



ARMISTICE/VETERANS DAY November 11, 2026

ARMISTICE DAY, a day that you and I helped to establish, a day of jubilation and celebration. A great day in the magnificent military history of our glorious Country. Recall, if you will, the thrill you experienced when you first heard of the signing of the Armistice. The natural reaction that we all shared was, "We Live," and we have lived, I hope, in Peace and Contentment ever since. We have that day especially marked for us, so guard it well, and all that it stands for. Your failure to do so will permit it to fall into disuse, for if we do not safeguard that day, those who did not serve will ignore it completely. While it differs greatly from Memorial Day, which we observe devoutly, we *celebrate ARMISTICE DAY*.

Even then, we first pay our respects to the Soldier Dead. Living or dead, a "Rainbower" is never forgotten. Always be glad that you are an American, and proud that you are a "RAINBOWER." That is honor enough. What more could one wish?

Frank H. Bellew, 150th Machine Gun Bn (2d Wisconsin Infantry) WWI; in 1953-54 served as National Vice President, Rainbow Division Veterans National Association; printed in the November 1953 issue of The Rainbow REVEILLE; this collection is now online at <rainbowvets.org> on the NEWS link.



Rendering honors at the grave of a Rainbow soldier at the American Cemetery in Epinal, France. MAJ (Ret) Kevin Reilly, BG (Ret) Paul Genereux, LTC (Ret) Michael Mallin (l to r). Photo and caption by Rosalie Genereux on the Trail of the Rainbow European Tour September 2026

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the upcoming holiday season with family and friends. As always, there's plenty going on with the Foundation. First and foremost, I'd like to congratulate MG Jack James on his successful command of the Rainbow and his follow-on assignment as the Deputy Commanding General of Army Transformation and Training Command, Fort Eustis, VA. I'd also like to welcome and congratulate BG(P) Rick Cipro on his selection as the next Commanding General of the Rainbow Division. We look forward to honoring both senior leaders at the 42d Division's Dining Out on Friday, December 11th. We will also hold our annual Board of Directors meeting the same day. Please note that this is a change from the previous Reveille newsletter. I'd also like to congratulate MG Mike Natali on his retirement and exemplary career with the NYARNG and his work as an RDVF Board member. We wish these great leaders all the best in their new endeavors.

I'd like to welcome home the 44 veterans, descendants, family and friends who attended the "Trail of the Rainbow European Tour" which traced the Division's WWII battlefields. The feedback both during and after the tour has been nothing but superlative. A special thanks to all those involved behind the scenes to make this trip so successful and memorable.

I'd like to thank Tammy Hicks and the entire RDVF Scholarship Committee for their efforts. Twenty packets were submitted with 18 scholarships awarded totaling \$32,500. The committee is still soliciting packets for RAVE (Rainbow Assistance Vocational Education) Scholarships. RAVE scholarships will be assessed twice a year in July and December.

Enough for now. Rainbow, Never Forget!
Harry Miller, RDVF Chair

OUR RAINBOW SCHOLARS 2026

Tammy Hicks, RDVF Scholarship Chair

In December, the RDVF is offering an opportunity for soldiers who are pursuing vocational education. The **deadline is December 15th** to submit an application to request support for schooling in a wide range of occupations such as plumbing, mechanics, electrical work, construction, hair dressing, truck driving (CDL), etc.

This is the new **RAVE** program also known as **Rainbow Assistance for Vocational Education**. The application is quick to complete, then just send proof from the school that you are enrolled and ask your first company level commander to send a quick letter that you as a soldier,



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Be the first in your unit to apply and be ready to develop your skills with the support of the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation! Many news reports say vocational skill workers are needed more today. We need new skilled workers to replace those retiring. Here is an opportunity for soldiers to receive help as they work hard to get ahead. Submit a **RAVE application** today to help pay for school tomorrow.

The RDVF Scholarship Committee and Board would like to congratulate the following recipients who received undergraduate scholarships this September:

MacArthur Award (\$ 5,000.)

JAMESON DALPE

Stillman F. Sawyer Award (\$ 3,000.)

ELIZABETH FUEMMELER

Edward and Lillian Kaiser Award (\$ 3,000.)

CAYDEN CRAIG

The Major General Joseph J. Taluto Award (\$ 2,250.)

