

# Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

April 2001

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



*Hold still while I send this message.*

Greetings from Bosnia-Herzegovina from the C Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion "Blacklions"! As part of Stabilization Force (SFOR) 8, C Co. 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 Blacklions lead the way. Day to day, you can find Blacklions conducting mounted and dismounted patrols in cities such as Brcko, Berka, and throughout the Brcko District, 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 reflect on their experience in Bosnia and will be proud to have served in this company on an operational deployment in the Balkans.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 Stewart.

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#### Saturday, May 19

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*The Dragon***Officers**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

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**Regimental History during the Boxer Rebellion**

By Tim Stoy

Beginning where we left off in our previous article:

**THE BOXER REBELLION**

The Regimental Headquarters, Band, and First Battalion arrived in San Francisco on 16 July 1900. They immediately boarded the Transport "Sumner" and sailed for Nagasaki, Japan on 17 July. Later in July, Companies I, K, and L left their stations for San Francisco and went into camp at the Presidio. M Company also came from Fort McPherson at the same time. The First Battalion arrived at Nagasaki on 10 August. There they transferred to the Transport "Indiana", and sailed for Tientsin via Taku on 13 August. The Battalion arrived off of the Taku forts (already captured by the allies) on 16 August. During the latter part of the month, the Battalion reconnoitered and skirmished continuously over the same terrain where the 9th Infantry had lost 100 men KIA (to include their Regimental Commander, Colonel Liscum). Despite the fact that the Boxers had been dispersed several months before, numerous small bands of fanatics were still operating in the country.

About 1 September, Companies A, B, and D were assigned the duty of escorting junks carrying supplies up the Pei Ho River to Peking. After completing this mission, Company C took station at Tientsin Arsenal on 6 September, while A Company occupied Tongku on the 22d. Through the latter part of November the Battalion was engaged in almost daily expeditions against small bands of Boxers lurking in nearby villages. On 25 November the First Battalion was relieved from duty with the China Relief Expedition and on the 28th arrived at Tongku. There it boarded the Transport "Rosecrans" and arrived at Nagasaki on 4 December, then continuing on to Manila, arriving on 13 December.

**THE PHILLIPINES, 1900-1902**

After lying at anchor in Manila Bay for eight days, the Regiment sailed for Legaspi Province of Albay. On 24 December Headquarters, the Band, and C and D Companies disembarked and took station at Legaspi. The transport continued to Tabacco, where B Company disembarked. Company A continued on to arrive at Mauban on 29 December. From then until 7 November 1901 the company conducted patrols to track the movement of the insurgent General Cailles. On 7 November A Company moved to Bulan and remained there until 28 December. It then moved on to Sorsogon. It departed there on 5 March 1902 and arrived at Santa Elena, Samar on the 11th.

Company B remained at Tabacco until 30 July 1901, conducting patrols throughout that period. On 30 July B Company proceeded to the Island of Cataduran. After five months of heavy scout work the company left for San Jose de Lagamoy, where it was engaged in tracking down bands of head hunters. On 31 July 1902 B Company returned to the Regiment.

C Company remained at Legaspi until 28 January 1902, when it left for the Island of Catanduranc. During the period 18 April to 31 July the company successively garrisoned Tabaco, Gubat, Santa Rita, Tones Island, Quentigean Island, and Balangigo. On 31 July it proceeded to Catbalogan and joined the Regiment which was preparing to return to the United States.

D Company remained on duty at Legaspi. Between 14 April and 31 July 1902 the company occupied Nueva Cacera (now Naga), Sorsogon, Bulan, and Point Binatao. On 31 July it left for the Regimental assembly point at Cabalogan.

**Mail Call**

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I'm writing a uncle's biography based on his numerous letters. He was PFC Johan S. Opheim who served with the Regiment from 1941 to August 28, 1944 when he was killed in Southern France. I am seeking all the information I can and would like to hear from anyone who may have served with him. One reference I have is a Alton A. Hovern who was with him when he was killed. Can anyone help me?

