website in the near future that will list this year's and future years' recipients' accomplishments as a way of continuing tribute to their service. Photos by MSG Peter K. Towse

Photo 1 –award presentation to Harold Melinek by Paul Genereux; Photo 2- “Pete” Pettus holding his award, with John Willsey

RDVF ESTABLISHES IRAQ WAR MEMORIALS

They are done! The RDVF dedicated two new memorials in commemoration of the 42nd Division mobilization and deployment in 2004. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the deployment. The Fort Drum dedication was conducted on June 28th and the Fort Dix dedication was recently concluded on September 14th. Fort Drum and Fort Dix were the mobilization sites and where the Division trained in preparation for their mission in Iraq. Foundation Chairman Joe Taluto thanked all those who worked so hard to bring about the memorials and those that donated to defray expenses. The RDVF raised over ten thousand dollars in support of establishing the Memorials. Taluto also stated, “That the outstanding performance of the HQ 42nd Division members in Iraq was validated by the award of the Meritorious Unit Citation. These memorials are a testament to your courage, sacrifice and commitment to serve. They are your memorials now and forever.”



Members of the 42nd Infantry Division who served in Iraq between 2004 and 2005 as well as members of the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation with the dedicated monument honoring the Division outside the Joint Force Headquarters building, New Jersey National Guard at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. September 14. The monument honors the 10 year anniversary since the Division became the first National Guard element to serve as a divisional headquarters during overseas combat. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Bill Addison/released)

FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR AWARDED TO WWII RAINBOW VETERAN IN PANAMA



William Y. Boyd, fought with the Rainbow in Antitank Company, 242nd Infantry in Alsace and Germany in WWII, his Company awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy, 9-11 January 1945 at and near Hatten, France. On June 6, 2014 at the French Embassy Residence in Panama, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor. Mr. Boyd is also the author of the novel, *The Gentle Infantryman*, Burning Gate Press, 1985 and other books. Left to right, American Ambassador to Panama, Mr. Jonathan D. Farrar, William Y. Boyd, French Ambassador, Phillippe Casanave

RDFV AWARDS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO RAINBOW DIVISION DESCENDANTS



The Foundation's Scholarship Committee reviewed 21 Applicants in a merit-based competition to distribute 20 thousand dollars among the top ten. Applicants must be descendants of a current RDFV Veteran or Legacy Member (A descendant is defined as: All spouses, children, spouses of children, descendants and spouses, and all blood and adopted relatives and their spouses) or a current soldier of the 42nd Infantry Division, in good standing. In addition, all applicants must be sponsored by a current RDFV Veteran or Legacy member who has been a member for at least the last three consecutive years, or is a "Lifetime" Member.



Mike Kelly, the RDFV Scholarship Chairman reported at the Annual reunion that The Scholarship Program is a competitive merit-based process evaluating the academic achievement, standardized test scores, recommendations and extracurricular activities of the applicants.

In addition Mike added, "the committee closely reviews the essay component of the application, where each applicant shares their understanding and appreciation of the 42 ID's historic past, sacrifices and how to support our vision for a better world. With each applicant we "Begin Again" to have our story relived in an effort to "Never Forget" that our history is handed down through the scholarship program each year to a new generation."

The Top RDFV Scholarship

Award, \$5,000 was awarded to **Cassandra McNitt**. Cassandra will attend Utica College and is currently in a pre-med program. Her goal is to one day join Doctors without Borders to aid Third World countries.

The Ted Simonson Award, \$3,000 to **Jacob Deal**. Jacob sent in a video thanking the RDFV and his parents were on hand to receive the award. Jacob will attend Northeastern University where he plans to study Chemistry.

222nd Infantry Regiment Award, \$2,000, to **Rachel Andonie**. Rachel is attending Russell Sage College and is in the Physical Therapy Program.

The Dee and Barbara Eberhart Award, \$2,000 to **Thomas Patrick Kenny**, who is a freshman in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College.

Duhacsek Family Award, \$2,000 to **Adam Muschler**, who is attending Minnesota State University and studying civil engineering.

Stillman Sawyer Award, \$1,500 to **Sydney Hutnick**

Kaiser Family Award, \$1,500 to **Anthony Amroski**

Three Ted Johnson Awards, for \$1,000 each, were awarded to: **Madison Haberlack** - Madison will attend the University of North Dakota and plans to study Spanish; **Jennifer LoPresti** - Jennifer will attend the Suny College at Oneonta where she plans on studying music; and the third went to **Timminy Carlson**.

