

# The Hourglass

REUNION REMINDER 2002



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## Message from your Reunion Coordinator

Hi! I'm Don Filardo, your *1st Vice President and Reunion Coordinator*.

May I talk with you like I'm in your living room and we are old friends? Let's talk about the past, as well as what we confront at the present.

December 7th 1941 is a day that we all remember. The *7th Infantry Division* was an active division in California on this date. We were sent to fight on the beaches in the Pacific, and later in Korea.

Now we will remember September 11th 2001. December 7th was during our youth, September 11th happened when we are senior citizens. It was a great shock to us. Three days later, we were to have our Association here in Milwaukee, which had to be canceled as the airplanes were all grounded.

**Be there!**  
**Milwaukee, April**  
**25-28, 2002**

I ask of you, please attend your April 25-28, 2002 reunion. We, as patriots, need each other, veterans, spouses, and friends of our association. During the decades of the forties and fifties, we were young and had more "kick" in our systems. 9-11 has made us angry, frustrated, and insecure. The time has come that we will not change our ways. The time has come that we become mobile again. Let's not diminish our patriotism. Our country and men & women in the Military want us to meet in Milwaukee, April 25-28, 2002.

Remember, we as Patriots need each other.

We'll see you at the reunion. (Veterans, no AWOLs.)

**Sincerely,**  
**Don**

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I take exception to your somewhat shabby description of the **Attu** action in the December issue of the *Hourglass*. You seem to find fault with everything, placing blame on the army and the troops because they were frightened. No soldier in history has not been without fright.

The problem on Attu was the Japanese. They fight and they fight well as those who were at **Guadacanal, Tarawa, Pellihi, Iwo Jima, Okinawa**, and many other places will well relate to anyone interested. A large addition to the problem was the open terrain. The defensive forces, with a year to prepare, had the high ground, and the attacking forces had to advance over 200-400 yards of open slippery wet ground with essentially no cover. There are no trees or bushes on Attu.

The army supplied *Blucher Boots*, probably the best available at the time. The problem with the Blucher boots was the foot part was covered with rubber and leather was from above the ankle to the knee. They were comfortable but they did not allow the foot to breath. As a consequence, perspiration soaked the socks and the heat transfer to the cold rubber was efficient. If one was in cold water or snow there was a tendency to get frost bite.

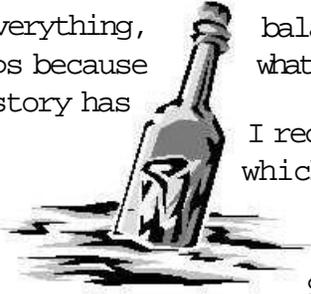
Finally, the desert training was as good as any. When we were given the mission after we were aboard ship we were generally pleased to finally get to do something constructive. While we were a bit surprised at the fog and moisture and the effectiveness of the Japanese defense, we still prevailed.

George E. Adam

Thanks for your words, George. You'll be pleased to hear that the next issue of *The Hourglass*, (hopefully scheduled for June 2002) will carry extensive coverage of the Attu action, drawn from our Member's accounts.

Doug Halbert

## We get letters



Dear Mr. Halbert,  
Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars for two years of my Association dues, the balance can be donated to the postage fund or whatever.

I received the December issue of the *Hourglass* which is always good reading. There is one portion though that I think should be corrected or mentioned because I want to give recognition to a combat unit that I would rank with the best of them and that unit is the **Ethiopian Brigade**.

On page 25 of the *Hourglass* is listed; UN UNITS ATTACHED, it states that for the 32nd Regt. which I was a member of, attached was the *Turkish Brigade*. In reality it was the *Ethiopian Brigade*. My platoon was attached to them for one combat mission and on another occasion I spent the day in their perimeter on an outpost with them. I conversed with them in the Italian language and learned much about them and their culture. They had a fierce pride in themselves and was an excellent combat unit.

