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President's View . . .

This message for this issue, should have been written by Irwin C. Smoler, our incoming President. Unfortunately, after a short illness, our dear friend and brother, Irwin Smoler passed away on Sunday, Nov 18, 2005. To Mrs. Elsie Smoler and her family, please accept our sympathy and heartfelt appreciation for Irwin's love and dedication he had made to the 106th Association.

I had accepted the President's Gavel from our outgoing President Walter G. Bridges, on behalf of Mr. Smoler, at the Sunday Banquet, Nov. 6, 2005. I had indicated that Irwin would be proud to accept the honor of serving as our President for the year 2005-2006. On Irwin's behalf, I also indicated that he wanted all our Committee Chairmen to remain for the coming year.

All acknowledged that they would, with one exception, Walter Snyder, our resolutions chairman had notified Irwin, that he was retiring from that position, and Irwin had already asked "Jack" Roberts to serve as our Resolutions Chairman, and he accepted.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank outgoing President Walter Bridges, for his efforts in securing the Washington area site for our convention, after Hurricane Katrina destroyed our New Orleans reunion site.

One of the highlights of this reunion, was our visit to the WWII Memorial and the peaceful atmosphere as we walked around the beautiful site, pausing to take a picture in front of a stone marked with the battle we were involved in. The quiet thoughts as we remembered how young we were. It was a time to treasure.

Another highlight was guest speaker Brig. General Dany Van De Ven representing the *Belgian Embassy in Washington*.

Most important, was the opportunity to meet with our "*Band of Brothers*" again, and swap familiar stories of the *Battle of the Bulge*.

I have accepted the responsibility as President of our beloved 106th Association and I am calling on all members of the *Board of Directors* to assist me with their continuing the good work. Further, let's reach out to all our members across this great nation of ours, asking them to join with us at our next Reunion, Aug 30 to Sept 3, 2006, at the Marriott Hotel, at the Newark N.J. Airport. The 2007 convention will be held at the Westin Hotel, in Kansas City, Mo.

I want to thank Marion Ray, Adjutant, and John Kline, Editor for their most helpful assistance in coping with the untimely passing of President Irwin Smoler.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome four new members to the Board: Rev. Ewell C. Black; Edward L Christianson; Gifford B. Doxsee; and Dr. Ralph Nelson.



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THE TORCH . . .



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During World War I, a very familiar poem was written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, of the Canadian Army.

Col. McCrae fought on the western front in 1914 and died while on active duty in 1918. His poem was named

"In Flanders Fields."

*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row that
mark our place. And in the sky the
larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce
heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead - Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders Field"*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe. To
you from failing hands, we throw the
torch. Be yours to hold it high. If ye
break faith with us who die, we shall not*

sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders field."

Many responses were written by poets in the years that followed. The best that I know came from R. W Lilliard, and was called *"America's Answer."*

*"Rest ye in peace, ye Flanders dead The fight that ye so bravely led, we've
taken up. And we will keep true faith with you who lie asleep with a cross to
mark his bed in Flanders Field"*

*"Fear not that ye have died for naught. The torch ye threw to us, we caught. Ten
million hands will hold it high, and freedom's light shall never die ! We've learned the
lesson that ye taught in Flanders field."*

How well these words speak to us as we come together here this morning to honor our wartime comrades. For just as surely as McCrae mourned the death of his fellow soldiers, so too we mourn the passing of our comrades.

And just like the fallen soldiers in the poem, ours too, once held the torch of freedom high, as did we all.

Some time ago, watching the History Channel, I saw depicted once again the desperate days of the *Battle of Britain*, and in particular, the almost unbelievable struggle by the outgunned and outnumbered RAF to control the air space over England and the English Channel.

Their losses of planes and men were staggering. They filled the skies with their tiny planes, responding again and again to every massive raid, knowing the odds were against them, losing planes faster than they could be replaced, and pilots faster than they could be trained.

At every flight, every takeoff, three, four, five times every day. They bravely went, not really expecting to return.

As the television program ended. The camera turned upward to those now empty skies, once so full of death and destruction.

And as the commentator continued to speak, I found myself imagining that, all unseen, those same airmen must be up there in spirit still, a ghostly squadron, forever patrolling those skies that they had purchased with such guts and flames and blood. Their country remembers and honors those flyers because they held high the torch

Our country has a special day to honor and remember our heroes also. We call that day "**Memorial Day**."

But this - today - is our **Memorial Day**, This is a day for Lions... Our own very personal **Memorial Day**. Because every man remembered and honored here on this day was a man who trained beside us, walked beside us, fought beside us, froze in the bitter cold beside us, suffered, bled beside us, sometimes died beside us.

Like those skies over the English Channel, so too our assembly here is filled with a presence that we can almost feel. A ghostly battalion of faces we once knew, wearing uniforms we once wore ...the bravest of the brave... who long ago, also held high the torch.

As you and I remember some of the sacrifices, some of the deeds we saw done, we marvel sixty years later. From whence came such courage? At times we image it all over again.

Sometimes when the first snow of winter quietly falls during the night, and I awake, surprised by it in the morning, I step onto my warm porch and look out the great windows down to the wood line 100 yards behind my house.

And, through the falling snow, I imagine I see figures clothed in gray advancing through the snow and between the trees, and for the briefest moment I am transported back in time... back to the time when, all alone, armed only with an M-1, I saw a couple of squads of infantry coming toward me in just such a way.

And suddenly the odds changed. My platoon sergeant, observing my predicament from afar, threw caution to the winds. Grabbing a BAR from another's hands, he ran and threw himself to the ground beside me - and laid down fire that my M-1 couldn't have matched. He, too, held high the torch

Every 106'er who was there during those fateful days can tell stories like that ...thousands of torchbearers... thousands of stories ...stories that sound like fiction to those who weren't there.

So many of our comrades, once supplies and ammunition were exhausted, were surrounded and forced to surrender... made captive.

The rest of us owe them special respect. Though prisoners, they maintained their faith in our country. And it's more personal than that; they maintained their faith in us, and honored us who still fought. They honored us by trusting us.

Every day behind barbed wire must have seemed like an eternity to them. But they knew... they just knew... that we, their fellow Americans, would come, that we would get to them, that we would eventually bring them home.

Trust ...the same trust we always had in one another. For the POW's each waiting day must have seemed like an eternity. We were their hope. And they endured the unendurable by believing in us, holding high the torch.

From whence does *their* kind of courage spring ? Former- POW, Admiral James Stockdale, said:

"It comes down to comradeship and it comes down to pride and dignity, and enduring sense of self-worth, and personal honor."

Chaplain's Message . . .

So, some of the old stories and some of the associations that we call to memory, that we're able to share again during these days together ...some are memorable. Some are humorous.

Some are sad. But they are all such proud stories. Some are stories about you. Some about me. Some about our ghosts of yesterday. But all the stories we remember and tell, and even the stories that lie forever hidden in our hearts ...they're all proud stories.

But it's more than this that draws us together ...links us unites us. It's far more than just these ancient stories. It's the memory of all that we endured and of the absolute trust we had in each other, and the realization that not one of us could have survived without the others.

No act common to ordinary men can symbolize the bond between us. No gesture, no handshake however friendly and firm, no hi-fives, only the strongest embrace can begin to convey the meaning of who we were to each other, and who we still are today.

There is, in our wartime experience, a lesson of life that is rarely understood or learned except by the philosophers and the theologians... and soldiers.

It is this:

It is not the joys or even the great triumphs in life that unite men most fully and make them brothers forever. It is the experience of suffering.

And although we suffered dearly, this division of ours, we caught the torch that was thrown to us.

It was not a torch that any division would have chosen - but we accepted it; we caught it. *And together with these men we honor today, and with the help of Almighty God, we held it high together !*

Young Warriors:

***Should fate find you on the battlefield,
may your cause be a just one. May your courage not falter.***

May you show mercy to your enemies.

May your efforts bring blessings of peace.

May you be triumphant and earn victory.

May your sacrifices be always appreciated.

May you endure the conflict unharmed.

***Should you be harmed,
may your wounds heal.***

Should you perish in the struggle,

***May God embrace you
and find a place for you in His Kingdom.***

Amen.

Amen.

Irwin Smoler's Story of a 424/B Combat Patrol . . .

Editor's note: Irwin C. Smoler, 1st Vice-President for the year 2004-05.

Irwin was just getting ready to attend the 59th Annual reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association, when he became ill and was sent to the hospital for care.

Irwin was looking forward to a good recovery, attending the annual reunion and accepting the "Association Presidency" for the year 2005-2006.

Just before the 59th annual reunion was called to order in Arlington, Virginia, our comrade, President Elect, had a turn for the worse, He died on November 18, 2005.

His death is listed in the "Memoriam" of this CUB magazine.

As editor, I had promised Irwin I would publish his story on one of the many actions of "B" Company. 424th Combat Infantry Regiment. This is to fulfill my promise to Comrade Irwin to print his story.

John Kline, Editor



Smoler's visit to the Ardennes, year 1994

From Irwin C. Smoler - "B" Company, 424th Combat Infantry Regiment.

John, shortly after I joined the association, I sent you an after action report of my first day of combat, Dec. 16th 1944, with Co B of the 424th. After attending the reunions at Orlando and Roanoke and talking to many of my fellow veterans, I realized that the men of the 422nd and 423rd knew little of what went on with the 424th.

I thought, therefore, that I might write a detailed account of my last combat assignment which occurred early in the second week of March 1945, as well as a very brief account of what went on in our platoon, company and regiment between Dec 16th 1944 and the beginning of March 1945.

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During a three month period from the 16th of December, 1944 to March 12th, 1945 the regiment, except for very brief one or two day periods, was in continuous contact with the enemy, either in the defense and slow withdrawal, or in the attack and advance.