Mike ended his remarks by stating that "these students have the academic potential and demonstrated initiative to be successful in pursuit of their educational goals, to be productive adults in our communities and to share the history and vision of our great Division.

Five of the Rainbow Scholarship winners or their parents or a relative were in attendance at the reunion banquet to receive awards.

Photos by MSG Peter K. Towse, from the top, are Cassandra McNitt, Kim and Jeff Deal, parents of Jacob Deal, Jennifer LoPresti and her family, Melanie Remple accepting for her niece, Madison Haberlack and Rachel Andonie.

A Letter to the RDFV From 2014 Rainbow Scholar, Thomas Kenny Thank you so much for your generous scholarship of \$2,000. I feel honored to have been chosen by the committee. I am very proud to be the grandson of a decorated 42nd Rainbow Division soldier in WWII, William T. Kenny, and I hope that my grandfather is looking down and proud of me, as well. I am currently a freshman in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. I will continue to tell the stories my grandfather told me about his days in Alsace-Lorraine and the people he encountered and affected in his days there.

OVER THE RAINBOW in the CRADLE OF AVIATION By RDFV Historian, Patrick Chaisson

In 1917, Camp Mills was a sprawling, brawling tent city. Located near the New York City port of embarkation, it housed thousands of American "doughboys" bound for duty in the trenches of World War I. Among them were 27,000 National Guard soldiers from 26 states and the District of Columbia, destined to become the famous 42nd "Rainbow" Division.



Today, the Rainbow Division's birthplace has been swallowed up by the residential community of Garden City, Long Island. All that remains of Camp Mills is a 17-foot tall shaft of Minnesota granite, erected by Rainbow veterans in 1941 as a monument to their fallen comrades.

Progress has also obliterated several other historically-significant sites on Long Island. Roosevelt Field, where Charles Lindbergh took off on his 1927 solo transatlantic flight to France, is now a shopping mall. The nearby Nassau Coliseum now stands on what was once Mitchel Field, an important World War II air defense base.

A new museum on Mitchel Field interprets Long Island's nearly-forgotten role as "The Cradle of Aviation". Many aircraft manufacturers had factories here, and their names are undoubtedly familiar to Rainbow Division veterans.

For over 70 years, the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in Bethpage made sturdy "cat" fighters for the Navy. Other familiar names in Long Island aviation include the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation of Long Island City and Sikorsky Aircraft, which constructed helicopters in Hempstead.

World War II-era Rainbowmen recall the rugged P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bomber, built by the thousands in Republic Aviation's factory at Farmingdale. Republic also designed the A-10 Warthog, so often seen overhead during the 42nd Infantry Division's 2005 deployment to Iraq.

The Rainbow has played an important part in Long Island's aviation history as well. For nearly sixty years 42nd aircrews have flown out of Ronkonkoma's MacArthur Airport, appropriately named for General of the Army (and Rainbow Division combat veteran) Douglas MacArthur.

RAINBOW STORIES OF THE OCCUPATION AUSTRIA 1945-1946



Flight operations there began in 1959, when the 42nd Aviation Company stood up. Equipped with fixed-wing **L-19 Bird Dog**(1st Photo) observation aircraft, the unit kept its administrative headquarters at the Huntington Station armory. Four years later it reorganized, growing into the 42nd Aviation Battalion. Moving its HQs to a larger facility at Freeport, the 42nd AVN BN's fleet now included O-1A and U-6 *Beaver* utility planes.



New technologies brought rotary-winged aircraft to the 42nd Aviation Battalion's Long Island home. By 1968 the unit was flying OH-13 *Sioux* and OH-23 *Raven* helicopters. These models were eventually replaced by more modern **UH-1 Huey**, (2nd photo) **OH-6 Cayuse** (3rd photo) and AH-1 *Cobra* aircraft.



Air cavalry troops from the 1st Squadron 101st Cavalry, also a 42nd Infantry Division organization, operated for many years from Ronkonkoma's MacArthur Airport.

Army aviation on Long Island took a giant stride forward in 1986 when the Aviation Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division, was formed. Headquartered at Patchogue, this unit stood ready as the Rainbow's "Sunday Punch" if it was ever called to war.

When the 42ID mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, its Aviation Brigade deployed as well. The unit, commanding Active Component, Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers from across the country, established an enviable record for mission-accomplishment during nine months of intense combat operations.



