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103d INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OF WW II

2015 REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

Forty association members, including 10 veterans, attended the reunion held at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS October 8 – 10, 2015. The Association was hosted at the Marriott Courtyard where the Association set up its memorabilia, hospitality room, and headquarters. On Thursday, October 8, the University of Southern Mississippi hosted a tour of their campus, followed by lunch provided by the university. Most of the attendees who arrived on October 8 joined together at Mugshots Grill for dinner and conversation.

Friday was the combined General and Board Meeting in the morning. At the meeting, it was announced that the family of the 103rd Division's original commanding officer, Major General Haffner, had donated his WWII collection and flags, to be kept in the archives of the 103rd history. A special thank you to Frank Waldeck for securing these very important documents, uniforms, flag, portrait and other memorabilia from the Haffner family. Also a special thank you to Zack Sigler and Tom Swope for going to the university to transport everything for the Mississippi reunion. While the university will take many of the Association's archives, there will still remain a substantial number of artifacts and documents which will require hosting at another location. The President of the Association will appoint a committee to determine a suitable location.

A number of French cities, liberated in 1944 and 1945 by the division have provided substantial hospitality their liberators during the war and to Association members who have visited them over the years, especially Selestat, St. Die, Taintrux, Climbach, and Scherwiller. It was moved and approved that the Association would provide to these cities a proclamation from the Association which would be housed by each city at an appropriate location where they have already established information and displays on WW II, and in particular their liberation. The proclamations were mailed in November by Jerry and Diane Helland.

Two new staff were elected. The new Executive Vice President is Joseph McMahon and the new Secretary/Treasurer is Dave Leslie. After the general/board meeting, attendees went to the university for a hosted lunch, followed by a very moving

and valuable part of the reunion. During the afternoon, undergraduate and graduate students interviewed all of the individual veterans in attendance. Each interview was recorded and will become a part of the oral history portion of the division archives. These individual interviews were followed by a panel formatted interview session, where all ten veterans were on stage and fielded questions from students and faculty. The questions touched on what it felt like to be in combat the first time to what the veteran ate as his first meal when he got back home. The interviews were also videoed by a local TV station and excerpts featured on the evening news, which can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_LfdN07BUU.

Dinner followed at the Crescent City Grill where reunion attendees filled two rooms, reliving the events of the day and of 70 + years ago.



103d Veterans at Camp Shelby during the 2015 Reunion.

On Saturday, reunion attendees were invited to visit Camp Shelby, MS. Camp Shelby served in a similar capacity to Camp Pol during WW II and is currently and still provides a Joint Forces Training Area for active, reserve, and National Guard military units. Reunion attendees visited the Camp Shelby Museum vehicle restoration area as well as its static displays. During this visit, a number of young people who were also visiting the museum area engaged a number of veterans in discussions about their experiences. Lunch was provided at the Camp Shelby all ranks club, where a special display was set up of the 103rd's "500 Fighting Miles" route, WWI small arms, and a WW II reenactor.

CACTUS COMES TO SOUTHERN MISS

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They left the comforts of home more than 70 years ago, many of them fresh out of high school, to travel across the Atlantic Ocean and help defeat an enemy bent on enslaving the world.

That's the legacy of the men who fought in World War II with the U.S. Army's 103d Infantry Division – one of bravery, sacrifice and patriotism – and it is being preserved by The University of Southern Mississippi.

The board of directors for the 103d Infantry Division Association of WWII chose to make Southern Miss the repository for its archives and home of its website, which will be maintained by its University Libraries' Special Collections and Department of History's Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, respectively.

"It has been a long search to find the best place to house the archival collection and maintain the website of the 103d, and we're thrilled that place will be USM," said Tom Swope, a member of the division's board of directors.

The 103d Infantry Division formed in Nov. 1942 and trained for nearly two years in Texas and Louisiana under the command of Major General Charles Haffner, Jr. The division's cactus insignia represents the states from where many of the division's soldiers came from – Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. It landed in Southern France in October 1944, moving from Marseille and then into Germany by the end of that year.

