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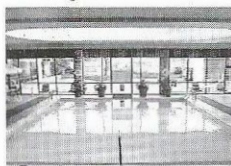
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President's View . . .

I read an article recently, about the "*Final Reunion of the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association*," held this past year!

It caused so much mixed emotions, concerning our fellow Brothers who served in WWII- Pride of Service; loss of Buddies; Prison Camps; Past Achievements; Sad-lonely, and deeply concerned about the future of our 106th Association.

The year between reunions seems so very long-I miss the guys I served with in the *Battle of the Bulge*. I miss those many beautiful Guys and Gals that we have met at our reunions. We must keep the 106th Lion alive and vibrant, for as long as we can! We still have almost 1,500 - members out there, who need to be contacted and invited to join with us in Newark this year and Kansas City next year!

I ask everyone to reach out to a 106 Brother who might live nearby. Say "Hello - how you doing? - why not join us at our next convention!"

An unknown author wrote, "*Don't wait for tomorrow, do it today. Take the time to smile, give a hug, a kiss, and grant someone a wish. Hold your loved ones close and tell them how much you love them*"

In November of 2000, I received a copy of a letter sent by Dr. Richard Peterson 423/I in which he wrote- "*Combat veterans hold a secret about life so deep within them, That not even they comprehend the power of its mystery- This great secret cannot be understood by those that were not there-They do not know the secret exists- So, they cannot comprehend the strength it gives to those who do.*"

Dick Peterson was a remarkable human being-we all miss him!

This past month another version of the "*Battle of the Bulge*" was aired on T.V. Watching it, you can't help remembering those bitter cold days. The men we lost. How young we were - how fortunate, for those of us who survived! We will never forget!

At our "*Old Board Meeting*", to be held on Wed. August 30, 2006, I am establishing a committee to review "*The Future of the 106th Association*"

This committee will report back at our 2007 convention in Kansas City, Missouri. A complete report will be made at our Business Meeting Luncheon, on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006.

I have been working on a regular and almost daily basis with our Cub Editor John Kline, Adjutant Marion Ray; Treasurer Dick Rigatti, and our V.P. Martin "Chic" Wentz. I have also kept in touch with a number of our Board members; Dr. Duncan Trueman, Jack Roberts, John Schaffner, Don Hemdon, Seymour Lichtenfeld, and others, so that we can maintain a dialogue of the concerns of the 106th.

The 2006 Reunion material will be direct-mailed soon. I am asking each and everyone of you to make a real effort to attend. Remember- the Newark N.J. Airport Marriott Hotel-Aug. 30, to Sept. 3, 2006. I'm looking forward to seeing you!!

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UPDATE on the 60th Annual Reunion Invitations

The forms that need to be completed in order to attend the *60th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association* being held at the *Newark Liberty International Airport Marriot Hotel* August 30 - September 3rd were mailed to every current Association member via First Class Presorted mail on 17 May 2006. You should have received them by time you read this CUB. I urge you to attend this important Anniversary of the 106th Infantry Division Association veterans, Associates and friends.

While this is somewhat a repeat of the letter that is included in that packet, it is to reemphasize how much we would like to see you there.

The Marriot Airport Hotel is located on the property of the *Newark International Airport*, Newark, New Jersey. The hotel mail address appears on the bottom of the "*Hotel Reservation page*." The enclosed hotel reservation form that you received should be mailed directly to the *Marriott Newark Hotel - Attention: Reservations*

"Note the Reservation cutoff date: July 27, 2006."

Complete the "*106th Infantry Activity Registration Form*" and mail it to "*Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.*" with your choices of *MEALS* and *TOURS*.

Be sure to complete the information on the bottom half of the page and make a copy for yourself. This is vital information for your well being. *Also note the Reservation Cancellation clause on the bottom of the page.*

Save the "**DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**" that is in the packet for your use. Make your travel reservations NOW!!! – ***That is your responsibility.***

Again, We urge you to attend this 60th gathering of 106th Infantry Division veterans. Meet with your buddies; enjoy their personal friendship that was born of blood, tears and comradeship. Once again talk over the "*old times*," when we were young, when the guy next to you turned out to be a life saver, or you did a favor for him.

Once again this group of proud warriors will again communicate their personal stories and express their feeling about an infantry division that helped change the world.

For those of you on computers you can view an excellent display of the hotel and it's amenities at this location: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/EWRAP>

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. has managed our Infantry Division group for years. The service they have given us has been "*without doubt*" the finest.

On behalf of the *106th Infantry Division Association*.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Newark, New Jersey.

Murray Stein
President 106th Infantry Division Association
Fiscal Year 2005-2006

THE KING REJOICES IN YOUR STRENGTH

"...the king rejoices in your strength.... in the victories you give." Through the victories you gave, his glory is great... you have bestowed upon him splendor and majesty...

your hand will lay hold on all of your enemies." -Psalm 21 (sel)

"The king rejoices in your strength."

We weren't very strong in the eyes of our enemy that December in 1944.

Just kids and green as green could be. Spread over a front which normally would have been covered by four or five divisions.

Outnumbered ten to one. Without ammunition for some of our weapons.

We were later labeled the

"Sitting Duck Division."



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That doesn't sound like fighting strength to me. Nor did it sound like fighting strength to our foes. And although by now Hitler was beginning to question his own assessment of the American Soldier as no match for his armies, he was still convinced that an all out attack would prove that our numbers in the Ardennes, and the American fighting spirit in general was no match for that of the Third Reich.

He was right about our numbers but so wrong about our spirit and determination.

It was General Eisenhower who correctly articulated the reason for our victory over vastly greater and more experienced numbers.

He said that what matters is....

"Not the size of the dog in the fight, It's the size of the fight in the dog."

Many of us believed that it was God who gave us the strength to fight and hold on when times were grim, and go on to victory. Many of us still believe it, believe that God saw us through those dangerous days. But many of our German opponents were praying to the same God and trusting him for safety and victory. How can this be ?

The simple answer is that God's ways are not always man's ways. He alone decides which cause is good, which cause is righteous. And to that cause, even when they seem to be the underdogs, he gives a strength and power to overcome.

Sound oversimplified ?

Of course it is. But it's still true. In war as well as in peace lots of bad things can happen before the time of "overcoming."

But in the end the righteous cause always prevails. And it does so because of the spirit given...the "size of the fight" in those who defend the cause of goodness.

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New Contributors to the Life Plus Club

(Cut-off date on this list May 21, 2006)

Note - This is a continuing process.

If you contributed and your name does not appear you will be listed in the next CUB Life Plus List given by Richard Rigatti, Association Treasurer.

These all are sizeable "Tax Deductible donations" made to benefit the 106th Infantry Division Association. The amounts are not shown - in LIFE PLUS CLUB tradition.

