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Joseph Maloney, Association Past-President (2001-2002) in the Pittsburgh VA Hospital presenting Richard Rigatti Association Past-President (1995-1996), Past-Treasurer (2002-2006) with a handsome clock and plaque (larger photo on page 8 of this CUB)

Sadly, Rigatti passed away November 11, 2006. (see Memoriam)

Dick will be missed by all as a member, officer, consultant and friend to all.

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My Brothers,

Our 60th reunion is now history, and a wonderful convention it was. For those of you who were not there - I will attempt to give you an eye witness account of the events. At our "old board meeting" on Wednesday August 30, a number of issues were discussed and one, specifically was put to rest. The status of Associate members was stated by the Board that we would invite them to work with any of our Committees, and we would welcome their efforts on behalf of our 106th Association.

The trip around the city on Thursday was enjoyed by all.

At our Welcome Dinner that evening, the food was good, and the music, was supplied by a terrific trio. We delighted in watching our Golden Lions "*Jitterbugs*" dancing up a storm. It was great fun! Barbara and I happily joined in with them.

The "*Memorial Service Message*" delivered by our Chaplain Dr. Duncan Trueman was both moving and inspirational as always. Dr. Trueman stated that our *106th Infantry Division Association* is truly blessed. His work with veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is to be applauded by us all.

I thank my wife Barbara and Donna Wentz, Martin Wentz's wife, for their services as "Hostesses" at the Ladies Luncheon on Friday. The Ladies had a fun afternoon.

At the Men's Luncheon our *Committee Chairmen* reported. Discussions included *Disability Compensation* issues and the *Election of Officers* for 2006-2007.

We had an update on the 2007 Convention in Kansas City, and turned over the search for our 2008 Reunion site to our newly elected 2nd V.P. Mr. Gifford Doxsee.

The Friday night *Dinner Cruise* was a problem. An extremely long walk from the buses, to the ship (in a light rain), and then having our group assigned to the upper level-with no elevators! Many of our people in wheelchairs and with physical problems had to be seated at the lower level, away from our group. A number of us chose to sit with this group. However, the food was good and the view of the Statue of Liberty, all lit up at night, made it all worthwhile.

The highlight of our trips was our visit to West Point on Saturday September 2.

The hallowed grounds of our Military Academy, and the lovely luncheon served at the Club, made it an experience to treasure.

At the "New Board of Directors" meeting on Saturday we officially welcomed the new board members and the newly elected officers, and committee chairmen.

Our newly elected officers are: President, Murray Stein, 1st V.P. Martin Wentz, 2nd V.P. Gifford Doxsee, and Treasurer Lyle Beeth. The officers and committee chairmen are always listed on the inside front cover of "The CUB."

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I served this past year on behalf of our good friend Mr. Irwin Smoler who passed this past year. It was my honor to serve and work with the officers, directors and committee chairmen. During the year, we accepted the retirement of our Treasurer, Mr. Richard Rigatti. We were fortunate that we had a replacement in place with the talented Mr. Lyle Beeth. We thank him for accepting this responsibility.

The Board has chosen to allow me to serve the 2006-2007 Fiscal year, as your president, until we meet in Kansas City. I am honored and appreciative of the opportunity to serve you.

I would be remiss, if I didn't personally thank our Adjutant Marion Ray and our Editor John Kline for their valued assistance and friendship this past year.

They are two remarkable treasures of our 106th Association.

Join with me in thanking the Officers, Past Presidents. Board members, and Committee Chairmen, for the work they do on behalf of our Association.

Remember the 61st Annual Reunion will be in Kansas City, Mo. September 5th to the 9th 2007. Registration blanks and schedules will be mailed in the Spring.

MINI-REUNIONS

Over the past many years - there have been **Local Mini-Reunions** held in many of the states. This list below represents the areas where Mini-Reunions were held last year. If you would like to hold one in your area let me know:

Arizona, Mesa; California, Northern: California, Southern; Florida (West Coast); Georgia, Atlanta; Illinois, Alton; Iowa (Western), Lincoln; Kansas, Junction City; Maryland, Virginia and DC; Michigan, Livonia; New Jersey, Wharton; New York, Long Beach; New Mexico, Albuquerque; New York, Long Beach; Ohio, Cuyahoga Falls; Oklahoma, Tulsa; Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania, Reading; Washington, Federal Way; Wisconsin, Madison.

Address lists are sent to volunteer Mini-Reunion chairpersons, that request them, so that he can send local invitations.

These "**Mini-Reunions**" or Luncheons are held in a local area, so that 106th Infantry Division members can get together in remembrance of their efforts and contributions in WWII. There are many members who cannot attend National Reunions, or choose not to attend. These local Mini-Reunions gives them an opportunity to meet and discuss "their war" and to make new friends. Being mostly held in December (but not necessarily so) - they resonate with the thoughts of that fateful Decemember in 1944.

They were originally started to celebrate the "**Battle of the Bulge Anniversary.**"

They have grown to be an important function of the Association membership.

If you would like to sponsor a local event contact John Kline, CUB Editor, for a set of mailing labels for your area.

Stay well-

Murray Stein, President

106th Infantry Division Association

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My Brothers of the 106th Infantry Division Association:

The "Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind" is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. I have joined the Blind Rehabilitation Center Commission here at West Palm Beach Veterans Medical Center. Their goal is to make everyone aware of this program to provide the Special Training necessary for the Blind Visually Impaired Veterans and to provide Guide Dogs for the Blind Veterans.

In addition a program is being developed at the Walter Reed Medical Center to use these capable canines as Assist Dogs working with Leg Amputee Veteran's.

The Guide Dog Foundation has also provided Animal Therapy for Veteran patients suffering PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

The cost of raising and training a Vets Dog is approximately \$30,000. The Foundation delivers its Dogs to the Vets free of charge.

Therefore, a sponsorship opportunity has been created. The original cause for sponsorship was \$10,000. That has now been reduced to \$6,000.

The sponsor's name will be placed in the Annual Report as a Vets Dog Team Sponsor. Further, the Veteran will be told the name of the sponsor of his dog, as well the sponsor be given the name of the Veteran.

