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## 57th Annual Reunion - A great Success!



What it is all about! Getting together with old buddies and friends.  
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Standing left. Louis Grevetti 423/K and right, Jim Mills 423/I  
See 57th Annual Reunion report in this CUB

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## President's Message . . .

I am deeply honored to serve as your 55th president of the 106th Infantry Division Association for the year 2003-2004 term of office. The five new board members elected this year to replace the five outgoing board members are exceptionally well qualified to replace equally exceptionally good men who completed their five year terms. I salute them for their untiring effort to make the Association a successful organization. The current board, officers and committee chairmen are high caliber men who will carry on the dignity of our great Association with resolve as others have done in the past.

I need to give recognition to our outgoing President John R. Schaffner. He did an outstanding job last year and will now serve as the Ex-Officio past president for one year. It was a pleasure for me to serve with John as his 1st Vice President.

The 57th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association, which was held in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky at the Drawbridge Inn, was another grand success. We continue to survive as an Association and we keep holding great annual reunions. This year we were most fortunate to again have two excellent speakers delivering meaningful messages.

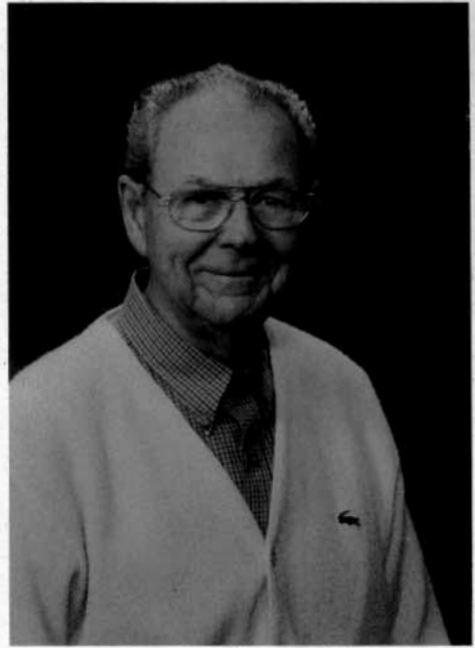
The 382 members and guests who were in attendance in Ft. Mitchell was not a record attendance but we did manage to surpass the 56th annual reunion which was held in Hampton, VA last year by 41 attendees. With a 1,600+ member organization that continues to hold steady that figure shows that we are an active group and will be viable for years to come.

Obviously we would like to see better participation in future reunions but I understand the restrictions that many of our members have. As we rotate around the country where the annual reunions are held, perhaps the new location will be nearer to you, giving you an opportunity to attend. As you will recall the membership last year voted to hold the 2004 reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Hyatt-Regency which is a downtown location. Further details about the reunion will soon be placed in *The CUB* by John Kline, Editor. Our Association has not been in a downtown hotel since our reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1992.

Getting together and visiting with our fellow friends who were our fighting comrades and warriors is what reunions are all about. Let us take all advantage of our gatherings at every opportunity ***We Band of Brothers.... We 106th Infantry Division Association members..***

I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where our reunion will be held from September 1 to September 5, 2004.

*John M. Roberts* President 2003-2004



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### A HOST OF GREAT WARRIORS

*Our Chaplain's Memorial Service  
presentation, 106th Infantry Division  
Association 57th Annual Reunion  
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky  
September 2003*



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Darkness enveloped the great forests, snow lay on the ground. Not a pinpoint of light showed from foxholes or bunkers the night of December 15th as thousands of 106'ers slept on.... stretched over a front to which five divisions should have been committed. Then, at dawn on December 16 a barrage that exceeded all barrages began. And through the morning mist came the Panzers and the Infantry ... an attack that we met head on ... twenty enemy divisions against our five, plus eight more enemy divisions in support and five in reserve.

All we could do was slow them down, but not before ammunition ran low and some units were completely surrounded. Before it could be stopped there was a sixty mile bulge in our lines. Then began the long struggle and counter

offensive to drive the enemy back. That's the story of the battle in a nutshell.

But have you ever read the preface to the official DOD military-history account which says the following about the ***Battle of the Bulge***:

*"The mettle of the American soldier was tested in the fires of adversity and the quality of his response earned for him the right to stand shoulder to shoulder with his forebears of Valley Forge, Fredericksburg and the Marne. This is the story, most of all, of the American fighting man and the manner in which he fought a myriad of small defensive battles until the torrent of the German attack was slowed and finally spent. It is a story of squads, platoons, companies and even conglomerate scratch groups that fought with courage, with fortitude and with sheer obstinacy."*

We 106'ers take a long look at our past. Each year we come together to do so, and to acknowledge our debts to our comrades of old and our debts to each other.

When you stop to think of it, could anything be more contradictory than the life of a soldier? He loves America, so he spends long years in foreign lands far from her shores. He defends our right to live as individuals, yet he yields much of his individuality in order to do so. Perhaps most paradoxically of all, he values life, yet he bravely stands ready to die in the service of his country. Can anything be more contradictory than the life of a soldier?

When President Lincoln spoke at a ceremony at Gettysburg in 1863, his famous words reminded us that through their deeds the dead had spoken more eloquently for themselves than any of the living ever could... and that we the living could only honor them by rededicating ourselves to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.



## Chaplain's Message . . .

This is still true today, for in our hearts and minds still is the memory of the Ardennes, and all that conflict meant for those who sacrificed on the field of battle - and for their loved ones who suffered back home.

We gather this morning to remember in a special way those who have died. To those of us who knew them, fought beside them and bled beside them, and to the families who have known the loss and felt their absence, this is always a very personal experience, for lives lost can be marked as we are doing this morning, but never measured.

Nor can Americans ever measure the full value of what was gained by the sacrifices our comrades made. Our citizens live it every day in the comforts of home and the gifts of freedom. These have all been purchased for them. The poet Roger W. Hancock once said we should remember this when we think of our comrades: *"Nothing is ever free, though to some it may be, but somehow, somewhere, someone paid."* Those "someones" who paid are the ones we honor and remember this morning.

During the Bulge, more than 8,600 of our division were WIA, KIA or MIW.... wounded, killed or missing in a war that we all believed was a war that would bring an end to war. We even sang that White Cliffs of Dover song: *"There'll be love and laughter and peace ever after."* Our generation looked at the face of evil, laid our lives on the lines as our forefathers had done years before, saying in the words of Thomas Paine: *"If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my children may have peace."*

But peace has been elusive. It was not to be. Robert Ardley once wrote: *"Human war has been the most successful of all our cultural traditions."* The ***most successful of all our human endeavors?*** More successful in war than in any other human endeavor? How can we comment on that? We need not; General Omar Bradley said it for us:

*"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living, We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."*

Peace has been elusive. Ironical... peace came only to those who perished! It came not to those who fought and survived. They fight old battles still. It came not to those who were POW's. They are captive to their Memories still. As long as there have been wars there have been prisoners of war. There have been unspeakable acts of inhumanity ... by the British on their prison ships during the American revolution, by the Japanese, the Germans, the North Koreans, the Vietnamese, the Iraqi's in Baghdad.

Americans who became POW's rarely received the respect due them from the American people. We are a society built on adulation for the winner and scorn for the loser. The winners were the ones who fought to the end. When peace was declared, they still had a weapon in their hands.

But POW's waged a different kind of war. Living for months or even years staving off hunger and hopelessness. Their combat experiences were of a different nature - not the fear of night patrols, but the terror of hearing a guard's footsteps coming closer - perhaps another brutal interrogation. They endured not so much the living and sleeping in mud and snow, the constancy of bullets and bombs. They endured the daily struggle just to stay alive on a cup of watered down soup.

One POW said: *"As a POW you have no defense. You realize that your captors can kill you at any time. At least in the front line you have a weapon and can go down fighting. I've been in both places and I tell you, I'd much rather be in the front line."*

## Chaplain's Message . . .

I suspect that's true. Most POW's would have been glad to trade places with those of us who were still frontline soldiers. The courage required of one was no greater And no less than the courage required of the other.

Courage is a great American virtue. From the beginning of its history, our country and its people have faced many tests of courage. Nine-eleven is not only the most recent, it is also the most shocking, because it affected not just our soldiers but so many innocent civilians also. But Americans, military or civilian, have always taught the world the meaning of courage.

One hundred and ten miles long, Lake Champlain is located in upper New York State. It's northernmost waters begin in Canada. During the American Revolution the British had an important fort there at the southern end of the lake. It still stands, still named Fort Ticonderoga, magnificently restored.

On May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, who had gained a fierce reputation fighting guerrilla warfare against the Redcoats, determined that they must take Fort Ticonderoga, despite the fact that they would be greatly outnumbered. As they prepared for the attack, these were the words Ethan Allen spoke to his soldiers

*"Friends and fellow soldiers, you have for a number of years past been a scourge and a terror to arbitrary power. We must this morning either quit our pretensions to valor, or possess ourselves of this fortress. "*

They did take and possess Fort Ticonderoga.

The 106<sup>th</sup> faced odds far greater than theirs. The DOD records tell us that ours is the story of the American fighting man - the warrior. It's the story of a division all busted up, but whose squads, platoons, companies and even guerrilla units "fought with courage, fortitude and sheer obstinacy." Sheer obstinacy !

That description fit's a host of great warriors in our nation's history. It fits you men gathered here this morning. You did what no other nation, no other army, no other soldiers had ever done .... you slowed a Nazi blitzkrieg down to a crawl.

Some of our comrades, as General William Carlson once said, bear visible signs of their service.... a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain faraway look in their eyes. Others, he said, may carry the evidence inside of them - a steel pin holding a bone together or a piece of shrapnel still in an arm or leg.

But we ALL bear another kind of inner steel ... Ours is a spirit forged with comrades on the field of battle - the spirit of a host of warriors called "**Golden Lions.**"

British Admiral Horatio Nelson, in 1798, won one of the most decisive battles in naval history, defeating the combined French and Spanish fleets at Trafalga. But at the height of the battle he was wounded. Carried below deck he spoke these dying words: "**Thank God I have done my duty.**"

It was Viktor Frankl who once wrote: "*At any moment, man must decide, for better or for worse, what will be the monument of his existence. "*

The 106<sup>th</sup>, unlike some other divisions, does not have a long history. It existed for only a few short years. But your monument, my monument, and the monument of this Golden Lion Division can be expressed in one short word .... DUTY.

