

Updates from the RDVF Chairman:

RDVF Hosts Centennial Ceremony



On August 12th 2017 the RDVF hosted a memorial ceremony at the 42nd Division WWI Monument in Garden City, LI NY to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Division.

The Memorial ceremony was attended by over 400 Veterans and Civilian residents of Garden City who honored the service of the Rainbow soldiers

who served so gallantly in WWI. Garden City is the former site of Camp Mills where the Division was formed and prepared for overseas duty. Please read the several articles posted on our "News" tab at www.rainbowvets.org. The WWI soldiers and their families, I am sure, would have been very pleased with the ceremony and the monument's appearance. The RDVF in conjunction with the Village of Garden City had the monument restored. It looks fantastic! You can read about the establishment of the memorial by going to the memorials tab and selecting "In Search of Rainbow Memorials" on www.rainbowvets.org.



Chairman Joe Taluto along with board trustees present Garden City Mayor Brian Daughney with check for 50% of cost to refurbish 42nd WWI Memorial



Chairman Joe Taluto and Division Commander MG Steven Ferrari lay wreath at 42nd WWI Memorial. Board Trustees L to R: Tom Kinley, Michelle Hamilton, John Willsey, Paul Genereux, Pat Chaisson and Paul Fanning. Also pictured in uniform, Division CSM Justin Lenz. Photos by CPT Mark Getman/New York Guard/Released

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2017

Members, since our last Reveille some terrific events have occurred. First of all, you will read in this edition about our fabulous Centennial Ceremony in Garden City. It was attended by over 400 Veterans and Garden City residents.

The restored memorial looks fantastic. We did the WWI Veterans proud! Articles and pictures are listed at the news tab at www.rainbowvets.org

We also had a very successful and fun filled weekend in Troy Sep 8 and 9 at our Cocktail Reunion and Awards Banquet. So nice to see so many friends. The Division Commander also delivered his annual report to the RDVF. There was also special presentation of a portrait of MG Harry Collins, our Rainbow Division WWII Commander, by Grandson Charles Williams. The portrait will hang in the RDVF Heritage Room at the 42nd Division Hq's. Of course, always a highlight is the presentation of our scholarship awards to those winners present. Four of our winners attended and their remarks were terrific. Articles and pictures regarding the Scholarship awards are included in this Reveille Edition.

Finally, our France trip is on!! We already have half of the seats filled so don't hesitate if you want to join this one-of-a-kind trip. Details are listed on www.rainbowvets.org. Select the France Trip tab on the left of the homepage.



Division Commander Promoted to Major General

BG Steven Ferrari, the current Division Commander (**photo right**) was promoted to Major General on August 12th as part of the Centennial Ceremony. MG Ferrari is from New Jersey and assumed command on May 6, 2017.

In addition, outgoing Division Commander Harry Miller,

(**center, photo 2 right**) was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service as Division Commander. MG Miller is still active and works at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Photos by CPT Mark Getman/New York Guard



RDVF WWI Historic Tour Finally Booked!

The RDVF finalized all the details for its WWI Historic Tour in August. The Foundation began taking reservations on 23 August. Only 50 seats are offered and to date over half have been reserved! There is still time to book your reservation. The trip was personally vetted by Steve Wickstrom, former Commander of the 42nd and our RDVF Historian and Board Trustee Pat Chaisson. They went to France at their own expense and followed the itinerary and stayed in the proposed hotels. They recommended some changes that would enhance everyone's experience, including 2 days off for all to do as they wish. Please see the details in this issue. You can also go online at www.rainbowvets.org and sign up. Just go to the home page and select the France Trip tab on the left.

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*RDVA Chaplain, Norman P. Forde, COL (R), Co. I, 222nd Inf., 42nd Division WWII
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Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for our great country, the United States of America, a Nation Under God. Just in the past year we have seen governments that were officially godless crumble and fall. We have seen so many people rush to freedom, breaking down walls and barriers, risking their very lives to be able to enjoy freedoms that we take for granted. We thank you God, for the part we of Rainbow have played during two wars, and since that time in keeping alive the memory of what it costs to be a free country. We pray your blessing upon our president and the leaders of all nations as they make plans for a new world with different alliances and different loyalties. Above all, may we not let down our guard, and may we never forget that we are a great nation because we are a Godly nation, a nation that proclaims liberty and justice for all. To you we give the thanks for the many benefits we enjoy. **Amen**

RAINBOW DIVISION CENTENNIAL TIMELINE DISPLAY

UNVEILED AT 42ND HEADQUARTERS

BY Patrick J. Chaisson, RDVF Historian



"It's a 100th birthday present to the Rainbow Division!"