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I am trying to contact anyone who served in Co. B from June 1951 through March 1952. I am not too good at recalling names, but one stands out, PFC Windsted. We were in the 60mm Mortar Squad. Most of our tour was in the area of Outpost Kelly, the Sugarloaf, Dagmar and Old Baldy. Any information will be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Harold Taylor  
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I was wondering how many are still around that were at Ft. Lewis prior to Pearl Harbor.

I joined the Regimental HQ Company after completing basic at Camp Roberts in SEP 41. I remained with the Reg't in all the 3ID 10 campaigns and 4 amphibious landings. I remained with the Reg't through the cessation of hostilities in May 45. I returned home a couple months later on July 26, 1945. I was 22 when drafted. Now I'm 82. It would be interesting to know if any of the 15<sup>th</sup> from that era remain among the living.

Those I came in contact with have either passed away or communications with them has ceased. I'd like to hear from anyone serving in the Reg't at that time.

**Editor's Note.** Currently there are 27 members of the Association who served in the Reg't at or immediately prior to DEC 41. There are an additional 65 WWII members who did not report their dates of service.

**Mail Call continued on next page.**

**Application For Membership**  
*15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Reg't Association.

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

**Dues Schedule**

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**Mail Call continued from Page 4.**

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I'm anxious to find more information on my grandfather's service record. He served in the Regiment in North Africa. My Grandfather's name was Aniseto Saiza Verdugo. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

V. William Laughlin  
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Sorry I'm late with my dues. I'm getting old and forget. My wife remembered them. Also I have a new address. I didn't receive the last issue of the Dragon and I look forward to getting them. I am sending you an extra \$5.00 to help with stamps, etc. If I could I would send more.

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 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry and with the 756<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and the "Can Doers." My prayers are with all the young folks serving in Bosnia and other trouble spots. They are the best.

Virgil Brown  
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Guess I'm one of those that forgot to send in my dues. Sorry about that. But, the further into my 80's I get the easier it is to forget.

Gretchen Brockway  
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I am the widow of LTC (Ret) Arthur J. Brockway. I would like to become a Life

**Mail Call continued on Page 10.****Chaplains Corner**

By LTC Chuck Trout, Sr.

This is the time of year that everything is springing forward. A new breath of life and time to be thankful that we have a God who never lets us down; we can depend on Him to be faithful and unlike man; He is always there when we need Him.

For some of us, we have had a very rough and trying year; we have faced the winds that have come our way and, although ruffled, we have survived. My prayer for each of you is that when these winds, or problems come towards you, that you ask your Heavenly Father to adjust your sails so that you may do His will and not that of your own.

It has been said that when all things are going well we may not hear God as He calls our name; at that time His call seems like a whisper. Then as our problems become more severe, we begin to hear His calling a little louder. It is not until we feel we cannot make it alone that we hear God's "loud" voice as He brings us to our knees, which is where we should have started in the first place.

Please remember that after a storm, the birds begin to sing again; and so can we. God was with us in Korea and I can assure you that He is still but a prayer away. God bless all of you.

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**New Members continued on Page 8.**



**Richard Gordy III**

Richard Gordy III of LaGrange, GA died in June 2000. He served with Cannon Company from 1943 to 1945. He was born April 7, 1914. He was a member of the Association since 1997. Reported by his grandson.

**Leroy Dixon**

Leroy Dixon of Upland, CA died Feb 8, 2001. He served in Korea with G Co from AUG51- AUG54. He was a member of the Association since 1993. Reported by wife.

**Gerald W. Hawk**

Formerly of Lady Lake, FL, Hawk was a 1LT in K Company. He was wounded twice in Korea. A survivor of Outpost Harry, he died 1/21/2001. Reported by Martin Markley.