Helping a Blinded Veteran is a reward in itself. I will be submitting a detailed report and recommendation for sponsorship at our board meeting during the Kansas City reunion.

Thank you-Stay Well.

Murray Stein, President 106th Infantry Division Association

From Vet Dogs: <http://www.guidedog.org/>



From the Internet <http://www.guidedog.org>

One of the original tenets of the Guide Dog Foundation's mission was to provide Guide Dogs, free of charge, to wounded soldiers returning from WWII. Today, 60 years later, that commitment is as strong as ever.

LOVE ABIDES

There's a story, surely legendary, which emerged from the Vietnam War. It tells about a young Vietnamese woman who was killed, but left behind her husband and her young son.

The husband, needing to provide for himself and the boy in the midst of the chaotic situation, traveled far and wide looking for odd jobs. Often he had to leave his young son with a neighbor while he worked at whatever job was available. After one trip which was longer than usual, he returned to find that the war had demolished his village and his son and all his neighbors were gone. Searching through rubble that had once been his neighbor's house, he found some small bones and was sure that these must be the bones of his beloved son. He wrapped the bones carefully and carried them with him wherever he went.

Many years past, the story goes, when one night the old man heard him knocking on his door. He called out "who's there?"

"It's your son. I have been searching for you for many years," the voice outside replied. "Let me in."

The old man yelled, "My son? No. You are a fake and a cruel man. My son is dead. Leave me alone." And he would not open the door.

The knocking continued for some time but eventually stopped. The young man outside gave up and went away.

The legend tells us that the old man never did find happiness. And never did find his lost son who was still living ... all because he was determined to hold onto the bones of the past.

There are some things, some bones of the past, that we would prefer to forget, but cannot. And there are some things of the past that we should never forget. And will not. But although it is true that the past will always live in us, unlike the old man, we refuse to live in the past.

We gather this morning to reaffirm that these our comrades, and the many who have departed before them, will never be forgotten.

And so I submit to you that today is our very special Memorial Day ... each year, the 106 very own Memorial Day.

We were engaged they and you and I, in the greatest conflagration that war has ever created. We were engaged, during the *Battle of the Bulge*, in the greatest, the largest land battle ever fought by American armies. In our war more men than ever in history bore arms. And women, for the first time were added to the service in unprecedented numbers.



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And the people, the ordinary citizens back home, and indeed the whole nation, was united into one giant struggle against evil. Few homes could be found that did not display in their windows a blue star... or a gold.

How different today, when so many of us on the home front go about business and pleasure as usual, rarely stopping to think about the sacrifices being made on the battlefield or in the air or on the sea's. Sacrifices being made even as we speak this morning.

Today's war belongs to just a few. Back then everyone was a part of America's war.

So we come to remember our dead who never came home. And we come to remember also those who have passed from our midst as the years have gone by. This is our 60th reunion... 60 Memorial services... 60 years of remembering... 60 years of honoring... 60 years counting the empty chairs. How has this affected our lives, our priorities even our personal character? I have concluded that long ago it created a *commitment* on the part of almost every one of us ... a commitment.

Somehow, through the passing years, consciously or unconsciously, we sensed that we the living ... each in our own *way*, *in* and our own *manner* of living... must try to merit the sacrifices that were poured out. And we became better men for that ... perhaps it was in tribute to our comrades that we became the "greatest generation" and better human beings.

Every veteran here knows the horrors and suffering of combat firsthand. Many also know that deprivation, abuse and suffering of captivity. Together these are what I call the *nasty, dirty* business of war.

I have had veterans who had remained silent for years finally open up and tell me that, despite their silence, they'd always had a tremendous need, almost a longing, to tell those closest to them what that dirty, nasty business was really like. They said things like: *"I've always had this need to talk about what the war did to me inside, but I could never find words that would express it."* I'm not sure many of us could. How do you express things that are almost inexpressible?

But there are *two aspects of our war experience that are almost inexpressible*.

One, of course, has to do with war's dirty business. The other has to do with the *sublime*. The other has to do with the immeasurable brotherly love that bonded every soldier to every other, and which was often demonstrated by unforgettable acts of self-sacrifice.

For during those years long ago when we served together, every single one of us committed himself to caring for every other. In battle or behind barbed wire, we both gave and received mutual support, strength, help, sometimes rescue ... and a sharing of the little that we had. The bond thus created is the bond that still tugs at our hearts, and there is no word that defines it except the word "**love**."

We know what few civilians understand... that soldiers come to experience some of the finest sentiments that humans can never know on the battlefield. The battlefield is a place of many emotions... fear and anger... resignation and determination. Hope and despair.

It comes as a surprise to civilians to learn that the chief, the most constant emotion at work among any group of combat soldiers is a most unlikely one. It is *love*. Across the whole range of physical, emotional and mental states, amid the desolation of the battlefield, love abides. The military has words for it, words like "camaraderie" or "cohesion" which don't even begin to express or explore the depth of this emotion.

We all know we weren't fighting for a king, or country or mom or apple pie or the girl next door. Neither were we fighting for high and lofty ideals. We were fighting for our own survival, *yet at the same time we were often risking our own survival for the comrade next to us.*

In his book, "*Band of Brothers*," Stephen Ambrose wrote this about the men in Easy Company:

"They found combat to be ugliness, destruction and death, and hated it. Anything was better than the blood and carnage, the grime and filth, the impossible demands made on the body-anything, that is, except letting down their buddies. They also found in combat the closest brotherhood they ever knew. They found selflessness. They found they could love the other guy in the foxhole more than themselves. They found that in war, men who love life would give up their lives for them."

Only one who has been there can fully understand... in the desolation of the battlefield, love abides.

You must remember the ending scene in "*Saving Private Ryan*." Ryan, as an older man, returns to the military cemetery where the Captain (played by Tom Hanks) is buried. Standing beside the grave with tears streaming down his face he tries to thank the captain for the sacrifice he had made and explains that although he had not accomplished great things in the years they had given him, still he had tried his best, and done his best to earn the sacrifice that the Captain and his squads had made.

The tears the elderly veteran shed in a graveside scene were matched by the tears of every veteran in the audience.

We count the empty chairs... 60 years worth. There's nothing to be earned; we earned it long ago. All we can do and must do is keep remembering and keep living and keep loving in a mostly unloving world... keep loving as we loved once before.

