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(See page 1 "President's Message" for more detail)*

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President's View . . .

Hurricane Katrina taught us that even the best laid plans can come to naught.

Our 59th Reunion was in place, we were ready to go. Tours, meals, programs and all were well planned and the troops were ready to go to New Orleans.

But, nature showed it's power by breaching the levees, wreaking havoc all over the city. Soon after the hurricane wore out it's power, Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) very quickly asked if we wanted to find a new place to hold the reunion or just cancel it for this year.

After much consideration a decision was made to hold it at a new site.

After checking out many other sites AFR suggested holding it at the *Sheraton National Hotel* in Arlington, VA. We accepted that offer.

The new dates are for November 3-7, 2005. Then AFR through Donna Lee assured us that those who had already registered and had paid for tours in New Orleans, that refunds would be made.

I signed the new contract and word of the new location and a new schedule of activity was sent every member outlining what tours, meals and activities were available for the Arlington Reunion at the *Sheraton National Hotel*.

Registrations are coming into AFR. Plans are being made again for a great reunion. By November 3, we will be ready for action and enjoy our annual reunion.

During the months I have been in office as President, I have been impressed with the amount of time so many comrades spend working on 106th projects.

I am still computer illiterate and Barbara willingly and cheerfully has done all my computer work. John Kline, publishes our quarterly magazine and keeps in touch with a large number of our membership using email. Dick Rigatti, our treasurer, sends checks regularly to keep our bills paid and takes in contributions; Marion Ray, our Adjutant, keeps up with everything going on and keeps our Board on their toes.

Dr. Duncan Trueman has the Memorial Service properly prepared.

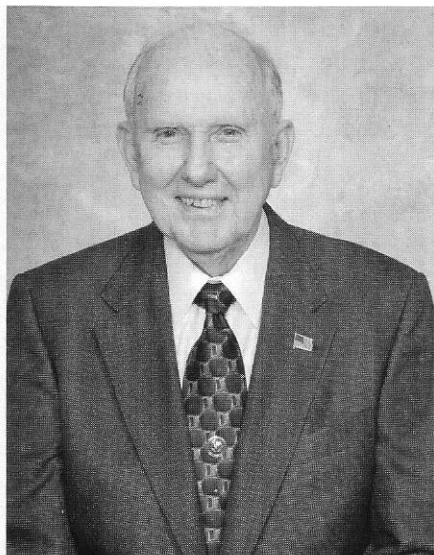
As I have said many times before, I have enjoyed being President where I have learned so much about our traditions as an Association.

I am proud to leave to the capable leadership of Irwin Smoler, Murray Stein and Martin Wentz. Everyone of them are capable, caring and dedicated to holding our association's goals high.

The reins to the association will be turned over to them at the Arlington Reunion. Thank you all for making my term in office as president a pleasant one.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Bridges President 106th Infantry Division Association



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“BREAK IN”

Several months ago I received a long-distance telephone call from an Army psychologist in Iraq. He wanted to discuss an after-mission group-debriefing process presently in use by both Army and Marines.

I had some small involvement in the design of this program intended to diminish the impact of combat stress on warriors. At the time, I didn't know how he had identified me, but we spoke for close to an hour.

Toward the end of our conversation, not knowing that I was also a clergyman, he said: “Duncan, a lot of these debriefing groups are also becoming prayer cells, without regard to particular religious groups or denominations.”

All unplanned! Not by the initiators of the program. Not by the chaplains. Soldiers and Marines added that spiritual component themselves in this effort to reduce the incidence of debilitating combat stress (which predisposes one to PTSD). In other words, the troops there in the midst of it discovered a need for both spiritual strength and healing.

God on the battlefield? That seems like an unlikely way to express it.

But it reminds me..... in December 1944 a certain lieutenant discovered words scrawled on a blackboard in a devastated country schoolhouse in a small Belgian town. What was left of his platoon had taken refuge there from the wind and cold and snow. The words read like this

“May the world never again live through such a Christmas night. It's not worthy of man's destiny. Life was given in order that we might love”

It was signed by a German officer. That lieutenant said that just reading those words in the very midst of battle was a moment of spiritual renewal for him.

Yes, sometimes God, knowing our deepest needs, picks the most propitious moments to break in.

Many of you have experienced such moments that you have shared with me.

Some occurred during battle; some during captivity. But the thing to remember is that God is forever faithful, always ready to “break in.” We turn to him more often when we have special needs or concerns, but in those who “practice the presence of God” each day, He takes up residence within, and we find that the Kingdom is truly within us.

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust....” (Psalm 18:2)

Treasurer's Annual Report

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005

Associate Dues		\$ 880.00
Auxiliary Dues		220.00
Member Dues		3,530.00
Life Dues		<u>3,750.00</u>
Total Dues		\$8,380.00
58th Reunion Surplus		\$3,352.76
Donations		1,860.50
Interest and Dividends		2,142.37
Sale of Books		755.31
Sale of Merchandise		<u>85.00</u>
Total Receipts		16,577.94
58 th Reunion Expenses		\$1,337.73
59 th Reunion Expenses		1,149.50
Bank Charges		179.86
Computer Repair		227.87
Computer Software		387.61
Computer Supplies		222.60
Cub	\$ 16,268.89	
Less Life Plus Club	<u>9,000.00</u>	\$7,268.89
Delinquents		27.69
Liability Insurance		500.00
Officers' Bond		233.89
Mailing and Messages		3,659.81
St. Vith Memorial		36.20
New Computer , Software and Warranties		958.76
Office Expenses and Supplies		<u>389.70</u>
Total Expenditures		\$16, 580.11
Need of Funds from Savings		\$ 2.17

Bank Reconciliations

Beginning Balance July 1, 2004	\$ 3,153.45	\$61,857.80
Transfers	4,956.26	(4,956.26)
Receipts	14,435.57	2,142.37
Expenditures	16,580.11	0-
Balance June 30, 2005	\$5,965.17	\$59,043.91

As you review the above statement you will note that the **LIFE PLUS Club** has contributed an amazing \$9,000 to the printing of The **CUB**. With only 130 Life members contributing an average of \$70.00, I believe that this is remarkable. I know our membership is made of kindly and generous people. You have proved that to me again.

I hope to be able to continue the **LIFE PLUS Club**. Hopefully some of you will make an annual contribution. I would also like to hear from the other **LIFE Members** who have yet to join the **LIFE PLUS Club**, your donations are not listed in a dollar amount, but your name is shown as a **LIFE PLUS Club** member.

Respectfully Submitted, *Richard L. Rigatti*, Treasurer **106th Inf Div Assoc**

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Assoc Membership 09/27/2005

Life Members (Vets)	693
Annual Members (Vets)	561
Total Vets	1254
Life Associate Members	185
Annual Assoc Members	144
Total Associates	329
Comp Members	9
GRAND TOTAL	1,595

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ANDERSON, TOBY	8
AUERBACH, SID	25
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BROCKWELL, MARTHA	5
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John Gilliland PX Manager, announced that he will have several items for sale at the 59th Annual Reunion in New Orleans next September

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breast Med and Large \$25; Extra Large \$28.; XXL Large
\$30 Shipping and Handling \$7.50 each

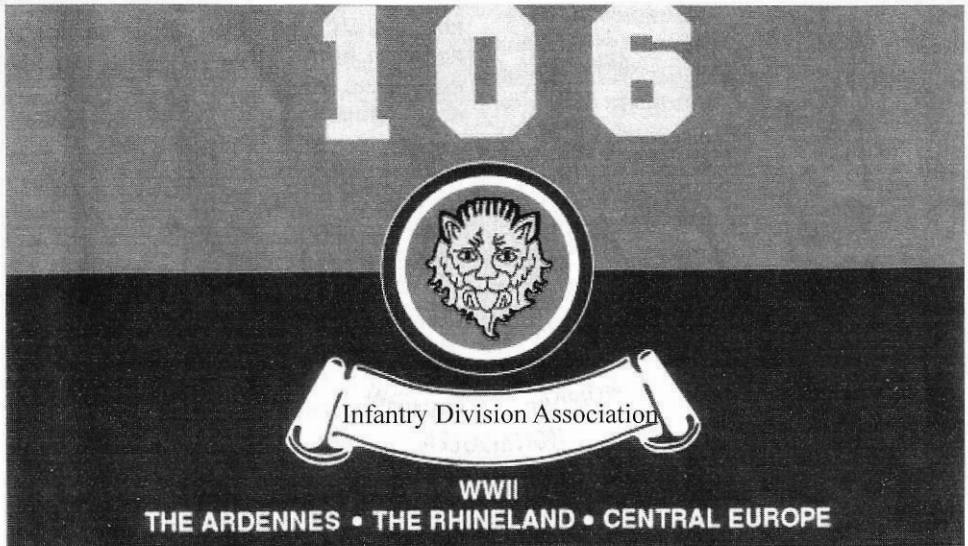


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106th Flag 28" in x 44" in (indoor/outdoor) one sided with loop for hanging on pole or rod (not included) - \$25.00 each delivered.