Starting out the 17th of December we began a slow and orderly hill by hill withdrawal until we linked up with the 112th Inf. of the 28th Division, CCB of the 9th Armored Div. and CCB of the 7th Armored Div to form the "Fortified Goose-Egg" in front of St-Vith. We, along with the 112th Inf. formed the southern end of the goose-egg. To get to this point I remember wading the Our River at least twice in freezing waist high water, holding out rifles over our heads. As part of the "Fortified Goose-Egg," we had helped hold up the Germans long enough for reserves to be brought into place as well as to disrupt their timetable to get to the Muese River.

For this and some subsequent actions, the regiment, along with the other units involved, and all of its officers and men, later received the Belgium Fourregerre, a unit citation.

When the order came from General Ridgeway on December 23rd we began a long daylight withdrawal from the goose-egg into and through the lines of the 82nd Airborne Division, which had come in from theatre reserve. We dug in with them, and, as I recall, they didn't look any better than we did, and frankly, I didn't think they were any better soldiers than we were, especially after our recent experiences.

A couple of days later, the 2nd Bn. went over to engagement at Manhay, Belgium, and within a few days, at year end, the westward retreat ended and we began the long road back with plenty of fighting to come on the way.

By early March we were in bivouac in a clump of woods near Berk, Germany. We were dug in at the edge of a tree line facing the Siegfried Line. This position, incidentally, was not too far from the positions of the 422nd Inf. On the morning of Dec, 16th 1944.

Our company had suffered a great number of casualties during this two-and-a-half-month period, as well as considerable loss of men due to combat fatigue, frostbite, trench foot and even self-infliction. We had received a large number of replacements, but somehow they were always the first casualties in any engagement. I remember that every time we went back to the line in ½ ton trucks, after being in reserve a few days, I used to look at the replacements and wonder which ones would not be with us the next time we went back.

As for myself, I was the only one left of the 41 men of my platoon who had, on Dec. 16th climbed aboard the Service Co. 6x6 to counter-attack the German penetration. As I noted in my first report, we lost Sgt., Arvold's whole squad on the 16th of December; we lost Lt. Bailey and Sgt. Roden's whole squad when they failed to return from a patrol in early January. Sgt. Jones's squad had taken casualties early on and he himself received a field commission in early February and left the company soon thereafter. Sgt. "A", our platoon Sgt. and Sgt. Byrne our platoon guide, had both succumbed to battle fatigue and were evacuated. As a matter of fact, I, as the platoon messenger, was in a foxhole with Sgt. "A" when he went off his rocker. He kept asking me to find people who were either dead or missing. When he insisted on my taking a message to Sgt. Arvold I knew it was time to call for a medic. The remnants of Jones's squad were all gone for one reason or another.

By this time in early March I was a Staff Sgt. and squad leader, having been promoted twice during the battle. My squad consisted of eight or nine replacements and I had no assistant squad leader.

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Because my platoon had ceased to exist, I reported to Lt. Brown, the first platoon leader and acting company commander. He used my squad as sort of an I and R squad, as it seemed to me we were catching a recon or contact patrol almost every other day. Most were three man patrols, some five man and some full squad.

From the point of view of casualties, the company had fared little better than my original platoon. We were down to 2 officers, having Lt. Capt. Peyser, our C.O. and Lt. Slutzky, our Exec to wounds. Lt. Bailey was lost on patrol and Lt. Woolcock, our weapons platoon leader, was killed during the attack on Ennal on January 13th. The only two left were Lt. Brown and Lt. "N", the 3rd platoon leader. I'm not sure, but Capt. Peyser might have recovered from his wounds and returned to the company about that time.

The combat assignment I referred to previously began in the early evening when a runner came down from the company C.P. telling me to alert and prepare my squad for a night recon patrol. I, along with Lt. "N" of the third platoon, were ordered to report immediately to the Battalion S-2 for briefing. I was not particularly happy to report to the Bn. S-2 as firstly, I never considered him to be an adequate replacement for Lt. Huddleston, our original S-2, who had also been killed during the battalion attack on Ennal and secondly, I had some words with him a few days earlier when I felt he was nitpicking about the amount of detail that I had brought back from a recon patrol in daylight to investigate a clump of trees in our company front, close to the dragon's teeth.

In addition, I thought the patrol itself was stupid; what it did was to require us to go out in broad daylight, over an open field without cover, in plain view of the people manning the pillboxes. As it was we came under automatic weapons and mortar fire and we were lucky to get back in one piece. To top it all off, one of the men with me, a recent replacement, froze when the mortar rounds started falling and he wouldn't move. I knew I couldn't leave him, so, in desperation, I took out my trench knife, put my thumb a half inch from the tip and jammed it into his rear end; he moved.

When Lt. "N" and I arrived at the Bn. C.P, the S-2 showed us a map of the area which indicated a road in our front starting at the pillbox line and going straight back to the German rear. He told us that the 87th division of the 3rd Army, which was on our right, had advanced that morning and were to stay south or to the right of the road. He indicated that we were going to move out soon and that if we encountered any resistance and had to call in artillery, we didn't want to fire on friendly troops. As such, we were to cross the open field, go through the dragon's teeth and go at least a mile down the road to see if we saw any sign of the 87th Division. During the briefing two things hit me at once. One was that with my squad dug in at the extreme right of the company front, I was commanding the unit guarding the right flank of 1st army; the second was that I now knew why he had ordered the daylight patrol a few days earlier. He was probing to see how well defended the positions in front of us were. What I didn't appreciate was being the tip of the probe.

What I couldn't figure out was why my squad was picked for this patrol and not from Lt. "N's" platoon. I assumed that it was either because neither Lt. "N" nor any of his squad leaders had much patrol experience or because the S-2 knew that I had been over some of the ground a few days earlier and therefore requested me.

Upon arriving back at my squad location and after checking them for equipment and making sure that they carried no letters or such, we were ready to go.

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I asked Lt. "N" if he wanted me up front with him or if he wanted me to bring up the rear. Much to my surprise, he ordered me to take the lead and told me that he would bring up the rear to make sure that no one chickened out. The one thing I thought then was that for sure he was no Lt. Bailey.

The trip out on the patrol went by absolutely without incident. We covered the 800 or so yards of open field went through the dragon's teeth, found the road and went down the road a least a mile and a quarter to a mile and a half without seeing or hearing a soul.

I checked with Lt. "N," who agreed that we had gone more than far enough and I asked if he wanted me to lead the squad back in. Again he surprised me by saying that he would lead the squad back in and that I should bring up the rear. He said that everyone should just turn around and we would go back the way we came.

We had gone back about two thirds of the way on the road when I heard a challenging "halt" coming from a pillbox just to the left of the road. My two scouts who were just ahead of me and I hit the dirt immediately and I noticed that the rest of the squad, which had become strung out was continuing on its way.

After what seemed like a long time, I couldn't think of what else to do, so I yelled out "*raus mit der.*" Again, after a very long pause, I heard a voice yelling back "*Nicht shiessen, Kamerad, Mir kommen*" and out came seven Germans with their hands up. By their uniforms I could see that they were regular Wehrmacht and by the white piping on their epaulets I knew they were Infantry. They were led by a soldier who appeared to be a Non-Com. I later found out he was Feldwebel or Sergeant, and spoke some English.

After checking them for weapons and finding none, I was ready to start back. The Sergeant had told me that the main body had pulled out and that they were part of a rear guard. He also told me that one of his men was some kind of field policeman who was there to make sure they didn't leave their post, and asked me to watch him carefully. Before we could move out, my lead scout, who was tall farmboy from Nebraska, said to me "*Sarge, we can't take them in.*" When I asked him why, he said, "*They don't have any pistols.*" I started to laugh, but kept a straight face and told their German Sgt. that if he had any pistols in the pillbox, he was to go back and get them. He must have thought we were nuts, but he turned back to the pillbox and came back with a Walther 6.65mm pistol in a holster. I gave it to my scout and got ready to move out when the German Sgt. said we couldn't go that way as the road was mined. Instead he pointed to a dirt path at the side of the road and we took that route.

On the way back he asked me what would happen to them, and I told him that after interrogation he would probably be on his way to prison camp in the States. I told him not to worry as he would most likely to a prison camp in Florida and drink orange juice for the rest of the war. I had told him that I was also a Sgt. and for some reason he confided in me, and told me that he was from Baden-Baden and asked that if he gave me his wife's name and address would I, if I got to Baden-Baden, find her and tell her that he was safe. I told him that I couldn't do that but that I was sure that she would be notified in the normal way. Just before we hit the dragon's teeth he told me that he had some friends over to the right, who might also want to surrender and would I take them too.

I thought about it, and considering that there were only three of us, and seven of them, I felt I didn't need anymore, and I certainly had no great need to be a hero. After we had gone back through the dragon's teeth and about two thirds of the way to our lines, I began to get giddy with relief and decided to give them close-order drill all the way back to the company C.P.

All I knew was *Rechts, Links, Vorwart* and *Halt*, but somehow I managed it, with some English thrown in, so ended my last combat assignment.

Within a very few days we were relieved from the combat zone and boarded trains made up of "Forty and Eight" box cars for the trip to St. Quentin, France. At no time after I got back or until I left the regiment at St. Quentin did Lt. "N" ever come to talk to me to tell or ask what happened. He made his report, I made mine and that was it.

Within a few days of our arrival at St. Quentin Lt. Brown called me in, shook my hand and handed me orders from Regiment which ordered me to proceed to the ground forced training center at Fountian Bleau, France for an eight week officers training course. Included in the orders was a 24-hour pass to Paris, where I was to change transportation.