In the spring of 1945, the 103d marched through the Rhineland and then into Bavaria, where it liberated the Kaufering concentration camp, a sub-camp of Dachau. In May 1945, the 103d captured Innsbruck, Austria and after performing occupational duties following the war's end, returned to the U.S. in September 1945 and was inactivated.

Tom Swope said the decision to choose Southern Miss as permanent home for the collection was made after discussions among board members and with his nephew, Dr. Kenneth Swope, who is currently the Buford "Buff" Blount Professor of Military History at USM and Fellow in

Dale Center for the Study of War and Society. The Board concluded Southern Miss had the resources, facilities and personnel to ensure its preservation, which includes an assemblage of diaries, manuscripts, maps, photos, company records and artifacts.

Family connection between 103d Infantry Division and Southern Miss

The late Clarence O. "Mike" Swope of Cleveland, Ohio who served in the 409th Regiment, Company B of the 103d Division is Tom Swope's father and grandfather of Kenneth Swope. Clarence Swope earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star and a Purple Heart while fighting for his country.

Tom Swope collected about 475 oral histories for The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, including that of his father, beginning in 2001. His radio show, "LEGACIES: Stories from the Second World War" which is also the title of his book, uses excerpts from these interviews.

"To have everything here at Southern Miss in a permanent archival collection for anyone to use is a wonderfully fulfilling culmination of all the work my Uncle Tom and the vets and their families have done in preserving these stories and materials," Dr. Kenneth Swope said. "It will be a great resource for USM students and researchers from all over, and highlights the community outreach and academic work the Dale Center does."

USM's Curator of Historical Manuscripts and Archives Stephen Haller, who served in the Vietnam War and is the son of a World War II veteran, is charged with maintaining the 103d collection. Haller said its contents are wonderful resources for those wanting to learn about the division's role in World War II and is just "waiting for the world to discover."

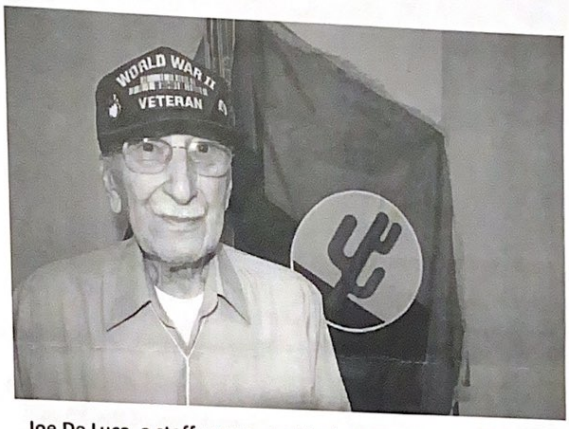
But the collection is more than a record of facts and figures, Haller said. It also puts a human face on the story of the103d. "Yes, it's history, but it's also about people," Haller said. "I'm honored and humbled to be entrusted with the care of this wonderful gift."

The price of war and peace

About a dozen of the living members of the division came to the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus recently to have a reunion and open the collection. They participated in a panel discussion and were interviewed by Southern Miss military history graduate students for oral histories. Those interviews will be housed in the University's Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage.

Among those was Joe De Luca, a staff sergeant with the 103d and native of Wooster, Ohio who dropped out of high school to serve in the Army when the fighting broke out. "We had to win World War II. We wouldn't be the United States of America today if we didn't," he said.

He said he's proud of his service, but admitted there were trying times during the war when he wondered about the wisdom of that decision. "Once we were getting a good pounding from the Germans, and I was stuck in my foxhole for a long time and thought 'you idiot, you volunteered for this!'"