On the 32nd Regt. Association cover issue of the *MESSENGER*, it has the crests and emblems of the units of the 32nd Regt. On the upper right hand corner of the cover page is the emblem of the Ethiopian Battalion. Not taking anything away from the Turkish Unit, I know they were there, but I think, but not certain, that they were attached to another Division. Not complaining about the *Hourglass* either, it's an excellent publication.

Sincerely,  
Carlo Sanfilippo  
Co. K, 32nd Regiment

## Editor's Note

What makes *The Hourglass* really interesting are your personal accounts and photographs. However, to make sure we get all the details correct please make sure we can read what you write! To avoid publication errors, either **print** or **type** the written info you submit.

Thanks - Ed.

Dear Doug,

Can you find the information which I sent to you many moons ago and it advised you of the **53rd INFANTRY REGIMENT** being a part of the **7th Division** activation in August 1940 at Fort Ord, California until being relieved from assignment to the Division November 7, 1941.

This letter was generated due to there still not being any mention of the 53rd Infantry Regiment or any of the 3 former 53rd Infantry Regiment personnel who are alleged to be *7th Division Association* members.

## Joseph R. Allman

CWO-3 AUS Ret MI

Thanks for the info, Joe, and for your patience. Couldn't include all the material you sent, but here below is proof positive of the 53rd's association with the 7th Infantry. To my knowledge, you, **Bill Dennis** and **Manuel Dias** are the only 53rd members, and we are glad to have you.

Doug Halbert

## Statement of Service

**3 June 1916** - 53rd Infantry Constituted in the Regular Army as the 53rd Infantry Regiment.

**16 June 1917** - Organized at Chickamauga Park, Georgia by transfer of personnel from the 6th Infantry.

**16 November 1917** - Assigned to the 6th Division.

**23 September 1922** - Inactivated at Fort D. A. Russell, Texas.

**24 March 1923** - Relieved from assignment to the 6th Division and assigned to the 7th Division.

**1 August 1940** - Activated at Fort Ord, California.

**7 November 1941** - Relieved from assignment to the 7th Division.

**11 September 1945** - Inactivated at Camp Callen, California.

**1 August 1946** - Redesignated as the 53rd Infantry Battalion and activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

**31 August 1948** - Inactivated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

**1 September 1948** - Redesignated as the 53rd Infantry.

**10 September 1948** - Activated at Fort Lewis, Washington

**15 September 1948** - Inactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington.

**15 September 1950** - Redesignated as the 53rd Airborne Infantry and attached to the 101st Airborne Division.

**29 September 1950** - Activated at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

**1 December 1953** - Inactivated at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

**7 October 1954** - Redesignated as the 55rd Infantry.

**10 October 1954** - Activated in Alaska.

**27 October 1954** - Assigned to the 71st Infantry Division.

**15 September 1956** - Inactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Hello:

My name is **Steven Levinson**. I am a faculty member at California State University, Monterey Bay. This university occupies part of the land that used to be Fort Ord. I am working with a group of Faculty and Fort Ord alumni to develop the Fort Ord Historical Archive. This would be an archive, data base and museum about Fort Ord to help preserve the memory of all the people that went through here.

We are interested in collecting material for the Archive. Do you have any photos, memorabilia, uniforms, documents or anything else from Fort Ord that you could donate to us?

Please forward this to anybody that might be interested. We would be interested in talking to them about their memories of Fort Ord.

Thank you,

Steven Levinson

831/582-4260

eMail <steven@monterey.edu>

## 31st Field Artillery, A Battery, 7th Division

Taken near Red Hill, Okinawa, April 1945

Left to right: **Chas. Cowie** - phone, **Richard Bordmen**, **Wayne Smith** - Sgt., **Capt. Howe**, **Gun Site**; **Arthur Giesincki**, **Jack Riggs**, **Walter Schultz**, **Raymond Bercy**, **Eugene Bowman**.

Thanks to Eugene Bowman for sending this in.





