

Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



15th Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

January 2001

U.S., North Korea Agree to Escalate MIA Searches

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - The United States and North Korea ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) have agreed to expand operations to recover the remains of American troops listed as missing from the Korean War, a U.S. official said on Saturday. The agreement was reached after four days of talks between U.S. and North Korean officials in Kuala Lumpur to set next year's schedule to search for the remains of more than 8,100 American troops still listed as missing in action from the 1950-53 war. "For next year, we agreed that we will significantly escalate the operations," Alan Liotta, the U.S. chief negotiator, told a news conference. He said under the 2001 agreement, the U.S component of the joint teams would be expanded to 28 from 20 this year and the length of each operation would be increased to 32 days from 26. It was also agreed that the areas around the Chosin Reservoir be included in the operations apart from the current areas in Unsan and Kujang counties. Liotta said 10 operations would be conducted in the three areas, where the remains of more than 950 American troops were believed to be located, between April and November. Five joint recovery operations this year have found 65 sets of suspected remains of U.S. servicemen, which have been sent to the United States for identification. Forty-two sets of remains were found between 1996 and 1999, of which five have been positively identified and a further 10 are in the final stages of verification. Liotta said that although there were some differences, the talks went smoothly. "We have to work out different approaches. But we are very pleased with the negotiations, both sides came to talk and see how we can escalate the operations," he said. The agreement also establishes a procedure for a sharing of records and data related to witness interviews, potential burial locations and other information not previously made available from the North Koreans



Can Do Rendezvous Fort Stewart, GA May 16-19, 2001

The Rendezvous for 2001 is set for May 16-19, 2001 at Fort Stewart approximately 35 miles from Savannah, GA. You can bet it will be hot at Fort Stewart at this time of year. LTC Steve Banach and his 3rd Battalion have already planned the event even though they are currently deployed in Bosnia. The Rendezvous Registration Form is located in the back of the Dragon. More info on the Rendezvous will be published in the March issue of the Dragon.

Schedule of Events

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The Dragon

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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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Mar-Sep 1952

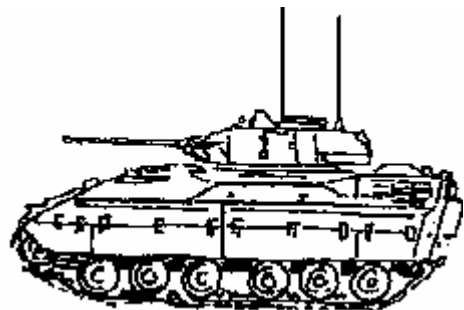
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Jul 2000-Present

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Jan- Jun 1953

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1995-1997 and
2000---Present



**NEW TREASURER
KOREAN WAR TANKER**

By John Burke

Commencing with the New Year Lloyd Whitmer has assumed the Treasurer Position. Lloyd is a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a tank commander in Heavy Tank Company in 1952. After separation from the Army he earned a BS degree from Ohio University in Business Administration, majoring in Business Administration and Statistics. Following that he had a 31-year career in stainless steel sales. During that time he also ran a small farm with a corn and hog operation. He served several years as a township clerk/treasurer with over a million-dollar budget. During that time he was also was under contract with the Ohio State Auditor traveling 8 counties instructing townships, villages and library treasurers in the use of Ohio's accounting network. Together with Lloyd's fine qualifications he has expressed a sincere desire to serve the Association. Lloyd and his wife Joyce currently reside in Navarre, Ohio. Best wishes to Lloyd as he manages the Association's financial transactions.



Chaplains Corner

By LTC Chuck Trout, Sr.

Almighty God:

We come to You as this new year begins and ask You to be with each of us as we enter another exciting year. We pray that You will provide for us as You have so graciously done in the past. Help us not to get bogged down by anything which has happened in the past. For the sins we have committed, we pray that You will forgive us. For the mistakes and failures of the past, we pray that You will renew us with hope and optimism for the future. For those with broken hearts and tearful eyes, we pray that You will provide true friendship and bring back joyful smiles. For those with physical or mental problems, we pray that You will provide Divine comfort and speedy recovery. Help us to move boldly into the future knowing that our God will be with us every step of the way, if we will but invite Him to do so.

