

Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



15th Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

January 2000

Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Benning April 26-28, 2000

The dates and location for the 2000 Fort Benning Rendezvous are locked in. A Golf Tournament at the Follow Me Golf Course followed by an Ice Breaker at the Sheraton begin the festivities on Wednesday, April 26th. The next two days are full of events sponsored by LTC Bob Pricone and his 1st Battalion team on Kelley Hill. CPT Chris Hollifield, the Rendezvous coordinator, has a schedule set up to keep everyone interested and busy. A Schedule of Events is on page 8. At Registration in the Sheraton a complete agenda with all the transportation details will be available. Please complete the Registration Form on page 15 and mail it to CPT Hollifield along with your personal check for the cost of all events you plan to attend.

The Columbus Airport Sheraton Inn (Exit 6, I-185) again serves as our headquarters hotel for the Rendezvous. A block of rooms was reserved at a \$60 rate for April 25-28. Reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton at **706-327-6868**. Do not call the Sheraton national number. Reservations must be made prior to **April 11th** to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. When made in advance, reduced rates are available prior to and following the Rendezvous, also. For those of you planning to fly in, courtesy transportation provided by the Sheraton is available to and from the Columbus Airport.

Thursday, April 27th begins with a weapons capabilities exercise (CAPEX) at Red Cloud Range on Dixie Road in Fort Benning. Mitchell Red Cloud is a Medal of Honor recipient from the 19th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War. Since we're in the field for the CAPEX, lunch that day will be a Meal Ready to Eat. This, of course is the modern version of the C Ration. For those of you who haven't tried an MRE before, prepare yourself for a culinary treat. These MRE's have some great menu selections. Following our MRE lunch, we take a short trip back to Kelley Hill, the home of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (M). At Kelley Hill we'll visit the 1st Battalion area. A barracks dedication is planned for one of the 1st

Battalions newest barracks buildings. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to visit the Battalion Headquarters and the China Room. After the Battalion area visits we'll move to the Kelley Hill Recreation Center for the Can Do Barbecue. The menu for the Barbecue is listed on page 15. At the completion of the Barbecue we'll be transported back to the Sheraton.

Friday, April 28th is another busy day. On Friday morning transportation will take us out to the 1st Battalion area, again. The General Membership Meeting is scheduled in the China Room. This is another opportunity to see some great Regimental memorabilia. At the same time a visit to the National Infantry Museum is scheduled. This allows those of you not attending the General Membership Meeting to visit this great museum dedicated to the infantryman. A No-Host Lunch is scheduled in the Battalion Dining Facility (Messhall). Another opportunity for some great Army chow. Immediately following lunch we're invited to attend the Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company Change of Command. CPT Ring is the outgoing commander. This is his second company in the Battalion. He's a real Can Do soldier. The incoming commander is CPT Pete Granger, previously the B Company Commander.

The highlight of the Rendezvous is Friday evening. Transportation will be available to take us from the Sheraton to the Regimental Dinner at the Fort Benning Officers Club. A cocktail hour will precede the Dinner. Current members of both the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion are scheduled to attend. The menu selections are listed on the Registration Form on page 15. Don't forget to send this in to CPT Hollifield.

There are no planned events for Saturday, April 29th. This is the normal check out day. On page 14 are some Columbus area sites of interest.

This 2000 Rendezvous is scheduled to be a great event. LTC Bob Pricone and his 1st Battalion team have put together an excellent agenda for us. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call CPT Chris Hollifield at 706-544-2918 or 2920.

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The Dragon

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The Dragon is the quarterly publication of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. It is published in January, April, July and October. Neither its editorial nor articles content carry official endorsement of the Association. Input for the Dragon is due by the last day of the month prior to each month of publication.

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Objectives of the Association

- To perpetuate and foster the history and traditions of the Regiment.
- To provide opportunities for uniting past and present members of the Regiment into a close and cooperative alliance.
- To promote morale and high esprit de corps among members of the Regiment.
- To acquire and maintain a repository of regimental historical memorabilia.
- To assist in the maintenance of monuments dedicated to the units of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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The Chosun Ilbo (a major Korean newspaper) is holding a writing contest about the Korean War open to Korean and foreign nationals alike. Believing that with time the experience of the Korean War will be lost, the contest is restricted to content describing personal, family, or group experiences of the war.

The War was not just a war between soldiers, but affected many here and abroad. Submissions must describe the actual experiences of the writer or of someone who dictates his or her actual experiences to be recorded by someone else. Children of persons who experienced the war are especially encouraged to make submissions. All submissions will be donated to a Korean War research institute. Winning submissions will be published together as a book.