## Launching Ceremony of the **USNS POMEROY**

March 10, 2001



### Private First Class Ralph E. Pomeroy

Born March 26, 1930 in Quinwood, West Virginia, **Private First Class Ralph E. Pomeroy**, United States Army, was posthumously awarded the *Army Medal of Honor* for his heroism near Kumbwa, Korea, on October 15, 1952.

Private First Class Pomeroy, a machine gunner with **Company E, 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division** distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. While his comrades were consolidating on a key terrain feature, he manned a machine gun at the end of a communication trench on the forward slope to protect the platoon flank and prevent a surprise attack. When the enemy attacked through a ravine leading directly to his firing position, he immediately opened fire on the advancing troops inflicting a heavy toll in casualties and blunting the assault.

At this juncture, the enemy directed intense concentrations of artillery and mortar fire on his position in an attempt to neutralize his gun. Despite withering fire and bursting shells, he maintained his heroic stand and poured crippling fire into the ranks of the hostile force until a mortar burst severely wounded him and rendered the gun mount inoperable. Quickly removing the hot, heavy weapon, he cradled it in his arms and, moving forward with determination, raked the attacking forces with a hail of fire.

Although wounded a second time, he pursued his relentless course until his ammunition was expended within 10 feet of the foe and then, using the machine gun as a club, he courageously closed with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat until mortally wounded. Private First Class Pomeroy's consummate valor, inspirational actions and supreme sacrifice enabled the platoon to contain the attack and maintain the integrity of the perimeter, reflecting lasting glory upon himself and upholding the noble traditions of the military service.

### Principal Characteristics

Length -----	950'
Beam -----	105' 9"
Draft -----	34'
Propulsion -----	Gas turbine
Speed -----	24 kts.
Displacement -----	62,700 LT
Total cargo area ----	393,000 sq. ft.

### CEREMONY PROGRAM

**Band:** Grand Pacific Band

**Presentation of Colors:** 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment from the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York and the 31st Infantry Regiment Association

**National Anthem:** Paul Riesland

**Invocation:** Lieutenant Commander Christopher Van Inwagen, CHC, USN

**Remarks:** Richard H. Vortmann, President, NASSCO

**Speakers:** Vice Admiral Gordon S. Holder, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command  
Rear Admiral Dennis G. Morral, USN, Program Executive Officer, Expeditionary Warfare

Brigadier General Edward T. Buckley, Jr., USA, Assistant Division Commander 7th Infantry Division

**Principal Speaker:** Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham

**Sponsor:** Arlene Pomeroy Castle

**Maid of Honor:** Nancy Pomeroy

**Master of Ceremonies:** James C. Scott, Vice President, NASSCO



**The Quartermaster Store**



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The 7<sup>th</sup> Division Key Chain Knife. It has a single 2" blade. The body is white with a full color Hourglass logo and black print. The key retainer locks so your keys are secure. A great gift idea.

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**Belt Buckle**

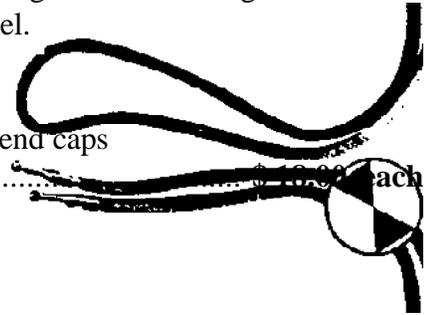
The 7<sup>th</sup> Division Belt Buckle. It is oval shaped, 2 1/4" x 3 1/2"; The outer edge is gold color and the inner oval is polished nickel; the Hourglass emblem is in full color and is the size of a Morgan Silver Dollar. It has the usual hook and hinge on the back side.

Belt Buckle (Oval) ..... **\$18.00**

Belt Buckle (Silver or gold color) ..... **\$18.00**

**Bolo Tie**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Division Bolo String Tie. The Hourglass is in full color and baked-on enamel.