I was very surprised, as I had completely forgotten that in mid-February Lt. Brown had sent me back to regiment to be interviewed by Col. Hewitt, the Regimental Exec, as well as to take a physical exam. After handing me the orders, Lt. Brown told me to see the Supply Sgt. and to draw a fresh uniform. At supply, I was issued a brand new Eisenhower jacket, new O.D. pants, a set of Staff-Sergeant stripes, some division patches and two dark green felt strips to around the epaulets of my jacket.

This was a new regulation that called for all infantry unit commanders down to the level of squad leader to wear these strips around the epaulets of their jackets.

I had never worn stripes before, as I didn't make PFC until we were on the ship crossing the English Channel en route to France and I certainly didn't wear them in combat. After I had sewn on the stripes, patch, and felt tabs to the jacket on as well as pinned on my C.I.B. and put the jacket on, I felt as if I was King of the World, and certainly ready to go to Paris. I was much prouder then I ever was when I finally put on Pinks and Greens and pinned god bars on my shoulders.

Incidentally, I had read enough about Paris to know to go directly to Montmartre where I found the Bal Tabarin night-club. I drank in the scene like a taller Toulouse-lautek and spent a great 24 hours.

The course in Fountainbleau was routine enough, except that all of the lectures and field exercises were in the forest of Foutainbleau. I found it difficult to pay attention at times as I would daydream and was constantly expecting D'Artagnan and the three musketeers to come careening by on horseback looking for Cardinal Richelieu's men.

I did run into Lt. "N" late one night in July at an officers club in Cannes, France. We were both on leave, he from the company and I from Camp San Francisco in Chateau-Thierry, France where I was awaiting orders for redeployment to the Far East. Now that I was an officer, we were able to have what in diplomatic language is called a frank exchange of views on the subject of the patrol in which we had jointly taken part. I must say that I took a great deal of satisfaction from the conversation.

It turned out, as I wrote before, that I never did go to the Far East, as a few weeks later Harry Truman ordered the bomb dropped at Hiroshima.

Irwin Smoler's Story of a 424/B Combat Patrol . . .

To this day, and every year since its inception, I send a \$25.00 donation and membership dues to the Truman Library in Independence, MO.

In so far as I am concerned, he saved my life, as I never thought I could make it through a second time. I should add that every officer at the camp felt exactly the same way.

When the Japanese finally surrendered, five of us officers, one of whom was tank platoon leader from the 9th Armored Division, who was among the first to cross the Remagen Bridge, broke into the company kitchen, liberated a case of G.I. soap and traded it to a French farmer near Chateau Thierry for two cases of champagne.

Even though the French Farmer, by the then rate of exchange, skinned up on the deal, we had found a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the war.

Respectfully,

Irwin C. Smoler, 424/B

Irwin, *Rest in Peace* - your story has been told.....



Staff Sergeant Irwin Smoler(I) and Corporal Al Vitali 424/B
in the Ardennes 1944

Smoler received a battlefield commission from his actions in the Bulge.

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Life Members (Vets)	698
Annual Members (Vets)	483
Total Vets	1181
Life Associate Members	194
Annual Associate Members	124
Total Associates	318
Comp Members	4
GRAND TOTAL	1,503

Life Plus Club Report

To date, we have collected over \$12,000, almost enough to pay for a year of Cubs, so give it a try again, especially those of you Life Members who have not as yet had the time to send me something (hopefully money).

John Kline and I are most appreciative of your kindness.

We have been running out of space, so we are only printing the names of those of you who have contributed since the last Cub. Again, thanks a million.

Dick Riggati, Treasurer

REGULAR DONATIONS

Bauer, Calvin D. 81 st /B	10
Black, Ewell C. 422/A	100
Brown, Ray	5
Eason, Lanier 422/	15
Edelman, Lou 423/M	5
Griffiths, Richard	13
Maple, Philip 424/E	5
Martin, Doris	5
Taddeo, Peter 424/C	15
Walker, Jeff 423/M	13
Wilson, Harry W.	13

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(Cut-off date on this list February 10, 2006)

(Showing "New" contributors, since the last CUB)

Note - This is a continuing process.

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Bare, Robert 422/B

Betlach, Donald A. 424/HQ IBN

Bucher, Wm. M Associate

Chansler John F. Assoc.

memory of brother Kosov A.C. 590/C

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Crossman, Jack M. Associate

Dreisbach Carl V. 422/HQ

Diehl, Lloyd J. 423/H

Fleharty, Wm Assoc

in memory wife Dharlys

Florian, Frank 591/SV

Friedman, Sydney S 424/HQ

Geib, George P 424/G

Gerlach, Philip 424/D

Goldberg, Ephraim 423/C

Haines, Joseph C. 106/RECON

Hanna, Robert R 422/HQ

Henrickson, J. P. 81 ENG/B

Jaccino, Anthony C. 423/H

Jennings, Dr Vance 106/SIG

Johnson, Wm. 106/MP

Kline, John 423/M

Kortlang, Chas E 106/MP

Four more times for total of 12 donations

Lowery, Charles L. Associate

Mapes, Robert E. 422/G

Marsh, Alexander 423/HQ 3Bn

Mayrsohn, Bernard 423/CANNON

McMullen, Charles D 423/AT

Meadows, Gerald D. 422/C

Moyer, George C. 424/C

O'Hare, Pierre Associate

Pellish, John 422/G

Peters, Robert H. 422/K

Raila, F. A. 423/E

Rieck, Charels E. 422/H

Salerno, Joseph 423/B

Stein, Murray 423/I Two times

Stewart, John T 423/SV

Sulser, Jack 423/F

Tennant, Richard W. 422/K

Trost Paul, M 423/HQ2BN

Troxel,Wayman 423/I

Wittenberg, Henry 490/C

Zuckerman, Jacob 423/C

First, a report on the Cub CD disks. When the idea of storing all of the Cub issues on CD disks came up, I was skeptical. Sure, it sounded good, and Associate Member, Jim West, volunteered to do the hard work of actually scanning about 4,000 pages.

I am sure that his wife, Sharon, became very tired of looking at his back. (And then there were the usual daily chores, right? *Thanks Sharon, for your patience.*)

Then there was the question of how many people do we have in the organization who are computer literate, and if so, are they interested in this sort of thing?

The project didn't sound too promising. But, then came decision time. Associate Member, Mike Pumphrey, volunteered to design the ad for the Cub. The project had possibility, and, I thought that if it is to be, it is up to me, and Jim, and Mike.

I considered being cautious about ordering a batch made, and decided on fifty sets. Any fears that I had that I would be 'stuck' with some were unfounded. Fifty went out, then another fifty, and as of this writing, I am working on the third fifty sets.

A few of the sets have been donated to several individuals, including one High School history teacher, those involved in the production, the Belgian CRIBA organization, and the *U. S. Army Heritage and Education Center* at Carlisle, PA.

The project is now operating in the black and the Association will be receiving a small profit on each set sold. You might be interested in knowing that a profit of \$529.33 from the sale of these disk was contributed to the Association Treasury during the recent reunion in Arlington, Virginia. Thanks to all that have participated.

Once in a while a rare opportunity comes along, and you just happen to be in the right place at the right time. That happened to me last May. May 18, 2005, the *National Rifle Association* hosted the gala opening of a special display observing the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II in the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, Virginia. The theme of the display is titled *The Arsenal of Democracy - Triumph of Freedom*. Fifty-four individuals and organizations were invited to contribute items from the WW II era to the display in the museum.

I was invited to represent the 106th Infantry Division with some items that I managed to bring home from Europe at the end of the war.

As the current Historian of the Association, participation in this event provided an opportunity to give public recognition and credibility to the 106th Infantry Division.



John Schaffner's 589/A WWII photo and Mess Kit, with a German Mauser Rifle and field cap on display at the "The Arsenal of Democracy - Triumph of Freedom" display - National Firearms Museum Fairfax, Virginia

This display at the National Firearms Museum has given me a once in a lifetime chance to bring positive identity to the Division. This is a world class museum and is visited by a great many people.

At the end of WW II the losses suffered by the division were given much publicity. The achievements were not. There were no press correspondents in the area where we were, remember? *C'est la vie*. Then there was a certain British arm-chair general, so called historian, whose accounts of the *Battle of the Bulge* and the 106th Infantry Division needed to be over ridden.

Although the NRA is an organization known far and wide, I never had the initiative to become a member. I became interested in other things.

Probably like many of you, firearms were not on my agenda. I suppose, that at the age we now find ourselves, perpetuating the achievements of the *106th Infantry Division* has taken on a certain importance. I am now willing to talk about those things that we all experienced.

There were other divisions involved for longer periods than ours, but during the time we were in action, no other unit could have done more. History has borne that out.

The *National Firearms Museum* is located near the intersection of I-66 and Route 50 East. If you can find the time to visit, it will be time well spent. There are items on display that go all the way back to the time when the Pilgrims came to the New World on the *Mayflower* up to the present. The history of America is well represented here. Anyone will enjoy browsing the displays.

The *Arsenal of Democracy - Triumph of Freedom*, recognizing America's participation in WW II, will be on view from May 2005 through December 2006 .

John Schaffner 589/A



John Schaffner 589/A in front of one of the displays at the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, VA



*L/R: Lillian Schaffner; Mrs Wesley Fox;; Captain Wesley Fox - Marine Corps
Medal of Honor recipient - Vietnam and John Shaffner 589/A*

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**A Salute to Belgian Associate
Luc DeWachter BOORTMEERBEEK, Belgium
for his annual trips to Henri Chappelle to pay respect
to our fallen comrades**

*Flowers for Henri Chapelle graves of Cpt James Manning 423/ Cannon; Eric
Fisher Wood Jr 589/A Sgt William Morris III, 423/I&R
Visits to 423rd KIA's T/Sgt William Lamb PA; Tec/4 Jacob Kurcz NY;
Pfc Martin Vanicsko NJ; Pfc Cossack Kot MASS;
Pfc John Barker Maine; Sgt Louis A Van Dyk 424 IL*

*Luc says, "It is a long drive back and forth, but I feel so good to do my duty by
the "Brave Soldiers" that gave their young lives to liberate us.*

*I had a nice talk with David Atkinson, the Superintendant of the
Henri Chapelle Cemetery.*

He gave me a new website for the Cemetery.

