

Seventh Infantry Division WWII & Korean Vets Christmas 1973

SECRETARY & PRESIDENT



Mr. & Mrs. Louis S. Wise, Jr.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO YOU BUDDIES OF THE SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION, U.S.A., EVERYWHERE!

It's Merry Christmas time already! Didn't that year slip by in a rush! How we wish we could personally ring the doorbells of all the addresses on that ever-growing Seventh Division Reunion Roster--but since time and distance prevent that--here we are--again by your mail box. For many of you, receiving this newsletter and a reunion packet, it is a "first time"; if so, it is perhaps because a great many buddies and their wives have contributed many hours of telephone work and letter-writing obtaining accurate, current addresses! We express to all those who helped in locating their buddies, our most sincere thanks. Fellas and gals, your enthusiasm is just tremendous--we so much appreciate your efforts and truly, it is the **the key** to a successful reunion.

We four were at the Peoria-Hilton Hotel in early October this year--and Reunion #4--although **fast approaching**, everything seems right on schedule and most of the details are in order! A good number of Seventh Division Vets (WWII & Korean War both) have **already made their lodging reservations!** Army Chaplains are known to be "where the action is"; 17th. Regimental Chaplain Claude V. Deal, Sr. of Salisbury, North Carolina had that thought in mind for he is one who has his lodging confirmation; 184th. Regimental Chaplain Padre Joseph Vogel of Seneca, New York is also making great plans for the '74 reunion! Some more of the good old 17th. Regiment who tended to early lodging reservation are Al Hartls of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Sumner

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Peoria-Hilton Hotel, Peoria, Illinois

Hudson, Jr.'s of Manhattan, Kansas; the Wayne Howards and Lee Hamlett's of Waterloo, Iowa; then buddy Charlie Frey, Palo Alto and buddy Charlie Whitman, Lakewood, California we understand have their lodging taken care of. You fellas out of the 32nd. Regiment--like Harry Edwards of up Wadena, Minnesota way; Maynard Hanson in Deer Creek, Minnesota also--you better get with it or you may find the 32nd. "outnumbered" in '74! We also owe Al Hartl a big "thanks"--he put his Ottertail Power Company Staff to work for us and printed a large quantity of reunion material for us!



"PHANTOM NEWS" ! ? ! We Wises receive huge quantities of mail from hundreds (We kid you not! Just ask our mail-carrier!) of Seventh Division Vets--and would ya believe, along with ALL THE OTHER MAIL, that COTTON-PICKIN' PHANTOM has to get his 6 cents worth (picture postcards!) into that overflowing mail box **too**--he's one of the most regulars you could imagine! For those of you who are "new" to the situation we'll explain. In our '72 Christmas newsletter we wrote of our arriving home for the '72 Cheyenne, Wyoming Reunion #3, to find mail from Oahu, Hawaii addressed simply to The Wises at Mattoon, Illinois. The message on the card informed us that "We" have the Seventh Division Flag and "We" will present it to you in 1974--no signature of any kind. Since that time we have acquired a **MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION** of cards from all points of the globe! They have come from far-away places like Paris, France, Belgium,

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Crete, from the Pacific area; then there have been some "not so far away" places too--like almost in our backyard--down at Toledo, Illinois--a mere hop and a jump from Mattoon! All cards have bits of information from whatever place the PHANTOM happens to be visiting--and every card bears a PHANTOM MASK IN INK in lieu of a signature! Some cards are not even postmarked--perhaps as if they had just been **personally** dropped into our home mail box! **MUST WARN YOU MR. PHANTOM;** since the '72 reunion Wises have had an **addition to the family!** He answers to the name of **BOJANGLES;** Is mostly German-Shepherd, will have his first birthday in December; he's handsome in appearance and has the biggest white teeth you ever saw! And talk about frustration, last year opened up our **LOCAL NEWSPAPER** to find in the classified section under the **PERSONAL COLUMN** these words, "TO THE WISES--HAPPY NEW YEAR--THE PHANTOM!" Then at Christmas time we received a pretty card with **TWO SNAPSHOTS IN COLOR** of the PHANTOM dressed up in a St. Nick suite--holding the Seventh Division flag--and **HIDING BEHIND SANTY CLAUS WHISKERS YET!** One Seventh Division vet says he **KNOWS** who the PHANTOM is--and as a clue he can relate to us the **PHANTOM WAS A FORMER SEVENTH DIVISION VET!** Big help, Uncle Chuck--so were about 10,000 others! And--the PHANTOM **visited** in the Golden Gate city out California way with Charlie of the 31st. Field Artillery and then wrote us that he "**HAS FREY'S SIGNATURE IN BLOOD TO KEEP THE PHANTOM'S IDENTITY MUM**"--it's OK Charlie--we understand! And so as our reunion roster grows--so does our picture postcard collection grow from the

