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John T. Loveless, Jr.  
February 11, 1978

Edward A. Reilly  
February 8, 1978

### Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou  
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies; thou  
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.

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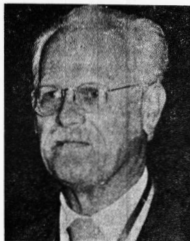
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1977-78 year to date	411
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*John T. Loveless,  
Retired Banker,  
Baltimore Native*

Funeral services for John T. Loveless Jr., 69, a retired bank trust officer who died Saturday at Mercy Hospital, will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Loring Byers funeral chapel, 8728 Liberty Road.

Mr. Loveless, who made his home in Dickeyville, started his banking career in 1925 with the old Safe Deposit and Trust



**Our Beloved John**

Co., which later merged with the Mercantile Bank. He became an authority on estate management and taxes before retiring in 1973.

During World War II, he saw action in Europe with 106th Infantry Division as an enlisted man and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944.

Following the war, he resumed his studies in law, started earlier at the Mount Vernon School of Law, and received his degree in 1948 from the University of Baltimore and became a member of the Maryland Bar Association.

Mr. Loveless, a native of Baltimore, was active in many community affairs, particularly those associated with churches including his own, the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In 1969, the Eastern College Alumni Association recognized his community activities and presented him with its annual silver bowl award. He was an officer in the Lewis and Harriet Ledereer Organization, which supported various local charities.

Surviving Mr. Loveless are his wife, the former Kathryn Grove; two daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Kemp of Prince George's County and Mrs. Althea Zimmerman, of Annapolis; a sister, Mrs. Regina Lee, and a brother, Joseph, both of Baltimore, and three grandchildren, John, Thomas and Brian Kemp.

Services for Sgt. Edward A. Reilly, 59, of Bloomfield, a detective with the Bloomfield Police Department, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in George Van Tassel's Community Funeral Home, 337 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield.

Sgt. Reilly died Wednesday in Columbus Hospital, Newark.

Sgt. Reilly joined the Bloomfield Police Force 31 years ago. He was a member of the Bloomfield PBA Local 32, and was an Army veteran of World War II. Born in Maplewood, he resided in Bloomfield most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Viola K.; a daughter, Mrs. William J. Morgan; two sons, Edward A. Jr. and Michael A.; his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Reilly; a sister, Mrs. Alfred Jost; four brothers, George E., Stanley F., James A. and Jack A., and two grandchildren.

*Above reprint from paper was forwarded by Flo & Tom Bickford.*

February, 1978

It is with deep regret that we report the loss of another of our 106th Association members. Ed Reilly passed away on February 8, 1978 from a heart attack.

Ed had just been appointed to the 106th Board of Directors this past year. He was one of the original cadre to the Division when it was formed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina in 1943 and he stayed with the 106th until it was deactivated in 1945.

Ed was a dedicated member of Service Btry., 591st serving the Btn. in supplies. He has been attending our yearly reunions over the years and it was always a joy to see him and his lovely wife, Vi. (Viola). Those of us who attended the reunions always looked forward to seeing and talking with the Reillys.

We, the men of Service Btry. 591st, will miss Ed. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Vi and the Reilly family.

Bill Dahlen

The shock that we hear is the one each of us fears to hear and that is, that a loved one has passed away.

To think I was in the bright sunshine with high temperatures and watering my citrus trees and then receive a phone call from John Gallagher, deep in snow and cold, that Chaplain John Loveless had passed away last night; this was my shock. It is the third shock I have received in the past few months. First, it was my favorite brother-in-law, then my best friend of almost fifty years and now the dearly beloved John Loveless.

I rejoice in the fact that John was a professing Christian and has gone to a greater reward than that which we all think we have here on Earth.

John was a wonderful person, a fine husband to Kay and the grandest Father Kay II and Althea could have. He beamed when talking about his grandchildren and they loved him with a love that only grandchildren can give.

If ever a man deserved the best it was John.

He served his family, his friends and his Country. He suffered miserably in a Prisoner of War Camp, yet came out with a forgiving heart, truly a great Christian.

He has served the 106th Division Association for many, many years and his columns, as Chaplain, in the Cub have been an inspiration to all. His Memorial services each year at Conventions were simple (as he was) yet moving and really telling the worth of the man in his love for his fellowman.

John loved the 106th and planned to attend the Miami-Bahamas Convention together with Kay, Althea and John Raymond. Also he told me to count him in for the trip to Europe in 1979. This was a man not thinking of Death but planning the future but as he and I often said, after all that we had been through we thanked the Lord for all his Blessings and that if he called we were ready; John was ready.

Don't mourn for John as this would be the last thing he would want. He would say as Hubert Humphrey said, "Let my passing be a celebration." Let's celebrate then that we who knew him are better off for having known him and having loved him. You may shed a tear as I have, for even Christ wept at the grave of his devoted servant Lazarus.

I hope John will look down upon us and pity poor mortals who think we shall live forever on this Earth. We are only ships in the night passing through the straits of life.

One of John's favorite Psalms and which he published in 1971 goes, "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor. Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet....O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the Earth."

Doug Coffey, COGL  
**BAG LUNCH**

(Memorial to Major General Alan W. Jones, 1894-1969)

**John T. Loveless Jr., COGL**, Chaplain 106th Infantry Division Association. John Loveless, our beloved Chaplain, one of the best known and most dedicated members of the Association, died at 11:45 PM, Saturday, February 11, 1978 at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Since his recovery from a heart attack suffered in December 1973, John had been well until he was suddenly taken ill on Sept. 21, 1977 and admitted to Mercy Hospital, Baltimore on Sept. 27, where he remained until Nov. 8, undergoing many tests and scans. His lungs were tapped four times for fluids. It was necessary to make an incision and insert a drain in his side, which remained in place until a week before his discharge. He was at home from Nov. 8 to Jan. 23, 1978, when a deterioration in his condition required his return to the hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at Lorraine Byers Funeral Home, Baltimore at 11:00 AM, Feb. 14, by Rev. James T. Tower, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church of which John and his family were members for many years. Interment was in Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore. Members of the Association attending were, Charles L. Smith, D-422 Fort Loudon, Md., John A. Middleton III, 106 Sig, Madison, NJ, Richard Hartman, Divarty, Baltimore, Md, Neil Gossom, Med., Det. 81st Engrs., Timonium, Md, Austin L. & Myrtle Byrd, A-589 FA Bn, Baltimore, William S. and Barbara Dahlen, Serv. Btry 591 FA Bn, Linthicum, Md.