Another reorganization brought the 3-142 Assault Aviation Battalion and its **UH-60 Blackhawk** (photo left) utility helicopters to Long Island in 2006. This outfit later deployed to Iraq, as well as for numerous state active duty missions such the Superstorm *Sandy* relief effort.

Long Island, so rich in both Rainbow Division and aviation history, still echoes with the distinctive sound of Army helicopters flying out on missions somewhere "Over the Rainbow".

- **The Camp Mills Rainbow Division Monument** stands in Rainbow Park at the corner of Commercial Avenue and Clinton Road in Garden City, New York. GPS Coordinates: 40.726957 / -73.620804.
- Also in Garden City is **the Cradle of Aviation Museum**, along Charles Lindbergh Blvd. on old Mitchel Field. Call for information at (516) 572-4111 or visit <https://www.cradleofaviation.org/>.
- Long Island warbird enthusiasts will enjoy **the American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale** (on the former Republic Aircraft site) – call (631) 293-6398 or visit <http://americanairpowermuseum.com/> for information.

We begin a new series, with an anecdote as told to Mrs. Mary Lou McCahey, wife of Major James B. McCahey, Jr., senior aide to 42nd Division Commander, MG Harry J. Collins through WWII and during the 42nd Division Occupation in Salzburg, Austria 1945-1946.

Portrait of Major McCahey

From "A Year of Progress/the Commanding General Reviews 42nd's Occupation Job in Austria" p. 7

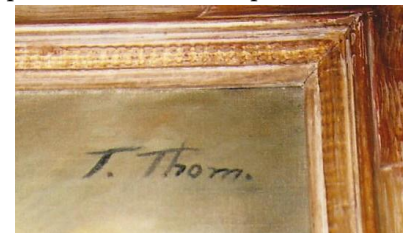


"PW's, DEF's Are Screened and Guarded" – As southern German armies disintegrated they pulled back toward Austria. On May 5 Army Group "G" surrendered and with it were thousands of soldiers who had been forced by General Mark W. Clark's troops to retreat from Italy. Broken fragments of several Nazi armies congregated in Austria when the shooting stopped. Many were in hospitals, seriously wounded. These defeated troops had to be herded into PW enclosures. They had to be fed, given medical care, guarded. They had to be screened. War criminals, security threats (highranking Nazis, SS and SA leaders) had to be weeded out and placed in special camps. Then came the tedious, specialized task of more thorough screening for the purpose of discharging the ones who were eligible. They were questioned at length to determine occupational specialties, place of residence, dependency status, etc. Finally the U.S. forces began to return them to civilian life. Some who were discharged found the going tough outside and would return to the camps in a few days. They had to be handled again. In spite of these obstacles, 360,506 PWs were either evacuated or discharged by 15 March 1946. Still remaining in camps and hospitals are 19, 684."

The story, "Rainbow's Portrait of an Artist"

At the end of the war, when the 42nd settled in Salzburg, our Army had no way to know who was who among the many refugees who settled there. All people were put in jail and were taken out one at a time to be interviewed by different members of the 42nd Division to determine what each person could do. If carpentry, they were put to work repairing damaged buildings; if they had bakery experience, they were set up in a bakery to make bread and other foods for all in the town. Housekeepers were required to host Army personnel in their own homes and others were similarly placed in the jobs they knew best.

One of the women whom my husband Jim himself interviewed told Jim that she had walked from Russia hoping to find a safe place in which to settle. The only talent she had was as an artist but, she said, she had no paint or canvas, etc. At that time, Jim's father was president of the Chicago School Board. Jim asked that his dad send paint, brushes, canvasses and any other equipment a portrait artist would need. When all arrived, she was thrilled and as a "thank you", she painted the wonderful portrait that I have in my home today.



As different dignitaries came to Salzburg to see how "their people" were being handled, she was asked to do a small 12" x 12" painting of them as a gift from the 42nd Division.

Billy Rose, American impresario, theatrical showman and lyricist, was among those dignitaries. She was paid by the Army for these works and slowly she became self supporting.

This artist signed her painting, T. Thom.

**WWII MAJOR GENERAL HARRY J. COLLINS –
HONORARY CITIZEN OF SALZBURG, AUSTRIA
From Hilbert and Howard Margol, WWII Rainbowmen**



In 1968, Howard and Hilbert Margol, former soldiers in 392nd Field Artillery--Btry. B--42nd Rainbow Division, visited the grave site of former Division Commander, Major General Harry J. Collins, located in **St. Peter's Cemetery, Salzburg, Austria.**

We were advised that a former Austrian Ruler's remains had been exhumed and relocated in order that General Collins' remains

could occupy the most prominent site just inside the main entrance gate. On March 19, 2014, at the invitation of George L. Bevington, Academic Dean at The Walker School, Marietta, Georgia, Howard and Hilbert spoke to the student body of the school, relating their 42nd Division experiences during WW2.

