



# The Hourglass



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## Comments from your President



Our **20th Biennial Reunion** is slated for September 15th-18th, 2005 at the Marriott Airport, in Atlanta, Georgia. After my visit there in October 2004 I noted that although the hotel is very nice, the food is very costly. There was a lengthy wait for the luggage at the airport but the Marriott shuttle runs about every 15 minutes during the daytime hours.

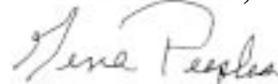
For those who are driving in, please advise the parking attendants you are with the 7th Reunion group, otherwise parking is very expensive. And make sure to reserve your room well in advance to get the best choice.

My continued bad health leaves me in constant pain, and it is very difficult for me to be your President, Secretary, Roster and Membership person all in one. I need all the help I can get and want to thank to my wife, **Elaine**, who helps me out quite a bit with the roster. At our 2005 Reunion there will be several discussions regarding our future as an association. We need younger membership to serve in order to continue, and at the general meeting I will be asking for help from younger members.

I hear from the younger people, "What does the 7th I.D.A. offer?" They think we are just like others; that it is an "old man's organization". I tell them that they have earned the right to at least give us a try.

I have started a Booster Club which will help with extra expenses such as postage and other expenses. I wish to thank many who have already donated. I will be donating a *M2 Garand* to the 7th I.D.A. and we will be accepting \$10.00 donation tickets in Atlanta, with the drawing to be held at our dinner.

Your President,

  
Gene Peoples

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**We Get Letters**

Luciano: Your letter to the editor in the Fall 2004 "Hourglass" concerning "Bambi" aka "Rudolph" takes me back to November-December of 1952 when the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment went into a long and well deserved reserve following the beating taken by the 1st and 2nd Battalions on October 14th (the opening day of "the battle of Triangle Hill."



Dear Gene: Thank you so much for allowing me to be a member of the association as an associate. Depending on when, where, I may wish to attend the reunion to see some of Harry's comrades. So many have passed on, but there is still a few around.

**Madel i ne Caldwell**  
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Roanoke, VA 24012  
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A young deer wandered into either the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment or its 1st Battalion headquarters (probably Regimental). The deer was secured and taken care of for a number of weeks and named Rudolph as we were approaching Christmas 1952.

Dear Dennis:  
I am a new member as of Dec. 2004 (I just got two new members for the 7th I.D.A. I will do my part to help), I am sending you a paper from *Stars and Stripes* (8 April 1950). I am at the bottom of the page.

Sometime in, I believe, December (I left for home on January 3) I was told that some G.I.'s from a "local artillery unit" had come by and stated that our Rudolph was their Bambi and were given possession of our deer. And so the story ends until now when I read your letter.

This is about the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry right being reborn again back in 1950. I hope you can put it in the 7<sup>th</sup> I.D.A. paper. I will be looking in my pictures for your next paper.

**Fred J. Connolly**  
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Turnersville, N.J. 08012

Let me know that happened. Did you get Bambi back in December 1952 and then lose it? Or was Rudolph taken from us under false pretences and possibly eaten? I hope not.

**Larry A. Brotman**  
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**Editor's Note:** We are most appreciative of mail from our members. We can't always use copy sent, but don't be surprised if what you send shows up in some fashion in an issue in the future. We commend you on obtaining two new members of the association.

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**Editor's Note:** This letter is response to a letter and article published in the Fall 2004 Issue of "The Hourglass" from Luciano Cascio of Dover Plains, N.Y.

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Dear Gene:  
Lawson Williams sent me the video of "The Battle of the Attu." He had an article in "The Hourglass" and went

from the Aleutians as far as Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, and was sent back to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to train other artillery men... I made all of seven landings... was wounded on Leyte after ten days of combat, but made it on to Okinawa. Had I taken the offer to go on to Korea, the Army offered me another rating. No one took the offer. Would like to hear from Army buddies of Co. A, 17th Inf. I am 86 years old, still active, but wouldn't want to take anymore 20 mile hikes.

**Barney Laman**  
960 Azalea Ave.  
Chico, CA 95973-0902

**Editor's Note:** Dear Barney. Thank you for your interesting note, especially about seven landings and the wound. Most of us would find it difficult today to survive 20 mile hikes.

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Dennis:

I am enclosing a picture of the 7th Infantry Division cemetery on Okinawa. I realize that the number of our men who were at Okinawa is decreasing rapidly, but this article may be of some interest to those who were there. (General Arnold's note was dated less than a month after I was separated from the Service.) It is most exciting that the 2005 reunion will be held in Atlanta. I have attended reunions at Norfolk, VA, Knoxville, TN, and Dayton, OH.

**Edward T. Creger**  
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH INFANTRY  
DIVISION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 7, c/O Postmaster,  
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Dear Friend:

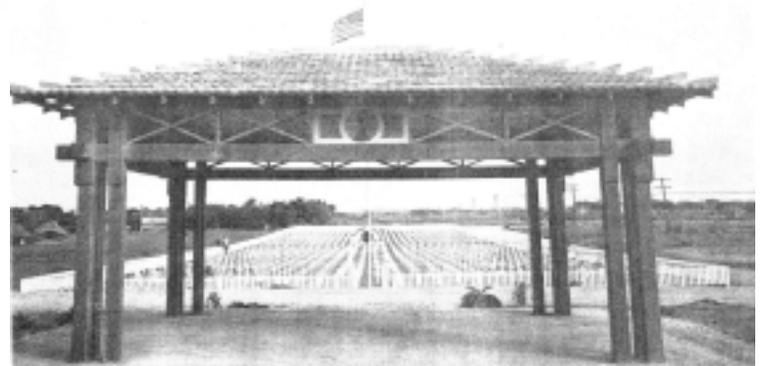
It has been called to my attention by **Chaplain S. Busse** that numerous requests for pictures of the Seventh Division's cemetery on Okinawa have come from veterans of our organization.

This folder is therefore being sent to you, with the belief that you may wish to have it as a remembrance.

May I take this opportunity to say I hope you are well and happy in your new activities, and enjoying the happiness you so thoroughly deserve.  
Best wishes

**A. V. ARNOLD**  
Major General  
Commanding.

— OKINAWA IN THE RYUKYUS —  
The last great battle World War II



This is the *Seventh Infantry Division* cemetery on Okinawa in the Ryukyus. Here rest the gallant dead who so unselfishly paid the supreme price for freedom.

**May they rest in peace.**

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Mr Charles R. Richardson, Editor  
The 7<sup>th</sup> IDA Hourglass  
1465 Clinton Street  
Abilene, TX 79603  
28 Jan 2005

Mr Richardson:  
I have sent a couple of pictures I have taken when I was in Korea if you would like them. Also if not needed please send them back to me. If you have any question please eMail me.

Sincerely,  
**John M. Chabala**  
arjochab@sbcglobal.net

Dear Mr. Richardson:  
Enclosed is a war story about Kwajalein, where it took about 4 days to subdue the 4-mile long, banana shaped island. Americans killed: about 280. Japanese killed: about 5000.

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**Editor's Note:** Mr. Adam's very interesting account is published in full starting on Page 14.

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Some of the men I was with in Korea: **Stienson, Young, Davidson, Baker,** and myself.



"MAIL CALL" APO7 OKINAWA AUG 4  
PVTS. BURDICK, BARLOW, ALLEN,  
FLISS, ? , ? - BENNETT -

Pusan Rotation Center



"WELCOME" TO 7<sup>th</sup> INF. DIV.  
PVT. GLEN BURDICK  
OKINAWA - AUGUST 1945  
OR - "MAKE MY DAY"

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Chabala also sent us a brief account of his 27 years serving in the military which can be found on Page 13.

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Photos contributed by **Glen L. Burdick**,  
1939 Martinho Ave., Tulare, CA 93274

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I am submitting the following for consideration of future inclusion in *The Hourglass*. The picture shows my father, **Lawrence E. Cassidy** shaking hands with the *7th Division Commander, Maj. General Archibald Arnold*, after receiving the Bronze Star during the Kwajalein's battle. The Citation is also included.

Thanks,

**David Cassidy** (son)  
845 West Division 54  
Hardin, MT 59034-2013



#### Citation

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the night of 1 February 1944 during the Kwajalein Operation. After the telephone line had been cut between his company and the Battalion Command Post, **Staff Sergeant Cassidy** volunteered to undertake the extremely hazardous mission of tracing down the break and repairing it. Even though most of the line was strung overhead in trees which were being constantly raked by both enemy fire and that of friendly troops, Staff Sergeant Cassidy disregarding his personal safety, located the break, repaired it, and restored the vital communication. This achievement on the part of Staff Sergeant Cassidy displayed the highest type of courage and devotion to duty, and contributed materially to the continued success of his unit.

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**Dennis Camp**, retiring editor of *"The Hourglass"* established high standards to follow. Although I am a fairly new member of the *7th Infantry Division Association*, I see the tremendous importance of *The Hourglass* newsletter to keep our members connected.

I served in both Korea and Japan as an Army information specialist from 1958 to 1960 and served as Managing Editor of "The Bayonet," the 7th Infantry Division's weekly paper for personnel. I am proud to report that my current assignment is to succeed **Dennis Camp**, as Hourglass editor. It is *such* an honor. As you may know, Dennis is battling cancer, and I am sure that all our prayers are with him.

Dennis called me personally and asked that I consider being his successor, and while I am extremely busy now winding up a 30-year career as News Officer for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and serving part-time as a media consultant for my alma mater, Howard Payne, I felt compelled to say "Yes".

We will need your help, too! Please continue to send in your interesting material, as you have done in the past. We need to hear of your experiences and where possible include photographs. If possible, please send your copy by eMail, and attach your photos to your message. If that is not possible, feel free to send your copy and photos to me. They will be returned to you.

Again, it's such an honor to serve. I am proud to have this connection with all of you - you who have served with the *7th Division*.

**Charlie Richardson**

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Attn.: Mr. Dennis Camp

Chuck, Thank you for all that you do.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find pictures of me when I was a 19 year old soldier serving with the occupation army in Taejon, Korea.

Jim DeCarlo

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Saint Albans, WV 25177

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I served with *Easy Co., 17th Inf. Regt.*, from Jan. 1944 until April 1948. I was especially proud to serve in the Seventh I. D. since my Dad, James McKenna, served in it during World War I. I was in the first platoon.



Enclosed is a picture of Dad just before he shipped out to France. He was in *F Co., 64th Inf. Regiment*. Imagine my surprise when I landed in the 17th and saw the men there wearing the Hourglass. I remembered seeing it on dad's uniform.

Dad died Oct. 5, 1970.

Jim McKenna  
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Grinnell, IA 50112-1933

**Editor's Note:** I'm still settling in and would appreciate a little help here. If you sent in either of the two photos below, please contact me and we will give you your deserved credit in our next issue.