John attended public schools in Baltimore and is a graduate of the Mt. Vernon School of Law, with an LLB in 1940 and was admitted to the bar in October of that year. John was a trust officer of the Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of Baltimore for many years until his retirement a few years ago. He was a faculty member of the American Institute of Banking. He is survived by his devoted wife Kay, COMGL, former President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Association, and two daughters, Mrs. Ray F. Kemp (known to all the Association as K-2), Bethesda, Md. and Mrs. Thomas Zimmerman (Althea), Bay Ridge, Annapolis, Md., and two sons.

We have scanned many issues of the CUB to read and record here some of the many references to the manifold activities of John in the service of this Association to which he was so dedicated: CUB-Vol. 4, June-July 1948, Page 88: "John T. Loveless Jr., Cpl. Hq. Co. 422 Inf. and a POW at Stalag IXB (Bad Orb), announces the birth of his second daughter (Althea) on Christmas Eve, 1947. He is an attorney, finishing his thesis for the degree, Master of Laws, University of Baltimore."

CUB, Vol. 8-Aug.-Sept. 1951-Minutes of Annual Meeting at Pittsburgh, July 20, 1951 "John T. Loveless of Baltimore Chapter offered facilities of that chapter to promote the next convention 1952. Motion was made and passed that his offer be accepted."

As a result the Sixth National Convention

was held July 25-27 1952 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. At this Reunion John was elected to the Board of Directors.

CUB, Vol. 11 Aug.-Sept. 1954-John Loveless was elected President of the Association at Eighth Annual Convention at Atlantic City, NJ. 1954.

CUB, Vol. 16 Sept.-Oct. 1959-No. 1 Annual Reunion of Service Btry. 592 FA Bn. was held at Hershey Park, Pa. Guests included John and Kay Loveless. He is National Chaplain and Kay is National President of the Ladies Auxiliary. They live in Baltimore."

(Note-Kay informs me that this was their first attendance at this reunion). They have been almost annual visitors to this event since, accompanied by their daughters and their husbands, and later by the Kemp sons (grandsons). John always took his family with him to Reunions and other Association activities. It is an admirable, Christian family of which to be proud. It is a tradition of the Association to bring the family.

In the early years of the Association the Chaplain was selected from the ordained ministers and priests who had served with the 106th Division as Chaplains. It is not clear just when John started as acting lay chaplain. His first Chaplain's message appeared in Vol. 13 Sept.-Oct. 1956, CUB. Thereafter they appeared regularly in each CUB. They deserve a rereading. The last appeared in Vol. 34 No. 1 Oct., Nov., Dec. 1977.

We are sure that John and Kay made all the flights to Belgium and St. Vith over the years. We know they went to St. Vith to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Bulge, although they did it in July instead of December. John delivered the Memorial address at the Division Memorial in St. Vith on July 20, 1969. In it he paid tribute to our late Division Commander, Major General Alan W. Jones who had died a few months earlier.

Now John has passed on to join that coterie of Golden Lions who preceded him including our Division leaders, General Jones, General Perrin, Asst. Div. Comdr. and Gen. Baker, Chief of Staff and some

former Presidents of this Association and all deceased Golden Lions. May they rest in peace.

Leo T. McMahon

## REQUIEM FOR A SAINTLY MAN

It is said that when Henry George and Cardinal Manning were once in conversation together, George said, "I came to love Christ because I found I could not serve humanity's deepest needs without him." And Manning replied, "I loved Christ, and then found that I could not resist the compulsion to love and serve humanity." Begin at either end and you come out about the same place: loving others and expressing that love by serving them and God.

Actor Robert Taylor told of a prayer their daughter Kathy once offered as a child. He said she often followed her formal prayer with some informal conversation with God, usually asking for many things. But one night, after her list of requests, she paused and added: "And now, God, what can I do for you?"

The above is quoted to begin to mirror the character of our brother, John Loveless, as we all knew him. He never missed an opportunity to enjoy the company of his compatriots of the 106th Division and took along his beloved family whom he taught to enjoy the people and things he loved.

He was a Christian gentleman and a devout Churchman. How many remember that he and his wife Kay were the only conventioners who year after year consistently made a point of going to church after the reunion was over on Sunday. Blessed are the man and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ.

John was many things to us in the Association.

In his profession of attorney he represented us in legal matters, and wrote our by-laws.

In his role as Chaplain he comforted all of us in our sorrows. Additionally, he labored to bring forth a meaningful memorial service for us at every reunion.

He was adept at composing citations for the Order of the Golden Lion (of which he was a deserving recipient) and to him this was a labor of love.

He delighted in hosting December meetings of the Baltimore area 106'ers.

He believed in his country and after every reunion took long trips to see as much of it as possible.

We shall surely miss him for ALL of his good works.

To Kay and her family, I say "God Bless you" and beg to quote Paul Gerhardt, who though he successively lost his entire family, wrote the hymn:

*"Give to the wind thy fears,  
Hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy  
tears,  
God shall lift up thy head."*

Sherod Collins

John served in Headquarters 422, was captured and was prisoner of war Dec. 1944 to April 1945.

In addition to being Chaplain of 106, he conducted the Memorial Service at our annual reunions, was past President, present member of board of directors and legal counsel.

He and Kay co-sponsored many Dec. 16 dinners.

John was awarded "Order of the Golden Lion" for his devoted service to our association.

"Well done our devoted and faithful servant."

John was a true friend of all, he served his fellowman with humility and compassion.