**When our moment in history came, thank God we did our duty !**

## Front & Center . . .

### Donations

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#### Head Count 11/30/2003

Life Members (Vets)	705
Annual Members (Vets)	564
<b>Total Vets</b>	<b>1,269</b>
Life Associate Members	148
Annual Assoc Members	116
<b>Total Associates</b>	<b>264</b>
Comp Members	19
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,552</b>



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It seems I am always apologizing for a late Magazine. Well here it is again.

My wife, Margot suffered an aneurism in the brain September 22. It was a very very close call. She has made a miraculous recovery. Still not yet fully recovered, but well on her way. Very slight side effects as of now.

I had to attend the "children" our three cats, a dog and her when she came home.

A tough job, that many of you have experienced, when you haven't been doing it. I didn't realize how much I depended on her. Now I know.

We wish to thank all of you for your wonderful spiritual support, cards and flowers. You are a wonderful group.

As a consequence I was way behind on the production of The CUB.

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**RE: David Ford: Keynote Speaker, 57th Annual Reunion, Fort Mitchell KY**

Dave's Keynote Address is featured later in this CUB. I did not have room to give him credits there:

David Ford Associate member  
United States Army 1954-1956  
Graduate of Towson University,  
Towson Maryland. Member of the  
Towson University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Drafted, two years of service. After  
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France as a Cryptographic Specialist.  
Retired teacher/coach Baltimore County  
Board of Education.

Interests WORLD WAR II. travel, fly  
fishing, golf, tennis and biking.

**Richard Tennant 422/K  
Assoc Memorial Fund:**

I enclose a check for \$50.00 in the  
name of Jack Tucker who was a member  
of the 106th Field Artillery. I do not know  
the Battalion and Battery. He joined the  
Division when it was activated ( as did I)  
in March 1943 at Fort Jackson. Jack was  
killed in *The Battle of the Bulge* in  
December 1944.

Jack and I were inducted together in  
Baltimore. Maryland in March 1943. I  
served in "K" Company, 422nd until sent  
overseas as a replacement in September  
1943.

Best wishes to ALL 106er's.  
Richard "Dick" Tennant

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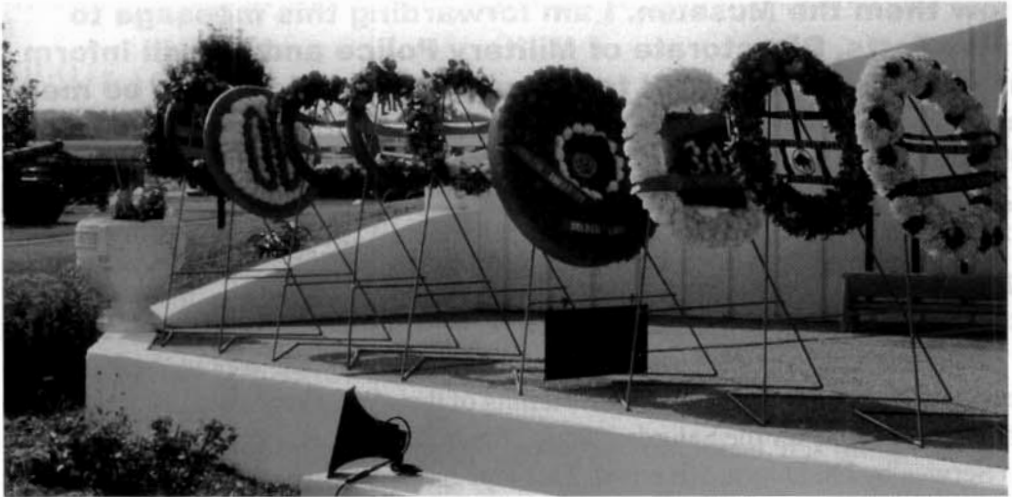
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### *Camp Atterbury Memorial Service August 2, 2003*

Report by Damon Young 423/D shown on left above. In center Phil Cox 423/B and right Jim Gardner 422/ HQ 2Bn.

This memorial Service is held every August. You are invited to attend. Note the Golden Lion emblem on the back wall and the floral wreath in the center of the picture below. Dates for the 2004 Memorial will appear in The CUB Magazine.



### **SPECIAL NOTICE - Rule change in Memoriam Listings**

Association Veteran member's deaths, when known, are always listed.

Any "**currently paid**" Association member's death with the status of an **Associate or Auxiliary Membership** will be published in the "Memoriam" **when requested by a surviving member of the family**. Note, this is "**When Requested.**" Write or call the editor, John Kline, or any other officer with the details. See the inside front cover page for address/telephone number of the editor or officer.

## Front & Center . . .

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### ***To all Mini-Reunion Chairman:***

Many thanks for all of you who help, or are holding Mini-Reunions in your area. It was my pleasure to shake your hand and present you with the 106th Infantry Division Association "Certificate of Appreciation."

For those of you who were unable to attend the 57th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association at Fort Mitchell, your certificates were mailed to you with a letter of appreciation for the fine work you are doing.

Many of our veterans and Associates are unable to attend the Annual Reunions for various reasons. That is why your Annual State Reunions are so important to our members - it helps keep our "Association" strong.

Please continue to send your photos to the CUB Editor for publication. Please, also send a report to me in order that I can summarize the year's reunions to report to the Association Board. Thank you.

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or email me at: martinjr@localnet.com

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### ***From James West, Associate CAMP ATTERBURY POST MUSEUM***

Jim says, "The Museum in not open a great deal and it is hard to expect all to comply with the hours. In a recent Communique West received this information:

**In situations like this, if the gate House would call me at 526-1112 either myself or LTC Barrineau would be glad to show them the Museum. I am forwarding this message to Major Potts, Directorate of Military Police and he will inform his soldiers of our need to allow these individuals to be met at the gate and escorted to the museum. Thanks again, Jim, for all your help.**

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### **RAINES VIDEO PRODUCTIONS - FT MITCHELL Videos 57th Annual Reunion of the Golden Lions**

180 Golf Club Rd, Suite 157, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

The recent reunion was a great success. Thanks to the large turnout the 2003 Reunion video is filled with interviews telling of their War experience. The video also features highlights for the Saturday Night Dinner banquet as well as the entire Memorial Service by Dr. Duncan Trueman. This tape has **Reference #200473**, be sure to include that in your order. This is a great keepsake for members and their relatives, it is also a way to share your history with friends. We have enhanced the video by adding computer graphics and music for the 1940's.

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**Richard Rigatti, 113 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 152153**

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### ***Memorial Chairman's Remarks at the Andersonville Dedication of the 106th Infantry Plaque May 25, 2003***

See pages 14 through 24 of the JUL-AUG-SEP CUB Magazine for more details on the Andersonville Memorial Dedication. Dr. John Robb's report was listed on page 24.

This report recites his remarks, at the unveiling Ceremony in Andersonville.

#### **QUOTE**

"A prisoner of war has experienced a loss of freedom. Those who have endured captivity cherish freedom all the more. In April 1945, near the end of the war in Europe. The US 44th Infantry Division liberated Stalag IX B at Bad Orb, Germany. After bringing in food and medical supplies, one of their first tasks was conducting a former military funeral for one of our recently deceased POWs. As the funeral approached, some of us were relaxing on the ground, when a tough First Sergeant from the 44th screamed, **"ON YOUR FEET, THIS IS SACRED GROUND; AMERICAN SOLDIERS DIED HERE."**

The place where we now are standing is indeed sacred ground. It is fitting that we dedicate this Memorial to the men of the 106th Infantry Division.

#### **Board of Directors Actions for Memorials, year 2003.**

Contribute \$200 to the Camp Atterbury Memorial for maintenance.

Contribute \$1.00 for each member of the Association (\$1,628.00) to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., John Robb, Memorial Chairman

Donations to the Andersonville POW Memorial are invited. We thank those who have already done so. A continuing list will be published in the Front & Center section of this and following CUB magazines.

**Special NOTICE  
106th PX has been  
discontinued**

John Gilliland PX Manager, announced that the PX is closed.  
He said that some items may be ordered from:

**Leslie L. Brown, 4132 E 36th Place, Tulsa, OK 75135  
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Such items as Bolo Ties, Silver & Black; Gold and Black; with Gold and Black rope at \$19.50 each delivered. Leslie also has Miniature and Regulation Medals.

This editor called Mr. Brown, and we hope to have some illustrations in the next CUB. Leslie is a Ex-POW having fought in the South Pacific War.

For those with Internet capability I found a manufacturer that Gilliland mention: Hoover's Manufacturing Company, 4133 Progress Boulevard, PO Box 547 Peru. IL 61354. Phone 815-223-1159.

I searched the Web: They have a website at [www.hmchonors.com](http://www.hmchonors.com) an impressive list of WWII medals and other items that would be called "PX Items."

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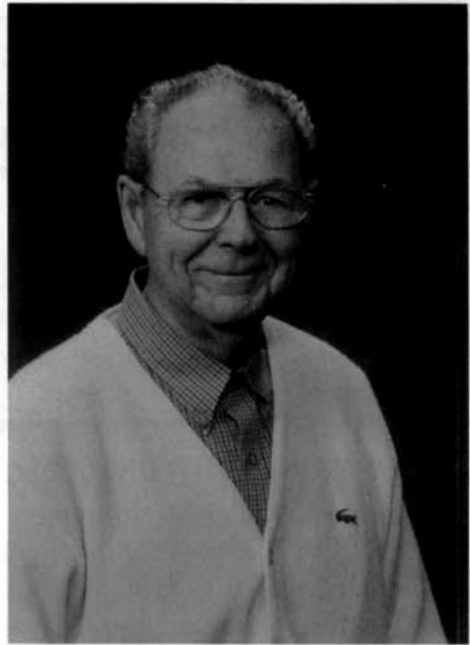
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Jack's books were on sale in the "*Hospitality Room*" during the 57th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky where many members purchased the books that were on display.

