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Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



“The Old China Hands”

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Fellow Old China Hands,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that 2018 will be a great year for you.

The last months of 2017 were quite full for us. On 18 October, we and COL John Insani joined the Kendall family and friends to attend MG Maurice Kendall’s funeral service in the Post Chapel of Fort Myer and burial in Arlington National Cemetery. We were honored to represent the Association in bidding farewell to one of our Honorary Regimental Colonels and a man who played such a great role in the founding of the Association. On 16 November, the 3rd Battalion hosted the 15th Infantry Regimental Ball and we were pleased to have members of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association participate, along with our Honorary Sergeant Major, Mark Baker, Mike Horn, me, Monika, and Monika’s mom in attendance. It was great to be with the great young leaders who are carrying on our 15th Infantry traditions.

Monika, her mom, and I traveled to Houston, TX for the 30 November burial service of long-time Association member George S. Burks at the Houston National Military Cemetery. George served in L Company in WWII at Anzio and Southern France before being seriously wounded in the Vosges. We’ve known George since 2004, when he came to Europe for the 3rd ID Society 60th anniversary tour. He was a very proud Can Do officer, a good friend, and we will miss him.

LTC Marks, 3rd Battalion commander, has announced the battalion will conduct a Regimental ball in Savannah on 6 April. The Association is working with the Battalion to organize a Rendezvous with an ice-breaker on 4 April, regimental activities and an Association business meeting on 5 April, and the ball on 6 April. We will get the details out soon.

Through the hard work of Mike Horn and Acting Treasurer Tom Heitzer, the Association has been supporting the Battalion in fund raising activities to help defray the costs of the 6 April ball for its Soldiers. Under the auspices of the Association’s non-profit status, Battalion Soldiers (Association members) worked the concessions at the Jacksonville Jaguars home games and received a percentage of the proceeds as charitable contributions from the team. The Association will be retaining a portion of these funds to support our activities.

Tom Heitzer has done a great job as acting Treasurer to put the Association’s financial records in order and to update our record-keeping. John Campbell continues to find new ways of generating new members and Mike Horn continues to work closely with the Battalion while providing me with good counsel on how we can improve. I remain thankful to our Vice President, Tad Davis, who continues in his position despite his duties as a Senior Executive Service civilian in the Department of Defense, and to our Editor, Andrew Lerch, also serving in the Pentagon with important responsibilities.

In the past several issues I have asked our membership to consider running for elective office in the Association. I have not heard from anyone expressing a wish to serve as President, Vice-President, trustee, or any of our other open elective positions. We remain in violation of our constitution and bylaws and really need to get a new slate of officers for the Association willing to continue our Regiment’s proud Can Do tradition. I am asking each of you to seriously consider holding an elective office in the Association leadership. **Can Do! Tim**

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Taps

James C. Boatner-DM Fort Belvoir, VA MG, B CO, 1 BN, KW, 1952-53 DOD 01/07/2017 Reported by Tim Stoy	John D. Stavola-LM-CM Ambler, PA T/4, I CO, 3 BN, WII 1944-46 DOD 08/11/2017 Reported by daughter Janet Subacus	Orvel L. Romine-OPH Mcalester, OK SGT, G CO, 2 BN, KW 1953-54 DOD 10/15/2017 Reported by wife Betty Romine
Nile Stuart-LM La Habra, CA MSG, G CO, 2 BN, KW 1951-52 DOD 08/24/2017 Reported by Henry Burke	George S. Burks-LM Houston, TX CPT, L CO, 2 BN, WII, 1944 DOD 11/16/2017 Reported by son George Burks	Charles W. Jones-LM-OPH Spartanburg, SC SPC, F CO, 2 BN, KW, 1950-51 DOD 06/30/2017 Reported in Watch on the Rhine
Donald D. Hotz-LM Columbia, SC SFC, Med CO, REGT, KW, 1951-52 DOD 01/27/2017 Reported in Watch on the Rhine	Richard A. Koepke-Non Member Schaumburg, IL MAJ, K CO, 3 BN, WII, 1944-46 DOD 12/08/2017 Reported by Rich Heller	

