Your President’s Message

In light of the events of September 11th, it became necessary to postpone the Association Reunion. The time was so short before our reunion, we had to act quickly to minimize the inconvenience of all who were planning to attend. In retrospect, a failure on our part in canceling could have left many people stranded between home and Milwaukee. The tragic events that accompanied the attack would have taken all the fun from our reunion and we think that reunions are meant to be happy, fun-filled occasions.

The work of Doug Halbert over-and-above the call-of-duty deserves the thanks of all members as he worked late into the night notifying everyone he could reach. Don Filardo, our 1st V.P. and on-site coordinator, also deserves our accolades for the time he spent putting everything together and then having to do it all over again. Doug and Don have agreed to continue their responsibilities until the April reunion is completed. We all felt this abbreviated Hourglass sent to the membership as soon as possible would bring everyone up-to-date and permit the scheduling for the April 25-28 reunion. The Four Points Sheraton allowed us to reschedule meals, room costs, etc. at the same price, if we rescheduled on the April date and didn’t invoke the penalty clause for cancellation. Time and circumstance may even encourage a larger attendance to express our patriotism.

The most important item facing the 7th Infantry Division Association is the need for volunteers to perform the work of the organization. Doug tells me that the average age of our members is 72, the most common age is 71, the oldest is 94 and the youngest is 22. Time is taking its toll on all of us, and we may need to break the Association work into smaller units and use more people to accomplish the work, so the burden isn’t so heavy on just a few.

The April reunion is a change in our regular schedule which conflicted with several of the associated units of the 7th IDA. Hopefully, this will provide an opportunity to those who have been active in their associated units to attend the Division Reunion. We could perhaps lay the groundwork for eliminating as much as possible overlapping our reunion dates with their dates. This would give us greater bargaining power for hotel and entertainment rates and contribute to an increase in the number of people present who you served with. Hopefully, we can strengthen and unite our organizations as a result of having to adjust to this unexpected tragedy. Let us use this event to strengthen our country and our 7th Infantry Division Association.

Don Foltz
President

Our hearts and condolences go out to those who lost family members or friends on September 11th, 2001.
Your Secretary’s Message

It was a disastrous day in the history of the world. Our country was attacked by persons who have no regard for human life.

To all of those who had planned to attend our reunion in Milwaukee, our sincere gratitude for your understanding acceptance of the decision to cancel the reunion. Additionally, a special thanks to those who were awakened in the middle of the night by a phone call to tell you of the cancellation. It is with pride in the membership that it can be reported — not one person reacted angrily.

So where do we go from here? Your Officers and Governors have agreed to reschedule the reunion for the last week of April 2002. We will be meeting at the Four Points Hotel in Milwaukee and the program will be the same. The dates are April 25 through the morning of April 28. The meals will be the same with the exception that our Friday dinner will be at the Four Points instead of the Italian Community Center. The cost will be the same and the hotel rates will be the same.

We owe a real debt of gratitude to the management of the Four Points, the Italian Conference Center and the tour operators. Not one of them threatened us with a cancellation penalty. They did everything they could to accommodate our necessary changes.

This issue contains information to help regroup, like the new Reunion Registration Form on the opposite page. It is requested that all of you who wish to attend the reunion in April complete this new registration form. We hope that additional members will be able to make the reunion and that those who had planned to be with us in September 2001 will be able to make the rescheduled reunion in April 2002.

On Page 5 you will find a Hotel Registration Form. As indicated earlier, the hotel has committed to maintaining the room rates originally quoted.

The tour operators have agreed to provide us with the same tours with the exception of the Miller Brewery tour. It turns out that Miller Brewery no longer conducts tours on Saturdays and that is the only day we could make it. The tour operators have made arrangements with Sprecher Brewery, a micro-brewer in Milwaukee, for a comparable tour of their facilities.

Doug Halbert
Executive Secretary

Reunion Refunds

It has always been the policy of the Association to refund reunion deposits as long as the cancellation information is communicated to us before event guarantees are given to the hotel, banquet or tour providers.

For those people who wish to re-register and leave your funds on deposit with the Association, we promise to take good care of them. For those who are not sure they will be able to attend in April and would like a refund, please send your reunion receipt to:

Doug Halbert, Executive Secretary
7th Infantry Division Association
518 Hilinai Street
Wailuku, HI 96793-9426

Please include the mailing address to which you want your refund check sent. Everything you paid in the way of meal deposits and registration fees is refundable. Upon confirmation of your refund entitlement, your information will be forwarded to the Treasurer. He will draw the check and forward it to you.