Joe De Luca, a staff sergeant with the 103d Infantry "Cactus" Division in WWII, was one of a group of veterans of the unit to visit the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus for a reunion and donation of its archives to the University. (University Communications photo by David Tisdale

The 103d Infantry Division is recognized as an official "Liberating Unit" by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the U.S. Army's Center for Military History for liberating Dachau's Kaufering sub-camp at Landsberg.

De Luca recalled when he and fellow soldiers discovered the brutality of that Nazi labor camp, including trenches holding the bodies of prisoners and the overwhelming stench of death. "They'd work them until they couldn't work anymore, and then they'd shoot them," said De Luca. "Those still alive that we were able to free from the camps, they were just bones covered with skin."

It was moments like those that reminded De Luca and the 103d why they were risking their lives on the battlefield. "Sometimes some of us would get frustrated and say 'Why are we on this trip?' And then we'd see something like

that (labor camp atrocities), and we'd say, 'Yeah, this why we're on this trip.

"I guess I came back from the war a more caring person after seeing all of that."

He also returned home determined to enjoy the simple things in life, like some rest and a hot bath.

"I think I slept for about two weeks when I got back," De Luca said. "During the war, we would go days without a bath or shower. One time I went 28 days without one. When I came home, I took about two baths a day for about a month."

De Luca went on to work for Rubbermaid as a manager for one of its plastics divisions. In 2002, he took care of some unfinished business – completing the requirements to get his high school diploma. A few weeks after, he received a letter from the University of Arizona recruiting him for college.

"I was asked once what took so long for me to finish, and I said 'I'm just a slow learner.'"

Along with fellow comrades and their families, he looked on with pride during the reunion at a display of the division's collection, which will be housed in the University's McCain Library and Archives.

"I feel good about giving our records to the University," De Luca said. "There's not too many members of the 103d left, but our story will live on here."

Dr. Andrew Wiest, a distinguished professor of history and founding director of the Dale Center, said the archival donation and visit to campus by the veterans and their families was "truly one of the highlights of the year for the History Department and the Dale Center."

"Archival collections are the bedrock of writing history — the after action reports, journals, and diaries are a historian's dream come true. Having the 103d's papers at Southern Miss will make us a hub for the study of World War II," Wiest said.

Hosting and meeting the veterans was an even greater gift for the University and those who participated, Wiest said. "A gathering of World War II veterans is sadly becoming rare as time marches on, and for our students and community members to meet with, interview, and interact with these heroes of the Second World War was a priceless experience."

Guido Rossi, a military history graduate student who assisted with the reunion and interviews, echoed Wiest's sentiments. "They inspire me," Rossi said. "With their service and everything they went through during the war, these veterans really are heroes."

For information about the McCain Library and Archives, visit http://www.lib.usm.edu/about_us/libraries_collections/mccain_library_arc...

For information about the Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, visit https://www.usm.edu/war-society.

ST DIE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Special thanks to Pat Lofthouse, Jerald and Diane Hellend, Gregg Rogers and Amee Rogers



Frank Lawrence and Chan Rogers are greeted by St Die's Mayor

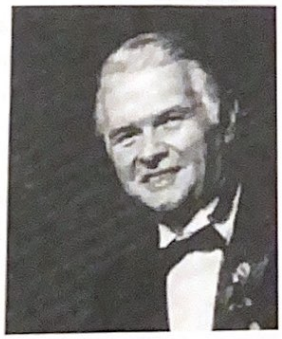
Time stood still for Sgt. Frank Lawrence and Col. Chan Rogers when the two 103d soldiers returned to France over the weekend of November 22, 2014. They and their families celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of St. Die des Vosges and Saulcy-sur-Muerthe. They were joined by the family of deceased vets, Sgt. Dennis Zaboth and Sgt. James Cunnally, and by the loving family of the late Sgt. Thaddeus Partynski. The official events began on Saturday morning, first with a full military tribute to Chan and Frank and recognition from Mayor Jacques Jallais of the neighboring town of Saulcy sur Muerthe. Returning to St. Die, the grand commemoration began. A U.S. Army vehicle parade drove throughout the city. The streets teemed with residents for blocks on both side. Every shop window was adorned with a 103d theme. School children, who had learned about the liberation history in class, waved French and American flags. A loving tribute to the