Tho he is dead of body yet he lives, through the words of wisdom he gave us in his Chaplain messages over the years such as the following from his message in The Cub (Oct, Nov, Dec, 1973)

*"Perhaps the time is here and now when we should re-think the reasons behind and the causes of wars. We, as vocal citizens in a*

*nation proud of its heritage of free speech, have magnificent opportunities to speak out in our families, in our communities, in our nation so as to learn from discussion with one another what we, individually and together, can do to help bring to fruition peace, just and lasting, and brotherhood among all men and nations. A people so capable of accomplishing such wonders of science, medicine and the production of material things surely should be capable of accomplishing the wonders of peace and brotherhood. Sincere desire and dedication on our part, plus the infinite help from the Almighty, is all that we need."*

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My message for this issue of "THE Cub" has a very sad note to it. The 106th Infantry Division Association has suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of our beloved Chaplain, John T. Loveless, Jr. John and Kay were a joy to know. No matter how difficult the situation, a cheery word from them and all was well. John's sound legal advice, his profound messages in the Cub, and his inspiring Memorial services are going to be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to his beloved wife, Kay and his family.

We up here in the Northeast have been rather busy digging our way out of the "Blizzard of '78." In central Mass. we had about 24 inches of snowfall and were pretty well dug out a couple of days later. Boston and Providence, R.I. didn't fare so well and the people along the shoreline were devastated. However, with the help of the Federal Government in the way of funds and military equipment and personnel, hundreds of volunteers, and numerous disaster relief funds everyone is getting back on their feet and are about ready for that next batch of white stuff! In some aspects it is reminiscent of our sojourn in the Schnee Eifel in 1944-45.

The plans for the 1978 reunion and cruise seem to be going well. We've received a communication from Doug Coffey to that effect and it lifted us right out of the "Blizzard" doldrums. Avis and I and our

daughter Barbara and her husband, George Allaire, will be attending.

Ben Britton, President

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

For most of us in the United States, this has been a very trying winter. The cold, combined with snow and long-enduring ice, has brought not a bracing effect to our lives but a crippling one. There must be a dozen varieties of influenza plaguing us. Sickness of body and spirit abound. Around the world people are still at each other's throats. Maybe for our country this isn't as bad as "the winter at Valley Forge" or the valient fight of the 106th and others during World War II, but the problems are still grave. Selfishness, hatred and greed create and/or magnify our difficulties.

Will we ever learn? Can't we see that the simple, yet all-encompassing answer, is the Lord's love for us and our sharing it with the world. That is what will unite us. If we truly accept God's love, we will spread it through all our actions and thoughts, which will be good.

Fortunately springtime will be here soon. With the warmer weather perhaps our hearts will be thawed, also, and we will have another chance of showing love, not hate. Passover and Easter, two celebrations illustrating and commemorating God's love for mankind, will be observed in this season of awakening and new growth. May our spirits feel this surge of life and love and spread it to the world.

"But then he calls for warmer weather, and the spring winds blow and all the river ice is broken." Psalm 147:18.

Above message was submitted by Kay "2" Kemp Loveless.

**Dec. 16  
CHICAGO**

Once again the men of the 106th and their wives of the Chicago area gathered for a dinner on December 10th to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

This year they gathered at the V.F.W. Post 3579 in Park Ridge, a northwest suburb of Chicago. After a buffet dinner some of the men and their wives danced, others just sat around, talked about old times and what they are doing now. Found out that three of us are members of Post 3579, Ben Carpenter, Bob Hempel and Russell Villwock.

Carol Beal of Iowa City makes it every year, all the way from Iowa, but some can't seem to make it that live right here in Chicago, because of the weather.

Ray Schlegal of Indianapolis, Indiana called to cancel because of the weather. Both Ray and his wife, Jane were disappointed, but there is always next year.

Father Boyle who lives in Michigan City, Indiana also sent his regrets because of the weather.

Others who were missed this year, Frank and Dorothy Anderson, Al and Sophie Miller, Geo. and Dorothy Renkem, all couldn't make it because of the weather, and Bernie Ingersol whose sister was being operated on also couldn't attend.

This has been an annual affair for a number of years now. Not all those that attend are members of the association. Each year we try to pick up a new member or two. This year we have four: Oliver Libman, James Teason, Edward Rydzinski, and Robert Hempel.

A note on the sad side, Clifford Geier past away about a year ago, and Vernon Lee about two years ago. Both were members of the Chicago Chapter when it was active. Both, I understand, were members of association years ago.

Those that attended this year: Mr. & Mrs. Henning, Mr. & Mrs. Lucsay, Mr. & Mrs. Meagher, Mr. & Mrs. Rybinski, Mr. & Mrs. Hempel, Mr. & Mrs. Bieze, Mr. & Mrs. Holder, Mr. & Mrs. Teason, Mr. & Mrs. Libman, Mr. & Mrs. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Villwock, Carol Beal and Ben Carpenter.

I notice that another event happened in the history of the United States on December 16th - The Boston Tea Party in 1773.

Best Regards,  
Russell Villwock

**Dec. 16**  
**ATLANTA AREA BATTLE OF THE**  
**BULGE PARTY**

We had a great party!

On Sunday Dec. 18th, 34 Atlanta area Golden Lions got together at Fort McPherson Officers' Club at our annual "Bulge" commemoration to greet each other, renew friendships, meet new attendees, fight a little of the war over again, and share the warm feelings that always occur when 2 or more 106'ers get together.

The Club has a buffet "ship and shore" dinner on Sunday nights, and this delightful meal was augmented for us by a private dining room all of this being arranged for by our good friend and member, Col. Joe Puett.

Coming from the greatest distances were Paul and Lib McMillan, and new member Jim and Edith Bryan all of Macon, Ga. Also our dedicated Memorials Chairman and family from Port Charlotte, Fla., Doug Coffey, wife Isabel and son-in-law and daughter Bob and Jane Flaherty. The latter lives in Marietta, Ga. now and nearby, which gives Doug another good reason for coming so far (a very good reason).

Other interested and happy people attending were: from Atlanta—Sherod Collins and Harriet McDowell, and Sandy and Joe Grossbart; from Palmetto—L.B. and Hazle Bradley, and Robert Astin; from Norcross—Ira Bottoms; from Marietta—Duke and Martha Ward; from Lithia Springs—N.L. and Yvonne Mosley, and Mrs. Murell Widby; from East Point—Bob and Thelma Burkes; from Stone Mountain—Carroll and Alma Padgett; from Forest Park—Bill and Carolyn Alexander; from Roswell—Hank and Betty Freedman; and from Griffin—Bob Howell (sorry you were sick Louise). Our host, Col. Joe Puett and his lovely wife Ida are from Chamblee.