In the last CUB Life Plus Club (p 11) - I had the words, "memory of brother" with Kosov A.C 590/C."

That should have been an extension of the name one line above -

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This column starts off with a very happy note. Hear that? It's the sound of the cash register. Yes, sales of the past Cub issues on CD disks have been ongoing. Orders are slow coming in now but each one brings a small contribution to the Association's treasury. Thanks go out to Associate Member, Jim West, in Franklin, Indiana, for he made it possible. Before the snowflakes fall again (in Maryland) we hope to have the CD containing the personal memoirs of so many of our 106th Vets and even a couple of most interesting wartime stories from others involved in the big battle.

On the morning of December 16, 1944, I felt like *Public Enemy Number One*. I suppose that most of you reading this felt the same. All of that deadly commotion that was going on around us was targeting me, and me alone. That was a long time ago and since then I have learned that I was not the only soldier there. In fact, my short involvement with *our* war sparked an interest in the history of World War II combat in general. I have read many personal accounts of what happened to a great many individuals. Quite often now I will meet somebody else who was *there* when I was. I have come to appreciate the contributions of many brave young men and women toward total victory over those who would enslave the world.

In recent years I have enjoyed the friendship of a younger man who I have a great deal of respect and admiration for. His name is Joseph Balkoski, and he is the official Historian for the 29th Infantry Division. Balkoski has researched and published three outstanding, best selling, books covering the Normandy Invasion; *Beyond The Beach-head*, *Omaha Beach*, and *Utah Beach*. If you want to study what happened at Normandy just read these books. We all know that one, two hour, movie cannot begin to tell the story.

The 29th Division has been a military force since before the American Revolution and has participated in every war that the United States of America has been involved with. The present 29th Infantry Division is an outgrowth of the early units. There is an Armory in Baltimore city that houses a museum containing many *souvenirs la guerre* from members of the 29th and others. The home (built c 1740) that once belonged to the first commander of the Maryland Militia, Mordicai Gist, still exists in my neighborhood, and is a constant reminder of the beginnings of our great country as a world power.

I recently visited the 29th Infantry Division Museum with a neighbor who had been a member of the division when it was under Army National Guard command during the 1970's. We were treated to a personal tour by Joe Balkoski, and like all museum visits, this one was much too short. For some unknown reason museum curators are always short of advertising money so if you want to appreciate the history of why and how the United States of America became a free country you will have to seek them out.

During the last year I have become aware of a very disturbing fact. It's like having something go haywire with your telephone. Only this time one can't just throw it out and buy a new one. The American Military Cemeteries in Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg, and maybe other places that I have not heard about, are being desecrated, vandalized, and in general, not cared for by those people who live in freedom today, because those buried there died for that cause.

Our good friends, Mathilda and Marcel Schmetz, who operate the *Remember 39-45 Museum* in Belgium, visited the U.S.A. last year and spoke at length about this problem. I was there to hear this and thought, just maybe, they were stretching it a bit. But no, actually they were not telling it all. This week I had the same disturbing message from a Dutch friend, Ron van Rijt. I quote Ron's message:

Dear Liberators :It is with utmost disgrace that I send you this clipping from our newspaper of today (April 1, 2006.)

It says that parts of the Henry-Chapelle Cemetery had to be closed off, because "tourists" show no respect whatsoever for the soldiers who died for our freedom. There are 450,000 people visiting Margraten each year.

Drug dealers, people walking with dogs, skateboarders, people holding a barbecue (!!!!!)..... on Henry-Chapelle Cemetery property. It's also at Margraten Cemetery that I see people picnicking on the lawn at the entrance of the cemetery.

I feel so deeply ashamed and it truly makes me sick when I read this.

American Veterans wrote angry letters to the Belgian and Dutch Embassy, so now the cemetery is protected by the police. I would like to send a bunch of tough guys to beat those freaks off the cemetery !!!!

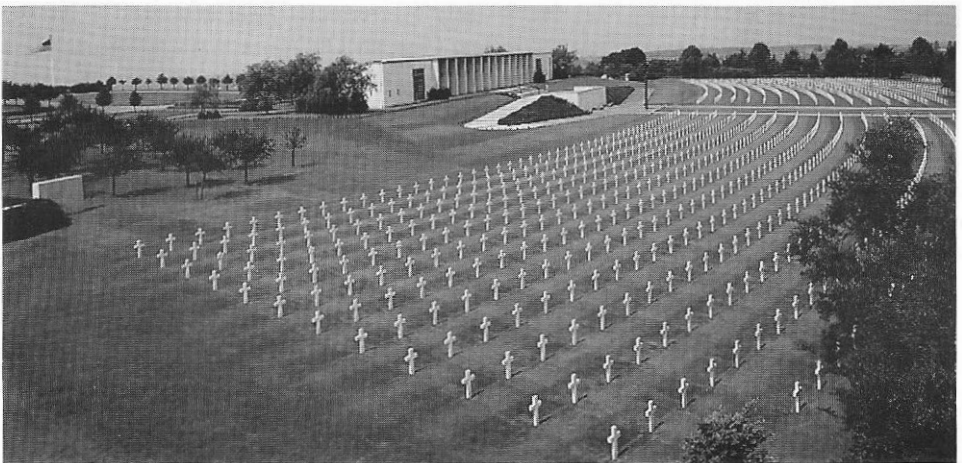
Thank God not all people are like that!

My neighbor asked me yesterday to take her 15 year-old son to Margraten Cemetery and to teach him about our Liberators. Her 19 year old son is a submariner in the Dutch Navy and I took him to Margraten few years ago.

Best wishes; Ron van Rijt

I have kept a copy of the speech delivered by Mathilda Schmetz concerning this situation and if anyone would like to read it I will be happy to forward it to you via e-mail or a paper copy. The big question is: "How do we fix this problem?"

This a long column for this issue of *The Cub* but I hope that the information gets to the right people who can make a difference with the care of our Military Cemeteries overseas. John Schaffner, 589/A Association Historian



Henri Chapelle Cemetery

Front & Center . . .

From Don Herndon -Nominating Committee Chairman

My Nominating Committee is interested in any person, including former Board members, that would be interested in serving on the "Association Board."