Bolo Tie (Silver or Gold end caps  
Black String)..... **\$2.00 each**

**Other Store Items**

- Souvenir brass coins - 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. [Light] (1980's & 90's) 1 1/2" in diameter ..... **\$3.00 each**
- Auto Decals - 4 1/2" diameter ..... **\$2.00 each**
- ..... **2 for \$5.00**
- Smaller decal - 2 1/4" diameter ..... **\$3.00 each**
- Hat Pins ..... **\$3.50 each**
- Lapel Pins ..... **\$3.50 each**
- Hourglass Patch (Black & Red)..... **\$4.00 each**
- ..... **2 for \$7.00**
- Tee shirts with Logo (S,M,L or XL) ..... **\$12.00**
- Patch (7<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Assn.) ..... **\$3.00**
- Bumper Sticker (7<sup>th</sup> ID- Proudly Served) ..... **\$3.00**
- Video Tap - Reactivation 6/4/1999 ..... **\$12.00**
- Crest (Regimental or Battalion)..... **\$7.00**
- Cross Rifles - Regiment ..... **\$5.00**
- Cross Cannons - Battalion..... **\$5.00**

The cost of packing and shipping is included in the price. Be sure to state any color choices and sizes in your order. Make your check for the total cost of all items payable to:

**"7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association"**  
and mail your order to:

**7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association**  
**Robert Hoxsie, Quartermaster**  
**30 Mapleview Drive**  
**Cranston, RI 02923-3110**  
**Phone (401) 946-9967**

## Seekers Page

Hi! my name is **Woojin Choi**. I am writing in concern of seeking my missing father, seen below on the left. I do not know who he is and even what his name is.



According to my mother, my father was in the 7th Infantry Division and he was acknowledged as a First Sergeant. He was residing in **Dongduchen, Bongilchen, Korea** in the years 1968-1971.

I am 30 years old and have no memory of him whatsoever. The only evidence is a collection of about 20 photographed pictures. As a result, I desperately want to be reunited with my father.

**Woojin Choi**

40-06 147 St., Flushing, NY 11354

Tel.: 718/463-5368 eMail <coreano@netzero.net>

I hope you can help me. I am looking for info on my father, **Russell Eugene Kreider**, serial # ra15417211. He served in the 7th Infantry Div. from 1949 - 1954. He spent time in **Camp CC??** also **Eta Jima??**. He drove for what looks like a **Gen. David G. Barr**.

I have pictures of him with **Pvt Moller, Lt. Todd, Sgt. Moss, Pvt. Radank, Cpl. Halley, Pvt. Happ, Pvt. Lawrence, Ragen, Abbot, Jake, Koseloskie, & Brewster**.

Thank you.

**Marilyn Roche**

108 Chestnut St., Parkforest, IL 60466

Tel.: 798/747-7327 eMail <skybugs1@aol.com>

I am trying to find out some information about my grandfather **Paul Albert (Louis) Wieber**. He was in the 7th Div. from 1941 (or 42) to 1945 and fought at **Attu, the Marshall Islands** and **Okinawa**.

I would really appreciate it!

**Lisa P. Hill**

1905 Fairfax Ave., Modesto, CA 95355

eMail <lisahill587@cs.com>

**Regt**, when he was killed in action on **9 May 1945**, during an assault on a hill in South Okinawa. He also was with the 7th Infantry Division during the campaigns on **Kwaljalein** and **Leyte**.

Thank you.

**Col. Alfred J. Reese, Jr., USA Ret.,**

PO Box 485, Leighton, PA 18235

Tel.: 570/386-2419, Fax: 570/386-2883

eMail <afreesejr@aol.com>

I am interested in contacting anyone who served with or remembers my father, **Gerard A. Cayer, Jr.**, known as **"Pop"**. He served in the 7th. Infantry Div., **32nd Reg., 1st Batt, Company A**, (I think) 1st Platoon ?/53-11/54.



He entered the war as a combat infantryman with a mos #1745 and was injured when a USAF F-86 Sabre Jet exploded in mid-air. After recovering he went to Be Mess Hall (changing his mos # to 1824) where he remained until discharge as a Staff Sgt. in 11/54.