Dates: June 25, 1999 to May 31, 2000. A winner will be selected on the 25th of every month, beginning in July.

Length: 2 to 3 pages of A4 paper.

Awards: Winning submissions will be printed in either the Chosun Ilbo or the Weekly Chosun. The submission winning the one Grand Prize of 5 million Won (about \$4,000) will be published in June of 2000. Winners of eleven Second Prizes, to be published every month, will receive 1 million Won (about \$1,000). Eleven Merit Prizes winners will be selected and awarded 500 thousand Won (about \$450) as well.

Send submissions to:

"Korean War, Our Story"

Cultural Projects Department

The Chosun Ilbo

Taepyeongno 1 ga 61

Chung-gu

Seoul, Korea

100-756

FAX: (822) 724-6309

EMAIL: promot@chosun.com

For further information, call: (822) 724-6333



My name is Jay Stallings and I was referred to you by the 3rd Inf Div Association in Los Angeles. My father was 1Lt. Jack W. (Wilburn) Stallings, Jr., who was killed Sept. 3, 1951 in Korea while in the 15th Inf Rgt, 3rd Inf Div, in tanks. I've been trying to get more information about him, but he was reassigned to his new tank unit only about a month before he was killed, and I don't know where he was assigned before that.

He was to have rotated home about a month after he died, so he'd been in Korea for awhile. (Possibly left Ft. Lewis in about April or May of 1950. I was born there in March and after three weeks my mother and I went to Texas to stay with his parents when he went to Korea via Japan).

From what I've been told, soldiers were moved around alot in Korea and were in small units, so many people in the same group would not know each other.

I have been corresponding with Fred McCaghren in Texas and recently with Bill Cress (who was in charge of tank maintenance) in Alabama. Both were in the 15 Reg't 3 IN in tanks and Bill knew my father but was not near my father when he died.

Because records were destroyed in the fire in St. Louis in 1973, I don't know where my father died or what was going on then.

I'm in Korea now, teaching in a university and would like to be able to go and see where my father was, here. I've gotten alot of information from Fred, but I don't know exactly where my father was, though Fred, too, thinks he knows where my father was buried (near the DMZ) before his body was shipped home.

I didn't know until just before I came back to Korea (Feb '98, I was also here '95 to '96) that my father died in North Korea. I'd always thought it was near Suwon, South Korea. I did know that he stepped on a mine (Bill says you had to jump down from those tanks and usually not into the tread marks which would have been safe).

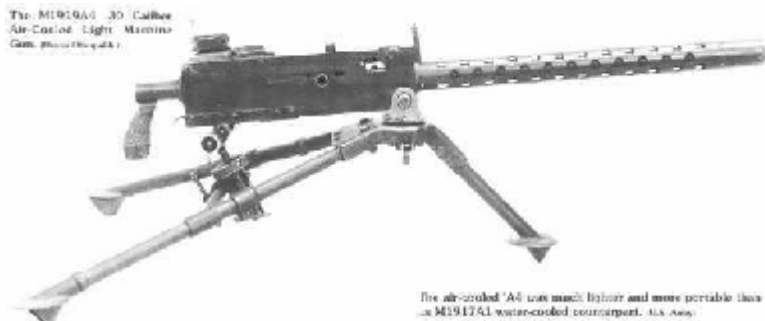
Any information or direction to someone or a group or official office would be much appreciated, though it would have been much easier to have contacted you (had I known to) before I left the States -- I'm from Laguna Beach and was told this morning that you are in Fullerton.

Thank you very much. Sincerely, Jay Stallings, Andong National University, Language Center, Andong, Korea.

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When I received the October issue of the Dragon it took me back into time when I became a member of the 15th Infantry Reg't. As a draftee, I received my Basic at Camp



M1919A4 .30 Caliber Air Cooled Machine Gun

Operation Fully automatic, recoil operated, air-cooled

Caliber .30 inches (7.62 mm)

Ammunition Ball M1; 174 grain bullet, 50 grain charge

Muzzle velocity 2800 fps (853.4 meters per second)

Capacity 250-round belt

Weight 41 lbs. (18.5 kg) with tripod

Overall length 41 inches (104.1 cm)

Rate of fire 400 to 550 rounds per minute

Effective range 1100 yards (1000m)

Roberts, CA before joining the 15th in SEP 41 several months before Pearl Harbor. I was 22 at the time I was drafted and 23 when I joined the Reg't. Now at 81 recuperating from a stroke has given me time to think about the past. I was with the 15th from SEP 41 to the end of hostilities in Werfen, Austria. I was a Commo SGT with the Regimental Headquarters. I never missed a day of combat though I spent 15 days in a Naples hospital with the flu. I returned to my unit 2 days before the Anzio landing. I returned home and discharged July 26, 1945 just 4 days before my 27th birthday. Over the years I had kept in contact with many from my unit and now the end of the line is near as most have passed on to eternal life.