God Bless all of you!



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My father, T/4 Karl M. Kindt, Jr., was killed in action on 4/12/45. I was born several months after his death. I have already located one man who knew my father. Mr. William K. Wayne was in his company on that fateful day. I am looking for other men who may have known my father. During his time in the 3ID they crossed from France in mid or late March into Germany. My father was likely killed along the Main river on 4/12/45 perhaps near Gadheim, Germany. Any assistance you can give me is appreciated. Info about my father can be found at: <http://www.knightforhire.com/dadkindt.html>

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I would like to know if anyone has stories or knew my grandpa Fred Scarpa. He was a S/Sgt. in Co. L. I know he earned a Bronze Star in France, and a Silver Star in Nürnberg. He was also wounded in combat but I don't know where. He always tells me many stories about the men he fought with and I would like to hear from some of these men. I would also like to help him find some of the friends he lost touch with over the years. So if you have any information on my grandpa I would like to hear from you. Thank you.

William A. Sheridan
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My thanks to you and your associates for the work you do for the membership. I have always been very proud of my time served with B Company of the 15th Infantry and with the 756th Tank Battalion in Europe. At age 77 I realize that my time remaining is limited. I wish you and your friends all the best. God bless you and continue to spread the word of the history of the 3rd and the "Can Doers." My prayers are with all the young folks serving in Bosnia and other trouble spots. They are the best.

Application For Membership
15th Infantry Regiment Association

___ New Member ___ Renewal

Today's Date _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Rank _____

Units served in: _____

Dates served in 15th IN: _____

Date of birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Type of membership desired

___ Regular Annual ___ Active Duty Annual

___ Associate Annual ___ Life ___ MOH

___ China Hand ___ World War I

Complete application. Mail with check or money order payable to the Treasurer, 15th Infantry Reg't Association.

Mail to: Treasurer, Lloyd Witmer at the address found on page 2.

Dues Schedule

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Regimental History during the Spanish American War

By Tim Stoy

In this edition of the Dragon we continue with the Regimental history, covering the Spanish-American War and the Regiment's redeployment to the United States.

In response to the declaration of war against Spain in April of that year, the Regiment, which had again been scattered throughout the West, assembled at Huntsville, Alabama by 12 October 1898. There it began a rigorous training program at Camp A.G. Force, Alabama until 15 November. By that time the Regiment had been recruited to a strength of 1348 men, with companies averaging 100 men. On 23 November, the regiment received orders to proceed to Savannah, Georgia, arriving there on the 27th. Within two hours of arrival the regiment was on board the Transport "Chester". Plagued by bad luck, the transport ran aground on a reef below the city twice before the Regiment could finally get under way.

The Regiment arrived at the harbor of Nuevitas on 4 December, with the band and A Company going ashore on the 5th to participate in the flag raising ceremony over the port. The rest of the Regiment disembarked on the 7th and went into camp outside the city. On 11 December Headquarters, C, D, G, L, and M Companies left for Puerto Principe. Companies A, B, F, H, and I left on the 12th and went into camp three miles from the city. Companies E and K went into permanent camp at Nuevitas. The camp near Puerto Principe was named Camp Allyn Capron.

On 9 February 1899, a battalion consisting of Companies B, F, I, and L marched about 110 miles to Ciego de Avila, arriving on the 16th and establishing a camp about a mile outside the town. They did so in response to growing alarm over insurgent activity in that vicinity from bands led by several former senior officers. Through clever diplomacy and hefty argument, the battalion was able to disarm and disband the insurgents. After this, the Regiment remained in the area of Puerto Principe until that winter.