On April 11, 2014, George advised the Margol brothers that he had just returned from a trip to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland with a group of students. While in the Salzburg area, St. Peter's Cemetery was a stop on their tour and it was a coincidence that they found General Collins's grave. **They remembered that in their presentation, the Margol twins had remarked about General Collins and that his nickname was, "Hollywood Harry". The tour director and guide explained that "Ehrenburger" meant "honorary citizen" and that it was quite prestigious to be buried in St. Peter's Cemetery.** They could only wonder what the series of letters on the tombstone stood for. We were able to provide answers for George and his students. **At war's end in Europe, the 42nd Division moved into Austria as occupying forces. General Collins was appointed the Military Governor of a major portion of Austria.** A niece of an Archbishop, Irene Gehmacher, became the General's secretary during the Occupation. They later married. General Collins made it known that upon his death, he wanted to be buried in Salzburg. The series of letters read "CG"--Comanding General, "DSM"--Distinguished Service Medal, "SS"--Silver Star, "BSM"--Bronze Star Medal, and ARCOM--Army Commendation Medal. General Collins died 3-8-63 at the age of 67. **Top Photo: 1968 - Howard Margol on Right; Hilbert Margol on Left** Above Right, photo: taken by George L. Bevington on 2014 visit



"HOLLYWOOD" IN THE ALPS

(from the memoirs of Col. Edwin Rusteberg, H1B-242, who served as Chief of Staff to MG Harry J. Collins in postwar Salzburg, Austria)



As the war clouds disappeared and peace reigned once more in Europe, the city of Mozart and "The Sound of Music" – Salzburg, Austria, became alive again with the celebrities of the day. It was at the Festspiel Haus, the music center of Salzburg, that I sat one evening with the General and his Staff of Zone Command Austria, to hear Grace Moore sing. She had acquired great fame before the war as the star in "One Night of Love", which Mom and I had enjoyed seeing in our neighborhood

years before. Gathering at the General's villa in Salzburg, after the performance, to meet the primadonna, and for a late dinner with her, as we heard the approaching footsteps of our host and guest we overheard the General say: "Come out here on the balcony, Sugar, and meet my staff!!" Handsome, "Hollywood Harry", as General Harry

Collins was known, was right at home with his famous guest from the glittering capital of his namesake city! Altho the evening was an exciting and pleasant one with our famous and enchanting guest, our spirits were sombered a short time later with the news of her death in a plane crash in Northern Europe. We felt fortunate tho of having had the pleasure of hearing this "Hollywood" Star in song and meeting her personally at "Hollywood" Harry's informal gathering at his villa. It had been a night to remember as "Hollywood in the Alps!!!" **photo - Major General Harry Collins circa 1945-46, (from the personal photo album of Major J.B. McCahey, 42D Div HQ, Senior Aide to MG Collins, sent by Mrs. Mary Lou McCahey)**

**WORLD WAR I RAINBOW DIVISION
DESCENDANTS SOUGHT**

Are you the child, grandchild, great grandchild, nephew or cousin of a World War I member of the Second Battalion (Companies D, E and F), 117th Engineer Regiment, 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division?

I am, my father being 1st Sergeant Arthur C "Top" Davis, F Company.

Some questions have arisen about the safety, integrity and care of the Memorial Monument and the grounds surrounding it in Rainbow Memorial Grove in Exposition Park in Los Angeles, California.

There has been some thought expressed that the site should be abandoned and the Memorial Monument relocated to a safer place. **Your thoughts, comments, questions and suggestions on such a move will be greatly appreciated.** It should be mentioned here that such a move may not be possible for several reasons. Please contact me at your early convenience. Aloha from Maui

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A closer image of the current state of the plaque may be viewed at http://www.publicartinla.com/Expopark/rainbow_division.html

The plaque reads: *In Memory of the Dead of the Rainbow Division AEF. This Grove was dedicated May 30, 1935 by the California Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans.* There is also a quotation from WWI Rainbow Soldier and poet, Joyce Kilmer, killed in action in 1918.

"Only God can make a tree."