**Attached to this photo is a label that says:**  
All that was left of a Japanese naval gun after the U.S. Navy bombarded it. Carlson Island, 7th Div., U.S. Army (Signal Corps photo)



## Looking Back Through the Hourglass

**Editor's Note:** The following article was written, at my request, by **Joe Swan** of San Jose, California, my freshmen English teacher and advisor as a college editor. Unbeknownst to me until I entered the Army and was assigned to the *7th Infantry Division Information Office* in November 1958, was that Joe also served as Editor of the division newspaper ("The Hourglass") during the Korean War. We are both natives of Gorman, Texas, both earned degrees from *Howard Payne College*, Brownwood, Texas, and we both worked for the hometown newspaper, the *Brownwood Bulletin*. I credit him for encouraging me to devote myself to journalism and public relations.

### Memories from Joe Swan

As an army journalist I had some precarious moments in the *Seventh Infantry Division*. When the Korean War broke out on June 25, 1950, I was editing *Recall*, the post newspaper at Camp Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, virtually unsupervised by an artillery captain who never read my copy before publication. I was a 19-year-old inexperienced kid and made a horrible blunder when I published a story about a tank company moving out for "amphibious" training.

How was I to know that **General MacArthur** was planning the Inchon invasion? My little story clearly violated all restrictions about troop movements in wartime. My post newspaper was distributed through normal channels to our headquarters at Sendai and to MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo.

What punishment happened to me? **Major McCann**, the *7th Infantry Division* troop information officer, flew immediately to Hokkaido, came into our office, fired me on the spot and shut the newspaper down. "I don't even know why I am firing you," he said, "but if you ever edit another army newspaper, it will only be with my personal permission." He was obviously taking a lot of heat for my blunder as he stormed out and flew back south.

I was assigned duty with the *31st Field Artillery Battalion* and went into combat as the battalion clerk during the Inchon invasion. It occurred to me that my "amphibious" training story might have had something to do with my firing as editor.

Weary months of combat followed in North Korea where we

were evacuated at Hamhung/Hungnam by sea when the Chinese entered the war. I continued to serve as a clerk for the battalion, reporting to the sergeant major, **M/Sgt. Jay Armstrong**, **Major Piccard**, the adjutant, and **Colonel George Patrick Welch**, *31st Field Artillery* commander.

By early February 1951 we were once again in North Korea in fierce fighting when we were overrun by Chinese troops in the "Iron Triangle" area. Our battalion retreated about 50 miles south and encamped near the *7th Infantry Division's* main headquarters. I found myself near the Troop Information and Education tent where the division newspaper, *The Hourglass*, was being published. I visited Major McCann, the officer who had fired me in Japan, to confirm the reason for my firing seven months earlier.

The visit to McCann came at the ideal moment! He seemed happy to see me, considering how much trouble I had caused him earlier. "Yesterday, I lost my editor to Stars and Stripes," he said. "Tomorrow morning you will be my new editor!"

Just as quickly as I had been fired, I was now reassigned from the field artillery to division headquarters. In the months that followed, I was promoted to Sergeant and given a commendation medal for editing *The Hourglass* newspaper under combat conditions.

When I returned to the U.S. on rotation in August 1951, I finished out my enlistment extension in the public information office at Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in San Antonio.

I was discharged May 12, 1952, and became a reporter on the *Brownwood Bulletin* in my hometown, Brownwood, Texas. And I returned to college to finish my degree in English at Howard Payne College there. The Korean War hostilities did not end until 1954, the year I completed college on the G.I. Bill.

I aspired to be a cartoonist along with my writing and editing of *The Hourglass*, but my cartooning suffered a short life. One day I published a racy cartoon in the newspaper and was ordered to report to **Major General Ferenbaugh**, the *7th Division* commander.



*7th Infantry Division* soldiers from the *31st Field Artillery Battalion* going ashore at Iwon, North Korea. November 5th, 1950 [Photo by **Joe Swan**]

*"I enjoyed the cartoon in today's paper,"* the general said, *"but there will be no further cartoons. All three chaplains were in to see me about that cartoon, and I promised them there would be no more of your cartoons in the newspaper."* War is hell.

My memories of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, while frustrating at times, are fond ones, despite my journalistic ordeals and military blunders. At age 75 though, I look back at that young soldier and my mistakes and wonder, *"What was that all about?"* Did we settle anything? North Korea remains a Communist threat to world peace, and those Chinese we were killing in "Operation Killer" are now our friends? War, whether in Vietnam, Afghanistan, or Iraq, continues to be hell.

I trust the 7th Infantry Division continues to admonish young soldiers to look sharp, be sharp, and shoot sharp. But I'm not sure how sharp I was back there in Asia fifty-five years ago!

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### **Memories from Don Blackburn**

From early April 'til late August 1952, the *7th Division* straddled the broad Kumhwa Valley section of the MLR. The broad valley resulted in a "no mans land" of some two plus miles in depth. Patrolling was the name of the game, every night and most days. But it was four point country for those counting the days 'til rotation, four points for every month on line, with a goal of 36 points and a ticket home.

On August 21, just as the *17th Regt.* was being relieved by the *187th Airborne RCT*, I was transferred to three point country, the *Defense Platoon of Headquarters Co., 7th Division*, which established a forward base near Yonchin (I think) a few miles behind the MLR, while the Regiments went into reserve status nearby.

The Defense Platoon's mission was twofold: protect Division Forward from infiltrators by establishing and manning a series of outposts in a perimeter around the base, and serve as Honor Guard for visiting dignitaries and award ceremonies. **Lt. McClimon** (later replaced by **Lt. Dickinson**) led the platoon. I served as the Alert Squad leader until I replaced **M/Sgt. Powell** as *Platoon Sgt.*



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We established OP#2 on a roadblock North of the base, manned by **Sgt. Donald Mcgregor**, 6 GI's, & 2 ROKs. Five OP's were established on the high ridges around the base. OP #1 was manned by **Sgt. Booth** (followed by myself, then **Sgt. Bob Abell** & **Sgt. Lopez**), 4 GI's, & 3 ROKs. OP #3 was led by Sgt. Bob Abell (later **Sgt. Tony Manzella**), 4 GI's, & 2 ROKs. Sgt. Lopez (followed by **Sgt. Larry Emerson**), 6 GI's, & 5 ROKs were on OP #4. **Sgt. A.C. Simms**, 7 GI's, & 3 ROKs were on OP #5. **Sgt. MA. Hodges**, 7 GI's, & 4 ROKs manned OP #6.

The Defense Platoon had its advantages over duty on the MLR. We had to man each OP and provide a walking guard detail throughout the base area during the hours of darkness. We only had to be concerned about Guerilla infiltrators. We could walk off the OP's and eat hot chow in the mess tent. We had access to showers (occasionally) and clean clothing. But there were disadvantages: three points per month toward rotation, living in the same kind of bunkers we had on the MLR (although we did have some heat using makeshift oil burning stoves), & back to spit shining our combat boots.

We spent our days training to maintain infantry skills, develop Honor Guard skills, and performing as an Honor Guard for award ceremonies & visiting dignitaries. We survived a few incidents around the perimeter (OP #6 killed two Chinese infiltrators, and several other OP's repelled infiltration attempts.

Typically, a lot of bitching, but we knew we had it made when the division went back on line in September. My former regiment was in the Chorwon Valley east of Old Baldy, Later they were involved in heavy fighting on Triangle Hill, followed by the Porkchop/T-Bone area. Several buddies from my former company (Able, 17th) were killed or wounded while I was stuck (thankfully) in the Defense Platoon. Got my 36 points and rotated home in March of 1953.

**Don Blackburn**

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**New Veterans ID Cards****They Help Battle Identity Theft**

Article written by the *American Forces Press Service* and its inclusion was suggested by **Dennis Camp**.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10, 2004 -- The Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a new identity card for veterans that will safeguard confidential information while combating identity theft.



"The new identification card ensures veterans' personal information is protected," Veterans Affairs Secretary **Anthony J. Principi** said in a statement. "It also helps prevent the theft of important benefits and services from veterans that they earned by their service to our country."

The card, formally known as the *Veterans Identity Card*, will have veterans' photos on the front and identify them as enrollees in the VA's health-care system.

Encrypted on a magnetic tape on the back of the card will be the veteran's Social Security number, date of birth and a control number. The magnetic strip also records whether the veteran has a service-connected disability.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. The Federal Trade Commission listed identity theft as the No. 1 fraud reported by consumers in 2003.

Requests from veterans and their congressional representatives were instrumental in bringing about these latest changes, officials said.

"The new VIC ensures the security of veterans' personal information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans receive the benefits and services they've earned," said **Kristin Cunningham** of the VA health-care system's business office.

Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified. VA officials said they hope to complete the conversion to the new, safer card by mid-November. The existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

# The Quartermaster's Store

<http://www.7th-inf-div-assn.com>

## Caps

The official "bill cap" for the Association. They come in red, white or black with the "Hourglass" logo on the front and one size fits all. Please specify the color you want.  
**\$11.00 each**



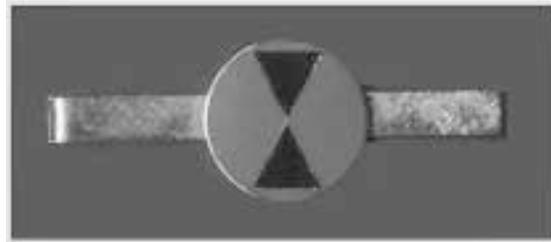
## Small Bolo Tie

Specify Silver or Gold end caps.  
**\$12.00 each.**



## 7th IDA Tie Bar

**\$9.00 each**



## Lapel Pin

**\$3.50 each**

## Crests

**\$7.00 each**



17th Infantry Regiment



31st Infantry Regiment



32nd Infantry Regiment

## Auto Decals

4½" diameter  
**\$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00**  
2¾" diameter  
**\$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00**



## Souvenir Brass Coin

7th Inf. Div. (Light), 1980's & 90's, 1½" diameter. Illustration below shows the obverse and the reverse.  
**\$3.00 each**



## 7th IDA Key Ring

**\$8.00 each**



## Dog Tag Key Ring

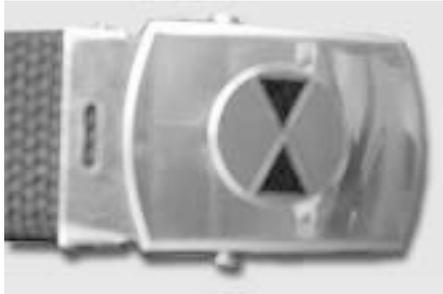
Brass Dog Tag Key Ring  
**\$8.00 each**



**Military Black Belt**

*Black belt with brass military 7th Inf. Div. belt buckle.*

\$14.00 each



**Lapel Pins**

The current 7th Inf. Div. lapel pins. One is worn on each side on the lapel.