"106" Yellow on Blue background. Bottom of flag is Red.

"Lion's Patch" in Red, White, Blue with Golden Lion Head

"The words "Infantry Division Association" below Lion's Patch is curved to follow the contour of the scroll (It is Gold in color and did not reproduce well here)

Having been the Associations Historian for a couple of years now has been a great experience for me. I have come to realize that everything of an historical nature that one reads cannot *always* be accepted as true fact. Oh, close, most of the time, maybe. My own experience, for example can be used to further explore this feeling. The story that I tell about being in the same foxhole with another soldier does not wholly coincide with his version of the same event. How can that be? Is one of us trying to make himself look good, or more in control, or minimize the other guy's part? Probably none of that is the case. Here we are, many, many years later, the event was one of extreme stress, and we never met later to discuss what had happened then. Our personal accounts are different.

Now comes the fun part. I have been reading everything that comes to me, either in the form of memoirs, or via e-mail, forum type, letters to the editor. I read comments about things that were reported to have happened to individuals, that were told by someone, who told someone else, who told someone else, and finally it got to me. Just how factual can that be?

Is it important? Did Colin Kelly actually fly that B-17 right down the stack of that Japanese battleship? Did that Chaplain really say, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition?" Did Sergeant York really earn all those medals? Probably so. I can accept those stories as fact. If one thinks about it, an important thing at that time was to provide a hero. We all need role-models in our life and at times, like in a war, it becomes very, very important

As I get older, and, in spite of the aches and pains that seem to go with this territory, I consider myself one of the lucky ones.

I had an invitation to contribute some of my *souvenirs la guerre* to a display observing the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. This display was set up by the National Rifle Association of America at their headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. (It's quite a place, I must say. If you are ever in the neighborhood and don't see this National Firearms Museum that they maintain, you will surely be missing something.) As a contributor of my souvenirs, Lil and I attended the gala opening of "The Arsenal of Democracy" display featured in the **William B. Ruger Gallery** of the museum on 18 May, 2005. The affair was attended by well over one hundred guests, only a few of whom I knew. However, it was a very friendly group and I got to shake hands with Wesley L. Fox, USMC, Ret., the first CMH recipient that I had ever been in the company of. I consider that alone a special honor for me.

Also present was MG Bruce Tuxhill, CO of the MD Air NG. I had never met the General before, but we did have mutual friends that led to conversation. When the affair came to an end each of the guests was presented with a book detailing the exhibition, complete with photos of the contributors and the displays of their personal items.

So, here I am, 60 years after the end of the war, when at times I thought that I would never be old enough to vote, still around and mixing with all of these neat people. Is that great? You can bet the farm it is! We may be referred to as *The Greatest Generation* but if you are still alive, and able to read this, I think that you can consider yourself one of the *luckiest* of that generation. I do.

The sales of the sets of CD disks containing the Cub issues from the first issue through March 2005 have been better than I expected. As of the date of this writing I have distributed well over 100. The profits realized from the sales will be contributed to the Association. We have received many favorable comments from those folks who have the disks now, and have been browsing this history. Be sure to get a set for anyone in your family who is computer literate and you want to have access to the history of the 106th Division. We are keeping subsequent issues and at some future date will produce another CD disk. In the meantime, keep your paper copies. *John Schaffner - 589/A*

Memoirs

There was a time when you wanted to put it all behind and go on with your life. Right? You never talked about it, or even wanted to be around if somebody else opened the subject. Right? If, just by accident, it was drawn out of you in a conversation, you couldn't finish what you wanted to say. You choked up. I'll bet the farm that most of you reading this know exactly what I am referring to.

Sure, I went through all that too. I am still not comfortable talking about it. Some things are hard to live with, so you just set them on the 'back burner' and think that someday you will write it down so that your kids and grand-kids will know what we WW II vets went through to ensure that we would have a decent world to live in. No, it isn't easy to get started with that, but if you are ever going to do it, and haven't already started, you had better get moving.

I had a grandfather, two of them, right? So did everybody. Problem is, I know very little about either of them. What kind of men were they? Did they ever do anything worth while? If they did they never wrote it down for me to read about. I wish they had.

Well, you veterans of the 106th Infantry Division played a very important role in the victory over tyranny in Europe. Just ask any of our Belgian friends if you don't think so. They don't forget.

Now, this is what I am leading up to. The computer users who have received the CD disks containing prior copies of our quarterly, *The Cub*, have been very pleased with this project. We are going to follow this act with another CD disk project.

This time we will produce a CD that will contain all of the memoirs, diaries, and narratives, that we can find that have been written by veterans of our 106th Infantry Division. If you would like to have your story recorded for all time now is your chance. The opportunity may never come again. Time is short and there is so much to do.

Just send us your typewritten, or computer printed, copy and we will include it with the rest of our stories. Pictures are desirable but not necessary.

How better to leave a legacy for younger generations? After the CD project is finished the material will be forwarded to the U. S. Army Heritage and Educational Center at Carlisle, PA.

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February 1, 2003	697	624	1,321	122	128	250	20	1,591
April 25, 2003	697	623	1,320	130	137	267	17	1,604
August 17, 2003	699	629	1,328	138	140	278	20	1,626
November 30, 2003	705	564	1,269	148	116	264	19	1,552
February 15, 2004	703	595	1,298	152	122	274	10	1,582
September 11, 2004	699	587	1,286	158	140	298	14	1,598
November 24, 2004	698	582	1,280	159	120	279	15	1,574
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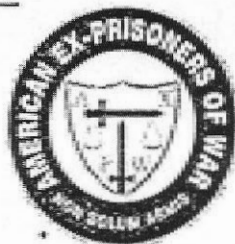
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Thanks - John Kline, Editor, The CUB



Veteran's who were present at the TACOM meeting honoring WWII POWs- and some who appear in the photo above with Brigadier General Patrick O'Reilly (in uniform) include the following:

photos by Karen Sas (TACOM)

Roy Albert (423/E), Mario Angelo (423/D), Farnk Audette, Sr. (106 HQ), Edward L. Bohde (422/L), Herb Eidelman 424/SC), Franklin Grant (Associate), Jay Ice (424/SV), William T. Martin 424/C), Robert Montgomery (422/CN); Harold W. Ortwine (592/C); John E. Plotowski (422/HQ 1BN), Anthony Rand (589/B), Joh M. "Jack" Roberts (592/C) and Robert Taro (422/H). Other veteran guests included Harold DeForest (WWII), Wes Zidwick (WWII), James Poe (Korea), Larry Soules (Vietnam), Paul Mandell (Korea), Larry Soules (Vietnam), Paul Mandell (Korea), Tom Osmond (Vietnam), Rick Poniatowski (Vietnam), Ron Skiera (Vietnam) and Ken Kelley (Vietnam).

The Michigan veterans of the 106th Infantry Division Association had a very delightful educational and unique experience on May 26, 2005. It is best described by the enclosed article written by *Randy Talbot, Historian for the U. S. Tank & Automotive Command newsletter* which is titled *TA COM LCMC Honors WW II POWs*.