New Members

John Peters-Reinstated Lincolndale, NY SP/5, HHC, 2 BN, CW, 1966-77	Gerald C. Breidenstein-Reinstated Buffalo, NY SGT, F CO, 2 BN, KW, 1952-54	Christopher L. Hopkins Washington, DC SPC, B CO, 3 BN, OIF, 2001-2006
Janet Subacus-Assoc. Ambler, PA Daughter of John Stavola	Lora Davis-Warren-Assoc. LM Columbus, GA Sister of Tad Davis	Anastasia Poydasheff-Assoc. LM Columbus, GA Wife of Robert Poydasheff
Scott W. Mueller-Reinstated APO, AP LTC, HHC, 1 BN, GWOT 2013-15	Lindol Adkisson Savannah, GA CPT, HHC, 3 BN, GWOT, 2017-	William B. Harrison-LM Hampton, VA SGT, HG, 1 BN, KW, 1950-51
Michael Walsh Conyers, GA 3 BN, GWOT	Paul Miyamasu-LM Williamsburg, VA LT, C & HHC, 2 BN, CW 1962-65	

Membership Report

NUMBER OF MEMBERS BY PERIOD

NUMBER OF CHINA HANDS	0
NUMBER OF WWII MEMBERS	37
NUMBER OF KOREA MEMBERS	137
NUMBER OF COLD WAR MEMBERS	94
NUMBER OF PEACETIME MEMBERS	16
NUMBER OF OEF FORCES	2
NUMBER OF OIF FORCES	8
NUMBER OF GWOT FORCES	63
<u>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</u>	<u>35</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS	392

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE

REGULAR LIFE	247
REGULAR ANNUAL	110
ASSOCIATE LIFE	18
<u>ASSOCIATE ANNUAL</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	392

Treasurer's Report – 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF 01/01/2017: \$ 6,656.67

INCOME FOR 2017:

DUES PAID BY CHECK:	\$ 1,180.00
PAYPAL (DUES PAID ONLINE):	\$ 928.70
REGIMENTAL DINNER INCOME:	\$ 2,214.93
LIFE MEMBERSHIP MONEY	\$ 2,227.04
INTEREST INCOME ON CHECKING:	\$ 1.87
DONATIONS:	\$ 8,500.82
TOTAL INCOME FOR 2017:	\$ 15,053.36

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2017:

PRINTING DRAGON:	\$ 1,765.31
MAILING OF DRAGON & POSTAGE:	\$ 760.94
MAILING SUPPLIES, ECT:	\$ 1,275.57
MAILING PERMIT:	\$ 225.00
FILING IRS FORM 990:	\$ 39.95
YAHOO (WEB SITE FEE):	\$ 103.60
PAYPAL FEES:	\$ 27.56
SERVICE CHARGE:	\$ 140.00
CHECKS FOR NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT:	\$ 20.50
COST FOR REGIMENTAL DINNERS:	\$ 2,214.93
REGIMENTAL DINNER DOWN PAYMENT:	\$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2017:	\$ 7,073.36

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

(\$ 8,067.20 GENERAL FUND MONEY)	
(\$ 952.80 MONUMENT FUND MONEY)	
(\$ 20 GIFT MEMBERSHIP FUND MONEY)	
(\$ 2,377.04 LIFE TRUST FUND MONEY)	
(Interest Income \$ 2.56)	
TOTAL BALANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	\$ 11,419.60

PAYPAL ACCOUNT: \$ 4.59

CD ACCOUNT: \$ 30,000.00 (Life Trust Fund Money)

RECAP FOR 2017:

TOTAL IN CHECKING BEFORE EXPENDITURES:	\$ 21,690.03
TOTAL MOVED TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	\$ 11,417.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM CHECKING:	\$ 7,073.36
TOTAL IN CHECKING AS OF 12/31/2017:	\$ 3,199.63

Active Battalion Update

3rd Battalion represents the Spartan Brigade Marne Week

The Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment showed their superb physical and athletic abilities in this year's Marne Week, which celebrated the Marne Division's 100th Anniversary. The China Battalion took first place in the team 10km race and the Functional Fitness competition in both the Men's and Women's Division. Our bowling team finished in second place overall and represented the unit well.