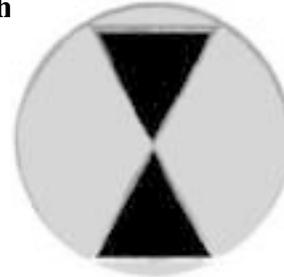
\$3.50 each



**Dress Hourglass Patch**

Black & Red

\$4.00 each, 2 for \$7.00



**Hat Pins**

\$3.50 each



**7th IDA Cloth Patch**

\$3.00 each

**Tee Shirts**

With Logo (S, M, L, XL or XXL)

\$12.00



**Order of the Bayonet Pin**

\$9.00 each



The cost of packing and shipping is included in the price. Be sure to state any color choices and sizes in your order. Make your check for the total cost of all items payable to:

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**Hammer and Sickle Hat**



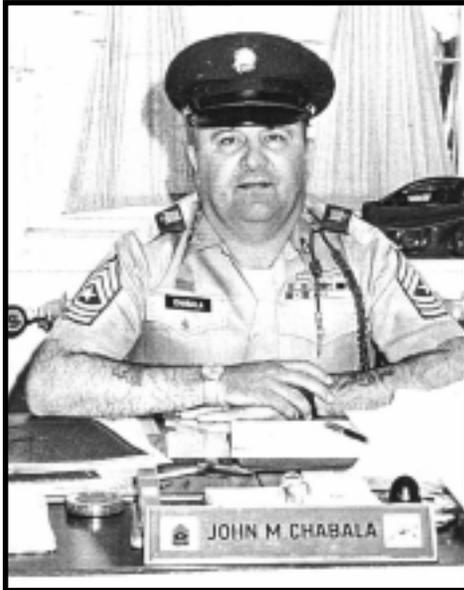
Not available in *our* store, but at [splitreason.com](http://splitreason.com) (in red only) where they say "*The Hammer and Sickle will forever remain one of the icons of the Cold War era in which we were all almost blown to smithereens.*"



# A Personal Journey

**By John M. Chabala**

My parents **Andrew** and **Anna Chabala** had five boys and every one of them served in the military - four in the Army, and one in the Air Force.



During the time I was growing up, my family was dealing with the Great Depression and it was hard for a normal family to survive, and at the age of fourteen I was working in the silk mills. One day I said "This is not life for me" and I asked my family to sign for me to go in to the military, and they agreed. I joined the

Army and went to Fort Lewis for my basic training and after completing the eight weeks of training I was sent to Aberdeen, Maryland for 12 weeks of training in Electrical Automotive.

In January 1952 as I was going to Korea we stopped in Camp Drake, Japan where they gave us our equipment. We stood in line and they counted off every five men to receive a BAR Rifle. They changed my MOS to Infantry and assigned me to *Co F. 17th Infantry Regt.* I made my rank to *Sergeant First Class.*

When I returned from Korea I was sent to Fort Lee, VA to give Quartermaster troops their first 8 weeks of basic training. While in Fort Lee I also met my wife, **Areta** who was also in the service as a dental technician. We had one son and we adopted another son while stationed in Uln, Germany. We have now been married going on fifty one years.

In May 1955 I was assigned to the *25th Infantry Division* in Hawaii, and was assigned to *Company E. 27th Inf Regt* which was called the *Wolfhound*. I loved the job as a *Platoon Sergeant* of the second Platoon, and this was were I made my *Master Sergeant* stripe. I was assigned there for three years and love Hawaii.

While in Germany with the *1st Battalion 37th Armor* in the *4th Armor Div*, I was the *Battalion Motor Sergeant* and when a opening came up for *Sergeant Major*, I was the oldest E-8 in the Battalion. The Battalion Commander ask me if I would like to be the Battalion Sergeant Major, and about three months later I made Battalion Sergeant Major.

On returning from Germany in 1968 I went to Vietnam and was assigned to the *86th Maintenance Battalion*, I had a very big job over there. My Unit did all the major repairs for all Units in Vietnam. After completing my tour in Vietnam I was sent to Fresno, California as a adviser to the *Army National Guard* for the State of California. Part of my duties was to prepare the notices of Military personnel that were killed, or missing in action in Vietnam.

These are just a few of the highlights of my life, and if I had more time I guess I could write a book! I retired from the military after 27 years because it was time to see that my boys had a good education. Also I worked for the U.S. Postal service for fifteen years after the military.

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## Treasurer's Report

**January 1, 2005 – March 31, 2005**

Checkbook Balance as of 01/01/05 .....	\$15, 292.32
Deposits 01/01/05 - 03/31/05 .....	\$ 2,786.50
Interest earned through 03/31/05 .....	\$ 10.79
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,089.61</b>

**Disbursements:**

Misc. Expense .....	\$ 116.07
Postage .....	\$ 287.00
Quartermaster Expenses .....	\$ 199.90
Honorariums (3) .....	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 2102.97</b>

Checkbook Balance as of 03/31/05 .....	\$ 15,986.64
Savings Account Balance as of 03/31/05 .....	\$ 24,556.63
<b>Total of all funds .....</b>	<b>\$ 40,543.27</b>

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## War on the Kwajalein Atoll

By George Adam

Kwajalein Atoll, located in the central Pacific Marshall Islands, had been the headquarters of the Japanese Marshall Islands administration prior to WWII. In early 1944 it became a target of the Central Pacific command of the United States. This followed by several months the horror of Tarawa so a great deal of planning for the invasion used the lessons learned there. Kwajalein atoll comprised 102 islands surrounding a lagoon shaped in a rough triangle. Only about four islands were heavily occupied and defended. These islands were the primary target. The Marines were assigned the northern 55 islands that contained two defended islands and the Army was assigned the southern 47 islands that also contained two heavily defended islands including the headquarters island-Kwajalein. This tale is one Army man's story of his remembered incidents of the battle.

The basic plan, which proved to be a good one or perhaps a lucky one, was to secure a small island very near the main islands, promptly install artillery thereon, and provide fire support to the landing troops the following day on the end of the main island. Thus, the attack would flank the defense and hamper the use of most enemies guns during the most vulnerable period, the landing assault. In addition, the high trajectory artillery is much more accurate than ship based guns and can be directed much closer to the front line troops and be more effective.

The small island to be secured was thought to have a small defense force because a radio station was located thereon. We were assigned that target. The island was one mile long and about 100 yards wide. It was about two miles from the main target island. All these islands were quite beautiful with lovely beaches and many coconut palms. But beneath the palms, where roads or paths had not been made there was a growth of willows that was almost impossible to walk through.

We landed on the island about 9 a.m. in Amtrak's on the end of the island away from the main island. While there was some early confusion, the assault was a piece of cake because there was no one on the island except 9 Korean laborers. At noon the island was declared secure and the artillery was soon landing. From that time on for the next three days we set up defensive positions for a possible counterattack, plugged our ears and watched one of the most concentrated fire works displays in history take place.

After the main island was secured in about four days and the second well defended island was nearly secure, we were assigned the task of securing all the other islands-mostly unoccupied. Another piece of cake. From an LST we would drive off in Amtrak's, land as if we were making an assault, walk the length of the island and then reembark for the next island.

On about the third island we assaulted someone discovered some Japanese. They were all gathered in a depressed area surrounded with willows. They were quickly surrounded. We had about 200 men surrounding about 23 Japanese. Prior to leaving Hawaii, we had been admonished to make every attempt to capture Japanese because they readily talked, once they felt secure. As a result of these admonitions, I had the supply sergeant to issue a tent rope to every man. We would attempt to tie the hands of prisoners and then deliver them back to Battalion for their disposal. We were also issued cards with Japanese phrases on them in pidgin English in an effort to communicate.

So for about twenty minutes we were shouting these several phrases to them and they were shouting back at us phrases which we did not understand, probably fortunately. We were also throwing in Hershey bars, cans of "C" rations, and other foods. They ate the food quickly and then would throw the can back at us with expressed belligerence. About this time the battalion commander came up and asked me what was going on. I told him the situation, but in a sign of disbelief he moved up closer and peered into the faces of the surrounded Japanese. The battalion commander turned two shades whiter, turned quickly on his heels, and said "*Get them to hell out of there, we haven't got time for this.*" He then departed.

So I called for a squad from one of the platoons, fined them up, told them to load and lock their pieces and to fix bayonets. I then told the sergeant to move the squad into the Japanese and push them out of there and the rest of the men would subdue them when they came out. No one moved far. After much profanity and shouting they slowly moved toward the Japanese. Suddenly a Japanese reached out and grabbed a rifle and began pulling on it. The kid who had the rifle squeezed his knees and arms around it and screamed "*He's got my rifle, he's got my rifle!*" 199 men instantly recognized that if that Japanese obtained a rifle with ammunition, we would have a devil of a time. 199 men instantly waded into the 23 with rifle butts and bayonets. One Japanese, dragged out from the group and tied to a willow

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## Memoirs of a Solder

### The Progress of American Troops in Iraq

By **Brandon McClellan**

In late 2002, when I knew that my Army Reserve unit was going to participate in the upcoming operation in Iraq, I did not know what to expect. At the time, my mindset was that we would be going into Iraq during wartime and doing our part to support one of the active army divisions as they battled Iraqi forces and fought to free the country from the role of Saddam Hussein.

As it happened, my unit was still in the United States when *Operation Iraqi Freedom* began. By the time we actually crossed into Iraq it was the end of April of 2003. By the first of May, when President Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq, I was working in the town of Ar Ramadi, in the Al Anbar Province of western Iraq. My unit was tasked with finding as much information as we could about the infrastructure of the Al Anbar Province, as well as helping the people of Al Anbar. During my time in Iraq, I worked in the towns of Ar Ramadi and Al Hadetha, and I finished the last few months of my tour working in the Sadr city, section of eastern Baghdad.

"Ours is not to reason why, ours is to do, or die." That phrase ran through my mind quite a bit while I was in Iraq. That last part of the phrase was especially troubling because it was a reality. There were times when enemies of the United States tried to kill my fellow soldiers and me. There were two occasions in particular in which I came close to losing my life. Such occasions caused me to question whether it was worth losing my life in doing my part to help the people of Iraq, people that could seem ungrateful and even hostile at times.

I left Iraq and returned to the United States in March 2004. Since that time, there have been increased attacks on solders and Iraqs, and many people have died. I take a great interest in the news, but I do not always agree with the media's coverage of Iraq. They focus too much on what is going wrong in Iraq, such as the deaths of soldiers and Iraqis, and they fail to properly cover what is going right. I was pleased when watching a late night news program the night after the elections to see that they had turned out well. Even the city of Fallujah, that had been ravaged by an American led offensive to regain control of the town, saw a surprising number of people at the polling sites.

Since the United States of America invaded Iraq I have lost friends, both military and Iraqi civilians, to the violence generated by people who did not agree with our mission in that country. However, I can be confident that the work that I did along with the rest of the unit contributed to the success in that country.

It may be many years before some people decide that we did the right thing by invading Iraq and removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power. There will be others who will not change their minds, maintaining the belief that we had no business going there, but I say that I am proud of having served there, and I believe that my time was not wasted. When I see that Iraq was able to hold successful democratic elections, despite the violence and the skepticism, I know that my time spent in that country was worth it.