n was held at the jam-packed City Hall by St. Die's young and dynamic Mayor, David Valence. Authentic memorabilia from the U.S. Army's days in France were presented by a new museum dedicated to America's liberation of the Vosges in the Second World War. It is called the Memoire Moussey: Liberation of the Vosges. Its directors would very much appreciate our 103d members joining their membership as well as our sharing of any artifacts.
(www.memoire.moussey1944@gmail.com).

The next day, a solemn parade started from Place Charles de Gaulle at the Cathedral to the War Memorial where arms were presented in salute to the liberators. Chan and Frank, as well as the Partynski and Cunnally/Zaboth Fathers, were again honored. The French Army broke protocol by clapping for our two beloved vets while wearing their white gloves. At the City Hall where the Mayor was joined by 50(!) mayors of surrounding towns, including some from across the Rhine in Germany, to give honor to the 103d.







Sgt. Dennis Zaboth and Sgt. James Cunnally, and Sgt. Thaddeus Partynski, whose families honored their memories at St. Die.

On Monday morning the veterans and their families were invited for a tour of the American Military Cemetery at Epinal by Supt. Dwight "Andy" Anderson. Epinal is hallowed ground where 168 103d soldiers remain buried. At Epinal we were able to spend time with Jean Luc Boulard and Karen Sallier, two French people who have adopted graves of 103d soldiers. Karen is the woman who tends the grave of Francis Los and later found both his family in South Dakota as well as our Association.



Monument to the 103d Infantry Division at St Die.

Videos of these special events can be found at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2t_-_IMFp8;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_ubOSrtCoQ&list=PL_9IwYvhYBgb0lj_0k2Hhz_8Ayzzs1k84;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-_-ECJ60zk&list=PL_9IwYvhYBgb0lj_0k2Hhz_8Ayzzs1k84;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YR9xuIxUU8A.

2015 VISIT REINFORCES OLD TIES

During a visit in August of this year, Jerry and Diane Helland visited the site where many 103rd comrades fought and some died. One of those who fought in Climbach was Sgt. Jim Cunnally. Jim is the father of Patricia Lofthouse and step-father to Diane Helland. One of those who did not make it home from Climbach was Sgt. Dennis Zaboth, father of Diane Helland, he was killed in action on December 15, 1944.

Jerry and Diane were accompanied in Climbach by a friend of the 103rd Infantry Division Association, Messr Gilles-Charles Saillard from Scherwiller France. Messr Saillard is a US WW II re-enactor who proudly wears aCcactus Patch on his uniform. The other gentleman shown is Messr Marcel Lorentz, Asst. Major and historian for Climbach France.

Pictured is Messr Lorentz showing the location of where the German 88's and other German artillery were dug in awaiting the first units of the 103rd.



2016 DUES

The 103d Infantry Division Association of WWII has a number of expenses every year. These include support for the maintenance of the monument in Gainesville, TX; mailing the newsletter; and some reunion expenses. We would also like to establish an annual contribution to both the University of Southern Mississippi's libraries and the Dale Center. These annual expenses come to over $10,000. We do appreciate if you have already sent your dues. Thank you. However, if you have not sent in your dues for 2016, please send your check for $25 to:

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Remember widows of 103d veterans do not pay dues nor do veteran members of B/409.

2016 REUNION PLANS

During the Business meeting members discussed the continuation of 103rd reunions. The members particularly wanted input from the veterans who were attending the reunion concerning their desires. After discussion, a unanimous vote was taken to continue having yearly WWII 103 division reunions. Many of the Association members brought up important elements that should be considered for upcoming reunions, such as central US location, availability of an airport close by, and limiting the amount of travel time for attendees. The members voted to hold the next reunion in or around Dallas, Texas and will include a visit to the Division monument located in Gainesville, Texas. A committee made up of Mary McMan and Ammie Rogers will investigate locations and dates in the September/October time frame, and report back to the Association leadership for finalizing reunion details.