For those of you who were unable to attend the reunion, you may purchase the book directly from Jack as follows:

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***A TEENS WAR ... TRAINING, COMBAT, CAPTURE***

**Author Hal Taylor, 423/CN, 2172 Rockridge Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81503**

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The story is unique compared to most war books, for it contains none of the pedantic pretenses of most military histories, filled with strategy or the so-called 'Big Picture.' Instead, *A Teen's War* tells how a young, private soldier became aware of reality and the world around him despite his limited view.

All readers who have ever heard the words, 'missing in action,' will find this book interesting. Readers who were prisoners of war themselves, particularly of the Germans, will recall those hellish times and understand that recollection enables one to live and to cope with the realities of today.

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168th Combat Engineer Battalion, was attached to the 106th Inf Division at St. Vith. Their three line companies were defending the Prumerberg. A battalion of 600 men suffered 335 casualties, 33 KIA, the others wounded, POWs or MIA. The 168th is credited with Normandy Invasion, Northern France, Rhineland, assault crossing of the Rhine River, Central Europe. Ending up near Czechoslovakia..

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With his 59 year old U.S. Army Uniform still intact and his physique the right size to wear it, Martin Jones, center, talks with Stan Shurnway, a retired music profesor at Kansas University, left, as Jones' wife, Phyllis, right, listens. The three attended Sunday's "KU Goes to War" program at the Lied Center.

## Uniform fits fine 58 years later

WWII second lieutenant shows up in military dress at Lied Center.\*

*Editor's Note: Lt. L. Martin Jones, 423/G was a Platoon Leader in "G" Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment. He is a member of our 106th Infantry Division Association.*

*\*The Lied Center - Lawrence, Kansas. The Performing arts center at the University of Kansas built in 1993.*

*Story by Dave Ranney and Scott Rothchild, Lawrence Kansas, Journal-World, July 21 2003*

Martin Jones said the last time he wore his Army uniform "seriously" was 58 years ago, when he was discharged.

He wore it again Sunday.

"I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the (U.S. Army) infantry in June of 1944," Jones said Sunday, surrounded by admirers in the Lied Center lobby after he had joined a group of veterans seated on stage for the panel discussion, "KU Goes to War."

"Officers, of course, buy their own uniforms. So I bought this one 59 years ago last month," he said. Asked how he'd manage to maintain a steady waistline all those years, Jones laughed and looked at his wife, Phyllis. "She feeds me well and wisely," he said.

Jones, 80, of Lawrence, was captured during the *Battle of the Bulge* and spent four-and-a-half months in prisoner-of-war camps.

"By the time I was captured, the Allies were at the German border and had complete

control of the air," he said. "That meant there was almost nothing for us to eat. I lost 35 pounds in three months."

Ogden Lindsley, Lawrence, also wore his uniform to the Dole Institute of Politics dedication event. Lindsley, a former KU professor of special education, was shot down in the mountains of Albania in 1944 and spent the next 10 months in German captivity.

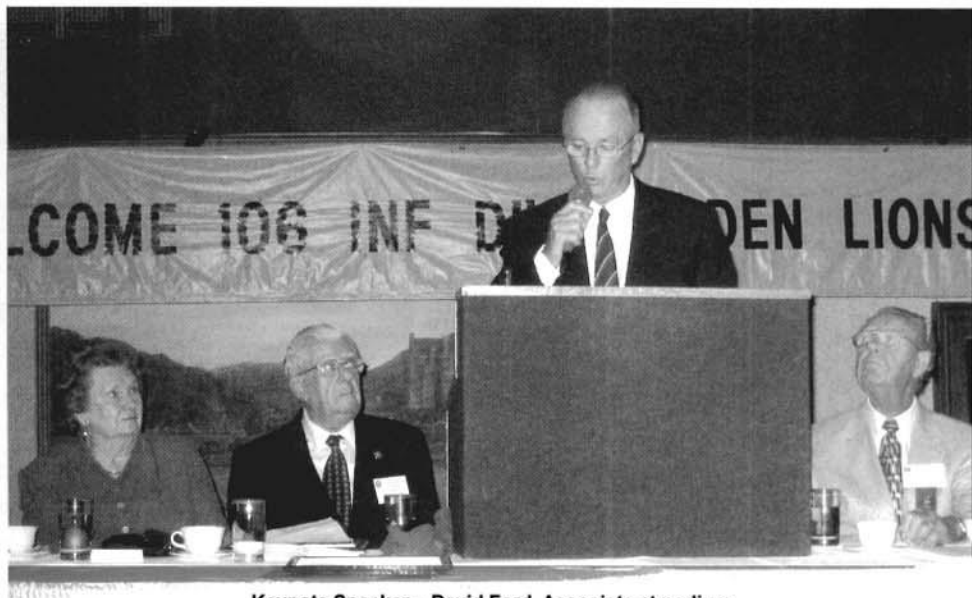
With Allied forces closing in, the Germans moved the POWs around. He escaped from a forced march and found a group of British tankers advancing on the Germans. They told him to stay on the road because the forest was "full of Germans."

"I didn't do much in the war, but I'm proud of what I did," he said.

Jones, a retired KU professor of business, said he was grateful for the recognition being shown to World War II veterans. But it's unfortunate, he said, that veterans of subsequent wars weren't similarly feted.

"Every time I come to one of these celebrations, I think, 'Surely, this is the last of it; it's time to move on,' and then another one comes along," he said. "I appreciate them, I think they're great, but I feel sorry for the Vietnam veterans who didn't get the reaction I got when I came home - and who don't get celebrations like this one."

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Keynote Speaker - David Ford, Associate at podium.

Left: retiring President John Schaffner 2002-2003 and his wife Lillian.

Right: John R. "Jack" Roberts, President 2003-2004

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** **106TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION, FORT MITCHELL, KY**

September 13, 2003 by David Ford, Associate Member.

#### ***FROM FASCINATION TO OBSESSION.....***

How a young boy's interest in WWII was fueled and later further nourished by the veterans of the 106th.....

Thank you Mr. President. Greetings - Veterans and guests.

You veterans of World War II were my childhood heroes! I was 10 years old when you were experiencing the toughest, coldest, most miserable and dangerous winter of your lives.

You were "*The Point of the Spear*" in the struggle for Democracy over Fascism. As a youngster those concepts never entered my thinking. It was a fascinating time to be a boy. My father and my three uncles were away in the service, two eventually in Europe and two in the Pacific.

I was a popular kid in the neighborhood because I had relatives in the Army and the Navy. Plus I had a helmet liner, some unit patches, a canteen and other military paraphernalia that my Uncle Joe brought to me when he came home on leave.

As a child during the war I never played cowboys and Indians. We always played WAR. It was tough because no one wanted to be a Nazi or a Jap! We dug foxholes, we crawled around on our stomachs, we spotted enemy planes. It was great fun. We did not even have Little League. All the men were gone. On Christmas one year I received a toy Army rifle as a present. It was made entirely of wood. There was little or no metal for toys in those days.

My childhood experiences with the war left an indelible imprint on me that was to last a lifetime.



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Later, in the late 40's and early 50's, many of my high school teachers were ex-servicemen who had used the G.I. Bill to become teachers. They were great guys and we really respected them. One of my teachers, Walt Snyder, who is here this evening, provided my first contact with the 106th organization. In high school we knew Mr. Snyder was in the war and had actually been a prisoner of war, but we never knew the entire story of his experiences.

Throughout the years I had maintained a friendly relationship with Walt. He worked for the Board of Education in our county and actually was one of the "Big Wheels" at the Board. He was Director of Personnel and in effect helped me get my job. A decision he has often regretted, he tells me. Meanwhile all these years I was constantly reading and researching WWII true personal stories. I very seldom read fiction, unless it is based on factual WWII events. In a conversation with Walt by phone I mentioned an account I had read about the "Eric Wood" episode with the 106th near Schönberg and how I was impressed with Eric's actions.

Walt calmly said, in his low key style, "David, the 106th is my old outfit and Eric Wood was my Executive Officer."

I was completely taken aback. Here I am reading about these incredible events and now I know someone personally who was part of the history. Walt then suggested I join the 106th Association as an Associate Member, primarily to receive the Cub as a resource for my passion for personal combat stories.

I did join. Now look at what happened. I'm up here giving a speech. Seriously, it has been a tremendous experience. The people I have met have enriched the lives of both me and my wife in an incredible way. I now know about as much as a person can know about the **Battle of the Bulge** and the events of the 106th. One could write a book from the stories I've heard. I might.

My membership in the 106th has opened many doors for me in Belgium and Luxembourg that I might otherwise never have gotten through. I had traveled to Europe to pursue my interest quite a few times before, but never was able to really connect with the local "war buffs." The 106th connection soon changed that.

I wrote to Andre Hubert, then President of CRIBA, the Belgian research group, and mentioned that I was recommended by John Schaffner of the 106th. I was treated like a friend.

On my first trip to Europe after joining the 106th, I was in my hotel room in Erpeldange, Luxembourg only 15 minutes, and not yet unpacked, when there was a knock on my door. To my surprise two Belgian CRIBA members, Henri Rogister and Albert Fosty, were there to greet me. Andre Hubert had sent them, as he was busy that day. They had driven all the way from Liege, Belgium, a one and a half hour drive, and made every effort to help me. We set up an event schedule for the week, they obtained a discounted hotel room for me in Belgium and I was having lunch in one of their homes several days later. All because of the influence of 106th veterans. I had also corresponded with Camille Kohn, the President of CEBA, the Luxembourg Research Group, and mentioned my 106th connection. He invited me to join in a "wine of honor" ceremony for another division. At that function I met Frank Kieffer, a member of CEBA, who is now a lifetime friend. Frank is the curator of the **Battle of the Bulge** Museum in Clervaux, Luxembourg and a collector extraordinaire. He has a deep personal interest in the "**Battle of the Bulge**" because he lived through it as a boy.