LEAH PAUQUETTE

The NEWS CORP-Robert T. Kennedy Award (\$ 2,250.)

MARC LINDEMANN, JR.

222d Infantry Regiment Award (\$ 2,250.)

GAVIN BAILIE

232d Infantry Regiment Award (\$ 2,250.)

CAROLINE O'ROURKE

242d Infantry Regiment Award (\$ 2,250.)

JAMESON ACKLEY

Ted Simonson Award (\$ 2,250.)

SARAH MUNSON

Lon and Colleen Peck Award (\$ 1,500.)

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Walter and Virginia Duhasek Award (\$ 1,500.)

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Ted Johnson Award (\$ 1,500.)

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RDVF Awards (\$ 1,000.)

GAVIN WEASTON-STRONG

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to our first **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDEE, SAMANTHA PANARESE**
RDVF Graduate Fellowship (\$ 2,500)

Samantha is pursuing a degree in the medical field and is grateful to the RDVF for this opportunity.

A NOTE TO THE RDVF FROM 2026 RAINBOW SCHOLAR, CAYDEN CRAIG

I'm thankful to have been chosen for the Edward and Lillian Kaiser Scholarship. I was excited to find out I had received one of the top three scholarships this year. I'm currently attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW), where I'm studying computer science and cybersecurity. After college, I plan to become an officer in the Air Force and work in cybersecurity. This scholarship will help with my college expenses as I continue working toward my degree. I appreciate the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation for selecting me for this award and helping with the cost of my education.

Rainbow Reveille October 2026. Part II. Same Rainbow Patch, Different War: Troy Antal and the 42nd Infantry Division Two Decades Later Jon Molik, RDVF Historian



Military history does not move in a straight line. It folds back on itself through the Soldiers who return to the same formations years later, carrying the memory of one war into the reality of another. For Troy Antal, the 42nd Infantry Division is not simply a unit on a shoulder sleeve. It is the organization that shaped him as a young intelligence Soldier in Iraq and later relied on him as a senior noncommissioned officer during a very different kind of combat mission.

In the previous issue, Antal reflected on his first deployment with the 42nd Infantry Division during *Operation Iraqi Freedom III*. He was a sergeant then, working in G2 current operations, tracking the overnight fight, preparing updates for the commanding general, and learning how intelligence moved from analysis to decisions that affected Soldiers outside the wire. That deployment taught him about fear, responsibility, decision-making, and the importance of listening to experienced leaders.

Two decades later, Antal deployed again with the 42nd Infantry Division. This time, he returned under the same Rainbow patch as a sergeant major and the most senior intelligence noncommissioned officer in the New York Army National Guard. His responsibilities were no longer limited to one analyst's lane. He was now responsible for helping synchronize intelligence disciplines, protecting Soldiers from distractions that pulled them away from the mission, and ensuring the G2 could provide timely and relevant intelligence to the commander.

This second part of the interview examines that transition. It follows Antal from *OIF III* to the Division's 2025–2026 mission in support of *Operation Spartan Shield* and *Operation Epic Fury*. It also captures a larger historical question: what changed in the Army, in military intelligence, and in the character of

combat between these two deployments, and what remained constant inside the Rainbow Division?

How did the Army, military intelligence, and the National Guard change between your first deployment with the 42nd Infantry Division and your 2025–2026 deployment?

Between those two deployments, a lot changed. Over the years, I saw the New York Army National Guard prove itself as a valuable resource for the Army and the nation. The 42nd Infantry Division has a long history of distinguished service during difficult missions, and I am extremely proud to be part of that history and to wear the Rainbow.

During my career, I watched the New York Army National Guard accomplish missions at a level that was equal to, and sometimes better than, our active-duty counterparts. The military intelligence field also continued to advance in tactics, techniques, and technology. We did not always have the most expensive or advanced systems compared to active-duty units, but the New York Army National Guard and the 42nd Infantry Division continued to accomplish the mission to the highest standard.

I think one of the reasons the Guard is such a strong organization is because citizen Soldiers bring so many additional skills with them. A geospatial intelligence Soldier might also work as an electrical engineer in his civilian career. That Soldier can perform his GEOINT duties, but he can also help solve problems like power distribution during Division Tactical Operations Center operations. Those civilian skills and experiences matter. They help the unit accomplish the mission.

