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15th Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

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REGIMENTAL DINNER- SAINT LOUIS

The Eleventh 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner in conjunction with the Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunion was held September 19, 2003 at Saint Louis, MO. Some photos are included on Page 5. There were 180 attendees, the bulk of which were Can Do Dragons and guests. Joining the Dragons were 28 from various Field Artillery units who had ties to the Regiment from past campaigns. These included the 9th, 10th, 39th, and 41st Field Artillery. In addition, there were 8 from the 7th Regiment, 2 from the 10th Engineer Battalion and 3 from the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion. The periods of service represented by the attendees included World War II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Past President John Burke acted as master of ceremonies for the evening which began with Posting of the Colors performed by the 1st Battalion Color Guard from Fort Benning, GA. The soldiers performed in the traditional Can Do manner. After posting of the colors the attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The Association Chaplain, Charles Trout, delivered the Invocation at the commencement of the dinner and the Benediction at the conclusion of the evening. During dinner special recorded music was played. The music was The 15th Infantry Quick Step. The music was recorded from sheet music written and published in 1863 by a former Bandmaster of the 15th Infantry. MAJ Mark Johnson, currently performing ROTC duty in New York, discovered the music while doing research for a book, which includes history of the Regiment.

Program events for the evening began with recognition of several distinguished Dragons who have significantly contributed to the history of the 15th Infantry Regiment and to the Association as well. The initial recognitions were of the attendees from the current active units. First to be recognized was Colonel Joseph DiSalvo, Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade (Spartans) to which the 3rd Battalion is assigned and which at various times in Operation Iraqi Freedom employed both the 1st and 3rd Battalions. Next was the 3rd Brigade Command Sergeant Major Mark Baker, who had served in the past with both the 1st and 3rd Battalions before assuming his 3rd Brigade responsibilities. Other active unit recognitions included:

1st Battalion:

Command Sergeant Major Michael Howard
Sergeant Michael Martin
Specialist Anthguain Brummitt
Specialist Cardan Smith
Private First Class Ryan Vallery

3rd Battalion:

Command Sergeant Major Bob Gallagher
Sergeant First Class Kenneth Molino
Corporal Warren Hall
Private First Class Donald Dennis
Private First Class Chad Gammons

3rd ID Public Affairs

Specialist Mason Lowery

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Other recognitions included Founding Members present. These were Edward Dojutrek, Michael Halik and Whitney Mullen. The Past President relayed a message from Major General Maurice Kendall, a special founding member who was

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The Dragon

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- 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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Chaplains Corner

By LTC Chuck Trout, Sr.

As the current Chaplain for the 15th Infantry Regiment Association and for the Society of the Third Infantry Division, I have requested that this article appear in The Watch on the Rhine and The Dragon. I want to inform all our members that I am currently the Base Chaplain at the Joint Military Training Base in Los Alamitos, California. (Twenty miles South of Los Angeles.) I want you to know that the door of the chapel is always open and if you are ever in this area the coffee is on me.

I served in Korea as an infantryman and later attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. I retired in 1985 but have returned as the base chaplain at the request of the military.

I know there were times as I traveled down life's bumpy road that I needed help spiritually. I believe that is the reason that God has placed me in my current position as your chaplain. I want to assure you that I am here for you.

You can reach me at (714) 836-4981 (please ask for Chaplain Trout as my son also works here with the same name) or contact me by e-mail at chuck.sr@serviceconcepts.com.

Meanwhile, please join me in a prayer for all our members and their families, and for all those brave soldiers serving around the world with that blue and white patch on their shoulder.

God Bless You

Presidents Message

By Ed Dojutrek

My message for everyone in the Association is one of thanks and gratitude. For the past several months, we have been very busy planning for our 15th Regiment Banquet, which is held yearly in conjunction with the Annual 3rd Infantry Division Society Reunion. The Banquet was on Friday, September 19, at the Marriot Airport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Our Guest Speaker was Col. Joseph Disalvo, whose address included a graphical presentation of 3rd I.D Units in action during Iraqi Freedom. I will go no further describing the evenings events as our Past President, John Burke, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies, drafted a very detailed account of the night's festivities which is also being printed in this publication.