Thank you in advance.

**Bruce Cayer**

978/957-5542

My uncle, **Staff Sergeant Edward Charles Kane, Company K, 184th Infantry Regiment**, was killed in action on **Kwajalein Atoll**, Marshall Islands on February 2, 1944. I would like to make contact with anyone who served with him.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Jim Kane**

8800 La Prada Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624

eMail <therd@cwo.com>

My brother-in-law, **P.F.C. Robert C. Lane** of **Co. L, 31st Reg., 7th Div.** was killed in Korea June 18th, 1953. I would like any information about the 7th Div. at the time of this June battle.

**Leon Burgess**

1640 Mincriff Rd., Gardendale, AL 35071



I am trying to find anyone who knew my brother **Pfc. Rudolph Virgil**. Rudy was in the **1st Battalion, Heavy Mortar Co., 32 RCT, 7th Div.** when he was killed at the **Chosen Reservoir** on December 2, 1950. He signed up at the age of 15 and died just a month after becoming legally old enough to join the Army.

Respectfully,  
**David T. Virgil**  
 905 11 St., Gothenburg, NE 69138  
 308/537-7403

My father, **Robert Fide** was in the 7th Infantry during the **Korean War**. I am looking for people who knew him, pictures, any information about this part of his life. Thanks.

**Yvonne Fide**  
 P.O. Box 1319, Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
 eMail <accufide@mindspring.com>

I am trying to locate any living servicemen who served with my uncle, **Harold Willoughby** during WWII. I know he was at **Attu, Kwajalein**, sent to **Hawaii** and then to **Leyte** where he was KIA in Dec '44. I believe he was in the **32nd Infantry Regiment**.

Any help would be appreciated.  
**Larry Willoughby**  
 18 Swainford Dr., Heath, OH 43056  
 eMail <lwillough@LACA.ORG>

Sir: I am a professional, published military historian researching the operations of the **GHQ/1st Army Raider Company** in Korea. From approximately Oct-Dec 1950, the unit was attached to the **7th Infantry Division**, primarily its 32nd Infantry RCT.

Raider Co. records for that period are incomplete, so I was hoping that official records for the 7th Div. and/or its 32nd Inf., might contain some references to **Major Jim Wear's** Raider Company and its activities from landing at Wonsan in Oct. 1950 through departure from Hungnam mid-Dec 1950. As a small unit, the company was used mostly for scouting & patrolling.

I am in touch with about 30 Raider veterans and hope to write the unit's history. Any information or leads or research suggestions would be much appreciated.

Thanks very much.  
**John B. Dwyer** (4th. Inf.Div,VN)  
 430 Westbrook, Dayton OH 45415  
 937/890-5654 eMail <Jbarrydwyer@aol.com>

## "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell

On August 24th, 2000 the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp honoring **General Joseph W. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell**. Thanks to **Richard Peaslee** of Gonzales, CA for this account taken from Vinegar Joe's farewell address to the men of the **7th Infantry Division** at Fort Ord published in the *Monterey County Herald*.

### Vinegar Joe remained humble

Stilwell, who commanded Fort Ord during its reactivation in 1940-41, had just been promoted from two-star (major) to three-star (lieutenant) general, but he hadn't let it go to his head.

*"Just a year ago we started out to form a division and we decided to give up eye-wash and frills and bear down on practical field work. Some of you have had a few months of it; others more, and a few of you have taken the full course. But all of you have absorbed the spirit of the game and that's what has made you a division.*

*"We started out with a lump of mud that would not stand much shoving. Now that we've put the cement of training and field work in, we have a block of concrete that only the very heaviest blows can break up. Nobody can push us around now.*

*"As for me, I've been demoted and must move on. And I have no sermon to preach to you. Some years ago, I heard a remark made upon the occasion of the promotion of an officer to general rank. He assembled the command and harangued them for an hour and a half. When he finally stopped talking, as the troops stumbled out I heard a sergeant say 'Well, the higher a monkey climbs, the more you see of his backside.'*

*"You will get the benefit now of what I learned from that remark. I hope you will continue to think of me as a fellow member of your unit, the 7th Division. This year of association with you men has been the pleasantest experience of my life, and I am leaving with the keenest regret. I wish you all the best of luck. Adios."*

## Hotel Registration Forms

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**LOCAL INFORMATION:**

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From North:** I-43 or I-41 South to I-94 East to Exit 318 (Mitchell Int'l Airport). Exit Howell Avenue. Left on Howell Avenue for .75 miles. Hotel on your left.