<http://www.in-honored-glory/>

My greetings to you and your comrades with a "Salute."

Signed Luc DeWachter, Associate member 106th Inf Div Association



59th Annual Reunion - Arlington VA 2005 . . .

Our 59th Annual 106th Infantry Division Association's Reunion attendees responded well to the change from the Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans, LA which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina to the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. Thanks to AFR for successfully securing this site which actually offered us more amenities than the original one. Attendance was off some due to the change, but all of those there seemed to enjoy our time together and the sights of Washington D.C.

With the contracts signed for this move, we were anxious to retrieve the articles we had shipped to the Doubletree. Without knowledge of when or if we would get our materials from The Doubletree, I ordered a new wreath and stand and Marion Ray secured a flag and streamers. So we were prepared. Lo and behold they were all at the Sheraton when we arrived there.

When Donna Lee told me that the Sheraton had no piano or a keyboard, I borrowed a keyboard from Hazel Massey and had it shipped ahead. My daughter-in-law, Sheila played and her 4 year old daughter, Elizabeth and my wife, Barbara, held the music while she played for the Memorial Service.

Donna Lee arranged our dinner and luncheon menus so the attendees had a choice of entrees. One of our tours was a night tour of Washington which gave us view of the monuments, significant buildings and the World War 11 Memorial. There was another tour of Arlington Cemetery with a stop at the WW11 Monument. Another "outing" was a play at the Kennedy Center which was very entertain.

Donald Herndon brought his big maps for others to enjoy tracing their war time journey through Germany, France, Belgium and Luxemburg. Also on display, were the actual weaponry and clothing worn by us during that cold, cold time. Our unofficial Quarter Master, John Gilliland, had a variety of merchandise for sale. See his ad in this magazine.

We were fortunate to have the same group of highly talented high school music students that we had once before to entertain at our Welcome Dinner. They moved through the tables while playing and that made it very personal.

We were honored to have as our guest Brigadier General Dany Van de Ven and his wife Mrs. Brigitte Van de Ven as guests. General is the attaché to the Belgium Embassy in Washington D. C. and was made available through a friend of the 106th, Carol Rudman. The general and his wife were both very personable and greeted all there enthusiastically. He gave a short talk about the long friendship that his country and ours have enjoyed through the years. He told of a monument that is planned to be placed in Arlington Cemetery. He also told of how his country responded to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina by sending troops to aid.

Due to the illness of 1st Vice President, Irwin Smoler, our 2nd Vice President Murray Stein, stood in for him in absentia. Murray was sworn in as First Vice President. Unfortunately, shortly after our Reunion, Irwin passed away so Murray has taken the reins as President.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President during 2004-2005. It has been an honor to serve. My farewell hope for you is this: May the worst day of life to come be better than the best day thus far.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Bridges, Past President 106th Infantry Division Association

Reunion Attendance
59th Annual Reunion of the Golden Lions
Sheraton National, Arlington Virginia
November 3 - 7 2005

Last	First	Unit	CO/BAT
ADOLPHSON	MAYNARD	422	M
ALPHONSE	WILLIE	333	FAB/C
ASHBURN	NOLAN	424	H
BALZARINI	JOHN	590	B
BARNES	RALPH	423	E
BEETH	LYLE	424	ANTI-TANK
BISHOP	GRAYSON	424	L
BLADEN	JOHN	423	C
BLOCH	JACQUES	422	K
BRIDGES	WALTER	424	D
BROKAW	RICHARD	424	G
BROUSSARD	FRED	423	L
BRYAN	KENNETH	423	1st BAT HQ
BUCHANAN	JEANNE	ASSOCIATE	
BUTLER, Jr	HARRY	424	HQ 1BN
CALL	GEORGE	424	B
CHRISTIAN	TRUMAN	424	D
CHRISTIANSON	EDWARD	331	MED/C
COLBERT	HUGH	422	B
COSTA	ANTONE	423	MED
COSTA	LAWRENCE	423	MED
DAVIS	RINARD	422	3BN HQ
DAVIS	SAMUEL	423	HQ
DEAN	VERNER	422	MED
DEFFENBAUGH	DAVID	423	D
DESANTIS	JOSEPH	422	HQ 1st BAT
DIRENZO	PETER	106	SIGNAL
DORN	EDWARD	422	H
DOXSEE	GIFFORD	423	HQ
ELDRIDGE	ROBERT	422	G
FACEY	KENNETH	106	MP
FRANK	FLORIAN	591	SERVICE
FREEDMAN	HENRY	422	HQ
GATENS	JOHN	589	A
GILLILAND	JOHN	592	SVC
GREVE	WALTER	423	HQ 1st BN
HANKE	ARTHUR	106	MP
HANNON	PHILIP	81	ENG
HERNDON	DONALD	424	L
HIGHT	JESSE	424	A
HOFF	STEPHEN	422	M
HOWARD	JOHN	591	SERVICE
HUMINSKI	EDWIN	424	F
IANNUZZI	ALPHONSA	590	C
JENKINS	BILL	422	H
JOHNSON	CHARLES	969	B
JONES	ALAN	423	HQ
JULSON	ROBERT	424	C

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KINGERY	HUGH	590	A
LANG	RUSSELL	423	I
LARSON	GILBERT	422	M
LICHTENFELD	NORMAN	ASSOCIATE	
LICHTENFELD	SEYMOUR	422	I
LOWERY	CHARLES	424	I
MADSEN, JR	ANDERS	422	H
MALONEY	JOSEPH	424	HQ
VARSH	MARY LOU	423	D
MARTIN	HARRY	424th	L
MARTIN	WILLIAM	424	C
MAYRSHON	BERNARD	423	CANNON
McWHORTER	WILLIAM	ASSOCIATE	
NELSON	RALPH	422	CANNON
PALMER	HAROLD	331	HQ
POST	VIRGINIA	ASSOCIATE	
POWELL	EUGENE	422	A
PREWETT	MARY ALICE	ASSOCIATE	
QUATTRIN	ALFRED	423	A
RACSTER	JOHN	422	H
RAND	ANTHONY	589th	B
RAY	MARION	424	D
RIECK	CHARLES	422	H
RIGATTI	RICHARD	423	B
ROBB	JOHN	422	D
SCHAFFNER	JOHN	589	A
SCHAFFNER	ROBERT	ASSOCIATE	
SCHIAVO	SAM	422	M
SCHOECK	RICHARD	106	SIGNAL
SMITH	KEN	423	H
SNOVEL	ROBERT	422	H
SNYDER	WALTER	589	A
STARMACK	JOHN	423	SERVICE
STEIN	MURRAY	423	I
STEWART	JOHN	423	SERVICE
SULSER	JACK	423	F
SWETT	JOHN	423	H
SYKES	MORRIS	422	M
TAYLOR	THOMAS	424	L
TEMPLE	WILL	422	D
THOME	MICHAEL	422	HQ 1st Bn
TIMM	EUGENE	423	D
TRAUTMAN	FRANK	422	D
TROXEL	WAYMAN	423	I
TRUEMAN	DUNCAN	424	ANTI-TANK
VANDEVEN	DANY	NON MEMBER	
WEISS	NEWTON	423	HQ
WENTE	MARTIN	423	I
WILLIAMS	TED	423	MED
WOOD	JOHN	424	L
YOUNG	EDWARD	590	A

*Attendance Grand Total Registered = 188; Veteran's 92 and 6 Associates.
One Non-member ? - The balance family and guests.*

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PAST Reunions - locations - Chairman and Committee- by Adjutant Marion Ray