PHANTOM for we add to it almost **weekly**; and the black masked "eyes" stare back at us challenging us to discover who "he" is! But Mr. PHANTOM--don't CROW yet--we've nearly 6 months to go--and even the best disguises sometimes fray and become very revealing; and we're known to be persistent! Strange that we personally know one vet who wrote us "from the land down under" just before we received a card from the PHANTOM! The "pres" wants to advise: ALL HEAR THIS--if it turns out the VICE-PRES of the reunion is the PHANTOM then the "pres" will request the Treasurer of the reunion to write a check for FUNERAL FLOWERS! The "Pres" wonders (so does the secretary!)--do ya suppose the PHANTOM will put in his appearance at the '74 reunion in full regalia--A PLUMED HAT, SWEEPING BIG CAPE AND A SWASHBUCKLING SWORD!



Would you like to have a set of your medals or decorations? Through the efforts of buddy Richard Jaccarino of #8 G Weavers Hill in Greenwich, Connecticut, zip 06830 (Co.F-17. regt.) we are able to supply you vets with the necessary information where you may obtain a set. Write a brief letter of request for your medals or decorations and include in your letter your name, rank, serial number, dates of service and identity of your outfit and address it to: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S. ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS, PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132.

Were you present in the battle for the liberation of the Philippine Islands from the Japs? If you are entitled to the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, you may also obtain the medal. This information supplied for you by buddy Charlie L. Frey, 759 Clara Drive of Palo

Alto, California 94303 (31st. Field Artillery). Send a brief letter of request (AIR MAIL ONLY) along with a zerox copy of your discharge, your social security number and your army serial number to: The Adjutant General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp General Emilio Aquinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines.



POSTAGE WILL GO UP IN EARLY 1974! Several buddies when asking us to contact their buddies, thoughtfully included either stamps or sent along a dollar or two to help buy the postage. Presently the roster for the reunion is fast approaching the 3,000 mark. In 1972 at the Cheyenne, Wyoming Reunion #3, dues of \$12.00 for a two year period were voted in at the business meeting. Several buddies realizing the treasury is the souce for postage, printing of forms, reunion packets, and the many letters that go out to keep you informed on the happenings of the Seventh Division, have even sent in their checks for \$6.00 for a year's dues; it has been a great help. Dues possibly may be increased (by putting the matter to vote in the '74 business meeting) for the 1974-76 period. Those vets not submitting their dues will be placed on an inactive list roster. We will maintain their addresses but due to increased postage rate they will not receive Christmas newsletters, reunion newsletters, nor reunion packets. We deplore to consider taking such action but would do so out of fairness to those who are willing to pay their dues.



REUNION SITE FOR 1976! Also a matter of the selection of reunion

headquarters as to city and state and site will be put to vote in the '74 business meeting. We've a great deal of literature from convention sites USA everywhere who desire to be given consideration as a possible reunion site for 1976. The literature will be placed on a display board in 1974 where all may see it.



Ft. Ord, California, commanded by Major General Harold Moore, is now official "Home of the Seventh Infantry Division". We have been asked to "pass along the word" to all the former members (whether WWII or Korean war) that the Seventh Division Museum at Ft. Ord is in need of articles and souvenirs from both wars. We understand that whatever you loan or donate as the case may be, the articles will bear the owner's identity. If you are interested address your correspondence to: Major General Harold Moore, Commander, Department of the Army, Headquarters United States Army Training Center, Infantry and Ft. Ord, California 93941.