Walt Whitman, the great American poet, wrote a poem about two Civil War veterans-father and son-who were killed in the same battle. Their bodies were brought home for burial in a small country town in which they lived.

The poem depicts all the people of the town in a solemn funeral procession through the streets of the village. The sad procession of friends and neighbors is accompanied by bugles and drums on the way to the cemetery. As the poem described it, daylight is faded and only an immense silver moon illuminates the scene ...

The last few lines of the poem expressed Whitman's personal sadness as he watches and listens to the sorrowful procession passing by. The closing lines of his poem read like this:

O my soldiers twain! O my veterans passing into burial!

What I have I give you,

The moon gives you light,

And the bugles and drums give you music!

And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,

My heart gives you love.

So it is with us. What we have we give. To our comrades of old with whom we once shared life and death, and all that lies between... to them our hearts will always give love.

The Adjutant's Message . . .

Question: Should the 106th Association be retired or continue for life:

Since assuming the responsibilities of adjutant in our association at the Hampton Reunion in 2002 I noticed a few things that have bothered me, but like the majority of the membership, I have said nothing about it. The attendance at our annual reunions has been and continues to be about ten percent of our veteran membership. Our board of directors, elected by those members attending the annual reunions is twenty members. From the early days of our association, each year four new members were elected and over a period of five years, the board was completely replaced. Then over the past four or five year's physical disabilities due to ageing as well as deaths has caused changes in the regularity of new members coming on the board of directors. During this last reunion, five new board members were elected, but two vacancies due to deaths remained unfilled. Normally, only one replacement would have taken place at the upcoming reunion in Kansas City. However, because of a very unfortunate accident happening to board member Donald Herndon during his return home from our recent reunion, and as well as the two deaths that occurred last year, three new members will be elected to our board.

Normally during each reunion, there are two board meetings, one before the General Membership luncheon in order to conduct necessary business and the second board meeting to elect new officers for the new year. After this second board meeting, there is then a business meeting conducted after the banquet meal. Then, the meeting is culminated by the swearing in of your president for the next year.

Now with those things in mind, I would like to inform each of you of several observations. Each time we have a meeting, board meeting or general membership meeting, as the time appears for the reading of the minutes of the last years meeting the president normally will state that he will accept a motion that the minutes not be read. A motion is made, a second is stated and the board and membership vote to exclude the reading of the minutes.

My question is: Who informs you as to what is going on? And more importantly: Have you EVER heard or read the minutes of a board meeting and the actions taken? And do you really care?

Now, here is my reason for bringing all of this to your attention.

Our association was established in France in 1945 by members of our 106th Division who were still with the division at that time and place. The first official annual reunion was held in 1947 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Each year thereafter some of our veteran members have met to perpetuate our association. The most recent at Newark, NJ which was reunion number 60.

Several years ago a board member initiated a motion to admit associate members (non-106th veterans) to our board with the anticipation of those associate members assuming a continuation of our association. Our bylaws states that associate member do not have a vote, only veteran members. We are, in the eyes of IRS, a nonprofit veteran's organization and we are not paying taxes. It was found that to allow non-veterans to assume such participation, would require a complete change of our corporation and loss of the benefit of being a veterans organization, including the necessity of paying taxes. The motion was not approved.

The Adjutant's Message . . .

Our membership is now composed of men who are eighty years of age and a few who are in their nineties. There is a share of the membership who feels that it is now time for us to discontinue our annual reunions and to close up shop.

A number of years ago, the idea was of having "local" mini-reunions throughout the United States was born in order to continue our contacts with our friends and buddies. Each year, in this high speed, fast travel era, we place ourselves in a more precarious situation. The recent return home accident of one of our members causes a lot of thinking about travel limitations. In the last century - in the 1990's, - the Board of Directors passed a motion to the affect that the Association would cease to exist in 2002. Although it passed, it was lost in the records of changing boards.

At our most recent reunion in Newark, NJ, President Murray Stein named a committee to consider the future of our association. Named to that committee chaired by Second Vice President elect Gifford Doxsee were the following members: Walter Greve, Sy Lichtenfeld, Bernard Mayrsohn, Joseph P. Maloney, John Schaffner and Martin Wentle.

On August 19 before the reunion we had 1,172 veteran members, including a large number of Annual Members who have not paid this year's dues. There must be a sizeable number of you out there with an interest and an opinion regarding the question:

Should we continue as we are doing, OR should we close down the association and let the history books continue our reputation?

The opportunity and the decision are in your hands.

Make a telephone call to Vice-President Gifford Doxsee at 1-740-592-3472.

For those with computers, Doxsee can be contacted at doxsee@ohio.edu.

Signed Marion Ray, Adjutant

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Enlarged view of the plaque that was presented to Richard Rigatti by Joseph Maloney



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We are approaching another milestone in the history of the 106th Infantry Division as I sit down to write. It's hard for me to realize that it was 62 years ago, come this December, that we were suddenly and most unexpectedly exposed to the realities of a shooting war. A quiet sector it was supposed to be. I felt pretty good about that as I recall. Oh sure, the weather was miserable but we had learned to live with that. And our 2nd Division buddies had provided us with ready made foxholes and "bombproof" bunkers. Welcome to the front. Then it hit the fan. You know the rest of that story.

Well, there are a lot of folks here today who were not there then. Most of us have given birth to the second generation and for a lot of us, the third generation. They don't know the story that a lot of you have to tell. Now you have the chance. We have already collected stories and memoirs from about 160 of our 106th division veterans. They have been installed on the www.indianamilitary.org website by Associate Member, Jim West, and will be copied onto CDs for distribution in the near future. From there the original material will be deposited at the U.S. Army Heritage and Educational Center at Carlisle, PA. (Except for those who wish their's returned to them.)

At this time there are 20 sets of the Cub CDs still available. Cubs issued since March 2005 will be included on the CDs containing the memoirs. We will continue to collect memoirs from individuals and they will also be included in a future production. That material can be sent to me or, directly to Jim West for his attention. Jim's mailing address is 4223 S. Shelby 750 W, Franklin, IN 46131-9205.