My service earned me 127 points. Enough to give me an option to go home by flying or by boat. Flying was an easy pick because it was the quickest way home. After all I never had a furlough. The only one I could have had was wiped out by the Pearl Harbor attack—A December 7th I'll never forget. I was lying on my bunk that morning on the 2nd floor of my barracks at Ft. Lewis, WA listening to some fine music when the program was interrupted telling of the attack.

After the war we boarded 40x8 box cars at Salzburg, Austria that as a freight train took us to Marseilles, France. Then boarded a B-17, Flying Fortress, that took us to Casablanca where the 3ID's first combat took place. From there flew on a C-54 that took us to Dakar, Senegal and across the ocean to Natal, Brazil. We flew from there to Miami in a C-47 making several stops along the way.

Time is not on my side now. I've beaten the odds all my life in sickness, in war, as a police officer and my car being totaled when hit by someone running a redlight on a busy highway. This put me into intensive care with multiple fractures that took 1 1/2 years of therapy to recover. Now I'm trying to beat the odds again. Strong family Christian beliefs I'm sure played a part in my survival. There is no other explanation. //S//



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Korea 1953

This humorous event (in my mind) happened while I was sent to Taegu to pick up supplies (600 pair of socks) for my front line company (Baker Company). I had just got out of the jeep and took about ten steps, and low and behold, wouldn't you know, I ran smack into a Brigadier General. He chewed me up and down for not having my piece (rifle) with me. I said "It's in the jeep, Sir". He replied "Don't you know you must carry your weapon at all times?" At this point I thought for sure I was going to lose a stripe. Then the General said in a very stormy voice "Go back and tell your Company Commander (who was 1LT Jim Boatner) that

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| Application For Membership | |
| <i>15th Infantry Regiment Association</i> | |
| _____ New Member | _____ Renewal |
| (Date) | |

Membership Up and Down

By John Burke

In our formative years there have been some particularly special efforts by some members to sign on new members. The results have been most gratifying. On the other hand, loss of members due to non-payment of dues has been our number one problem. Great programs for increasing our numbers can be devised, but if we continue to lose members, all we are doing is bringing in new faces through the front door while others are exiting the back door. Perhaps it's time to practice a little one-on-one rescue.

Jerry Cunningham pointed out that we must not only invite eligibles to join, we must make new members welcome and continue to do so. Each of us knows from one to several with whom they served. Many maintain some sort of contact throughout the year. Confirming that comrades are in good stead may be an appropriate update item. We may ask the Secretary or Treasurer to provide a list of delinquents from a particular company or battalion, or who live in a particular vicinity, and then contact them. We may find they are unable to pay or the Association does not relate to their interests. Whatever the reason, a member to member contact will be a movement toward resolving the situation. As a first step, why not call one or more of your comrades today and see if it's not

**M1918A2 Browning Automatic Rifle BAR*****Operation***

Air cooled, gas operated, magazine fed, shoulder type

M1918A1 selective fire (fully and semi-automatic)

M1918A2 fully automatic

Caliber .30 (7.62 mm)

Muzzle velocity 2800 fps (853.4 mps)

Capacity 20-round detachable box magazine

(1) Bandoleer (BAR belt): 12 magazines

(2) Magazine changeable in 2-4 seconds (but averaged 6-8 seconds in combat)

Weight 18.5 lbs. (8.33 kg)

Overall length 47 inches (119.4 cm)

Rate of fire 550 rounds per minute

Effective range 600 yards (550 meters)

Ammunition

(1) Ball M2; 150 gr bullet, 50 gr charge

(2) Tracer M25, M1: for designating targets and signaling

(3) Armor piercing M2 (black tip); 165gr/53gr

(4) Armor piercing incendiary for lightly armored flammable targets

Do you know anyone who carried this?