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**For registration by mail**, complete the following form and mail it to the Four Points Sheraton at the above address. Be sure to enclose a deposit check covering your first night's stay or provide the hotel with a major credit card number and the expiration date on your card. You may also call the hotel-reservations department at the above number or, if you wish, you can call the national Sheraton toll-free number (800) 325-3535. If you make your reservations through the national system be sure to identify your group, confirm your rate, and ask for written confirmation of the reservation.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Room(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)      **Reunion dates: April 25-28, 2002**

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**FOUR POINTS SHERATON REGISTRATION  
7th Infantry Division Association - Group Reservation Form**

**Deadline: March 20th, 2002**

Share with: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check  AMEX  MasterCard  VISA  Discover Card  Diners Club

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Type of room requested:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed	\$77.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Double Beds	\$77.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking

## Reunion Registration Form

7th Infantry Division Association 18th Biennial Reunion  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 25-28, 2002 - Sheraton Four Points Hotel

**(Please indicate the number for your meal selections in the parentheses)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse and/or Guest Names: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	EVENT COST	TOTAL COST
Thursday - Reception	Hors d'oeuvres provided - No-host cash bar	N/A
Thursday - Served Dinner Four Points	_____ people @ \$20.00 per person. Choice of Chicken Breast (___) or Pork Chops (___)	_____
Friday - Art Museum & Downtown Touring	Admission to Museum \$4.00 at the door Trolley to downtown - 50¢ each way	
Friday - Dinner Four Points	_____ people @ \$25.00 per person. Choice of Veal Scaloppini (___) or Orange Roughy (___)	_____
Saturday - AM Tour Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes for the Ladies and Guests during General Business Meeting	_____ people @ \$13.50 per person.	_____
Saturday - PM Tour Sprecher Brewery & Milwaukee Museum	_____ people @ \$15.00 per person	_____
Saturday - Banquet Four Points	_____ people @ \$25.00 per person—Choice of Prime Rib (___) or Cornish Hen (___)	_____
Sunday - Breakfast Four Points	_____ people @ \$8.50 per person Choice of meats, scrambled eggs, hash browns, breads & beverages.	_____
Registration Fee	_____ people @ 14.00 per person Covers transportation to events, reception and the hospitality room	_____
	2001-2003 dues if not paid - \$15.00)	_____
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	_____

Please complete this form and send it with your check, money order or a copy of the receipt you received for the September registration to:  
**7th Infantry Division Association,  
518 Hilinai St., Wailuku, HI 96793.**

Payment due no later than March 1, 2002.

**Missed Moments**

Due to a variety of reasons (oversight, deadlines and plain bad timing) we failed to report on some mini-reunions that members sent us notification of. Although the dates for these reunions have passed, we feel they are important enough to make mention of, however belatedly. We have improved our filing system so we hope to do a better job in the future. Apologies to those involved.

During our time at the *7th Division* reunion in September, **Sgt. Maj. Bill Hedley (Ret.)** and I were invited to *Fort Carson, CO*. At the time, we were having breakfast with *7th Dir. Commander General Soriano, Command Sgt. Maj Ponder* and **First Sgt. Mione**. Bill and I decided to go to Fort Carson on June 1st - 4th, the period having been designated "Retiree Appreciation Days."



*Sgt. Maj. Bill Hedley & SFC Robert Hoxsie*

While we were there we met "**Rabbitt**" **Haire** and **Clyde Carlisle**, both members of the Association. Special Recognition was given to the four from General Soriano.