**James Gregory**

James Gregory 4-11-2000, LaGrange, TX. He was a member of the Association since 1998. He was a member of Cannon Company form NOV42 to OCT45

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of Association Officers will be conducted at the annual business meeting May 17,2001 held during the 2001 Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Stewart. The newly elected officers will be installed at the Regimental Dinner during the Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunion in September at Phoenix, AZ. The term of office is two years.

A Call for Nominations for Election was published in the January edition of *The Dragon*. The resulting list of nominees is shown on the Absentee Ballot below. The absentee ballot is to be used only by those who are unable to attend the business meeting.

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**ABSENTEE BALLOT**

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Indicate your acceptance, Yes or No for the slate of officers listed.

President	Leonard L. Lassor	Yes___ No___
Vice President	Edward E. Dojutrek	Yes___ No___
Secretary	J. Leon Lebowitz	Yes___ No___
Treasurer	Lloyd D. Whitmer	Yes___ No___
Trustees	Patrick D Heagerty	Yes___ No___
	Ronald (Pat) O'Connor,Jr	Yes___ No___
	Roger Lochman	Yes___ No___
	Whitney P. Mullen	Yes___ No___

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

-----✂-----CLIP & MAIL-----✂-----

Complete the above absentee ballot only if you are unable to attend the business meeting on May 17, 2001. Mail to John T. Burke ,address shown on page 2. **Absentee ballots must be mailed in time to arrive not later than May 10, 2001.**

**SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY  
DIVISION  
REUNION  
SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2001  
PHOENIX, AZ**

**15<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENTAL DINNER**

The annual 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regimental Dinner will be held Friday September 14, 2001 during the Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunion at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Phoenix, AZ. The hotel provides free drinks at their Embassy Suites Bar from 5:00-7:00 PM as a courtesy to all members staying at the hotel. For the dinner there will be two entrees:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef at \$35.00

Chicken Florentine at \$34.00.

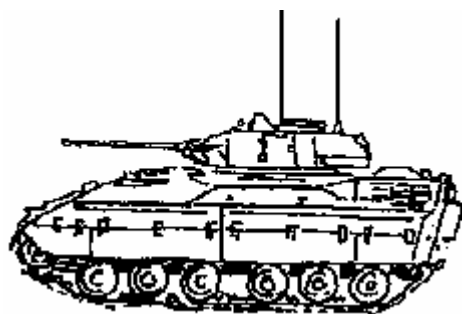
Prices include all gratuities and taxes. Each entree will include fresh garden salad, fresh seasonable vegetables, potatoes, rolls and butter, desert and beverage. Dinner will be from 7:00 to 8:00 PM and will be followed by a short program. It is not necessary to be a 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association member to attend the dinner. Any Rock of the Marne veteran is welcome and invited to attend.

Please make your reservations by sending the following:

- a. Your name, and unit
- b. Guest name
- c. Choice of Entree(s)
- d. Check or money order payable to: Treasurer, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association

Send your reservations and payment to Lloyd D. Whitmer, 7500 Mose Road, Navarre, and OH 44662.  
**Reservation and payment must be made prior to September 4, 2001.**

Those who make reservations early and for some reason will be unable to attend will receive a refund providing notification is made to the Treasurer prior to September 8, 2001. The Association is obligated to submit a final number of meals by that date and the costs thereof. There can be no walk-ins at all. For additional information call Lloyd Whitmer 330-756-2803 or John Burke 706-563-8909.



**FRANCE ISSUES A CERTIFICATE TO HONOR  
US VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II  
THANK-YOU-AMERICA CERTIFICATE**

The Ambassador of France to the United States, H.E. François Bujon de l'Estang has informed acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Hershel W. Gober, that the French authorities are issuing a certificate to recognize the participation of all American and allied soldiers who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France.

The certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. The certificate will not be issued posthumously. The ten Consuls General of France in the United States will issue the documents on behalf of the French authorities. They will do so in coordination with State Veterans Affairs offices, Veterans Service Organizations' national and states representatives and Veterans associations.

An application form can be obtained through Veterans Associations.