How did you personally change between those two deployments as a Soldier, analyst, and leader?

Between my first deployment in 2005 and the 2025–2026 deployment, I deployed two additional times. Those experiences taught me a great deal about training and readiness. I learned that training is incredibly important, whether you are training to be a Soldier, an analyst, or a leader. Each of those roles matters, and every opportunity should be used to improve.

That lesson shaped how I approached drill weekends. I tried to make sure no time was wasted and that every available minute was accounted for. Training had to be the priority. Intelligence Soldiers like doing their jobs, and I believe one of the best ways to motivate them to stay in the New York Army National Guard is to give them opportunities to use their intelligence skills. For me, training was not only about readiness. It was also about retention and giving Soldiers meaningful work.

What was it like returning to the 42nd Infantry Division under the same Rainbow patch, but in a completely different role?

When the 2025–2026 deployment developed into a combat mission, it reminded me in some ways of my original 42nd Infantry Division combat deployment. At the same time, the fight was very different.

During *OIF III*, the combat environment felt much more personal. We saw the enemy. Attacks involved small arms fire and indirect fire. We were in the middle of the conflict and surrounded by enemy activity. Our partners were willing to attack, willing to contribute, and the mission had a clear task and purpose. Commanders were willing to accept risk in order to accomplish the mission.

The enemy in Iraq was creative, especially with improvised explosive devices, but often used cheap materials and local methods. Attacks against U.S. forces felt personal and targeted. The enemy wanted to kill American Soldiers. From an intelligence perspective, we tracked enemy fighters by name and studied their personal patterns of life for targeting purposes.

The 2025–2026 fight was different. It was remote warfare. It was shaped by drones and ballistic missiles launched from distant locations. We never saw the enemy. The enemy was far away and often targeted civilian locations connected to our partners. Our partners were concerned about getting more involved, possible retaliation, public opinion, and perception. In some cases, they avoided public action but did other things privately.

It was also a fight dominated by air operations, and the Army had to find ways to contribute. The Army was more risk-averse than what I remembered from Iraq. Entire bases were moved to increase distance from the enemy. To me, that showed less willingness to stand ground and protect investments in bases and partnerships.

The enemy also used advanced drones and technology to test and defeat air defense. Their attacks focused on bases, equipment, and communications. They did not seem as focused on killing Soldiers as they were on causing damage. They often did not truly care about the results of their attacks. Many munitions failed in flight or were intercepted, but the enemy would still assume the attacks reached their targets. They were very effective at information operations and could quickly spread propaganda about attacks. The U.S. military struggled with that. We were often slower to release information.

How did your responsibilities as the senior NCO in the G2 differ from your responsibilities as a young analyst in 2005?

As the G2 sergeant major, I had an immense amount of responsibility. In 2005, I was a young analyst focused on my own lane in current operations. By 2025–2026, I had to think about the entire intelligence section and make sure all the different intelligence disciplines were communicating with each other. One of my main responsibilities was helping fuse intelligence so we could answer the commander's priority intelligence requirements. As the mission and the battle changed, those requirements changed too. I needed to stay ahead of what the G2 needed in order to support the Division commander. I also tried to protect the intelligence Soldiers from things that pulled them away from the mission. I did everything I could to shield them from needless meetings, ridiculous duties, and staff drama. I wanted to be a buffer between the intelligence Soldiers and the Division staff. Those Soldiers needed to focus on the intelligence mission, not administrative distractions or meetings that did not help them do their jobs.

That was the biggest difference. As an analyst, I focused on my lane. As the senior NCO, I had to focus on everyone else's lane and make sure the entire section was producing timely and relevant intelligence for the G2 and the commander.

How did the character of combat during Operation Epic Fury differ from what you experienced or supported during OIF III?

Combat during *OIF III* was much more personal. The enemy hated us and wanted to kill us. Soldiers saw combat directly. It was right in front of them, and there was no avoiding it.

During *Operation Epic Fury*, the enemy operated differently. I would describe it as a depraved indifference toward U.S. Soldiers, U.S. interests, and U.S. partners. The enemy launched attacks from long distances using drones and ballistic missiles. They did not always know or see the results. They often had to believe whatever the regime told them afterward.