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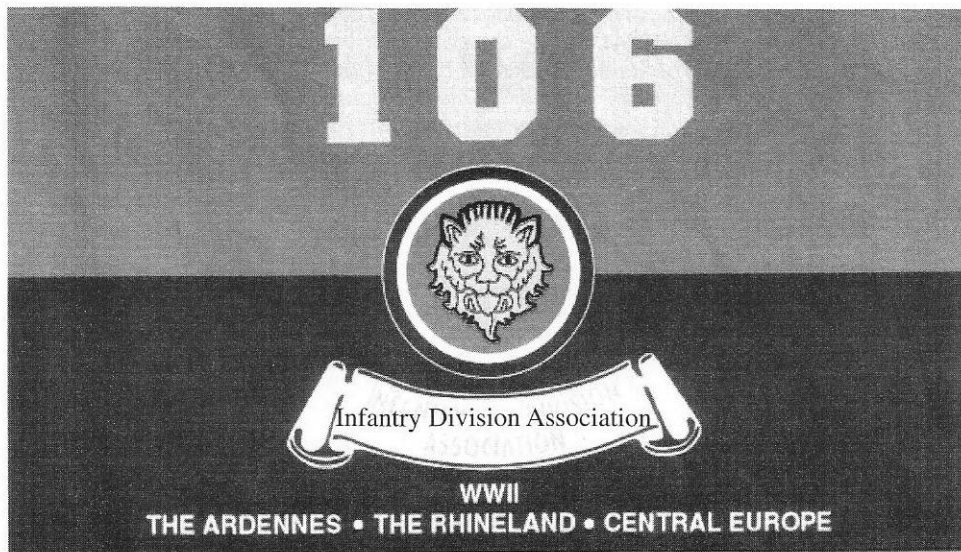


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Ruth Carver, widow of Dale Carver wrote - enclosing a story written by her grandson, Davis Craig, about his grandfather - Dale Carver 424th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon Leader.

Dale was "Poet Laureate" of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

He received a battle field promotion from 2nd to 1st Lt. for "gallantry under fire." He disabled mines under a bridge while under fire by the Germans.

He told me that it should have been for the time he rescued a group of soldiers from a mine field. They were "frozen in fear" and he led the soldiers to safety. His poems appeared in "The CUB" for many years.

We miss him dearly Dale died May 16, 2001. We miss him, and we miss his poems in each CUB magazine

Now, the story by his grandson, David Craig - written in year 2000.

My Grandfather

My grandfather, Dale Carver, is a tall, broad shouldered, dark complexioned, handsome man of 76. He has thinning black hair with a small amount of gray. He wears large, black-rimmed glasses. My grandfather considers himself younger than people of the same age, they are all too old.

He is sardonic, and somewhat of a recluse; he believes "*People are no damn good, but they're all there is.*" He has no use for most people; save his poker buddies, his friends from the War, and occasionally his family. A pessimist, many times he has said that his "bad heart and bad attitude" will end up killing him.

He grew during the Great Depression, in the dust bowls of Kansas, one of 13 children from 17 live births. He began working at the age of 12, driving a tractor. A good Christmas for him was an orange and, if he was lucky, a penny. When he was 16, after he graduated from high school, he was given a slap on the back, a handshake, and told by his parents: "*Good luck. Come back and see us sometime, son.*" That he survived such adverse conditions speaks measures for his character.

He served as a second lieutenant in the 106th infantry Division during World War II. His division was placed in Belgium's Ardennes Forest, a seemingly unlikely place for the Germans to attack. But attack they did, with 24 divisions into an area defended by only four. Thus he fought in the *Battle of the Bulge*, the last great German offensive of the War.

Afterwards, to rid himself of the horrors of the war, he wrote poetry. "I think it was therapy. I think I would have gone crazy if I hadn't."

*With clinical eye and mind alert
he watched the ebb and flow,
saw live bodies beyond all hurt
dead eyes; saw blood on the snow.
He walked with death ever near
beneath an indifferent sky,
knew the taste of sickening fear,
watched the valiant die,
watched the cowardly live on,*

*knew anguish at broken trees,
saw the mine slain forest fawn
and proud men on their knees
He recorded minutely in memory
all that came to pass,
then, ill of soul, wrote poetry
as a sick cat eats grass.*

-Dale Carver, from *Before the Veterans Die*

He first published a compilation of his war poetry, *Before the Veterans Die*, in 1985, now in its third printing. See *Book section in this CUB magazine to order Dale's book of poems... Before the Veterans Die*

My grandfather is an extremely brilliant man. He taught engineering at LSU from 1954 to 1982. He works the two daily crossword puzzles in ink over his morning bowl of cereal. He loves working with his hands. For the last thirty-five years, he has had a substantial vegetable garden. He has set up a workshop in his garage where he likes to "piddle," making bird houses and bird feeders out of scraps of wood.

He only slightly less eccentric than he is intelligent. A pyromaniac, he does not use his heater, but instead keeps his wood burning stove lit almost all winter. He has bonfires in his yard, two mostly wooded acres in the heart of south Baton Rouge, about a half mile from the LSU campus. The largest fire to date had flames leaping thirty feet in the air. He keeps a pellet gun by his back door to shoot squirrels, "those damn bushy-tailed tree rats" who run the birds off of his feeders and ruin his garden.

As I write this, I have just returned from his house, where he challenged all his local grandchildren to a "bring your own gun" shooting contest, with cash prizes going to the winners. Not the action of an average grandfather, I imagine.

He is the stereotypical absent minded professor, a man of great erudition, but very forgetful. Once while unclogging a sink, he had the plumbing disconnected, and a bucket underneath, catching the rather putrid water that came out of the pipes. When the bucket filled up, he picked it up and poured it into the sink, with the plumbing still very disconnected. The fetid water proceeded to pour into the cabinet and cover a goodly portion of the floor. Another time he was chopping pecans in the blender, when something got stuck. Without unplugging it or turning it off, he reached his hand in to clear the jam, sustaining copious, but relatively minor, cuts and scrapes on his finger.

For all his oddities, my grandfather values knowledge and learnedness as the greatest good. He is greatly moved by good music or writing. He could quote poetry for hours. He is an outdoors man and loves to travel. Rather non materialistic, he went to Europe for three weeks, his only luggage a carry-on. He and my step grandmother used to take off in their RV and camp out at various places around the country for weeks at a time.

Even with all his eccentricities, he is still a wonderful grandfather, and I could not ask for a better one. He has taken me fishing, hunting, camping, berry picking, to Grand Isle, on a swamp tour, and to do countless other things together.

David Graig, Dale Carver's Grandson - February 20, 2000

New Members . . .

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My father, Kemp B. Adams, 422/SV was captured December 19, 1944, was bombed in the rail yards at Limburg on 23 December, arrived at Stalag 9B, Bad Orb on 25 December, moved to Stalag 9A, Ziegenhain January 26. Liberated on Good Friday.

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Son Bob Brislin wrote, "My father Joseph Brislin, passed away April 17, 2005." (See *Memoriam*) enclose is check for a Life Associate membership for mother, Mary A. Brislin. All the best to the 106th Infantry Division Association.