In addition to these dominant performances, the China Soldiers competed in the additional competitions: Marne Mile, Basketball, combatives, swimming, soccer, golf scramble, bowling, and football events. Our Battalion was an integral part of the Spartan Brigade winning the Commander's Cup for two consecutive years.



3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner

This year the China Battalion had the distinct honor and privilege of hosting the 2017 15th Infantry Regimental Dinner. On 16 November, Soldiers, their friends, and families gathered at Club Stewart to share in this event. Distinguished members of the 15th Infantry Regimental Association attended, including LTC(R) Tim Stoy, Regimental President and historian, and CSM(R) Mark Baker. This dinner presented a unique opportunity for younger Soldiers to engage and discuss experiences with multiple Korean War, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans. This dinner was a great reminder to all the Soldiers, past and present, of the momentous legacy and tradition of which we are a part. On behalf of the Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, thank you for attending the event and making the Regimental Dinner such a success. We look forward to seeing each of you next year and at the Regimental Ball in April.



Tactical Operations Center (TOC) Set Up Exercise

Soldiers from HHC improved their ability to fight in an austere environment by testing and employing mission command systems supporting the Battalion's Tactical Operation Center (TOC). On December 11, approximately thirty Soldiers participated in this event focused on testing our ability to execute combat operations abroad. The TOC Exercise (TOCEX) was vital to determine the unit's overall readiness, to validate our Tactical Standard Operating Procedures, test our mission command equipment and to prepare for future operations. The lessons learned will be applied during future exercises and training events.

Team and Squad Situational Training Exercises (STX)

B Company conducted Team and Squad Situational Training Exercises (STX) at the Urban Assault Course From 28-29 November 2017. These training events tested our junior leaders' ability to fight and win against a thinking enemy. The STX lanes encompassed multiple Individual Soldier and

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Team level skillsets, including buddy team bounding, assaulting multiple objectives, conducting urban operations, room clearing procedures, and then retrograding after encountering a superior enemy force. The lanes were executed during both day and night to enable Soldiers to become proficient with their night vision devices. The exercise concluded with the Can Do Soldiers executing a 12 mile foot march under full combat load. The Soldiers rucked straight into the next Company's mission, where the squads had to assault multiple objectives simultaneously.

Unstabilized Gunnery

The Scout Platoon (HHC) and elements from India Company executed unstabilized gunnery immediately following the Thanksgiving Holiday. Prior to starting the training event, each element conducted several days of critical skills and virtual training to demonstrate proficiency at employing heavy weapon systems and their ability to engage and destroy enemy targets. The brigade-level training event proved to be extremely beneficial for all of our crews.



Holiday Block Leave

The Battalion has returned after a well-deserved holiday leave period. The holiday block leave period is extremely important for our Soldiers and families to reconnect with their loved ones, represent the 15th Regiment in their various hometowns, and of course to relax like only a Can Do Soldier can!

The China Battalion command wishes each of the Can Do families a great new year. **Can Do!**

Event Announcements

Outpost International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division, in coordination with the Korean Defense Attaché's Office in Washington, DC, will host a Korean War Historical Seminar at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA 18-21 April 2018. Please contact Tim or Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or telephone (703) 912-4218 for further details.

Outpost International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division, in coordination with the Italian Defense Attaché's Office in Washington, DC, will host a WWII historical seminar dealing with the 3d Infantry Division's, and its sister units', campaigns in Italy, Southern France, and Germany at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, VA 19-22 September 2018. Please contact Tim or Monika Stoy at timmoni15@yahoo.com or telephone (703) 912-4218 for further details.

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