So said RDVF Chairman Joe Taluto on September 8, 2017 at the unveiling of the 42nd Infantry Division Centennial Timeline Display in Troy, NY.

Taluto joined RDVF members, friends, and currently-serving soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division to first view a 22-foot long glass-fronted exhibit case at the Glenmore Road Armory in this upstate New York city, home of the famous Rainbow Division. The display space was recently renovated in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Division's organization.

Inside are four vignettes portraying key events in the Rainbow Division's history. Uniformed mannequins, period artifacts, and professionally-constructed backdrops tell the story of the Division's involvement in World War One, World War Two, its response to the

terrorist attacks on 9-11-01, as

well as its participation in Operation *Iraqi Freedom*.

Interpretive signs help explain each vignette, and provide a more in-depth account of what visitors are seeing. And above this display, a timeline traces important dates in the history of the 42nd Infantry Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation.

Funded by the RDVF, this exhibit is intended to connect currently-serving soldiers with their unit's rich heritage – one made possible by generations of servicemembers who wore the Rainbow patch. Families, friends, and veterans also can quickly gain a sense of the Division's impressive record of service when they view the display.



From the start, project

coordinators needed to get it right. The RDVF hired a professional creative agency, the St. John Design Group of Ithaca, NY, to work up realistic diorama-like scenes for the exhibit. Curators from the New York State Military Museum lent their own perspectives to the design process, as well as many hard-to-obtain military artifacts.

Several Rainbow Division veterans generously donated uniforms and equipment to the display, enhancing its "you-are-there" realism. An ambulance door damaged on 9-11-01, for example, stands next to a mannequin kitted out in the battle dress uniform worn by Specialist Jeffrey Bly of the 1-101 CAV, 42nd Infantry Division, on that terrible day. Then-Sergeant Kelly Fancher's desert camouflage uniform, complete with body armor and Kevlar helmet, is a key element of the 2005 *Iraqi Freedom* vignette.

Creative use of cardboard, burlap, and paint brings to life a World War One trench, while the horrors of Dachau are represented by a Rainbow Division combat medic comforting recently-liberated inmates. Museum curators, researchers, and vendors all helped ensure the highest degree of realism.

"I wanted veterans to bring their kids and grandkids here someday," said RDVF Historian and project coordinator Pat Chaisson. "I hope they'll point to the exhibit and say, 'I wore that uniform myself.' That's one way we can really share the Rainbow's history."



Preserving the legacy of the Rainbow Division through exhibits such as this one is a core mission for the RDVF. The soldiers, families, and friends who view this centennial display and timeline will gain a new appreciation for those who came before.



They can also learn about the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation's many accomplishments, which are also listed on the timeline. Information on how to join the RDVF is prominently posted nearby.



The 42nd Infantry Division and Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation are now moving into their second century of service. It is a busy time for both organizations. Yet those who visit the Centennial Timeline

Display are invited to pause and reflect on the first one hundred years of history made by those who wore the Rainbow patch.

All photos by Pat Chaisson unless otherwise indicated

Photo One: Pete St. John of the St. John Design Group applies finishing touches to an Operation Iraqi Freedom mannequin, featured in the Rainbow Timeline Display.

Photo Two: A mannequin dressed in the uniform of a World War Two combat medic complements the Liberation of Dachau section of the 42nd Infantry Division Timeline.

Photo Three: Contributions from veterans help bring the Centennial Display to life. This uniform was worn by SPC Jeffrey Bly of the 1-101 CAV during the events of 9-11-01.

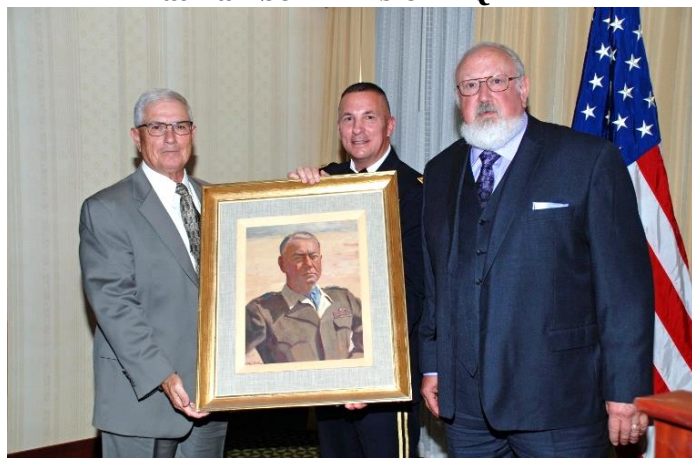
Photo Four: The completed Rainbow Division Centennial Timeline display includes four historical vignettes, a year-by-year history, and informational panels.