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I have been invited to his home many times and have enjoyed his friendship, wine and food.

Frank is also the creator of the G.I. Monument in Clervaux. This is my favorite monument in Europe because it is not a monument for Ike or Patton or Montgomery, but a monument to the American G.I. Again the 106th connection worked its magic.

While on this particular trip I visited the 106th positions in the Schnee Eifel region. Using a map of the 106th positions at the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*, produced by Francis Aspinwall (589th), I found and walked the "Engineer's Cutoff". This was a shortcut devised by the G.I.'s to keep from being observed by the Germans. Along this wooded, wandering lane I found in the nearby woods a 56 year old souvenir. A German helmet. What a find for a dedicated buff! I wrote an article for the Cub about that experience.

That article led to another 106th connection. A fellow associate member of the 106 contacted me about that story. As we discussed my good fortune in finding the helmet we discovered that we shared this incurable desire to see the places and actually walk the ground we had read so much about. We decided to do a trip together in the Spring of 2001. While driving to the small Belgian farming village of LaVaux to take a photo for a 106th veteran, who had fought there, we spotted a restored American 6X6 truck in a farmyard. Upon closer inspection I noticed the truck had 106th on the bumper. I shouted, "Stop!" And we literally screeched to a halt.



Dave Ford and the U.S. Army Truck. Note the markings.

I went to the farmhouse to inquire about why the 106th had been used. The lady of the house, who did not speak English, proceeded to show me a restored Jeep in her barn mounted for a 50 caliber machine gun. In the meantime the owner-restorer, who also did not speak English, returned home. Since my French is limited, I was unable to discover why he used the 106th designations. Perhaps someday I will. I also wrote an article about that incredible find for the Cub.

I thank John Kline, *Cub Editor*, for accepting both of those stories for the Cub.



On another occasion I traveled to Europe as a guide and driver with two 106th veterans, John Schaffner and John Gatens. What an experience! From Omaha Beach in Normandy France, to the famous "Bridge Too Far" in Holland, to the dark and gloomy Hürtgen Forest of Germany and the grim Schnee Eifel of 106th significance,.... What troopers these old veterans were ! Ten years my senior and they wore me into the ground.

They never missed reveille and were always going strong in the evening when lights were supposed to be extinguished. Everywhere we went they were treated like royalty as American combat veterans. I just hung on to their 106th coattails and enjoyed every moment of it. My job was to drive them around and then get them to bed every evening after the banquets, drinking and dancing! Have you ever seen 78 year old men jitter-bug? It is not a pretty sight!

One of our experiences on that trip was quite unique. I had known about a Chateau that had played an important part in the Defense of Bastogne, Belgium. During the **Battle of the Bulge**, Bastogne had been surrounded and Rolley Chateau was used as the Headquarters of the American 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment. We drove up to the chateau and into a former grand stable area and then through an archway on into the main courtyard, a magnificent place. I knocked at the door and the owner, a young lady of 84, answered. I explained that I had two American combat veterans with me who had fought in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. She invited us in. She had been there during the battle for Bastogne and remembered that on Christmas Eve the G.I.s had crowded into the private chapel inside the chateau. An American chaplain conducted the midnight service. It was so crowded that she and her family had to squeeze into the back of their own chapel.

Early the next morning the Germans made a daring Panzer attack of considerable size in an effort to surprise the Americans and seize Bastogne. She remembered the paratroopers running out of the chateau and stables to face the challenge. Even wounded men who were able were sent to the line. The 502nd repulsed the attack and littered the nearby fields with destroyed German tanks and hundreds of German

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infantry who had been riding on them. She also showed us a bedroom and the very bed in which General McAuliffe slept. The room is unchanged. You may recall that McAuliffe was the American commander during the Bastogne battle who became famous for replying "Nuts" to the German demand to surrender Bastogne. Fascinating! She was an eyewitness to history and we had listened to her many recollections intently. This experience was made possible through the kindness of that generous, lively and intelligent lady.

As you can tell, being an associate member of the 106th has created wonderful opportunities and many rich experiences for me. However, my most treasured experiences are some of the personal stories veterans of the 106th have shared with me.

When I think of these stories I often think of young people today who perceive our veterans as old guys who look like someone's Grandfather or even Great-Grandfather. Men who don't walk so well. Some are bent over a little. Sometimes they have difficulty hearing and their eyesight is not as keen as it was in their youth.

But things were not always that way. They were young men, strong, well trained and hardened to do a hard job. They were hard men physically and mentally. They had to be for what they were to endure.

I would like to share with you just a few examples from their personal stories.

**PHIL HANNON** of the 81st. Engineers. "After being captured, we were marched through a town and a German guard, who seemed to be Polish, gave me some recently boiled small potatoes. I put them in my pocket to share with my buddies in the squad." His story is a long one about his POW experiences but that particular incident tells volumes about the character of that man. In those tough moments he thought of his buddies.

**JOHN SCHAFFNER** of the 589th FAB. While dashing through heavy enemy fire from German tanks and small arms during the final German assault that overran Parker's Crossroad at Baraque de Fraiture, John turned back to assist and carry his buddy, Harold Kuizema, who had been seriously wounded and was unable to continue. John picked him up and helped him a considerable distance into a nearby wood line where they were assisted by men of the 82nd Airborne 325th Glider Regt. To this day Harold maintains that John saved his life. John went back to help a buddy!

**HARRY MARTIN** of the fabled 424th Inf. Rgt.

Harry experienced a life-changing event during a severe German infantry attack at the beginning of the ***Battle of the Bulge***. While at first firing wildly and inaccurately, Harry swears that he heard a voice telling him, "Squeeze the trigger". It worked. His firing then became effective. Germans began to fall. While continuing to fire, he thought that his Dad would be proud of him now because he had just become a real soldier.

**BERNARD STROHMEIER** 589th FAB. While in captivity Bernard was identified by the Germans as a soldier with an ethnic German name. He was interviewed by a German officer in a warm room with a fire in the fireplace. The proposition put to him was that because of his German ancestry would he fight for the Nazis. His reply, of course, was NO. The mood of the officer suddenly changed. They stripped Bernard to the waist, removed his boots and socks and stood him out- side in freezing weather to break his will. He was out there for a considerable time and to this day wonders how he kept from freezing to death. He did not give in. There is much more to Bernard's odyssey but that incident alone shows the strong character of that man.



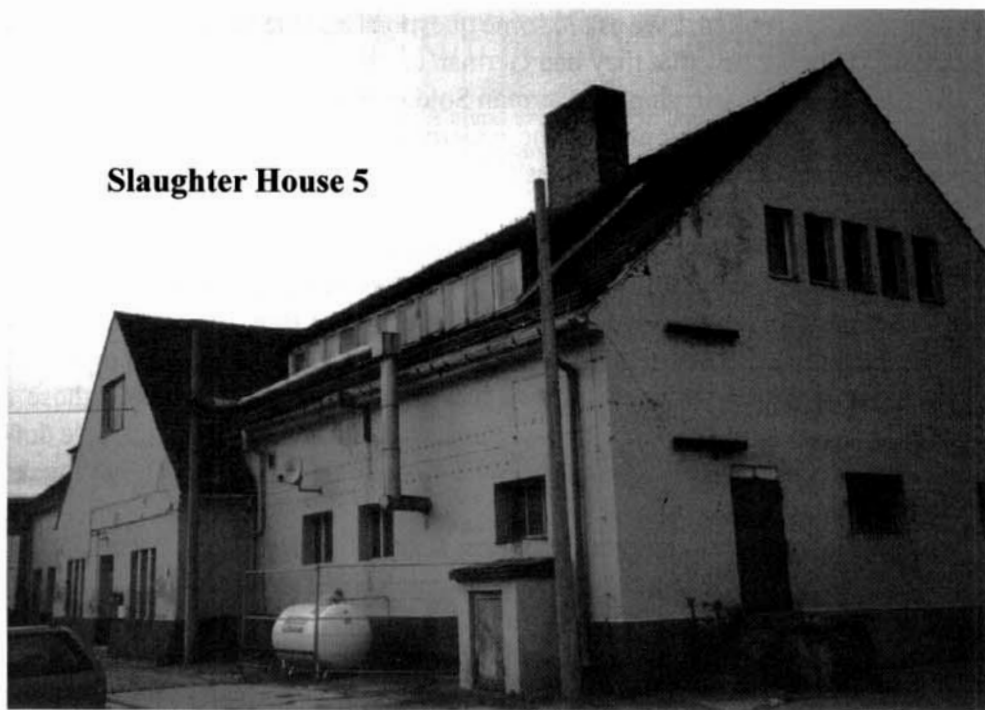
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**KEN SMITH** 423rd. Rgt. To know Ken is to know a tough man. He was not happy being a prisoner of the Germans. One day a German officer came by Ken's woodcutting detail yelling and haranguing the group. Without looking up Ken said, "You Kraut-eating son-of-a-bitch." A nearby German soldier, who understood English, overheard him and told the officer. Ken was beaten so severely that he did not wake up until the next day and could barely move for 3 days. Ken, if it is any consolation to you, I am proud to have a friend that had the guts to call that arrogant Nazi bastard "A Kraut-eating son-of-a-bitch!"

**JACK ROBERTS** 592nd FAB. After surviving an ambush of his forward observer convoy on the morning of December 16th., the first day of "The *Battle of the Bulge*," Jack was captured. He helped carry his severely wounded buddy, Larry Loudon, for miles through forests, fields and streams. They were freed from their German captors by American troops and through divine intervention spent 3 harrowing days and nights evading further capture to make it back to American lines. It does not take a great deal of imagination to figure out what might have happened to Larry and the other wounded had they not been helped. In the highly charged and volatile environment of troops in the attack, stragglers and wounded were often shot out of hand. Jack returned to duty and was eventually granted a battlefield commission to 2nd. Lt. It is easy to see why.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention Slaughter House Five.

**Slaughter House 5**



**GIFFORD DOXSEE , JIM MILLS, ERWIN SZPEK, WAYMAN TROXELL,** and **LOU GRIVETTI** of the 423rd Reg. and other 106th men were held captive in an unused building in Dresden, Germany. It was Building Number 5 in a huge meat processing facility, a slaughterhouse.