The Regiment departed for the United States from Nuevitas on the Transport "Sedgwick" on 5 January and arrived in New York City on 9 January 1900. Upon arrival the Regiment was again dispersed, with the band, Headquarters, and Companies A, C, and D moving to Plattsburg Barracks, New York. Company B moved to Fort Ethan, Vermont. The 3d Battalion was stationed at Fort Columbus, New York. On 8 February Companies C, D, E, F, G, L, and M temporarily moved to Washington for duties in connection with the funeral escort of the late Major General Lawton. Company G moved from Madison Barracks to Fort Ontario on 15 May. Company H moved from Madison Barracks to Fort Porter, New York, also on 15 May. Company M was transferred to Fort McPherson, Georgia on 16 May. On 18 June Company E left Madison Barracks and went to Plattsburg Barracks. Just as the companies were beginning to get settled into their new stations, the Regiment received orders on 7 July to move to San Francisco in preparation to deployment to China for action in the Boxer Rebellion.

The next installment will cover the Regiment's participation in the Boxer Rebellion.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

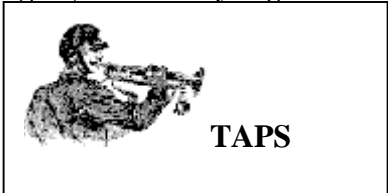
Officers of the Association will be elected at the annual membership meeting to be held during the Can Do Rendezvous hosted by the 3-15 IN at Fort Stewart, May 16-18, 2001. Officers to be elected are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and four (4) Trustees. In addition appointment of the Treasurer will be confirmed.

Any member in good standing is eligible for office. The term of office is two years. The newly elected officers will be installed at the Regimental Dinner during the Third Infantry Division Reunion in September 2001 except for the Treasurer who commences office in January 2001.

In accordance with our Constitution and By-laws, nominations will be accepted through February 28, 2001. It is desirable to have at least two candidates for each office.

A prior call for nominations of candidates was made in the October edition of The Dragon to be submitted by December 31. Nominations received at this time prior to going to press are one each for President, VP, Secretary and two Trustees. A special appeal is made for nominations of candidates who served in the Cold War era up to the present. Nominated candidates will be announced in the April edition of The Dragon and an absentee ballot provided to be returned prior to the annual meeting.

Submit nominations to John T. Burke, President, address shown on page 2.



Fred A.(Dick) Perry

From Palestine, TX
G Co 1951-1952
Died Nov 15, 2000
Reported by Henry H. Burke

John S. Cole

From Dunedin, FL
Died 16 October 2000.
John was a long time member of the Society and the 15th Inf. Regt. Association. He also served as President of OP 2 Florida of the Society for 20 years. The Society is indebted to him for his guidance in the growth of OP 2. Reported by his daughter to John Tiezzi.

Herbert Feldman

T/5 in Item Company in WWII
Died May 3rd, 2000.
In Sgt. Feldman's own words, "I want no fanfare – no service of any kind or tears_ Just remember me fondly, with humor. I believe laughter is truly the best medicine. Just live, laugh, love and be happy. For it takes serving in wartime to realize the true meanings and values of life." Reported by his son, Robert.

Charles Graves

B Co. in Korea
From Charles City, VA
Died September 3, 2000
This is the 3rd Great Soldier from B Co. to pass on this year. Those of us who knew and served with Charley feel a tremendous loss. Our prayers are with his wife, Helen, family and friends. May God bless you all. Reported by William E. Fortier.

Wiley L. Nichols

Cpl from Westfield, IN
Died September 7th, 2000
Reported by family to Harold DeMaree

Russell M. Taylor

B Co. in WWII
From Spokane, WA
Died August 15, 2000
Reported by his wife Marie.

David Benjamin Wyland

E Co. Korea
From Williamsburg, PA
He was awarded the Purple Heart on June 11, 1953 on OP Harry
Reported by Ronald L. McCleary.

SSG JOHN A. GALLAGHER
HHC, 3rd Battalion

SSG John A. Gallagher was born on 6 December 1962 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He entered the United States Army on 27 October 1982 as a NBC Specialist and attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort McClellan, Alabama. His overseas assignments include tours with 4th Battalion, 3d ADA, Kitzingen, Germany and 2d Combat Support Maintenance Company, Camp Carroll, Korea. His most recent stateside assignments include tours with 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry (M), 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia and 3d Battalion, 15th Infantry (M), 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. SSG Gallagher is a graduate of PLDC, BNCOC and served with distinction as a Squad Leader and Battalion NBC NCO. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6 OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC). He completed 1 year of College and was working towards his associate's degree with the City College of Chicago. SSG Gallagher is survived by his wife Sabine and their two children Angela and John. He is also survived by his parents Florence and John A. Gallagher.