1.	1947	Indianapolis IN	Roe & Florence Simpson
2.	1948	Indianapolis IN	Ken Perry, Chas Hackler, Al Harding
3.	1949	Chicago IL	Edward Luzzie, Gene Borathyn, Bob Frache, Sig Johnson, Roger May, Ames Wright, Bob Wood
4.	1950	Detroit MI	Robert Kelly, 7 man committee
5.	1951	Pittsburgh PA	Doe Cessna, Walt Bandurak
6.	1952	Baltimore MD	The Lovelesses
7.	1953	Columbus OH	Robert Pierce, Sr.
8.	1954	Atlantic City NJ	Doug Coffee, Tom Bickford
9.	1955	Detroit MI	(unknown)
10.	1956	Atlantic City NJ	(unknown)
11.	1957	Savannah GA	James and Maydean Wells
12.	1958	Philadelphia PA	McMahon, Dunbar, Rarick, Gallagher
13.	1959	Chicago IL	Russell Villwock, Larry Walden, Chas Robasse
14.	1960	Savannah GA	The Wells
15.	1961	Fort Worth TX	The Hagmans
16.	1962	Annapolis MD	The Lovelesses & the Broths
17.	1963	Cleveland OH	The Pierces
18.	1964	East Orange NJ	The Coffees & Bickfords
19.	1965	Augusta GA	The Wells
20.	1966	Indianapolis IN	Russell Enlow
21.	1967	Detroit MI	Shalhoub, Bryants
22.	1968	Columbia SC	William F. Smith
23.	1969	St. Vith Belgium	Douglas S. Coffee
24.	1970	Davenport IA	William R. Holden & Carol Beals
25.	1971	Philadelphia PA	Clayton Rarick, John Gallagher, Charles Walsh, Frank Maloney
26.	1972	Jacksonville FL	Pete & Joanne House
27.	1973	Grand Rapids MI	The James Clarks
28.	1974	Frederick MD	Chuck & Cherri Schock
29.	1975	Atlanta GA	Sherod Collins, Bob Howell, Bill Alexander,
30.	1976	Evansville IL	Ken Bradfield, June & Jack Schlessner, Rus Enlow, Van Wyatt
31.	1977	Elyria-Lorain OH	The John Fritzes & Bob wilder
32.	1978	Ft. Lauderdale FL	(Cruise) Doug & Isabel Coffee
33.	1979	Chicago IL	Russ Villwock, Jim Henning, Bill Lucsay
34.	1980	Hot Springs AK	W. C. Baker, Glenn Henson
35.	1981	Gilbertsville KY	Van Wyatt, Ken Bradfield
36.	1982	Milwaukee WI	Charles Puskarich, John Howard
37.	1983	Worcester MA	Ben Britton, Jim Maw
38.	1984	Savannah GA	Jim Wells, Al Oelschig, Gus Agostini
39.	1985	Morgantown WV	Ted Straub, Walt Bandurak, John Robb
40.	1986	Columbia SC	Roger Rutland, Howard Terrio
41.	1987	Mobile AL	John Gilliland, Walter Bridges, Joe Massey
42.	1988	Roanoke VA	Ralph & Elizabeth Bowles, Fred Farris.
43.	1989	Schaumburg IL	Russ Villwock, Bill Lucsay & wives
44.	1990	Sacramento CA	Mike Thome & Committee
45.	1991	Huntsville AL	John & Lee Gilliland
46.	1992	Pittsburgh PA	Joseph Maloney, George Vance & wives
47.	1993	Ft. Jackson SC	Roger Rutland
48.	1994	Rapid City SD	Art Van Moorlehem, Robert Calhoun
49.	1995	Orlando FL	John Riels, Dick Sparks, Gordon Zicker, Sam Davi;
50.	1996	Roanoke VA	Elizabeth & Ralph Bowles
51.	1997	Nashville TN	John & Lee Gilliland
52.	1998	Indianapolis IN	John Kline AFR
53.	1999	Schaumburg IL	Russ Villwock
54.	2000	St. Louis MO	John Gregory, Marion Ray, AFR
55.	2001	Washington DC	Marion Ray, AFR
56.	2002	Hampton VA	Joe Maloney, AFR
57.	2003	Ft Mitchell KY	John Schaffner, AFR
58.	2004	Milwaukee, WI	John Roberts, AFR
59.	2005	Arlington VA	Walter Bridges, AFR

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On 25 May 1947, The Board of Directors of the 106th Infantry Division Association founded the *The Order of the Golden Lion* to honor, render homage and give thanks to fiercely faithful friends and to those who have rendered outstanding service to the DIVISION in peace time.

The Order consists of three classes- Commander (Gold) is conferred by a unanimous vote of the "entire" board of Directors. Officer (Silver) by a two-thirds vote and Companion (usually the wife of a veteran recipient) by a majority vote. The following is a "to-date" history of the awards.

Commander Class

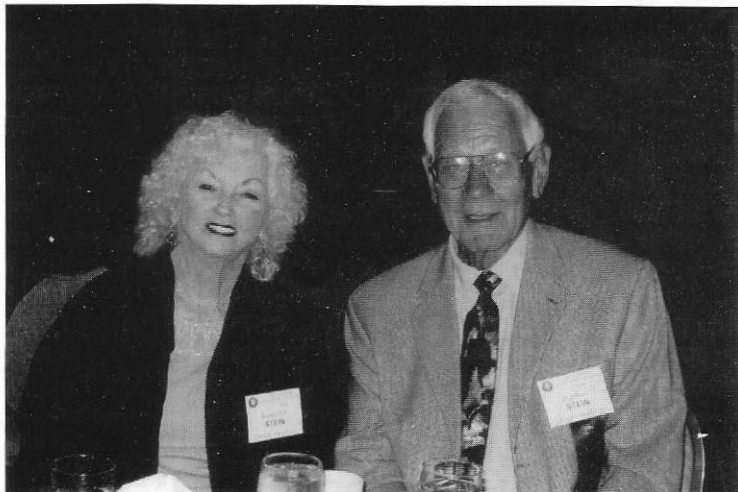
Officer Class

Companion Class

Showing the recipients of this prestigious award, since the 1st Reunion, 1947

Asterisk denotes "Non-106th Veteran"

1947	* Cedric Foster * Duward Frampton * Annette Frampton * William Simpson * Florence Simpson	* Fran Henly Herbert Livesey, Jr.	* Joe E. Brown *Marjorie Rathbone *George Denny *Ralph F. Gates *Howard Maxwell *Robert Tyndall *Ben Watt *BG Elmer Sherwood
1948	David Price		
1962	Douglas Coffey	Dr. Maurice DeLaval	
1964	Richard DeHeer		Majorie DeHeer
1966	John Loveless Jr.		Kay Loveless
1972	Leo McMahon		Wilda McMahon
1973	Sherod Collins		
1974	John Gallagher		
1975	James Wells		Maydeen Wells
1978		Robert Scranton	
1986	Walter Bandurak Robert Pierce, Jr. Russell Villwock Robert A. Gilder		Jackie Villwock Jean Gilder
1990		Sam Cariano	
1991		John Kline	
1993		Boyd Rutledge Gill Helwig	
1994	Roger Rutland John Gilliland		Mattie Rutland Lee Gilliland
1995	John Kline Jack Sulser Ewell Black Jr. John Robb Kenneth Bradfield	O. Paul Merz T. Wayne Black Dr. Richard Peterson	Dan Bied
1996	Edward A. Prewett	Duward Frampton, Jr. Pete House	Reddie Prewett
1997	Richard Rigatti Thomas J. Riggs Michael Thome		
1998	Pete House Joseph A. Massey		Joanne House Hazel M. Massey
1999	Ben Britton	Herbert Meagher Jr.	Avis Britton Luella Meagher
2000	Joseph Matthews Robert Walker		June Walker
2001	Walter Bridges Duncan Trueman	Dale Carver	Barbara Bridges
2002	Marion Ray John Swett John Gregory Gus Agostini		Shirley Gregory
2003	Joe Maloney *Adda RIKKEN *Willy RIKKEN		Vivian Maloney
2004	Charles Reick		*James D. West
Awarded at the 58th Annual Reunion in Arlington, Virginia 2005			
2005	John R. Schaffner		Lillian Schaffner Patricia S. Rigatti



*Murray Stein, 423/I
1st Vice Pres
with wife Barbara.
After Irwin Smoler's
death, Murray
assumed the
Presidency
for year 2005-2006*

*Martin L (Chic)
Wente 423/I
with wife Donna.
assumed 1st Vice-Pres*



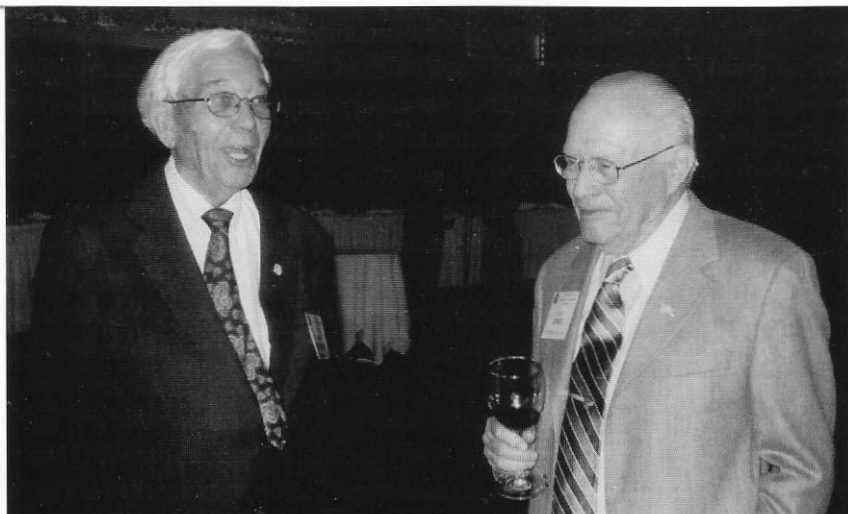
*John Gilland 592/SV
our Association
Quartermaster
with Adjutant
Marion Ray 424/D.
Lyle Beeth 424/AT
peeking out of the
corner*



Adjutant Marion Ray 424/D presenting John Schaffner 589/A and his wife Lillian with the Order of the Golden Lion for services rendered to the Association. John is a Past-President year 2002-2003.



Pat Rigatti, wife of Richard Rigatti 423/B President 1995-96 and current Association Treasurer, was presented the Companion Class Order of the Golden Lion.