BROWN, CRAIG - LIFE ASSOCIATE

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His wife Lynette joins as an Auxiliary member. They met our 589th veterans, John Schaffner, John Gatens and Barney Alford on a tour of Parker's Crossroads. Craig recently retired from the USAF and met our 106th group at Spangdahlem Airbase. The Brown's have spent many hours in the Schonberg area, where the two regiments fought and most were captured on 19 December 1944.

CHEBERENCHICK, DAVID ASSOC.

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My father was in "B" Co, 81st Engineers. I am interested in WWII history.

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Historian. My wife is Sharon.

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I am a nephew of John Geidel 423/A

LAMB, GERALD - 423/I - LIFE

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I got in touch with Jim Mills 423/I and he sent me a copy of the CUB of the Golden Lion. Sign me up.

MALAVAZOS, CONRAD LIFE ASSOCIATE

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I would like to clear up a couple mistakes in my father's story in the Jan-

Feb-Mar CUB magazine, page 30, Constantine "Chuck" Malavazos 589/C. After destroying their 105's and trying to get to the American lines, the men were "LOST" and not "LAST." Dad is not sure that Captain Rockwell was even issued a map of the area. Dad claims to be the last one to speak with him before he left the group. Captain Rockwell's body was apparently found later when the Americans retook the area. Father presumed that Lt. Wright had been killed when a bomb made a direct hit on the building that had over 60 Allied officers in it (POWs). Since my father's letter in the "CUB," we have heard from several people who have affirmed what a wonderful man Lt. Thomas Wright was!. I would like any info on him if it is available, e.g. Home town; relatives, etc, Thanks for the work to produce a great magazine. Con Malavos.

Thanks Con, for the information - happy that you have heard from others already.

A salute to your father!

John Kline, 423/M, CUB editor

MCDEVITT, ANNE - ASSOCIATE

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Please sign me on as an Associate member so that I can receive the CUB and any other news that Jack would have received. Having attended many reunions, we widows, feel like we have made many friends and would like to keep in touch. Sincerely Anne McDevitt

NAJARIAN, JOHN 423/I LIFE MEMBER

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While on my recent trip to New Jersey, my good friend Murray Stein, Association President, enrolled me into the 106th Infantry Division Association.

My membership was not listed in the last CUB, so I thought I would write my information. I also have a Winter address which is 2410 Players Court, Wellington FL 33414 561-795-2213

I was a Staff Sergeant in 423/I.

John, I beleive the last quarter CUB was mailed before we were aware that you had signed on as a member. You are now in the roster - Welcome back to the 106th

POWER, HAROLD (HAL) 422/C LIFE MEMBER

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A Private in "C" Company I was transferred to Headquarters Company, 422nd Regiment December 15, 1944. Couldn't get to HQ Company because of enemy fire. During the fighting I was wounded in the head by a snipers bullet and captured at Schonberg, Germany. Sent to a hospital at (Gerolstein ???). The hospital was bombed Christmas day. I fell four stories to basement, paralyzed. Finally wound up in Stalag XII-A, strafed while in box cars. I finally escaped , taking five U.S. soldiers with me back to American lines.

RITTENHOUSE, GEORGE D. 422/L

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No information with application, other than the name of wife, Mercile, who signed on as an Auxiliary member.



Mesa, Arizona - December 16, 2005

Dean Childs, 106 Signal, 245 South 56th St. # 75, Mesa AZ 85206 - 602-985-3687 elede3@cox.net

Arizona had their Mini-Reunion in Mesa on December 16, 2005 at the Hometown Buffet in Scottsdale, Arizona with 19 present. Associate member Bernie Weiner's father, Milton, came from California to join us. We opened the program reading a letter from Comrade Emilio Membrila, Thatcher, Arizona. Emilio had planned on being with us but, at the last minute, found it impossible to attend.

Herman Van de Bogart, Paul Thompson, Calvin Wright, Toby Anderson, Milton Weiner and Bob Hirst brought to mind all that happened on December 16, 1944 and in the following days until they were discharged. It was interesting to hear how each survived the battle and the POW camps. Everyone agreed on how cold it was - very, very cold.

Men Back Row-l/r: Robert Hirst; Bernie Weiner; Herman Van de Bogart; Richard Behr; Calvin Wright and Dean Childs **Front Row-l/r:** Paul Thompson; Milton Weiner; Toby Anderson and Tom Bugner.

Ladies Back Row-l/r: Nita Hirst; Laura Thompson; Helen Van de Bogart; Eleanor Childs

Front Row-l/r: Margaret Wright; Bea Behr; Amy Anderson; Pam Bugner.





Southern California - December 11, 2005

Milton Weiner, 424/M, 28121 Ridgethorpe Ct, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 - 310-544-0470

This was the 19th Annual Southern California "Bulge Commemoration" event. We started by reading "My First Reunion" by Dale Carver and the "Heroics of Americans who fought in World War II" - from John McCains book "Worth Fighting For." The 106th Division "Golden Lion's" flag was proudly flying. Call Quartermaster; John Gilliland 256-593-6801, or take a look at the flag in any CUB magazine under Gilliland's ads.

Thirteen attended including five 106th Veterans who each gave a brief summary of their experiences in the "**Battle of the Bulge**." The 2006 event will be on December 12, 2006. Please write or call me to be added to the mailing list. My address and phone number above.



Oklahoma - December 15, 2005

Peggy McClure 8607 77 Place So. Tulsa, OK 74133

The Oklahoma group were together for lunch at Fountains Restaurant in Tulsa.

l/r: Don Herndon 424/L; Jean Herndon, Peggy McClure (Widow of Clint 423/HQ); David Deffenbaugh 423/D; Anita and Leland Turley 432/H.



Bradenton - Sarasota, Florida - 2005

Ray Twardzik, 106 Signal, 5518 Garden Lakes Oak, Bradenton, FL 34203 Phone: 941-756-1440 hammie39@vtrocket.com

The W. Coast of Florida 2005 106 Division Min-Reunion was held at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant, Sarasota, Florida. Organized by Ray Twardzik, there were 35 attendees. David Ford, Associate, was the featured speaker and Bill Mangold was coordinator of games and prizes. Bob Eldridge led the opening prayer. Everyone enjoyed their dinners and camaraderie. This year we included veterans from other Battle of the Bulge organizations. Stan Colby - 99th Division, and Harry Glixon the 94th Division. Men - 1st Row l/r Leonard Turgeon, Boris Stern, Ray Twardzik, Lyle Beeth, Harry Glixon-94th, Charles Fehnel, Bill Mangold.

2nd Row l/r Bob Eldridge Dick Brokaw, Dennis Obrien, El Creel, Sid Auerbach, Don Sholten, Stan Colby-99th, Lester Helmich, James Edwards, Ken Smith, Bob Snovel, David Ford-Associate, missing from picture Herb Karnes.