At our Business Meeting on Thursday, we nominated and accepted two new Officers for our Executive Board. They are James Drury as Vice President and Richard McKiddy as Secretary. With the addition of these two new members, we now have a complete slate of officers for the years 2003 to 2005. This is something that we have been lacking the past few years but it tends to show the new spirit that is coming forth in our Association. At the meeting there were many ideas expressed by those in attendance and much was accomplished.

Ed's Message continues to the right.



Sam Kellog

Sam died August 15, 2003. His last residence was in Nebraska City, NE. He was a member of A Company in Korea from October 51 to July 53. He was a Life Member of the Association since 1995. Reported by his wife Mary.

George J. Davis

George was a Charter Member of the Association He died September 2, 2003. A former resident of Shrub Oak, NY, he served as a Private with Company F in WWII. George was very active in the Association and the Society of the 3ID having served as Past President in 1984, 1985, 1986 & 1987. Reported by Martin Markley.

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Following the Banquet we all breathed a big sigh of relief but were very gratified how the evening went. This was shown by the many people who complimented the Board on the warm feelings expressed by the Active and Inactive members and how well everything was presented and what a good time they had.

Our next big event will be the "Can Do Rendezvous" scheduled for April of 2004 at Fort Benning. I have been in contact with both of the Battalion Commanders, John Charlton of the 1st Battalion and Gary Luck of the 3rd, who informed me that they already are making plans for the get together. A date has not been set but will be made known as soon as possible. So, make your plans.

In closing, let me say that I am looking forward to being your President for the next two years and will do everything in my power to make the 15th Regiment Association the best that it can possibly be. With the Board of Directors that we have assembled, I feel that we can achieve and exceed the goals we set for ourselves in the future.

Mail Call



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I'm researching the military background of my uncle, Charles L. Bobrowicz (service number 20 259 109). According to his discharge papers (dated 10 Sep 45), he served as a PFC in the ETO 7 Jan 45 – 30 May 45, was assigned to Item Company, was authorized to wear the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and was made a prisoner of war on or about 25 Jan 45 near Colmar, France. My uncle was awarded the Bronze Star, but I have no information about the circumstances for which he received the award nor of those surrounding his capture. I would be very grateful for any information.

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Looking for some help in finding out information about my uncle who was a member of the 15th Infantry. His name was 2nd Lt Walter F Reichert (0522573). He died on May 9, 1944. I would be very interested in communicating with anyone who might have known 2nd Lt. Reichert.

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I am a proud nephew of three WWII veterans. Unfortunately, one of those vets did not make it home to his family. His name is Alfred Lucius Galloway. I am unable to find much information about Uncle "Bill" due to the fact that (1 I am a nephew and (2 The national archives contacted my aunt after one of my previous queries and advised her that the records we requested were destroyed in a fire. I remember listening to my Grandmother, Ida Galloway tell stories about Bill. She told me when I was small that he had been killed near Epinal, France. His body was temporarily buried in France before being brought home to my family. Just the other day, my aunt showed me a newspaper clipping that showed a picture of Bill and stated that he had been killed in action. It went on to state that Bill was serving with Company A.

Would you please help me in finding any information that is out there regarding my Uncle Bill? Bill was killed December

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unable to attend. General Kendall, the key individual in founding the Association, extended his regrets and best wishes to all members of the Association and other attendees as well. Recognitions were also made of past and current Presidents of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 15th Infantry Regiment Association; President of the Host Outpost; and the other sister and supporting units identified previously in this message.

The feature event for the evening was the reports from the current active units on the recent past accomplishments and ongoing mission preparedness actions. Colonel DiSalvo's address included a graphical presentation showing 3rd ID units in the conduct of operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Command Sergeants Major Howard and Gallagher followed and addressed their specific unit activities.

The official ceremony for Installation of the Association Officers for 2003-2005 was conducted Past President John Burke. Those officers elected at the General Membership Meeting on September 18, 2003 and installed at the dinner are as follows:

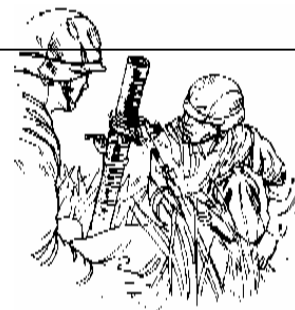
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- Vice President, James Drury
- Secretary, Richard McKiddy
- Treasurer, Lloyd Whitmer
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- Ronald (Pat) O'Connor
- Roger Lochman
- Whitney Mullen

President Ed Dojutrek expressed appreciation for services rendered by Association Officers during the period he had served as Vice President and the subsequent assumption of the Presidency. Ed presented Association Certificates of Appreciation to several officers including Chaplain Chuck Trout, Publicity Chair Richard Guimond, Trustees Roger Lochman and Whitney Mullen. He paid particular tribute to Treasurer Lloyd Whitmer for his support of the Regimental Dinner.