Top photo – James G. Davis, left, and WWI Rainbow veteran, "Slim" Sutherland at Rainbow Memorial Grove, Exposition Park, Los Angeles California in 1946

Second photo - James G. Davis, Rainbow Memorial Grove, Exposition Park, Los Angeles CA in 2005

The Center for Family and Member Support held a meeting in Albany New York during this year's annual Foundation Reunion and Conference. Attending were Co-Chairmen Collette Wickstrom and Susan Taluto, John Wilsey, RDVF Trustee, Events Chairman and Director of the New York State Family Programs in the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Jenn Tabankin, Family Assistance Specialist in the New York State Family Programs Office, and Linda Owen, Past National President of the RDVF Auxiliary. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies to address a core mission of the Center, outreach and communication with the current soldiers and families of the 42nd Infantry, "Rainbow" Division.

It was determined that the Center must continue to develop its relationship with the NYS Family Programs Office and thru that relationship, network with Division units in other States. Mr. Willsey agreed to facilitate this effort. Other ideas that the meeting generated were to write a letter introducing the Center which could be handed out at unit events, designing a poster with RDVF information to be posted in Armories, sponsoring tuitions for children such as summer camps, music camps, or child care, perhaps as an extension of our current scholarship program, and the development of a 42nd ID "Family of the Year" award for soldiers of the rank of E6 and below. All of these ideas require further development and strategies for funding.

One action item was presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at a subsequent meeting. **The Board approved the development of a Facebook page for the Center for Family and Member Support.** We are currently seeking an intern to do the design and inauguration of the Facebook page and to assist in its maintenance. Our initial efforts will focus on seeking a current 42nd ID soldier to work with us on this project. Since social media are favored tools for today's communication, we hope to reach this younger population and educate them about the benefits of supporting the Foundation and the legacy of the Rainbow Division.

A Letter to the RDVF From 2014 Rainbow Scholar, Jacob Deal

I am honored and grateful to have been awarded the Ted Simonson scholarship from the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation. My family and I are very impressed that the Foundation supports such a generous scholarship program and I am honored to be selected as a recipient. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the awards ceremony in person. I would like to thank the selection committee and the entire RDVF for their support. I would especially like to thank Colonel Tammy Mandwelle (retired) for her sponsorship of my application and for her loving presence in my life. I am now attending Northeastern University in Boston, where I am studying chemistry. I look forward to comparing notes with Colonel Mandwelle, who served as division chemical officer and is a high school chemistry teacher in civilian life. I am particularly pleased to have been awarded the specific scholarship funded in memory of Mr. Simonson. Thanks to the wonders of Google, I have learned that Mr. Simonson, like me, was a trombone player. I look forward to continuing this aspect of his memory through my participation in the Northeastern Pep Band. As a teacher and school administrator, Mr. Simonson knew the value of higher education, and I am sure that this was a pivotal factor in the establishment of the RDVF scholarship in his honor. It is an honor to thank the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation for their generous support.

PACIFIC NW CHAPTER MEETING Fall 2014

October 24 – 26 in Seattle, WA at the Towne Place Suites Marriott/Seattle South-Center, 18123 72nd Ave. South, Kent, WA Please make your reservations by calling the hotel at (253) 796-6000. *Mention the 42nd Infantry Division Veterans to get the special rate of \$99./night (+ tax). For more information, please contact PacNW President, Frank Burns at frankdorothyburns@gmail.com or (206)527-0987*

WWII RAINBOW DEATHS REPORTED SINCE JUNE 2014

BANZ, Samuel David	Co. E/242 nd Infantry
BROWN, Richard Lee	Co. C/232 nd Infantry
BROWN, Willie J.	Co. A/142 Combat Eng.
CRIST, Philip B.	H1B/242 nd Infantry
DART, Donald L.	H1B/242 nd Infantry
DOYLE, Francis A. "Frank"	42D Field Artillery
FARLEY, Darrell E.	HQ Co /42DIV
GARTH, Richard E.	42 Div Field Artillery
GRIGSBY, Robert J.	Co. B/222 nd Infantry
HENNING, Richard A.	unit unreported
HOLDEN, Walton G. "Walt"	unit unreported
HOWELL, David C.	1943/44 Camp Gruber, OK; 79 th Div
LUNDE, Royal J.	Co. D/222 nd Infantry
MAROWITZ, Richard M.	HQ/222 nd Infantry
MYERS, Francis Edgar "Gar"	Cos. D&H/232 nd Infantry
MYERS, Wesley D.	Svc Co./232 nd Infantry
NORRIS, Dwight	Cos.B&C/232 nd Infantry
OCZKEWICZ, Lloyd	Co.D/242 nd Infantry
O'NEILL, Thomas B.	Co. G./242 nd Infantry
PETERMANN, Lloyd	Co. M/222 nd Infantry
RADER, William R. "Bill"	Medic/222 nd Infantry
RITENHOUR, Claude Edward	Co. C/222 nd Infantry
ROGERS, Douglas B.	42D Quartermaster Co.
RUCKER, James	Co. G/232 nd Infantry
SENSABAUGH, Howard F.	Co. M/232 nd Infantry
SCHLUEDERBERG, Richard	66 th Division; 42 nd Division
SCOTT, Forest Clayton	Btry C-/392 nd Field Artillery
STEINKE, Ralph A.	Co. D/232 nd Infantry
STURDEVANT, George C.	Co. C/242 nd Infantry
WAGNER, Lawrence E. "Pete"	HQ Co/42 DIV
WEAVER, Oscar J.	Co. G/242 nd Infantry
WHITNEY, Keith Matthew	H2B/242 nd Infantry
WINTER, Robert S.	Co. K/242 nd Infantry
WOODBY, Nathan William	Co. I/242 nd Infantry