In agreement with the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Hershel W. Gober, in each of the fifty states, the French Consulates General and State Veterans Affairs Offices, Veterans Service Organizations' national and states representatives and Veterans Associations will identify the eligible veterans, review and certify the applications, prepare the certificates and organize the ceremonies to present the certificate.

**HAVE YOU HAD MAIL RETURNED?**

We learned that some members submitted their Rendezvous Registration/Reservation Form in accordance with instructions in the January edition of *The Dragon* only to have their mail returned with a stamp by the US Postal Service as "Not Deliverable As Addressed" or other similar message. The address that appeared in *The Dragon* was correct when the January edition was published. However, CPT Purdom was blind-sided by a subsequent change imposed by the Fort Stewart Post Office requiring the address shown in the instructions for the Registration/Reservation Form in this edition. When the problem became known, a request was made to continue delivery to the old address. Although agreement was reached, some articles of mail may have been returned to sender. In two instances, members reported a problem to CPT Purdom by phone and were informed of the new address. If you have experienced a problem, please note the address as published in this edition and send your Registration/Reservation Form prior to May 1, 2001.



### John's Message

Membership totals in our Association have continued about the same for the past couple of years. The make-up of the periods of service have changed somewhat. That is understandable in that the ranks of those representing earlier periods are thinning. Being a member of several other service oriented associations I am aware that such organizations experience the same situation that we do. All have various programs designed to recruit new members and retain old members. Studies of the effectiveness of these programs conclude pretty much the same results in that "Word of Mouth" is the most effective way of reaching both new and old. And at least three organizations have as slogans, "How to Get a New Member? ASK." If you know of a prospect, ask him to come on board. For your use you will see an application for membership form in each edition of *The Dragon*.

We are looking forward to the Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Stewart. Although LTC Banach and most of the 3-15 IN BN will not return from Bosnia until mid-April they have planned a most interesting event. The 1st BN from Fort Benning also plans to have as many attendees as they can. As you know the Rendezvous is normally scheduled as near as possible to the Regimental Organizational Day. For those attendees who were with the Regiment in 1946 you may be in for a special treat. Maylon "Clint" Taylor, a veteran from D Company, made a movie of the 1946 Regimental Organizational Day activities. He has converted it to VCR tape and provided it to the Association for whatever use desired. Plans are to show the tape at various times during the Rendezvous. He also has provided copies of unit orders directing the schedule and conduct of the ceremonies. The orders are signed by the Regimental Adjutant, who is none other than the prime mover in founding this Association and the Past Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, MG Maurice W. Kendall.

Other articles appear in this edition that I will not elaborate here on but would like to invite your attention to. These are Election of Officers and Constitution and By-laws Changes. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting at the Rendezvous you are encouraged to cast an absentee ballot. We'll count them too.

I was recently saddened by the death of an old friend. He was one of the "Greatest Generation", a WWII veteran and a man I respected so much. Another friend of his was unable to make it to the funeral but he sent as a tribute, a poem titled "A Veteran Died Today". It is not known if he actually composed it or not. Regardless, I think it very appropriate and with Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day just around the corner will share it with you as another item in this edition.

**CAN DO! HOOAH! JOHN**

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>

Register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. You can register the afternoon of May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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
<b>Event</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	_____ →		

### 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## A VETERAN 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 he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.

And though 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 old Bob has passed away,  
And the country's a little poorer for a veteran died today.

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

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land  
Some jerk who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who in time of war and strife,  
Goes to serve his country and offers up his life?

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

It's so easy to forget them, for it is so long ago  
That our Bobs and Jims and Johns went to battle, but we know.  
It was not the politicians and their compromises and ploys  
Who won for us our 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 Veteran who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and the country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common Veteran and his ranks are growing thin  
But his presence should remind us we might need his likes again.  
For when countries are in conflict, we find the military's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles that 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 FOR A VETERAN DIED TODAY**



## Mail Call continued from page 5.

Associate Member of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association. My husband was so proud to be on of the "Old China Hands". He served in Tientsin during the uprising. I lost him in January 2000. We would have been married 60 years in September. He was looking forward to going to this year's reunion.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September I had my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. So I am enclosing payment to become a Lifetime Associate Member.