Every effort will be made to process your refund requests promptly. If you have not received a response to your request for refund by four weeks after you mailed it, please check with Doug to be sure he received it.

Airline Travel

For those of you who had flight arrangements with Midwest Express Airlines you should be able to re-book at the same or better rates depending on air fares this spring. Several people have asked about Midway Airlines and their relationship to Midwest Express. There in NO relationship. Midway is bankrupt. Midwest Express is currently a viable airline and they intend to honor those tickets they issued but could not be used because of the shut-down. Please note — We have a new Convention File Number. It is CMZ1123. Also, the travel dates to which the special rates apply are April 20, 2002 through May 1, 2002.

The discount rates are 15% (CM15) if you book 30 days in advance and 12% (CM12) if you book within 30 days of your travel date. We have also confirmed that those people who held tickets for flight dates of September 11th through September 17th will be entitled to a full refund without penalty should they not wish to use the tickets at a later date. This applies even if they were non-refundable tickets.
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
7th Infantry Division Association 18th Biennial Reunion
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 25-28, 2002 - Sheraton Four Points Hotel

(Please indicate the number for your meal selections in the parentheses)

Name: _____________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Spouse and/or Guest Names: _______________________________________________

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Total Amount Due _______________________

Please complete this form and send it with your check, money order or a copy of the receipt you received for the September registration to the 7th Infantry Division Association, 518 Hilinai St., Wailuku, HI 96793. Payment due no later than March 1, 2002.
The Constitution and By-Laws require the Governing Council to recommend three states to the General Membership for the next reunion state. The Officers & Directors have arranged a special ballot by mail in order to meet this requirement. The Governing Council agreed that circumstances would allow an unusual opportunity for the entire membership to vote on the next reunion state. The council also decided to offer four choices so that four geographical regions could be represented. Please cast your vote for one of the following states, then send your ballot to:

Doug Halbert, 518 Hilinai St., Wailuku, HI 96793-9426)

New Jersey  ☐
Arkansas  ☐
Colorado  ☐
Nevada  ☐

Your vote will be counted if you are on the roster and your dues are paid. We appreciate the participation of our Special, Associate, Honorary, Descendent and Widow members, but unfortunately, you are not eligible to vote. Regardless, we hope that all recipients will take the time to answer the following questions.

As President Foltz indicated, the age group of our membership is advancing. With the most common age being lower than the average, that means that more members are over 71 years of age than members under 71. Only 10% of our membership attends reunions.

For this organization to survive, there must be members who want to give of their time and talents to make sure of its survival. Here are some questions, and we need your honest answers. Results will be published in the next issue of The Hourglass.

1. Are you willing to serve as an officer or board member? ______________________________

2. Do you want the Association to continue reunions? ______________________________

3. If you had a choice, what time of year would you like to see the reunions held? _________

4. Should there be more issues of the Hourglass? ______________________________

5. Would you be willing to publish and distribute the Hourglass? ____________________

6. Do you believe the Association has outlived its purpose and should be gracefully disbanded? ______________________________

Member Signature

Print Name

Member Number
FACILITIES:
508 Deluxe Guest Rooms; Non-Smoking and Accessible Rooms Available. Complimentary Airport Shuttle: Free Parking; Harold’s Award-Winning Restaurant; Courtyard Cafe; BJ’s Saloon; Down Under Club; Room Service 6:00AM to 10:00PM; Concierge; Gift Shop; Travel Agency and Car Rental Offices On-Site. Room rates are $77.00 plus 14.6% tax for a total of $88.24 per day, single or double occupancy.

LOCAL INFORMATION:
Mitchell International Airport-3/4 Mile; Henry Meier Summer Festival Grounds-7 Miles; Rockwell Int’l Corporate Headquarters-7 Miles; Harley Davidson Motorcycle Plant-28 Miles; Miller Brewing Company-10 Miles; Milwaukee County Zoological Park-14 Miles; State Fair Park/Milwaukee Mile-10 Miles.

DIRECTIONS:
From North: I-43 or I-41 South to I-94 East to Exit 318 (Mitchell Int’l Airport). Exit Howell Avenue. Left on Howell Avenue for.75 miles. Hotel on your left.


For registration by mail, complete the following form and mail it to the Four Points Sheraton at the above address. Be sure to enclose a deposit check covering your first night’s stay or provide the hotel with a major credit card number and the expiration date on your card. You may also call the hotel-reservations department at the above number or, if you wish, you can call the national Sheraton toll-free number (800) 325-3535. If you make your reservations through the national system be sure to identify your group, confirm your rate, and ask for written confirmation of the reservation.