That distance changed the experience for Soldiers. In Iraq, Soldiers could see the enemy and, in many cases, directly influence the fight. During *Operation Epic Fury*, Soldiers never saw the enemy. Most never fired their weapons and many did not even carry them. At the same time, they were constantly dealing with incoming drones and ballistic missiles.

I believe that weighed heavily on Soldiers' mental health. They were being attacked, but many felt they could not influence the war or actively respond to the threat. That sense of helplessness created frustration. The stress increased when units were ordered to continue the combat mission while also reducing personnel. Soldiers who had trained and worked together in sections were split apart. Some were told to leave while others stayed behind. That situation created an immense amount of stress, and it weighed heavily on many of the Soldiers who left early.

How did you help younger Soldiers understand the historical significance of the mission they were supporting?

During drills and pre-mobilization training, I spent a lot of time teaching Soldiers about the history of the region. From my previous deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, I learned that history plays a major role in current affairs. You cannot fully understand the mission, the partners, the enemy, or the operating environment without understanding the history behind them.

I used the training time available to cover that history. I also brought in outside expertise. I leveraged experts like CW4 Molik from the New York Army National Guard J2 and a civilian analyst from the Defense Intelligence Agency to brief Soldiers in both unclassified and classified settings.

I also used downtime and training time to show Soldiers YouTube documentaries about the Middle East. I wanted younger Soldiers to see that the platforms they already use can be used for more than funny videos. They can also use those tools to learn, understand the world, and become better intelligence professionals.

Did your experience from Iraq help you lead during Operation Epic Fury, or did the new environment require a completely different mindset?

My experience from *OIF III*, along with each deployment after that, helped me lead during *Operation Epic Fury*. I believe in constant improvement and constant learning, so I tried to take lessons from every deployment and training event and apply them to the combat mission.

Before the 2025–2026 deployment developed into *Operation Epic Fury*, the G2 conducted several intelligence training events with partners in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait. My experiences from *OIF III* and Afghanistan helped me understand what to expect when working with and training Middle Eastern military forces.

The environment was different, but the earlier experiences still mattered. They helped me prepare Soldiers, understand

partner-force dynamics, and appreciate the importance of culture, history, relationships, and trust.

When future historians write about the 42nd Infantry Division, how should they connect the Division's OIF III service with its OSS/OEF mission two decades later?

The first word that comes to mind is resilience. When I think about the 42nd Infantry Division in *OIF III* and OSS/OEF, I think about the Division's ability to accomplish any mission with superb results despite adversity and difficulty.

Soldiers in the 42nd Infantry Division understand the history they inherit. We know there are large shoes to fill because of the Soldiers who wore the Rainbow before us. We know the Division has a distinguished history, and that history motivates us. It is an honor to wear the Rainbow.

One example from *Operation Epic Fury* was the Division's fires accomplishment. During the mission, the 42nd Infantry Division broke records for the most rocket artillery rounds fired in combat, surpassing the previous record set during the Gulf War. That happened despite the loss of senior fires officers. The role was filled by an outstanding infantry officer who led the fires section to a historic accomplishment. To me, that is the 42nd Infantry Division. When faced with adversity, the Division adapts, continues the mission, and succeeds.

After serving once as a young analyst and later as the senior NCO in the G2, what do these two deployments mean to you personally, and what do they say about the legacy of the Rainbow Division?

I am truly honored and proud to have served with the 42nd Infantry Division during these historical combat missions. I have worked with many different units throughout my career, and I can say there is no other organization I would rather go to combat with than the 42nd Infantry Division.

The Division's resilience and cohesion allow the Soldiers who wear the Rainbow to accomplish any mission. That is the legacy of the Division. It is not just a patch or a historical symbol. It is found in the Soldiers who continue to serve, adapt, and meet the mission regardless of the circumstances.

I am also honored to be one of three Soldiers who deployed with the 42nd Infantry Division on three different deployments. I share that honor with BG Clare and LTC Dupigne. We deployed with the Division for *OIF III* from 2004 to 2006, *Operation Spartan Shield* from 2019 to 2020, and OSS/OEF from 2025 to 2026.