The article at first glance may seem a little long but when you read it you will see the respectful reference made about the 106th Infantry Division Association as well as the important role the Division played during WW II during the *Battle of the Bulge*. Our Division is well known and well regarded by the U. S. Tank & Automotive Command (also known locally at the Detroit Arsenal.)

The enclosed group picture was taken by **Karen Sas** (TACOM) on May 26, 2005 and she followed the group as it toured the facilities taking candid shots of the veterans. The veterans shown in the group picture include members of the 106th Association as well as other veterans who were present and participated in the day's events. A TACOM press release was planned to be published in the local newspapers following the May 26 gathering but the Detroit News jumped the gun with the article which caused non-106th veterans to show up and of course they were welcomed to join the 106th group for the Memorial ceremonies. They were men from the Korea & Vietnam conflicts and three VFW members.

Here is a little background on this great day that we experienced.

Several years before I took over as Chairman of the Michigan 106th veterans group I began to notice that the veterans were losing interest in coming to the Mini Reunion dinner meetings and telling the same old war stories. Then four years ago after I took over for Russ Mayotte after he passed away I decided I wanted Military speakers at our dinners to excite the attendees and it proved to be a great incentive for the veterans and guests to attend.

In order to find military speakers I searched the area and finally got in touch with Randy Talbot from TACOM. What a lucky break that was. Randy has supplied our group with outstanding speakers and most of them were high ranking officers with combat experiences in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.

The speakers have high regards for the fighting men and women during WW II and all did their research on the 106th's role in the war. Randy, a 15-year Army veteran himself, attends our Michigan annual dinners each year with his wife (when she is available as she is an active Army Sergeant.) TACOM has kind of adopted our group and they have the highest respect for what our generation did many years ago and they not only say it but show it as well.

Anyway, at our Michigan mini-reunion dinner last fall (November 7, 2004) Randy asked me if I thought the group would like to take a tour of TACOM. I said, "Let's ask them!" A show of hands was unanimous which ended with the May 26, 2005 venture in recognition of Memorial Day. You may recall I called and asked you for address labels of the Michigan veterans & Associate members to be used for envelopes to invite the entire Michigan group to tour TACOM. Randy engineered the entire program from beginning to end for our group. As you read his write-up you will see that he went all out for us and is a true friend of the 106th.

I cannot identify all of the men in the group picture since all veterans were included. However, I would appreciate if you will list the names of those 106th veterans & Associate members who were in attendance as follows:

You will notice in Randy Talbot's article that Brigadier General O'Reilly personally pinned the coveted Army Honorable Discharge Pin (Ruptured Duck) on each of the WW II veterans present, shook their hands and thanked them personally for serving their country during WW II. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a photograph of me receiving the pin from General O'Reilly.

If you use the photographs I promised that credit under the photographs would be given to the photographer..... Photograph by Karen Sas.

I apologize for writing such a long letter but I have been so elated ever since we were invited to the Detroit Arsenal and the eventual tour that I just cannot talk enough about it. The veterans and guests who were in attendance at TACOM that day raved about what they saw and what they heard and were so thankful and delighted that they were able to attend.

I have since written personal letters to General O'Reilly, Colonel Owens, CSM Crandell and Randy Talbot in behalf of the 106th Association as the Michigan Chairman, thanking them for all what they did to make this great event take place for the *106th Infantry Division Association* and giving us such great recognition.

Warm Regards,

John M. "Jack" Roberts (See next pages for the continuation of this story).

TACOM LCMC HONORS WWII POWS

By Randy Talbot, Staff Historian

In his Memorial Day message to the work force, MG Mike Lenaers, Commanding General of the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) reminded us that *"On Memorial Day, America reaffirms its duty to remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and for the security of our Nation."* That is just what a group of dedicated members of our work force did on May 26 2005 when the TACOM LCMC welcomed the members of the *106th Infantry Division's "Golden Lions"* of World War Two fame to our installation. Fourteen members of the 106th, their family and friends (some who were other WWII Vets) graced the Detroit Arsenal in what one former war fighter could only call "mind-boggling." Wearing name tags that proudly proclaimed them as *World War Two vets*, these former soldiers and prisoners of war could only stare in amazement at the vehicle systems on display.

It was a day of surprises for the *"Golden Lions"* that began with their entry into the New Equipment Training Center. There, they were met by the TACOM LCMC Chief of Staff, COL. Phillip B. Owens and Command Sergeant Major, Dennis W. Crandell who welcomed them to the Detroit Arsenal. Although the setting for the event was informal, the heartfelt message of the role that the members of the 106 th played in World War Two and in the current military were at the forefront of the day's speakers.

Opening the day's events, CSM Crandell acted as the emcee and began by introducing Chaplain (LTC) Joseph Krintz. His message was simple, *"God has a special love for Soldier's and families."* As the Chaplain's message struck a spiritual chord of the faith and compassion of fellow Soldiers, the *"Golden Lions"* were then to hear an impassioned speech regarding their place in history.

COL. Owens told the thirty-five veterans and family members that the reason they were here today was many. "First, it was to show these veterans their legacy. When they went to war over sixty years ago, they rode in vehicles that were either made or contracted by our predecessor commands. And for over sixty years, we have continued to do the same job; providing our nation's military with the finest ground vehicles" to protect those still defending our freedoms. The decisions you made sixty years ago when you went to war allowed us to continue our mission... and we thank you."

Secondly, COL. Owens remarked that when the Army highlighted its Soldier's values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage, they had "Soldier's like you in mind." He commented that the veterans of World War II laid the groundwork for today's military, and provides the soldier's of today with a very high standard to follow.

The history of the *"Golden Lion's:"* Arriving in Belgium after a short training refresher session in England few days, taking up position in what was a quiet sector, and a few days later taking the full force of the German invasion in the *Battle of the Bulge*, fighting until they were forced to surrender, and then many being forced into a captivity that covered, in some case, nearly 525 miles of snow-covered roads, was just the beginning of the story. *"Your actions in those first crucial days of combat only*

a fellow Soldier will ever know," Owens said. "You stuck together through the horrors of combat, anguished together as friends were lost in battle, and shared a fear only you know of capture and imprisonment, providing each other the camaraderie and comfort only Soldiers experience."

Owens brought out the fact that their actions on the opening days of the *Battle of the Bulge* actually helped save the allies. They fought until they were surrounded and forced to surrender. Their fighting saved time and allowed units such as Patton's Third Army and the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions to arrive in the Ardennes Forest. But their actions not only saved time, it also took a lot of enemy manpower to hold and transport the members of the 106th to holding areas. Some like *John M. "Jack" Roberts*, 106th Division State Commander, escaped, requiring more manpower to track the escaped prisoners. In essence, it was their actions that allowed the allied armies to push back the enemy forces.

Following Owens' talk, Tim Tarczynski, the Director of Operations from the Tank Automotive Research, Developing and Engineering Center (TARDEC) commented on the rise of technology and the current uses in military vehicles. He particularly shocked the "*Golden Lions*" when he reminded them that their average age in combat was between 20-22 years old, "And today, in our labs, we have engineers who are the same age as you when you went to war, designing our current and future combat vehicles."

CSM Crandell then "led" the veterans on a "tour" of current combat vehicles used in the Global War on Terrorism and prototype vehicles. Gunnery Sergeant Jeff Jones from PM-LAV had the "troops" in rapt attention for nearly thirty minutes as he discussed the capabilities of the LAV-25. There was no inter-service rivalry as the Army veterans were thanked by the Marines, who asked these old war fighters if they could shake their hands, and then presented them with the PM-LAV coin.

For the next hour, the veterans climbed on the M1A2 Abrams SEP (and some actually went in the turret), sat in an Up Armored HMMWV, received briefings on the Tactical Fire Fighting Truck (TFFT), Commercially Based Tactical Truck (COMBATT), Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV), and were able to "operate" a Load Handling System (LHS). Compared to the Sherman tank, half-tracks, jeeps and "Deuces" that they rode in during the war, the size and protection that the vehicles provided met with approval. More than one "*Golden Lion*" was overheard to say, "**If we only had that...**"

As the day was winding down, the "*Golden Lions*" had one more surprise waiting for them. Already, they had been more than thrilled at meeting their very first Command Sergeant Major, and being able to actually talk to a Colonel. But their big surprise happened when BG Patrick O'Reilly, the Program Executive Officer for Combat Support/Combat Service Support arrived as the guest of honor to thank these veterans for their sacrifice and service to their country.