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Kurt Vonnegut, a fellow 106th prisoner, wrote what became a best selling novel about their experiences during that captivity. He titled the book "Slaughterhouse Five". It was later made into a movie by the same name. These 106th men were in that makeshift prison in February of 1945 when the British and Americans executed a 2000 plane bombing raid on the city of Dresden—the largest bombing raid of World War II. Dresden was pulverized. After the raid, many 106th prisoners were used to gather bodies and parts of bodies from ruined buildings, still hot from the firestorm that had devastated the city, placing them in huge piles to be burned in order to check the spread of disease.

They also witnessed the execution of one of their buddies, Michael Palaia, from Philadelphia. He was shot by an SS firing squad. His crime? Taking a small jar of green beans from the rubble of a bombed out building. These men of the 106th endured these gruesome, terrifying and demoralizing experiences and returned home to lead good and productive lives. Strong men of strong character.

My final personal account story was related to me by someone who is here tonight and will go unnamed. Perhaps when you hear the story you will understand why. I heard this during the St. Louis Reunion on the dark top deck of a Mississippi paddle wheel steamboat.

This veteran of the 424th was telling me of an incident when his platoon had captured some German soldiers wearing American uniforms. I found the story fascinating, for I had often read about this kind of event, but never knew anyone who had actually been involved in capturing these infiltrators. I asked him how they knew they were Germans. He replied, "We asked some questions and the answers were not appropriate. Then we saw that they had German uniforms underneath the G.I. disguise, and also that they were carrying the German Soldier Book."

I then asked, what was done with these German prisoners? Did you tie them up? Did you send them back behind the lines? He replied softly with three words I will never forget. "We killed them".

There was just enough light on the upper deck of the boat for me to see his impassive face. For a brief moment his steady hard eyes looked right into me. There was no look of a braggart and there was no guilt or shame on that face.

It was a man's face. A hard man. A man who had been to a place few ever go.

You did what you had to do. Hard men survive hard times, for what had those Germans done to other G.I.'s prior to being captured and what might they have done to other G.I.'s if not captured? That man survived those trials and has led a fine life. I assure you he is a good man.

These are just a few of many such stories. It is evident that I am entranced and fascinated by these personal accounts. They exemplify the strength of character of the type of men that have made our nation strong.

You veterans of the 106th did not shirk your responsibility as Americans. You were called and you served. You made the fabric of our nation stronger by your commitment to preserve our way of life.

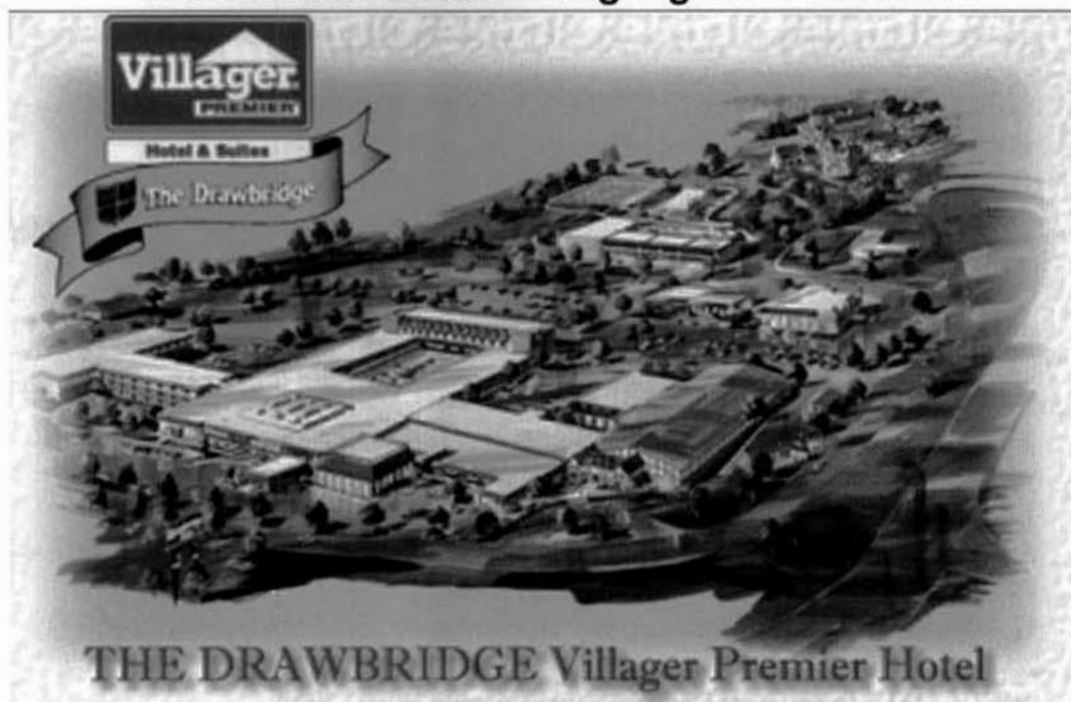
You did your duty as you understood your duty. You answered with positive action when your country was threatened. I respect that.

I personally thank you for your service to our nation and for the sacrifices you made. I am proud to be an Associate Member of the 106th Infantry Division Association. You Veterans were my heroes as a boy and you are still my heroes today.

Thank you. Dave Ford, Associate Member, *106th Infantry Division Association*

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# 57th Annual Reunion - Highlights - Photos . . .



## 106th Infantry Division Association Sept 10-14 2003

### Drawbridge Inn - Fort Mitchell, KY (Cincinnati Area)

Our 57th Annual Reunion was a great success. A grand total of 382 in attendance.

Overseas 3; Alabama 16; Arkansas 1; Arizona 4; California 12; Colorado 5; Connecticut 5; Delaware 2; Florida 36; Georgia 7; Iowa 8; Illinois 29; Indiana 16; Kansas 2; Louisiana 1; Massachusetts 7; Maryland 9; Michigan 20; Minnesota 5; Missouri 4; Montana 1; North Carolina 3; Nebraska 2; New Hampshire 2; New Jersey 16; Nevada 4; New York 34; Ohio 25; Oklahoma 6; Oregon 2; Pennsylvania 34; Rhode Island 2; South Carolina 2; Tennessee 6; Texas 3; Virginia 8; Vermont 2; Washington 4; Wisconsin 15; West Virginia 3.

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Please note that there is no "Quartermaster" appointment. The sale of 106th memorabilia (Known as "The 106th PX") is no longer in existence,

The 58th Annual Reunion will be held at The Hyatt-Regency - Downtown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 1 through September 5, 2004. Room rates will be 89.00 plus tax. Parking next to the hotel at a negotiated cost of \$8.50 per day. Airport Transportation \$10.00 each way. More on the 2004 Reunion in next CUB.

John "Jack" Roberts, President.



## 57th Annual Reunion - Highlights - Photos . . .



### *The Order of the Golden Lion*

Order of the Golden Lion Chairman, John Gilliland OGL, left and John Schaffner, President had just awarded the **Order of the Golden Lion - Commander's Class** to Joseph Maloney Past-President 2001-2003 and the **Order of the Golden Lion Companion Class** to Vivian, his wife, for her support to the Association. Adjutant, Marion Ray OGL, reading the citations

**The Order of the Golden Lion** is an prestigious award for outstanding service to the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association given after a nomination and review by the Order of the Golden Lion Committee. The award is not for wartime service, but renders homage and thanks to fiercely faithful friends and to those who have rendered outstanding service to the DIVISION in peacetime. The class of **Commander** is evidenced by presentation of a citation scroll enumerating the reasons for the award and the presentation of a golden bas relief of a medallion of a lion's head to be suspended from the neck by a red, white and blue ribbon. The class of **Officer** is evidenced by presentation of a citation scroll and the presentation of a silver bas relief of a medallion of a lion's head to be suspended from the neck by a ribbon of infantry blue. The class of **Companion** is evidenced by the presentation of a citation scroll and a bronze bas relief medallion of a lion's head suspended from an artillery red ribbon.



Order of the Golden Lion Chairman, John Gilliland, OGL and CUB editor John Kline, OGL, presenting the **Order of the Golden Lion - Commander's Class** to Adda and Willy RIKKEN 106th friends from Gouvly, Belgium who have done so much for our Association members as they travel to the Ardennes to relive their past. Adda and Willy care for the graves of our comrades in Henri-Chapelle, and help any of us that are in their area. They are constantly at our service and have attended many of our National Reunions.

# 57th Annual Reunion - Highlights - Photos . . .

## Head Table Closing Banquet



L/R: Grace and Chaplain Dr. Duncan Trueman; Barbara and Walter Bridges 1st Vice-Pres Elect; Lillian and John Schaffner, Retiring President 2002-2003, and in charge of, this, the 57th Annual Reunion



L/R: Mrs. Smoler and Irwin Smoler 2nd Vice Pres Elect for 2003-2004

The above officers advance one office during the Banquet with John Schaffner as Past-President To Smoler's left - Mrs and Mr David Ford Associates - David was the featured speaker for this Banquet



Outgoing President John Schaffner, 2002-2003 swearing in 1st Vice-President John "Jack" Roberts as President for the year 2003-2004

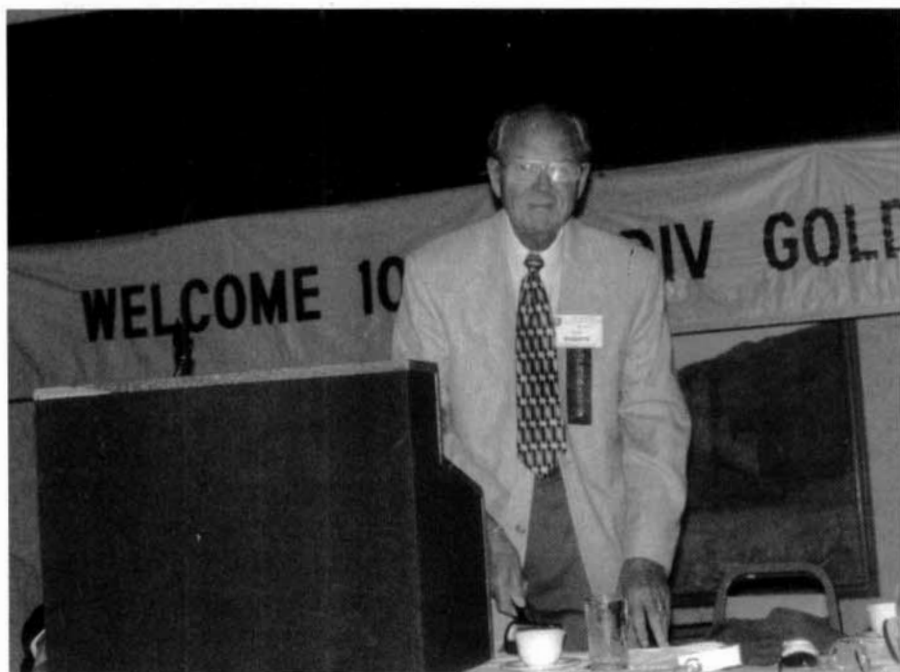
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President Schaffner (below) presenting Donna Lee, "Armed Forces Reunions" coordinator with a plaque of appreciation for her expertise and pleasant help over the years in organizing and managing the Reunions..