After 3 or more hours of good talk, fun and fellowship, we left with the hope that we could "do it again next year."

—by Sherod Collins



**Bill and Carolyn Alexander**



**Sherod Collins and friend**



**Isabell Coffey  
Hazel Bradley  
Ida Puett**



Dear Stella and John,

From all reports, Pennsylvania has suffered through this winter the same as we here in Ohio have. I think every record for temperature, snow fall, and whatever has been broken.

Our December Reunion Dinner at Gilder's was the smallest ever this year. Those present besides the Gilder's and Fritz's were, June and Bob Walker, Willie and Chuck Garn and Vivian and Lyle McCulloch. We had a real good time, but it looks as though we'll have to move it to Florida next year to get some of our old stand-by's back again.

Our new grandson, James Aloysius Mahony arrived on December 29, 1977. He is the first child of our oldest daughter, Nan and her husband, Marty. Both are doing fine and we are really enjoying him.

Last Monday, February 13, 1978, Martha fell at work and broke her leg in 7 places between the knee and ankle. She is recuperating nicely at Elyria Memorial Hospital but naturally she will be laid up for a considerable length of time.

We are looking forward to the reunion in Florida and the boat trip with much anticipation. We'll see everyone there and hope for a good turn out.

As Ever,  
Martha and John Fritz

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Walt:

Was at a party Saturday (January 21, 1978) at the Park Ridge V.F.W. During the conversation of the evening with a couple that was sitting at the table, Betty and Math Gross, found out that Math was with the 106th. He was in the 422nd Infantry Regiment at Camp Atterbury and was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge. Math froze his toes on the march to Stalag 4-B.

Both Math and his wife, Betty, was happy to meet some one from the 106th. I was the first one he has met since being home. He didn't know about the Association, but was happy to become a member. Enclosed are his dues for 1977/78.

Send them what you can on this year's reunion if there is space left. Mathew M. Gross lives at 2837 North Long, Chicago, Illinois 60641.

Walt, hope you and Lillian enjoyed the holidays, and that 1978 will be better for you than 1977 was.

Best Regards,  
Russell Villwock  
106th Signal Bn.

Dear John:

Words cannot express our sadness at hearing of the death of our beloved John Loveless. Our reunions won't be the same without him, but what great memories we have—the work he put into the memorial services, his bustling about with the grandchildren, and most of all his love for the 106th. Kay has our prayers and love at this difficult time.

Hope everyone had a good holiday season. We made a trip to Pa. and northeastern New York to visit relatives and saw Fred and Agnes Chase for a short visit. We had better traveling weather up there than we have had in Cincinnati. These past two winters here must be similar to those in Alaska. The old snow shovel has really had a workout.

We took a chance and went to the Gilder's for the Ohio reunion in December. It was a small group because of the snow, but we had good 106th weather both up and back.

Hope to see everyone in Miami in July.

Bob and June Walker

Dear John,

Enclosed with this letter is the write up of John Loveless, that I had clipped from the Baltimore Sun. I wanted to get it out to you last week, but was away on business. Thought you may want to reprint it in the Cub.

I went to the viewing last Tuesday evening and spend a couple of hours with Kay and her family. The basket of flowers from the Association were absolutely beautiful. It was made of Yellow mums, yellow snapdragons, and yellow and orange glads. The ribbon was red with the inscription of 106 Infantry Division Association in gold letters. The family along with myself were very impressed with the arrangement. Kay had received quite a few calls from members of the Association from various parts of the States. Will try and visit Kay in the near future, but will wait until things settle down somewhat.

I am still with Williams Construction Company, Inc. in Baltimore as an Office Manager. Have gotten a few more contracts, so that keeps us going for a couple more years, and then I hope I am in the position to go into semi-retirement.

Hope everything is going well with you and your family. Keep up the good work on the Cub, as I really enjoy very much.

Respectfully yours,  
Charlie Smith

Imagine my surprise and chagrin when I opened up the last issue of the Cub only to find my picture prominently displayed, thanks to the good offices of Sherrod Collins, the mail orderly of the 324th Inf. vintage 1944/.

Seriously though, it was nostalgic and redeeming to know that I have made it this far since then, and that I have been able to take off about 30 pounds and look a little more decent.

If there is anything that I can do to be of any assistance to promote the good and welfare of the Division Association I would be very happy to do all that I can in that direction. Personal regards to all of my friends in the Division especially those portrayed in the picture of the Personnel Section of the 423rd as appeared in the Cub of the most recent issue. If they are within reading range, I sure would appreciate hearing from any or all of them.

Sincerely,  
Gilbert Marcus

Dear Walter:

After spending 30 years plus in the Army, I have finally retired.

On moving into our new home and putting together my trophy room, I have developed a problem - I have nothing to hang on my wall to show I was a member of the 106th Infantry Division during World War II.

I am a former member of Co A., 81st Engineer Battalion and a member of the Association.

Does the Association sell anything I can hang on my wall, with the Division patch on it or something, in the way of plaque, emblem, or scroll that I could purchase.

Appreciate anything you can do to help.

Sincerely,  
Orfeo E. Agostini

**Dear Lill & Walt:**

Hope you've had happy holidays and things are looking up for you folks. You both surely deserve the best.

Your hard-time consuming tasks for the 106th Infantry Division Association as Adjutant shows you put in a lot of time and effort. I know we all are grateful for all you are both doing. Just do not overdo it as we all want you around for a long time.

Often recall the fun we had on our trip to Europe. Especially the last night in Bonn, Germany. I even cried with pleasure—come to think of it we all did. Wouldn't it be just great if we could all do it again in 1979? I'd love to take in the Holy Land and Ireland this time. Do you think this possible?

Do you have any idea what the program will be like or when we will find out? Carol Beals and I are both planning on sharing a room again. Don't think Frank and I will be taking the cruise this July as it doesn't interest us.