Correction to part of a previous CUB article:

"The Rest of The Story" - An error in my journal describing the re-visit to the battleground in 2002 has been revealed to me by fellow historian and 106th Association Member - Christian de Marcken.. Volume 58, #4 of the CUB of Jul- Aug- Sept- 2002 page 16, line 12 states : "Steele hung there through most of the battle, wounded in the foot, and playing dead, until he was brought down by a German soldier and made a prisoner."

Sorry to say that is not the straight story.

Gerard (Gerry) Baszner was the Medic of the 505th PIR, 82nd AB Division, who was ordered by his Lieutenant to go and treat Pvt. Steele while Steele was hanging in his harness. The reason Gerry was chosen was the fact that he was not too tall and very slight, he was able to sneak through the narrow window of the church steeple to give the appropriate shots to the paratrooper. Steele was never made a prisoner of the Germans. Medic Baszner was one of our heroes, who chose to be surrounded by the Germans rather than leave his patients. I am sure that was typical of the Medics everywhere.

This was a famous event and the facts should be correct. I regret the error and hope that this correction is accepted in good faith. Thanks to Christian.

Your 106th Infantry Division Association Historian, John R. Schaffner 589/A

For those of you who haven't met them, Mathilda and Marcel Schmetz are, without reservation, Belgian friends of all of the American soldiers that fought in Europe to restore their freedom. And, when I say *friends*, I mean that there is absolutely nothing that is too much trouble for them to accommodate you. Just visit them at their home (and museum) at Thimister-Clermont. For the last eleven years this couple has been visiting the U.S. just to continually re-new friendships with the many veterans that they know. On 17 November, Lil and I were privileged to be in the group hosted at Lancaster, PA. by George Meyer, 1st Division veteran. This event drew about 40 people from the area who are acquainted with the guests.

Mathilda is very comfortable with the English language and always has something very nice to say to her American friends. (1st picture - Mathilda speaks to the group with appreciation for the sacrifices made by the Americans who restored freedom to Belgium.) Also present at the reception from the 106th was Russell Hoff and his two sons, Tom and Steve (Associate members.)

Picture below is Mathilda and Marcel flanked by Russell Hoff and John Schaffner.

This couple has established and operates the *Remember 39-45 Museum*. They open their home to the Americans visiting and will extend the invitation to visit and stay with them, room and board at no cost. I know of some other 106th veterans besides myself who can testify to their hospitality. No re-visit to the battlefield is complete if you do not visit their Museum. *John Schaffner 589/A*



l/r: Russell Hoff; Mathilda and Marcel Schmetz and John Schaffner

BATTLEFIELD STUDY TOUR

The **Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table** is planning its seventh Battlefield Study Tour from May 11 to May 27, 2007. The Group will depart MSP on a direct flight to Amsterdam on Friday, May 11, 2007, where it will be met by a Deluxe Touring Bus to the German city of Monschau for six nights. On the first day, the tour will visit the Belgian Fort of Eban-Emael that was taken by German gliders in June 1940. The Second Day will be a Walking Tour of the Battle of the Huertgen Forest and the Kall River Gorge Trail. The guide will be Klaus Schulz, a German soldier who fought there in 1944. The next day Herr Schulz will lead the tour to Remagen and the Remagen bridge crossing.

The next five days a tour will be led by the Historian/Author Will Cavanagh with the extensive study of the (1.) North Shoulder of the Battle of the Bulge involving the 1st, 2nd and 99th Infantry Division and the Elsenborn Ridge. (2.) Peiper's Route to include Malmedy and La Gleize (and after a move to Pruem, Germany) (3.) The defense of the 106th Infantry Division on the Schnee-Eifel. (4.) Saint Vith and Parker's Crossroads and (5.) Then a study of the center of the German Offensive on the 28th Infantry Division from Dasburg to Marnach and into Clervaux.

With our guide Colonel Emile Engels, and based from our hotel in Clervaux, the Tour will visit La Roche, Hotten, Erezee and Houffalize. Then we move to the Southern Shoulder Defenses in Diekirch and in Ettelbruck.

After a move to Bastogne for three nights, we will study the defense of Bastogne by the 101st Airborne, including the relief of the 4th Armored Division, and a little-known action at Schumacher Crossroads. Marco Kilian will guide the Tour on the defense of the Band of Brothers and their attack on Foy.

We end Trip with two days in Trier with a stop by the U. S. Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg. The tour will visit the extensive Roman ruins in the area, enjoy some wine on a Mosel River Cruise, and see the 94th Infantry Division sector attack into the Saar Triangle.

We are returning on Sunday, May 27, out of Frankfurt, Germany.

Don Patton

Editor's note: The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table Minneapolis, MN is a local group that meets nine times a year from September through May. Guest speakers, like myself, tell their WWII story. After the presentations there is a question period. (Thereby "The Round Table") The normal attendance of those meetings is from 300 to 400 people.

Don Patton, one of our Associate members, heads up the "Minneapolis-St Paul Round Table" that meets 8-9 times a year. Each meeting has a guest speaker speaks of "His War." Your editor has been a guest speaker giving the "106th Story" and has participated in other discussion meetings with "Minneapolis Round Table members."

Bob Riggs helped me with travel plans and hotel arrangements when I took 106th groups back to the Ardennes battlefield in 1995 and 1999 to meet with German soldiers that fought against us.

For a brochure: Contact: Bob Riggs, Hypointe Travel Service, 16240 Hyland Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044 Phone: 952-891-8430 email: hypointe@pro-ns.net

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AVERY	CHARLES	423	HQ	
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DESANTIS	JOSEPH	422	HQ/1st BN	
DIMEGLIO	JOHN	424	I	VIOLA
DIRENZO	PETER	106	SIGNAL	SYLVIA
DOXSEE	GIFFORD	423	HQ	
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FORD	DAVID		ASSOCIATE	ARLENE
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1990		Sam Cariano	
1991		John Kline	
1993		Boyd Rutledge Gill Helwig	
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1997	Richard Rigatti Thomas J. Riggs Michael Thome		
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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
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2006		Damon Young	

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PAST Reunions - locations - Chairman and Committee . . .