In recognition of that service, BG O'Reilly went to each World War Two veteran and those representing their fathers, and pinned an Army Honorable Discharge Pin ("Ruptured Duck") on their lapels. Originally presented to all veterans honorably discharged at the end of the war, most have lost them in the ensuing years. Although small, it carries a significant meaning to the veterans of World War Two and its meaning was not lost on the *106th Infantry Division*. Sitting at attention, they each



Brigadier General Patrick O'Reilly personally pinning a Army Honorable Discharge Pin (Ruptured Duck) on John M. "Jack" Roberts (592/C) (photo by Karen Sas (TACOM))

shook BG O'Reilly's hand and gladly accepted the General's recognition of their service that was later followed by a group photo.

As the veterans departed it ended a long day of friendship and camaraderie with those they served with sixty years ago and their new found friends at the TACOM LCMC.

Jack Roberts, Past National commander of the 106th Infantry Division Association and current State commander of the 106th Michigan veterans group, commented that they were touched by the feeling and comments made by this generation [of Soldier's] to our generation, especially on how we laid the groundwork for the current military."

TACOM Authors note: For more information on the *106th Infantry Division*, please visit their website at: <http://www.mmm.com/user/jpk/mindex.htm>.

Footnote:

"Robert Tatro, a 106th veteran showed up at TACOM for the tour when he saw the early article in the Detroit News. So, it was a good thing that the news did get published ahead of time. We now have one more new member. When I met Robert Tatro he told me that he was not aware that the 106th Association was in existence let alone the Michigan annual mini-reunion. I told him that I would send him information, including an older issue of the CUB magazine, telling him how to join. I recently checked with him to see if he had joined the Association and he said that he did."

John "Jack Roberts



106th RECON Troop's Annual Reunion

Clearwater Beach, Florida, Holiday Inn May 31-June 3, 2005

Report by Maurice Bombar: The Reunion was organized by Bob and Lorraine Fisher and included a dolphin watching boat ride, a sightseeing and lunch cruise, a trip to a local Aquarium, and a special dinner. In all 35 people attended including 10 of the original members of the Troop.

We were honored to have as guests Josef and Mia Reusch of Grosslangenfeld, Germany.

The 106th RECON Troop fought and inflicted heavy losses on enemy forces attacking Grosslangenfeld on 17 December 1944.

Photo above: Front l/r: Dale Sweet; Dick Beltz; Earl Liston and Michael Gresh. Back l/r: Bill Seljie; Maurice Bombar; Paul Thompson; Bob Fisher; Lorraine Ortner; J.D. Frazee and Lou Cunningham.

Photo below: Front Row: Mary Henry; Charlotte Cunningham and Lorraine Fisher Back l/r: Viv Selje, Majorie Bombar; Laura Thompson; Evelyn Frazee; Sophie Beltz; Butch Ortner.



Return to the Homeland - John Gatens 589/A

I was born in Port Glasgow, Scotland, August 1923. I came to the United States in 1926 with my family. We settled in Paterson, NJ.

My mother was the one that kept in touch with the families in Scotland. Being too small to know any of them, I never asked any questions about their existence.

However, in later years, after my mother had passed away, I wanted desperately to find any of the family that I knew I had in Scotland.

Thank God for the computer. My niece, in 2003, emailed to the Chat Room in Scotland and mentioned, that her mother was born in Port Glasgow, and if anyone had any information on the existence of a relative, would they please contact her.

Unbelievable, she got an answer, from a cousin, that lived in Whiting, NJ, about 20 miles from her.

Now it was easy, once you find one - the rest falls in place.

I found many relatives that I didn't know I had. I have been in email contact with them ever since 2003. Earlier this year, I read an advertisement for a cruise in a Princes Line brochure. That cruise made a stop in Greenock, one town away from Port Glasgow, where I was born.

That was it! I made up my mind to go.

We flew to **London, England**, and from there by bus to **South Hampton**, where we boarded the ship *Golden Princess*. It is a very large and beautiful ship. Our first stop was **Dublin, Ireland**. I had been there before, so only took a tour, for shopping and viewing the town.

Next stop Port Glasgow, Scotland.

When we left the ship and went through the guard's booth, there were many of my relatives, standing with a very large sign saying, "*Welcome to Scotland John and Mary.*" I can't tell you how I felt, after so many years, meeting family, was overwhelming.

They walked us several blocks, to a hotel where they had arranged to have a large room to serve drinks and food. During the meal, many more of my relatives came in.

They lived to far from the dock, to make it for the first meeting. To meet all of my family, that I had been looking for, all those years was a life long dream come true.

To my surprise, they had arranged for the local paper, to come and interview me. Many pictures were taken. I was expecting the picture in the paper would be of all the family, instead they showed me and four cousins.

Later in the day my cousin Jim drove us in his car to show me where I was born and lived, also to where my grandfather and aunt lived.



John and Mary in Scotland



Front Row seated l/r: Mary Devenay, Rose Housel, Ann Gatens and John Gatens

Back Row standing l/r: Edward Devenay; Philomena Brown, Michael Devenay, James Devenay & Gerald Devenay.

These are all my new found cousins. One is missing, Frank Devenay who now lives in Texas

This was breathtaking. I will never forget. Port Glasgow is a very small and poor town. He showed us where my father worked in the shipyards, the church where I was baptized and some of the local sights. It was all very interesting.

Now, sadly, the time came when we had to get back on the ship. There were tears in every one's eyes. We had to be back on the ship by 5:00 PM. I told them that the ship wouldn't sail until 6:00 PM, so they insisted on waiting until the ship sailed so that they could wave good bye. I am looking forward to some day going back and spending more time with them.

Our next stop was Bergen, Norway. This is a very old Medieval Town, where the Vikings sailed from. **Next it was on to Rotterdam, Holland.** The Nazi bombardment of 1940 gutted most of the old city. As a result, Rotterdam's architecture is an intriguing mix of old and new buildings. Next stop Brugge, Belgium. Cobblestone streets, centuries-old buildings and canals are the hallmark of this romantic medieval city.

Then, it was on to LeHavre, France.

That city was a very important landing site on D-Day, 1944. The Port was nearly completely destroyed during the campaign. Most of the 106th Infantry Division debarked there to continue on to the Ardennes. Today it is France's second largest port. From here we took a three hour bus trip to Paris. It was well worth the cost and time. The tour guide was very knowledgeable and we were able to see most of the important sights of Paris. Dinner with wine, in a very fine restaurant was included,

In 1945 I left for home from LeHavre. I was kind of teed off, when the tour guide, that was so knowledgeable, had no idea where *Camp Lucky Strike*, or any of the other cigarette camps had been located. How soon they forget. Next stop was South Hampton. Then, it was a bus ride back to **London**, and the flight home.

A very rewarding trip for us and we loved every minute of it. *John Gatens, 589/A*

**THE PAPERS OF COL. CAVENDER
REGIMENTAL COMMANDER
423RD COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT**

By Hal Taylor 423 Cannon Company

Most students and veterans of the *Battle of the Bulge* know that when the men of the 423rd Regiment, 106th Division, were captured, their commanding officer was Colonel C. C. Cavender. But few know that he spent much of the rest of his life explaining his actions to many authors, historians, and even some members of the military. Interestingly, once certain facts became known, his decisions in December 1944 gained considerable understanding and were approved among his early critics.