Photo Five: Former and current Rainbow Division chiefs of staff gathered to view the Timeline Display – from left to right, COL(R) Phil Pugliese, MG(R) Joe Taluto, and COL Mike Murphy.

Photo by COL Richard Goldenberg.

Photo Six: New to the Rainbow Division Heritage Room is this portrait of MG Harry J. Collins, World War II commanding general of the 42nd Infantry Division. This painting was donated by his grandson, Charles Williams, of Buffalo, New York.

General Collins Portrait Finds New Home at Rainbow Division HQ



Attendees at the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation Annual Scholarship Banquet, held in Troy, NY, on September 9, 2017, witnessed a meaningful event when Mr. Charles Williams presented to the Foundation a portrait of his grandfather, Major General Harry J. Collins, commanding general of the 42nd Infantry Division during World War II.

Mr. Williams, a firefighter from Buffalo, NY, donated this family heirloom to RDVF Chairman MG(R) Joseph Taluto with hopes the portrait would be hung in a place of honor. General Taluto gratefully accepted the painting on behalf of the Foundation, and directed it be installed at the RDVF Heritage Room in the Rainbow Division Headquarters building.

Major General Collins' portrait, courtesy of Charles Williams' generosity, has now found a new home in the 42nd Infantry Division's HQ, where it will interest and inspire new generations of servicemembers.

2017 RDVF Long and Faithful Service Award



Mayland Crosson exemplifies long and faithful service.

The wife of WWII Veteran and Silver Star recipient SSG Thomas Crosson, Co. G, 2nd Bn, 242nd Inf., Mayland has been attending Reunions for well over 30 years. Mayland and Tom noticed there weren't many men of G/242 at the first reunion they attended; therefore, she

began an amazing and persistent search through official records and through the VA to find those surviving men of Co. G to encourage them to come to the reunions. This labor of love resulted in numerous G/242 veterans being reunited at future RDVA Reunions. Mayland remained in touch with several of these men even after her husband died and whenever one of them passed 'over the Rainbow' she would send a personal donation to the Foundation. Mayland is a Gold donor to our Scholarship program!



Joe Taluto presents award to Mayland Crosson at Banquet; Mayland seated center on row 1, surrounded by many of the Company G men at West Palm Beach, FL Rainbow Division Veterans reunion in 1985; her husband, Tom is on Row 2, 5th from the left.; 58 Company G men were eventually reunited!

2017 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The RDVF presented \$24,000 in scholarship awards at their annual Awards Banquet in Troy NY on Sep 9th. Scholarship Chairman, Mike



Kelly (photo left) described the process to select the winners and praised the outstanding group of applicants. The RDVF receives applications between Mar 1 and Jul 15th each year. A scholarship board evaluates each applicant and ranks

them according to the board's criteria. GPA, Test Scores and an Essay are evaluated along with some subjectivity of the board. The program has attracted many new members to the Foundation as applicants must be descendants of a 42nd soldier and sponsored by a member of the RDVF. Sponsors must be a lifetime member or a member for the past three consecutive years. Application procedures are listed online at www.rainbowvets.org

All Scholarship photos by Paul Fanning, RDVF Memorials Officer

Top Award Winner

MacArthur Award \$5,000 –
Madison Dancisin – Stockton University

Donor-Named Awards

Diamond Donors over 25K

Stillman F. Sawyer Award \$2,500 –
Caitlyn Margol – Wake Forest University
The News Corp – Robert T. Kennedy Award \$2,500
Brendan Gonyo – Cornell University
Edward and Lillian Kaiser award \$2,500
Reed Hasson – Georgetown University
Walter and Virginia Duhaseck Award \$1,500
Jascha Herlihy – University of Vermont

Platinum Donors over 10K

Lon and Coleen Peck Award \$1,500
Jacob Hutnik – University of Michigan
222nd Infantry Regiment Award \$1,500
Matthew Whitset – Liberty University
242nd Infantry Regiment Award \$1,500
Theresa Mulvey – College of Saint Rose

Gold Donors over 5K

Mayland Crosson Award \$1,000
Deirdre Brett – Nazareth College

Other RDVF Award Winners

\$1,000 – Aaron Troutman – Penn State University
Theresa McLean – University of Notre Dame
Mikayla Derrick – Richland College
Bryan Piwowski – Hudson Valley Community College
\$500 – Peter Natali – University of Maine

Scholarship Donors Make The Program Grow!