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. G. 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
60	2006	Newark, NJ	Murray Stein, AFR
61	2007	Kansas City, MO	

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Thanks to the following for photographs taken during the 60th Annual Reunion: **Murray Stein, 423/I**; **James Mills 423/I**; **Russell Lang 423/I**; **Rinard Davis 422/HQ 3Bn**; **Joseph Maloney, 424/HQ**; and the supporting artillery, **John Schaffner 589/A**. You gentlemen submitted nearly 100 photos - sorry, I could only use relatively few.

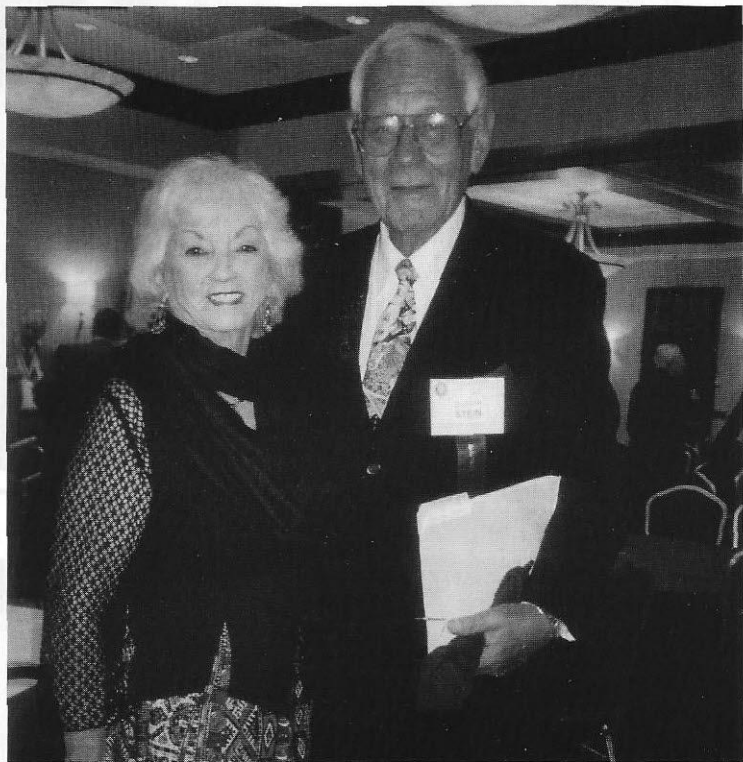


West Point - Main attraction of one of the tours



The Peking, one of the ships near the 106th's Cruise Boat

The CUB of the **Golden Lion**



***Murray Stein, 423/I - President 106th Infantry Division Association
with wife Barbara***



***Martin (Chic) Wentz 423/I , Association 1st Vice-President
with wife Donna***



Left: Marion Ray 424/D - Adjutant; Grace and Dr. Duncan Trueman 424/AT, Chaplain with 2nd Vice-President Gifford Doxsee 423 HQ/3Bn



Barbara Stein- standing, with Lillian and Russell Lang 423/I and (R) Joe Zimmerman 81st Engineers/A



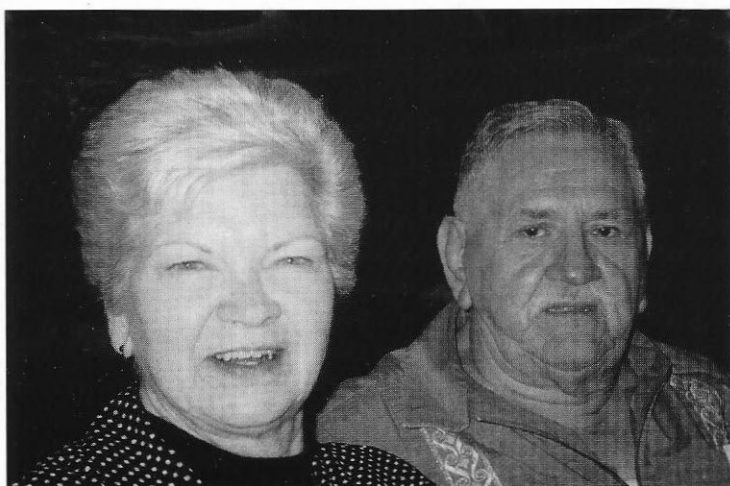
Board member - Bernard Mayrsohn 423/CN with wife Ethyl



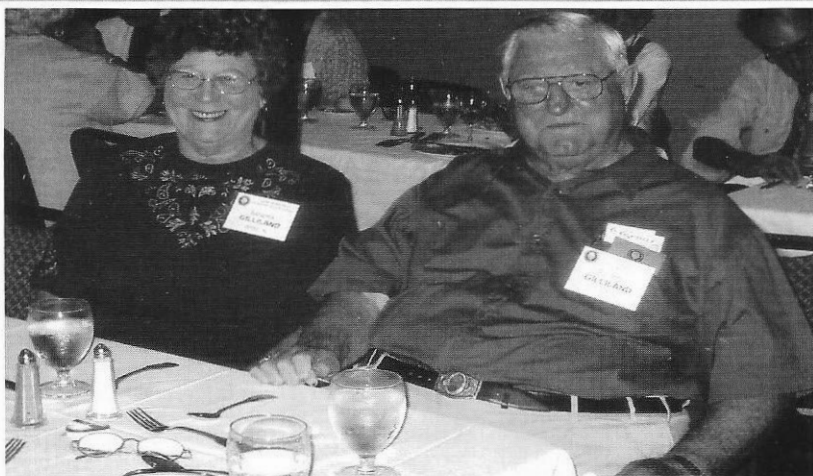
Ed and Betty Huminski 424/F and daughter Cynthia



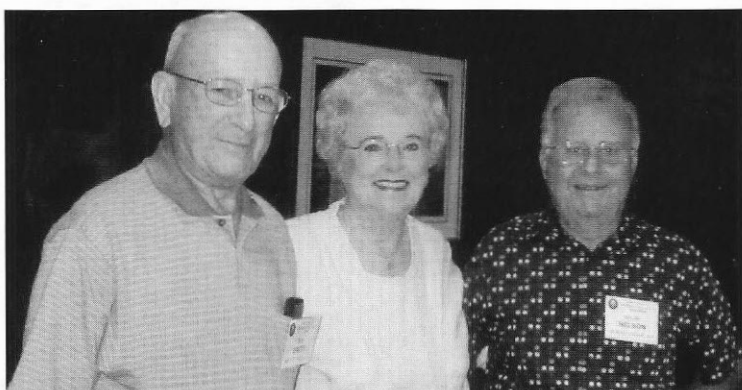
*Harbor Day Cruise -Frankie Burkes (R) and friend
Annie Rowland (behind the gentleman)*