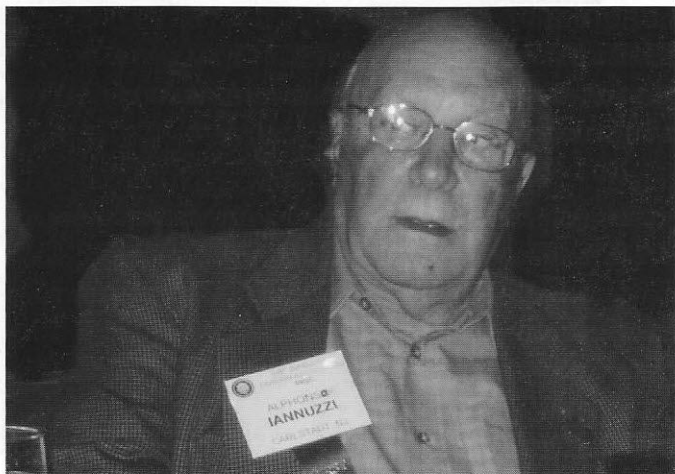
Frank Trautman 422/D with Colonel Alan Jones, Jr. 423/HQ 1BN



Edwin Huminski 424/F and wife Betty



Jody and Richard Brokaw 424/G w/ Ed Huminski 424/F (R)



*Alphonse Iannuzzi 590/C - 1st Reunion since the first reunion
in Indianapolis, Indiana 1947*



*Gemna Iannuzzi,
Grandaughter of Alphonse Iannuzzi.
The youngest attendee
to the 59th Annual Reunion
of the Golden Lions.*

*Lyle Beeth 424/
AT and his wife
Marie
attending their
first Reunion.
Al is backup for
Treasurer,
Richard Rigatti*



Edward Christianson 331st Medics with wife Mary



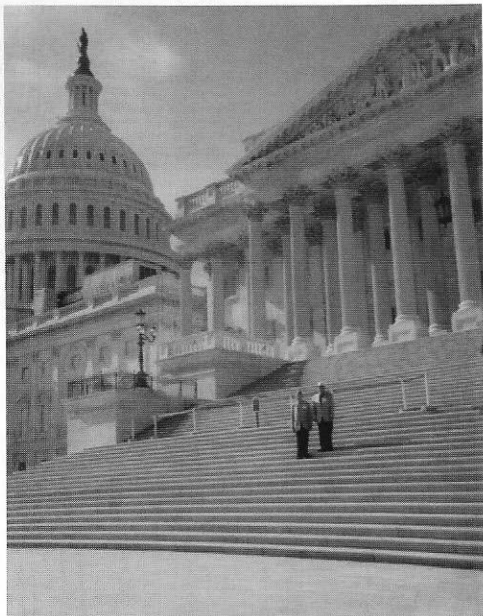
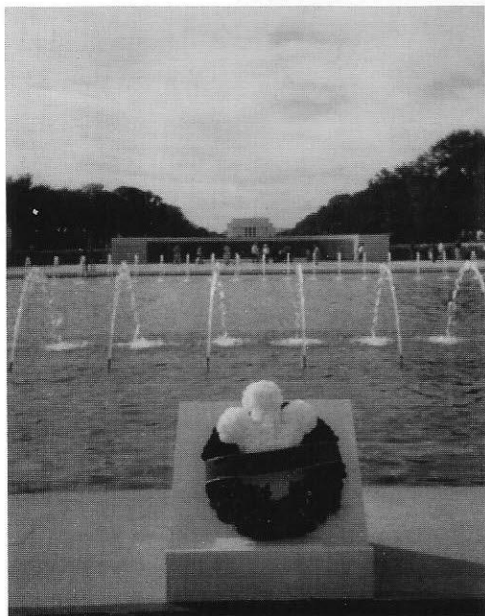
*Vivian Maloney, wife of
Past-President
Joseph Maloney
2001-2002
being serenaded by the
SILVER STRINGS.
Where's Joe?
He took most of the photos
in this Reunion section.*



*Thomas Junyszek played the Bugle Call at the Memorial service.
He visited with our Association members during the day.
Thomas's help was greatly appreciated.*



Dr. Trueman with his wife Grace (below) said, "Thomas was really with us the whole day. He enjoyed visiting with the veterans. He really got caught up in the feelings of the veteran members and the friendships that he witnessed. It was a joy to have him with us."



*So where was Fred Broussard 423/L while you guys were taking a nap?
He was out like a good soldier "scouting the territory."*

He said, "The flowers above were placed there by British Royalty - our bus had to come back later. The White House photo - a security guard let us pose on the steps." The USO was holding a Fund Raiser at our hotel, so I got my photo taken with the "Blue Bells" who cross the country helping to fund the USO.

That's the way to go Fred 423/L - You win the prize of the day.



New Members . . .

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ASSOCIATE

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BOUMA, WILLIS 422/D

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Willis joined some time ago, but took me up on the offer to publish his story anytime he wrote it. I couldn't find where I had published it before... So here goes, Willis:

I didn't send a story when I joined and want to tell my experiences from October 1943 through May 1946 - at the age of 18.

I was drafted and sent to Camp Walters, Texas. After basic training to Camp McCain (?), Miss, then to Jackson Ordnance Depot and on to Atlanta, GA where they taught me how to drive. I then went to France attached to a Vehicle Distributing Company.

When the Bulge broke I was transferred to the 106th Infantry at Rheims, France. I was assigned to 422/D as a Jeep driver. I was told at that time there were only seven left in that company. After a short training session we were sent to St. Nazaire, France. When the war ended we went to Mayen, Germany and on to Karlsruhe where the 106th was disbanded. I then went to Friedenheim (?) Germany in an Ordnance trucking company, then later to Heidelberg to a Special Service company as a driver. I was sent home April 1946 and discharged May 1946.

COLLINS, JOHN P. 589/C

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REDFORD, MI 42840
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ELMORE, CARLOS 423/D

223 CHERRY STREET
HOUSTON, MO 65438
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I was an ammunition carrier for an 81mm Mortar Squad. Captured December 19, 1944, held in Stalag IX B until April 1945.

GEHNER, LAMOINE H. 424/L

412 EAST OLIVE
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LACONIA, HUBERT P.

LIFE ASSOCIATE

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First I would like to thank Charles Lowery for enrolling me in the Association. I became interested in the 106th several years ago after reading about the Division's exploits in WWII. Most recently I read a story in WWII magazine about the 106th. The author was Robert Kissel. I've also been privy to the CUB magazine that Lowery receives. I find these stories and the 106th Infantry Division very interesting, in fact one of the most interesting divisions in WWII.

It is my honor to be accepted as an Associate member of such a prestigious organization. I am a veteran of the U.S. Air Force 1949-1953 and the U.S. Army 1954-1959. Sincerely Hubert P. Laconia

KIRKPATRICK, EDWARD J.

ASSOCIATE

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I was a former member. My father A.H. Kirkpatrick 424/M was a Life member. He died December 24, 2005
(See Memoriam in this CUB magazine)

MALAVAZOS, CONSTANTINE

"CHUCK" 589/C

1538 CASTRO STREET
SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577
510-351-5142

From Muskegon, Michigan. Basic and artillery training at Camp Roberts, CA. Then went overseas with the division. Our front line positions were near Laudesfeld in the edge of a woods. I was a "loader" for gun #4. A fellow "Mexican" from L.A., called "Lopez" was in my crew, along with Tom Kropf, Rich Lapak and Ray Geginon (Michigan). Ray was captured with Cliff Austin and not with our larger group - later. We had a capable and wonderful Lt. Wright.

December 16 before noon the German assault on our position came across an open meadow (covered with snow). I thought the artillery was supposed to be behind the front lines, but not on this day. Our battery had to lower the barrels and began firing any and all kinds of shells. The smoke became so thick that we had to get down on the ground to get air. When we had repulsed the Germans, we saw that we had knocked out two armored vehicles (Tanks?)

I don't know how many dead infantry there were. (Our 105s were not stuck in the mud as it was said in "Lion in the Way.") In the middle of the night, toward 3/4 AM, we were ordered to destroy our guns and move out of the area. Our group was led by Captain Rockwell. I suppose we were last, but the next day - December 18 - we were crossing a creek when we walked into a group of Germans, who fired on us from higher ground. They had both armor and plenty of troops. It was such a situation that we had to surrender.

My POW experience would be another chapter, but eventually I was with my gun crew and about 100 others who were

assigned to a "work camp" in Hannover. We were freed two days after President Roosevelt passed away in April 1945.

I feared that Lt. Wright had been killed, since we heard nothing or knew nothing of his disposition. When I returned to the States and walked into a building in Fort Bragg, NC - I saw him! We embraced each other in joy.

What a wonderful feeling - after a war filled with bitter and mixed emotions.

MEYER, JOHN W. 590/C

3705 VISTA GRANDE LANE
TWIN FALLS, ID 83301
Tele: 208-734-7143

John says his Commander was Captain Henderson and the Exec. Officer was Lt. Sutphin. John was taken to Bad Orb, Stalag 9-B

MOE, COL. WAYNE US Retd

158 WINDEMERE DRIVE
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540-949-7909

Colonel, Welcome - I could not read your email address. Would you please send me an email in order that I could add it to the large group of email addresses I have for 106th veterans?

My email address is jpk@mm.com
Welcome back to the 106th !

MOERI, DAVE ASSOCIATE LIFE

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MYERS, THEODORE E. 424/E

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Deepwater, MO 64740
417-644-7739

New Members . . .

PIERCE, MAJORIE ASSOCIATE

474 FEDERAL ST. NW
WARREN, OH 44438
330-395-0525

Majorie is the widow of Robert Pierce 81st Engineers, Company C. Robert passed away May 1990. Welcome back to the 106th, Majorie. Nice to see your name back on the roster.

QUIGGLE, ROMANSE 424/I

19888 CALUMET
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48038
586-263-4830

Romanse was known by the name of "Rowe." He was a Staff Sergeant in 424/I.

THOMPSON, ARTHUR 106th SIG

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Arthur signed as a LIFE MEMBER.

WARKOCKI, KEN LIFE ASSOCIATE

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My father, Norbert Warkocki was in the 423rd captured at St Vith.

He escaped from Buchenwald - I am interested in history of the 106th.

THOMSEN, ALAN V. LIFE ASSOCIATE

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LORETHO@Webtv.net

I was too young to serve in WWII but did spend two years in the Army from 1954 to 1966...18 months spent in Germany as a clerk in the 826th Tank Battalion of the V Corps.

As a young boy growing up close to an Army Air Corps training base here in Nebraska, I guess I developed a real interest in the history of the war.