Richard Guimond, Assistant Treasurer, conducted the annual Raffle Drawing.

As a special event of the evening a "Salute to America" was made by Pennie Burke singing a medley of patriotic songs.

Completing the evening festivities, Command Sergeant Major Baker led the attendees in singing the 3rd Infantry Division song, "The Dog Faced Soldier".



Raffle Winners

By Lloyd Whitmer

The lucky winners in the 15th Infantry Regiment's Annual Raffle Drawing held at our Eleventh Annual Banquet at the Airport Marriott Hotel, St Louis, Missouri, on September 19, 2003 during the National Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division are as follows:

\$300 Cash Prize **Anthony Sorbero**
Amsterdam, NY
Co. I WWII

\$200 Cash Prize **Whitney Mullen**
Burlington, NC
Co. I WWII)

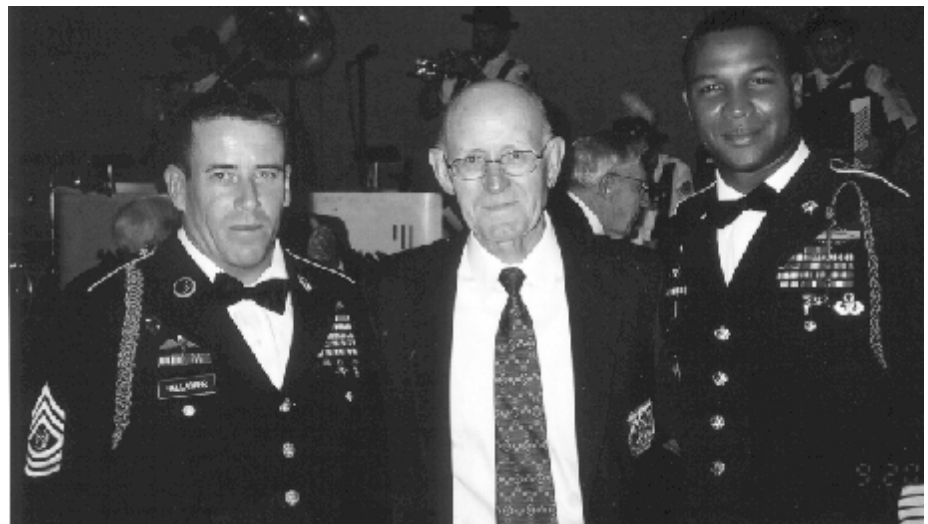
\$100 Cash Prize **Raymond I. Peck**
Tonawanda, NY
HQ 3rd Bn WWII

\$100 Cash Prize **George E. Cox**
Bloomingburg, NY
Co. B WWII

\$100 Cash Prize **Richard H. Wood**
St Paul, MN
Co. B & C WWII



Nile & Marianne Stuart with Henry & Pennie Burke
Company G, Korea 1951-1952



CSM Gallagher, 3rd Bn., John Burke, and CSM Howard, 1st Bn.



John Burke (left) reads a Certificate of Appreciation presented by Ed Dojutrek (center) to Dick Guimond (right).



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22nd, 1944. He was 19 years old and had reddish blonde hair. I know it is a long shot to hope that maybe some soldier that is still out there could possibly have any memory of Bill.

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I am looking for any information or memories of soldiers that served with my uncle, PVT Leo Breazeale, ASN 34 631 583, a member of Company I. He was temporarily interred in Plot 3-a, Row 5, Grave 6385, United States Military Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy. Final place of burial is Freewill Cemetery (3 miles south of Stewart, Mississippi). Leo was born February 2, 1924. He died February 4, 1944.