Donna K. Sutton and Rinard Davis 422/HQ 3Bn



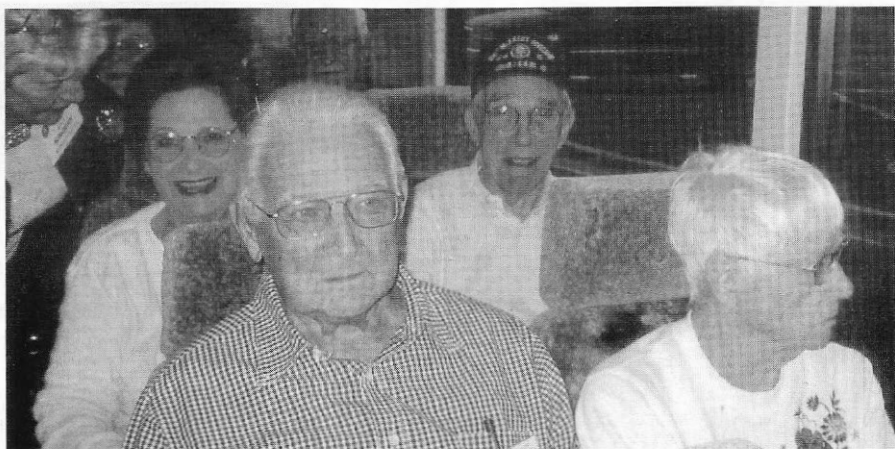
Sam and John Gilliland 592/SV



Ken Smith 423/H; Rhoda and Ralph Nelson 422/CN



Vivian and Joseph Maloney 424/HQ



Front: Lester Helmick 424/HQ and wife Margarette

Back: Joan and Don Herndon 424/L

Don was seriously injured in an auto accident on the way to his home in Oklahoma City. Progress is being made slowly. Our thoughts are with him.



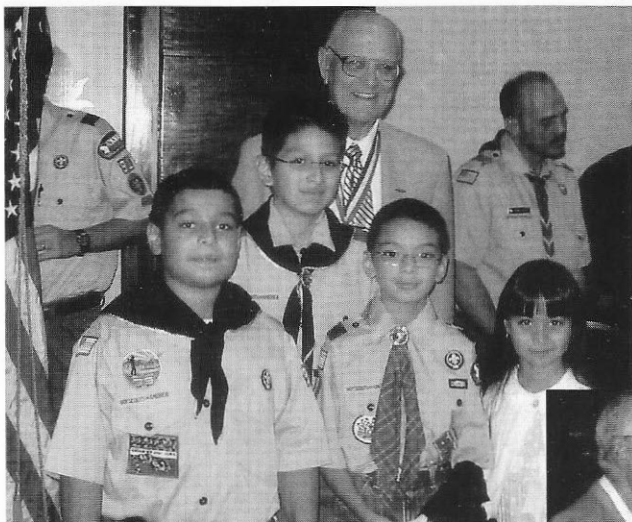
L: Walter Snyder 589/A; Lillian and John Schaffner 589/A



Colonel Alan W. Jones Jr. 423/HQ 1Bn and friends

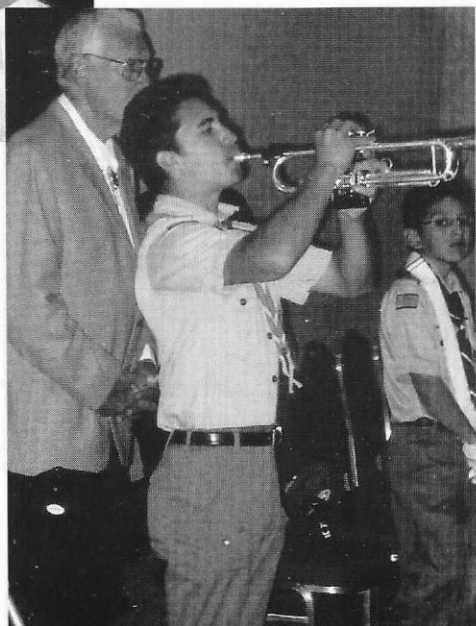


*L/R: John Najarian, Elmer Shipman and Jim Mills all 423/I (Ex-POWs).
Last time they were together was on Schoenberg Hill 19 December 1944*



*Left: Dr. Duncan
Trueman w/Scouts
at Memorial.*

*Bugler at the 106th
Infantry Divison
Association Memorial*



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My father was Victor Bohte 422/K and he was taken capture. I didn't get to learn much first hand information for he was killed in a motorcycle accident when I was four years old. I hope that somebody will recognize the name and contact me.

Bill it was nice to talk to you on the phone on Thanksgiving Day.

I will by the time you see this have sent you a list of your father's buddies. Hopefully some of them knew your father personally and can fill you in on some of the details that you seek. John Kline, Editor

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Bill Stahl, 422/K wrote:

"Marsha, my daughter, attended the National Convention in Newark, New Jersey and had a great time. This was the first National Convention for both of us, and it made us look forward to next year

in Kansas City. Her husband is Ken. Their son Kevin, is a freshman at Washburn Law School, Topeka (that is my old school). Marsha attended the last five Mini Reunions of the 106th Infantry in Topeka. (Bill Stahl 422/K)