103D INFANTRY DIVISION BOOKS

The Association, through the good graces of Bob French, have a number of books available to those of you who might want to learn more about the 103D's legacy. These currently include:

103rd Infantry Division: The Trail of the Cactus. Reprinted Paducah, KY: Turner, 2012. This book is a general history of the division from its origins, through combat, to its disestablishment. Reprinted with the assistance of the late Harold Branton (G, 409), this is a must have for anyone who has a legacy associated with the division. $15.00

An Account by a World War II Combat Infantryman. Dorsey, John T., Jr., Medway, MA: 103d Infantry Division Association. This is the personal story of John Dorsey, (K, 411) and his experiences during the war. It brings out the experiences of the 103D at a personal level. $5.00

The 409th Infantry in World War II. East, William, and William F. Gleason.Nashville: Battery Press, 1986 (reprint). Originally printed just after the end of the war, the book chronicles the experiences of the 409th Infantry Regiment during the war. $5.00

The association expects to also have available in the near future the following:

Combat Diary: A Personal Record of Combat in Europe. Enyedy, Jr, Gustav. Medway, MA : 103d Infantry Division of WWII Association, 2011. This is the personal account of Gustav Enyedy, (I, 409) during the war and was published by the Association. $5.00

We also have the following reunion booklets created by Luke Martin, the Association Historian, which are available free of charge:

- Chow Time, Gainesville, TX, 2014.
- Fall Out/Dismissed, Hattiesburg, MS, 2015.

All proceeds go to the 103D Infantry Division Association of WW II. You can order these books from:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear 103d ID Members,

As we transition into 2016, it is a good time to reflect not just on the recent past but also to a time long gone; to a generation of people who were brought together in the name of peace and freedom and able to stand strong in their collective growth, knowing that a better and brighter future lay ahead in which families could grow strong together and future leaders would emerge. That future is now—and we can keep improving as long as we continue to stand together.

I would like to thank Tom Swope for leading our efforts to find a permanent home for the archives of the 103d. As George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." With a home in Hattiesburg, the archives of the 103d can now be a means by which future leaders of this great Nation can, even if they were not a part of the horrific history them-selves, have the tools we provided so they will not be condemned to repeat it. The fact that the University of Southern Mississippi has courses in understanding War and Society is a perfect marriage of our two organizations, and what better setting than an institute of education that will serve as a beacon of hope to all of the survivors of the War.

I especially want to thank Zach Sigler and his wife Noreen, for collecting and maintaining our artifacts for these years and facilitating and coordinating the transfer. We do not have this opportunity to preserve our past, celebrate the present, and prepare and give back tc the future without the incredible efforts of a man driven to simply do the right thing. Zach your service is a tremendous honor to our association, and to your family as well.

Our work to remember and honor the past is not limited to our archives; as we marched through the European theater we established relationships with citizens in towns such as Climback, Saint Die Des Vosges, Selestat, Scherwiller, and Taintrux. Relationships that began over 40 years ago are going even stronger today thanks to the efforts of men and women on both sides of the Atlantic, with the founding of a museum in France dedicated to the 103d and to the Division Association Proclamations sent at the end of 2015. This permanent celebration of the mission of the 103d is another example of the link between what has come and the bright future yet to be. The original members of the 103d put their lives on the line and so many great men lost their lives to lay a foundation that will be carried out by future generations. In this case even more so explicitly as we are actively searching for artifacts symbolizing the region and its liberation to be put on display, further strengthening and making palpable a link that will never be lost between the two. To help with this effort, we are asking that you notify us of any such items so we can coordinate their being included in the display. We will be in Saint Die later in 2016 to help commemorate this great relationship.