Across those deployments, I saw the Division in different eras, different missions, and different forms of combat. A lot changed between Iraq and the 2025–2026 mission, but the identity, cohesion, and resilience of the Rainbow Division remained the same.

The story of Troy Antal's two deployments with the 42nd Infantry Division is not only the story of one Soldier's career. It is a link between two chapters of the Division's modern combat history. In 2005, Antal was a young sergeant learning from senior leaders, briefing the fight, and beginning to understand the relationship between intelligence, command decisions, and Soldier protection. Two decades later, he returned as the senior intelligence noncommissioned officer, responsible for people, training, discipline, focus, and the fusion of intelligence across the section.

His account also shows how war changed. The close and personal fight of *OIF III* gave way to a more distant battlefield shaped by drones, ballistic missiles, air defense, information operations, partner sensitivities, and attacks launched by an enemy many Soldiers never saw. The danger remained real, but the experience of that danger was different. It was more remote, more technical, and in many ways more psychologically difficult for Soldiers who endured attacks without being able to directly answer them.

Yet Antal's reflections return to a constant theme: resilience. The Rainbow Division changed with the battlefield, but its character endured. Citizen Soldiers brought skills from outside the Army and applied them to combat problems. Intelligence Soldiers adapted to new tools, new threats, and new expectations. Leaders drew on lessons from earlier wars to prepare younger Soldiers for the mission in front of them. The Division carried its history forward not as a slogan, but as a standard.

For future historians, the connection between *OIF III* and OSS/OEF will rest in stories like this one. It will rest in the memory of Soldiers who served the 42nd Infantry Division in one era and returned in another. It will rest in the understanding that the battlefield changed, the weapons changed, and the enemy changed, but the responsibility of those who wear the Rainbow remained the same: accomplish the mission, protect the force, and live up to the legacy handed down by those who came before.

***Photo caption - SGM Troy Antal
G2 SGM (Senior Intelligence NCO) Saudi Arabia 2026***

HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN 2026: Another Battle - Our Fight Update as of October 6, 2026

The months go by, and our fight to preserve the Hatten-Rittershoffen battlefield from an industrial development project continues.

As a reminder, a 106-acre industrial park, including the construction of a lithium refinery, is planned on former farmland. This land was the scene of deadly fighting involving the 42d Rainbow Division on January 9 and 10, 1945. Many of your men lost their lives there. Others remain listed as missing, and these fields are their final resting place.

The Jewish cemetery, itself the site of fierce combat and whose gravestones still bear the scars of battle, would literally be surrounded by this refinery.



The industrial complex would come within only 16 feet of the cemetery wall, a place of profound symbolic significance, and directly across from the Esch Bunker, which also bears the wounds of the fighting.



Following the publication of the Prefect's decree declaring the industrial park and its associated land acquisitions to be in the public interest, our attorney filed both emergency and substantive legal challenges in mid-August. The goal is, at a minimum, to obtain a suspension of these decrees in order to allow a more thorough review of the historical aspects of this important case.

The emergency motions were reviewed in mid-August and dismissed only four days after filing through a summary procedure by the duty judge. In the judge's view, no urgent threat had been demonstrated, depriving our attorney of the opportunity to present arguments during a public hearing. In France, court decisions are not publicly commented upon. We have taken note of this particularly harsh ruling and are now awaiting the hearing on the merits, expected in 10 to 12 months, hoping that irreversible damage will not occur before then.

To finance our legal actions, estimated at approximately €8000, we launched a fundraising campaign with the support of a partner organization. To date, we have raised, €4,500. This is extremely encouraging and demonstrates public interest in our efforts.

Meanwhile, geothermal drilling projects continue to multiply throughout the region. Public opposition is growing, particularly because of concerns over induced earthquakes, as our region is considered geologically sensitive, as well as broader environmental concerns.

The review of our application for historical and memorial protections is still ongoing. The case is expected to be presented before the Permanent Delegation in the coming weeks. This is a highly sensitive issue that deserves careful consideration. The opinion of the historical authorities will be crucial, although they do not possess decision-making power.

In mid-September, we had the pleasure of meeting several members of your Foundation who stopped in Hatten and Rittershoffen for a morning visit during their Rainbow Trail tour. It was a deeply emotional experience for us. We were able to speak with descendants of soldiers who fought on our land. We thanked them for what their ancestors did for our country and for our freedom.

