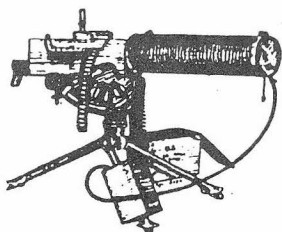




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TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNICATE WITH FORMER MEMBERS
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FORMER COMMANDER HONORED

Recently, I received a very nice letter from Nrs. Ruth Preucel, widow of our former Company Commander, Captain Robert W. Preucel. Mrs. Preucel wrote: I am pleased to report that the Dedication of the Robert W. Preucel, M.D. Memorial Conference Room at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania took place on Thursday, 21 October 1999. About sixty of Bob's colleagues and friends were present. There were five speakers. Wonderful words spoken about a thoroughly fine man. Present, along with Mrs. Preucel, were their children Ruth, Bill, Bob Junior and Leslie. An enlarged Bachrach photo of Bob, taken in the 70's was placed in the antiroom just outside the conference room. It looks very well. No photos of people were taken. It was inappropriate.

Mrs. Preucel continued: As for me, I keep busy in the garden as well as tending to Bob's beloved orchids, a fun time occupation which I thoroughly enjoy.

Thank you very much Ruth for keeping us informed about such a wonderful event. We extend best wishes to you and your family for the holidays. God Bless.

FOOTLOCKER TID BITS

A very recent telephone conversation with Lee and Frances Steele found Lee feeling somewhat better. Fran reports that they have his medication situation worked out and that he is feeling somewhat better. He is somewhat better and is stronger walking around the house. To show some improvement, Fran reports tht Lee has not lost his balance and fallen of late and that is a good sign. If any of you wish to call or write to Lee and Fran, here is address and telephone:

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Lee Steele, 424 Roosevelt Drive, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620-1120. Telephone 812-838-2285

Due to Lee's present physical condition, they were unable to attend the most recent Association Reunion in Schaumburg and we all missed them.

The most recent report on Rozetta Sutter is not too good. The latest report is that Alzheimers is taking it's toll. Burnie is doing everything he can to help the situation. Last report from daughter Sandy is that Mom and Dad are with them in Nashville for the holidays. The Richards have recently acquired a place in Colorado and will be leaving for that spot and having all of the family together for the holidays. We send best wishes for Gods guidance.

WE SALUTE ONE OF OUR OWN, JUDGE WALTER GLENN BRIDGES

It is with great pleasure that this issue of The Bugle, we salute one of our own, Judge Walter Glenn Bridges, Sr. This southern gentle man has been a man of strength and dependability for the 106th Division Association. He has been a symbol of honesty and reliability, trustworthy and generous to the citizens of his community and state. He has been a loving husband and father. He served his country in time of conflict, he served his community and state in time of turmoil and was ready at any time to give a bit more. We are proud to call him a friend and to be able to stand beside him.

To provide this story, we asked Judge Bridges (Walter) to provide us with some information about his life. In the meantime, we sought out his daughter, Martha B. Kelley, for we knew that Walter might not provide the answers. Mrs. Kelley wrote an article which was published in The Cub. The article was about her relationship with her father and a trip that she made to Europe. She and her husband toured the battle areas where her father had soldiered and she saw the place where he was taken prisoner. Who better could write an article about Judge Walter Glenn Bridges, Sr., her father. Therefore, the following article is the love, thoughts and words of a daughter, Martha B. Kelley (Unedited)



WALTER GLENN BRIDGES, SR.

by Martha B. Kelley

It is a great pleasure to take a few minutes to introduce you to the "Greatest American of All Times!" This gentleman has been not only the most prestigious of positions but also in the fields of learning how to survive during the most difficult times. I can say this honestly, since he my father, "Daddy."

After a childhood in a country town, Concorn, Alabama, he joined the US Army. With little training, he and his comrades departed for adventures in World War II that changed the course of his life physically and emotionally. Not long after arriving, he was captured and spent the duration of the war in various German Prison Camps.