This article was first published in the *Hardin-Simmons University Brand* campus newspaper. It was written by **Brandon McClellan**, a 26 year old junior political science student who serves with the 490th Civil Affairs Unit in Abilene. He is a veteran of overseas service in Iraq, Bosnia and Kosovo and was the recipient of a *Purple Heart* while serving in Iraq.

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## Modern Military Terms

**Engage the Enemy** - "To blow something up."

**Surgical Strike** - "To blow something *small* up."

**Decapitate** - "To blow up their leaders."

**Collateral Damage** - "To blow something up accidentally."

**Friendly Fire** - "To blow something of *ours* up accidentally."

**Target of Opportunity** - "To blow something up on a whim."

**Kinetic Targeting** - "To blow up something that's moving."

**An Asset** - "Something that can be blown up."

**Embedded Media** - "A report that's blown out of proportion."

## Poems from a Military View

### A Soldier Died Today

He was getting old and paunchy; and his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in, and the deeds that he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.

And 'tho sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke.  
All his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away.  
And the world's a little poorer, for a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.  
He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way.  
And the world won't note his passing, 'tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state.  
While thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell of their life stones, from the time that they were young.  
But the passing of a soldier, goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land  
Some jerk who breaks his promise, and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife  
Goes off to serve his Country... And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend, and the style in which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.  
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all  
Is paid off with a medal, and perhaps a pension...small.

It's so easy to forget them, for it is so long ago,  
That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's, went to battle, but we know.  
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys  
Who won for us the freedom, that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand  
Would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand?  
Or would you want a Soldier, who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and Country, and would fight until the end?

He was just a common Soldier, and his ranks are growing thin.  
But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the Soldier's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles, that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor, while he's here to hear the praise.  
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline, in the paper that might say,  
"Our Country is in mourning, as a Soldier died today."

— Author Unknown —

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This poem was read by **Max Clayton** at the Memorial Service  
of the 1999 Reunion in Dayton, OH.

### The Battle of Attu

Swiftly, silently, this ships of grey  
Crept into the blackness of the fog-shrouded bay,  
And few were they who were frightened to think  
Of the clash of battle that was on the brink.

The landing boats soon were full  
And with racing motors, toward shore they pulled,  
Plowing through the icy water, forward they sped  
With enemy territory dead ahead.

They hit the beach, with a mighty force  
Down the ramps the men poured forth,  
Spread o'er the valley the men were quite jolly,  
Even while expecting a Japanese volley.

Through the narrowing valley the men advanced  
Alert, nerves tense, while awaiting their chance,  
To open up, with shot and shell  
And give those dirty little Japs some hell.

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**“The Battle of Attu” continued from page 17.**

With a mighty roar, the Isle awoke,  
To the tune of battle as all hell broke.  
The shrapnel flew thick, and bullets sang.  
The mountains echoed to the hot battle’s ring.

Quickly our men were digging fox-holes.  
Braving the wind, the rain, and the cold,  
As the battle grew older more Japs bit the sod,  
Never again to fight for their Emperor God.

For days the battle raged without much slack,  
But the Yanks were pushing those dirty Japs back.  
From the holes our boys knew each bullet they spent  
Put fear into those Japs, in the death message sent.

The boom of our Artillery could be heard night and day,  
Blasting nests and fox-holes and paving the way.  
Never ceasing in vigilance, and with each shell’s flight  
Knew the rounds spent were knocking the Japs from the fight.

After twenty days of fighting, the Japs were out-done.  
Their dead littered the fox-holes, few were they who could run.  
Some escaped to the mountains, crawled into holes  
And awaited to fire at the American patrol.

Our patrols combed the mountains, o’er crevice and crack  
Hunted them down like animals, and few were brought back,  
Gradually the mountains ceased their echo, the valley’s grew still  
The sun broke through the cloud banks, men roamed o’er the hills.

T’was the brave 7th Division, who, on that bleak day  
Broke the silence on Attu, showed the Japs who would stay,  
Many things they may forget, but whatever they do  
These Yanks will remember the Battle of Attu.

By **Pfc. Floyd L. Monroe**, *Btry A, 49th F.A. Bn.*

**“Kwajalein Atoll” continued from Page 14.**

with one arm, was violently thrashing about at anyone he could hit. A lieutenant from Memphis shouted at him “*Quiiiiiet*” which the Japanese ignored. The lieutenant hit him square in the middle of the forehead with his rifle butt. The Japanese keeled over and his forehead swelled where the butt hit him until the skin split right down the center. In a very few minutes the Japanese were completely subdued. No shots were fired but there was blood all over from the bayonets. We called for the Medics and the

Military police to take care of the prisoners.

When the doctor arrived, after surveying the damage he asked “*Was all this necessary?*” I could but mumble “*I just don’t know.*” Japanese were killed. 12 were put on Amtrak’s to be returned to Division for questioning. One of the 12 jumped off the Amtrak. The machine gunner turned his gun on him as he swam away and he was killed. His bones are probably still there. Enough is enough. So it was determined that these were sailors whose ship had been sunk in the preinvasion bombardment and had been on the island for about two weeks eating coconuts and fish I suppose.

We continued our inspection of the several islands without incident to us for the next day and a half. We then returned to Hawaii. While many other men had days and nights of terror and while we had anticipated the same, we had a piece of cake indeed. That is the luck of war.

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## Returning Soldiers Need Listeners

By **John Hall**

ROSWELL, GA. (ABP) — Ministering to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan can be as simple as a conversation and a cup of coffee, according to a long-time military chaplain.

Battle takes a toll on soldiers, said **Bob Vickers**, former director of military chaplaincy for the *North American Mission Board* of the *Southern Baptist Convention*. When they leave a war zone, emotional scars can remain, he said. “*Post-traumatic stress is eating these people alive,*” said Vickers, who has a chaplaincy endorsement from the *Baptist General Convention of Texas*.

Churches can help healing take place by listening to returning soldiers, Vickers said. The latest generation of soldiers is more likely to be looking for a place to express emotions. This is especially important for reservists who return from the battlefield, Vickers continued. Enlisted soldiers have support avenues on their respective bases. Reservists largely have to fend for themselves.

Above all, returning military personnel are looking for people who care about them, Vickers said. “*Those folks really need to hear the Word of God and feel a caring touch,*” he said. Originally published by the Associated Baptist Press

## Introducing Our New Editor

As Dennis Camp handles his medical emergency, **Charles R. (Charlie) Richardson** of Abilene, Texas, has taken over as the new Editor of *"The Hourglass"*.

The former Army information specialist is well qualified as he served in both Korea and Japan from 1958 to 1960 and as Managing Editor of *"The Bayonet"*, the 7th Infantry Division's weekly paper for personnel. Charlie spent his final year in Tokyo on attached duty with *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, with production and layout responsibilities. Honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserve in May 1964, he is now completing his 30th cumulative year as *News Officer* for *Hardin-Simmons University*, Abilene and plans to retire at the end of May 2005.

He was initially employed full-time by HSU in 1965, coming from the Abilene, TX, Reporter-News where he was a staff writer, state and Sunday editor and religion editor. He left in 1973 to become *Assistant Editor* of the *Dallas Baptist Standard*. In 1976 accepted a similar position with the *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C. until he returned to HSU as *News Director* in August 1982 (later designated as Director of Media Relations) following a nine-year absence from the West Texas campus.

Charlie has earned Master's Degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and Texas A&M University, Commerce. He also earned a Bachelor's Degree from Howard Payne College (now University), which honored him in October 2004 with a Medal of Service Award. He is also a graduate of Brownwood (TX) High School and is a native of Gorman, TX.

Although a fairly new member of the 7th Infantry Division Association, Charlie says he is impressed with the quality of *"The Hourglass"* and salutes the editorial leadership of Dennis Camp, and the team which assists him in gathering material for the publication. "It is very appropriate, and I am glad to have this opportunity to help my former Army division's Association," he said.

He and his wife **Karin**, are the proud parents of two married sons and two beautiful granddaughters. Charlie and Karin are active members of Abilene's *First Baptist Church* where he is past chair of the Deacon Body and Director-Teacher of the *Party Line Bible Class* for homebound members.



**Charlie Richardson - Then & Now.**

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## Infantry Soldiers in Iraq deserve respect

### Commentary from the *Fort Drum Blizzard*

By Pfc. Anthony J. White  
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Looking at their faces, the exhaustion is as clear to the naked eye as the dirt collected, on their uniforms. They are tired, and as much as they are ready for a hot shower, something to eat other than a meal in a brown bag and a place to sleep that isn't a linoleum floor or a cardboard box after five days, they are still scanning the rooftops watching the city that is staring back at them from across the river.

I can't help but wonder how these guys do it. These *Task Force 1-32* infantrymen go out day after day, putting themselves at risk to get their job done and to protect each other from whatever is out there waiting for them. It is their job, but it is something one must see with one's own eyes. Seeing them run up the stairs at the sound of shots being fired is startling. Watching them in a full out sprint and then slide across a concrete floor to aid a fallen comrade or realizing that one Soldier has spent the last six hours on top of the rooftop scanning through a set of binoculars for potential enemies. It all makes me respect what these Soldiers do even more.

For all the threats and circumstances they face, they still function as the well-oiled machine they have spent countless hours training at Fort Drum to be. Of course, training is not the real thing.

The fire fights A Company from Task Force 1-32 recently was involved with really demonstrated the amount of skill and discipline needed to do their job. Spotting a sniper over 300 meters away on the top of a building in a hostile city where buildings seemed to be followed by more and more buildings is not an easy task.

As they began to take sniper fire from several buildings, they were cognizant of what was going on and how to take on the insurgents. Organizing themselves as two teams, they repeatedly fired, with the left and right teams talking backhand forth in their volleys. The two teams took their orders from their lieutenant and executed with precision.

When one of the Soldiers was wounded, there was a combat medic coming from out of nowhere to immediately apply lifesaving skills to the fallen Soldier. Within minutes, the medic had the Soldier off the roof, ready to be removed from the position.

These Soldiers have two objectives when they go out on a mission: to do their job and get home. They don't do it to become

famous or rich. This is their chosen profession for the time being, and they do it.

They do complain about being here and being tired, but to be in a combat zone for eight months changing in and out of their combat equipment, seeing what they have seen, the complaining should be expected. But there they are after a day of rest, ready to go on a recon mission for that evening's six-hour ambush. The enemies haven't stopped, so why should they?

With the continued threat of the AIF insurgent, whether they are foreign fighters or members of Mehdi's army, Soldiers are more alert than ever. They know there is a surprise around every street corner, house, and every building, perfect places to begin an ambush in a city.

*"How do you do it?"* I asked a couple of Soldiers, telling them I feel burned out after five days of working what almost feels nonstop. *"How do you wake up the next day and start getting ready for the next mission?"*

*"You learn to do it. You train to do this,"* one of the Soldiers replied, giving an almost too simple answer.