**SFC Robert Hoxsie, Ret.**

The annual Mini-Reunion of the 7th Inf. Div, was held on Sept. 7th, 8th, & 9th at the *Little Amana Complex* by Amana. Iowa. The hosts were **Jim & Marian Riggins** of Eldora, Iowa, and **Paul & Barbara Zaiser** of Cedar Falls, Iowa. The arrival, greetings and registration for the many 7th Div. friends was Friday. We had a great supper Friday night & a good raffle. 33 people attended.



On Saturday afternoon all the ladies enjoyed traveling bingo, hosted by Marian & Barbara. After a fine meal Sat. night at *Bill Zubers Restaurant* in Homestead, Iowa we went back to the Hospitality Room at the Motel for more visiting.

Sunday morning after breakfast we said out good-byes to all our friends. It was a very good and successful reunion. Next year (2001) reunion is going to be hosted by **Gilbert & Myra Nelson** and **Lawrence & Reba Oregon** in Nebraska.

I also enclose a picture of a fine group of 7th Div men. We are getting to be a smaller group but a good one!

**Paul C. Zaiser**

The Carson Valley Inn, Meridian, Nevada was the setting for the 2000 reunion of the 184th Infantry. Sixty four guests enjoyed the 2-day get-together.

Rose & Don Vicini arranged the reunion aided by the ever-present Ralph & Billie Winsor. It was another magnificent effort topped by our closing Dinner and Memorial Breakfast which followed the early morning Memorial Service.

As the 184th marched to the wreath laying ceremony, behind the honor guard provided by the Nevada National Guard "L" Company member **Albert "Bert" Skagg**, attired in traditional Scottish garb marched at the head of the column. Then at the Eastern edge of the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains. The solemn sound of the bagpipes made us all proud of the 184thers.

For more info on future reunions please contact:  
Ralph Winsor, PO Box 825, Seaside, OR 97138

**Peter Radonitch**  
Formerly Co. "C", 184th Infantry, 1944-46



# Membership Application Form

Please type or print clearly.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

Sex:  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, RR, or PO Box Apartment #

City State Country 9 Digit Zip Code

Status: Active Duty  Veteran  Widow of Veteran  Child of Veteran

Spouse's Name (or next of kin)  
Phones: ( ) - ( ) - ( ) -  
Home Phone Business Phone Fax Phone

eMail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Name

Employer Address

Military Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Platoon Company Troop Battalion Battery Regiment Brigade

With 7<sup>th</sup> ID from: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach another sheet giving details of the following:*

**Overseas Assignments, Major Battles, Awards & Decorations and Service Medals:  
Recommended By 7<sup>th</sup> IDA Member:**

Applicants Signature Application Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed form and your check or Money Order for \$25.00, made out to:

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to: "7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association"  
Doug Halbert, Executive Secretary  
7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
518 Hilinai St., Wailuku, HI 96793-9426  
Phone: (808) 249-0365

New Members are immediately placed on our mailing list and receive a paid up membership card, lapel pin auto decal, copy of our current newsletter, and a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws. Subsequent dues will be 15.00, due in June of the bi-annual reunion year.

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## From your retiring Executive Secretary

My four years of service to this organization have been culminated by total disappointment. **1,450 members** were asked in October to vote on the site for the 2003 reunion and answer 6 simple questions about the future of the Association. At this writing, a total of **99 responses** have been received. Are the **other 1,351** of you telling the organization that you really **do not care???**



Doug Halbert

## Dues Reminder

Please look at your label on this issue of *Hourglass*. If, above your name, it says:

**STATUS = DELINQUENT**

then you still have not paid your  
**\$15.00 Dues** for the 2001-2003 dues cycle.

**Your continuing support of the Association  
would be appreciated.**



American Flag - \$25.00

Gasoline - \$5.00

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Setting yourself on fire because you are  
a terrorist scumbag - **PRICELESS!!**