We hope to take a trip to Cocoa, Florida to see my brother who has been ill. On our way we hope to see Frank's former Lt., who retired as Col. Robert Wessels. He lives in Huntsville, Alabama, the same town my niece lives in. They both worked at the Redstone Arsenal there. He has retired from there a short while ago. He was a West Point graduate before joining the 106th Infantry Division. Frank thought he was the greatest.

Please take the best care of yourselves. God Bless.

Please write to let us know how you're doing.

Affectionately,  
Frank & Gabe Dobe

#### UPDATE

**Jack Zuckerman, C/423rd**  
71-23 167th Street  
Flushing, New York 11365

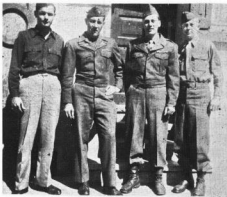
President of Council of Supervisors & Administrators, Local 1 AFSA. Son, Dr. Marc is an Intern at Bay State Hospital, Springfield, Mass. Daughter is a law student at Columbia University Law School. Wife is Sixth grade teacher.

**Nicholas Sinco, C/591st FA**

3176 Kennedy Blvd.

Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

I am single and retired. I worked for Brockway Motor Trucks for 12 years at Elizabeth, New Jersey till they closed down by Mack Trucks Inc. In 1932, I was a Corporal in the 109th F.A. in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania and was in the 244th Coastal Artillery in 14th Street Armory in New York, N.Y., when we were called into service in 1940. I was in the Aleutian Island, Central Europe and Rhineland Theatre of Operation. Enclosed is a black & white photograph taken in 1945 in Breton, Germany. In the picture is myself (S/Sgt) with officers of Battery C, 591st F.A. Bn. at our Lion Club. I would appreciate it if you could publish it in the next issue of the CUB.



**Sinco - 591-C**

**John Stribrny** Anti-Tank/424th  
12639 Timberlane Drive  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Family has been busy building a log cabin on our 12 acre tract in the Ottawa National Forest. No power up there so it is all hand hewn and oil lamps. Our root cellar dug into the side of the hill is very much like the old dugouts in the Ardennes. Wonder how many "Hams" we have in the outfit. Would be nice to set up an informal net on the 16th of every month. Call here is WB9CJB and I work 80, 40 and 20 meters—CW or phone, "73.

**William E. Hutchinson** Sv/591st FA  
Route 2 - Bangall Road  
Parish, N.Y. 13131

Children all well. Wife, Betty, going for hip joint replacement. Working seven days a week trying to keep up with snow. I am Supervision Foreman for County Ice & Snow Control. Sorry so late with dues. Had a phone call from Jack Schlessner. Glad to hear from him. Had a nice visit with John Jones from Binghamton, New York this Fall. Try to visit him twice yearly.

**Betty E. Davidson** ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
P. O. Box 222  
Lumberport, West Virginia 26386

The three (3) kids and I are fine. Don, the oldest, is out of a job due to the closing of a glass factory. Shirley is still living in Puerto Rico. Her husband is an Engineer there for Union Carbide. Bob, the youngest, is a freshman at Fairmas State College. I just had a cast removed from a broken right arm (Christmas present). I couldn't write or anything else. Hope this gets back in time. (Dues & Mem. Fund donation).

**William T. Thorn**, L/422nd  
1604 North Breiel Blvd.  
Middletown, Ohio 45045

New Grandson, William Templeton Thorn III was born April 17, 1977.

**Allen L. Lowith** CN/423rd  
1062 S. Mansfield  
Los Angeles, California 90019

As most of the 106th were P.O.W. less than 6 months - the need to work with the American EX-P.O.W. Assoc. to strengthen the bill up in Congress that might give 50% disability for those P.O.W.'s of 6months or more - regardless of the fact that length of time is not as important as what type of treatment or the condition of the weather as was in our case, extreme cold one of the worst winters in recent history. This extreme cold, lack of proper food & diet and the long marches and the four to five days boxed in the box cars—with no food, water, toilet facilities, coupled with the extreme cold and disentary & dehydration-frozen feet com-

pressed in a short time & severe trauma. Now that all of us are getting at that age—those conditions are starting to show up in physical disabilities none of us ever dreamed would occur. We need records, etc., especially our Kriegie buddies to back up treatments and mistreatments & conditions that are now starting to limit us physically & mentally.

**George Axelrod**, M.D. 331st Med. Bn. Hq.  
Apt. 505-2400 Presidential Way  
West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

Please note my new address. Have retired to the Snowless State—the Sunny State.

**William S. Blaher** I/422  
13 Norton Drive  
Flemington, n.j. 08822

Three (3) new Grandchildren added to our family this past year making a total of five (5). Our dining room table is a little crowded now. Active still in County Civil Defense (25 years), Lions Club and Synagogue.

**Arthur J. Helmbreck** A.T. Co./423rd  
R.D.#2 - Box 369  
Albion, Pa., 16401

Would you please send me your membership form for the 106th Infantry Division Association. I started with the 106th in Fort Jackson, S.C., in March, 1943 and was with them until November, 1945. My dentist, Dr. John Robb (D/422nd), told me about joining; he and I were in Bad Orb together. I work for Penelec Company as a radio dispatcher; married 32 years, have one (1) child and three (3) grandchildren; own my own home. Wife and I are interested in antiques.

**Joseph A. Meola** A/591st FA  
12 Meola Road  
Congers, New York 10920

I recently got married (wife-Marie) and also retired and doing O.K. On August 4th, 5th and 6th, 1978, Battery A, 591st F.A. Bn. will have its reunion in La Crosse Wisconsin.

**Chester M. Buschemeyer** Sv/591st F.A.  
9402 Pembroke Street  
Houston, Texas 77016

Sorry I am late with my dues; can't seem to get around to get anything done. Sure would like to see all of you. But can't get there. I am a machinist and doing pretty good. Also got rabbits for sale too. Tell everyone hello. Rabbits are nice, and may pay off for us one of these days. However, they are a 36 hour a day job.