A few individuals still retain the assumption that his career was ruined after December 1944. Interestingly not many of his contemporaries in the military thought so. As he himself pointed out, "Some of my officers were furious when . . . [name excluded]...printed that my military career was finished when I surrendered. Had he taken the trouble to look up my assignments after 1945, he would have found:

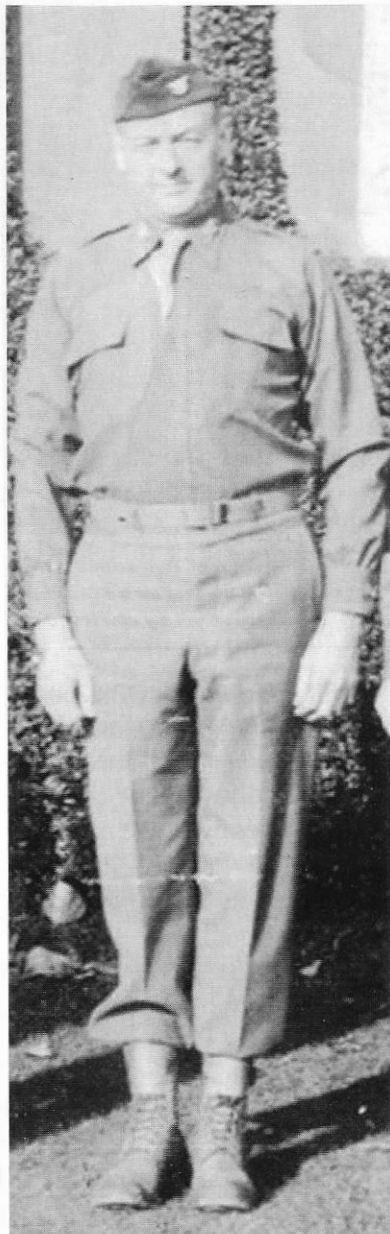
"Executive Officer, G-1 Sect, Hq, 6th Army, '46-'47

"Chief of Staff of the Secretary of Army Advisory Group, China, advising combined service forces, 1948.

"Chief of Staff, 24th Inf. Div. Occupation Phase, Japan, '49 & '50. "Senior Inst. and C.O., Southern California Military Dist., '50 to '53."

He then added: "In 1956, I received a letter from General [John H.] Stokes, who was head of the History Section of the Department of the Army asking my comments on the draft of the "Official History of the U. S. Army in the Ardennes," being prepared by Dr. Hugh Cole. I put a lot of work and thought into this task for which I received a letter of commendation...."

When Col. Cavender was 82, he wrote: "I naturally felt quite badly about the loss of lives but continually thought our actions during 16 to 19 Dec. 1944 failed to bring forth a solution other than that which was taken. I was greatly relieved while in the general hospital in England. [There] I picked up an article in an old Stars and Stripes which said that on 18 December three German columns racing toward Liege were within 3 miles of General Hodges 1st Army CP. I then realized we hadn't done so badly."



Like many of us, Col. Cavender never forgot what he had been through. And he never forgot his men either.

One of his longtime correspondents was Henry Healan, a veteran from M Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment whom he first addressed rather formally as "Healan," and finally as "Henry." The two frequently discussed Association reunions, episodes and men they both remembered from 1944, their experiences as prisoners, and their personal lives after the war.

In one of his first letters to Healan, Col. Cavender wrote: "There have been several books on the Bulge—some good and some very lousy." Later he described to Healan his dismay over one book in particular, saying an officer of the 106th had hired an attorney to ask the author to correct some of his statements.

The author refused to correct his story because he "had to put in some things to make the book sell."

Of course many officer friends also wrote, each commenting on the Bulge and making personal references to family and friends. Many called Col. Cavender "Moe," a nickname he had acquired through the years. Prominent ones included generals McMahon, Gavin, and of course, General Alan Jones, commander of the 106th Division itself. Each commented on the events in 1944 as they attempted to piece together who survived and what happened to them all.

While a prisoner Col. Cavender himself prepared a set of handwritten notes, "while the date, places, and actions were fresh in my mind." They point out the details of the attack, day-by-day, battalion-by-battalion, often company-by-company, and the action each took in retaliation to the German offensive. In a 1956 letter to General Stokes, Army historian, he explained that he had made only vague reference to the 422nd [Regiment] and elements of his own command in order to prevent usable information from falling into German hands.

"I lost all my clothing when injured in a bombing at Nuremberg on 5 April, 1945, and will never know how I retained possession of [the] notes, but they are really quite informative and fairly accurate," he wrote.

In those notes, he was quite specific. He said that various villages such as Bleialf and Radschied, and "frontline and rear installations" received shelling by 5:30 a.m.; that division was notified; that the "special" [provisional] battalion [headquartered at Bleialf] was infiltrated at daylight; and that the "590th and other supporting artillery supported defense" were also. He notes how elements of Service Co. and Cannon Co. were ordered to counterattack and retake Bleialf, being defended by Antitank Co. and a platoon of Cannon Co. He points out that "50 prisoners" were taken in that action.

He describes actions of the 81st Engineers at Bleialf; how Lt. Col. Frederick Nagle took command there so Captain Reid could devote full attention to his Anti Tank Company; and how the pressure on the village of Bleialf increased through the night until the Germans overran American troops there.

These notes formed the base for Col. Cavender's later comments: "I have thought over many times the actions taken, but have been unable to arrive at a different solution of the problem with which we were faced. I doubt very much whether a combat wise regiment would have done any better."

"In retrospect," he wrote, "it would appear that the position occupied by my regiment became untenable when Schönberg fell into German hands. All supplies and evacuation of wounded had to funnel through [that] point. It would have been better to have withdrawn the 422nd and 423rd Regiments to a line covering Schönberg. Such a plan would have had to have been carefully prepared and rehearsed in view of the rugged terrain and the absence of alternate routes. Of course, to my knowledge there was no such plan."

Another portion of the Colonel's papers include a number of his recommendations for individual awards and medals, along with acknowledgments and comments by the Adjutant General of the Army.

Still another group of papers describe his friendship with a Captain Dragutin Yosifovitch of the Yugoslavian Army. Col. Cavender was the senior American officer at Oflag XIII B, Hammelburg, Germany. The American compound was adjacent to that of the Yugoslavian prisoners of war. Captain Yosifovitch was aide and interpreter to the Senior Serbian Officer, a General Iliza Brasitch, and the Yugoslavian officers were of "inestimable assistance" to the Americans.

"Through the assistance of Captain Yosifovitch, I was able to negotiate a loan of some eighteen hundred Red Cross food parcels from General Brasitch," wrote Col. Cavender.

After the war, Col. Cavender learned that the Captain had been hired as a civilian by the American army. He then wrote that if the Captain ever entered the United States he would "personally assume responsibility for his [Captain Yosifovitch's] food, lodging, and other necessities until such time as he is able to secure gainful employment."

Although after the war, Col. Cavender wrote several memoranda about his friendship with the Yugoslavians, some mystery surrounds a notebook he must have had with him while he was at Hammelburg. His use of the notebook is unclear, but he seems to have used it as an address book, especially to record those of some of his newly found Yugoslavian friends. He also used the notebook to record the various orders of his Nazi captors — "no shouting... no more coal... no more blankets." He mentioned frequency of latrine visits and rations he and other prisoners could to expect weekly. Other notations indicate that he passed those directives on to his fellow officers.

It is probably well known that Col. Cavender began his military career as an enlisted volunteer and private. He was overseas when Gen. John J. Pershing signed orders permitting him to apply for West Point.

After serving for 31 years, he requested that he should be retired in 1953, noting that he had served during World War I in Co. A, 9th Field Signal Battalion and was honorably discharged 18 Nov 1918 at West Point, NY.

There is surprisingly little in the colonel's papers regarding his own awards—including the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge. But his papers show that he had a continual interest in the welfare of his officers and men.

In 1967, he saved a letter from Sherod Collins, Association Historian, to whom he had written of the death of his S-1, Captain Warren Stutler. He also kept other letters dated in 1982 which condemned Congressional laws that prevented the release of wartime home addresses so he—or anyone—could locate key people.