What a contrast, eight decades later, to see Ernest explaining the battle on OUR battlefield, surrounded by peace and silence where once there had been the fury of combat, the screams, explosions, fear, tears, suffering and death.

Several re-enactors and members of local memorial associations were also present with their period military vehicles.

The most moving moment was the group's meeting with Albert Arbogast, a civilian survivor of the cellars of Rittershoffen. He was fourteen years old at the time of the battle and retains extraordinarily vivid memories. Today, at ninety-six years old and a retired Protestant pastor, he shared his story with the group inside the Catholic church at Rittershoffen for nearly forty minutes, with his son serving as translator.

He spoke about "his war," what he witnessed, and the encounters that shaped his life forever. Some memories were apocalyptic, others unexpectedly humorous. Perhaps the most personal part of his testimony was when he explained how he discovered faith and his calling to the ministry through a twenty-year-old American soldier preparing calmly for combat, leaving his fate in God's hands. Several times during his account, he repeated:

"Thank you. Thanks to the Americans, I am alive today."



It was a rare moment of shared reflection, one in which everyone understood the importance of maintaining this connection to the past. We were particularly moved by the remarkable attentiveness of the audience and by the spirit of fellowship that existed between the listeners and Albert Arbogast, who seemed genuinely happy and grateful to share his story. For some participants, his experiences may well have echoed those of a father, uncle, or other family member who lived through the war. The ecumenical prayer led by Albert was a powerful message of gratitude, peace, and friendship.

Media attention toward our cause has been more limited recently. As we await both the start of construction and the court proceedings, there have been few developments capable of attracting sustained journalistic interest. Our Facebook page, which has become a genuine alternative media outlet, is reaching audiences beyond anything we ever imagined, with some posts exceeding 40,000 views. For a small, grassroots group like ours, that is remarkable. Our cause is being heard.

<https://www.facebook.com/HattenDemain/>

At the same time, perhaps as evidence of our growing influence, we have recently become the target of highly focused attacks.

Critics seek to discredit us by accusing us of “using history as a tool” and portraying battlefield memory as merely a pretext to block the industrial project at any cost. Fortunately, these accusations have gained little traction among the local population.

Your Foundation’s support goes far beyond technical assistance, the provision of documents, testimonials, and historical evidence. It gives legitimacy to our efforts. Because of your support, we know that we are on the right path.

Hatten and Rittershoffen, the soldiers who fought here and all those who became victims of this battle deserve international recognition and preservation because in order to pass history on to future generations, people must first be able to see it and understand it.

**The sacrifice of your soldiers will not be in vain.
We will never forget.**

Photo one – The Jewish cemetery at the Hatten battlefield

Photo two – The Trail of the Rainbow tour group standing in front of the Esch Bunker.

Photo Three – Rainbow Trail Tour 2026 group listening to **Albert Arbogast** and his son **Philippe** at **St. Gall Catholic Church** in Rittershoffen.

All photos sent by Muriel Maniere, Hatten Demain Collectif
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WWII RAINBOW VETERAN HILBERT MARGOL MEETS TRAIL OF THE RAINBOW TOUR AT DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL SITE SEPTEMBER 2026

Hilbert Margol served in Battery B, 392d Field Artillery and has visited this Memorial Site many times since the liberation of this main camp on 29 April 1945.

This photo is shared by his son, Jerry Margol who also captioned it. The names of these three former 42nd Division Commanders are read right to left.



3 Commanding Officers of the 42nd Rainbow Division
Major General Stephen Wickstrom Major
General Stephen Ferrari Brigadier General,
Paul, Genereux

RAINBOW BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

With our eternal gratitude and respect, we wish a Happy Birthday to:

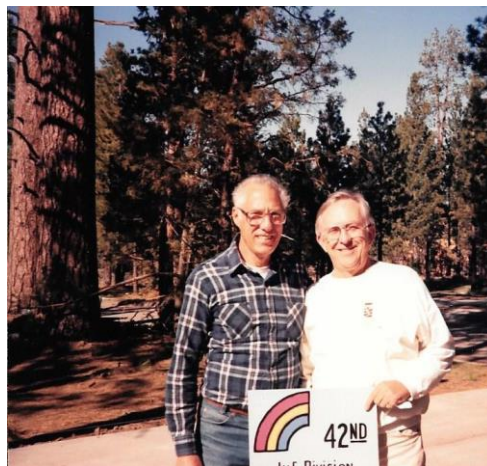


Raymond Deming

Cannon Company,

232nd Infantry Regiment WWII

102 years, December 7, 2026



In our February 2016 issue of the **RAINBOW TRAIL** History newsletter, Raymond told this story:

**CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL
Christmas in
Combat,
Christmas in
Peace**

By Raymond Deming (Pfc) as told by James Froede (Tec5)
*Medic, Cannon Company, 232nd Infantry,
42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division*

This powerful and beautiful story may be read online here at <rainbowvets.org> on the NEWS link; the entire collection of **RAINBOW TRAIL** history newsletters may be accessed there.

<https://rainbowvets.org/wp-content/uploads/RAINBOW-TRAIL-2016-2-February.pdf>

Photo: Left – Raymond Deming; R – James Froede

Excerpt from a letter by F.B. Webster, 151st F.A., World War One; printed in the October 1920 issue of The Rainbow Reveille

THE TIE THAT BINDS

“...Upon this foundation is our organization built, upon memories of days of trial, hard days, dark days, days of strife; upon deeds, not words; real comradeship, not theories of ideal friendship. Our tie is more than the mere brotherhood of social organization. It is the brotherhood of buddies, and only a soldier knows the true meaning of the word; buddies who fought side by side, fell side by side, went through the muck and desolation side by side.

“From the oldest “Border Vet” to the latest replacement after the Argonne, we honor the Rainbow, and are proud of the emblem we wore on our left sleeve. We shall not forget the old Forty-Second spirit, we shall not forget the buddies who could not return with us, we shall not forget the ties that bound us then and bind us still. We shall not forget the duty that is ours as American citizens in times of peace, no less than in times of war.”

Dear Friends of the Rainbow Division,

For more than a century, Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division have answered our Nation’s call. They served in the trenches of World War I. They fought across Europe during World War II and helped liberate Dachau. In the decades following September 11, 2001, another generation of Rainbow Soldiers deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The uniforms changed. The battlefields changed. The weapons changed, but something fundamental did not. Generation after generation, Rainbow Soldiers answered when their Nation called. Behind every campaign streamer are people. They are 42nd Soldiers who left their families and communities to serve. They are those who fought beside one another, those who came home carrying memories of war, and those who never came home at all. They are also the families who waited, worried, sacrificed and remembered.

Today, for the first time the 42nd Division prepares for a new headquarters, and we have an extraordinary opportunity and a responsibility to ensure that this history has a permanent home there. That is why the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation is working with the Division to create a new 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters Memorial.

Our vision is a memorial centered on three Rainbow Soldiers representing three generations of service: World War I, World War II and the Global War on Terrorism. The figures under consideration are intended to connect today’s Soldier with the generations who wore the Rainbow before them.

Three Soldiers, three generations, One Rainbow. This memorial should be more than a statue. A young Soldier walking through those doors should understand that he or she has inherited something meaningful, and larger than themselves. That Soldier should understand the history carried on his or her shoulder was hard earned.

A veteran should be able to look upon it and know that his or her generation remains an important part of the Division’s story and the families of those who never returned should know that their Soldiers have never been forgotten.

The new headquarters is expected to serve the Division for generations. We therefore have an opportunity to build something equally enduring: a memorial that does not simply record the Division’s past, but connects its past, present and future.

Most of us will never know the Rainbow Soldiers who fought in France, at Hatten, or helped liberate Dachau, Germany and eventually, the same will be true of those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the Global War on Terrorism. That is why this memorial matters. It will stand at the new Division headquarters when our veterans can no longer stand themselves.

The Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation has accepted the responsibility of helping preserve that legacy. We will remember them, we will honor them and we will ensure that future generations of Rainbow Soldiers never forget the legacy they have inherited.

If you or someone you know is willing to contribute to this Legacy memorial either a monetary donation or to participate in fundraising efforts, please contact RDVF Memorials Officer, Robert Giordano at giordano2mass@gmail.com or 518-852-6413

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*In memory of his father, WWII Rainbow Veteran
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