Jerome E. Dompierre

Jerome E. Dompierre, Company A, WWII, died August 25, 2000. Jerry was blind as a result of being struck by a German Panzer round in Germany. He lived in Buffalo, NY. Reported by Richard Dettman.

James F. Pedersen

Born November 28, 1918, Jim was a Corporal in Baker Company in World War II. His last residence was in Franklin Park, IL. He died June 2, 2000. Reported by his wife, Margaret.

Gino A. Anselmi

Able Company in WW II
From San Juan Capistrano, CA
Died May 10, 2000
Reported by his wife Joan

Sylvester E. Suhayda

SSG in Item Company during WW II
From Aliquippa, PA
Died Mar 17, 2000

Financial Report

By Richard Guimond

The income column is pretty well self-explanatory. We have several members delinquent in 2001 dues. Letters have been sent to those delinquent. Hopefully they will respond with favorable results.

The Expense Column: I wish to remind all members again, the expenditures by the officers are for daily Assn. business. No expenditures are for lodging, food, travel or salaries. Mainly it is for postage, printing, copies, phone calls and office supplies. As you can see printing and mailing the Association newsletter, The Dragon four times a year is the Assn. biggest expense.

The Association assisted in the expenses, in co-sponsoring a buffet and icebreaker at the Rendezvous in April. At the Third Infantry Division reunion in San Francisco, we had some expenses at the hotel for the podium, microphone and bar setup. The Assn. also picked up the cost of the regimental banquet meals for the 7-member honor guard, NCO and soldier of the year from Ft. Benning.

The life membership in the Vanguard account has grown from \$5500 in March, 22,1999 to \$7,106.65 as of December 31,2000, on an increase of \$1,606.65 in the last two years. Twenty-five percent of life membership income per year is transferred to the fund. Raffle income is a major source of funds, to help bring the life membership account closer to being actuarially sound. Funds were also transferred from the checking to the Vanguard account for a better interest rate. With continued support of the raffle, we can maintain our dues structure at \$10 year.

This will be my last report as treasurer of the Association. At my request, I have asked to be replaced because of health reasons. I will continue to help the Assn. as assistant treasurer, chairman of the raffle mailing and public affairs person. It has been a labor of love and a pleasure to work with all the officers and trustees of the Assn.

The Assn. had four members come forward to be treasurer. Lloyd Whitmer comes with excellent credentials in finances. See article shown elsewhere in this edition. Effective immediately, please send all dues and funds to Lloyd Whitmer, the new treasurer, at the address on page 2.

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSN.
STATEMENT
REPORT FOR YEAR 2000
JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31, 2000