Ladies: Sitting l/r Evelyn Turgeon, Isabel Twardzik, Lael Snovel.

Standing: l/r Lorraine Glixon, Marie Beeth, Margaret Large, Mary Ann Scholten, Gloria Colby, Jill Blafox, Arline Ford, Mary Kelso, Jody Brokaw, Pauline Fehnel, missing is picture Marguerette Helmich.





Maryland, D.C. and Virginia - December 15, 2005

John Schaffner, 589/A, 1811 Miller Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030 - 410-584-2754

We held our MD, D.C., VA Mini-reunion at Ft. G.G. Meade Club. Maryland, D.C. and Virginia.

Sixty-six (66) were recruited to attend but, due to the scare thrown at us by the weather forecasters, we had 26 no-shows. Only four of us were 106th vets, Grayson Bishop, Phil Hannon, Jack Schoelkopf, and myself (on the group photo.) The other man on the group photo (right side) is Mike Ciquero whose brother (423/H) was killed during the BOB. Some came from a great distance; Rockledge, PA and Charlotte, NC to attend. The 106th vets in this area are becoming more scarce all the time.

This little celebration is turning into a "y'all come" party for folks interested in WW II history.

The speaker was Bob Mullauer, eminent historian with all things WW II. He delivered a dynamic presentation on the Battle of the Huertgen Forest. Father Edward Hill, USN Chaplain, (Ret) delivered the invocation. Mary Davis (guest) read a very sensitive poem that she wrote as a high school student in 1944 about the boys fighting for freedom. We are hoping for better weather next December.



Alabama - December 16, 2005

Joseph A. Massey 422/C 4820 Spunky Hollow Road, Remlap, AL 35133-5546

Front Row l/r: Hazel Massey; Francis Lacey; Norma Temple; Will Temple 422/D

Back Row l/r: Joe Massey 424/D; Lawrence Williams 422/D

We meet for a dinner meeting at the Club in Birmingham, Alabama, with the veterans of the *Battle of the Bulge*, as we do each year. Attending the combined meeting were approximately fifty or more, but only six from the 106th. Unable to attend were Barbara and Walter Bridges, John Gilliland and Sandra, Hugh and Nina Kingery and John Racster. Turn out not as good as in the past, but very enjoyable.



Nebraska-Western Iowa - October 17, 2005

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We met at the USA Steak Buffet Lincoln Nebraska on a beautiful autumn day. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an the invocation including a prayer for our service men and women who are in harms way. We also saluted and paid respect to our departed comrades. We had a private room and enjoyed a delicious steak/chicken buffet dinner. Two of Dale Carver's poems were read. Charles and Jane Henning reported on the their trip to the *Battle of the Bulge* area on the 60th anniversary of that battle. We enjoyed the report that included photos of the special occasions where all of our veterans were honored. We plan on hosting this affair at the same place at 11AM on Monday, October 18, 2006. We hope that more veterans from the area will be able to join us.

L/r: Dean/Della Sandahl 422/B (Hosts) Lincoln; Harold/Lorraine Hawkins 423/D Omaha; Charles/Jane Henning 424/B Peru, NE; Gene/Marcy Kuhn 106/MP Columbus; Leonard/Evelyn Tyser 423/I Wilbur NE; Earl/Louisa Kinney 423/B Franklin; Joanne Lujert (Kuhn's daughter) David City. John Henning (son of Charles & Jane) also attended dinner.

HAROLD PASSED AWAY 12 JUN 2006

To all Mini-Reunion Chairman from Harry Martin - Mini-Reunion Chairman. Backup George Call.

We are proud to include the following Mini-Reunion reports in this issue of "The CUB" for this years activities.

I wish to thank all the chairmen and helpers who made this all possible.

It is vital that we continue the Mini-Reunion programs, for there are many of us that are unable to travel to the National Reunions.

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 years reunions to report to the Association Board.

Thank you.

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Atlanta, GA - December 11, 2005

Frankie Burkes, Associate, 7114 Forest Lane, GA 30291, 770-774-9745

On Sunday, December 11, 2005 the Atlanta group meet at the Steak & Ale Restaurant, 1477 Virginia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337. We were few in number, but a good time was had by all.

Men - l/r: Willi Alphonse 333 FAB/C; Hank Blair 423/HQ; Stan Portnoy 592/HQ; Carl Canup 424/C; Bill Jenkins 422/H and Woody Harriman.

Ladies - Back Row l/r: Frankie C. Burkes; Mary Ruth Kimsy; Leanna Alphonse; Jean Shirley; Dorothy Portnoy Second Row: Lenette Blair First Row: Martha Ward; Peggy Harriman



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Alton, Illinois - St Louis, MO - Dec 17, 2005

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The Sixty-first Anniversary of the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge* was celebrated at TR's Cafe and Banquet Center in Wood River, Illinois by former members of the 106th Infantry Division Association and their ladies. Twelve former "Golden Lions" and one son of a former member were in attendance. The attendees were treated to an outstanding presentation by the "Executive Director" of The Telegraph, the local daily newspaper.

A drawing took place with the prize being one of the Division Association's beautiful flags and the winner was Paul Boschert representing Headquarters Battery, 590th Field Artillery Battalion.

Everyone present promised to attend again next year, our Good Lord willing! It was a nice day.

Men- Back Row l/r: George Foster 423/HQ 2Bn; Paul Boschert 590/HQ; Gilbert DeGerlia 422/HQ; Bill Kronmueller 423/E; John Mikalauskis 424/H; Briggs Hoffman 589/B; Lemoine Gehner 423/C; Marion Ray 424/D

Men- Front Row, l/r: Carl Goering Associate; Victor Bauswell 422/B; Dan Brannan, Executive Editor, The Telegraph; Jack Rain 589/HQ; Don Hinrichs, 81st Eng/C; Ken Bryan 423/HQ 1Bn

Ladies- Back Row l/r: Debra Bryan Hensley; Helen Kronmuller;; Delores Mikalauskis; Barbara Foster

Ladies- Front Row l/r: Marge Bryan; Betty Rain; Violet Fischer; Emma Broschert; Pat Hinrichs and Nelda Bauswell



Mini-Reunions . . .



Michigan November 13, 2005

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On Sunday, November 13, 2005, the Michigan veterans of the 106th Infantry Division Association held it's annual Mini-Reunion dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia, MI. Attending were 43 veterans and guests. The guest speaker for the evening was Colonel Donald Kotchman from the U. S. Tank & Automotive Command (TACOM) in Warren, MI. He presented a very interesting and educational slide and video presentation on modern warfare and how new technology and equipment is being used today by our armed forces around the world. Back Row L/R: Colonel Kotchman (Guest speaker from the U.S. Tank & Automotive Command (TACOM); Rudy Aittama (106/RECON); Dr. Jay Ice (424/SV); Chuck Reeber (423/D); John Plotkowski (422/HQ 1 BN); Jack Roberts (592/C); Harold Ortwine (592/C); Colonel Phillip Owens (TACOM) and Command Sergeant Major Otis Cuffee (TACOM). Front Row L/R: Stan Kups (106/SIG); Dr. Willard (Bill) Keeber (424/G); Bill Martin (424/C); Paul Wasylon (422/HQ 1 BN) and Tony Rand (589/B).