**TAPS****Roy A. Lewis**

From his wife, Leola, we received the following information

Web Sites Worth a Peek

www.kimsoft.com/korea/eyewit.htm – This site places the Korean War in a chronology based on the experiences of a Korean soldier. He describes in great detail his eyewitness accounts of combat in Korea.

members.aol.com/vaysmeer/3rdsociety7.htm – The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division web page. It includes the current issue of Watch on the Rhine along with history, unit, reunion and Division news.

www.2id.org - The 2nd Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans Alliance Homepage. I know these guys weren't in the best Division but they have a great webpage. It includes the casualty lists for all US Army Forces in Korea. There are great maps and links to lots of other sites.



Post Office to Recognize Distinguished Soldiers in 2000

Commemorated for their heroism and leadership in World War I and World War II, these four stamps honor distinguished soldiers Alvin C. York, John L. Hines, Audie L. Murphy and Omar N. Bradley.

York was awarded the Medal of Honor for his single-handed capture of German soldiers during World War I. General John L. Hines, also a veteran of World War I, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal for his bravery and leadership in combat. He went on to become Army Chief of Staff.

Murphy received the Medal of Honor for saving the troops in his company and single-handedly breaking up a German attack toward the end of World War II.

Bradley commanded the First Army during the 1944 Allied landing in Normandy, later serving as Army Chief of Staff and the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The stamp art features black-and-white photographs of these four men. Color photographs of shoulder sleeve insignia are used as design motifs to indicate units the soldiers served in during their illustrious careers. This is the design of the stamp series approved for publication in the year 2000 and posted on the USPS web site.

POST 2000 REUNION TOUR TO KOREA

Roy Montgomery, President of California-Pacific Tours, Inc joined us at our Savannah reunion, and brought with him brochures about the Society of the Third Infantry Division Battlefield Tour to Korea scheduled for Sept. 4-11, 2000. He was very pleased with the response he had from our members. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the tour, the itinerary, and the price.

This tour is scheduled to leave early in the morning of September 4th from the San Francisco Airport for those attending the reunion. Further information about the tour, including the itinerary, can be found on the Korea Airlines website, www.koreanair.com.

**Society of the Third Infantry Division
2000 REUNION
AUG. 31-SEPT. 4
BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA**
by John Shirley

Veterans of the 15th Infantry Regiment are cordially invited to attend the 81st Annual Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division. This reunion will be located on the banks of San Francisco Bay near the airport at the San Francisco Airport Marriott, the hotel that hosted reunions for us in 1990 and 1992. This reunion will commemorate the start of the Korean War, and Korean War veterans will honored attendees. There is a special tour designed to be of interest to Korean War veterans as well as our City Tour and Lunch Cruise on San Francisco Bay. The Welcome Party will have a Korean theme with entertainment, food, and decorations following the theme.

We are making an effort to have the various affiliate groups to the regiment and division attend, and several have decided to co-locate their annual reunion with us. We are pleased Outpost Harry, Co. L. 15th and some of the members of B. Co. 15th will be with us. The leaders of the various affinity organizations are urged to contact me for information or help in making arrangements for your group to attend. We are making a special effort to invite veterans of foreign units that fought with the Division.

Edd Adam is making arrangements for the 8th Annual Regimental Dinner for Saturday, Sept. 2. We expect the usual fine support by our active battalions as well as the division.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Burlingame and Seoul.

John Shirley, 15th Inf. Reunion Chair 925-447-2256

**April 26-28 Can Do Rendezvous
Schedule of Events**

Here is the general listing of planned events. A complete schedule with transportation times will be available at Registration. Bus transportation will be provided to all events at Fort Benning.

Wednesday, April 26

- 1000-1500 Can Do Golf Tournament at the Follow Me Golf Course
- 1300-1900 Registration at the Sheraton Inn
- 1800-1900 Icebreaker social at the Sheraton Inn

Thursday, April 27

- 1000-1200 Weapons Capabilities Exercise at Red Cloud Range

Korean War Remembrances Wanted

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is preparing to publish an anthology of reflections--on that traumatic era in our nation's history. If you would like to share your memories of "The Forgotten War", please read on. Center

Individuals interested in participating should forward manuscripts (including a diskette if prepared on a personal computer) to Sandra J. Daugherty, Assistant Director, Programs, AUSA Institute of Land Warfare, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information about the anthology, contact the Institute of Land Warfare by phone (800-336-4570, ext. 627, or direct dial 703-907-2627); fax (703-525-9039); or e-mail sdaugherty@ausa.org. No Host Lunch at the Battalion Dining Facility (Messhall)

No matter what the event in the history of America's Army, no one can tell the story better than those who were there! Please tell us about your Korean War experience so we may share your perspective with everyone who cares about where our United States Army has been and where it's going!