There was a major welcoming home ceremony at Ft. Ord last December 6, 1972 for the retiring of the division's colors which were placed in the Seventh Division museum. If you couldn't attend that ceremony, we're pleased to tell you, by the courtesy and generosity of Major General Harold Moore of Ft. Ord, we have it on special army film and it will be shown at the '74 reunion on **FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY, June 21st**. Along with that film we have the CBS documentaries on the battles of Attu in the Aleutians (The Frozen War); Freedom for the Philippines; Korea, the Line; Over Here (stateside during WWII) and **maybe** we will also have Pork Chop Hill; we repeat; films shown **FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 21st. only**; don't miss this!

In Memoriam

Though we are very saddened to tell you of the passing of our beloved General "Arch" Arnold on January 4, 1973 (and the death also of his dear wife Margaret on August 21st.) we so gratefully acknowledge the help of his many friends who upon learning of his death, have contacted their friends and recommended the reunion; sort of "boosting" the Seventh Division Reunion where General "Arch" had to leave off. He always held the reunions in highest esteem; it shall ever be our purpose to keep it thus in his memory. Among those who have contacted their "buddies" are General F. T. "Pack" Pachler of Tampa, Florida; Brig. General F. G. "Fritz" Fredericks of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Brig. General SLA "Slam" Marshall of Birmingham, Michigan; Col. Al Hartl of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Lt. Col. Sumner Hudson, Jr. of Manhattan, Kansas and Col. Joe Kane of Sausalito, California. We understand General Pachler has extended his personal invitation to General Wayne Zimmerman of Clearwater, Florida to the reunion. General Zimmerman will be well remembered by many for his leadership during the Attu campaign. SUNDAY MORNING, June 23rd. at Detweiller Park Pavillion in Peoria, there will be a special outdoor morning worship service, followed by a memorial service to pay tribute to several comrades for whom "final taps" sounded since 1972. The comrades to be honored: Lt. Col. William Siegel from Pacific Palisades; Col. Henry (Hank) Sievers from San Rafael; Elmer C. Rothe of Salinas--these all from the state of California; Harry Upell of St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Herman Steeke from Perham, Minnesota; Herbert (Herb) Weires from Waterloo, Iowa and Robert Lee Chandler of Greensboro, North Carolina; and of course, General Arnold also of North Carolina, City of Southern Pines was his home. Following these two services there will be a picnic for all before dismissal of the reunion.



SOUVENIR & PICTURE DISPLAY IN '74! Saturday, June 22nd. 12:30-3:00 p.m. in the Peoria-Hilton. Many of you fellas must have WWII & Korean War Souvenirs and pictures brought home from years back. If you'd like to display them at the reunion we'll set aside the time mentioned and provide space for your displays. We'll request you **follow these instructions . . . ownership must be shown on each souvenir by attaching white luggage tags** with the name of the souvenir plus your name, address and service outfit. If you show pictures, please place them **orderly on white poster board, size 22 x 28"**. Put your **name and address on the back of each picture** and using black magic marker show your name, address and outfit at the **top of each poster** of pictures. We will "volunteer several buddies" to "pull guard duty" (after all these years too, fellas!) at the souvenir display center during that period. Each vet must pick up his display for safe-keeping when the showing time ends.

A VERY DIFFERENT SIDE ATTRACTION EVENT PLANNED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 22nd.! 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.!

A surprise event is scheduled for mid afternoon for all who care to join in the fun. Details to be announced at the Friday night "Get Acquainted Session!"



NO CHOW LINE
AT THE '74
SATURDAY EVENING
BANQUET!

We've scheduled an ELEGANT SIT-DOWN & BE SERVED BANQUET! June 22nd. banquet has a delicious menu for vets and their families. The "Theme" for the evening's fun will be "Moonlight & Roses & Remembering" Come formal or casual, as you prefer

fellas and gals! Our decoration committee Peggy and Sam Hendershot of Sebring, Ohio will delight you with a beautiful setting for the banquet event; special thanks to them ahead of time! Our entertainment committee Reba and Lawrence Oregon of Omaha, Nebraska have come up with a great idea!