As we look ahead to that future, and other such celebrations, we continue to be guided by our past and our mission: to fight our Nation's wars providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders. During World War II, we sustained land dominance as we succeeded in claiming territory, marching step-by-step, inexorably into the heart of the enemy. Today, this great Nation and our allies are still fighting wars across a great spectrum of conflict, and the work the 103d has done that has laid a foundation, from the archives in Hattiesburg to the leadership of the second generation, points to continued success.

I am excited to see the continued good works of the next generation of leaders and am confident that the future is now. While I am proud to have been a part of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation," I am more ecstatic to know that those who have followed us have not only kept our mission alive but have taken great steps to forge ahead in much the same manner – providing prompt, sustained support throughout the spectrum of conflict across the world. The greatest is yet to come, and I can see that thanks to our new leadership, the mission of the 103d will not be lost but rather strengthened, which is the greatest gift to the original wearers of the Cactus Patch. It is fitting, perhaps, that our symbol is just that – the simple but strong cactus; that even when it is faced with the harsh climate of the desert region, the burning sun, and desperately dry weather, it can continue to thrive and provide service and nourishment to others.

Regards,

Chan

We Need Your Help!

Since 2002, Kristie Pallas, the granddaughter of a 103D veteran who was killed in action in 1945 has been looking for information on her grandfather. She had posted an inquiry on the internet back then, which was discovered by Bob French in December 2015. However, he was not able to get Kristie's contact information. Through working with Pat Lofthouse and the mailing roster, Bob was able to find the granddaughter's contact information. Even more importantly, Bob determined that the granddaughter's mother had contacted the Association Historian, Luke Martin, in 2001 and had provided some information on her husband. And by working with the morning report information compiled by Zach Zielgler, Bob was able to find out some information on this veteran, Fred W. Pallas. It is really important to Kristie. Her father, Fred's son, never met his father.

Bob is reaching out to anyone in the 103d, especially in the 409th Infantry to provide any assistance we can. Here is his request:

Fred W. Pallas served in the 103d Division—in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 409th Infantry—from December 14, 1942 until July 10, 1944, when he was transferred out as an infantry replacement. In Europe, he was assigned to L Company, 142d Infantry, 36th Division. He was killed in action on March 15, 1945—early in the Western Allied final offensive into Germany—leaving behind his wife, Jane M. Pallas, and two young sons—the oldest of whom he saw three times, the youngest not at all. If you have any photos or information about Fred W. Pallas, please contact his granddaughter, Kristie Pallas. She can be reached at smoo409@yahoo.com or 615-522-4343.

From Selestat

Thanks to Jerry and Diane Helland, proclamations from the association were delivered to Selestat, St. Die, Taintrux, Climbach, and Scherwiller while the newsletter was being published. The mayor of Selestat has sent the following message to Diane in response:

From Mr Marcel BAUER

Mayor Department of Bas-Rhin Council Vice-President

Sélestat, December, 10th 2015

On behalf of the municipality but also on behalf of Selestatians, I strongly wanted to thank you for your attention.

Your gesture honors us, especially, as it is a sign of recognition for these numerous soldiers and residents who suffered along this sad period of our history.

I made sure to pass on your precious gift to our municipal's archives in order to ensure its preservation. It will be not only the footprint of a common happening, but also the symbol of a union or an alliance between our two Nations.

I wear a core value of the duty of memory. I put a point of honor to transmit to new generations so that they do not forget that their freedom had a price.

Thus each year, as elected Representatives, we would like to involve the Children Local Council to Memorial and National Days.

I want you to know that Selestat will always be happy to welcome your fellow citizens and, in the meantime, please accept, Madam, the assurance of my respectful greetings."