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

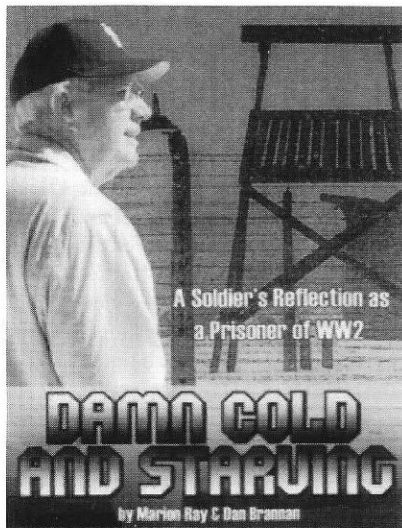
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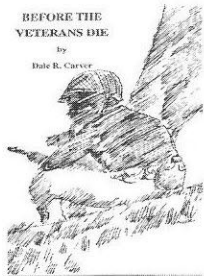
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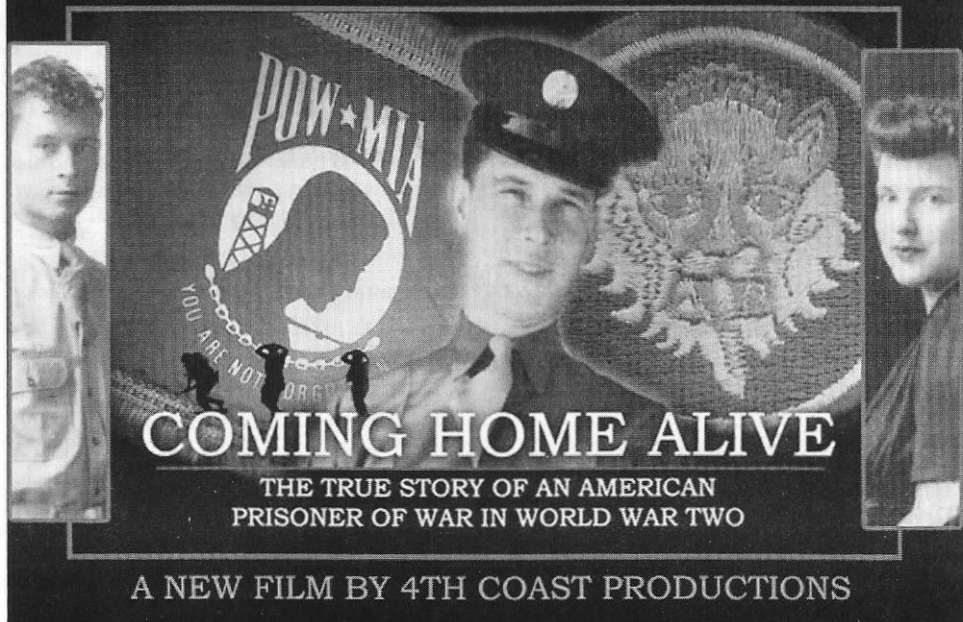
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Memoriam . . .

Memoriam notices are limited to Association members. Many obituaries received include a life time of accomplishments, education, occupations and extended lists of relatives. This Association MEMORIAM report will be limited to Association members and list the member's name, last known address, unit and membership status, the date of death, names of the immediate family and information relative to his/their participation in the Association and credit for any memorials accruing to the Association.

May our Comrades Rest in Peace...

Barrickman, Uhel 424/SV

Box 368, Glasgow, KY 42412-0368

Date of death: October 5, 2006. Reported by Lyle Beeth, Treasurer - no other details known. Our records showed "Ann" as wife.

Burmeister, Roy 589/B

103 Riviera Estates Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Date of death: October 22, 2006 Joe Sanders, 422/D reported, "Roy died from a long battle of illness. A POW held in Stalags 9B and 9A. He served many years as a volunteer at the VA Clinic in Daytona Beach, Florida and was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2003. He also served as Senior Vice-Commander of the East Florida Chapter AX-POW." He graduated from Bucknell College in 1950. Interesting to note that Roy, on returning to the States, served in the artillery cadre at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York until his discharge as a Sergeant in 1945. He was named "man of the year" by the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

Dietrich, Arlan H. 81st ENG/B

59 South Elm St. Apt B, Kutztown, PA 19530

Date of death: September 1998. - marked as such on a recently returned CUB magazine.

Edwards, Carl E. 422/C

HC85 Box 560, Jumping Branch, WV 25969

Date of death: September 8, 2006. Elizabeth, his widow, continues as an Associate member.

Fisher, Hugh 589 FAB/Medic

823 Sicotte Ave, L'Anse MI 49946-1242

Date of death: November 11, 2005. Elsie, his widow continues her membership as an Associate.

Heck, Howell 423/SVC

212 Lake Front Drive, Conway, AR 72303

Date of death: January 24, 2006. Survived by wife Betty who wrote on October 4, 2006 asking to remove her name on the roster.

Houston, William C. 423/CN

3524 108th Street, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Date of death: June 26, 2006. Daughter Carol Rock wrote advising us of death. Carol wrote, "My father William passed away at the veterans home in King, Wisconsin. He loved receiving your Cub magazine. He married Dorothy Lemorand on June 28, 1941. They resided in Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie Wisconsin --until 1975, when they moved to Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Dorothy preceded him in death in Texas in June 1989. Their daughter, Judith Eileen, passed away in 1954. Bill, as an infantryman and expert at rifle and howitzer repair, served as an artillery instructor. Bill retired from American Brass Company following 35 years of service. In 1992 he married Elaine Butterfield, who preceded him in death in Minnesota in November 2005, after a long illness. Survivors include his sister Virginia his daughters Carol Rock and Gail Stein. His family is grateful for the highly professional and compassionate staff at the veteran home in King, Wisconsin.

Jebens, Arthur B. 422/F

144 Riveria, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Date of death: May 22, 2006. Listed in the July-August AX-POW magazine. The short article listed wife Gerret as a survivor with two daughters and four grandchildren. No other details.

Kelly, John H. 423/C

43 Schoolhouse Road, Apt. 160, East Weymouth, MA 012188-4160

Date of death: a letter from Comrade Frank Molinari stated that John Kelly died a couple years ago and his wife Virginia, sorry to say, passed away several months ago. He was very active in Chapter #1 Massachusetts EX-POW group.

Kirkland, Paul 423/B

4325 Melton Smith Road, Poplarville, MS 39470

Date of Death: November 25, 2003. Our Treasurer Lyle Beeth reported that he has a note and had talked to Dorthy Kirkland. She indicated that her husband had died on Thanksgiving day three years ago. Dorthy continues as an Associate member.