My wife and I were married in 1957 and her parents came to this country

from Germany in 1910 to 1925 period. So she has many relatives in Germany who served in the German Army. One was Erich Wilke who served in the German Army during the *Battle of the Bulge*.

We made contact with John Kline on behalf of Erich Wilke, who met John at the 1999 joint German/American meeting where there were about 45 American and the same number of former German soldiers. As a former serviceman and with our high interest in the Battle of the Bulge, it is a pleasure for my wife Lorene and me, to be an Associate member in your organization.

Alan Thomsen.

WISWAR, DAVID ASSOCIATE

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My father was in the 159th Infantry Regiment attached to the 106th from march to July 1945. I am interested in the 106th from a historical perspective and am hoping to get additional information on the 159th during its assignment in the ETO.

WHITE, RISHEL 106th RECON

13 WEST CHURCH STREET
ADAMS, NY 13605
315-232-5088

Rishel was a T/5 in Headquarters Company, 106th Recon.

See the ad in the BOOK SECTION of this CUB, for the DVD Disc story of his experiences in the 106th and as a POW. The name of the DVD disc is:

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Author Dean F. Jewett 168th Combat Engineers, PO Box 148, Saco ME 04072

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.

Author Earl S. Parker 423/E

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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.

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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 106th Infantry Division.

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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."

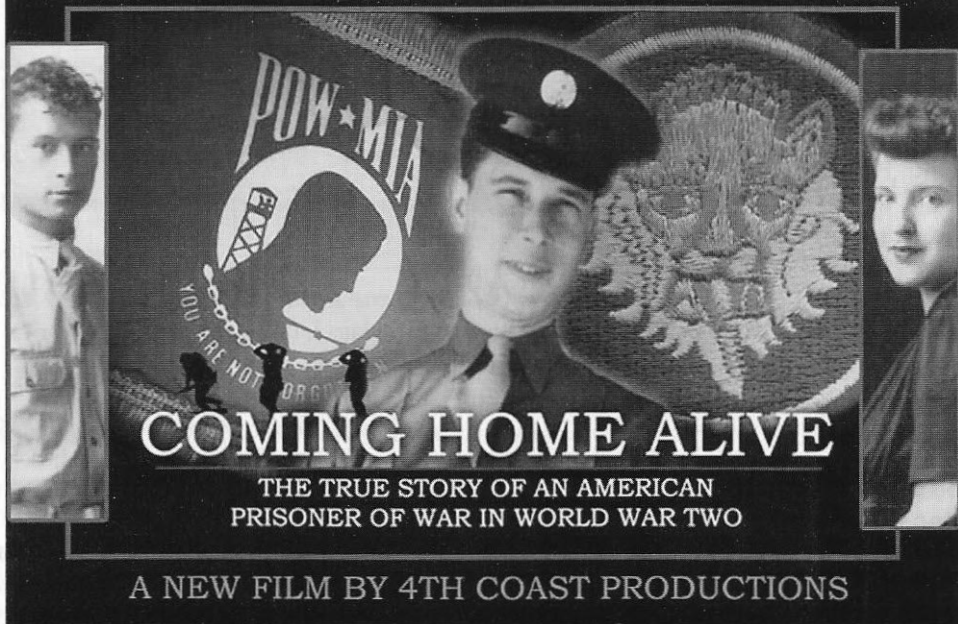
HELL FROZEN OVER

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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Memoriam . . .

May our Comrades Rest in Peace . . .

Basel, Theodore 423/H

31 Little Comfort Way, Wakefield, RI 02879

Date of death: Sept. 20, 2005 Lloyd Dahl reported to the Adjutant that Basel's death was due to Cancer which he had been battling for 9 years.

Bilenki, Helen ASSOCIATE

Last Known address Returned - Pasadena, MD

Cub magazine returned marked "Deceased."

Bounds, Eldred L. 423/MED

6201 Crane Road, Lakeland, FL 33809-4600

Listed in the *AX-POW Bulletin*. Eldred, age 86, was in Stalags I, II-D and XII-A. He is survived by his wife, Irene, 1 daughter and 1 son.

Clarke, Walter 591/SVC

318 Spring Garden, Kannapolis, NC 28101

Date of death: February 2005 In a phone conversation with Lillian Clarke I found that her husband Walter had died. Lillian continues as an Associate member.

Colton, Kenneth 423/L

404 E 6th Street, Oakley KS 67748

Date of death: December 12, 2005

Kenneth had joined the Association March 2005. Shirley, his wife said that he wished he had joined earlier. He really enjoyed reading all the material he received when he joined, and that he had found on the 106th web site. She mentioned that their son Greg read a moving Eulogy that he had prepared. To know your son's love was presented in that reading must be of comfort to you. Shirley continues as an Associate member.

Coon, David A. 423/I

101 So. Yucca St. #273, Chandler AZ 85224

Date of death: November 22, 2005 David Coon's son - Mark - called 12/31/2005 stating that his father had died. This was in response to my phone calls trying to locate our comrade.

Dahl, Arlane - Auxiliary

5330 Beacon Hill Road, #316

Date of death: November 4, 2005 Arlane, age 82, was Auxiliary member. The wife (34 years) of Floyd Dahl 590/C (POW held at Stalag IV B). They were married 54 years, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Dahlen, Patrick 591/SV

1062 In A Circle, Franklin, IN 46131

Date of death: July 11, 2002 No other details known. Wife Barbara continues as an Associate.

Dalton, James V. 423/G

12205 Benson, Chino, CA 91710-2462

Date of death; Unknown. No details available. This was reported during Arlington Virgiana Reunion.

Davis, Louis 423/HQ 1 Bn

501 W. 107th St Apt 235 Kansas City, MO 64114

Notice of death received - no detail - no date.

Dorn, Edward W. 422/H

8724 S. Talman Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Date of Death: January 29-30 2006. No details were given. Wife Margret continues as an Associate.

Eisenhard, Daniel A. 423/HQ 2BN

315 Friedensburg Road, Reading PA 19606

Date of death: July 23, 2005 A news clipping was received from an Edward Leas as proof of death. Eisenhard is survived by a daughter, Sharon L. (Eisenhard) Zettlemoyer, Mechanicsburg and two sons, Stephen A., Kempton and John D. of Mount Penn. His wife Mary (Einsel) preceded him in death.

Gioia, Patrick J. 422/G

202 Oakwood Drive, Lafayette, La 70503

Date of death: September 05, 2005 Daughter Lucia Bivins notified us that he died. The address given is hers.

Holtzmueller, Don 589/A

202 E Center Street, Farmersville, OH 45325

Date of death: November 25, 2005; reported by Sally Holtzmueller, his wife.

Died peacefully at home, 81 year old. Born 9/12/24. Survived by wife of 56 years Sally Cortright Holtzmueller, two sons, three daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Don was a lifelong resident of Farmersville, Ohio. Graduated from Farmersville High School '42 and Miami University. '48. Member of Tau Delta Fraternity. He proudly served in the Army during WW II in the 106th Infantry Division and was a POW captured at the *Battle of the Bulge*. Member of the Dayton Area Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Owned and operated Holtzmueller Ford Tractor & Implement for 33 years. Don was a dedicated and loyal supporter of the Farmersville community and Valley View Schools, Past President and 53 year member of the Farmersville Rotary Club as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. As a Rotarian he and his wife hosted many foreign exchange students. He was a Member and an Elder of Farmersville United Church of Christ; Past assistant Boy Scout leader of Troop 127; Honorary Member of the Valley View FFA; Member of the Farmersville Historical Society; Former Jackson Twp Clerk; H & R tax preparer for 18 years; He enjoyed volunteering at Sycamore and the VA Hospitals.

Howell (Col USAR), Robert F. 424/HQ 2Bn

1888 Macon Road Griffin, GA 30224

Andrea wrote: "My father-in-law passed away a couple years ago." No other information sent.

Johnson, William 424/K

12905 Byefield Drive, Highland, MD 20777

Date of death: November 5, 2005. Marion Ray reported a call from Joyce Johnson, wife of William, he had not been ill long and he chose to bypass kidney dialysis. He was born in Hawaii and had made a wish that his remains be taken there. He was cremated and his ashes were to be taken to Hawaii and placed in the "Punchbowl" Veterans Cemetery.

Jolgren, Gordon A. 424/L

33870 Hathaway Street, Livonia, MI 48150

Date of death: Unknown - Ralph Wyss wrote that Gordon died in year 2003,

Kirkpatrick DDS, Andrew H. 424/M

120 Besseliu Court, Bluffton, SC 29910

Date of death: December 24, 2005 from complications following several strokes.

Born November 12, 1925 in San Juan, Puerto Rico he grew up in Ridgeway New Jersey. He attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, enlisted in the Army at age 17.

After the war Dr. Kirkpatrick married Elizabeth Jones of Washington D.C. and raised a family of five children in Kensington, Bethesda and Potomac, Maryland. Dr. Kirkpatrick graduated from George Washington University and then Georgetown School of Dentistry starting his practice starting his practice in Kenningston and Bethesda in the mid -50's. His sister, Mary K. Archer of Clarksville. MD passed away in September 2002. He is survived by his son, Edward Kirkpatrick of Dickerson, MD. and four daughters, Susan K Burek of Lawrenceville, GA; Mary Beth Diehl of Winter Springs, FL; Clare K Ashby of Bluffton SC and Judy Kirkpatrick of Cincinnati, OH; eight grandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington DC. His son Edward is an Associate member of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Memoriam . . .

Lacey, Davie 81st ENG/A

5644 Desoto Drive, Pinson, AL 35126

Date of death: November 27, 2005. Walter Bridges stated that Davie and his wife Frances have been attending the Alabama Mini-Reunions and had one son. He was a POW in 9B and 9A.