Listed above are the winners of this year's scholarship grants. The recipients are descendants of Rainbow soldiers and while they are the target of the Scholarship program, the award also honors the families of these outstanding young men and women. We all share in a feeling of pride in our Rainbow family. We are also thankful for the many donations we receive each year to the scholarship program. While all donations are greatly appreciated and add up, some donors are extremely generous. In honor of their generosity the RDVF names awards after them. As you can see from the list above, we currently have eight donor-named awards. These families and/or organizations have given anywhere from 5K to over 25K to the program. You can read about the donor naming program online at www.rainbowvets.org by selecting the scholarship tab on the homepage and then donors.



Photos - one:

Madison Dancisin receives scholarship award from Chairman Joe Taluto; Parents Joseph and Adrienne Dancisin and Uncle and Aunt Paul and Rosalie Genereux

Two: Brendan Gonyo receives award from Chairman Joe Taluto with his

parents James and Karen Gonyo

Three: Chairman Joe Taluto presenting scholarship award to Theresa Mulvey along with parents Sean and Jude Mulvey.

Four: Bryan Piwowski, accepting scholarship from Pat Alesia, the President of the 42nd Rainbow Division Association of NY, an affiliate of the RDVF; the Association raised the funds for the Scholarship.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS OF WORLD WAR II

Sergeant Donald J. Carner, Company C, 1st Battalion, 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division



April 23rd 1945 found C Company leading our battalion. The area was slightly hilly and as we walked into this small town, there was a German tank on the right located in the valley of two hills that opened fire with its 88's on us. Wham bam! We pulled back a little ways and artillery fire took care of it. Rather than follow the road which ran through the town and turned left, we cut to our left and went through the woods. When they came to an open area surrounded on three sides by the trees, the leading scout started cutting across the field. He

had not gone very far when all hell cut loose. The call went out for our machine guns to move forward. We moved forward, lining ourselves behind the trees as you could hear the rounds hitting trees or going past you. When I got up there, "Blackie", Ed Czuryński pointed out the area of the tree line across the field where machine gunfire was coming from. There was a cart path in front of us that was a little lower than the field and we moved there fast. I tried to get Salters to fire at the tree line before us but he did not want to expose himself. I had to jump over him to get to the gun, then I raked the tree line with fire. The German gun opened up on me and I had a hard time seeing where it was coming from and Blackie was yelling directions at me. I finally spotted the smoke and opened up on it. We were then fired upon by two other machine guns, one to the left and one to the right located on a slight sloping hill hid behind some bushes. I took turns firing on them and the gun in front of me would open up. I used up the two boxes of ammunitions we had. The other machine gun did not try to give me supporting fire. I ran over to them, grabbed their two boxes of ammunition and ran back to my gun. All the time being shot at. I finally knocked out the three guns. The barrel of my gun was so hot it turned yellow-red and kept firing several rounds after I took my finger off the trigger. The riflemen crossed the field, but as we did not have any more ammunition we did not follow them but took another route into the town of Döckingen. We entered a house and on the floor lay Staff Sergeant John Strack and another man, both had been hit. Strack looked up at me and said, "Oh Carner, it hurts", I said, "John, I know it does", then moved on out of the house. The Company moved on, meeting light resistance.

We reached the Danube River and had tanks from the 20th Armored Division waiting with us for the Engineers to construct a bridge. Two of our men walked down river a way and found a dugout with two Germans in it. As we were being shelled it was a safe place for them. I do not remember if we were rowed across or waited until the bridge for the tanks was finished. Anyway, we headed east and crossed the Lech River over a blown bridge. We turned left as there was a small town in that direction. As we looked across a field which had low-lying mist above it, and we could see the top windows of the houses, I think we all had a deep gut feeling that this was going to be bad. Then, we saw white sheets come out of the windows and what a relief and happy feeling that was! I do not remember if we entered the town or turned south. We moved southeast towards Munich, by riding tanks, trucks and tanks again.

Sergeant James R. "Pete" Pettus, Company K, 3rd Battalion 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division

HITLER'S SILVERWARE

By Major Benjamin Tupper, Deputy PAO, Public Affairs Section, 42nd Div. HQ **Reprinted from the January 2011 REVEILLE**



Retired Staff Sgt. James R. "Pete" Pettus had a surprise for attendees at the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation reunion in Ocean City, NJ October 12-15, presenting fellow 42nd Infantry Division comrades with 65-year old Nazi memorabilia. Pettus stood before the assembled Soldiers, past and present, and presented a small wooden display box that displayed a small piece of World War II history that Pettus himself liberated from Nazi Germany. Pettus served as the squad leader of 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K, 232nd Regiment of the 42nd Infantry Division.