All of you Seventh Vets will have an opportunity to DO YOUR OWN THING BY PARTICIPATING IN A BIG TALENT CONTEST! Vets and their immediate families will have a chance to even WIN PRIZE MONEY DOING YOUR OWN THING! Read the Oregon's BIG TALENT CONTEST BLANK, complete and return it as instructed--to the Oregon's by April 15th., 1974. Also--just possibly there will be a special occasion for all you folks to "look into the future" at the lives of SOME OLD TIME SEVENTH DIVISION VETS! All in all, we believe we've planned a reunion week-end you'll long remember; we're so much looking forward to seeing all our old friends again--and anxiously awaiting the opportunity to shake hands with all you **new folks**. The 1974 edition of the reunion souvenir book will be bigger and much nicer--somewhat higher in price because of increased prices in paper and printing--but well worth it for there is much within the pages to be treasured and enjoyed in the years to come. Your copy of the '74 book can be ordered by using the reunion reservation form--**WHETHER YOU GET TO ATTEND THE REUNION OR NOT**: for those not attending, we will mail your book to you in June 1974; for those present at the reunion it will be distributed to you there. The '74 book will contain many, many more buddies' pages with their

pictures, addresses and current information, as well as some unusual "at random" shots made at the reunions in 1968-70-and 72!

The time til reunion #4 will fly! Stay well--keep happy! Our best wishes to all of you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during December 1973! We have spent so much time addressing reunion packets that we're going to be **LAZY** and omit the birthday and anniversary greetings for December this year!



May this be a beautiful Christmas for you and yours as this letter comes to each home; with it comes a wish from our hearts that new 1974 will be a wonderful year, a most properous one, but more than that, a hope that each one of us may look upon our neighbor with brotherly love which will set off a

"chain reaction" and just encircle the globe! Wouldn't that be a great kind of Christmas! So...Happy Holidays. Seventh Division Vet Families--see you in Peoria--in '74? God Bless Each Home...And Each Heart. Sincerely in comradeship of the Seventh,

(Co. H-17th. 1942-45)---Louie and Mary Jean Wise, Pres. & Secretary

(Co. H-17th. 1942-45)---Chester & Fannie Scantlin, Vice-President & Treasurer

BIG TALENT CONTEST!

A big talent contest will be held for all veterans and members of their immediate families on June 22nd. at the 1974 7th. Division Reunion to be held in Peoria, Ill. Three prizes shall be awarded; 1st. prize \$15.00; 2nd. prize \$10.00; 3rd. prize \$5.00. Any type talent acceptable such as singing, instrumentals, readings, pantomining, skits or dances. No number shall exceed 10 minutes in length. Please help us to make this reunion fun and enjoyable for everyone by participating in the talent contest. Fill in the entry blank below and mail to: Lawrence Oregon of 7208 S. 22nd. St. of Omaha, Nebraska 68147. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 1974**

Name _____

Address _____

Service Co. & Regiment _____

Type of Entertainment _____

Length of time for act _____

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THIS IS YOUR REUNION EVENT RESERVATION FORM for June 21-23, 1974

I, the undersigned, wish to make the following reunion event reservations.	Totals
Special Vet Breakfast at 8:00 AM June 22nd. 1974---at \$4.50 per _____	
Wives's Continental Breakfast 8:00 AM June 22nd.....at \$2.50 per _____	
Banquet Reservation at 7:00 PM June 22nd.....at \$8.00 per _____	
Picnic Reservation at 11:00 AM June 23rd..... at \$2.75 per _____	
1974 Reunion Souvenir book-----at \$9.00 per _____	

Signed by: _____ Total _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Send signed form with your check or money order to: Mrs. Fannie Scantlin, Treasurer
9558 Flora Avenue
Overland, Missouri 63114

Checks payable to: 7th. Infantry Division Reunion

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE DATE for Reservations: April 15, 1974 no exceptions