Sélestat
Alsace Centrale

Marcel BAUER
Maire
Vice-Président
du Conseil Départemental
du Bas-Rhin

Madame Diane G. HELLAND
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USA

Sélestat, le 10 décembre 2015

Madame,

Au nom de la municipalité mais aussi au nom de l'ensemble des Sélestadiens, je tenais vivement à vous remercier pour votre attention.

Votre geste nous honore, d'autant plus, qu'il est un signe de reconnaissance pour ces nombreux soldats et habitants qui ont souffert le long de cette période triste de notre histoire.

J'ai pris soin de transmettre votre précieux cadeau à nos archives municipales afin d'en garantir sa préservation. Il sera, non seulement, une empreinte d'un passé commun mais aussi le symbole d'une union entre nos deux Nations.

Je porte une valeur essentielle au devoir de mémoire. Je mets un point d'honneur à le transmettre aux nouvelles générations afin qu'il n'oublie pas que leur liberté avait un prix.

Ainsi chaque année, nous les élus, nous tenons à associer les jeunes du Conseil Municipal des Enfants aux commémorations et aux fêtes nationales.

Sachez que Sélestat se fera toujours une joie d'accueillir vos concitoyens, et dans cette attente, je vous prie d'agréer, Madame, l'expression de mes salutations respectueuses.

Marcel BAUER

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Sélestat

HONOR  ROLL

Here is the Final Roll Call for those Cactus Men who have joined their fallen comrades since the last newsletter. Included in this issue are a number of veterans whose passing may have been missed in the past. The dates of their passing range from 1956 through December 2015. The Association apologizes if any on the below list of fallen comrades duplicates one from a previous Honor Roll.

Abrams, Jordan S.	328 Eng, B Co
Ahlert, John V	328 Eng, A Co
Alkire, Timothy J	384 FA, Bty B
Artley, Forrest W	411 G Co
Bastian, Bill (Aubrey E.)	409 Med
Batten, Percy R.	409, HQ Co 2nd Bn
Bean Sr, Raymond E.	409, K Co
Beattie, John H.	409, E Co
Benoit, Raymond J.	409, HQ Co 3rd Bn
Blom, Robert W.	409 AT Co
Bogh, Russell R.	409, C Co
Bohata, Emil A.	411, M Co
Bond, Gordon W.	409, HQ Co 3rd Bn
Bowden, Robert L.	411, B Co
Brady, James A.	410 Med, K Co
Braun, Glenn R.	103 MP
Brenner, Samuel Seymour	410, HQ Co 2nd Bn
Brock, Thomas W.	410, C Co
Broten, Donald E.	328 Eng, A Co
Brown, Floyd E.	103d Band
Brown, Hallet K.	410, D Co
Brundick, Aubrey (Marty) M.	409, C Co
Bruner, James D.	409, I Co
Buckley, Howard E.	409, E Co
Burkhalter, Miller F.	409, E Co
Burnham Jr, Jeane W	409, M Co
Carlisle, Laverne P.	411, G Co
Cook, Carroll C.	410, I Co
Carver, Richard W.	410, M Co
Chapple, Donald	409, HQ Co, 3rd Bn
Clark, Walter R.	411, A Co Med
Cisank, Andrew M.	410, D Co
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Cupp, Floyd N.	409, I Co
Curry, Alva L.	409, K Co
Daluga, Henry J.	103 QM
Damanti, Frank C.	409, B Co
Davis, Carl R.	411, A Co
Davis, George R.	410, D Co
Davison, Leonard A	328 Med, A Co
Debus, Dana A.	384 FA, A Bty
Dell, David E.	410, H Co
Dickman, Lawrence H.	328 Eng, C Co
Diefenbaker, John P.	411, C Co
Downey, Rober L.	409 AT Co
Dunn, Lloyd G.	410, C Co
Dunn, William V.	411, G Co
Dutzel, Harvey	103 MP
Duyck, Eugene L.	409, E Co
Easton, James W.	328 Medical, HQ Co
Edwards, Joseph S	928 FA, A Bty
Emerson, John K.	394 FA, A Bty
Enterline, Robert R.	411, C Co
Fitts, Walter L.	409, B Co
Foose, Kenneth C.	409, C Co
Franke, Arthur H.	410, C Co
Fritz, Herbert L.	411, F Co
Fultz, Andrew J.	411, K Co
Galbreath, William	328 Med, B Co
Gebraad, Donald E.	410, E Co
Gicatti, Michael C.	410, F Co
Gomez, John	409, F Co
Greene, Carl J.	409, K Co
Greener, Jack M.	409 Med, K Co
Grzegorzewski, Clarence	383 FA, B Bty
Hagan, Robert L.	411, K Co
Hall, Donivan	410, I Co
Haverman, Garrison L.	410, H Co
Helm, Wilbert C.	103 HQ Co
Henley, Lowry	384 FA, A Bty