**William B. Harris** Service Co., 423rd Inf. Reg.  
409 Sunset Road  
West Reading, PA 19611

I was drafted in 1943, and was one of the original 18 year olds that formed the bulk of the 106th Div. at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Remained with the Division through its entire history, and was discharged at Ft. Chaffe, Ark. in 1945. I am very proud to become a member of this Assoc. I was one of the original 117 signers of the papers to organize the Association at Camp Lucky Strike in 1945. Am married and have two sons, Jim & Bruce.

**Dr. J.G. Rodriguez** C/422nd  
1550 Beacon Hill  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

We have recently become grandparents to Marisa Carmen Segnitz, daughter of Dr. Jan and Carmen Rodriguez Segnitz.

**Francis J. Dobe** C/422nd  
264 Belmont Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03103

Presently at Manchester V.A. Hospital for evaluation on heart, pancrease, kidneys, G.I. Series, liver biopsy and spinal tap. Listed as a diabetic, hypoglycemic, and heart condition. Retired for four (4) years. Wife still working in a local hospital laboratory. Please convey our good wishes to everyone in the 106th Infantry Division Association.

**Thomas M. Lowery III** H/423rd  
504 South Ingraham Ave.  
Lakeland, Florida 33801

I am a reinstated member. Have been with International Minerals Corp. (IMC) for 26

years. Lost my dear wife last February (1977). Three fine children still living at home. We camp a lot with our trailer. Sherod Collins and I enjoyed a visit near my home recently. We were in the same company at one time and had same M.O.S. at another time.

**Louis S. LeTellier, Jr.**, C/81st Engrs.  
1166 Catalina Road East  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Thanks for the reminder. Enclosed find dues and donation. The high point of this year was our son's graduation from the Citadel with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. We are pleased he is working for us at Danlee Construction Company. Hope that 1978 will be one of the finest for Lillian and you. Best Regards.

**Martin J. Dever** DHQ  
272 W. Ridgewood Avenue  
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

My wife, Dorothy, and I are alone at home now. Connie, our married daughter, and Doug, her husband are living in Lima, Ohio and have a lovely little girl, Christine, 4½ years old. Martin, Jr. and his wife, Donna, are living in Virginia Beach. Martin is admitted to the Virginia Bar and is at present working with a federal judge in Norfolk. Donna is teaching in Virginia Beach. Ronnie is single, and has an apartment in Bogota, New Jersey and is working as a research assistant on Wall St.

**Paul Dargon** Hq./589th FA  
P.O. Box 171  
Carlisle, PA 17013

Please accept the small check as a little token of the season—for purposes fits Assoc. that is best. I am wishing you and all the members of the Association the gladness of Christmas which is hope, the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the essence of Christmas which is love. I hope that soon—once again—I can attend a reunion. But circumstances have prevented my doing so except for one time. Please pass this card around as I intend these remarks for all. Thanks for all the service you officers of the Association—such as you, John Gallagher, General McMahon, etc., give to all. Most of

us do nothing but accept the results of your labors. It is always wonderful. My best to you and all the 106th Infantry Division Assoc., members.

**David B. Slayton**, A/422nd

648 Terrylynn Place

Long Beach, Calif. 90807

Assistant Rabbon, El Bekal Shrine Temple 1978 Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of California.

**Clinton R. Elliott** B. Btry., 592 Fld. Arty.

14839 38th Ave. So.

Seattle, Wash. 98168

At the present time I am 59 years old, unable to work as I have had open heart surgery and never can work again. I also injured a knee in Europe.

I have five children, my oldest daughter and her husband just retired from the Navy air force after 20 years. My second child, a son is an iron worker. My third child joined the Army and served one hitch. Then rejoined and was in two months and was killed. My youngest son joined the Army and served in Viet Nam. He had his back broken, his spine was crushed while in the service.

My wife's name is Mary, and my youngest daughter is Barbara. She is married to a sailor, he served in the Navy on the USS Princeton in Viet Nam. He is a bus driver here in Seattle now.

I have seven grandchildren and love them all.

**Raymond J. Creamer** Ser./589th FA

48 Leonard Road

Milltown, New Jersey 08850

My, how time flies by. Still living here in "Jersey" where I keep busy working (what else) and enjoying my hobbies of raising fancy pigeons, doves, rabbits, as well as being a loyal Rutgers supporter in football, basketball and lacrosse. Would like to hear from any others with similar interests. (Pausing to remember month of December and the next few weeks, when all hell broke loose near St. Vith.). Seems unbelievable I'm

here. Whenever I start to feel low—I say myself, "hey" you almost didn't make it; so what are you complaining about—Also remembering the guys who didn't make it. May their souls rest in peace.

**James N. Adkins**, C/423rd

5232 Commonwealth Ave.

Jacksonville, Fla. 32205

James, Jr. graduated from Jacksonville University and is now a licensed Minister. Virginia is now married and on October 7th presented me with an 8 lb. 4 oz. Grandson. Bobby is out of school and working with a Roofing Co. Marsha is in the 7th Grade and is a very pretty curly red headed 12 year old. Sorry I slipped up and didn't send my dues. Forever a Lion.

**Fred W. Addison**, 106th Band

65 N. Mobile Street

Mobile, Alabama 36607

My family and I are enjoying abundant Good Health. We wish all you Wonderful Guys & Dolls the Best of the Very Best.

**Phillip R. Leswing**, B/592nd FA

309 Red Barn Road

Willow Grove, PA. 19090

Just had another of my former associates from Btry. B. 592nd FA contact me and when he heard about our organization—well he just cannot wait to join. Please send him an application and, if possible, arrange for him to get a sample of the CUB. He is: Clinton R. Elliott, 14839 38th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, 98168. Clinton has a vivid memory of the events of 43' through 45' and evidently is quite a collector of memorabilia. When I wrote that histories were available he wanted to know where to purchase them. It is just too bad that there are still men like Clinton around who are still unaware of our fine organization. Unfortunately, there are some who are aware but just haven't gotten around to making the plunge. I've been working on four like that for years. By the way, Walt, do you know Bob Wendell of the Latrobe Police Force? He lives on Park Avenue, Latrobe. My wife

And I visited him along with a good friend of  
 s and mine when I played golf out at  
 Latrobe Country Club. As a matter of fact  
 just to let you know when it was—Arnie  
 Pfalmer completed his around-the-world  
 flight the day I played Latrobe and Bob took  
 our wives to the airport to see Arnie Palmer.  
 As for me, I've only gotten to one reunion  
 (Valley Forge) in all the years I've belonged  
 to the 106th. That's a sad record but not an  
 indication of my enthusiasm. I have written  
 just recently to nine (9) Btry. B men about  
 the possibility of going to Europe in 1979.  
 Thanks to people like yourself we have a  
 group to be proud of. Thank you for your  
 efforts. The very best to you and yours in this  
 holiday season and in the coming year.