*"I just do it,"* a second Soldier responded. *"I don't think about it, you can't think that way."*

Those are just two Soldiers' responses. It would be unfair to say all of the task force Soldiers think that way. But they all sure do act that way.

And yet here I am, a combat service support Soldier trying to keep up with the rest of these guys. After spending nearly the entire five days of my first field mission living in the "full battle rattle," I found myself doing back exercises because my back was so tight. They are a different breed of Soldiers, is all I can reason.

In my head I have replayed; the images of what I have seen and, done during those five days over and over, thinking to myself that I have enough, stories to go home with, although I am sure I will stumble across a couple of more. But, I can't help but imagine what these guys have seen in the task force's time in and around Fallujah and Iskandariyah.

I can't imagine the images they replay in their minds over and over.

Still, there they are with all of their gear, listening to another convoy brief preparing to go out of the wire once more. It's just another day and one more mission to them.

But maybe that is just me thinking out loud.



## Departing Troops Also Need Support, Say Airport Chaplains

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (ABP) — Warm welcomes for returning American troops have become familiar sights in some airports. But departing troops need more spiritual care, say some who are trying to meet that need.

*“On the welcome side, the USO, the families and the general public are all there for the celebration,”* said **Bobby Martin**, who serves on the board of directors for *Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Interfaith Chaplaincy*. *“But on the departure side, it’s a sad time. It’s all business, and it’s sometimes three, four or even five hours spent waiting.”*

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is a major departure and arrival point for troops deployed overseas — one inbound flight and one outbound flight every day. Early on, airport chaplains decided to focus their energy and resources on the departing military personnel, but they still found the task overwhelming, said Martin, church program ministries director for the Dallas Baptist Association. *“They asked me to help with volunteers out there, and we’ve used the Victim Relief Ministries chaplains to augment the work of the chaplains at the airport,”* he said.

The trained volunteers have found many of the troops receptive to their presence at the airport departure gate, said **Gene Grounds**, founding director of *Victim Relief Ministries*, an interdenominational program birthed by *Texas Baptist Men*. *“For the inbound troops, it’s all joy and happiness. But for the outbound troops, there’s a lot of apprehension,”* said Grounds, a layman at *Prestonwood Baptist Church* in Plano.

The volunteer chaplains spend time among the departing troops, offering encouragement and assurance that people will pray for them. They particularly look for personnel who are sitting alone — either obviously showing emotion or visibly withdrawn, Grounds noted. *“Some just say ‘thanks,’ and we move on. Others are eager to tell you their story,”* he said. *“Some will ask for prayer for a wife or mom.”*

To a significant degree, the volunteer chaplains provide a “ministry of presence,” said **V.A. Trussell**, retired pastor of *Emmanuel Baptist Church* in Weatherford and a *Victim Relief Ministries*

volunteer. *“We’re there to represent the Lord.”*

As the troops board their flight, they are given a packet containing a New Testament, a small wooden cross, several booklets with encouraging spiritual messages and a card on which they can write prayer requests. *“They’re on a long flight with nothing but the airlines magazine in the seat in front of them and the packet we give them,”* Grounds said. *“We feel confident most of them at least open the packets to see what is in them, and many read what we give them.”*

Once the military personnel are seated on the airplane, a volunteer chaplain walks the aisles collecting the completed prayer cards and offering last-minute words of comfort. Finally, Martin noted, a chaplain is given a microphone. Heads are bowed as the chaplain prays for God’s blessing and protection for the troops.

*“Then they close the doors, and 19 hours later, they are in Iraq,”* Martin said. *“But the last words they hear in America before they leave are a prayer of blessing and words of assurance: ‘We’ll be praying for you. Godspeed.’”*

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### You Know You’re An Old Soldier When...

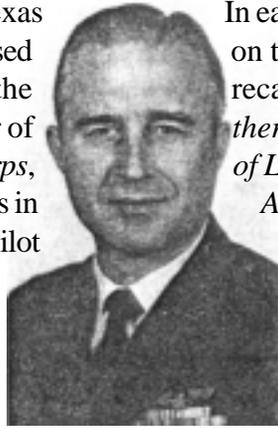
- ◆ You remember when we had tactical nukes and really planned to use them.
- ◆ You remember when the Israelis were bad asses and we all wanted to be like them. (When did that change?)
- ◆ You remember when Saddam Hussein was our loyal ally.
- ◆ You know what the “Cap Weinberger Doctrine” was.
- ◆ You remember battalion commanders who drank, swore and mentored.
- ◆ You remember battalion commanders who were ruthless about tactics, but didn’t give a crap about admin BS.

## Prisoner of War

First published in the Winter 1998/99  
HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RANGE RIDER

**By Charles Richardson**

For eight months, **Connell Taylor**, BA '42, was a Nazi prisoner of war. During the summer of 1941, the Loraine, Texas native and 1938 graduate of *Abilene High School* passed his Civilian Pilot Training program and took the examination for Cadet pilot training. In November of 1941, he was called to active duty in the *Army Air Corps*, earning his 2nd Lieutenant commission and his wings in July of 1942. He served as a multi-engine instructor pilot prior to going to the European Theater.



Upon his arrival at the *388th Bomb Group*, Knettishall, England, Connell was named a squadron commander. Two weeks later, he flew a mission over Denmark and then into Germany. *"Our altitude was 24,000 feet, and our target was Magdeburg, Germany. As we crossed the [German] border, we began seeing flak,"* he said.

The flak (or ground fire) hit his plane and knocked out an engine, forcing Taylor and the other crew members to bail out. The Nazis captured them, and Connell was eventually taken to *Stalag Luft #1*, a prison primarily for airmen.

Connell had the opportunity of leading the music at the Protestant service in his compound, helping to encourage the prisoners. *"Toward the end of our residency at Stalag Luft #1, food became scarce, and we were going hungry,"* he recalls. *"Everyone lost a lot of weight."* When the Russians took over the camps, prisoners were told they could leave. *"However, our leaders told us to stay in camp, which most of us did. In a few days we were picked up by bombers and flown to France for health briefings and clothing allowances before*

*going on to Camp Lucky Strike at Le Havre, France."*

In early June of 1945, thousands of troops were loaded on the U.S.S. *Hermitage* to return to the U. S. Taylor recalls that *"as we sailed through New York harbor, there was many a teary eye as we passed the Statue of Liberty. Traveling on a train from New York to San Antonio seemed to take forever, but I got there in time to kiss my wife (Donna) on our wedding anniversary, June 24."*

Following WWII, Connell earned the bachelor of sacred music and master of religious education degrees in 1950 from Southwestern Seminary. He served 10 churches in the fields of music and education and was assistant to the director of Baptist Memorials Geriatric Center in San Angelo from 1972 to 1974.

Connell has also been a leader in POW veterans groups. He has served as commander of the Abilene Am-Ex-POW West Texas Chapter #1 and as chaplain of the Texas Dept. Of Am. Ex-POWs. During 1998, he helped host the Texas Convention of Ex-POWs, held in Abilene.

Connell retired from the USAF Reserve in 1970 as a lieutenant colonel. He lives in Abilene with his wife Donna and is completing a two-year term as the president of the Former Faculty Staff Administration Fellowship at HSU. He is a member of the School of Music Foundation, and has been an active member of the *Singing Men of Texas*. He is a former board member with the Abilene Kiwanis Club. Connell and Donna have three married children.

### 7th IDA Membership Stats

#### Non Dues-Paying Members

Associates	70
Honorary	2
Special	8
<b>Total on Roster</b>	<b>1,512</b>

*"We have War when at least one of the parties to a conflict wants something more than it wants Peace."*  
- **Jeane J. Kirkpatrick** -

*"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."* - **Albert Einstein** -

## The 7th IDA Booster Club

By making a donation to the *7th IDA* you too can be part of **The Booster Club**. The funds will be used to help defray the cost of producing and mailing out *The Hourglass* magazine. We are pleased to recognize the following Members who have made a contribution.

<b>Alvin M. Clouse</b>	<b>Phillip D. Maners</b>
<b>Mildred Coffey</b>	<b>James D. McCartney</b>
<b>George M. Couper</b>	<b>Robert S. McKay</b>
<b>James E. Cumbest, Jr.</b>	<b>Garland K. Miller</b>
<b>Robyn L. Dare</b>	<b>Harry T. Moore</b>
<b>John J. Dieterle</b>	<b>Richard Newton</b>
<b>Martin Driscoll</b>	<b>Gene Peeples</b>
<b>Franklin J. Frey</b>	<b>Robert A. Prueher</b>
<b>William A. Gentry</b>	<b>Pat J. Ricciardi</b>
<b>Merilyn D. Georgevich</b>	<b>Clarence S. Shoup</b>
<b>Rudolph R. Gregg</b>	<b>Carl H. Speer</b>
<b>David Gruenewald</b>	<b>Charles A. Young</b>
<b>Douglas J. Halbert</b>	

Please contact **Gene Peeples** if you would like to join the *7th IDA Boosters Club*. He'll be really happy to hear from you!.

## Recruiting Honor Roll

There are 13 recruiters who deserve recognition with respect to the *39 new members listed*. First and foremost, our **President, Gene Peeples**, tops the list with *19 new members* under his sponsorship. Our web site generated 3 new members as did **Bob Hoxsie, Doug Halbert, Richard Hazelmeyer, Fred Connolly** and our *Past President Don Foltz* each sponsored 2 new members.

In response to our request for each member to recruit *one new member*, the following members were successful: **Lt. Lawson Williams, Harry Chambers, George Miller, Dick Wojan, David Peterson** and **Bill Beckner**.

Our organization owes each of you a great big **THANK YOU**. Our future is dependent on the addition of new members who will participate in carrying on the traditions of the *Hourglass Division - Bayonet!*

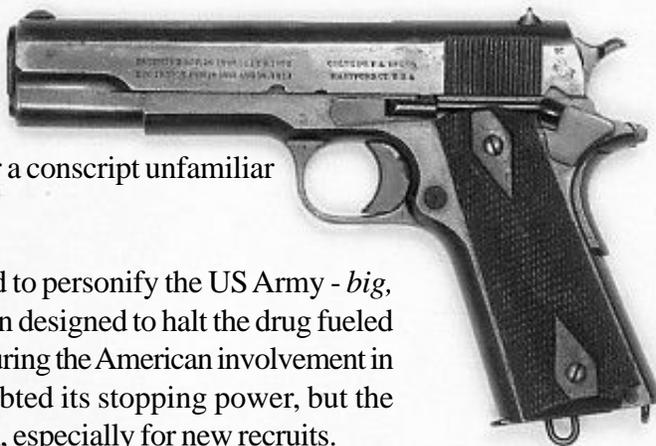
There were in fact *55 New Members* added to the roster by the time *The Hourglass* went to press. Unfortunately we had some technical difficulties creating the full list, so only 39 of the names are actually listed in this issue. Our apologies to those of you who have recently joined the *7th Infantry Division Association* and are not listed in this issue, but *please* be assured that your name *will* be included in the New Member list in the Fall issue of *The Hourglass*.