Americans had a wonderful sense of endurance and admiration for true heroes during the days of the return of these veterans. Fortunately for Walter Glen Bridges, Sr., the United States government felt such appreciation for these people, that funds were provided for them to attend colleges. Daddy attended the University of Alabama where he graduated from Law School, only after being married to Barbara Ann Bridges and having their first child, Julianne.

The years that followed gave him six more children and thousands of stories of their childhood. Always searching for ways to support his family, he became involved in politics in or community. We lived in an area known as the Bessemer Cutoff, the Western portion of Jefferson County, Alabama. With his charisma, Daddy seemed to be able to interact with any individual. It was with such pride that I would walk down the street with him where everyone knew him by name, and he seemed to know theirs.

In 1960, Walter Bridges became the Judge of the Common Claims and Criminal Court of the Bessemer Cutoff. During the campaign, his reputation became one of honesty, responsibility, and reliability. Politics required that he be involved in organizations in the community that brought him in touch with community leaders across the country. He was often asked to present speeches to organizations related to his politics, religion, or family. In preparation he spend many evenings practicing his delivery on us, probably his most difficult audience. He always had a wonderful way of making people want to listen. Some of this involvement led to recognition on the local, state, and national level. The Lions Club, the YMCA, the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, and the American Red Cross were each thankful to have his active membership. Beyond these activities religion was a major player in his life. His love of the Lord has been obvious to many over the years. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church has been his church home since the 1950's. During that time he has been a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, and officer in a variety of ways. He has considered these roles to be an opportunity to learn about himself through the Bible and study.

He remained in the courts for many years and felt a serious dedication to "the law." During the 1970's he was asked to teach some classes in Business Law at the local college. This opportunity allowed him to see that he had a "gift" that reached students. Following that lead, he became an active alumni in Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He taught students what was necessary to establish their own chapters and

developed the communications between students and administration. This mission seemed to be another way he could give back to the people for the education he was provided as a veteran. Due to his dedication to advance achievement in these law students, he was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni in IIAA. That was the greatest honor they could bestow on him.

By the 1970's he was appointed to the Circuit Court of the Bessemer Cutoff. That position was to give him additional responsibility but no additional hours in his day. As his family, we were exceedingly proud of his accomplishments. It seemed that the entire community attended the inauguration, which proved the confidence people had in him. Sitting in the courtroom gave me the feeling of security.

Daddy continued his work in the courts and community while I married and had three children. This was the time that we became the closest. He told me stories about his war experiences that he had never shared. I began to feel the pain and understand why he felt it necessary to protect the Veterans' Day Parade in Birmingham, show respect on Memorial Day, and fly the flag on the 4th of July. He had begun to feel a little more comfortable discussing his experiences when the time became obvious for him to retire from the courts.

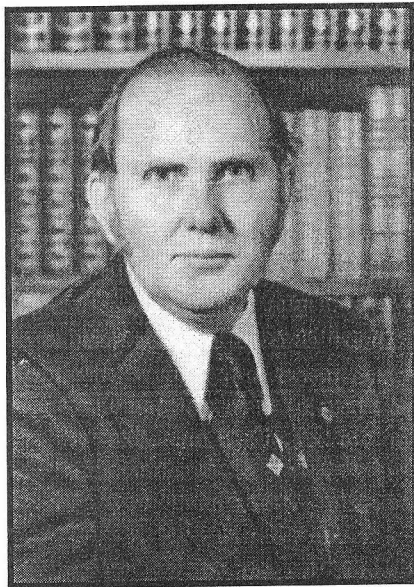
My children and I attended the ceremony which could not have been matched! He was not finished, however. The Legislature of the State of Alabama established a ruling to allow retired judges to "sit" for special situations as supernumerary judges. Daddy decided that he had not given enough yet, so he set off wherever he was asked to go. His dedication seemed unending. Appreciation for his work was obvious and resulted in one of the greatest honors to be bestowed on him. In 1997, he was formally initiated into the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. During the same week, he came to my community, Dublin, Georgia, to give the address at my son's Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Each of you have your own story of when you opened up your wounds to allow others to know about the war you fought. It was different for each individual. Daddy became active in VBOB and the 106th Infantry organization after I was married and gone, but he did share it with me. We had many times when he would relate stories to me. When I began teaching high school social studies classes, he would come to my class and teach the unit about World War II. The first experience was difficult, but true to himself, he was still repaying the Americans for his life and education. My students shared his message with other classes which ultimately made "Daddy's visit" a tradition. He was quite a hit! What a way he had to make people listen.