Relating the story of how he got the items in his display, Pettus described that on **April 30, 1945**, his squad was given the mission to locate, investigate, and guard a structure known as the Braun Haus in Munich, Germany [Munich Nazi Headquarters]. The building was believed to contain valuable intelligence items, such as maps, reports, and documents. When his squad arrived at the Braun Haus, however, they found nothing except a completely bombed-out structure in a neighborhood that had been flattened by Allied planes. "We found the Braun Haus, but it had been leveled by bombings. The foundation remained, but that was all," Pettus said. It wasn't long before one of his Soldiers discovered an underground basement, and after entering, the Soldiers found, as Pettus recalls, "an elaborate underground Nazi Headquarters containing a treasure trove of items, most of which were unharmed by the bombing." Pettus and his squad remained at the Braun Haus for over a week, and Pettus explored the headquarters regularly. He eventually stumbled onto the historic items in his display box: a set of Adolf Hitler silverware. Urns, goblets, cream and sugar bowls, and fine china had been left in the bunker by fleeing Nazi officials, all now in the possession of Pettus' 1st squad. "The china plates were for formal Nazi dinner parties," Pettus said. "But we had no plates, so we would eat our meals on the china, then toss them like Frisbees and watch them shatter into pieces." Such was the disdain for Nazism that American Soldiers used fine Nazi chinaware as disposable plates. Pettus said he recognized the value of the Adolf Hitler silverware items, but being a light infantryman who had to carry everything he needed, he didn't have the room to pack up these historic liberated items. He had grown accustomed to leaving behind all sorts of war trophies simply for a lack of space to carry them.

After about a week at the Braun Haus, an American officer showed up and took immediate personal interest in the silverware. Without warning, the officer began to take all the Adolf Hitler silverware items as his own personal war trophies. Pettus quickly realized he probably should make an effort to keep a few of the silverware items, and he secured eight pieces of the silverware before the officer could take them all.

Over the decades, Pettus pondered what should be done with his eight Adolf Hitler silverware items. At first, he felt inclined to pass them on to his son. "I knew my son would give them to his son, and so on, but eventually these historic items would get lost, so I decided to donate them to a museum instead," Pettus said. Pettus drove to Virginia October 15 and completed a mission that started over 65 years ago. The former Rainbow Division squad leader delivered his display box containing the Adolf Hitler silverware to the Richmond Holocaust Museum, where it will be put on display for future generations to see and reflect upon.

Photo above right, S/Sgt Pettus standing by the rubble of the Braun Haus – WWII photo is from "Pete" Pettus' WWII History/2nd Platoon, Company K, 232nd Infantry, 42nd "Rainbow" Division; color photo by Ben Tupper at 2010 reunion



THE FIRST COMPANY – HERE AND THERE

By Captain Henry K. Tice
Headquarters Military Police,
42nd Division World War One

From his daughter, Betsy Tice White.

She wrote, “WWI Rainbow veteran Captain Henry K. Tice wrote his poem in anticipation of a reunion banquet in Roanoke, VA given for his old First Company, Virginia Coast Artillery, which was integrated into the Rainbow Division as 117th HQ Trains and Military Police.”

Can you smell the moth-balled uniform
They gave you first to wear?
Can you smell the post at Mill Creek
Where the marsh grass scents the air?
Does the age-old smell of the casemates
Take you back to Fort Monroe?
Can you smell the Fort’s old guardhouse
Where the disinfectants blow?

Can you see the jack-o’lanterns
With their globes of eerie light
As you walked beyond the mortar pits
In the still of a summer’s night?
Can you swing a maul in the hot, hot sun
To the endless sound of the sea,
As you packed shells tight with the
yellow stuff
They called Explosive “D”?

Do you tear through drill on Battery Church
Can you hear the old “Home Ram!”
As the detail swings their truck away
And the shell goes home with a slam?
Do you stand Retreat as the sun goes down
To “Attention” snaps the line
As the National Anthem rings out clear.
Does a tingle run up your spine?

“Down in the Old Cherry Orchard”
The quartet sings again.
Buck and Oley – who were the rest
That rendered the old refrain?
Can you hear once more on the August air
The blare of the old Post Band?
Do you march again to the famous dock
To the tune of “My Maryland”?

Can you call again, as at Camp Mills
The fabled sentry’s shout
“Halt, who’s there? A friend. Well then,
Advance with stopper out?”
Can you roll to sleep on the *Covington*
High up in a three-tier bunk?
Will you ever forget that atmosphere?
Perhaps we’d better say “funk.”