Friday, April 28

- 1100 Check out of the Sheraton

Saturday, April 29

- 1100 Check out of the Sheraton

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Army Trivia

US Rifle Caliber .30 M1 Garand

- 1. Name the speaker and the recipient of this famous order: "Cross the Channel, enter the heartland of Germany and free the continent of Europe?"
 - 2. Who was the first Jeep?
 - 3. What was the B-38 flight called?
 - 4. What is designated by numbers except what you see on the tail?
- Length:** 43.5 in (110.3 cm)
Weight unloaded: 14.5 lb (6.6 kg)
Barrel: 20 in (50.8 cm)
Magazine: 8 rounds
Muzzle velocity: 2,800 ft/s (853 m/s)
500 yards: 1,918 ft (585 m)
Ammunition: 174 grain bullet, 50 gr charge, Ball M1
Effective Range: 440 yds

Believe me when I say I was suddenly pronounced ready to go to Bastogne. This was the first I knew that I lost my happy home. Now you and I both know that the 3ID was not in Bastogne, but that's where I was sent. To make a long story short, they got my butt out of there and I was sent back down close to Paris. I finished out the war in a 155 howitzer outfit and ended up in Austria.

Well that's the way it turned out for me. It was right after Christmas 1944 that I was sent out in the snow. I believe I went in the hospital on October 13, 1944. The problem I am having is that I have an attic full to the brim of things that I would be better off giving my kids and pitching everything else.

I will try to find the roster that may have been sent to me but I won't promise it over the Holidays. //S//

Edd's Message continued from page 10

I am looking towards the 2000 Can Do Rendezvous April 26 - 28, 2000 at Ft Benning. Else where in this issue you will find the highlights and a reservation coupon to attend and enjoy the activity. This years Rendezvous will be hosted by LTC Pricone and his 1-15 INF soldiers. I know we can look towards a very pleasant and enjoyable get together. There will be information in the Watch, also.

I commend Mike Horn for volunteering to be our Editor of the Dragon! His first issue was very good! Thanks Mike for all you do for us! A big welcome to our new officers and appointees. John Burke, Vice President; Richard Guimond, Treasurer and Public Relations; Leon Lebowitz, Secretary; Roger Lochmann, Pat Heagerty, and Mike Halick, Trustees; Jerry Cunningham, Custodian of Memorabilia, Tim Stoy, Historian and Mike Horn, Editor. Thanks very much for accepting the challenges that lay ahead! I have asked our Trustees to get more involved and assist on the Membership Committee. They will be your contact for information, recommendations, and assistance as needed. Pat Heagerty will be responsible to those with last names beginning with A thru E; Mike Halick for those beginning F thru K; and Roger Lochmann for those beginning R thru Z. Until we find another Trustee, I will handle those beginning with L thru Q. They will also be responsive to report deaths of veterans and their spouses to the Chaplain and the Editor. In addition, they will assist, when they can, in ensuring that our veterans have appropriate military burial honors.

I have made contact with the San Francisco Airport Marriott and John Shirley relative to our 8th Regimental Dinner. The Regimental Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2000. Hopefully some data will be available for the next issue of the Dragon.

Before we all forget, I want to develop a history of the Association. I have asked Whit Mullen to check his records. I ask everyone who has any information to please send it to me and I will then turn it over to our Historian, Tim Stoy to finalize.
A big CAN DO to each of you!

**Sound Off**

By Jerry Cunningham

My Dear Fellow "Dragon's,"

It has been a great honor to serve as your Honorary Sergeant Major for the past six and a half years. While serving as the HSGMOR, I had the privilege to serve with some the "Best".

With deep regret I am departing this position. I must move on to further higher ground. That higher ground is to run for the President of the Society of the Third Infantry Division. I am asking for your support in this area as you supported me in the HSGMOR area.

By my departure, a vacancy is created in the position of Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment. As such, I am appealing to one of you to replace me in this very important position. I am sure some of you Can Do soldiers will step forward and report in to accept this great position, privilege and responsibility.

I will continue to be part of our Association and support you in every way that I can. Please contact me at the address on page 2 if you have any questions or want more information about becoming the HSGMOR.

May God bless each one of you.

CAN DO!