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My uncle Ignacio Godines from Alice Texas served in the 15th as a PFC in World War II. He was a POW for approximately 2 years. We don't have much information as to dates and area of operations when taken prisoner. I believe he was a rifleman and possibly taken prisoner in Italy. Any information you can provide will be much appreciated by all of us. Thank you.

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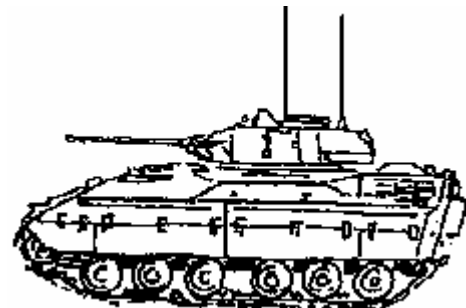
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Regimental History during The Cold War

By Tim Stoy

FORT BENNING, 1954-1958

The 15th Infantry returned to Fort Benning in late 1954. The 3d Infantry Division was at that time a training division, and the Regiment was a basic training unit. It remained so until 1957 when the Army adopted the pentomic organization, ending the era of the Infantry Regiment as a tactical organization. On 1 July 1957 the 15th Infantry Regiment was reorganized and redesignated the First Battle Group, 15th Infantry at Ft. Benning. The First Battalion became Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battle Group, 15th Infantry. In May 1958 the entire 3d Infantry Division moved to Germany, with the 1st Battle Group being stationed at Bamberg. The Battle Group first unfurled its colors on 17 May in Bamberg. The division conducted this move under the GYROSCOPE program, replacing the 10th Mountain Division that had been stationed in Northern Bavaria. The 1st Battle Group, 15th Infantry consisted of Headquarters Company, A, B, C, and D Companies, and Mortar Battery. The Mortar Battery had been formed at Ft. Benning from B Battery, 39th Field Artillery. It remained until February/March 1960, when it was deactivated. Its personnel were transferred to B Battery, 3d Howitzer Battalion, 76th Field Artillery.

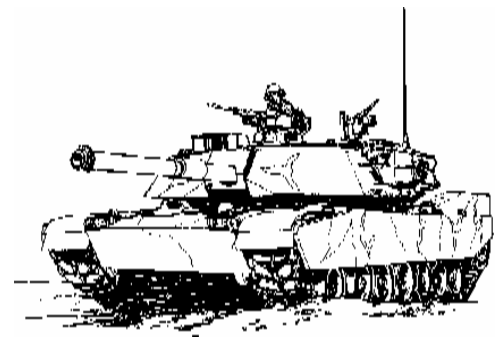
KITZINGEN, 1963-1991

On 15 July 1963 the 1st Battle Group moved to Harvey Barracks, Kitzingen. On 23 July, the battle group was reorganized and redesignated the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry. The battalion remained in Kitzingen for almost 28 years. While there it participated fully in the training regimen of US Army Europe, including many deployments to the major training areas in Germany: Hohenfels, Wildflecken, and Grafenwoehr. It also participated in many REFORGER exercises throughout that period.

On 10 May 1983 the Division 86 concept brought another reorganization to the battalion, adding D Company (which in this case was B Company from the deactivating 2d Battalion, 15th Infantry) as another line company, E Company as the anti-tank company, and reducing the size and mission of Headquarters Company, and deactivating the Combat Support Company. Also in 1983, the Battalion was the first unit in US Army Europe to field the new Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

In 1991, in the aftermath of NATO's Cold War victory, the US Army began its drawdown of forces stationed in Germany. The First Battalion was caught in this vortex and was directed to deactivate by 1 July. However, immediately after the battalion began to execute this order, it was ordered to send seven infantry platoons to Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. At the same time, the Fifth Battalion, 15th Infantry was serving in Schweinfurt, Germany, and was slated to remain in the active force. The Fifth Battalion had been activated on 16 June 1989, when the Second Battalion, 30th Infantry was redesignated. The Army decided to retain the First Battalion's colors on active duty. On 13 June the First Battalion furlled its color in Kitzingen, and the Fifth Battalion was redesignated the First Battalion on the 14th of June.

In our next installment the Regiment returns to Ft. Benning.



Swearing-in of the Association Officers at the St. Louis Dinner meeting from left to right; Ed Dojutrek, Richard McKiddy, Lloyd Whitmer, Henry Burke, Roger Lochman, and Whitney Mullen.

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