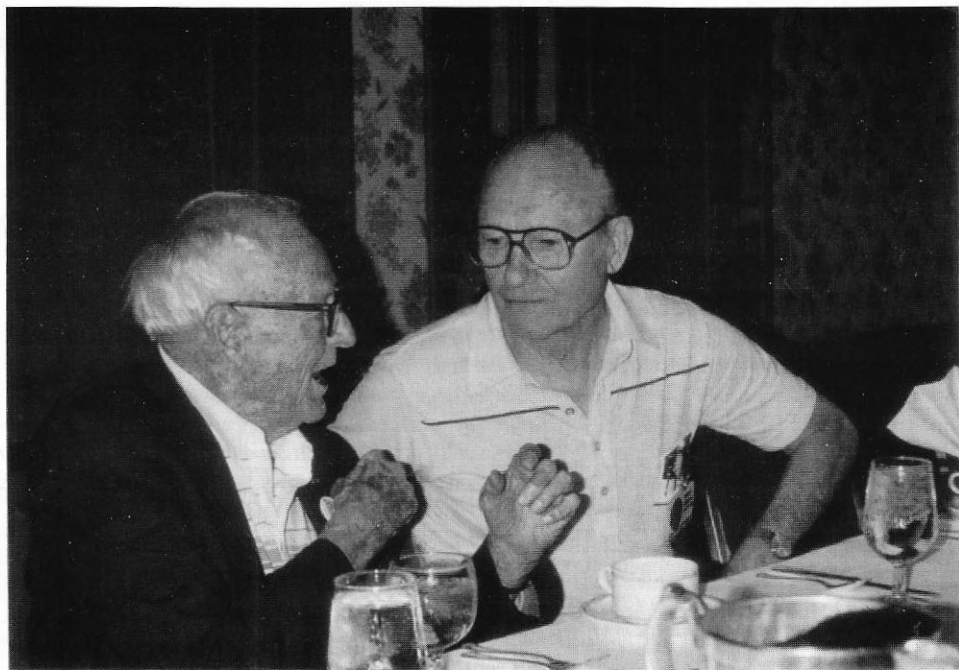
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As the colonel aged, he felt that he should donate something to the Post Museum at Ft. Jackson, SC, where he had begun his command of the newly created 423rd Regiment. Eventually, a medallion called the "Golden Lion" was struck and furnished with this inscription:

"Contributed by Colonel Charles C. Cavender, CO 423rd Infantry, and Mrs. Cavender."

One of the last members of the regiment to be in contact with Col. Cavender was John Kline, former president of the Association. On 13 Sep 1989, he wrote: "I talked with the Colonel last night. His wife has died and he is alone legally blind and at the age of 92...."

Soon thereafter, Colonel Charles C. Cavender died.



(Left) Colonel C.C. Cavender C.O. 423rd Infantry Regimental Commander, at the 44th Annual Reunion, September 1990 at Sacramento, California with Sherod Collins, 423rd Headquarters. The Colonel was fondly known as "Moe."

Colonel C. C. Cavender died August 1995.

(Right) Sherod Collins, a faithful servant of the Association - held several Association offices, namely - President (75-76) ; Adjutant (64-68), Treasurer (64-2004) and Historian from 1961 until his death in January 2004.

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Author made two trips to St. Vith, Rhine River, Armor School Library, Military History Institute, plus personal information from 168th Combat Veterans

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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Here is the story of a young draftee in World War II who experienced life in the Armored Force, the Army Air Force pilot training program and the reality of combat in an Infantry Division. On line with the 106th in a quiet sector of the Ardennes, these foot soldiers were in the direct path of the massive German offensive that became known as *The Battle of the Bulge*. Overwhelmed by the sheer might of numbers and firepower arrayed against them, they managed to upset the enemy timetable until forced to surrender on the fourth day of what has been called the greatest battle of the war in terms of men and machines. This book is about an individual and his experiences under fire and as a prisoner of war; liberation by the Russian Army and his adventures on a hike across country to rejoin the American Army. Here, an attempt has been made to create the feeling of the times in addition the problems of the moment. It is a book about real people in a tragic period of history.

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Many of you will remember Chaplain Father Cavanaugh, who was such a wonderful support during your service days and particularly so during the stressful times as a POW. He was of such support in the Box-Cars and during the long marches and the bombing at Limburg, Germany and the Christmas days, when you were thinking so strongly of home. He led many of you in the singing of Christmas Carols in the boxcars. He also held services in the POW Camps. He was cherished by those that knew him, and those he served. This book, "*PRO DEO PATRIA*" was very popular at the 58th Annual Reunion in Milwaukee. Every cent of the proceeds that were gained there was given as a gracious gift, by Skopek, to the Association. It IS AVAILABLE FOR \$20.00 WHICH INCLUDES SHIPPING, FROM:

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A Teen's War describes the experiences of a small town boy in the latter stages of World War II. Portions originated from letters written home about induction, training, and time overseas with the 423rd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division and that unit's short period of combat in the Battle of the Bulge.

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.

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THE WARMTH OF A SONG:

A LOVE STORY ABOUT FREEDOM SET DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE - WORLD WAR II AUTHOR HELEN VON ERCK; helenve@netscape.com

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Almost as if torn from today's headlines comes the riveting story of patriotism and courage, love and comradeship, as told in *The Warmth of a Song*. Set against WWII's The Battle of the Bulge, this adventurous tale is inspired by actual eye-witness accounts. As Hawk Clarke fights for God and country, when the platoon he leads narrowly escapes from the German Panzer battalion that has them surrounded, he also learns the greatest freedom of all -the courage it takes to free the human spirit. Returning to Boston after a sniper's bullet penetrated his spine, Hawk mourns the loss of his once strong legs. Can he break free from the cage he feels his life has become in time to help an old woman release a miracle?

Helen von Erck:

Helen von Erck lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her daughter, Hayley. While growing up in South County, Rhode Island, she began cultivating a lifelong fascination with history. She has turned that interest into a passion, and has conducted in-depth research into the life and times of the 1940's and World War II. She attended the University of Rhode Island and the University of Denver where she studied Business Management with a minor in Creative Writing. This is her debut novel. warmthofasong@yahoo.com

SOLDIER BOY A CHRONICLE OF LIFE AND DEATH AND SURVIVAL DURING WORLD WAR II BY GEORGE K. ZAK, 422/M

This book is available from the author for \$13.00 (includes shipping cost). 6159 Brookside Lane, Apt A, Willowbrook, IL 60527. Copies are also available from Amazon.com for \$10.95 plus S & H.

This is a fascinating, eloquent account of a 19 year old trying to grow to manhood in the middle of a deadly world war. After briefly describing his rigorous training as an infantry soldier, including some semi-comic events while learning to drive a jeep, he and his buddies were finally off to war in Europe as well-trained, confident members of the 106" Infantry Division.

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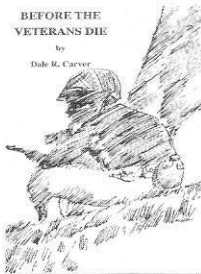
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Dale, died in 2001. He had written poetic memories of the War. His poems appeared in "The CUB" for several years. They all bring back memories and visions of the times.

Dale was awarded the Silver Star for Valor. He disabled German mines, while under attack, that had been placed under a bridge.

For that he received a battle field promotion (from 2nd to 1st Lt.) and was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry under fire." He told me, during one reunion, that he thought it, the Silver Star, should have been for another time when he led a group of soldiers through a live mine field to safety. The soldiers had walked into the mine field and were "frozen in fear."

HELL FROZEN OVER

Author Marilyn Estes Quigley (This was a popular book - shown and sold at the 58th Annual reunion). Marilyn, associate professor of English at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, teacher composition, literature and creative writing. The current Evangel campus was O'Reilly General Hospital during WWII, a medical facility for soldiers. Quigley's office, still in an original barracks, was formerly an operating room. She published fiction, a children's musical, poetry, and articles. Her husband Ed designed and painted the cover of *Hell Frozen Over*. Author's email: edmarquig@wmconnect.com

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Hell Frozen Over describes the personal experiences of sixteen 106th soldiers who were caught in Hitler's final grasp to strangle the continent. More than half of these men were among the 7,001 in the Division who were taken as prisoners of war. Scattered in camps throughout Germany, they willed themselves to survive as deprivation and even slave labor threatened their lives and sanity. Their comrades-in-arms who escaped capture and remained to fight in foxholes and tanks had other hells to endure, as did the civilians of every town in the area. There are nearly 30 WWII photos of 106th servicemen along with accountings their personal stories.