Arlanda U. Ritchey  
5555 E. Ashcroft Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727

Just a short note with my application for membership to tell you something of my short time spent in the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. I enlisted in the Army in October 1940 and joined Company B, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry five days later. I left CO B in April 1942, "cadre duty". It was a sad day to leave my old Company but the choice was not mine to make. I served in the E.T.O. with another Infantry Division until discharged in 1945. I was a Buck Sergeant when I left the 15<sup>th</sup>. Retired as a First Sergeant.  
The 15<sup>th</sup> has always been my home unit.

George W. Flowers  
11582 State Hwy 72  
Millersville, MO 63766

I have been trying to find the men I served with in Service Company, back in 1945 into the first part of 1946. We were in or near a hospital in Wurzburg, Germany. I had been sick with the mumps and was taken there. I was originally with Company H and transferred to Service Co. The hospital caught fire in the kitchen and they took us outside. It was cold weather. The VA says there is no record. Please help me find anyone who may have been there.

Richard Simmons  
413-562-4965  
50 Holland Ave.  
Westfield, MA 01085  
Srfsim26@aol.com

I was stationed with F Co. from Oct45 to JUL46. I'm looking for information of anyone stationed the F Co. during that period of time. I was Co. clerk for a good portion of that period. Is there any information regarding personnel of that Co. at that time and there present whereabouts.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Following are changes to the Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Board of Trustees. The changes will be presented to the membership for approval at the annual membership meeting. Those unable to attend may cast an absentee vote by completing and mailing the form shown below prior to May 7,2001. Changes are underlined.

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I-DESIGNATION**

CHANGE TO READ: The name of the organization is the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association. It is a non-profit military service organization, established under the guidelines of Department of Defense Instruction 1000.15. REASON: The Army Regulation that the Association was originally organized under has been superseded. New guidelines are prescribed by a Department of Defense Instruction 1000.15. A review by the Judge Advocate, Fort Benning, GA recommends revisions to be consistent with the current directive.

**ARTICLE III-GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**3.2 AUDIT and 3.5 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:** DELETE: references to requirements of Army Regulation 210-4. REASON: See Article I reason.

**3.3 MISCELLANEOUS:** ADD: Neither appropriated fund activities nor nonappropriated fund instrumentalities may assert any claim to the assets, or incur or assume any obligation of the Association except as may arose out of contractual relationships. REASON: See Article I reason.

**ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP**

ADD: 4.6 No person because of race, color, creed, sex, age, disability or national origin, shall be unlawfully denied membership, excluded from participation, or subjected to unlawful discrimination by the Association. REASON: See Article I reason.

**BY-LAWS**

**SECTION II- DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**2.4 TREASURER:** DELETE: “prepares mailing labels, issues membership cards and certificates.” REASON: Clarity. A change approved by the membership in September 1999 assigned some of the Treasurer duties to the Membership Chairman but did not delete those duties from the Treasurer.

ADD: **2.4.1 ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Assists the Treasurer in managing financial transactions to include raffle mailing, sale of promotional items, and maintaining rosters. Assumes the responsibilities of the Treasurer in his absence. REASON: Lessons learned from past experiences have shown the need for back-up assistance to the Treasurer.

**SECTION VI-METHODS OF FINANCING**

**6.1 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FUND RAISING:** ADD: The Association shall be self –sustaining and there shall be no financial assistance from any nonappropriated fund instrumentality. Individual members of the Association understand that they will become liable for the obligations and debts of the Association if the assets of the Association are insufficient to discharge all liabilities. REASON: See Article I reason.

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**ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Please Mark One: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, For the changes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, Against changes

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: John T. Burke  
(Prior to May7) 5704 Hastings Square  
Columbus, GA 31909-4737

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