2nd Annual Regimental Raffle

by Dick Guimond

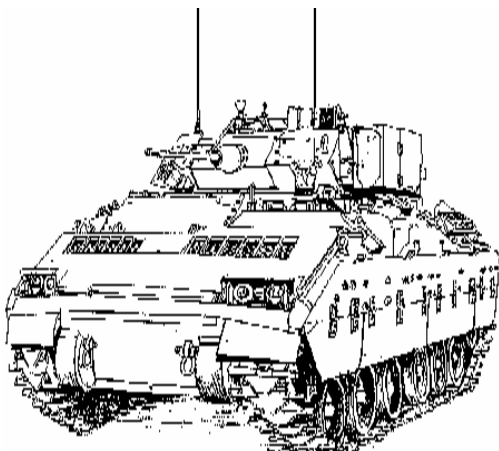
The 15th Infantry Regiment Association is having it's 2nd annual raffle for five \$100 cash prizes. The drawing will be held at the Rendezvous activities at Ft. Benning, Georgia April 26 through the 28th. Members do not have to be present to win. A donation of \$1 per ticket would be appreciated. You do not have to returned any unused tickets. It is suggested you use your self sticking return address on the raffle tickets, to save a lot of writing.

As promised in the first raffle letter, the Assn. is holding the annual raffle during the Rendezvous, generally held in April or May, so as not to conflict with the Society of the Third Division raffle.

The net proceeds from the raffle will be used in two areas. First to assist in bringing the life membership fund up to actuarial standards.

Second is to assist in the expense of printing and mailing the Dragon newsletter, four times a year. The Dragon is the Association's key to communicating to the members four times a year about activities of the 15th Regiment, present members and the active duty officers and soldiers.

Your support of the raffle will be sincerely appreciated.



**Financial Statement
15th Infantry Regiment Association**

**OCT 15, 1998
through DEC 31, 1999**

INCOME

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| TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ED ADAM | \$10,415.40 | |
| ANNUAL DUES | \$4,255.00 | |
| LIFE DUES | \$1,580.00 | |
| ASSOCIATE DUES | \$60.00 | |
| BLAZER PATCHES | \$760.00 | |
| RAFFLE | \$2,891.00 | |
| DINNER RESERVATIONS | \$5,850.00 | |
| DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS | \$283.62 | |
| AWARD AND MONUMENTS DRIVE | \$780.00 | |
| VANGUARD INTEREST | \$242.88 | |
| RETURN CASH WITHDRAWAL FOR REUNION | \$500.00 | |
| 3rd Battalion News by LTC Stefan Banach | \$27,617.90 | \$27,617.90 |

EXPENDITURES

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| GEORGE DOYLE, PRESIDENT | \$137.54 | |
| EDWIN ADAM, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT | \$936.71 | |
| JOHN BURKE, VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP | \$380.03 | |
| RICHARD GUIMOND, TREASURER | \$1,154.11 | |
| TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE | \$67.71 | |
| REUNION EXPENSE | \$782.66 | |
| MARRIOTT HOTEL 15 MEALS | \$5,704.48 | |
| 11 MEALS REFUNDED DEATH AND SICKNESS | \$365.00 | |
| RAFFLE EXPENSES | \$957.75 | |
| 4 ISSUES OF THE DRAGON | \$3,834.98 | |
| CAPITAL EXPENSE 254 5TH INF REGT | \$275.00 | |
| TUSCOLA MEETING | \$100.00 | |
| PUBLIC AFFAIRS MAILING TO 200 VETERANS GROUPS | \$57.42 | |
| WITHDRAW CASH FOR REUNION DESK | \$500.00 | |
| | | \$15,253.39 |
| | | \$12,364.51 |

INCOME OVER EXPENSES

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| BALANCE IN ALL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31-1999 | \$4,716.63 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | \$4,716.63 |
| VANGUARD MONEY MARKET FUND | |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND PRINCIPAL | \$5,705.00 |
| INTEREST EARNED IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND | \$242.88 |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND TOTAL | \$5,947.88 |
| AWARD AND MONUMENT FUND | \$1,200.00 |
| TRANSFERRED FROM CHECKING INTO SAVING | \$500.00 |
| LIFE FUND - A & M AND SAVING TOTAL | \$7,647.88 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$12,364.51 |

Further on down the road, we will deploy to the Joint Readiness Training Center in July and execute a rotation in accordance with the peacekeeping train-up. When we redeploy to Fort Stewart in August, the soldiers will go on a much deserved block leave for two weeks, prior to the deployment to Bosnia in September. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in the spring. CAN DO!

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Dick Guimond

Under officers expenses, I would like to add there is no expenditures for travel, lodging or salaries, only compensation for Assn. daily business and operating expenses. The general expenses of officers and trustees, are for postage, printing, copies, phone calls and office supplies. There are expenses concerning the national reunion, such as plaques to retiring officers, trustees, two NCO's and two soldiers of the year. The plaque the retiring officers and trustees receive is in recognition's for there dedicated and loyal service to the Can Do Assn.