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Dr. Richard Peterson (deceased) was a former 106th Infantry Weapons Platoon Sergeant 423/I and was a prisoner of war.

Dick, as you know was very active in our Association. He had served on the Association Board, had been recognized by the French for his work in connection with research on Stalag IX-A, Ziegenhain. He attended several joint meetings with the French - after the war. It was after this research and many returns to Ziegenhain that he wrote CHILD WARRIORS, (see below) which many of you have read..

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(Currently working on Book - 106th Infantry Division in the Bulge)

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New Members . . .

Editor's Note: To any new member that has joined and did not give us a short history of your life in service and/or afterwards (this also applies to any new member who may have been listed in prior issues, but without any history listed), please feel free to send us a short story, for possible publication in a future CUB magazine. John Kline, Editor

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I was a member of the "Intelligence Section" 424th Headquarters, 1st Battalion. Was captured with three others at 2 AM. We ended up in Stalag IIIA, Luckenwald.

BEAL JR., RICHARD B. 422/UNIT?

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Son of James R. Blauch "A" Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment.

DEBRUIN, JAMES H. 81ST ENG/C

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James is looking for a list caps, memorabilia, etc.

Editor's note: James, look for the pages in this CUB magazine advertising articles for sale by John Gilliland. There are caps, flags and many misc. articles shown for sale. John Kline

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Debbie wrote that her father was in "I" Company, 422nd Infantry Regiment.

FISHER, TYLER LIFE ASSOCIATE

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Hugh Fisher 589/MED wrote - "Tyler Fisher is my grandson. He is a "Rhodes Scholar" in Oxford England. He has written a book "A Medic's War."

It is about my life from point of being drafted in 1942 through to November 1945. Including life as a POW.

Editor's Note: (Hugh - if this book is available - maybe we can interest some of our members to purchase a copy. John Kline

GARNHART, JAMES E. ASSOCIATE

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My father Delmar Paul Garnhart was in 422nd HQ / 2nd Battalion. He never spoke much about the war and I wish to learn more about it.

He passed away in 1972 from Cancer. If anybody knew my father, please contact me. Signed *James Garnhart*.

New Members . . .

GILES, LUM F. LIFE ASSOCIATE

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My uncle "Wallace J Giles" was in the 424th Combat Infantry Regiment. His Lieutenants's name was "Stanley Kurtz."

If anybody can tell me what "Company" he was in - I would appreciate it.

Signed Lum (Butch) Giles

Editor's Note: If you recognize the name of Wallace Giles, or Lt. Kurtz, contact me - I will then send Lum a list of our members that was in his father's unit. J. Kline

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John Kline - I am the grandson of Colonel L. Descheneaux Jr. As you know he was the Commanding Officer of the 422nd Infantry Regiment. You were very

helpful in my research and understanding of what you, he and others went through many years ago. I was a member just before I retired from the Marine Corps five years ago. I have been adjusting to civilian life for the past few years. Finally I am stable enough to start my research about the battle and start corresponding with the "Greatest Generation" again.

Respectfully yours, James G. Ormsby
GySgt USMC (Ret)

Editor's Note: To all 422nd Infantry Regiment soldiers. If you have any recollection at all, or anything you would like to convey to your regimental commander's Grandson - here is an opportunity to do so. John Kline

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George Call 424/B wrote, "Please sign on my Grandnephew" as an **Associate Member** of the 106th Infantry Division Association."

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I am the stepson of, Gene B. Kobus, I Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment, who died in Stalag 9-C, Bad Sulza.

I have just returned from my father's

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grave at the Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium. For years I thought he was buried at Mulhausen Germany in an unmarked grave. After some recent research I found that he had been moved to the Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium.

John, Although you do not remember my father, I appreciate the time you took to read and respond to my queries. Your response was greatly appreciated as it included information to allow me to join the Association. I appreciated the Internet Link to your personal war diary (which I printed and thoroughly enjoyed reading.) I greatly appreciated the list of 22 members of "I" Company 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment. I contacted each of them my email or regular mail and received responses from ten of them. Unfortunately none of them remembered my father. It is because of men like you and the other veterans of the 106th Infantry Division that today I live in freedom. May all of your days be filled with feelings of pride for the wonderful contribution you have made to my generation and those of the future.

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The following from Life Veteran Member, Frank S. Trautman, 422/D

Mr. Rigatti, I received the Apr-May-Jun CUB magazine and read your detail considering LIFE memberships. Having been struck with health problems for the last two years I decided I should wait no longer to enroll my

three children as Associate members of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

On both occasions I had made reservations to the Milwaukee and Cincinnati Reunions.

I want to "sign on" the following Trautman children as LIFE ASSOCIATES and include their fees, as well as an additional contribution to the FUND.

SEE FOLLOWING THREE

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Germany.

Benson, Leslie Earl 81st ENG/C

HWY 35, Collins MS 39428

Date of death: Unknown

Brutus, Glen J. 423/HQ 1BN

RR#1 Box 4, Pine Village IN 47075

Date of death: January 2, 2005.

A relative Barbara Brutus was found to verify the death.

Coss Sr., Kenneth L. 424/L

1275 Whisper Lake Blvd N, Sebring, FL 33870

Date of death: May 17, 2005. Kenneth's wife Bea died February 20, 2005.

Carol Coss, daughter emailed to report death and not to send CUB anymore.

DeVaty, Raymond S. 423/HQ 2Bn

4971 Parkvue Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 14236

Date of death: Unknown CUB magazine returned marked "Deceased."

Dickerson, James J. 422/HQ 3Bn

1431 Cook Road, Zebulon, GA 30295

Date of death June 25, 2005. His wife, Nellie, advised us of his death. She was a Life Auxiliary and continues her Associate membership for two years.

James was 85 and passed away at his home. He was a member of The Gathering nondenominational Church, Past Master of the Montgomery Lodge 31, a member and Past Worthy Patron of the Clarissa Pike Chapter #539, a member of the Royal Arch Mason Chapter #10 in Griffin and past commander of the Griffin Commandery #35. An ex-POW. He was also a retired electronic technician from Robins Air Force base. He is survived by Nellie Carroll Dickerson, a son Leonard and his wife, Pam; a daughter Patricia, Step children and their spouses; Bill and Marcia Poston of Zebulon, GA; Calvin and Sandy Poston of Lake Harwell and Janice and Norbet Jones of Savannah, GA, a grandson, Leonard, and seven stepchildren, nieces and nephews. He was buried in Fincher Memorial Cemetery.

Fox, Robert J. 422/H

1521 26th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

Date of death: February 2, 2005. We were advised by Jack Sulser 423/F. He stated that he and Robert grew up in Rock Island, IL but he did not get to know him until after the war. They attended several reunions together. Jack stated that Robert died in a nursing home at age 83 on February 7, 2005 and Robert's wife had died the day before on February 6, 2005.

Gold, Everett M. 81st ENG/C

2801 Montaluma Dr. Apt 318, Springfield, IL 62704

Date of death: September 6, 2005. Age 81 - Age 81 born in Springfield, Illinois, the son of Everett and Marie Sprinkle Gold. He married Nita Scharf in 1943. Serving in the 81st Combat Engineers, 106th Infantry Division. He was a letter carrier for the USPS, retiring in 1982 after 34 years of service. He was a member of VFW Post 4431. Survivors: wife, Nita; daughter Paula D. Pflug of new Berlin; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.. Buried at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Hoff, Russell Bryan Associate

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Date of death: May 3, 2005. Son of Russell D. Hoff 422/M, 2895 Street Rd, Warrington, PA 18976.