This thumbnail sketch of my father, Walter Glenn Bridges, Sr. is only a brief use of words that express my thankfulness and respect for him. We enjoy memories today and relate what we have seen in Germany and Belgium. He continues to be active in some organizations, but seems to save himself for his family and church. Words and titles tell much about a person but now seem inadequate to express the wonders in this man. To me, he is the "Greatest American of All Times!!"

Walter G. Bridges *Continued*

And those are her words, all hers, not a word was changed or added. Words of love and affection of a daughter for her father. But we can also share this man, because The Congress of The United States, The President of The United States and His Friends and Neighbors made him one of us. Judge Walter Glenn Bridges, Senior, We Salute You, Sir!



Footlocker Tid Bits *Continued*

I received a beautiful Chrsitman card from LaJuana Grief, daughter of Robert Lee Berry. It was a very nice card and sent along a nice message which I appreciate. She also reminded me that I had failed to place his name in The Silent Corps section on the back of the newsletter. I checked and found her to be correct and I send my apologies and will correct my mistake.

Bob and Pat Homan sent a card and message. Bob wrote that for his December 16th Open House and Battle of The Bulge Reunion, he has received over eighty (80) notes of intentions to attend. The day after Christmas, they will leave for their winter site in Texas and won't return to Wisconsin until April. Wish you the best in warmer weather friends.

Glenn and Kathleen Parvin sent a very nice card. He had also called me because he had lost or misplaced Lee's address and phone number. Seems Glenn has joined me in the "ear plug group" (hearing aids) and states it's not helping much. I hope things get better for you Glenn and we missed the two of you in Schaumburg. Hope to see you in St. Louis!

Russell and Judy Satrang sent a nice card and a nice message. He also(or she) wrote a nice compliment, which I will only say, thank you and hearing from any of you at any time helps to make this newsletter what ever it is. Since you didn't mention, and seeing and talking with you at the airport in May, I hope indicates that Russell is winning or at least holding his own with the prostate situation. Let me know!

The Bridges, Walter and Barbara and Nancy sent a nice crd. I have the pleasure of talking with "The Judge" periodically and each time I put down the phone, I have a real warm feeling. I admit that after talking with Walter and putting down the phone, I always think of GRITS. Hope you like the article?

With the card from Frank Koehler came a wonderful full typewritten page of updating information. It was wonderful to hear that things are going so well out there in New Jersey. It told me Frank had an unplanned family reunion and that his children came from California, Ohio, Washington, D.C. and nearby New Jersey along with grandchildren. They were by doing so, able to meet Frank's ladyfriend Mae and all were pleased and happy to meet her. Hell-o Mae, happy to meet you! By the way Frank, I noticed the cacti with the star and it reminded me once again, the Birth did not take place in snow. And the recycled paper use.

Each year we receive many beautiful cards and greetings of which I am very pleased. Each year I say to myself that I wish I had the artistic ability to use them in some even more pleasing way. Each year when I receive a card from Phil and Orry Rosenthal it is a beauty. It reminds me that there are many religions and many warm, loving people in this world. I remember that Christmas in '44 and Phil, we were there!

Each time I think of traveling back to Maryland to see my family, I think how can I while driving east, how can I make a slight detour when I get into Ohio. Instead of going through Columbus, detour north to Bellefontaine and visit with the Kerns. Over the holidays, we will be going east, but this time we are flying, so the detour will not happen again. Jean and Leon Kerns live in Bellefontaine, and I promise, the next time that I drive east, or coming west, I will call and stop by. Jean is having a tough go with MS and Leon takes good care of her, assisted by a loving daughter. Hang in there kids! And thanks for the card and message.