Remember the apples at St. Nazaire
When you finally boarded the train?
And the old First Company spattered France
Like a wind-blown muddy rain?

Are you carried back to the long ago
By the smell of ripe manure?
To Rolampont and Baccarat
And even to Vaucouleurs?
That first Thanksgiving turkey
Could the cooks have cooked it wrong?
“Twas no use blowing “Reveille”
But Horace slept too long.



80 mile hike 1917-18

Can you still bring back the atmosphere
I know it’s there today –
A mixture of cognac and cheap *vin rouge*
The smell of a French café?
Do you ever hike in the bitter cold
On a road of ice and snow?
While Corporal Hurd brings back the word
“Only two more kilos to go.”

Remember the undried rough-sawn boards
In the barracks at Orquevaux?
Can you see them oozing smelly sap
In the stoves’ faint, futile glow?
Do you drink champagne from the old chateau?
It must have been the best –
The company fund paid six hundred francs
At the colonel’s urgent request.

Can you answer mess-call at Rolampont
With that old woman hanging round?
Can’t you smell her again – the aroma is strong
Like a rain-soaked rabbit hound.
You’re grooming a horse – the dandruff is thick –
Does the odor come back to you?
It permeated the saddle blanket,
But it was still a blanket to you.

Recall Issy with the medical cart?
Have you ever thought of him since?
As he pushed on the reins and tried to start
By telling the mule “Commence!”
Can you whiff the barracks at Baccarat?
“Twas mostly a he-man smell,
Do you feel the flue in your joints again
With Stackpole cussing like hell.

July Fourteenth and you’re back at Suippes
Where the fresh-dug earth gleams white.
Was morning ever so welcome
As after the shelling that night?
Does the damp of a rainy afternoon
Bring back a drizzly day,
When we paid him all the honor we could
And laid poor Cleary away?

Can you still smell slime and rotting flesh?
Even the horses seemed to know
As we moved on up that hot July
On the road that passed through Vaux.
Does a whiff of the perfume counter
In a Kress or Woolworth store
Bring back the delightful odor?
That Red Wood always wore?

Do you ever hike in the darkness?
Does the old brain ever think
Of marching northward from Bourdonnes
As Joe German sang “Skinny-ma-rink.”
As you drive in a summer’s shower
Where you get the wet woods feel,
Are you back in the mud of the forest
That preceded St. Mihiel?

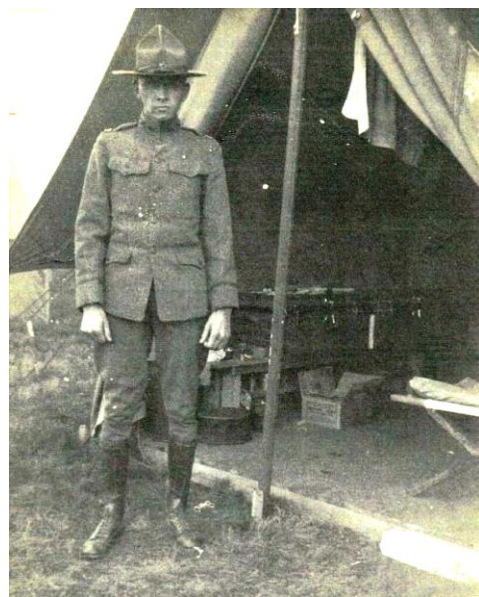
Then one November morning,
Strange stillness everywhere,
Till from the French there comes the cry,
“*C’est fini! Finis la guerre!*”
“Who won the war?” cry the 88th,
As they pass Ed Owen by.
“Crowder’s Handcuff Army,” says Old Ed,
But there comes back no reply.

At Ligny, do you dance again
And give the French a treat?
There seemed to be countless *mademoiselles*
But particularly Marguerite.
Recall that kind old woman?
Streagle would remember her.
I never knew what her name was
But the number was *huit et deux*.

When you mix a whiskey sour
With lemon the usual way,
Do you ever think of that glorious drink,
Lemon extract of old Beauzée?

Perhaps all these memories have perished
Forgot in the rush of today,
But I’ll say no other outfit
Could have done them the First Company way.

You’re back in civilian life once more,
Where nothing seems the same.
If you had it all to do over,
WOULD YOU ANSWER THE CALL AGAIN?



Betsy Tice White wrote, “ ‘Cleary’ was Albert Cleary, the only man of Roanoke Company to die in France. Killed in 1918 when the Germans bombed a railhead. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.”

