

## Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



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

July 2001

# 2001 RENDEZVOUS, MEMORABLE EVENT

By John Burke

Those who were fortunate to attend the 2001 Can Do Rendezvous; May 16-18, 2001 experienced a great mustering of past and present members of the Regiment. For those unable to attend, this report will highlight the events that took place. It was truly a rendezvous of all generations of Dragon soldiers. LTC Steve Banach and his Officers and Soldiers of the 3-15 Infantry at Fort Stewart really went full force in hosting the event. From the time of arrival of past veterans until conclusion, no stones were left unturned to unite all members into a close alliance.

At the initial Icebreaker all were treated to music from an element of the 3rd Infantry Division Band. After introductions of the 3-15 Infantry commanders/staff and the Association Officers, comradeship was the order of the evening. Time was taken to conduct the drawing of the winners of the Association Raffle. Winners are announced in another item of this newsletter.

On the second day a visit was made to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Museum. Those who may have

visited the facility in the past were pleasantly surprised at the upgrades accomplished and the theme devoted to the history and traditions of the Rock of the Marne Division. Many of the visitors indicated they were going to return later to view the many displays.

Following the Museum tour the business meeting was conducted in the 3-15 Infantry classroom. The meeting was well attended and included founding members Ramon Clarke, Jerry Cunningham, Michael Halik, Leonard Lassar, Norman MacIntyre and Whitney Mullen. The primary agenda item concluded at the meeting was the election of Officers to the Board of Trustees. A report on the meeting appears in the President's Message.

Lunch with the troops in the 3-15 Infantry Dining Facility was a special occasion. For those older veterans you will recall the facility as a Mess Hall. We dined with the "First Shirts" and "Yard Birds" alike. All older "GIs" who partook of the meal were very complimentary to the "Mess Sergeant" and staff.

The afternoon was filled with a visit a visit to the Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) facility and a static display of weapons and equipment. This event proved to be most interesting to the visiting veterans. The CCTT contains numerous simulators, each representing the hatch and drivers compartment of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Training in the device is just about as close to real world conditions as can be replicated. The visiting Can Doers were organized into groups of three and guided through a training exercise. Each person alternated positions as the vehicle commander, gunner and driver. After the training exercise a critique by the 3-15 IN personnel revealed that there had been some kills by friendly fire. Talk about realistic. The static display of weapons and equipment was an eye opener to all. The soldiers describing the items were extremely knowledgeable and explained each in clear terms understandable to those having never seen such modernized weapons and equipment.

During the second day, those ladies who opted were treated to a sightseeing-shopping trip to Savannah. The ladies were escorted by a select group of 3-15 Infantry volunteers. The trip included a horse and carriage tour of selected historical sites in downtown Savannah. Lunch together in a restaurant selected by the escorts was reported as exceptional. The ladies reported that their escorts were at their beckon call at all times and seldom let the ladies out of their sight, especially in

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

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**KNOW THIS POEM?**

In May 2000 Brigadier General John SD Eisenhower (Ret) shared with me his recollection of some lines of a poem regarding the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. His recollection is from his time as a youngster at Fort Lewis, Washington in 1940 when his father commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He indicated that the poem was rather long but a few lines that still stick in his memory are as follows:

In the land of Cathay, there's a phrase that they say when  
A difficult job is in view.

Just a Chinese refrain that is simple and plain: "Can Do."

"Can Do": A promise and prophecy too,

The slogan of people all over the chart, who go on and finish  
the jobs that they start.

Two words, but the spirit of those who come through: "Can Do."

I realize BG Eisenhower was reared in a military family and in those days allegiance to units that the fathers were assigned to ran deep. But I thought it great that particular lines of a poem learned as a 16-year-old youngster were recalled sixty years later. The 1-15 IN at Fort Benning and the 3-15 at Fort Stewart have been searching their memorabilia depositories for the entire poem but have not been able to locate it yet. Perhaps some of our members have all the verses to the poem. If so, would you please advise me and we will make arrangements to share with the entire membership.