Now, this time, I intentionally left this message and this card to last. Intentionally! When this card arrived and I felt the weight of the envelope, I really couldn't wait to open it. First the weight made me think maybe I was getting a "gold piece" or something of that nature. Nah, no one would send a gold piece through the mail. So I ripped it open, saw the bells and holly and the Merry Christmas greeting on the front. I opened the card and was greeted by a beautiful musical greeting and flashing from the bells and holly was "Merry Christmas." I read the beautiful greeting. Then I closed the card and opened it again, heard the musical greeting and the flashing greeting. Bill and Mae Domiano had really pulled a surprise on me. I sat down and waited, then opened the card again. It palyed and it flashed. So, as I sat down at the computer to write this message, I sat the card down and every so often I would open it, see the flashing message, and hear the musical greeting. It was wonderful. Thank you Mae and Bill!

Each time I sit down at the computer to put this newsletter together, I get rather sentimental. I think of each of you and hope that you are all well and happy. When I put the one together around, before or after The Holidays, I really get sentimental. Your cards, those of you who send them bring me messages of greetings and I feel warm. And I think of those from whom I don't hear from and I hope that all of you are OK and that things are going well for you. A period of time in our country's history brought us together. It wasn't the best of times. But we were put together! We all dressed alike! We all ate the same kinds of food! We went places together! We slept near each other, rain, snow, sunshine! Sometimes we didn't like each other! But we were there together, experiencing the same things. Now, after many

years of living our own lives, raising and caring for our families, doing our own things, we find that we all like each other.

Last May, when some of us traveled to Europe and we "went back" we met a few of those fellows who maybe shot at us, tried to take our lives and we tried to take theirs. We found they were pretty nice people also. I found a fellow who probably got into my duffle bag there in Steinebruk. He was a nice fellow. When the world is at peace, people are nice. Well, most of them are anyway.. You are a wonderful group, all of you out there. I wish you the best of everything and hope tht each of you enjoy not only the holidays, but every day there after. God speed, guys and gals.#

POST BULGE MEMBERS

Bob Homan passed along a note asking me to put out a message to all of you who were with the unit during the days of guarding the German P.O.W.s. In the most recent issue of The Cub, there was a message to all of you from Dale Carver. The Town of Bretzenheim, Germany has a small monument and museum being established in that town. They are asking for letters and information about your tour of duty there or thereabouts regarding the duty you perormed. For more information, check Page 10 in your latest Cub, Oct-Nov-Dec 1999, Vol 56-Mo. 1. Bob has submitted a letter.

INTERESTING READING

Those of you who were POWs and like to read, I would suggest that you obtain a copy of "*Soldier Boy*" written by a 106th member, and published by Vantage Press, New York. Those of you who joined the division at Camp Atterbury would find it very interesting. Those of you who were A.S.T.P. members will be very interested. It will bring back a lot of memories, good and bad, so if you are inteested, be ready for an interesting return to old places.

BATTLEGROUND EUROPE A recent publication written by Michael Tolhurst an Associate Member of our 106th Association and published in England. John Kaline, Cub Editor has written the foreword in the book. It is about the 106th in St. Vith. Each purchase of a copy of the book will bring a share of the cost of the book to our Association treasury. Cost of the book is \$20.00. Check or Money Orders accepted, NO CREDIT CARDS. Send your \$20.00 to Sherod Collins our Treasurer. Your book will be mailed directed to you from the publishers stock in Pennsylvania. Allow 2 weeks. for delivery.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