Ladies - Back Row L/R: Cindy Ortwine Carroll; Julie Roberts; Donna Martin; Gloria Plotkowski; Mary Lou Roberts; Mary Reeber; Lenore Kups; Nancy Rand; Breanne Barton; Jean Ice and Sheila Cuffee. Front Row L/ R: Christina Roberts; Elizabeth Ortwine; Marlene Martin; Joan Grant; Audrey Ortwine; Norma Aittama; Jeanne Schutte and Bea Keeber.



New Mexico - Dec 16, 2005

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The New Mexico contingent of the 106th Infantry Division Association, held its Mini-Reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We had a delicious lunch at the popular Albuquerque Restaurant. The meeting opened with a moment of silence as we remembered our comrades, especially the fallen ones, on the 61st Anniversary of the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*. We enjoyed our social time of fellowship.

Men l/r: Dr. Ralph J. Nelson, 422/CN; Wendell "Bud" Albaugh 424/1HQ 1Bn;

James H. Twinn DIV/ARTY; Robert E. Soladay 422/SV

Ladies l/r: Rhoda Nelson; Christine Lee (Nelson); Marte Twinn; Beverly Soladay;

Margaret Velasquez Widow of Armando 424/K not pictured -though she was present.



Ohio Mini-Reunion - December 15, 2005

Charles Garn 424/H 1937 Highbridge Rd. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Our Mini-Reunion was held at the Holiday Inn, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. It was organized and arranged by Vivian McCullough. Left- front/back: Pat Kuhman; Clem Kuhman 423/M and Pete DiRenzo 106 Signal; Right-front to back Chuck Garn 424/H; Vivian McCullough and Sylvia DiRenzo Barely shown back-right 106 Flag (See John Gilliland ad in this CUB magazine.)

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New Jersey - December 13, 2005

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Photo by William Blaher 422/I

Men sitting l/r: Joseph Krafchik 331MED/HQ; Floyd Elston 589/A; Henry Krajewski 424/L; Harry Martin Jr. 424/L; Dr. Duncam Trueman 424/AT; Geroge Call 424/B; John Gatens 589/A

Men standing l/r: William Blaher 422/I; Alvin Sussman 424/HQ 2BN; Ralph Richter 331 MED/D; Glenn Lockenvitz 106 RECON; Jerry Mount 634th AAA AW; Alphonse Ianuzzi 590/C

Ladies sitting l/r: Ellie Iannuzzi; Miriam Blaher; Grace Trueman; Mary Vandermast.

Ladies standing l/r: Barbara Dziedzic; Susan Chow





Reading, Pennsylvania - Nov 18, 2005

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We had our Memorial Dinner early this year. It was great being together, unfortunately some could not attend due to illness, they were Jack McDevitt and Don Showalter.

Two members had died this year. Bill Harris and Walter Shirk.

Men standing l/r: Deacon Ed Christianson; John Gallagher; William Crossland and George Moore

Men seated l/r: Vince Sziber, Joe Tarantino; Fred Carr; Lou Cunningham

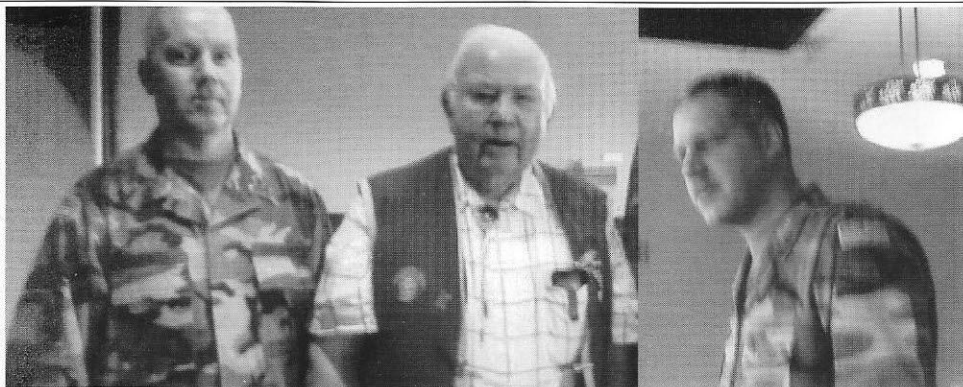
Ladies standing l/r: Muriel Sziber; Ginny - daughter of Carr's; Betty Carr; Marline Moore-guest; Mary Christianson

Ladies seated l/r: Stella Gallagher; Charlotte Cunningham; Norman Crossland and Connie Trantino

Not shown: A photo of John Gallagher and Joe Tarantino holding the 106th flag which was given as a prize during the meeting.

Charles and Nancy Datte did not attend because of a death of a son who lived with them and another son injured in an auto accident in California.





Washington - December 15, 2005

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We were fortunate to have Associate member James Milewski and his Commander, LTC Lawrence W. Meder who spoke to us about the service. It was interesting learn what was going on in today's service world. They presented each of our members with a shoulder patch from their unit. It was held on Thursday Dec. 15th at the Hawks Prairie Inn. Above: L/R James Milewski; Myrton Dickerson 424/D LTC Lawrence W. Meder Below: Beatrice Dickerson; James and Brigitta Leonard 423/SV; Ray Johnston 423/H; George Strong 423/HQ and Myrton Dickerson 424/D



Kansas- December 20, 2005

William/ Mary Lou Stahl 422/K 223 W Sixth Street Junction City KS 66441 785-238-2861

Held at Perkins in Topeka - Bad weather/sickness cut attendance. Five 106th members, 4 wives, an 82nd Airborne Re-enactor and guests. Also Marsha and Kevin Mecktle, daughter and grandson of the Stahl's. Martin Jones 432/G told of his experience in the Hammelburg Raid that was led by Abe Baum. The Task Force found 1,400 American POWs rather than 1,000 that had been reported. After entering the compound only a few could return to the American lines. The raid turned out to be a failure and is described in a book authored by Captain Abe Baum, 106th Martin Jones and others.



Long Island, NY - November 13, 2005

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The Long Island New York Mini-Reunion was held on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at Lambrou's Restaurant, Island Park, New York, with twelve men and ten women attending.

This was the sixth Long Island meeting and was attended by many of our regulars.

