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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1984 — 7:30 P.M.

# Resolutions/By-Laws Committee

Joseph Wright, *Chairman*  
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The Resolution Committee is hereby presenting the Constitution and By-Laws as amended by vote of the General Membership at the 1983 Reunion at Scottsdale, Arizona.

In order to evaluate and present any amendments, it is again suggested that they be sent to the Secretary and Resolutions Committee Chairman, at least, 30 days before the Reunion.

The Resolutions Committee hereby expresses its thanks for the cooperation and patience of the membership.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

### PREAMBLE

We, the former members and associates of the 69th Division, in order to perpetuate the friendships born of a common danger and to maintain these bonds forever, to provide for the general welfare of its members and secure and keep fast the blessings of liberty and democracy to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the 69th Infantry Division Association, Incorporated.

### ARTICLE I

the NAME of the Association shall be:  
The 69th Infantry Division Association,  
Incorporated.

### ARTICLE II

The OBJECTS of the Association shall be:

- (a) To aid and benefit the members of the Association.
- (b) To perpetuate the brilliant record and achievements of the 69th Infantry Division and to assist the units which formed the Division in maintaining the spirit that animated it.
- (c) To promote social relationships between the members of the Association.
- (d) This Association shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principle, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.
- (e) This is a civilian organization in which military rank shall not exist, except on an honorary or complimentary basis.

### ARTICLE III

The MEMBERSHIP in the Association shall be as follows:

#### (a) Active Members.

1. All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in WORLD WAR II or in units which were attached to the Division in WORLD WAR II, and who subscribe to this Constitution and By-Laws (except those excluded in subparagraph (d) of this Article) shall be eligible to active membership in the Association. Upon notification of the death of an active member to the Association, his membership shall be made available to his heirs who must be of blood relation.

2. All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in World War II or in units attached to the Division in World War II and who were seriously and per-

manently disabled by virtue of wounds received as a result of combat or incident thereto, shall upon application be entitled to an Active Life Membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association, and shall have the same rights and privileges as any other Active Member of the Association.

3. The Board of Directors of the Association or any of its branches are vested with the sole and exclusive discretion of determining whether or not an applicant is entitled to membership under the provision herein above mentioned and its decision shall be final.

#### (b) Honorary Members.

The Board of Directors of the Association or of any of its branches are authorized to nominate and elect Honorary Members of the Association or its branches respectively. However, Honorary Members of the National Association must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote or hold elective or appointive offices, but shall be extended the privilege to pay dues, as assessed, and may receive the official Bulletin of the Association.

#### (c) Associate Members.

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to approve as an Associate Member, the children of an Active Member, limited to and ending with the first generation. An Associate Member shall not be entitled to vote or hold elective or appointive offices, but shall be required to pay dues, as assessed, in order to remain in good standing and receive the official Bulletin of the Association.

#### (d) Exception to Membership

No individual who has been dishonorably separated from the service or who has been convicted in civil life, of an offense involving moral turpitude, shall be eligible to hold membership in this Association.

### ARTICLE IV

The management of the Association shall be by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors (not to exceed twenty-four (24)).

### ARTICLE V

The ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT shall be as follows:

- (a) The Officers of the Association shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected and qualified.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall hold office for a period of three (3) years as hereinafter provided. At each Annual Meeting one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors will be elected for three (3) years.
- (c) Vacancies on the Board occurring through causes other than expiration of the terms of office will be filled by election at the succeeding Annual Meeting of the Association.
- (d) The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be empowered to employ any personnel necessary to carry on the work of the Association, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- (e) All Past Presidents shall automatically become Honorary Members of the Board of Directors but without the right to vote. Their primary function will be in an advisory capacity to the Board.

### ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS shall be the duties normally pertaining to their respective offices.

### ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION shall be held annually at such times and places as the Board of Directors may

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select. At least thirty (30) days before the date of any meeting, the Secretary shall notify each member of the meeting by letter or notice in the official Bulletin.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Quorum of the Association at any meeting shall be forty-five (45) members. Eight (8) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

#### ARTICLE IX

EXPULSION. Any member may be expelled by the Board of Directors for causes stated in Article III, Section (d).

#### ARTICLE X

VOTING. The Board of Directors shall prescribe the method of voting, but the right of proxy shall not be denied, provided the material comprising the proxy is in the hands of the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI

DUES. The Board of Directors shall fix the dues, which shall be payable in advance. Life Members shall be exempted from dues.