Henry E. (Hank) **Freedman**, Reg. Hdqrs. Co.  
 422nd

115 Harness Trail  
 Roswell, Georgia 30076

Still buying TV & Stereo at Rich's Store  
 for over 24 years. Oldest son, Robby,  
 recently married. Other son, Alan, is a  
 student at Univ. of Georgia. Would like to  
 know whereabouts of Emanuel Frawert, Joe  
 Kantor, Paul Stern, Art Levitt, Wm.  
 Langfelder, Sol Himmelfarb, Karlin Uretsky,  
 Harold Silvers. Shared Stalag IX A with  
 these guys. Also Sid Gunter, Gene Beers,  
 John Lopinto, Syd Brody, Harold Pick, Pete  
 Hoysack and others.

Joseph **Krafchik**, Hq. Det., 331st Med. Bn.  
 349 Livingston Avenue  
 New Brunswick, N.J. 08901

I am still practicing accounting as a CPA  
 in my home town of New Brunswick, N J. I  
 always wonder why so few former members  
 of the 331st Medical Battalion belong to the  
 Association.

Marvin H. **Rusch**, DHQ(G-1)  
 10830 West Courtland Ave.  
 Milwaukee, Wisc. 53225

My wife, Fran, and I had an enjoyable trip  
 to Europe this Fall; including a boat trip  
 down the Rhine. Our youngest son, Tom, is  
 attending the University of Freiburg. He met  
 us at Koln and stayed with us thru Lucern.  
 We plan to go back again in May. Did not  
 get to St. Vith including Karlsruh. Sorry,  
 this is late; thought it was paid (dues).

Bill S. **Delzell**, M/424th  
 683 Oakdale Drive  
 Forest Park, Georgia 30050

23 years in radio & TV. Now security  
 supervisor at Airport. Wife's name is  
 Pat.—three children, Douglas, Pam and  
 Michele. I am a new member of the  
 Association.

Carroll D. **Padgett**, E/424th  
 579 Milligan Drive  
 Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Am still manager at Sears Store. Am a  
 reinstated member of the Assoc.

James B. **Bryan**, 422nd  
 2330 Fairview Drive  
 Macon, Georgia 31206

Am a new member of the Association.

Jack **Gillespie** C/422nd  
 3536 Darcy Drive  
 Birmingham, Mich., 48010

I really don't remember if I made  
 comment to the fact that I enlarged our  
 Company-Hansen Corporation. Opened a  
 new warehouse facility in Columbus,  
 Ohio—under the supervision of my  
 son-in-law—Rich Black. In November, 1977,  
 we were able to sell out Detroit Corporate  
 property—then moved the entire Detroit  
 Corporate Headquarters and main ware-  
 house plant to a new large modern plant.  
 Walled Lake, Michigan. After 13 years of  
 building this corporation—we now have  
 three (3) modern operations—Detroit,  
 Cleveland and Columbus. Saw Bob Kelly  
 recently. Talked with Pete Frampton down  
 in Columbus, Ohio. Our ole friend Judge  
 Larry Gubow is still fighting a game  
 battle—he'd certainly like to hear from his  
 old cronies. We are having the worst winter  
 blizzard in years—so best I get back to  
 keeping the snow piles higher. Take Care.

## BROTHER

This past January 6 Walt Bandurak's  
 younger brother died from a heart attack.

He was a veteran of 35th Div. fought in  
 France and Germany, was wounded  
 December 8, 1944.

The association offers its sympathy to  
 Walt and the family of his brother.



**Addition to our memorial**

## **MEMORIAL**

St. Vith, den January 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Coffey:

Thank you very much for your seasons greetings. I also wish you a good year 1978.

Meanwhile the plans for the addition to the Memorial have been completed. Work on it can begin in spring. Enclosed please find a front and a back view of a model of the changes to be made on the Memorial.

When you visit us in April or May, you can already form a picture of the work.

Sincerely yours,

J. Pankert  
director

**EUROPE 1979**

Doug Coffey is waiting to hear from persons interested in going to Europe next year. Considerable time is required to make arrangements, so it is most important you advise Doug **now**.

## **MEMORIES**

This past Christmas the 1944 Christmas was vividly brought back to me.

I attended church services in a German Lutheran Church with my son who had recently returned from spending a year working in Germany as part of his education. The Pastor, who is a native German, preached in his native language. He explained that in 1944 he was a soldier in the German army on the Eastern front and that on Christmas Eve the fighting ceased and both the German and Russian soldiers sang Christmas carols.

In 1944 the Pastor and I were enemies, had we met then we would have been obligated to kill each other. Today we worship together and join forces to bring love and understanding to all mankind.

My earnest prayer is that the youth of all nations may be spared the hatred of war.

The Editor



January 10, 1978

Dear Mr. Bandurak:

In our last conversation held several months ago, I indicated that I would keep you abreast of the developments in our Divisional Series of reprints. In February we will release the first title, the history of the 103rd, and in March we plan to deliver the unit history of Armored. Response has been good by our customers but we estimate it will take up to a year to really get the program going. By that time we should have a much larger customer base for this type of material. We should have five to six titles out by that time.

In regards to the 106th history, I have reservations about our being able to put it together at this time. The book is fairly large, 252 pages, and your organization is smaller than many we deal with at present. When we did the 17th Airborne history, their Association had 3,500 members but only 175 wanted a reprint. This is about the number we also received from our own customers. If I remember correctly, your Association is only 450 members making it difficult to reach a high number of responses for this book.

Despite these limitations, we would like to consider the book at some point. For certain marketing reasons, our publications can sell for no more than \$15.00 postpaid. We would be talking about a black and white, soft cover edition at this price.