John T. Burke  
5704 Hastings Square  
Columbus, GA 31909

**Below are the names of the new Association members from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion.**

BRIAN	G	ADKINS
EMIDIO		ALFEREZ
JOSEPH	D	ALTON
CHARLES	E	APONTE
RODNEY	W	ARROWOOD

**New Association members continues on Page 7.**

- James T. Kenny  
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**Mail Call**



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I am the daughter of Sgt. Carrol E. (Bud) Fairclo, L Company, who passed away 3 years ago. My brother Larry Fairclo is writing a book called, "The Quiet Hero" regarding his war experiences and how it effects the veteran and the family of the veteran. We lost his medals in a fire and it has taken 3 years to reissue them. They will be dedicated at the Veterans Facility in The Dalles, Oregon on May 6, 2001 at 6 PM. Anyone who knew my father, we would love to hear from you and chat.

Senator Walden's office of Oregon is writing a grant for monies for my brother to retrace my dad's footsteps in Italy; to see where he was shot, also the site of the German pill box where he captured the enemy and saved many men in his unit. Also in Italy, he is to get the last medal for our family's collection which is the Italian Medal of Valor. We also hope to obtain movie rights....my dad was a rodeo rider before and after the war.

Michael Burke  
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I was with C Company in Harvey Barracks from 75-77 in Kitzingen. I'm looking for others who were there at the same time. I was an M-60 gunner living on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our barracks. Later I was a M-203 grenadier and then to Weapons Platoon as a TOW Gunner and APC driver. Before I PCS'd I was in HHC as a bus driver. I'm looking for any information on anyone in C Company from 1974-1978.

I'm planning a trip back to Germany this summer to see the old barracks. I'd like to cross over the Czech border without getting shot at.

Michel Touriaire  
 General Manager  
 Semiramis Inter-Continental Hotel  
 Corniche El Nil, PO Box 60  
 Cairo, Egypt

I was born in 1947 and my parents have always told us the story of an American tank platoon which spent a few days at my parents house in the summer of 44.

I have done some research and found out that the unit was part of the 3rd Division which landed in Cavalaire on August 15th 1944. Looking at the units of the 3rd Division I found out that there were

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**Application For Membership**  
*15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association*

\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Units served in: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates served in 15<sup>th</sup> IN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership desired

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\_\_\_ 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.

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two tank battalions assigned as infantry support, namely the 601st and the 756th.

After discovering the 3rd Division website I wrote a letter to the editor. While reading the February issue of "Watch on the Rhine" I found an article on page 12 about Mr. Harold Taylor who was with the 15th Infantry that liberated the small town of Jonquieres on August 23rd 1944. I lived in Jonquieres for the past 5 years!

The most interesting part is that my parents' house is located at the southern entry of the town of Orange on the National Road 7. To go to Jonquieres you must pass in front of my parents house.

My parents were running a cafe named " Le Bon Coin". It is located at the junction of the National Road 7 and the road leading to Jonquieres and then Carpentras.

The reason for my letter, besides thanking the soldiers of the 3rd Division for liberating my country is to try to get some photos. My parents told me that many photos were taken especially with my brother who was 2 years old at that time. Unfortunately we never received any of these photos. I would appreciate contact from anyone who remembers that stopover.

I would be forever grateful. It has always been a dream of mine to thank the Hero's of my youth. Thanking you and with warmest regards.

Jeffery L. Purlee  
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I would like to know if any vets recall serving with my grandfather, SSG Alvania Cusick, during WWII. He landed at Fedela and took part in the invasion of Sicily going on to landing in Anzio spending time there till the breakout. He was in the invasion of southern France operation Dragoon. He was in the battle of the Colmar pocket for which he received a commendation. He crossed the Rhine at Worms according to 3rd ID history.

Neal Cornatzer  
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I'm looking for information regarding my grandfather, Clinton C. Cornatzer. He served during WWII. He was a medic. I believe his first operation was Anzio. If anyone has any information please contact me.

**Mail Call continues on Page 9.****Chaplains Corner**

By LTC Chuck Trout, Sr.