INCOME			
BALANCE DECEMBER 31ST 1999		\$12,364.51	
YEARLY DUES	\$3,600.00		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,930.00		
ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES	\$60.00		
DONATIONS	\$146.00		
SALE OF DRAGON CAN DO CREST	\$123.50		
SALE OF BLAZER PATCHES	\$440.00		
RAFFLE INCOME	\$2,929.00		
DINNER RESERVATIONS	\$5,923.00		
VANGUARD INTEREST	\$543.77		
INCOME FOR THE 2000		\$15,695.27	
			\$15,695.27
	BALANCE	\$28,059.78	
EXPENSES			
ED ADAM, PRESIDENT	\$515.26		
JOHN BURKE, PRESIDENT	\$574.78		
RICHARD GUIMOND, TREASURER	\$940.56		
RICHARD GUIMOND, PUBLIC AFFAIRS	\$106.48		
PRINTING AND MAILING OF THE DRAGON	\$2,867.88		
RAFFLE EXPENSE 2000	\$464.50		
RAFFLE EXPENSE FOR 2001	\$14.00		
RAFFLE WINNERS	\$400.00		
PRINTING OF 5000 DRAGON CAN DO CREST	\$300.00		
PLAQUES FOR NCO-SOLDIER YR-RET.	\$197.81		
OFFICERS			
BRUCE MONKMANN STATIONERY PRINTING	\$174.00		
RENDEZVOUS EXPENSES	\$335.00		
REUNION EXPENSES	\$313.16		
HOTEL MARRIOTT 160 DINNERS	\$6,138.00		
REFUND TWO DINNERS (SICKNESS, CALL AHEAD)	\$81.00		
MISC-FLOWERS-SHIPPING OF 4 BOXES OF	\$250.00		
ED ADAM, ASSN. FILES AND DOCUMENTS TO THE			
PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.			
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2000	\$13,672.43		
			\$13,672.43
INCOME OVER EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR			\$2,022.84
ADVANCE TO NEW TREASURER	\$1,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2000	\$14,672.43	\$14,672.43	
	BALANCE	\$13,387.35	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12-31-00		\$3,300.70	
VANGUARD GROUP 30 MONEY MARKET FUND			
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	\$7,106.65		
AWARD AND MONUMENT FUND	\$980.00		
SAVING ACCOUNT	\$2,000.00		
TOTAL IN VANGUARD ACCOUNT		\$10,086.65	
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 12-31-00		\$13,387.35	



John's Message

It seems such a short time since everyone was anticipating Y2K coming. Now, here we have experienced another year already. Does time pass faster each year?

3-15 IN in Bosnia: As the 3rd Battalion continues their challenging mission in Bosnia; I'm sure all the Association members join me in wishing them well and a safe return. All members are encouraged to write and show your support to those fine patriots. Just drop a line to Soldiers, 3-15 IN, Operation Joint Forge, APO AE 09789. We look forward to their successful return next April.

Can Do Rendezvous: Upon the 3rd Battalion's return they will barely have time to catch their breath before hosting the 2001 Can Do Rendezvous, May 16-18, 2001. LTC Banach and his great soldiers have planned an interesting schedule of events for past and present members of the Regiment. Separate articles in this edition highlight the activities and provide reservation/registration forms to sign up for the event. I know we can look forward to a very special occasion. I hope you will make plans now to attend. May will get here in a hurry.

Election of Officers: Our annual membership meeting will be held during the Can Do Rendezvous. At that meeting we will hold our election of officers to manage Association operations for the next two years. A full slate of officers will be elected. They will be installed in office at the Regimental Dinner held concurrently with the 3rd Infantry Division Reunion, Phoenix, AZ in September. Elsewhere in this edition you will see an announcement with a call for nomination of candidates. As time marches on we have fewer and fewer WW II veterans able to assume elected and appointed positions. The Korean War veterans are not far behind. I would like to appeal to the younger members of the Association to step up to the plate. At some time those Ready Forces/Cold War veterans will have to move to the front of the formation. **Now** would be an excellent time.

Treasurer: You will see the article introducing our new Treasurer. I am grateful to Lloyd Whitmer for availing himself to assume this all-important position. I am confident that our financial management will continue in good hands. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Richard Guimond who has done a superb job for the past two years. Richard has agreed to continue in the appointed position of Publicity Chairman and serve as the Assistant Treasurer as well.

Help Wanted: There are three appointed chairman positions vacant; Membership, Nominations and Elections, and Constitution and By-laws. Of these my main concern for filling at present is the Membership. I have filled this position for nearly six years, most of the time doubling in others as well. While experiencing some satisfaction in increasing and retaining the number on our rolls, my rucksack is full and I need to lighten my load. The job is established to maintain the membership database; identify prospective members and offer them membership; issue membership cards/certificates; and prepare membership reports for the Board of Trustees. I know there are others of you who can perform this role and with a fresh outlook. Just say "Can Do" and

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contact me by mail, E-mail, phone or smoke signal.