FOUR POINTS HOTEL
MILWAUKEE AIRPORT
4747 South Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207
(800) 558-3862 or (414) 481-8000
Fax: (414) 615-8006

FOUR POINTS SHERATON REGISTRATION
7th Infantry Division Association - Group Reservation Form - Deadline: March 20th, 2002

Please reserve _______ Room(s) for _______ person(s)  Reunion dates: April 25-28, 2002

Name (Please print): ____________________________________
Share with: __________________________________________
Home address: _________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: _______
Phone: (____)_____________________

Arrival Date & Time: ________________ Departure Date: __________

Method of Payment: □ Check □ AMEX □ MasterCard □ VISA □ Discover Card □ Diners Club

Card Number: _________________________ Exp. Date: ______ Signature: __________________________

Type of room requested:
□ One King Bed $77.00
□ Two Double Beds $77.00
□ Smoking □ Non-smoking
Former Division Commander
Maj. Gen. Edward P. Smith,
(USARet)

General Smith, at age 85 passed away May 7, 2001. He was born 24 April 1916 and was a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point in 1939.

A member of the 17th Infantry Regiment during his first assignment to the 7th Infantry Division, he served at Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians and was with the Division at Leyte, Kwajalein and Okinawa. From 1970 to 1972 he served as the Division Commander in Korea.

During his 33-year career General Smith’s assignments included Asst. Div. Commander of the 82nd Airborne, Commanding General and Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, Wash. DC; Plans Officer and Secretary of the Joint Staff of Allied Forces, Southern Europe (NATO); Director of U.S. Strike Command, Tampa, FL.

General Smith was also a long-time supporter and member of the 7th ID Association.

New Members - 2001

179th Field Artillery
Houser, Lee N. 74 W / Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432-1045

123rd Aviation
Custis, Daniel P. 2372-1 N. Main St., Salinas, CA 93906-1592

13th Engineer Battalion (C)
Chandler, Ollie C. 3/7/2001 C
Olds, Ralph F. 12/21/1997 B
Werner, Otto 12/29/1999 C

17th Infantry Regiment
Bradbury, Harry E. 3/16/2001 H
Flategraff, Alfred M. 6/7/2000 G 2nd
Heathers, Norman R. 8/27/2000 C, Hq, & 1st
Mand, Alois J. 8/30/2001 F 2nd
Scott, Orval E. 4/3/2001 H 2nd
Smith, Edward P. 5/7/2001
Walden, Rex 8/1/2001 H 2nd

184th Infantry Regiment
Cuddeback, Earl D. Unknown Service

31st & 184th Infantry Regiments
Byrd, Gene L. 7/3/2000 Hq 1st

31st Field Artillery Battalion
Landmesser, Leslie C. 3/??/2001 Hq

32nd Infantry Regiment
Higgins, Jack E. 3/24/2000 Hq & Hq
Hightower, John M. 06/13/2001
Hutchison, James M. 3/29/2001 E

57th Field Artillery Battalion
Elliott, Ernest P. 7/29/2000
Reibenspies, James J. 10/18/2000 Service
Stormes, Harding 1/15/2001

7th Military Police Co.
Harrison, William J. 1/7/2001 Military

Division Headquarters
Burleson, Raymond G. 01/2001 HHB
Clark, Frederick A. 04/2001 HHB
The Recruiting Honor Roll

The foregoing list totals 110 new members since the last *Hourglass* was published. To those of you who contributed to this recruiting, *we salute you*!
Dues Reminder
Please look at your label on this issue of Hourglass. If, above your name, it says:

**STATUS = DELINQUENT**

then you still have not paid your Dues for the 2001-2003 dues cycle.

Your continuing support of the Association would be appreciated.

NEW QUARTERMASTER APPOINTED

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Robert C. Hoxsie who will replace Levi O. "Rabbit" Haire who gave us 6 years of dedicated service. The Quartermaster Store is now open for business:

Robert C. Hoxsie, Quartermaster
7th Infantry Division Association
30 Mapleview Drive
Cranston, RI 02920-3110
Phone: (401) 946-9967

IMPORTANT - Reunion 2003

Because of the disruption of this year’s reunion schedule, your Officers and Board have decided to deviate from the Constitution and By-Laws relating to selecting the state in which to hold the 2003 Reunion.

All eligible members are being asked to cast a vote to determine the State in which the 2003 reunion will be held. Additionally, the Officers and Board would appreciate your response to a few questions.

Please see Page 4 for complete details.

Need We Say More?