We assisted in the expenses in co-sponsoring a buffet and icebreaker at the Marne club. The money collected for dinner reservations is paid out to the hotel, a break even situation. The Assn. single largest expense is printing and mailing the Dragon four times a year.

We had a two prong attack, on delinquent and past due members by John Burke, vice president and membership chairman and trustees Patrick Heagerty, Michael Halik and Roger Lockmann which was a success, which involved printing and postage expenditures.

Your Assn. is working in bringing the life membership fund up to actuarial standards, which will take a couple more years. John Shirley's drive for awards and monuments fund brought in \$780. Previously there was \$183.25 an inactive memorial fund. At the Tuscola, Illinois board meeting May of 99, this fund was combined with the A & M fund. An additional \$236.75 was added to the

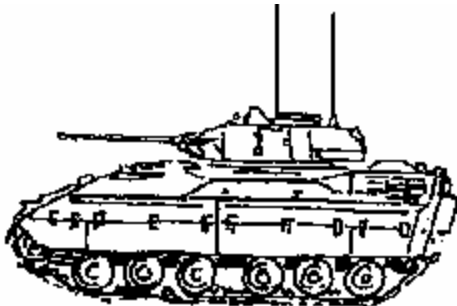
Attention: Dismounted Drill

By John Burke
 Now that I have your attention, check out the mailing label on this newsletter. If 1999 appears next to your name you are delinquent in your dues. Annual dues are payable by October 1 with year. When you subtract the life membership fund and A & M fund its of mailing dues notices, the Association normally relies on notices placed in the appropriate issue of the DRAGON. This practice has proven successful in past years. Consistent with the Association's commitment to retain all members on the rolls, the Board of Trustees elected to extend the time for payment through the distribution of this redesigned DRAGON. Not reasonable cards and letters were sent and delinquents. The response has been very good, but there are still some of you out of step. If 1999 appears next to your name on the mailing label---you are out of step. Please fall in and dress right dress by sending your dues check to the Treasurer at the address on page 2.

Sick Call

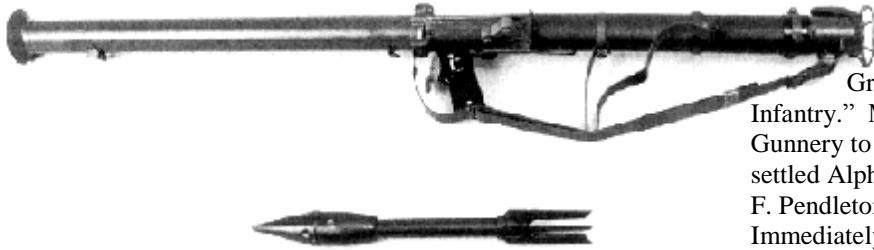


Donald Arthur, a Charter Member of the Association is currently on the Sicklist. Don served in Company F during World War II. He is recovering in the Orlando, Florida VA Hospital following recent knee replacement surgery.



First Battalion News

By LTC Bob Pricone



M9A1 2.36 inch Rocket Launcher

Weight: 15 pounds, 14 oz.

Overall Length:

61" assembled, 21.5" disassembled.

Muzzle velocity: 265-275 feet per second

Sight: T90

Rate of Fire: 10 rounds/min

Rocket: M7A1 shaped charge, rocket motor ignited electrically 3.5-pound (1.6-kilogram), length 19 inches.

Range: Range up to 400 yards, effective to about 120 yards

Charge: 8 ounces of pentolite, could penetrate up to 5 inches of armor

Columbus Area Sites of Interest

Did you know the last land battle in the Civil War took place in Columbus, GA in 1865? This and several other interesting sites of interest are in the Columbus area.

These include, of course, Fort Benning. On Fort Benning you'll find the National Infantry Museum, the Army Airborne School, the Infantry School and the School of the Americas.

In downtown Columbus, you'll find a Civil War naval museum. It features artifacts and gunboats from the Civil War recovered in the Columbus area.

In Andersonville, about an hour and a half drive from Columbus you'll find the National POW/MIA Museum and the Andersonville National Historical Site. This is the site of the Andersonville POW Camp of Civil War infamy.

The Little White House of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is located in Warm Springs about 45 minutes north of Columbus.

The Little Grand Canyon at Providence State Park is an excellent scenic site. It's a natural rock and sand formation that looks like the Grand Canyon in Georgia.