Almighty God: Having just celebrated Memorial Day, we stand in grateful acknowledgment of our past history. We thank you for those who have responded when their country called to bring us to this present hour. We acknowledge our debt to the brave men and women of all branches of the military who have given their lives for their country and for the freedom we now realize. May we never forget the value of their courage, nor the tenacity of their endurance, which has purchased us our peace and liberty.

Now, oh God, help us to prize this heritage that we may be true as they were true, loyal as they were loyal. Grant unto us the wisdom to weigh and evaluate the greater issues of life and forever live, fight and die for these great causes. We humbly pray for peace; not only among nations, but among and within ourselves. This we ask in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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the shops along the riverfront.

Day 3 included a golf outing and a picnic at a local Hinesville country club. Visiting veterans were teamed with active members of the 3-15 Infantry to try to handicap the teams evenly. The winning team consisted of LTG Bates and LTC Banach, who donated their awards to two lower ranking "rookies". After the golf match a sumptuous picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

The Regimental Dinner was a gala affair. The troops conducted a "Fallen Comrades Ceremony" that brought tears to the eyes of many of the attendees. The troops that conducted the ceremony were attired in uniforms and armed with weapons representing various periods of our history. LTC Dennis Smith, Commander of the 1-15 Infantry presented a briefing on activities of the battalion over the past year. LTC Banach then gave a presentation of the 3-15 Infantry activities, highlighting the recent deployment to Bosnia. LTG Bates, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, was the guest speaker. He gave a stirring address on the traditions of the Regiment, noting the experiences of Michael J. Daly, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroic action with Company A in World War II. Also, on behalf of the Association, LTG Bates presented awards honoring the NCO and Soldier of the Year to both the 1-15 Infantry and the 3-15 Infantry. Joining the attendees at the dinner was MG Maurice Kendall, former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and the individual most instrumental in founding the Association.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the 3-15 IN for hosting this great event. All will look forward to the next Rendezvous to be hosted by the 1-15 IN at Fort Benning next spring.



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Co I, WWII  
Reported by Henry Burke

## CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Proposed changes to the Association Constitution and By-laws were published in the April edition of *The Dragon* for consideration by the membership and a vote at the annual membership meeting scheduled for May 17, 2001. An absentee ballot was provided for members unable to attend the meeting. A total of 17 absentee ballots were cast. The last sentence of the proposed change to Section VI of the By-laws as published in *The Dragon* pertaining to members' liability was in error. This sentence was deleted from the proposed changes and thus was not deliberated or voted on at the meeting. The members present, together with the absentees, voted to adopt all other proposed changes.

## 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. The program includes an address by Denzil Batson, Company F, Korea. Denzil is the author of "We Called It War", an account of his service in 1951-52. 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.

By popular request, seating will be assigned in advance by Unit and Period of Service.

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.

**WINNERS OF THE 2001 RAFFLE**

The drawing for winners of the 2001 Raffle was held May 16, 2001 during the Icebreaker at the 2001 Can Do Rendezvous. Five winning tickets were drawn for a prize of \$100.00 each. As none of the winners were present checks have been mailed to them. The following were winners:

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**Our thanks for donating the  
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EVRON	C	FOLKES
EDDY	F	GALVAN-TORREZ
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JOSE		GARCIA
DWAYNE	R	GARDENER
JEFFREY	P	GARRETT
BRIAN	M	GEACY
BENJAMIN	F	GEDBYK
DEXTER	D	GHIST
MICHAEL	T	GIBBS
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JOHN	C	GRAY
WALTER	N	GREEN
TRACY	A	HADEN
BENJAMIN	F	HADLEY



## John's Message

### Welcome Home 3-15 Infantry

A big Can Do "Welcome Home" is extended to the 3-15 IN on their return from their tour in Bosnia- Herzegovina. Just prior to the Rendezvous during a visit with LTC Steve Banach, Battalion Commander, I learned a good deal more about the "peacekeeping" activities of the battalion at Camp McGovern than I had seen published in various chronicles. In my opinion, refereeing the populace of such a region would be a difficult and stressful mission. LTC Banach advised that the Can Do soldiers were up to the task at all times. Their talents and skills developed by their diverse training program were transferred to the mission at hand. His description of raids conducted on various banks to secure documents related to funding of illegal separatist activities was extremely interesting. Equally interesting was his account of raids to capture illegal weapons caches from various factions of the peoples living there. These missions required stealth in movement, immediate establishment of perimeter security and quick reaction forces. Their successful accomplishment of their missions will no doubt be used as lessons learned for follow on units deployed to the area.