Private First Class Albert F. Cleary
Distinguished Service Cross World War I
Private First Class Cleary was serving with the 117th Train Headquarters and Military Police Company of the 42d Division on 21 July 1918 when the town of St. Hilaire-au-Temple, France, came under attack. Private First Class Cleary’s citation reads: “The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Albert F. Cleary, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at St. Hilaire-au-Temple, France, on the night of July 21, 1918. While on duty as a town patrol during an enemy aerial bombardment, Private First Class Cleary, disregarding his own danger, remained at his post and continued to make his rounds to see that all other troops were under cover until he was struck by an enemy aerial bomb and made the supreme sacrifice.”

Photos from her father’s collection are provided by Betsy Tice White



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

July 20 – 30, 2018



Join the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to France to celebrate the 42nd "Rainbow" Division's World War One Battle History!

This ten-day history excursion is open to friends, family and former members of the Rainbow Division.

PRICE: \$2700.00 Per Person Double Occupancy/\$3400.00 Single Occupancy*
(Discounts available for early registration)

*Price includes hotel, in country transportation, some meals, plus tour guide.
It does not include airfare

Details:

- Space is limited to the first 50 people who sign up.
- **Discount Price:** \$2500.00 Per Person (PP) (Double Occupancy) \$3200.00 (Single Occupancy) with 50% Deposit of \$1250.00 PP (D/O) \$1600.00 (S/O) by **October 1, 2017**.
- **Base Price:** \$2700.00 PP (D/O) or \$3400.00 (S/O) Deposit schedule:
 - ✓ Oct 1, 2017: \$1000.00 PP (d/o) or \$1400.00 (s/o)
 - ✓ Nov 1, 2017: \$1350.00 PP (d/o) or \$1700.00 (s/o)
 - ✓ Dec 1, 2017: \$1500.00 PP (d/o) or \$1900.00 (s/o)
- Balance of payment is due May 15, 2018.
- Once 50 travelers have paid their deposit, those who wish to participate will be placed on a waiting list. If someone else withdraws, those on the waiting list will be added to the trip manifest in the order in which their deposit was received.
- A Registration Form, Waiver/Release, and Terms & Conditions are attached. You must print, sign, and return the registration form and waiver/release along with payment to Fitness Travel France, Fitness Travel France, 2801 Centerville Road PMB 5873 Wilmington, DE 19808. Acceptable forms of payment include PayPal or personal check. You may include credit card information with registration, but this is not recommended.
- You will need to make your own air travel arrangements.
- All travelers must arrive in France before 11:00 AM (Paris time) on Saturday, July 21 2018. (Most international flights from the U.S. leave the evening before).
- The motor coach departs promptly at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 21, 2018. All participants will need to assemble at the Ibis Hotel at Charles deGaulle International Airport in Paris (shuttle train available) before Noon on July 21st.
- The tour ends on Monday, July 30, 2018. You may schedule your flight home from Paris on that day.
- This is an active tour for active people. While many destinations are handicap-accessible, we expect to walk up to one mile every day and climb stairs. The July heat in France can affect those with some medical conditions – if uncertain about your ability to keep up, call Pat Chaisson at 518-641-2731.
- See the Terms and Conditions for other considerations such as travel insurance, passport requirements, and our cancellation policy. For other questions, contact Fitness Travel France, 2801 Centerville Road PMB 5873 Wilmington, DE 19808 or by phone: 1-888-539-5520. Email: lit@fitnesstravelfrance.com

While in France, you will:

- Participate in the Official U.S. World War One Centennial Ceremony at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
- Enjoy the Rainbow Division Memorial (Croix Rouge Farm) ceremony and concert
- Take guided tours of important American battlefields at Champagne, Argonne and Chateau-Thierry
- Visit unique World War One museums, monuments and U.S. cemeteries
- But of course there's time for champagne tours and visiting the cathedral city of Reims, not to mention a free day in Paris, "The City of Light"



This trip is being organized through 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 on an unforgettable journey of discovery – see where the Rainbow Division made history during World War One.

You'll enjoy comfortable lodging in scenic, historic French cities, travel by modern motor coach (bus), and some meals included.

For more information on this amazing history tour, contact Fitness Travel France, Inc., at 1-888-539-5520, or by email: lit@fitnesstravelfrance.com



PROPOSED ITINERARY RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS FOUNDATION 2018 FRANCE TRIP AS OF 28 July 2017

20 JUL 2018: DAY ONE – Depart CONUS, Spend overnight traveling to France.

21 JUL 2018: DAY TWO – Arrive France, meet at Rally Point (conference room in Ibis hotel at Charles De Gaulle Airport), board bus, drive to The Great War Museum in Meaux, visit museum then move to Verdun. Spend overnight in Verdun. (No meals provided today. Light snack at the meeting point. Museum entry paid.)