Calloway Gardens has excellent golf facilities, a huge horticulture and plant exhibit area and a butterfly habitat facility.

Information on these and other sites of interest will be available at the Sheraton.

Greetings from Fort Benning and the "Home of the Infantry." My last report ended with us preparing for Level I Gunnery to continue refining our fighting skills. When the dust settled Alpha Company had walked away with the CPL Charles F. Pendleton Trophy for being the TOP GUN Company. Immediately after gunnery, the Cobras from C Company conducted a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX) for the Infantry Officer Advance Course Students. They did a superb job of showing what it takes to place overwhelming direct and indirect fires on the objective to set the conditions with which to defeat the enemy. HOOAH!

Two of our companies stepped up to help out other units in training. The Bravo Company deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana to support the 82nd Airborne rotation and Company A deployed to the National Training Center (NTC) to support our Division's 2nd Brigade Rotation. Both companies showed the Can Do spirit and set the standard.

In December, 1-15 Infantry became the "Tip of the Spear for the Nation." Once again we are the DRF (Division Ready Force) ready to go whenever the call comes. The call has not come yet, but we remain steadfast and ready. One of the most exciting things this quarter was the testing of the weapon systems for Gen Shinseki's vision of the Medium Weight Brigade. In his words, the modern battlefield "requires an organizational structure that integrates the unique capabilities of the Army's light and mechanized forces and Army XXI experimentation in headquarters design and human dimension of warfare into a rapidly deployable, early entry, medium weight force." Company B sent a platoon to Fort Knox to aid in the testing. These soldiers get to see first hand our Army of the 21st Century. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this year's Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Benning. If you have any questions or concerns please call CPT. Hollifield at 706-544-2918. Thank you for your continued support of the 15th Infantry Regiment. **"CAN DO - HOOAH!"**

Answers to the Trivia Questions on page 8.

1. GEN George C. Marshall—GEN Dwight D. Eisenhower
2. The Bantam Car Company
3. "Lightning"
4. Company/battery/troop

Rendezvous Registration and Reservations

Lodging

Lodging reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton.

The Columbus Airport Sheraton Inn (Exit 6, I-185) again serves as our headquarters hotel for the Rendezvous. A block of rooms was reserved at a \$60 rate for April 25-28. Reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton at **706-327-6868**. Do not call the Sheraton national number. Reservations must be made prior to **April 11th** to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. When made in advance, reduced rates are available prior to and following the Rendezvous, also. The Sheraton provides transportation to and from the Columbus Airport. Free gym passes are available at the Sheraton as well as other amenities. A daily buffet breakfast is provided for \$5.95.

Rendezvous Registration – April 26th

Register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. You can register the afternoon of April 26th at the hotel, also. A \$5.00 registration fee is charged to defray administrative and Icebreaker expenses. Please print the name of your spouse or guest on the reverse side of the Registration/Reservation Form. This is used to print name tags.

Can Do Golf Tournament – April 26th

You must register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. Greens fee will be paid at the Fort Benning Golf Course. Prices vary depending on military or civilian status.

Can Do Barbecue – April 27th

The cost of the CAN DO barbecue is \$7.00 per person. The Barbecue will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center a short distance from the 1st Battalion Headquarters. A bar is available in the Rec Center. The price includes hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, iced tea and gratuity.

Regimental Dinner – April 28th

The Regimental Dinner will be held in the historic Fort Benning Officers Club. The menu includes a choice of either Chicken Cordon Bleu at \$17.00, Prime Rib of Beef at \$20.00 or a Vegetarian Platter for \$14.00. Please indicate your menu choice on the form below.

Please complete the form below and make your check out to the 1-15 OSAF Fund. Mail your check and registration form by April 11th to:

CPT Chris Hollifield
 HQ, 1-15 Infantry
 Fort Benning, GA 31905

Call CPT Hollifield at 706-544-2918 or 2920 if you have questions.

| Registration/Reservation Form | | | |
|---|--------|---------|------------------------|
| Name | | Rank | |
| Address | | | |
| City | | State | Zip |
| Event | Number | Price | Total |
| Registration Fee | 1 | \$5.00 | \$5.00 |
| Golf | | XXXX | Pay at the Golf Course |
| CAN DO Barbecue | | \$7.00 | |
| Regimental Dinner | | | |
| Chicken Cordon Bleu | | \$17.00 | |
| Prime Rib of Beef | | \$20.00 | |
| Vegetarian Platter | | \$14.00 | |
| Enclosed is my payment for ➔ | | | |

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