The dinner and camaraderie was, as usual, enjoyed by all.

The men were: Sol Kravitz; Ed Goldberg; Gene Powell; Charles Condike; Al Sussman; Charles Lane; William Mueller; Irv Schrom; Charles Johansen; John Starmack; Louis Levy and Sol Grasso

The women were: Ann Kravitz; Mrs. Louis Levy; Neva Powell; Adele Johansen; Marilyn Getzoff; Irmgard Mueller; Lynda Sussman; Rhoda Schromn; Mary Grasso and Grace Starmack.





Madison, Wisconsin - October 15, 2005

Charles Rieck, 424/H, 7316 Voss Parkway, Middleton, WI 53562 608-831-6110

The Wisconsin 16th Annual Commemorative Meeting of The Battle of the Bulge was held at CJ's East, In Madison, Wisconsin. on October 15, 2005. We had 43 people in attendance and they were:

Mr./Mrs. Jerome Miller; Mr./Mrs. Robert Homan; Mr./Mrs. Raymond Kurth; Mr./Mrs. Albert Kath; Mr./Mrs. Howard Jones; Mr./Mrs. Edmund Podlaski; Mr./Mrs. John Hendrickson; Mr./Mrs. Walter Peterson; Mr./Mrs. Charles Lowe; Mr./Mrs. Henry Wittenberg; Mr./Mrs. Clifford Arngard; Mr./Mrs. Tom Paynter; Mr./Mrs. Pete Di Bernardo; Ms. Criss Armgard; Mr. Mike Cunningham; Mr. Victor Fuchs; Ms. Jean Meredith; Mr. Robert Paynter; Mr. Fred Boussard; Mrs. Elrose Nagle; Ms. Brabara Hoff; Ms. Pat Christianson; Mr. Edward Wojahn; Ms. Val Kath; Md. Cheri Larson; Mrs. Virginia Post; Mr. David Post. Ms. Nina Spenle; Mr. Cjaries Rieck

David Post was again the photographer. No program, but a lot of social interaction. By group action the 2006 meeting will be held on October 21, 2006 at CJ's East in Madison, Wisconsin.



World War II and Battle of the Bulge Books . . .

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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.
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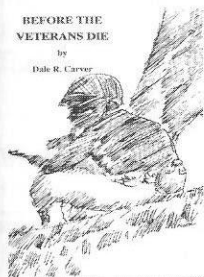
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HELL FROZEN OVER

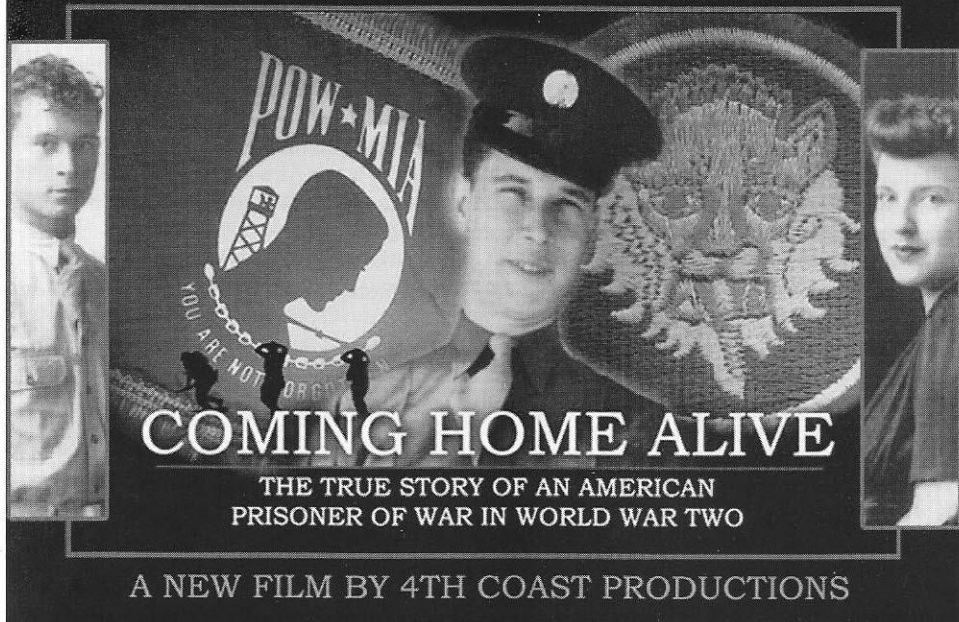
Author Marilyn Estes Quigley (This was a popular book - shown and sold at the 58th Annual reunion). Marilyn, associate professor of English at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, teacher composition, literature and creative writing. The current Evangel campus was O'Reilly General Hospital during 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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Death notices of members arrive in several forms and sizes. Some are one line and some are a page of more of fine print telling the life history of accomplishments, education and occupations and extended relatives . This MEMORIAM report will be limited to the member's name, address and 106th unit he was assigned to; the date of death; the names of his immediate family and information relative to their participation in the Association.

May our Comrades Rest in Peace

Barnes, L. Preston DIV/HQ

30 Clinton Street #6C, Brooklyn NY 11201

Date of death: February Cub Returned marked Deceased.

Broderick, (Joe) Harold 422/G

2171 Bootmaker Drive, Beloit, WI 53511

Date of death: January 16, 2006. Notified by his daughter Jane Hatleberg email: *ljhattleberg@yahoo.com* . Survived by his wife of 59 years - Verdelma, who is a current association member and six children Dennis, Holly, Jane, Kerry, Rosie, Mary, 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a brother and two sisters. Plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Brislin, Joseph 422/K

2066 Chester Rd Tanglewood Apt, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Date of death April 17, 2005. He is survived by his wife of 65 years Mary Alice, his widow, who continues as an Associate member, and their seven children; Michael, Joseph, Anne; Thomas; Mark; Mary and Robert and 27 Grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a brother Thomas and James.

Bynum, F.G. 424/B

1808 Linthicum Lane, Birmingham, AL 35217

Date of death: April 14, 2006 by wife Avis. He is survived by his wife, Avis. April 14 marked 68 years together. F.G. was co-founder of Bymoco Metal Fabricators who were the gold standard for custom made metal doors for hospitals, schools and churches.

Dahlen, William S. 591st Service Battery

106 in A Circle, Franklin IN 46131

Date of death: July 11, 2002. Mistakenly identified in the last CUB as "Patrick Dahlen." Barbara his wife, Associate member, wrote that they were married 55.5 years, have two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. My apologies, Barbara for the error. John Kline editor.

Dalton, James V

12205 Benson, Chino CA 91710

Reported in the last CUB - James was mistakenly reported dead during the 59th Annual Reunion in Arlington, Virginia. We are happy to report that he is well and alive. Our apologies. I was not in attendance and have no idea who reported it to our officers. John Kline ...