Lauro, Alex 592/A

19 West Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440

Date of death: Reported at the 59th Annual Reunion, Arlington, VA - No details or date of death.

Malone, William 423/I

3911 Thackery Drive, Nashville, TN 37207

Date of death: November 5, 2005. Death reported by Margie Malone, his wife. William was a retiree of the USPS with 40 years of service. He served as a Tech Sergeant in "I" Company, 422nd Combat Infantry Regiment. He was captured during the *Battle of the Bulge*. A recipient of the Purple Heart, he was a member of the Nashville Post #5 American Legion, of the Ex-Prisoners of War, and of the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his wife Margie and his daughters Linda M. Desirey and Judy M. Couch. His wife continues as an Associate, since she was a Life Auxiliary.

Mamula, Charles 424/L

22801 Shoreview Ct., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48082

Date of death: November 1, 2005 reported by Harry Martin, 424/L

McCrery, John B. 423/B

115 Lois Marie Drive, Indianapolis, IN 42322

Date of death: May 05, 2005. This was reported but I had no information. See following.

This from the obituary in the Indianapolis, IN Star May 7, 2005: "John Boling McCrery 80, of Indianapolis, passed away May 5, 2005. He was a teacher, coach and principal and had retired from Wayne Township Schools. He was an Army veteran in World War II, who served with the 106th Infantry Division and fought in the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was a member of the Chapel Hill United Methodist [Church] and had volunteered for many years at the Indianapolis Veteran's Hospital. He was a graduate of Ladoga High School and Oakland City College. Services were held May 8, 2005 at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Funk McCrery. Son Michael, and granddaughter Katie J. McCrery.

McDevitt, John F. 81st ENG/A

188 Queen Lane, Rehoboth Bch, DE 19971

Date of death: October 27, 2005. Survived by Anne, his wife and son Dan who reported his death.

Dan - Thanks for the beautiful Eulogy you presented at the service for your father. I wish we had room to include all of it. It says so much about the camaraderie and unit spirit of the 81st Combat Engineers, and in particular - the love of a son and family. He must be smiling down on you now. I was so impressed by this particular part of the Eulogy.

"My father died, relaxed on the sofa with his newly arrived 106th Infantry Division Association's CUB magazine in his hands. His last words to my mom were "Here is a guy I served with in the 81st." He closed his eyes a minute or so later and peacefully died. The "Engineers" a unit of only about 300 men in 1944, most of whom are gone now. Finally, I reached the obituaries and here is what I found.

Cyril A Young, 81st Combat Engineers; Edward J Nagle, 81st Combat Engineers; Leslie Earl Benson, 81st Combat Engineers; Everett M Gold, 81st Combat Engineers. My dad's last thoughts were of his time in the Ardennes in 1944 and of his "*Brothers in Arms*." And one final time they peacefully and reassuringly told him "Jack, you did your duty ... it's time to join us." He is with them now. Good-bye Dad, we'll all miss you. You never let anyone down."

Meltensen, Clarence - Associate - 3rd Ranger Bn

810 Gonzales Dr. #4D, San Francisco, CA 94132

Date of death: May 7, 2005 A faithful Associate known by many of our soldiers who were POW at Hammelburg. He was a 1st Lt. with the 3rd Ranger Battalion. He did a lot of research on the camp and kept our members well informed about the facts of the camp.

Messineo, Joseph P. 81st ENG/B

118 Stevenson Avenue, Beverly NJ 0810-1839

Date of death: April 26, 2004 Eileen, his wife wrote: "Joseph had fallen in the yard and broke a hip. It was too much for his heart and he passed away in the middle of the night. We miss him so much."

Mohn, John J. 422/HQ 2Bn

9086 Eagle View Ct. Massillon, OH 44646

Date of death: January 25, 2005. Mohn's death was discovered after 106th Association mail was returned. We could not locate the wife that was listed on his membership data. So we checked to confirm his address on the Internet. His death was discovered on a website advertising a documentary by BLUE LEO Film, PO Box 35191, Canton Ohio. The information stated: "John Mohn was a Prisoner of War. After his ordeal, he wrote a memoir, recounting his experiences. When he attempted to get his book published, the publisher called many of his experiences into question. Mohn's memories are well documented and backed up by other accounts. This film was made for the purpose of sharing and proving his story. It is a documentary running 40 minutes."

Newman, Saul A. 422/G

13275 Saffron Circle, Palm Beach Garden, FL 33418

Date of death: November 30, 2005 Marilyn, his wife of 59 years notified us.

Saul is survived by Marilyn, a son, Dr. Robert Newman, Vineland, New Jersey; A daughter Ricki Newman-Benzie; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Marilyn and Saul attended most all of the 106th National Reunions from the time he joined the Association in 1988. Saul was in 423/M Company and was later transferred to 423/G. He will be missed by all of his comrades

Patrick, George S. 423 HQ/3Bn

45969 N Pointe Blvd Room A-4 Utica, MI 48315

Date of death: 10/01/2005 Details unknown. Apparently this address was a nursing home.

Rice, Clayton A. 589/B

272 Mountain Road, Princeton MA 01541

Date of death: August 30, 2005. Frances, his wife notified Adjutant Marion Ray of the date of death.

Richardson, Ward R. 422/D

707 Calvin, Traverse City MI 49686

Date of death: November 2005 John Robb, Past-President and current Memorial Chairman notified us of his comrade's death. No other details are known.

Schockley, Kenneth W. 423/K

6123 Timber lake Place, Indianapolis, IN 46237

Date of death: October 14, 2005. His wife - Belvia (Betty) died September 12, 2005. Betty and Ken had the same birthday. He buried Betty on their 60th Anniversary and he died on his 80th birthday.

Both were members of the Indiana Hoosier Chapter, AX-POW as well as the 106th Infantry Division Association. They leave 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Schuller, Betty ASSOCIATE

9909 South 67th East Avenue, Tulsa OK 74133

Date of death: Not known. Mail refused "no forwarding" marked "deceased." Betty's husband Albert, 422/B, died February 2003.

Sexton, Maynard 422/HQ

2101 S. Meridian Road, #334, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Date of death: October 19, 2005. His wife Jean wrote, "Memorial services will be held May 28 at Lone Tree, Iowa Cemetery, and a celebration of his life at the American Legion Post 457, Lone Tree, Iowa. ...The Legion will have a military service to honor him." Jean was an Auxiliary Member and has asked to be graduated to an Associate Member.

Smoler, Irwin C. 424/B

87 Spier Road, Scarsdale NY 10583

Date of death: November 18, 2005. Irwin was 1st Vice-President of the 106th Infantry Division Association. He was preparing to attend the 59th Annual Reunion in Arlington when he became ill. He would have been installed officially as President of the 106th Infantry Division Association at that reunion. The following obituary appeared in the *New York Times*. Irwin Charles Smoler, 82, President of the 106th Infantry Division Association and former President of Wicker Park LP and Smoler Brothers of New York and Chicago, died November 18, 2005, in New York Presbyterian Hospital. Beloved husband of Elsie R. Smoler and loving father of Fredric, Michael and Arlene Smoler, he is mourned by family and friends. Between 17 December and December 23, 1944 he and his comrades helped defend Saint Vith, Belgium, thereby creating a salient which threatened the German Fifth Panzer Army's northern flank and for a critical week prevented the movement of the Sixth SS Panzer Army.

Spiegel, Jack M. 424/M

15827 Summer Ridge Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017

Date of death: Unknown - Comrade William Miller, 424/M confirmed that Jack died about a year ago.

Stauff, John H.

1840 Price Creek Dr. Apt 2147, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

My husband, Captain John H. Stauff USA Retired passed away on July 26, 2005. John was injured by a land mine during the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was a lifetime member of the 106th Infantry Division Association. He is survived by his wife Donna of three years, 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 grandchildren, 5 stepchildren, 9 step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Signed Donna M. Stauff.

Terrio, Howard J. 423/I

4429 Briarwood Road, Columbia. SC 29206

Date of death: December 16, 2005. Luvelle, Howard's wife, Luvelle Derrick Terrio, contacted our Chaplain Dr. Duncan Trueman. Howard grew up in Brooklyn and enlisted in the Army. In 1949 he graduated from the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. In 1986 he retired from Shakespeare Corporation after thirty-six years of service. Howard was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, an avid golfer and loved all sports. He and Luvelle were married 59 years. Surviving is a son, Ed, with his wife Ruth a daughter, Linda Terrio Boland and her husband Ken; Heather Terrio Thames, Matthew Terrio, Cheryl Terrio and Brittany Boland; and numerous great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

Vonachen, Donald F. 424/B

803 West Chalon Place, Peoria, Illinois 61614-1831

Date of death: October 6, 2005. Reported by his wife Patricia, who also wrote, "He enjoyed his association with the 106th all these years. He was 80 years - September 17, 2005."

Von Schwedler, Frank 106 QM

905 Center Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Date of death: November 6, 2005. Elaine, his wife wrote, "After a two year battle and many months in a nursing home, he passed away November 26, 2005. Please send me a copy of the Cub that includes his name." Elaine remains as a Life Auxiliary.

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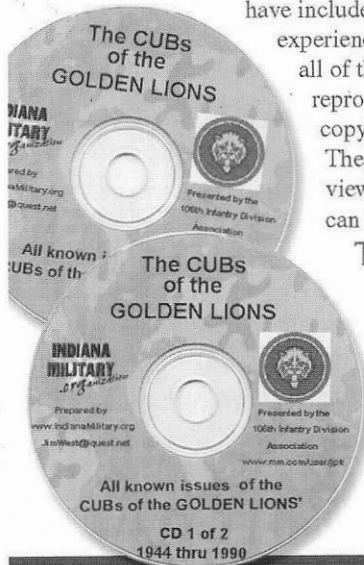
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