### General Membership Meeting

At the general membership meeting a special welcome was made to LTG Jared Bates, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Also special recognition was made of Michael Horn and Thomas Twomey; Mike for his untiring work in publishing and distributing *The Dragon* and Tom for establishing and managing the Can Do Web Site.

The most recent new member of the Association was recognized as Austin Harjo, A Company, Korea 1952-53. Austin and his wife Louise traveled from Oklahoma after seeing the Rendezvous notice in a veteran's publication only a few days before. Recognition was also made of Mahlon (Clint) Taylor who contributed to each active battalion duplicate movies, photos and General Orders associated with Regimental Organizational Day in Germany in 1946.

Reports were rendered by the Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to be more consistent with current Department of Defense Instructions were approved for adoption. (See specific article herein) The prescribed election of Association Officers was conducted. The members present, together with absentee ballots cast, voted to approve the slate of officer candidates announced in the April *Dragon*. (See article herein)

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John

## NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Association presents annual NCO and Soldier of the Year awards to those deserving individuals selected by the Command Sergeants Major and "Murder Boards" from each of the active battalions. The awards are named for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from the respective battalions. Awards were made for 2001 at the Regimental Dinner during the Can Do Rendezvous. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, LTG Jared Bates presented the awards on behalf of the Association.

### 1-15 INFANTRY NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT Reuben T. Mankin, A Company was born in 1978, in Alice, TX. He graduated from high school in 1997. SGT Mankin then entered the Army in October 1997. SGT Mankin has received the Ranger Tab, Airborne and Air Assault Badges, the EIB, is Sniper qualified. Additionally, SGT Mankin was a competitor in the 2001 Best Ranger Competition.

### 1-15 INFANTRY SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

PFC John C. Bank, C Company was born in Baltimore, MD in July 1980, he moved to Vermont in 1983. PFC Bank attended high school at St. Johnsbury, Vt. He entered the Army in October of 1999 at Ft Benning, Ga. PFC Bank was then assigned to C/1-15 in March 2000, as an anti-armor riflemen and RTO. PFC Bank's goals include earn the EIB, attend Airborne and Air Assault training and complete college. PFC Bank's foremost goal is to be a credit to his unit and his country.

### 3-15 INFANTRY NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT Keith Morges, B Company was born in Abington, Pa in October 1977. He graduated from High School in 1996. SGT Morges then entered the Army in April 1998 at Ft Benning, Ga. SGT Morges was then assigned to B/3-15. SGT Morges currently serves as a squad leader. His goals are to attend Ranger school in September, transfer to the Ranger Regiment. His long term goals are to earn his E-6 within 2 years, and enjoy a lasting career in SOCOM.

### 3-15 INFANTRY SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

SPC Shane L. Beihl was born in Hudson, MI in January of 1980. He graduated from Hudson High School, May of 1999. SPC Biehl entered active duty August 1998. Following training at Fort Benning, GA, SPC Biehl has then assigned to B/3-15 Infantry, Ft Stewart, GA. SPC Biehl has served as an RTO, rifleman, and wheeled vehicle driver. SPC Biehl's near term goals are to be promoted to sergeant and to attend and successfully complete ranger school. His long term goals include achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class and earning his associate degree.



**CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR 3-15 INFANTRY**

At a Change of Command Ceremony at Fort Stewart, GA on January 12, 2001, LTC Stephen M. Twitty assumed command of the 3-15 Infantry from LTC Stephan J. Banach.

LTC Banach assumed command of the 3-75 Ranger Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, GA on June 27, 2001. The best wishes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association go with LTC Banach in his new assignment and career in the U.S Army.