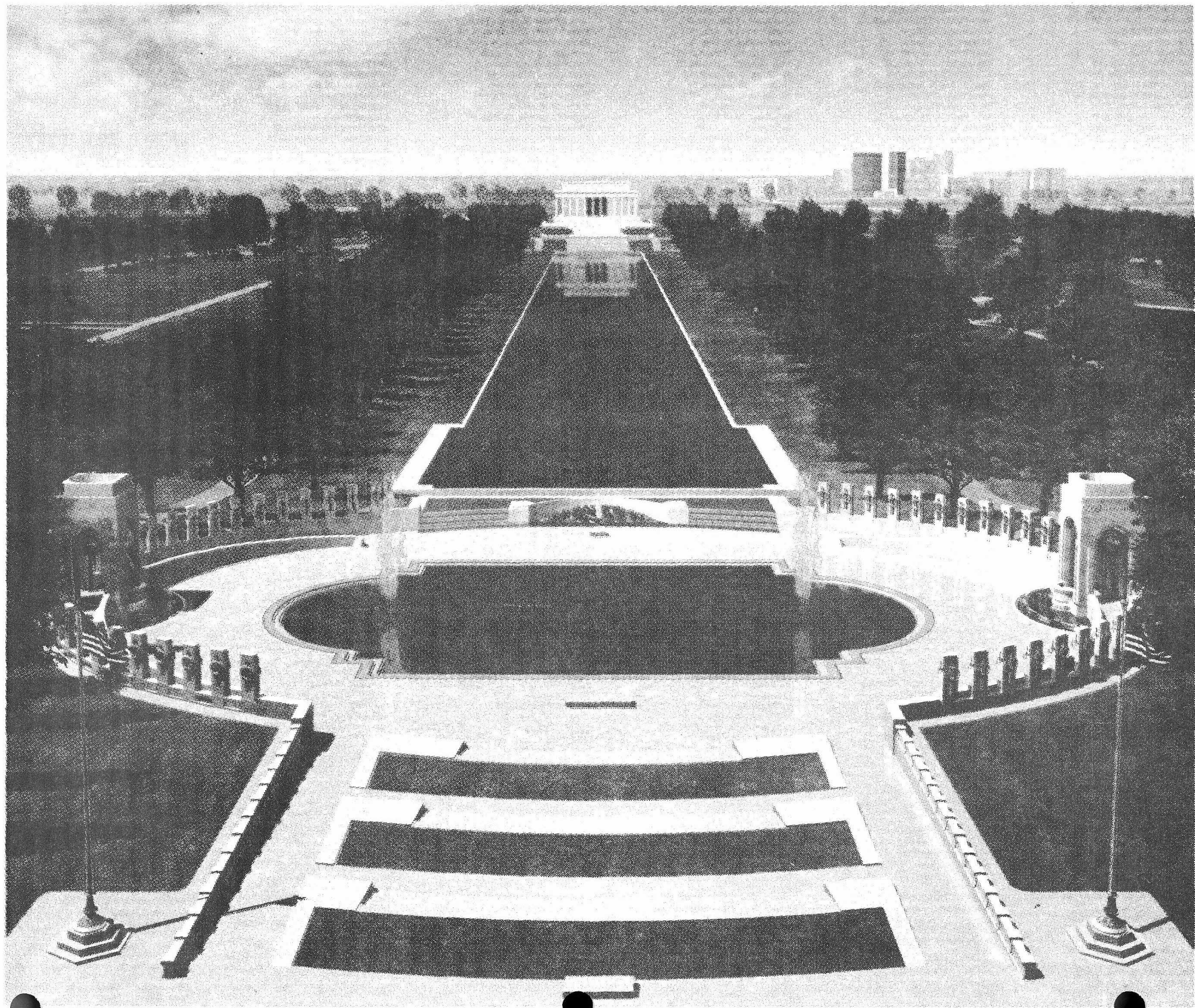
I extend Happy Holidays to all of you out there. As I complete the material for this issue of The Bugle, I am preparing to pack my bags. Fran and I will be leaving tomorrow, December 19th by TWA to spend about three weeks with my daughters and grandchildren in Maryland. Depending on my ability to get the pieces put together, I'm not sure as to where it will be mailed from to you. My printer is a good friend in Maryland and it's possible that it will be mailed to you from there. Have a Happy, I know I will!

This preliminary design of the National World War II Memorial, created by Friedrich St. Florian, has been approved by both the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. The 7.4-acre site contains a sacred area at the western side of the plaza, framed by two cascading waterfalls and comprised of four elements:

- ☐ A cenotaph with a sculptured wreath attached to memorialize those Americans who gave their lives.
- ☐ Two sculptured wreaths commemorating the sacrifice of America's allies and of all humankind.
- ☐ A light of freedom rising out of a crater, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness.
- ☐ A wall of freedom with inscribed words that are still to be chosen.