Can Do Web: For those of you with a computer you will surely want to visit the Can Do Web page (shown in another item). My personal thanks to Thomas Twomey for his great work in designing and establishing the site. If you don't have a computer, just travel on down to your local library and ask one of the "Media Specialists" to show you how to view the page. The URL is www.sergeantsmajor.org/cando/cando.htm

Sharing Experiences: What are some of your most memorable experiences while serving in the Regiment? They may be a specific occasion or a period of time in which the esprit de corps of the unit came across to you loud and strong. They may be the heroic action of some comrade in combat. Or they may be some humorous incident known only to you or only to a few. Why not take the time to jot them down and pass them on to The Dragon Editor, Mike Horn? Also submit any photos you may have that would help illustrate the story. Your story will undoubtedly be of interest to the other members and will likely encourage them to share some of their experiences also.

CAN DO! HOOAH! John

Rendezvous Registration and Reservations

Lodging

Lodging reservations must be made directly to the Holiday Inn.

A block of rooms was reserved at a \$49 plus tax for May 16-19. Reservation must be made directly to the Hinesville-Fort Stewart Holiday Inn at **912-368-2275**. Do not call the Holiday Inn national number for reservation information. Reservations must be made prior to May 1st to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. For military retirees that are interested in staying in on-post lodging the phone number for reservations is (912) 767-8384.

Rendezvous Registration – May 16th

Register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. You can register the afternoon of May 16th at Club Stewart. 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 will be used to print name tags.

Organizational Day and Association Dinner – May 18th

Come join our Battalion’s annual Organizational Day where soldiers and their families can come experience a day filled with activities and good down home southern food.

The Association Dinner will be held in the Marne Club. The menu includes a choice of either Chicken Caesar Primavera at \$18.00, Prime Rib of Beef at \$20.00 or a Vegetarian Platter for \$12.00. Please indicate your menu choice on the form below.

Please complete the form below and make your check out to the 3-15 Cup and Flower Fund. Mail your check and registration form by May 1, 2001 to:

CPT Bryan Purdom
HHC, 3-15 Infantry
Fort Stewart, GA 31314

Call CPT Purdom at 912-767-7723 if you have questions.

Registration/Reservation Form

Name		Rank	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Event	Number	Price	Total
Registration Fee	1	\$5.00	\$5.00
Organizational Day and BBQ		XXXXXXXXXX	
Association Dinner			
Chicken Caesar Primavera		\$18.00	
Prime Rib of Beef		\$20.00	
Vegetarian Platter		\$12.00	
Enclosed is my payment for		→	

3RD ANNUAL RAFFLE COMING UP

by Dick Guimond

The Association will hold its third annual raffle this year. The drawing will be held during the Rendezvous at Ft. Stewart, May 16 through 18th. The drawing will be for five -\$100 cash prizes. Can Do members will be receiving the tickets and a letter about the raffle in early February. A donation of \$1 per ticket is suggested. Winners need not be present to win. Raffle proceeds will be used to bring the life membership up to actuarial standards. With postage rates increasing, the raffle will also assist in the cost of printing and mailing the Dragon. The Assn. appreciates your support in this and all projects.



From left to right (1st row): XO (1LT Schaeffer), 1st PLT (SFC Lilienthal, 2LT Wagner) CO CDR (CPT Berdy), 1SG (1SG Vallejo), 2d PLT (1LT Morris, SSG Jones), 3d PLT (1LT Blanton, SFC Cannon)

Greetings from Bosnia-Herzegovina from the A/3-15 IN "Gators"! As part of Stabilization Force (SFOR) 8, A/3-15 IN and Task Force China, provide constant presence in the towns, villages, and the out lying country side of our area of responsibility. Our sole responsibility is to ensure that BiH maintains a safe and secure environment. Whether teaching mine awareness classes to local school children, conducting Traffic Control Point (TCP) operations to prevent demonstrators from reinforcing demonstrations in Brcko, executing marksmanship and Bradley crew training, the Gators lead the way. Day to day, you can find Gators conducting mounted and dismounted patrols in cities such as Modrica, Vukosalvje, and Odzak, meeting with local mayors, police chiefs, and BiH military commanders, and providing assistance to locals who are not as fortunate as others. The soldiers of the China Battalion understand how important this mission is. Our soldiers will look back with favorable eyes, proud to have served in this company on an operational deployment in Bosnia.