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Henn, Everett E.	103 Sig Co
Hertenstein, Earl C.	928 FA, HQ Bty
Hite, Raymond E.	409, AT Co
Hoffman, Norman C.	410, D Co
Hoffman, Paul W.	411, M Co
Hoagun, George	409, G Co
Howard, Wendell J.	409, I Co
Hray, John J.	411, L Co
Hudson Jr, Joseph T.	382 FA, B Bty
Jackson, George J.	383 FA, C Bty
Johnson, Leo R.	410, K Co
Johnston, Richard F.	409, B Co
Jones, Richard S.	411, L Co
Keefer, E.O. "Pete"	103 HQ Co
Kepler, Charles G.	409, F Co
Klopp, John C.	410, E Co
Kopenhafer, Joseph A.	411, C Co
Kraussman, Rev George A.	103 FA, HQ Bty
Kruppe, Frank P.	411, G Co
Kunze Jr, Walter E.	411, A Co
Laidlaw, Douglas M.	409, HQ Co, 3rd Bn
Lambert, Ralph W.	411, E Co
Lett, Merrill V.	103 Sig Co.
Levine, William W.	411, B Co
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Macarella, Alfonso A.	411, B Co
Mackowski, Leonard J.	411, G Co
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McCullough, Norman L.	411, H Co
McFaul, Wallace F.	928 FA, C Bty
McGhee, Edwin	409, B Co
McGregor, Donald T.	409, D Co
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Mittag, W. Otto	410, C Co
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Morgan, Wallace	410, M Co
Mulder, Thomas	409, E Co
Murray, Charles R.	409 HQ Co, 2nd BN
Nagle, William F.	410, A Co
Nichols Jr, Dr. Carl G.	410, I Co, F Co
Paige (Parzych), Edward V.	410, L Co
Palladino, Tony J.	410, K Co
Palangi, William J.	411, A Co
Pearson Sr, Richard E.	410, F Co
Perry, Herman H.	409, Co B, Co K
Poulos, Teddy C.	383 FA, C Bty
Pulsifer, Robert L.	411, A Co
Quinn, Robert D. "Bob"	410, I Co
Rader, Donald H.	411, M Co
Ratliff, Garland L. "Leon"	409, D Co
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Stagg, Judge Tom	411, E Co
Stair, Joseph K.	409, F Co
Swartz, James M.	103 MP
Tapp, William T.	411, C Co
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Thomas, Lawrence O.	411, G Co
Tinkham, Mernard N.	928 FA, C Bty
Tolleson Sr, William E.	409, F Co
Towar, Lloyd F.	103 Sig Co
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Varano, Carmine R.	411 E Co
Vernon, Arthur K.	103 Sig Co

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Webster, Paul V.	411, A Co
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Weishett, Carl H.	411, K Co
Whipps, Clifton H.	410, L Co
White, Harvey E.	384 FA, HQ Bty
White, James P.	410 Med
White, William C.	409 HQ Co 2nd Bn
Yardley, Alyn K.	411 HQ Co, 2nd BN
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