22 JUL 2018: DAY THREE – Visit Verdun sites (Verdun Memorial Museum, Fleury village, Fort Douaumont, Douaumont Ossuary). Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast and lunch provided. Museum entries paid.)

23 JUL 2018: DAY FOUR – Drive to Somme, visit Somme American Monument and Ossuary of Navarin. Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast and sack lunch provided.)

24 JUL 2018: DAY FIVE – Drive to Montfaucon American Memorial, then Romagne for lunch on your own and tour of "14-18 museum. Move to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast provided.)

25 JUL 2018: DAY SIX – Drive to the St. Mihiel region. Visit Montsec American Monument and St. Mihiel American Cemetery. Drive to Reims. Spend overnight in Reims. (Breakfast and sack lunch provided.)

26 JUL 2018: DAY SEVEN – Drive to Rheims. Morning tour of Cathedral. Afternoon tour of Champagne caves. Spend overnight in Rheims. (Breakfast included. Cathedral tour and champagne tour included.)

27 JUL 2018: DAY EIGHT – Drive to Chateau Thierry. Visit Chateau Thierry American Monument and newly-opened visitor center. Tour American Protestant Church in town, then move to Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. Possible side-trip to Belleau Wood (site of major USMC battle). Spend overnight in Chateau Thierry. (Breakfast and group dinner included.)

28 JUL 2018: DAY NINE – Move to Oise-Aisne American Cemetery for World War One ceremony. Afterwards, move to Fere-et-Tardenois for Croix Rouge Farm (42nd Division Memorial) and celebration. Move to Paris, spend overnight in Paris. (Breakfast provided.)

29 JUL 2018: DAY TEN – Day off in Paris for personal exploration, shopping, etc. Spend overnight in Paris. (Breakfast provided.)

30 JUL 2018: DAY ELEVEN – Depart. (Ground transportation to airport not included.)

Notes: Motor coach ground transportation included from 21 – 28 July. Historian accompanies the group from 21 – 28 July. Includes nine nights' accommodation in twin rooms (single supplement will apply), twelve meals as stated, museum entries as stated. Rental car will accompany from 21-28 July.

WWI CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION 2017 MEMORIAL DAY



Sons, daughters, family members of WWI members of Co. E, 117th Engineers, veterans and soldiers of the 578th Brigade Engineer Battalion, a California National Guard unit reorganized in WWI's 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division as Co. E, 117th Engineers, paid tribute to the patriotic service, sacrifices and memory of Division soldiers from past to present; 1st Sgt. Arthur C. "Top" Davis and fellow soldiers erected the Memorial in 1935, still standing in Memorial Grove, Los Angeles' Exposition Park, CA.

Jim Davis, standing to the right of the stone memorial, present as a boy at the dedication served with the 1204th Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon in WWII. To the left is Mr. David Cohen, 122nd Medical Battalion, 42nd "Rainbow" Division WWII. Other WWI descendants present in 1935 and this Memorial Day were Annette Davis DeYoung, Janice Littell Curry and Josephine Lord Mosier. Also present was California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Dr. Vito Imbasciani, a California National Guard veteran.

Photo provided and captioned by Staff Sergeant Salli Sablan, HHD/Joint Forces Headquarters, Sacramento, CA

WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL LIST

Deaths Reported Since July 2017

BAKER , Roy H.	A/242 Infantry
CALCUTT , Willis G.	G/242 Infantry
DODSON , Elliott E.	M/222 Infantry
FEDOR , Elmer L.	G/222 Infantry
GORDON , Lazarus M.	unit unreported
HARRIS , James S.	unit unreported
JOHNSON , Ray	222 nd Infantry
LIPNICK , Saul	L/232 Infantry
McKELVEY , Paul	unit unreported
MILLER , Wilbur	142 nd Combat Engineer Bn.
MYERS , Allen	42 nd Division Band
PETTUS* , James R. "Pete"	K/232 nd Infantry
PICA , Paul	A-T/232 Infantry
PINSKI , Arnold R.	I&R/HQ/242 Infantry
POCRNICH , John G.	unit unreported
RINGSWALD , James A. Jr.	Med Det/Spc Trps
RITTENBERRY , William B.	142 nd Com. Eng. Bn.
RYAN , Thomas J.	SVC/242 Infantry
WHEATLEY , Johnny B.	B/222 Infantry
WOLF , Maurice A.	RHQ/222 Infantry
WORDEN , Richard H.	M/222 Infantry
WORRELL , Robert H.	Btry A/402d/Artillery

*PNP - Past National RDVA President

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10 July 2017- 10 October 2017

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