The 56 pillars encircling the memorial plaze, each 17-foot high, represent the 48 states and eight territories that comprised the United States during World War II and symbolize the unity of the nation.

Inside the two memorial arches, four bronze eagles will rise from bronze columns and support laurels that celebrate victory. Two fountains at the base of the arches will complement the Rainbow Pool and its water jets. The design provides seating along the pool circumference. Altogether, the memorial will seat 500 to 600 visitors.



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THE SILENT CORPS

The following names are those men, that in my searching, or have been reported to me, found they have joined "*The Silent Corps.*"

Pfc Robert C. Ames 1994 Sgt John P Hart 1977

Pfc Anthony Barredo 1998 S/Sgt George G T Hurley 1984

Pfc Herman Baverisco KIA 1944 T/5 Robert Huchko 1995

1Lt John Berthias KIA 1943 Pfc Peter Karvales 1944

T/4 William G. Berri 1996 T/Sgt Carl J Kerin 1995

Pfc Robert Lee Berry 1997 2Lt John P Kilkenny, Jr KIA 1944

Pfc William H Bingle KIA 1944 Pfc Charles Kossage 1989

Pfc James Blythe 1991 S/Sgt Leon J Langlois 1998

1/Sgt Robert Bothe 1993 T/5 Arturo Maya 1963

Pfc Leonard Bruenning 1999 T/Sgt Nels Moe 1993

S/Sgt Carl E Burch 1995 Pfc Michalel Petrunio 1994

S/Sgt William J Burke 1986 Major Robert W Preucel (MD) 1995

1Lt William S Boucouvalas 1986 Pfc James Scarsorie, Sr. 1998

Pvt Eugene B Clifton KIA 1944 Pfc Clarence Saffley 1987

Pvt Hays Copeland 1988 1Lt Allen G Smith 1986

Pvt Mays Copeland 1980 Pfc Christian Sutich 1992

LCol (1Lt) Charles Costigan 1988 Pfc Michael Serrian 1976

Pvt Joseph D'Antonio KIA 1944 Major (1Lt) Russell Terry 1985

Pfc Anthony DellaPinta 1993 1Lt Kenneth Tewell KIA 1944

Pvt James J Dettore KIA 1944 Sgt Robert Treglowne 1985

T/Sgt Carl J Kerin 1995 Pvt Robert Tucker KIA 1944

Sgt Louis Ferretti 1981 1Lt Claude VanEmelen KIA 1944

1Lt G K Flewelling KIA 1944 Sgt Ellis M Watson KIA 1944

Sgt John Frizzel KIA 1944 Major (2Lt) George Warner 1994

Pfc J C Frodge 1990 Pfc David Woodson KIA 1944

T/Sgt Edward A Goedert 1991 Capt Anthony M Yanalitis 1998

T/5 William E Gradin 1994

OFFICERS CALL

Following are names of Officers who served with D Company.
If you can remember additional names, please report them.

Capt John P Foley (First CO)

1Lt John Berthias (First EXO)

2Lt Kenneth Tewell (1st Platoon Ldr)

2Lt Alden F Russel (2nd Platoon Ldr & 2nd CO)

2Lt Russell Terry (3rd Platoon Ldr)

1Lt Claude VanEmelen (2nd Platoon Ldr)

2Lt Kenneth Long Capt Robert W. Preucel (CO in US & ETO)

2Lt E. C. Johnson 1Lt Charles H Costigan (EXO in US & CO ETO)

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1Lt Cecil Ayers 2Lt John P. Kilkenny, Jr (3rd Platoon-KIA)

1Lt James VanOsdol 1Lt Ralph Plummer (1st Platoon)

2LtDonald K White 2Lt Jack E. Clifton

2Lt Gene O Yarnell 2Lt William S. Boucouvalas

1Lt Harry M Wooldridge 2Lt Allen G. Smith

Capt Wesley D Griffin 2Lt William C. Sanderson

Capt Ralph K Lee 2Lt Anthony M Yanulitis (BF Comm)

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