## Weapons Used in WWII - The M1911A1 (Colt)

The legendary *Colt .45*, pictured here, shows the weapon's unique pistol grip safety. It was a fearsome weapon to fire, especially for a conscript unfamiliar with firearms

The Colt 'Forty Five' seemed to personify the US Army - *big, loud and powerful*. It had been designed to halt the drug fueled charge of a Moro tribesman during the American involvement in the Philippines. No one doubted its stopping power, but the heavy recoil posed a problem, especially for new recruits.

The Colt was a standard single action weapon, with both a slide and a grip safety. Three magazines were carried, one loaded



<b>Length:</b>	<b>22 cm</b>
<b>Weight:</b>	<b>1 kg empty</b>
	<b>1.25 kg loaded</b>
<b>Calibre</b>	<b>0.45 in (11.43 mm)</b>
<b>Magazine</b>	<b>7 rounds</b>
<b>Muzzle</b>	<b>Velocity 260</b>
	<b>metres per second</b>

and two in a twin belt pouch. Issue was widespread; gunners and assistants of crewed weapons, tank crews and, for a time, almost every paratrooper.

## New Member List

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City, State, ZIP</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Co/Batt</b>
<b>7th Division Field Artillery</b>				
Queen, Jr., Robert A.	24951 Center Creek	Webb City, MO 64870	(417)781-4043	HQ & HQ
<b>7th Medical Battalion</b>				
Geisewite, John W.	151 Old Tupehocken	Birdsoro, PA 19508	(610)582-3710	HQ&A
<b>7th Military Police Co.</b>				
Sanders, Charles R.	2399 N.W. 45th Ave.	Bell, MO 32619	(352)463-6530	
<b>9th Infantry Regiment</b>				
Ulrich, James C.	Four Marlin Court	Jackson, NJ 08527		Alpha 3rd Batt
<b>10th Calvary (Air)</b>				
Liles, Harvey G	710 Fair Lane Dr.	Vanceburg, KY 41179-1115	(606)796-2726	2nd Recon Squad
<b>17th Infantry Regiment</b>				
Jones, Johnnie J.	230 Edna Dr.	Lumberton, TX 77657	(409) 673-2668	D Co 1st Batt
Laman, Barney E.	960 Azalea Ave.	Chico, CA 95973	(930) 342-9378	A Co 1st Batt
McKinney, Carlton L.	419 N. Bellinger St.	Herkimer, NY 13350	(315) 866-5449	B Co 1st Batl
Merrill, Richard (Dick) E.	16151 N.E. 33rd Ct.	Citra, FL 32113	(352) 595-8028	HQ&HQ 3rd Batl
Olt, IV, Philip	429 18th St., N.W.	Minto, ND 58702	(701)839-0440	C &A 2nd Batt
Williams, James N.	4119 Tidewater Dr.	Houston, TX 77045	(713)433-2611	E Co 2nd Batt
Smith, Albert H.	8321 75th Ave., N.	Largo, FL 33777	(727)398-5723	L Co
<b>17th Transportation Battalion</b>				
Allaire, Edward J.	14300 66th St., N., #209	Clearwater, FL 33764-7267	(727)532-0586	
<b>31st Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Austin, Reginald P.	401 S. 16th St.	Petersburg, IN 47567	(812) 354-6463	I Co
Klotz, Jr., Henry	P.O. Box 142	Russell, AR 72139	(501) 724-3758	SVC
Reynolds, Michael B.	1050- 25th Ave.	Moline, IL 61265	(309) 797-6572	
Weisner, Joseph M.	17209 N. Saddle Hill Rd.	Colbert, WA 99005	(509)467-3975	SVC
Wilson, Eugene R.	103 Ford Ave.	Grovetown, GA 30813	(706) 869-1711	B Batt
<b>31st Infantry Regiment</b>				
Cook, Roger W.	5125 Hwy. 91 N.	Donalsonville, GA 39845	(229)524-8749	B Co 2nd Batt
Connolly, Fred J.	Two Cedar Dr.	Turnersville, NJ 08012	(856)218-9552	G Co2ndBatt
Baker, Robert C.	3495 Hwy. 15 South	Louisville, MS 39339	(662) 779-0608	K Co
Hartmann, Stuart M.	363 Rowland Ave.	Camarillo, CA 93010	(805)482-4186	B Co

Organization Name	Address	City, State, ZIP	Phone	Co/Batt
Smith, Charles C.	7607 McMinnville Hwy.	Woodbury, TN 37190	(615) 563-2086	G 2nd Batt
<b>32nd Infantry Regiment</b>				
Rojas, Joe A.	1300 12th St., #201	Greeley, CO 80631	(970)475-0176	B Co 3rd Rifleman
<b>41st Separate Infantry Brigade</b>				
DeClercq, Morgan A.	10685 S.E. 93rd Ct.	Portland, OR 97266	(503) 659-0123	14th SPT
<b>48th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Bain, Gerald L.	11815 N. Washington Ct.	Spokane, WA 99218	(509) 466-4321	
<b>48th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Pohleven, Jr., Louis T.	11 Schuyler St.	Dolgeville, NY 13329	(315) 429-9602	D Batt
<b>49th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Porco, Gennaro J.	1546 Copper St.	Deptford, NJ 08096	(856)228-2349	
<b>49th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Showalter, Marvin B.	1568 Valencia Dr.	Lillian, AL 36549	(251)961-1384	B Co
<b>57th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
Young, George W.	235 Walker St., #25	Lenox, MA 01240	(413)627-7252	C Batt
<b>57th Field Artillery Battalion</b>				
McColm, Lewis S.	21249 Hwy. D	Ludlow, MO 64656		C Batt
<b>117th Transportation Battalion</b>				
Hill, Raymond, A.	P.O. Box 431	Wells, ME 04090		B Co
<b>127th Signal Battalion</b>				
Skillman, William P.	1630 Sandra Dr.	Fayetteville, NJ 28304	(910)323-2343	A Co
<b>Division Headquarters</b>				
Garber, Jr., Lee A.	2220 Valley Home Rd.	Talbott, TN 37877		HQ
Selvidio, Joseph R.	Nine Hardwood Lane	Westerly, RI 02891	(401)596-4312	Signal Co
Shevelew, David J.	733 Hindry Ave., #6	Inglewood, CA 90301	(310) 348-7600	
<b>Research &amp; Underlining Detachment</b>				
McKinnis, Michael L.	6621 Hialea Ct.	Cincinnati, OH 45230	(513) 543-9577	1st Batt Delta
Mraz, Donald R.	N9306 County Road	Algoma, WI 54201	(920)487-2426	
<b>Unknown - 7th</b>				
Giunta, Salvatore R.	603 Quail Rd.	Marlton, NJ 08053	(609) 268-7540	

**Total New Members as of 05/05/2005 = 39**

## By-Laws Revision Proposal

### Administration of Association Business

By **Doug Halbert**, *Past Executive Secretary*

Over the past two years it has become very obvious that some of our Association's administrative procedures could use some revision. For example:

1. **Membership Dues**, at the present time, are sent to the *President* who must record them, update the roster and then send the money to the Treasurer for deposit in the bank.
2. **New Member** applications along with initial dues payments are sent to the President, who must establish the member on the roster, forward the dues to the Treasurer and send a notice to the Quartermaster to send out the "New Member" kit.

Our current By-Laws stipulate that the President would have an *Executive Secretary* to do this work, but it just has not turned out that way. The list of tasks outlined in the current By-Laws for an Executive Secretary has effectively eliminated any volunteer assistance.

The current By Laws assign the responsibility for publication of *The Hourglass* to the Executive Secretary. At our meeting in Las Vegas, the *Governing Council* created a position of *Hourglass Editor*, but there is no support for this position in the current By-Laws. This discrepancy must be addressed.

Three very important officials of the organization, the *Treasurer*, *Quartermaster* and Hourglass Editor are asked to do the majority of the work for the Association, but none of them are granted the right to vote on matters before the Governing Council. Additionally, each of these positions are limited in their term of service.

With the assistance and support of our President proposed changes to our By-Laws have been drafted which address these and other issues. A list of those proposed changes is below, followed by suggestions of the specific changes that would be made to the current By-Laws.

1. The **Editor** of *The Hourglass* will become a member of the Officer staff with voting power on the Governing Council, and

will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Governors.

2. The **Treasurer** will have voting power on the Governing Council, and will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Governors. He/she will be the direct recipient of all dues payments and application fees, will maintain the roster, issue membership cards and new member kits and provide all fiscal reporting services.
3. The **Quartermaster** will have voting power on the Governing Council, and will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Governors.
4. The **Executive Secretary** will be relieved of the responsibility for *The Hourglass* production and the maintenance of the roster. (This should contribute to finding a volunteer to assist the President in the performance of his duties.)

Please read the following proposed revisions carefully and come to the Reunion prepared to vote on the matter. Additions to the current verbage are *in italics and underlined*, proposed deletions are ~~crossed out~~.

All members are welcome to submit any recommendations they may have for the improvement of these proposed revisions. Additionally, if the members have other issues to submit, they should do so to the *President* or any member of the *Board of Governors* well in advance of the Reunion in September.

### **Proposed Revisions to the 7th IDA By-Laws** Article II Duties of Officers

Section 3. Executive Secretary. Shall be appointed to office by majority vote of the Governing Council. Term of office shall be four years and the incumbent may be reappointed for additional term(s) by the Governing Council. However, when a new President is elected, he/she may submit his/her own preference to the Governing Council for consideration and possible appointment. Duties of the Executive Secretary shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) Perform the duties of recorder at all meetings without vote.
- (b) Maintain records of all meetings.
- (c) Act as historian of the association and maintain records of historical significance.

- (d) Maintain the business office of the association, receive and act upon routine correspondence pertaining to association business.
- (e) Properly account for all funds received in close cooperation with the Treasurer.
- (f) ~~Maintain an accurate and updated roster of the entire membership.~~
- (g) ~~Mail out annual newsletters, reports and other data as directed by the President or Governing Council.~~
- (hf) Work under the general supervision of the President.
- (ig) Safeguard and account for all association property in his/her possession.
- (jh) Receive and turn over ~~all~~ any monies received to the Treasurer and properly account for the petty cash fund.
- (ki) Perform such other duties as the President or Governing Council may direct.

The Executive Secretary shall retain the right to resign prior to the completion of a term of office by submitting a letter of resignation to the President.