Gregory, John A. 424/E (Past-President 106th Infantry Association)

4624 Ashton Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864

Date of death: March 16, 2006. John Gregory joined the Association in 1986.

John, was elected to the Board during the 1995 Reunion. As an active, participating board member he added to the strength of or board and enhanced the Association. He latter served as president of the Association in the fiscal year 1999-2000. His shy smile and pleasant personality will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife Shirley of 55 years, four children Steve, Claudia, Jay and Susan, seven grandchildren, a sister and four nieces and several cousins.

Grimes, George 424/CN

106 Short Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Date of death: February 14, 2006. George was an Air Cadet before he was assigned to the 106th. Survived by his wife of 69 years, Kathryn, a daughter Linda and six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; three brothers; several nieces and nephews.

Huffine, Phil C. 422/C

254 East Greenwood Avenue, Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Date of death: December 26, 2005. A fisherman, golfer, successful businessman, Phil is survived by his wife Betty, a son David, a daughter Amanda.

Jones, Ted N. 423/C

4646 North Mill Creek Road, Dallas TX 75244

Date of death: March 9, 2006 following a brief illness. Reported by Hugh Colbert.

Ted was a Tech/Sgt. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Beth; and two sons.

Moore, Mark, DIV ARTILLERY

5201 W 143rd Street #207, Leawood KS 66224

Date of death: February 15, 2006. Born in Vilonia, Arkansas, a college graduate, he pastored Nazerene churches in Texas from 1938 to 1944 then volunteered to become a chaplain during WWII. He was liberated by Patton's raid on Hammelburg and forced to surrender again two days later. He continued his life, after the war in his church and educational work. Survived by his wife of 67 years, Clarice, two sisters, two sons Kent and Brad; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Potts, William M. 424/K

8179 Sandwedge Terrace, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952

Date of death: April 25, 2006 Potts died of complications following 2way bypass surgery. He retired in 1983 after thirty-five years with Union Carbide Corporation where he was a Project Manager & Senior Programmer Analyst. Potts was a graduate of Upsala College, East Orange, N.J., class of 1950. He got married in 1952. He and his wife, Thelma Ann Ring, lived in Pompton Plains, Mahwah and Brick, New Jersey. In retirement they lived in Jensen Beach, Stuart and Port St. Lucie, Florida. During retirement he took more than 70 cruises with his wife and sometimes included his children. He served two years in "C" company, "5th" Battalion of the New Jersey State Guard, while attending high school, had his basic training at Camp Blanding, IRC, Florida. He was a military book club member and avid reader of WW II books. Late January 1945 Potts was a replacement in "K" Company, 424th Regiment as a machine gunner. His living identical twin brother, Arthur Potts was also a member of "K" Company. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Ann, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Vaughn, Ronald E. 422/C

75 South Broadway Avenue #115, Somers Point NJ 08244

Date of death: May 31, 2004. A daughter called to notify us to stop sending CUB.

Valenstein, Col Earle (US Ret) 81st ENG/B

5737 Bar Neck Road, Cambridge MD 48104

Date of death: April 8, 2006. Colonel Valenstein and his "81st Engineers" were always active association members, attending many of our reunions. Notification of Colonel Valenstein's death was by his son - Associate member Major John Valenstein (USRet)

Walsh, James R. 424/K

2511 Arvin Road, Billings, MT 59102

Date of death: February 11, 2006 No detail. Wife's name Harriet. no other details.

Wenslow, Patricia Ann Associate

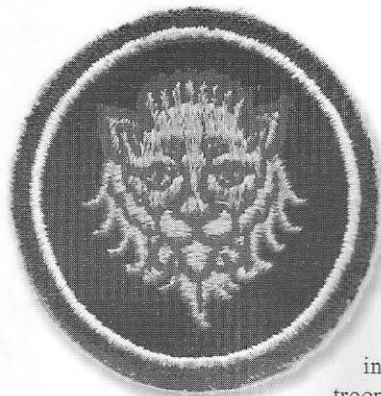
Date of death: Died April 3, 2006. Widow of Marshall (589/A) John Schaffner wrote, "Received a note today from daughter Wendy Jansen. Patrica Ann and her husband attended most of the reunions over the past years. Marshall 589/A died May 2005

York, Robert E. "Bob" 422/D

142 E Sycamore, Grayville, IL 62844

Date of death: March 30 2006. Notified by Gene Saucerman 422/D.

Survived by his wife, Thelma, a son and daughter, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



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In 1944, the 106th Infantry Division was in it's infancy. In order to keep the troops informed, and also provide a source of entertainment, a periodic publication was begun. It was known as *The Cub of The Golden Lion*. A special group of soldiers was detailed to produce the paper. When the war was finally over, and the division was on the way home a group of the 106th Division soldiers met to lay the ground work to establish an association that would be a vehicle to perpetuate the camaraderie and friendships established during this period. An essential part of this organization was a continuance of *The Cub of The Golden Lion*. An editor was chosen, and though the editor's job has been passed on a few times, *The Cub* has been published ever since and continues on as the official quarterly of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

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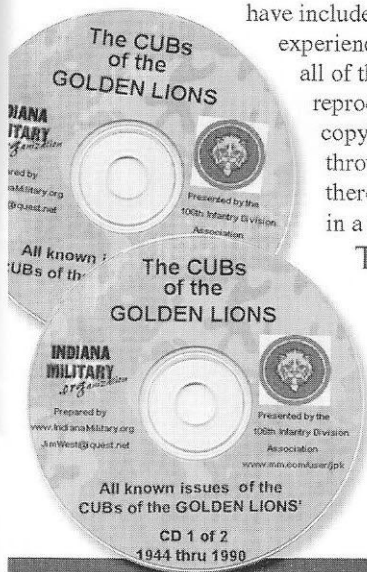
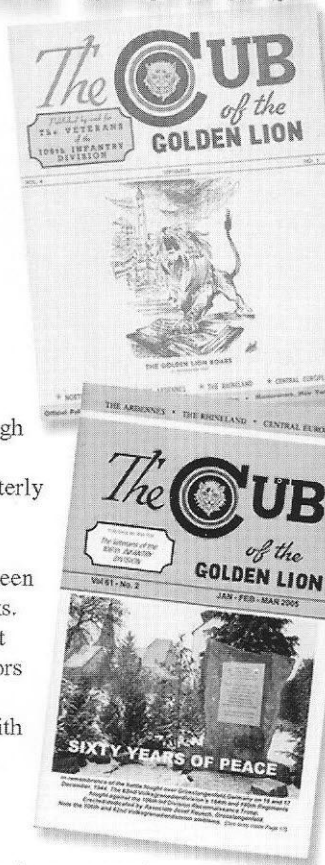
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