Russell D. (Father) (422/M) wrote: So many times I sat here to write you and just can't seem to put into words, my thoughts. On May 3rd I lost one of my treasured son's to his battle with Cancer. Bryan, age 49, was a Life Associate of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Russel Bryan born in Abington on February 27, 1956 was the son of Russell D. (Joan) and the late Ellen (Meehan) Hoff; the brother of Gerald (Susan), Thomas, Timothy (Patricia) and Stephen (Stacey). he is also survived by two nieces, Jessica and Julia and a newpew, Ian.

Russel Bryan had worked as a woodworker. He was longtime director and coach of the wrestling program at Warrington Athletic Association. Mass was held at St. Cyril of jerusalem Catholic Church, Almshouse and Meetings Road, Jaminson. He was interred in St. John Neumann Cemetery.

He had been in touch with you about our trip to Saint Vith last December, with the help of Adda and Willy RIKKEN we had the trip of a Life Time. That trip brought us all closer togetehr, my four sons and myself. Bryan was trying to put our trip into writing with photos. I will try to complete his project in the future. Hope to see all my comrades at the 59th Annual Reunion. Signed Russ

Hunter, Charles 422/CN

PO Box 394, Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Date of death: November 09, 2004. Stepdaughter Judy Hegenbart informed us.

Ives, Peter 423/B

272 Corte Bella, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Date of death: July 17, 2005. Informed of Peter's death by Susan Rennie, Ashford CT, his niece. John Rob sent this message - She, Susan stated, " Mr. Ives, who leaves behind a wife and several adult children was a very active member in your organization and was extremely proud to have served with the 106th Infantry Division." She included a check for \$100 as a memorial.

Kiehlmeier, James 423/K

430 East Grandview Blvd Apt 123 Erie, PA 16504

Date of death: July 10, 2005 A note from wife stating that her husband had passed away July 10, 2005.

Martinez, Fred T. 590/HQ

112 Ridge Drive, Maryville, IL 62062

Date of death: June 25, 2005. From Mrs. Debra Bryan Hershey, daughter of member Ken Bryan at the Fred died at St. Elizabeth Hospital Belleville, IL. Services were on June 30, 2005. He is survived by wife Iva (nee: Frye) Martinez.

(They were married November 27, 1945), Son Terry T. (Ruth) Martinez, Collinsville, IL; Granddaughters: Mrs. Sarah (Christopher) Peila, Makawao, Hawaii; Ms. Laura Martinez, Minneapolis MN; Grandson: Daniel Martinez, Tempe AZ and Great Grandchildren: Benjamin and Marina Peilai.

McCrery, John B. 423/F

115 Lois Marie Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46214

Date of death: May 5, 2005. Only note I have is that John died.

McClure, Charles Clinton 423/HQ

8607 E 77th Place South, Tulsa, OK 74133-3710

Date of death: May 6, 2005. His wife Peggy, who will continue as a member, notified us that: Charles passed away after a hard fought battle against cancer. Born May 17, 1922, to Dalton and Jewel McClure, he graduated from Fort Sumner High School, received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1949.

Serving proudly in the 106th Infantry Division in WWII he was captured in the *Battle of the Bulge* and interned at Stalag IV B in Germany. Following graduation he was employed by the El Paso Natural Gas Company for 19 years as a Pipeline Test Engineer. He served as Commander of the Tulsa Chapter American Ex-POW's for four years and the Department of Oklahoma Ex-POWs. He served as Chairman of the Ex-POWs National Convention held in Tulsa in 1991.

He joined Williams Brother's Engineering Company in 1968 as a Design Engineer and Project Manager testing Consultant on liquid and natural gas pipelines under construction in U.S., Australia, South America, Turkey, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He retired may 17, 1987.

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He married Peggy in 1979. He was preceded in death by his daughter Carla Carver. He is survived by Peggy, his wife, grandson Jason Griggs and three great grandchildren and a granddaughter, Terri Dawn Mace of Dubuque, IA. Also by stepson, Joe Roddy and his wife Beth and their daughter, Allison Roddy of McKinney, Texas; and his dear cat Toby.

McNinch, James B. 424/M

Box 233 Ware Shoals, SC 29629

Date of death: December 30, 2004 Treasurer Rigatti advised me that McNich passed away. No other information available.

Murray, George 424/H

521 9th Street, Bemidji, MN 56601

Date of death: August 12, 2005. Notified by his wife Betty Peterson. George was 80 years of age, his death followed illness of lung cancer and congestive heart failure. Born September 7, 1924 to George and Ethel Murray, George was a 81mm mortar squad leader. Following his discharge he attended Bemidji State Teacher's College and taught industrial arts, science and coached in Walker and Park Rapids as well as Bemidji State Teachers College after receiving his masters of arts degree in education from Northern Colorado University in 1952. Later he has a career in sales with Investors Diversified Services for 14 years. He married Leona Writer in June 1945 and was later divorced. He married Betty Peterson on April 18, 1970. His life long hobby was wood working and supporting conservation organizations. (Continued)

He was active in many service organizations, a member of Rotary International for 40 years as well as Toastmaster and the First Presbyterian Church of Bemidji. Survived by his wife, daughter Susan (Paul) benson, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Nagle Jr., Edward J. 81st ENG/B

1222 Kane Street, LaCrosse, WI 54603

Date of death: May 16, 2005. Reported by Edward Wojahn, same Company, same Squad. - Ed says they were separated at Stalag IVB, was neighbors since childhood> Just spent a lot of time together. Edward Nagle Jr. passed away in his home. He was a charter member of the Coulee Region Chapter of AX-POW. A long time member of the 106th Infantry Division Association joining in 1989. A Life member of the American legion Post 52, The Lacrosse county Voiture 830 40&8 and VFW Post 1530.

Survived by his wife of 60 years, 10 children, 14 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. A sister-in-law and brother-in-law. Preceded in death by his parents, three triplet sons, four sister and a brother.

Segalo, Gus Div/HQ

149 Park Place, Audubon, NJ 0816

Date of death: February 1, 2005 Step Son Walter (?) confirmed death.

Simon, Ernst DIV/Hq

19641 Victory Boulevard, Reseda, CA 91335

Date of death: November 2004. Son David confirmed.

Smith, Mervin 424/A

8806 Blue Mountain Drive, Golden, CO 80403

Date of Death: August 19, 2005. Daughter Janice K. Olson wrote, "My mother received an invitation for my father to attend the Annual Reunion. My father passed away on August 19, 2005. The 106th meant a great deal to my Dad and I thank all of the members who worked so hard to keep the memories alive.

Wenslow, Marshall B. 589/A

2418 Denby Drive, Waterford, MI 48329

Date of death: May 4, 2005 confirmed by daughter Wendy, who signed on as a Life Associate. She wrote, "Marshall passed away May 4, 2005 at the age of 80, after the "Long Good-Bye" of Alzheimer's Disease. He left behind his beloved wife of 57 years. Patricia and his daughter Wendy. He is also survived by his sister Gloria, the widow of Navy veteran Bernard hall. After the war, he enjoyed a career at Ford Motor Company until retiring in 1983. Pat and Marshall attended a number of annual reunions which brought them many wonderful time spent with "brothers." His resting place is the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Young, Cyril A. 81st Eng/C

25 Young Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

Date of death: June 6, 2005 His daughter Ingrid wrote, "I would like to inform you that my father Cyril A. Young passed away June 6, 2005. He was a member of the 106th. I will inform you of more later.

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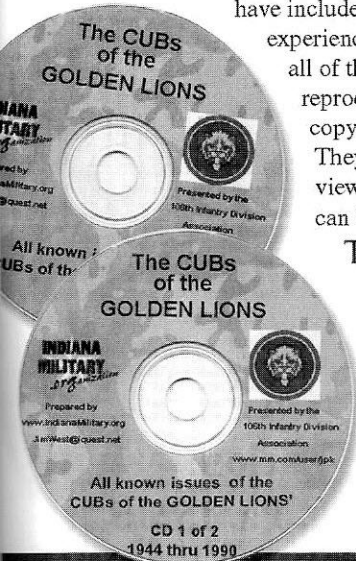
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