We would like to suggest that you survey your membership to establish the exact interest. If only a handful respond, it is obvious that the book could not be done now. If you receive a larger response, in the 125 to 150 copy range, we can study the matter together. If interest continues to build on our side as it appears to be doing, we might be able to work the matter out.

We have discussed the copyright situation with the Association of the U.S. Army and it appears that this will not be a problem. They are interested in having the book back in print.

We are prepared to be flexible and work with you on the project but we believe an indication of interest from your membership would be the best starting place. Please let us know your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Gardner

**Adjutant's note:**

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the 106th Infantry Division history of World War II, please send your name and the number of copies of the history you would be interested in purchasing for the price of \$15.00 to Mr. Walter Bandurak, Adjutant, 219½ North Maple Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 15601, immediately.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

In a brochure put out very early in the life of the Association a number of intentions were listed several of which came into effect, such as The Cub, the History, the Convention, and several which were impossible to implement.

The brochure began with this notation:

"the selfless devotion to duty, country, and comrades-in-arms, of the members of the 106th Infantry Division will live on through your membership in the 106th Infantry Division Association."

It ended with this notation:

**WHAT THE ASSOCIATION  
WILL NOT DO**

The Association will not enter the realm of politics. There are well established political parties for that purpose. The Veteran is not a person apart but an ordinary American Citizen. The Association will not engage in lobbying in Washington. The Association will not depart from its constitutional objectives.

Over and above all specific activities enjoined by the Constitution or established by the Convention, the Association will bend every effort to foster those principles of our national life for which all of us fought and so many died.

We have adhered to the latter, happily.

Historian

**HEADQUARTERS  
66th INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 454  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

10 May 1945

Soldiers of the 66th Infantry Division and Attached Units (Included 106th Div)

With the formal surrender of German forces in the Lorient and St. Nazaire pockets, 10-11 May 1945, soldiers of this command are privileged to witness a historic event—the obliteration of remnants of a Nazi super state which a few years ago threatened to enchain Europe.

Each one of you can proudly claim the praise and admiration won throughout the world by the dramatic deliverance of the Continent. The role assigned to you in this deliverance has been important in the battle strategy. The war of attrition waged by you against a numerically superior enemy during 133 days of sustained operations attests to your soldierly skill, tenacity and courage.

For those who have made the supreme sacrifice, both in direct action against the enemy and while enroute to the Continent, we pay our humble and sincere respects and pray that the peace for which they gave their lives will be just and lasting.

**H. F. KRAMER**  
Major General  
Commanding

Note: 422 and 423 Infantry Regs. combat teams were attached to the 66th on the Brittany coast. We did not retain the battle stars then awarded because of the time element, however. I believe the 66th lost some men by enemy action at sea while getting to the continent.

Collins  
Historian

**PARTIAL PEACE**

Here is a carefully saved copy of cherished letter from one brother to another written more than 32 years ago. This was written to Sherod Collins from his little brother (who outranked him), Sgt. James S. Collins Troop Carrier Command in the Pacific; and he would like to share it with you.

Somewhere in the Phillippines  
9 May 1945

My dear brother,

Last night we heard the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of England announce the end of the war in Europe. At last, victory over the forces of darkness has been won—at what cost, only those of you who are there can know.

We heard the broadcast here at 10 p. m. May 8th. At that moment, it was 9 a. m. in Washington, 2 p. m. in London, on May 7th. Throughout our bivouac area, we huddled around what precious few radios were available, straining to catch each word.

There was no celebration out here, although I imagine there are happy times back home. Most of us here received the news calmly, and with thankful hearts. It was as if we had just laid down a heavy load, or as if a sore tooth had suddenly stopped throbbing. As I walked among the tents last night, everywhere the tone of conversation was the same: "Now, we can finish **this** part of the job **quicker!**"

General Eisenhower said that he and the peoples of the world owe an inexpressible debt of gratitude to all those who have had a part in the crushing of Germany and Italy—to the doughfeet, to the flyers, to the artillery, to the engineers, to the men of the Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, to the carriers of supplies—to every man of every branch of service of every one of the United Nations.

We are mighty proud of all of you. Now that we can concentrate our power on smashing what is left of the Japanese Empire, our unanimous feeling is: "It won't be long, now!"

May God watch over and keep you and all those with you.  
Love, Speir



Above photos were taken at last reunion by our late chaplain.

**PROGRAM**  
**1978 CONVENTION AND CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS**

**Thursday, July 20**

- 5:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meet-Matador Room
- 6-7:00 P.M. Cocktails Barcelona Room and Annex
- 7:00 P.M. Seven Course Dinner of your Choice.
- 9:00 P.M. Free Entertainment—To be announced.

**Friday, July 21**

- 7-9:00 A.M. Breakfast of your Choice.
- 9:30 A.M. Mens General Meeting - Barcelona Room
- 10:15 A.M. Board of Directors Meeting - Matador Room
- 11:00 A.M. Memorial Service - Barcelona Room  
Invocation, John Gallagher  
Scripture, Doug Coffey  
Address, Chaplain  
Song Leader, Sherod Collins  
Benediction,
- 12:00 Noon Snack Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Bus or Car to Port of Embarkation-Port of Miami
- 2:00 P.M. Aboard Ship—Cocktail Party given by Seagull Travel
- 3:45 P.M. Ship, Emerald Seas departs for Nassau, Bahamas.

**Saturday July 22**

- 8:15 A.M. Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. Arrive Nassau. Sightseeing and Shopping  
Land Tours available—See Purser for details.  
Ship is your Hotel so you may return to ship for lunch and dinner and Entertainment.

**Sunday July 23**

- 8:15 A.M. Breakfast  
Morning Free  
Lunch aboard ship
- 4:30 P.M. Ship departs Nassau.
- 8:15 P.M. Dinner aboard-Introduction New Officers & acceptance.  
Entertainment

**Monday July 24**

- 8:00 A.M. Farewell Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. Arrive Port of Miami

**FAREWELL TO ALL AND SEE YOU IN CHICAGO**  
**JULY 1979**

*[If you have not made reservations and are interested, contact Doug Coffey, phone 813-629-5711 or Sherod Collins, 404-351-2985.]*