Section 4. Treasurer. Shall be appointed to office by the majority vote of the Governing Council for an initial term of six years. The incumbent may be reappointed for ~~an~~ additional terms ~~by~~ at the pleasure of Governing Council. The Treasurer shall sit as a member of the Governing Council as financial advisor ~~without~~ vote. When acting as a member of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall be a voting member. Duties shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

- (a) Receive, safeguard, disburse and account for all funds, assets and liabilities of the association.
- (b) Establish financial guidelines in accordance with sound business practices and accepted accounting procedures.
- (c) Maintain and keep financial records and open and maintain proper banking accounts as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the association.
- (d) Receive and account for all dues payments, issue continuing membership renewal cards and forward new member membership cards to the Quartermaster for inclusion in the "New Member" kit.
- (e) Maintain the membership roster database.
- (df) Be prepared to submit the financial records for audit at any time.
- (eg) Provide a copy of the monthly financial statement to the President.
- (fh) Prepare and publish an annual financial statement ~~in the newsletter~~ when requested.
- (i) ~~and p~~ Provide a similar report at scheduled meetings of the

Governing Council and general membership.

(j) An audit of funds will be mandatory prior to changes in the position of Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the right to resign prior to completion of his/her term of office by submitting his/her resignation to the Governing Council.

Section 5. Quartermaster. Shall be appointed to the office by majority vote of the Governing Council for an initial term of four years. The incumbent may be reappointed for ~~an~~ additional terms of four years at the pleasure of by the Governing Council. The Quartermaster shall sit as a member of the Governing Council with vote.

(a) Shall receive and maintain all 7<sup>th</sup> IDA Quartermaster supplies such as, but not limited to: Bolo ties, Belt Buckles, Caps, Hat pins, and Hourglass Shoulder Patches. Items to be sold to members at a fair market price. All funds derived from Quartermaster sales shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

(b) Shall operate under the direction of the President.

The Quartermaster shall have the right to resign prior to completion of the term of office

Section 6. Hourglass Editor. Shall be appointed by majority vote of the Governing Council for an initial term of four years. The incumbent may be reappointed for additional terms of four years at the pleasure of the Governing Council. The Editor of the Hourglass shall sit as a member of the Governing Council with vote.

(a) Shall assemble the material for publication of the Hourglass biennially.

(b) Shall coordinate the printing and distribution of the Hourglass biennially.

The Editor of the Hourglass shall have the right to resign prior to completion of the term of office

### Article III Duties of the Governing Body

Section 1. Governing Council. Shall consist of the President, as presiding chairperson, three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Quartermaster, the Editor of the Hourglass and the members of the Board of Governors. The duties of the Governing Council shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:....

**This ends documentation of the proposed changes to the 7<sup>th</sup> IDA By-Laws.**

## Gene Peeples Tells All!

Charlie:

You asked for some of my background for *The Hourglass*, so I hope this fits the bill.

My parents were share croppers, raising tobacco on the farm in Greensboro, North Carolina, where I was born and raised. At sixteen, having no birth record my mother signed for me to join the U.S. Army, stating that I was 17. I had only gone as far as the 10th grade, and there was no future for me on the farm.

I did my basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and then was sent to Ft. Sam in Texas for 17 weeks of medical training.

After training I was sent to Madigon Hospital at Ft. Lewis, Washington where they processed me for Armed Forces Far East.

I arrived in Inchon, Korea on January 6th, 1953 and processed to the 7<sup>th</sup> ID, 7<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion. They rotated me every two weeks to different units, and it seemed like I was always out on night patrol! In April 1953, I and others were sent to tent areas at Freedom Village to help out in *Operation Little Switch*. Then we were on outpost duty in areas like Jamestown, Carson, Reno, and such.

After Armistice, the 27th of July I was again sent to *Operation Big Switch* to delouse P.O.W.'s with DDT. I stayed there until September 6th, and by that time the 7th pulled back some units about 4 miles south of the 38th. I rotated back to the States on the 23rd of December 1953, and after some leave I was assigned to Induction Duty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then on to Ft. Lawton, Washington, in the Seattle area.

In 1956 I was sent back to Korea, and would you believe, back to the 7th ID, 7th Medical again where we set up a M.A.S.H. type hospital. I did 7 months there and was sent to Madigan Hospital for 5 months was then discharged. By the time I left the army I had finished my GED and I went to work in the private security area, until 1992, when I went on medical retirement.

In 2002 I was on vacation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and found out the 7<sup>th</sup> was having a Reunion by the airport. I have a son



who lives in the area and on the Friday we went for breakfast and when we returned I was told I had been voted in as first *Vice President!* I accepted the position of *Vice President* and organized the Las Vegas Reunion, and all went well. At Las Vegas I was elected *President* until 2007.

As President I will do my best, but we do have a shortage of Members willing to pitch in and help with some of the duties of the Association. We need a *Secretary* and *Roster Manager* immediately! Then

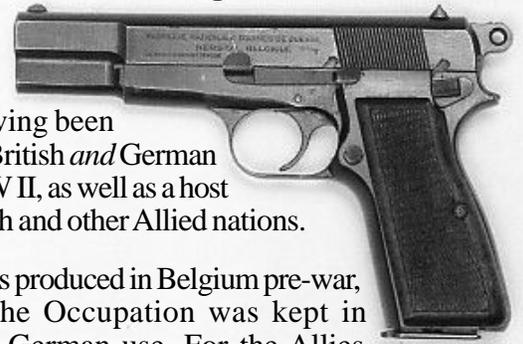
in September of this year, four more *Governors* will be needed for the *Board of Governors* to replace those whose terms are expiring. So I am looking to our younger Members to get more involved.

**Gene Peeples**  
President, 7th IDA

## Weapons Used in WWII

### The Browning 1935

The *Browning Automatic* has the dubious distinction of having been used by both the British and German armies during WW II, as well as a host of Commonwealth and other Allied nations.



The Browning was produced in Belgium pre-war, and following the Occupation was kept in manufacture for German use. For the Allies, production was set up in Canada, and continued apace throughout the war. The Browning was a typical single action semi automatic, whose two selling points were reliability and its large 13 round magazine.

In British use it was issued to *Airborne* and *Commando* units, while the *German Waffen SS* seemed to have been the main users. In British service, three magazines were carried, one loaded and two in a twin belt pouch.

<b>Length</b>	<b>20 cm</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>1.01 kg (loaded)</b>
<b>Calibre</b>	<b>9 mm</b>
<b>Magazine</b>	<b>13 rounds</b>
<b>Muzzle Velocity</b>	<b>350 metres per second</b>

## Upcoming Reunions

### 17th Infantry Regiment Association



will hold it's Annual Reunion at the

### Sheraton Four Points Columbus, GA

**October 5th through 9th, 2005**

(Just three weeks after the *7th Infantry Division Association* reunion in Atlanta)

There are currently 125 rooms blocked at a rate of **\$79.00** (plus taxes). Rooms are going fast but the Reunion Committee is pursuing alternatives in case the Sheraton becomes full.

The *super special event* will be the unveiling and dedication of the **Buffalo Monument** at the memorial site located at Fort Benning. **The Army Band** will play, there will be a **21 gun salute**, and *much more*.

For more information contact:

**Stewart Rothman**

*President*

17th Infantry Regiment Association

921 Wood Way

Fairbanks, AK 99709-4732

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### 32nd Infantry Regiment Association "The Queen's Own"



are having a Reunion on:  
September 21<sup>s</sup>t - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
in San Diego, CA.

For more information please contact:

**Helen Dyckson**

P. O. Box 5930

Spring Hill, FL 34611-5930

352/597-5912

eMail: heland@bellsouth.net.

### Murphy's Laws Of Combat Operations

- ✦ Friendly fire - **isn't**.
- ✦ Recoilless rifles - **aren't**.
- ✦ Suppressive fires - **won't**.
- ✦ You are not Superman. Marines and fighter pilots take note.
- ✦ A sucking chest wound is Nature's way of telling you to slow down.
- ✦ If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid.
- ✦ Try to look unimportant; the enemy may be low on ammo and not want to waste a bullet on you.
- ✦ If at first you don't succeed, call in an airstrike.
- ✦ The enemy attacks on two occasions: when he's ready and when your not.
- ✦ Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than yourself.

## 7th Div. Korean War Casualties

### Summary Casualty Figures from the Korean Battle Chronology

7th Infantry Division	KIA	WIA	POW/RTD	POW/Died	MIA/RTD	MfA/Died	UnitT
31st Inf, 7th Inf Div	967	3324	178	47	2	298	481
17th Inf, 7th Inf Div	874	3552	34	4	4	101	456
32nd Inf, 7th Inf Div	858	3068	76	27	5	298	433
57th FA Bn, 7th Inf Div	89	196	36	17	0	95	433
13th EngrBn, 7th Inf Div	62	210	2	1	0	6	281
49th FA Bn, 7th Inf Div	26	97	7	5	0	1	136
48th FA Bn, 7th Inf Div	21	73	1	2	0	5	102
7th ReconCo, 7th Inf Div	22	61	0	1	0	1	85
31st FA Bn, 7th Inf Div	10	63	1	0	0	0	74
15th AAABn, 7th Inf Div	11	56	0	0	0	0	67
73rd Tank Bn, 7th Inf Div	8	56	0	0	0	0	64
HHC, 7th Inf Div	9	12	1	0	0	0	22
7th Med Bn, 7th Inf Div	4	4	2	2	3	4	19
Other 7th Div Units (15)	23	70	3	0	7	2	105
<b>Total 7th Inf. Division</b>	<b>2984</b>	<b>10842</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>151</b>



Dear Charlie,

Attached is a document that summarizes *7th Division* Korean War casualties by unit and by type. I hope it is what you are looking for.

It was extracted from my web site which reproduces the summary tables from my book for all units that had casualties in the war. I was in the *7th Division (31st Infantry)* during much of the last year of the war, and your readers may find it useful for comparing casualties among the participating units.

Over a period of about five years, I have developed a database documenting every one of 109,935 U.S. Army Korean War casualties that can be identified by name from official records. I have now used that database to write a battle-by-battle history of the war based on its combat losses. This reference book, which is being published by *McFarland & Company Publishers* and intended primarily as a research resource, contains 151 tables and 40 graphs listing Korean War combat losses by battle, by unit and by type.

To introduce the subject matter of the book to the men who were those casualties (or knew them), I thought it might be useful to make one of its summary tables available on a web site, and

part of it is reproduced above. This site documents total casualties by type (killed, wounded, captured, missing) for each of 139 different U.S. Army units in which losses in the war were significant. Included are 15,105 casualties from units in our division.

**Richard E. Ecker, Ph.D.**

31st Infantry, Korea 1952-53

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<http://users.aol.com/ocomm/>.

### 7th IDA Membership Stats

#### Component Unit Membership Greater than 50

17th Infantry Regiment	317
32nd Infantry Regiment	293
31st Infantry Regiment	245
57th Field Artillery	79
Division Headquarters	69
184th Infantry Regiment	62
13th Engineer Battalion [C]	61

**Reunion Schedule****7th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION**

**SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2005**  
**MARRIOTT ATLANTA AIRPORT**

**Thursday, September 15**

- 12:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**  
Hospitality Room opens for duration of the reunion.
- 4:00pm - Welcome reception with light hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner on your own.