1st Battalion News by LTC Dennis Smith

CAN DO!!! Once again I offer Greetings and Salutations from all the CAN DO soldiers of the 1-15th Infantry Battalion. Hope all had a wonderful and cheerful holiday season. Many things are in store for the mighty "CAN DO" battalion in the months to come.

Since our last issue of *The Dragon*, the battalion has been engaged in numerous training events in preparation of our NTC rotation in May 01. This is an exciting and fast past time for the battalion. We successfully completed a Gunnery and qualified Bradley crews to peak proficiency in November. Squads had the opportunity to conduct squad maneuvers and live fire exercises in preparation for their squad certification lanes in Jan 01 during our Hammer Focus field exercise, which will be conducted at Fort Benning.

Charlie Company "Cobras" was awarded the CPL Charles F. Pendelton Trophy for being the Top Gun Company. They firing the highest average on a Bradley Crew Qualification Table (BT VIII) during the November gunnery. They also successfully completed their CALFEX live fire exercise, which demonstrated the awesome combined arms firepower of the light infantry, mechanized infantry, mortars, artillery, armor, and engineers bring to the battlefield.

The battalion participated in the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) testing where 21 soldiers from the "CAN DO" battalion were awarded the EIB and 2 earned the EFMB. Once again a challenge that the 1-15th Infantry Battalion excepted and conquered. The battalion staff and senior leadership had the opportunity to visit the National Training Center (NTC) in Dec 00 to participate in a Leadership Training Program (LTP) exercise, which they undoubtedly excelled and visited the Hoover Dam.

After our return from Hammer Focus, we will prepare ourselves to deploy down to Ft. Stewart to participate in the Marne Focus exercise in mid Mar 01 where we will have the opportunity to test our skills against a opposition force. The battalion will also hold the second "CAN DO" boxing smoker on 18 Feb 01. If it is anything like the first boxing smoker than everyone is in store for a

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Bosnia News



Snowing at Camp McGovern...1SG T. Spiecher, HHC 1SG; CPT G. Blumhardt, HHC CDR; CPT G. Battista, HHC XO



Kneeling: LT Jones(Med PL); LT Freeman(Sct PL); CPT Perron(Bn MaintOff)
Standing: CPT Battista(HHC XO); LT Burgess(Mrt PL); CPT Garner(Asst-S3); CPT Blumhardt(HHC CDR)

The HHC/3-15 IN (M) 'Headhunters' are currently deployed for Operation Joint Forge as peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Company deployed nearly 250 soldiers in September 2000 for a six-month rotation to the region. Headquarters and Headquarters Company deployed the bulk of the company from Fort Stewart, Georgia to include the Mortar Plt, Scout Plt, Support Plt, Medical Plt, Maintenance Sect, Communications Sect, HQ Plt, and the Battalion Staff. Upon arrival in the Balkans, the Mortar Plt occupied Hill Top 722. The Mortar men are located just outside the small town of Srebrenik, that was built around a 12th century Turkish castle. There they secure a vital communications node for the 3rd Infantry Division and conduct daily patrols to project an American presence in their area of operations.

The men of the 'Can Do' Regiment are in good spirits. They have delivered school supplies and gifts to children at some of the local elementary schools. In a country where the evidence of a recent war still scars every building, the soldiers of the China Regiment are making a difference in the daily lives of thousands. Many of these same men just recently returned from Kuwait where they patrolled and trained a few kilometers from the Iraqi border. Now they are able to see the faces of those they are helping throughout the Bosnian countryside.
Can Do!

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really good time.
I sincerely believe beyond a doubt that the 1-15th Infantry has the most motivated, best trained soldiers I have ever had the opportunity to work with. Since I took command in Jul 00 of the battalion, we have completed some tough missions and have executed them all to standard and in some cases beyond my expectations. I know that we will rise to the occasion and perform spectacularly.

Once again, it will be a pleasure and an anticipated event to meet with as many former "CAN DO" soldiers at our next Regimental occasion.

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