Larson, Gilbert R. 424/M

54 Harvest Moon Road, Easton IL 06612

Date of Death: April 22, 2006. Gilbert's death was reported by his wife Dorothy. Dorothy continues as an Auxiliary member. January 8, 1923 he grew up in new Bridgeport area and was corporate secretary of Bridgeport Machines, Inc. where he and his wife Dorothy were employed. Gilbert and Dorothy were married on April 24, 1954. Gil was an acting Sergeant and a veteran of World War II. He never missed a reunion with his infantry division. In 2004 he was interviewed by a high school student, John Barlow, for a class that focused on World War II. He was asked if there was anything positive that he gained from his war experience. In response he thought for a few seconds and said, "You realize what freedom means."

Lasanka, Donald P. 591/HQ

525 Clark Street, Hinckley, IL 60520

Date of Death: October 7, 2006. Donald passed away at the DeKalb Illinois Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a long battle with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. He was born August 31 1919, in Naperville, Illinois the son of the late Albert and Antoinette Lasanka. After returning from service he learned the mason trade and was a gold card member of the Bricklayers and Allied Craft Worker's of Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Alice, his son James, a granddaughter Jennifer and a great-granddaughter Trevor.

LaTournes, Robert 422/A

5 South Side Terrace, Wallingford, CT 06492

Date of death: February 2, 2006. The death was discovered when the Cub magazine was returned. A search of the Internet revealed a death notice on our comrade Robert LaTournes.

Levy, Louis H. 423/M

241 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Date of death: September 2, , 2006. His widow, Marguerite F. Levy Ph.D. wrote, I regret having to report the death of my husband. Lou served in "M Company, 423rd Infantry. He was a prisoner of war. I am the only immediate survivor.

Loudon, Laurence L. 592/C

525 Turtle Creek Drive, Delavan WI 53115

Date of death: October 3, 2006 Jack Roberts 592/C reported his death at the request of the Loudon family. He is survived by his wife Dalma, who he married September the 12th 1945; daughter Mary, son Steve (Vicki), brother Bruce (Sofie); two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of Delevan Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bob; and two brothers, Don and Lyle. Barrio, with full military rites was at the Spring Grove Cemetery -- Reverend Brianne Armstrong officiating. Note by Jack Roberts: Larry was the driver of the Jeep I when our two vehicle convoy was ambushed on December 16, 1944, and Larry was severely wounded. After our capture I practically carried Larry during our march behind German front lines. remade our escape before getting to a POW camp. Thanks to the Cub, Larry and I renewed our bond when he joined the Association in 1991.

Miller, Sr., Ernest L. 422/G

12733 Pectonville Rd, Big Pool, MD 21711-1125

Date of death: July 17, 2006. Wife, Lola wrote, "I am sad to report my husband of 58 years on to his eternal reward July 17, 2006 at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, WV. He was a Staff Sergeant in "G" Company, 422nd Combat Infantry Regiment. He is survived by me, two sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

Riggati, Richard L. Sr. 423/B

113 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215-1713

Date of death: November 11, 2006 Richard was a past board member and served as Association President 1995-1996. He was the Association Treasurer for the years 2002-2006. A faithful attendee of Association reunions with his wife Patricia. They were blessed with five children, Richard Jr. and his wife, Patricia; Mark and his wife, Mary Jane; Michael and his wife Sharon; Mary Beth Riggati and Carl Cain; Ursula Patricia Cettin and her husband Joseph and seven grandchildren, Olivia, Jason, Molly, Mark and Madeline Riggati, John Cettin and Lucas Cain and a host of nieces and nephews and their children. Richard was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Duquense University School of Business Administration. Richard was a POW. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was appointed by Governor Thomas Ridge to the State of Pennsylvania Advisory Counsel for the Southwest Veterans Center. The family respectfully suggests any donations in Richard's honor be made to the Southwestern Veterans Center, 7060 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Ringer, Robert C. 591/SV

3500 Trillium Xing Apt 102 Columbus OH 4325

Date of death: September 6, 2006. Phone call from son Michael who is a Life Associate. Michael has been to three reunions. His father became a Lt. Colonel and continued his Army career.

Seevers, William 422/B

11142 Orchard road, Kansas city, MO 64314

Date of death: October 18, 2006. The CUB magazine was received by return mail marked deceased. Several attempts were made to contact any person that knew of the details of his death -- none was found.

Schenck, Charles N. 590/B

1717 Everit Street, New haven CT 06511-1306

Date of death: February 14, 2002. His wife Anne became a LIFE Associate - Our first report of death.

Whitehead, John L. 423/HQ 1BN

4627 E Granada Road, Phoenix, AZ 98005

Date of death: April 6, 2006. Dean Childs reported this death on behalf of Ann Whitehead. No other details were given except the date of death.

Williams, Lawrence R. 422/D

10307 Leicester Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

Date of death: July 30, 2006. Comrade Will Temple 422/D, who had attended the funeral reported his death. Lawrence was 83 years of age. A native of Tunica, Miss. He attended Mississippi State University and received a bachelor's degree in English from Memphis State University in 1961. Before receiving his degree he joined the Army and was sent to fight in World War II in Germany. He fought in the *Battle of the Bulge* and was captured and held prisoner for four months until freed by the 7th Army.

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The “106th Infantry Division Association” was organized at Camp Lucky Strike, France in late 1945

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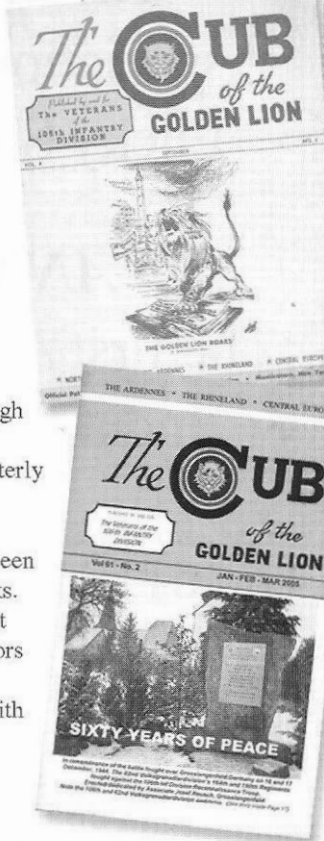
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