**Friday, September 16**

- 7:00am - 8:00am **Reunion Registration Open**
- 8:30am - 4:00pm FORT BENNING TOUR (description follows)
- Reunion Registration Open**

**Saturday, September 17**

- 8:00am - Board Meeting
- 8:30am - 12:30pm CITY TOUR / SHOPPING (description follows)
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm General Business Meeting
- 6:00pm Cash Bar Reception
- 7:00pm Banquet begins

**Sunday, September 18**

- 8:00am - 9:30am Farewell Breakfast Buffet

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minute prior to the scheduled time.

**Note:** Driver and Guide gratuities are *not* included in the tour prices.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

# Reunion Registration Form

## 7th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION 2005

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 15, 2005. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

**We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.**

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: 7th Infantry Division**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/15/05**

**TOURS** Friday: Fort Benning Tour  
 Saturday: City Tour / Shopping  
**MEALS** Saturday: Banquet (Please select your entrée)  
 Top Sirloin Steak  
 Chicken Marsala  
 Sunday: Farewell Breakfast Buffet

Price	# of People	Total
\$55	_____	\$ _____
\$30	_____	\$ _____
\$31	_____	\$ _____
\$29	_____	\$ _____
\$18	_____	\$ _____
\$15	_____	\$ _____

**REGISTRATION FEE**

Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses.

Total Amount Payable to **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

PLEASE PRINT  
 NAME (for nametags) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURS, WOULD YOU REQUIRE A WHEEL CHAIR LIFT ON THE BUS? \_\_\_\_\_  
**(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).**

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ ARE YOU FLYING? \_\_\_ DRIVING? \_\_\_ RV? \_\_\_

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program.  
**CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME excluding holidays.**  
 Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

## Hotel Reservation Form

The *Atlanta Airport Marriott* is located at 4711 Best Road, College Park, Georgia 30337, and the phone number is (404) 766-7900. The hotel is located just five minutes from Hartsfield International Airport, ten minutes from Fulton County Stadium, and fifteen minutes from historic downtown Atlanta. If you are driving, please call the hotel for accurate directions. This 638-room hotel features laundry valet, concierge services, gift shop, and business center. There is an indoor and outdoor pool, solarium, health club, whirlpool, and sauna. Each room has complimentary in-room coffee, an iron/ironing board, hairdryer, and television featuring an all-news channel, cable, and in-room movies. Newspapers are delivered Monday through Friday. The Hotel offers handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms, based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation. Parking is ample and complimentary for guests of this group only. Please be sure to identify yourself accordingly to avoid additional charges. Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm. **Allie's American Grille** is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Bentley's Steakhouse** serves dinner each day. Room service is also available.

The hotel offers twenty-four hour complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Atlanta Airport. Please call the hotel from the baggage claim area to arrange for pick-up. You may want to consider alternative transportation, as space is always limited on complimentary services.

Currently, there are no RV parking spaces at the hotel. Atlanta South RV Resort is located about twenty-five minutes from the hotel. Please call (800) 778-0668 for information, directions, and reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

**Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.**

—————PHOTOCOPY THIS FORM AND USE THE COPY FOR SUBMITTING YOUR RESERVATION REQUEST—————

### 7th INFANTRY DIVISION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM REUNION DATES: SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2005

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SHARING ROOM W/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIOTT HONORED GUEST CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX. TIME \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ROOMS \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP ACCESS \_\_\_\_\_ SMOKING \_\_\_\_\_  
NONSMOKING \_\_\_\_\_ KING BED \_\_\_\_\_ BEDS \_\_\_\_\_ If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

**RATE:** \$89.00+tax (currently 13%) for 1-2 people in room. Rate honored 3 days before/after official reunion dates, based on availability.

**CUTOFF DATE:** 8/15/05. After this date, reservations will be processed on space & rate availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6pm on your arrival day. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ DINERS \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ MASTER CARD \_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE \_\_\_ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Atlanta Airport Marriott, 4711 Best Road, College Park, Georgia 30337

## 7th IDA Governing Council

### Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
F. E. (Gene) Peebles	President	2003-2007
Preston McGlothren	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	2003-2007
Maurice Reeves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	2003-2007
Ron Levendowski	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	2003-2007
<b>Needed ASAP</b>	Executive Secretary	4 years
Jim DeCarlo*	Treasurer	1999-2005
Robert C. Hoxsie*	Quartermaster	2001-2005

### Governors:

Moises Alonso	2003-2009
Alexander Bravo	2003-2009
Dennis W. Camp	2001-2007
Clyde Carlisle*	1999-2005
Bernice Crain*	1999-2005
Roy Dunklebarger*	1999-2005
Don Filardo	2001-2007
Levi O. "Rabbit" Haire	2001-2007
Charles D. Iden	2003-2009
S. K. (Ken) Maxwell*	1999-2005

\*The terms of two *Officers* (**DeCarlo** and **Hoxsie**) and four *Governors* (**Carlisle**, **Crain**, **Dunklebarger**, and **Maxwell**) are scheduled to expire at the *7th IDA 2005 Reunion*. Hopefully they will seek re-election but some of these, or other *Officers* and or *Governors*, may not wish to serve again. If you wish to run for one of these positions, please let our *President* know.

## Weapons Used in WWII - The M3 "Grease Gun"

The US Army began the war with the Thompson sub machine gun, but after studying the design process used to churn out the British *Sten* gun in such numbers, the M3 appeared during 1942. It was greeted with the same enthusiasm as the *Sten*, and was nicknamed the "Grease Gun" because of its resemblance to, well, a mechanic's grease gun. It fired the same heavy .45 cal round as the Thompson, but was far easier to produce.

The rate of fire was particularly slow, and there was no function to select single shots as in the *Sten*. There were numerous design flaws which only showed up in combat, and refinements were constantly made culminating in the M3A1 which officially replaced the Thompson in 1944.



A three pocket pouch was used by the Ranger and Airborne forces whose issue of the M1 and M3 was more routine. In either case, at least six magazines, total 180 rounds, would seem reasonable.

<b>Length</b>	<b>75 cm</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>3.7 kg empty</b> <b>4.6 kg loaded</b>
<b>Calibre</b>	<b>0.45 in (11.43 mm)</b>
<b>Magazine</b>	<b>30 round box</b>
<b>Muzzle Velocity</b>	<b>280 metres per second</b>
<b>Rate of Fire</b>	<b>400 rpm</b>

## Final Taps

### We remember those who have left our ranks

Organization Name	Co/Bat.	Date of Death
<b>13th Engineer Battalion [C]</b>		
Cookson, George M.	A & Svc	8/2004
Zarn, Clarence E.	C	2/19/2005
<b>17th Infantry Regiment</b>		
Khalial, Albert	A	10/20/2004
Withington, Leonard A.	H	Unknown
<b>184th Infantry Regiment</b>		
Caldwell, Harry I.	C	10/29/2004
Carr, Frank B.	C	10/12/2004
<b>31st Field Artillery Battalion</b>		
Esparza, Raymond H.	B	02/21/2005
Fonken, George W.	Hq	7/27/2003
<b>48th Field Artillery Battalion</b>		
London, William R.	Unknown	5/20/2005
<b>57th Field Artillery Battalion</b>		
Browne, David	C	12/2003
Kosner, Jerry J.	Service	11/3/2004
Ressegieu, Arthur T.	B	2003
<b>707th Ordinance Maint. Co.</b>		
Agee, Charles W.	Light Maint	1/17/2005
<b>Division Headquarters</b>		
Lew, Raymond T.	HQ	March 2004



## OBITUARY

### Charles W. "Chuck" Agee



Charles W. "Chuck" Agee, 83, of Burkburnett passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday Jan. 21, 2005, at First Christian Church, Burkburnett, with Rev. Judy Brock officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Burkburnett Cemetery under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Burkburnett.

Charles was born Nov. 27, 1921 in Hico, Texas to the late Amber Belle Cox and William J. Agee. He moved to Wichita Falls when he was 3 years old. He graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1939. He proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Army 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and participated in the Aleutians, Kwajalein, Philippine and Okinawa campaigns, receiving the purple heart award.

Charles graduated from Mid-western State University and taught for 1 year at Holliday. He entered civil service at Sheppard AFB in 1951 and retired in 1984 as chief of the bomber-airlift branch, 3785th field training group. On Feb. 16, 2000, the field training group held a dedication ceremony, honoring him by naming their conference room the "Chuck Agee" room. He was a member of First Christian Church of Burkburnett, serving as an elder and as board chairman for 10 years. He was also the choir director for 14 years. He was a member of the Burkburnett Lions Club, DAV, American Legion Post 120 of Wichita Falls, VFW post 8878 of Wichita Falls, and NARFE. Chuck and Peggy Ann Martin were married on May 26, 1979 at the 1st Christian church in Burkburnett. Chuck was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Forrest J. Agee.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; daughter, Donna Rust of Wichita Falls; son, Chuck Agee Jr., of Arlington, Texas; stepson, David Martin of Marina, Calif.; stepdaughters, Sandra Williams of North Las Vegas, N.V., and Bobbie Isbell of Peterhead, Scotland, United Kingdom; three grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, four great grandchildren, two nephews, one grandniece, one grandnephew, and several cousins.

Those desiring to make memorials may do so to the First Christian Church, 214 North Ave D., Burkburnett 76354 or to Hospice of Wichita Falls, P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls 76308.

Submitted by **Mrs. Peggy Agee**, of 984 Victoria Drive, Burkburnett, TX 76354-3225, to whom we offer our most sincere condolences.



# Membership Application Form



Please type or print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

Sex:  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, RR, or PO Box Apartment#  
\_\_\_\_\_ City State 9 Digit Zip Code Country

Status: Active Duty  Veteran  Widow of Veteran  Child of Veteran

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or next of kin)

Phones: ( ) ( ) ( )  
Home Business Fax

eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Military: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assignment Platoon Company Troop Battalion Battery Regiment Brigade

With 7th ID from: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: / /

*Please attach another sheet giving details of the following:*

**Overseas Assignments, Major Battles, Awards & Decorations and Service Medals:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Application Date

Mail the completed form and your check or Money Order for \$20.00, made out to:

**"7th Infantry Division Association"**  
and send to:

**Gene Peeples**  
8048 Rose Terrace  
Largo, FL 33777-3020

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Members are immediately placed on our mailing list and receive a paid up membership card, lapel pin, auto decal, copy of our current newsletter, and a copy of our Constitution and By-laws. Subsequent dues will be \$20.00, due in June of the biennial reunion year.

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**Your continuing support of the Association is appreciated.**

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“The best tank terrain is that without anti-tank weapons.”  
**Russian military doctrine.**

One of the serious problems in planning the fight against American doctrine, is that the Americans do not read their manuals, nor do they feel any obligation to follow their doctrine...

**From a Soviet Junior Lt's Notebook**

“Do not touch anything unnecessarily. Beware of pretty girls in dance halls and parks who may be spies, as well as bicycles, revolvers, uniforms, arms, dead horses, and men lying on roads — they are not there accidentally.”

**Soviet infantry manual, issued in the 1930's**