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

BIRMINGHAM November 9 – 11 2014

It's time once again to gather in Birmingham for our Annual Veterans Day Celebration. This year we invite you to make reservations at the [Hampton Inn Birmingham I-65/Lakeshore Drive](#)

The physical address is 30 State Farm Parkway, Birmingham, AL
TEL: +1-205-313-2060 Call them direct and reserve a room.

With so many coming to town for Veterans Day, I'm sure most hotels will be crowded. We don't have enough commitments at this time to reserve a block of rooms. I believe the rate is \$89 + tax.

The cost for the two meals scheduled by the Birmingham Veterans Day organizers will be \$30 for the Awards Dinner and \$25 for the Peace Luncheon for a total of \$55 per person. Please send \$55 to Earnie Owen 1201 S. 30th ST, Broken Arrow, OK 74014.

If you have questions you can reach Earnie at (918) 258-1394. For specifics see the schedule below.

Hope to see you there!

Schedule of Events – November 9 – 11, 2014 (Sunday-Tuesday)

November 9 6:00 PM Dinner - Jim & Nick's BBQ
Meet in the hotel lobby

November 10 8:30 AM Breakfast at The Egg & I
Meet in the hotel lobby

5:45 PM [Distinguished Guests Reception](#)
Sheraton Birmingham Ball Room

7:00 PM [National Veterans Award Dinner & Dance](#) Sheraton Birmingham Ball Room

November 11, 2014

8:30 AM [Veterans Memorial Service](#)
Cathedral Church of the Advent

10:30 AM [World Peace Luncheon](#)
Sheraton Birmingham Ball Room

1:30 PM [National Veterans Day Parade](#)

The 42nd Rainbow Division will have one or two vehicles –
ALL ARE WELCOME TO RIDE WITH US IN THE PARADE !!!

RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOUNDATION May 16 , 2014 – September. 30, 2014

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS **Foundation Operating Fund** Ernest Seinfeld, 100; Michael Katz, 100; deposit, 100; Marlene Krein, 250; Leah Colville, 25; Robert G. O'Connor, 5; James Clemons, 50, for Reveille expenses; John Cahill, 50, for Reveille expenses; Mark Johnston, 150; John Meulkins Book Royalties, 93.24 **Scholarship Operating Fund** Eberhart Scholarship, 750; Pacific NW Auxiliary, 100

Scholarship Endowment Fund Pacific NW Auxiliary, 100.

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If you would like to make a contribution by US Mail, please send your gift to the RDVF Treasurer, Check payable to RDVF and mailed to (please note new name and address):

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Memorial gifts will be acknowledged personally and also in the next issue of REVEILLE. If you would like an acknowledgement of your gift to be sent to the family of the person whom you are honoring, please include their name and address when you send your contribution. All are gratefully received and acknowledged.



Photos are of the July 26, 2014 dedication of the Rainbow plaque at Croix Rouge Farm, FR

Left, in attendance were MG Steven Wickstrom, Former 42nd Division Commander and Dr. Monique Seefried, President, Croix Rouge Farm Foundation; right, the dedicated plaque with a view of the former battleground and the sculpture which was dedicated November 12, 2011.

www.croixrougefarm.org



IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2014

IN RECOGNITION OF ALL AMERICAN SOLDIERS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY, WE THANK YOU ALL WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND EVERY DAY FOR YOUR SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND PEACE.