LTC Twitty was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is a 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate from South Carolina State University and holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

LTC Twitty's duty assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader and Battalion S-3 Air from August 1985 through May 1989 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 327<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne (Air Assault) Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From October 1989 through May 1993, he served as the S3 Air for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, and Company Commander of B Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Stewart, Georgia. From May 1993 through May 1994, LTC Twitty served as a Joint Chiefs of Staff Intern in the Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5) in the Pentagon; and, from 1994 through 1995 served as the Speechwriter to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (DCSOPS). After completion of the Command and General Staff College, LTC Twitty served from June 1996 through April 1997 in Heidelberg, Germany as a G3 Operations Officer with V Corps. From April 1997 through June 1999, he served in Schweinfurt, Germany as the Battalion Executive Officer (XO) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and the Brigade Operations Officer (S3) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. From June 1999 through June 2001, LTC Twitty served in Mons, Belgium at the Supreme Headquarter Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) as the aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Commander in Chief US European Command (CINC-USEUCOM).

LTC Twitty's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Kosovo Medal, the NATO Medal, the Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the JCS Identification badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge.

LTC Twitty is married to the former Karen M. Wilson. He has a daughter, Ashley age 12.

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I'm looking for anyone knowing anything about my father Lt. Ralph Tenhundfeld who was shot somewhere in France in late 1944. I don't have lots of info. He died 2 weeks ago.

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I am interested in learning more about the experiences of my grandfather, Joe Joung, in WWII. He was with the 3<sup>rd</sup> BN. He's living in California while I currently live here in Europe. I see him only once every two years and I try to ask him as much as possible

about his experiences when he was here but he can only remember so much. He fought at Monte Cassino and landed in the South of France. He remembers the names of places like Lyons, Strasbourg, the Colmar pocket, and ending the war in Salzburg and then being transferred to Munich before returning to the US. He fought on the front for many months before being made a General's orderly. He recalls General O'Daniel, General Young, and General Clark but he doesn't recall much more. I'm currently traveling in Europe. I try to retrace my Granddad's footsteps and try to take some photos so I can send back to him. If anyone has been back to places like Besancon, Colmar, or the like and can recommend places to visit, I'd be greatly appreciative and would share my photos with you.

**Former 1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion Commander to War College**

LTC Robert Pricone, Commander of the 1st Battalion from July 1998 to July 2000, recently completed a yearlong assignment as Chief of the Tactics Department in the United States Army Infantry School. He is now attending the War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Our best wishes go with Bob and his family.

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ANTHONY	M	HAYNES
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ROBERT	C	HOWARD
JESSE	L	HOWELL
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VICTOR	E	WOOD
JEFF		YANG
CHARLES	M	ZABEL



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of Association Officers was conducted at the annual business meeting May 17,2001 held during the 2001 Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Stewart.GA. In addition to those members present and voting at the meeting there were a total of 18 absentee ballots cast. 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.

**Those elected are as follows:**

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

**Sick Call**



Following the 2001 Rendezvous, while sightseeing in the Savannah area, **Opal Kays, Jr**, Hq, 3 BN, Korea 52-53, took a nasty fall down some stairs along the riverfront . He was hospitalized and required extensive surgery. Ed Dojutrek, who was with Opal (known to most as JR) assisted him for most of the weekend. JR's daughter traveled from Indiana the next week and effected movement home. His recovery is expected to take quite some time. JR resides at 1045 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Vincennes, IN 42591

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
MAY 2001**

The membership rolls have increased considerably during the past quarter . The primary reason for the increase is the membership campaign of the 3-15 Infantry at Fort Stewart, GA. With the addition of these new active duty members the total membership is now near equally divided representing China-WWII, Korea, and Cold War- Ready Forces.

MEMBERS BY TYPE

REGULAR LIFE	141
REGULAR ANNUAL	599
ASSOC LIFE	1
ASSOC ANNUAL	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	749
FOUNDING	15
CHARTER	57
OTHER	<u>677</u>
TOTAL	749

**PERIODS REPRESENTED**

CHINA HAND	6
WORLD WAR II	214
KOREAN WAR	258
COLD WAR	46
READY FORCES	216
ASSOCIATE	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	749

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