President Schaffner presenting Sherod Collins with a plaque in appreciation of his long years of service. Sherod, holder of the coveted "**Order of the Golden Lion Commander's Class**" since 1973 - retired from his duties as "Treasurer - Historian" this year. He was replaced as Treasurer by Richard Rigatti. John Schaffner has assumed duties as "Historian."

Sherod joined the "Association" in July 1949. He held the office of Historian since 1961-62, the office of Treasurer-Historian since 1964-65 and Association President for the year 1975-76.



John "Jack" Roberts 592/C President for year 2003-2004 presenting his acceptance speech.

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Robert "Bob" Wood and Russell Lang 423/I  
They were called "Muckers" at the POW Camp. They bunked together and always looked out for each other.



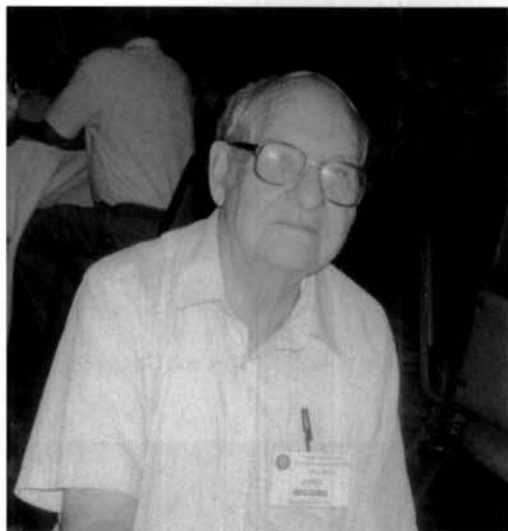
L/R: Joseph Zimmerman 81 Eng/C' Chic Wentz 423/I; Russell Lang 423/I;  
Harold "Sparky" Songer 423/I; Murray Stein 423/I  
(See "Spoon" on page 27 that saved "Sparky's" life)



L/R: Betty Zimmerman; Eloise Songer; Lillian Lang and Donna Wentz



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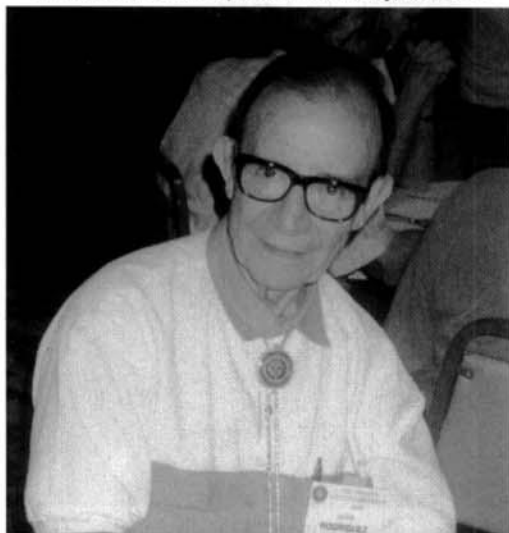
James Wiggins 331/MED



Willie and Leanna Alphonse C Battery, 331 FAB



This spoon saved Sparky Songers life! (See Sparky on page 26). He had the spoon in his jacket pocket and a bullet hit it, left a hole in the handle and was diverted. Sparky is a First Timer at this Reunion



Dr. Juan Rodriguez 422/C



Lou and Peggy Cooper 423/M

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John Gregory 424/E and Shirley



Rinard Davis 422 HQ/3BN and Donna Sutton



Clifton Capshaw 423/K and wife



John Ezelle 423/A and wife



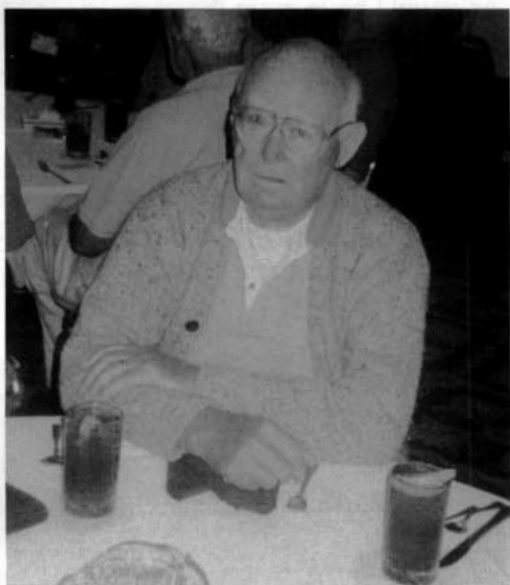
Richard Rigatti, 423/B, Treasurer 106th Infantry Division Association and wife Pat

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Joe Massey 422/C



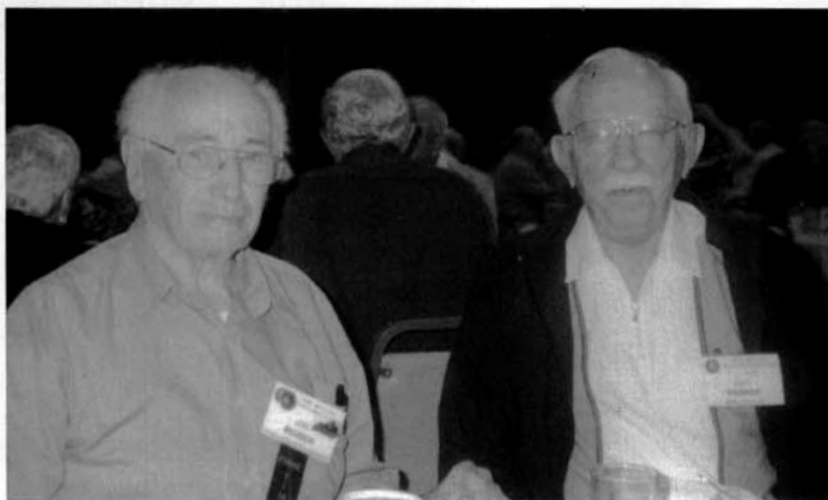
Ed Christianson 331MED/C



Julius Brandi 423/CN



Douglas Brown 106 Signal with wife Ola



Josef Reusch, Grosslangenfeld with friend Earl Parker 423/E

## **57th Annual Reunion - Highlights - Photos . . .**

Thanks to the many who furnished photos.

As usual I have more than I can possibly use. The photo section is intended to give a "feel" for the Reunion activities. My apologies if your photo was not shown. Like in the Army it's a "Crap Shoot." (excuse the language) Thanks to all of you for the information and photos that you furnished. It was a great reunion. John Kline -editor

***ALL STORIES MUST FINISH WITH A "BANG"***  
***I SAVED THE 589TH HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR LAST.***  
***IF YOU DIDN'T VISIT IT, YOU MISSED SOME GREAT "HOSPITALITY."***

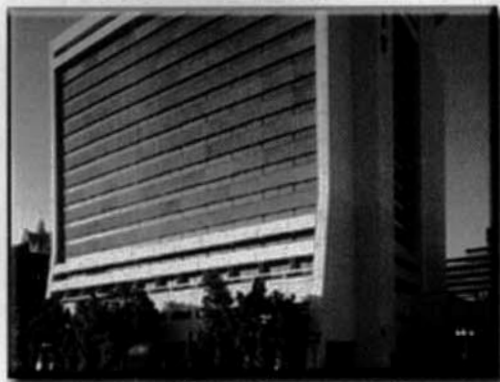


From left to right: All 589th FAB veterans: Walt Snyder; Frank Tacker; Harold Kuizema;  
John Gatens and John Schaffner (Association President 2002-2003)  
Kneeling is Barney Alford



NO, the girls (ahem!) were not hired by the 589th Field Artillery Group - they were one of the feature attractions at the LADIE'S LUNCHEON





*Hyatt Regency Milwaukee*

## **58th Annual Reunion of the Golden Lions**

**Sept 1-5 2004**

**Hyatt-Regency Milwaukee Hotel (Downtown)**

**8-31-2004 Early Arrivals Tuesday**

**9-01-2004 Registration (normally called Early Bird Day)**

**9-02-2004 Reunion Activities**

**9-03-2004 Reunion Activities**

**9-04-2004 Reunion Activities and Final banquet**

**9-05-2004 Farewell Breakfast - Go Home**

**Registration Papers will be mailed early 2004 or placed in the CUB centerfold in the February and/or May issue 2004.**

### **One little Tid-Bit from the Chicago Tribune.**

MILWAUKEE — If ever there were a prevailing visual image that embodied this town — Miller Brewery? The crowds at Summerfest? — it has been replaced.

Milwaukee's icon, now and perhaps forevermore, is an enormous steel sunshade that stretches like a protective pair of wings over the Milwaukee Art Museum—specifically, the lakefront museum's stunningly contemporary south addition, designed by Santiago Calatrava. The sunshade's official name is the Brise Soleil (breez so-LAY, meaning "sun screen"), though some locals already refer to "the Calatrava" when talking about the addition and/or its architectural exclamation point. And because the addition made its debut last October, this will be the first summer for the Brise Soleil—which opens up each morning and folds down in the evening—to stretch its wings.

In other words, if you haven't been to Milwaukee in a year or so, there's a whole lot more to see. SEE YA THERE - Cub Editor

## ***Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .***



Taken in 1945 by a Russian officer, this photo shows Bernard "Barney" Mayrsohn 423rd Cannon Company, top, second from left and four other soldiers who were all Prisoners of War during WWII.

All five men fought in the ***Battle of the Bulge***. All were captured and incarcerated in Stalag IVB Muhlberg, Germany until their liberation by the Russians in May 1945.

This photo was taken as a testimonial to their experience and subsequent release.

The three women seated in the photo are Russian military personnel who were asked to join the soldiers to represent the heroic actions of the Russian troops.

### **STORY BY: Bernard Mayrsohn 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment - Cannon Company**

A member of the 106th Infantry Division Division Association since 1995.

He is a newly elected Director of the Association serving a term extending to 2008.

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Mayrsohn was a member of the 106th Infantry Division, originally drafted in 1943 while in college, Mayrsohn's military career earned him two purple hearts, a bronze star and a Combat Infantry Badge. As one of five children, Mayrsohn's two brothers, Jack and Casper, as well as his father, also served in the military.

Mayrsohn currently maintains his business, Mayrsohn International Trading Company, in three locations, Purchase, NY; Hunts Point, NY; and Hialeah, FL. Plans for the future include expanding his business to include service to additional countries of increased produce items.

CREDITS for the above text, published in PRODUCE BUSINESS, Boca Raton, Florida, as "***Blast from the Past***" a regular feature story in that publication.

## ***Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .***

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Moscow, July 19, 2002

This is a story about a photograph. It was taken on April 30, 1945, the day my prison camp, Stalag IV B, was liberated by the Russian Army. It is a snapshot of 5 emaciated American soldiers standing behind 3 attractive young female Russian soldiers in uniform. The name of the person who snapped the picture, how it was developed, and how it landed in my small knapsack which I brought home, remains a mystery. The photo lay untouched in a bottom drawer for 57 years.

Then, this past Spring, 2003, my wife and I received an invitation from a friend to accompany him and his wife aboard his glamorous private yacht on a trip to Scandinavia. What an opportunity to fly from there to Moscow and to try to locate the ladies in the picture, or at least a few veterans of the battle in April, 1945 and personally thank them for my liberation and liberation of other POW camps and host a dinner for them.

I accepted my friend's invitation enthusiastically. I first contacted the Russian Cultural Center in Washington, IBC. Luckily, the head of this center is Natasha Batova, whose father, now deceased, was one of the generals whose troops liberated American POW's from German Stalags. She was most enthusiastic about my project, and put me in touch with her friend in Moscow, Tatiana Formicheva.

I had almost weekly conversations with Tatiana, who contented the Office of Veteran Affairs in Moscow. I sent a print of the snapshot to her, but without names of the women or their units, it proved impossible to find them. However, she did find two women and two male veterans of these battles and invited them to dinner on my behalf on August 19, 2004, to be held at a prestigious restaurant at #1 Red Square. One of the ladies was Natasha's mother!

I then contacted the American Embassy in Moscow and invited American General Kevin Ryan and Lt. Col. James Yenta to attend. Tatiana became so involved in this gathering that she personally met us at the airport along with a young man (his father is also a general) named Victor who owned a late model Toyota with the steering wheel on the right. They escorted us for our entire 4 day trip and acted as guides and interpreters.

The meal was a real banquet and was most pleasing to our guests. Vodka and wine flowed freely as we were introduced, and we toasted each other, and to the "fallen comrades," a Russian tradition. The two lady soldiers as well as the male veterans had rows of medals and campaign ribbons on their chests. With the help of our interpreter friends, as well as Col. Yentz, who spoke excellent Russian, I told my war story and again thanked them. Then the four veterans told theirs. Col. Yentz talked in English and Russian and General Ryan added how pleased he was with this goodwill reunion.

There was a lot of talk, singing and dancing, with lovely piano music in the background. Gifts were exchanged, including my 106th Infantry wrist watch and a 106 hat, while I received two books of Russian exploits. After four hours of good times, the Russian were reluctant to leave, and considering their skepticism before, it was a very special evening of international goodwill and friendship.

I also had an appointment with the Russian officer in-charge of Russian Veterans Affairs Ivanov Yori Nikolavich who was very pleased with my invitations and helped locate my liberating Russian unit. He awarded me the Russian Blue Star – similar to our Combat Infantry Badge. Yori will try and find other members of the liberating division. Also the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C. will keep me informed of US and Russian programs.

## ***Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .***

### **IT HAPPENED IN APRIL**

27 August 2003 Article from Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star),

the Russian Defense Minister's official newspaper:

An American business man, the owner of a huge company, goes to Moscow to learn who rescued him from a German prisoner of war camp." . . In my opinion, this is a great scenario for a film. But it is real life - Recently Bernard Mayrsohn visited our capital. He was here to learn which Russian division arrived at the camp where he was being held prisoner of war in 1945. And also to learn the identities of the women in the photograph - next to him and the other four newly liberated Americans.

Mayrsohn proudly shows me the decoration given to him when he met a group of Russian veterans. The medal was awarded to Russian who fought on the front lines. He also reports that he has managed to discuss some possible business deals. "This is very much the American way," he says with a smile. But the Americans primary mission, the reason he came to Russia, has not yet been completed. Here's his story:

In 1943, while in college, he entered service in the U.S. Army. His father and two of his five brothers were also serving in the army. In September 1944, Mayrsohn along with a regiment of other soldiers arrived in Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth. At that time he was a member of the 106th Infantry Division. As winter approached he found himself at the front, just as the Germans Ardennes Offensive was beginning. As a result of the German armor attack, the 106th took heavy losses. Half of the division was lost and Mayrsohn, twice wounded, was taken prisoner . . .

The prisoners were loaded in to train cars and taken somewhere to the East. The trip aboard the train lasted about a week and all the while the British and American aircraft bomber the railroads. "During one of the attacks, a bomb landed on the car to the front of us and many comrades were killed," says Mayrsohn. Before Christmas, they arrived at Stalag 4B. "It was very cold," recalls the veteran. "We had to sleep outside. But the main problem was that, before we were loaded onto the train, the German took many of our possessions. They took my jacket and I was left with one shirt. My friend had it even worse. They took his shoes and, when we unloaded, he had to walk bared foot in the snow."

"All the barracks were full of British soldiers," Mayrsohn continues. "Most of them were taken after jumping into the fight around Arnheim. These were volunteers from throughout the entire British Empire, fantastic people. It turned out that several months they had been saving from Red Cross parcels in preparation for Christmas. But before Christmas this great number of Americans arrived. They didn't have to share with us, but they did. We didn't know the origin of the food, we simply thought they were feeding us well."

Mayrsohn falls silent for a moment, then asks, "Would you like to hear about one of the funny things that happened to me at the camp?"

Having received a positive response, he settled back in his chair and continues.

"When we arrived at the camp we were processed by a captain from New Zealand. He had been taken prisoner early in the war, so he knew everything and was surprised by nothing. In his room I noticed a large pile of clothing and asked him if I could take something for myself. He offered me anything that would fit and I chose an Eisenhower jacket (a short jacket). I walked out of the room and a couple of minutes realized that people were calling me "Sergeant." It turns out that there was a sergeant's rank on the jacket - Sergeant Major - and I was only a Private First Class.



## ***Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .***



*Top Photo: L/R: Mr. Dmitry Bobylev, Chairman of Veteran's Committee, helped liberate Stalag IVB; Mrs. Svetlana Kazakova; Ethel Mayrsohn, with flowers presente by Col. Yentz; Nina Batova; Berbard Myarsohn, 423/CN; Mr. Sergey Butyrln, liberator IVB; Colonel Yentz in back.*

*Right: Mr. Butyrln dancing in a 106th cap*

*Below: Bernard Mayrsohn, 423rd Cannon; Gen Kevin Ryan, U.S. Military Attache, Moscow; Mr. Butyrlev; Mr. Bobylev and Colonel Yentz*



## Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .



*Above: Our Banquet table with 10 Guests*



*Left: Entrance to ONE Red Square where we had the banquet.*

*L/R: Me, Mrs. Batova; Ivan the Terrible, Mrs. Kazakova; My wife Ethel*

*Below: My wife, then me showing the original POW Liberation photo; and to my left; Titiana, my interpreter*



## ***Return to Russia to search for Stalag IV-B Liberators . .***

The British also greeted me as "Sergeant." British soldiers are very professional and have great deal of respect for regulation and rank. But a British Sergeant Major is typically forty years of age. Nonetheless they explained to me, that since I was a sergeant, I would be responsible for the American soldiers. I was to ensure that they shaved every morning, that they maintained proper hygiene and discipline. The British were great – all volunteers with good sense and intelligent. They constructed a radio receiver and would listen to BBC at night."

They learned through the news that the red Army was advancing ever further to the West, the front was getting closer. By that time there were no more Red Cross parcels and the prisoners of war were beginning to starve. Mayrsohn said that he lost forty pounds.

"In the middle of April." He continues, "we heard artillery and realized the front was very close. The German guards abandoned the camp, but we were afraid to leave. It's strange, but we were afraid of the Russians.

There were many Russians soldiers in the area that had escaped camp. They weren't very friendly to anyone, including us. Once they broke into the camp. On horseback, draped with machine gun ammunition belts, they looked like Mexicans. But their stay at camp was not long because of the imminent arrival of the Russian troops. After that, no one bothered us.

We were the first to see the Russians and our impressions were the very best. They liberated us and treated us well. I remember a conversation with one captain. He pointed to a truck and said, "America." He pointed to a Jeep and said, "America, an they brought us here." The captain took this photograph, in which you see us – five friends with three pretty Russian Army women. I don't have his picture...

Then they took us to Halle. The captain went to a house there and told the German women, "here are five Americans, feed them" And there we stayed. At the doorway he hanged a sign that said, "American house, entry forbidden." And we soon returned to America."

Mayrsohn enjoyed much success after the war. He used the GI Bill to go to a University, as did many of his comrades who had previously not even dreamed of such education. Now the government was paying for the studies of the former soldiers. I asked him if the former prisoners of war had any problems related to the war.

"Psychological," he said, "mainly psychological. But, it was easier for us returning from Europe that it was for those who fought in the pacific. Particularly those who were held prisoner by the Japanese. The say it was hell. But, still we didn't have the kind of problems that you had. We lived pretty well before the war, during the war and when we returned.

Mayrsohn would still very much like to know who liberated them.

He understands that establishing the names of the women in the photo, and even more so, that of the captain, will be very difficult. But with the help of "Krasnaya Zvezda" he is hoping for success.

Sergey SUMBAYEV

## New Members . . .

*Note to ALL new members:*

*Welcome back to the 106<sup>th</sup>!*

If you are on email and have not indicated so, please send me an email address so that you can be added to the nearly 400 members that are on my "**Bulge List**."

If you didn't give any "history" with your application, send me a short resume, like some that you see below.

My address is on the inside front cover.

If you are email send it to [jpk@mm.com](mailto:jpk@mm.com)

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### **BAKER, WILLIAM O. 423/HQ 2BN**

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Captured at St. Vith, Belgium.

POW in Stalag 9-B

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Enclosed is a check for LIFE Membership in honor and memory of my older brother, S/Sgt Anthony (Teno) S. Chansler, 592nd FAB Battery A, 106th Infantry Division. Teno died October 5, 1977. My sisters and brothers, and me, still miss him.

I remember my mother writing letters (and me too) to him in the winter of 1944/45 to somewhere far away but not easily understood by a nine year old. It was painful to my mom.

On Teno's ROS it shows Battle and Campaign ribbons in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Mr. Edgar R. Carpenter, 81st Engineers Combat Battalion recently put me in contact with the 106th Infantry Division Association.

God Bless all the veterans, especially this "Veteran's Day." Thank you all for your service to our country,

signed John F. Chansler

*Editor's Note: How nice of you, John. to submit your application in honor of your brother, on Veteran's Day 2003. We all salute you for that. I know Teno would be proud of you.*

*John Kline, editor*

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Father was Pvt Walter L. Mayo Jr.  
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My father James Thomas McCanless is a veteran of the 106th, 423/F.

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## **New Members . . .**

James writes, "My father James McCanless served with the 106th during the Ardennes Offensive. Over the years I have read many books on the "Bulge." Recently I read the book "St. Vith by Tolhurst and learned of the 106th Infantry Division Association. Dad has never talked at length about his experiences but over the years I have been able to put together a pretty good account of what happened to him and it is a great story. Although there are some gaps due to his lack of memory for specifics, after reading St. Vith and having him read it also and talking with him again recently, I thought you would like to have his story as best I know it.

Jim McCanless volunteered for the Army on his 17th birthday in January 1943. He was transferred to the 106th from the ASTP and shipped out with the unit to ETO. He was in the third platoon, 1st squad of 423/F to the best of his recollection. Prior to the surrender of the battalion the men of his company were given the option to try to make it back to St. Vith in small groups rather than being captured. My dad and three of his buddies (Morris, Caparelli and Palermo) decided to escape rather than surrender. They were given a small amount of ammo and rations and were allowed to leave. They spent 2-3 days and nights in the woods with the German armor rattling up and down the roads and hearing and being involved in numerous firefights/ They actually made it back to St. Vith with several NCO's and 20-30 stragglers like themselves that they had met on the way.

McManless and his companions were eventually assigned to a SNAFU unit in Bastogne and put on the line. He remembers spending Christmas Day in a foxhole in Bastogne - a chaplain delivered his Christmas present - 2 clips of ammo for his M-1 and a can of rations (C-Rations?).

After Bastogne he spent time in a field hospital due to frostbite of his feet, from which he fully recovered. He was then assigned to the 85th Infantry Division of Patton's Third Army. He was awarded the bronze Star for action with a bazooka against a German tank, which was destroyed. He was

wounded in mid-March 1944, and spent time in a hospital in England.

After the war McManless attended college and medical school on the GI Bill and had a very successful career as an Anesthesiologist. He is now retired, in good health and living in Cuchara, CO.

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Neil came to us from the Internet. He is headed for the Schnee Eifel for the Anniversary of "The Battle of the Bulge."

He was interested in my position in the Eifel and I sent him explicit directions and maps to show the position of my Heavy MG position that was on the very left flank of the 423rd Infantry Regiment. More next CUB. Good Hunting Neil.

## ***In Memoriam . . .***

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In all the years that the CUB has been published, the rule for listings of deaths of Association members was that "***Current paid Veterans Only***" were listed". Due to time, general opinion, and overall age of our organization that rule is being relaxed. Current paid Associate and Auxiliary (spouse) members will be listed - on request.

### **Bourg, Charles E. 424/HQ 2Bn**

***9915 Baptist Church Road St Louis, MO 63123***

Date of Death: 10/20/2003 Kitty Bourg, his wife reported. "He died as he lived, unafraid. His death was unexpected and devastating. He always wore a cap with the Golden Lion displayed, as were his ribbons and citations. After 9/11 he said younger men noticing the display would say "I want to thank you for what you did." Those words warmed his heart and made him feel very proud. He often recounted the events of the "Battle of the Bulge," the cold deep snow, the job at hand of staying alive. He often recalled how Col. Uminoff told the GI's they would have turkey and dressing for Christmas Day. That, of course, made him laugh loudly as he recalled what he actually ate. We were married 52 years."

### **Drumm, Leo 590/B**

***5225 Pooks Hill Rd, Apt 328, Bethesda, ND 20814***

Date of death: 9/21/2002

### **Hurman, John J. 423/M**

***100 12th Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225***

Date of death: 11/14/2003 Helen Bilenki, sister of John Hurman reported his death by phone. John is survived by his wife Doris, a daughter Laura, a son Alan and his sister Helen Bilenki and two granddaughters. Laura, his daughter asks that we let you all know how much he enjoyed the Association and his 106th friends. She said that he passed away peacefully at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore from a heart attack.

### **Locurcio Jr., Vincent 423/M**

***571 Prospect Street, Nutley, NJ 07110***

Date of death: 7/08/2003. Antoinette, his wife reported: My husband of over 50 years died July 8, 2002. Vincent went through basic Training with the 106th Infantry Division. However he was sent to California with the 37th Infantry Division and shipped over to the Pacific Theatre where he earned the Bronze Star. We were lucky enough to attend some of the 106th Reunions and Vincent enjoyed them.

### **McKee, Col Henry H. 422/HQ**

***20450 Huebner Rd Apt 205, San Antonio, TX 78258***

Date of death: 10/01/2003 A note, without detail was received from his son, James. No Obituary information was included.

### **Moss, Col Richard A. 589/A**

***3264 Homestead Drive, Granger, IA 50109***

Date of death: 09/27/2003. As reported by John Schaffner, 589/A: Dick was a member of 589/A as a replacement at the end of hostilities in Europe and served under the "Detail Section." He remained in the Army and eventually retired as a Colonel. His wife Ann Moss still lives at the same address.

**Pace, Marguerite (Auxiliary)**

*9952 N. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, PA 22802*

Date of death: 10/04/2003 from husband Herman "Pappy" Pace, 422/H. Email [pappyexpow45@aol.com](mailto:pappyexpow45@aol.com)

**Peterson Ph.D., Dr. Richard 423/I**

*1285 Rubenstein, Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007*

Date of Death: Survived by Dr. Beverley Peterson, Ph.D. his wife. Beverley and Richard were planning on attending the 57th Annual Reunion, but Dick was unable to go. We all missed him so much. Our heartfelt condolences to her.

Dr. James Yamazaki, 590/MED wrote: "He was a dear friend and our bond was forged by our common experience of December 1944 and the months that followed. His genuine concern for fellow veterans, whatever and wherever their experience in battlefields far from home, led to a professional career. This professional career followed a career in the banking business. His experience in the war and in the after life enabled him to counsel veterans whose experiences caused life long memories that could not be erased. Memories that troubled them for the remainder of their lives. His counsel was warm and compassionate and reached many lives. It extended to even a larger group as he textualized (wrote) his counsel for others to spread the gospel and help veterans in need with his book on "*Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome*." In this book he and his wife Dr. Beverley Peterson, a fellow practitioner of the healing arts, reached out to veterans and others that were traumatized, not only in the battlefields, but to the everyday stress that civilians encounter in life. Dr. Beverley Peterson counseled soldiers in Viet Nam and continued her work in concert with her husband Richard. They were a dynamic and powerful force in their field. Dr. Beverley continues her practice.

Dr. Richard Peterson felt deeply for all of us with compassion, but always with a touch of wit and humor. Just enough to take the rough edge off of our shared common ordeals."

**Poellot, John A. 422/HQ 422/HQ**

*1517 Smysor Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006*

Date of death: 11/07/2002

**Pushkarick, Charles 424/M**

*8811 West Oklahoma Ave. 213, Milwaukee, WI 53227*

Date of death: 09/15/2002

**Skardon, Alvin W. 590/B**

*937 Bowman Rd Apt 233, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464*

Date of death: 10/19/2003

**Ward, Nathan "Duke", 81st ENG/HQ (LTC US Ret)**

*2140 West Carlyle Ct, Marietta, GA 30062*

Date of death: 08/01/2003. His widow Martha wrote: "He died after a long catastrophic illness. He had been home five years and at the Georgia War Veteran's Nursing Home in Augusta for seven years when he passed away. He was a great American. He loved his country and took pride in having served in *The Battle of the Bulge* as a member of the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion. He loved his buddies and regularly attended reunions, local and national, until he was incapacitated. May God continue to bless members of the 106th and may **God Bless America**."

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**Rest In Peace**

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FOR A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

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