#### ARTICLE XII

BRANCH SOCIETIES. One (1) or more branch societies may be formed in each State or Sector of a State or Sector, consisting of a group of States on approval of the Board of Directors, provided that such Branch Society has at least ten (10) members. The name of such Branch shall have the following designation: "..... Branch of the 69th Infantry Division Association," prefixing the name of the State or Sector. All Branch Societies shall, wherever possible, adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XIII

AUXILIARY. There may be associated with this organization and subordinate thereto, Auxiliary Branches to be composed of wives, mothers and daughters who are eighteen (18) years of age or older of those members of the 69th Division who are entitled to Active Membership. These Branches are to be governed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the parent Association.

#### ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS. The Constitution may be altered, amended, or added to at any meeting of the members, after one (1) month's notice thereof has been mailed to all members and a copy of the proposed amendments enclosed with the notice. No amendments shall become effective unless receiving the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast at such meetings at which a quorum is present.

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#### BY-LAWS OF

#### THE 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

#### ARTICLE I OFFICERS

##### Section 1. President.

The President shall preside at the Annual Reunion and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, of which he shall be chairman. He is charged with the direction of all affairs pertaining to the Association between the Annual Reunions; he shall from time to time call meetings of the Board of Directors and/or keep them informed by mail or telephone. The President shall appoint the Membership Chairman; Scholarship Chairman; Chaplain and Co-Chaplain, and Auditor. He

shall also appoint all committees, except the Nominations Committee; make arrangements for Annual Reunions, and be responsible for the location and operation of the Headquarters Office of the Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall have the authority to incur such incidental expenses as may be necessary. He shall make an Annual Report to the Association.

##### Section 2. Vice President.

There shall not be more than one (1) Vice President. The Vice President shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and shall perform the duties of the President during his absence or disability.

##### Section 3. Secretary.

The duties of the Secretary are administrative. He should be efficient and well informed. The Secretary makes and keeps a record of all business transacted at each meeting at the Reunion. The Secretary should have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. Upon completion of his term in office (two (2) years), the Secretary should transfer all of his secretarial records to the incoming Secretary.

##### Section 4. Treasurer.

The Treasurer should be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall receive and receipt for, and be custodian of all funds of any nature whatsoever due the Association, and such contributions as may be made to it, and deposit same in the name of the Association in a bank or banks, or a trust company or companies, to be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall draw checks in payment of all bills and claims against the Association, when such bills and claims have been certified to him by the President. He shall employ such clerical assistance and other personnel for and on behalf of the Association as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of the Association. The Treasurer's duties shall begin at the conclusion of the Reunion at which elected, and shall furnish such bonds as may be required by the Board of Directors, the premium of which shall be paid from the funds of the Association. He shall make an Annual Report at the Reunion. The Treasurer should receive from the Reunion Chairman, all monies collected at the end of each day of the Reunion. The Treasurer shall make proper record of this money which shall be deposited each day to our account with the Reunion facility for safe keeping. The Treasurer shall make final statement with the Reunion facility to be completed in no more than thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the Reunion.

##### Section 5. Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and those members not to exceed twenty-four (24) elected by the membership, with eight (8) elected each year to serve a three (3) year term. Membership each year shall include a representative from: Division Headquarters — Special Troops; 271st Infantry Regiment; 272nd Infantry Regiment; 273rd Infantry Regiment; Division Artillery; 269th Combat Engineers; 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion; and the 777th Tank Battalion. The Board of Directors, during the intervals between Reunions, shall carry out the policies adopted by the Association.

The Board shall have authority to designate the time and place of each Annual Reunion (subject to approval of the General Membership at the Annual Reunion). The Board shall have the authority to set the amount of Annual Membership Dues.

##### Section 6. Term of Office.

The term of office for all elected Officers of the Association (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be for two (2) years beginning at the conclusion of the Reunion at which they were elected and shall continue until their successors are duly elected and installed.

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## ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES

### Section 1. Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President, and shall consider all resolutions presented and make its recommendations to the Reunion. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude the submission of resolutions from the floor.

### Section 2. Nominations Committee.

This committee shall report to the Reunion its recommendations for Officers and new Board Members of the Association for the ensuing term.

Each annual class of the Board of Directors, upon completion of its three (3) year term of office, shall become the Nominations Committee for a term of one (1) year, terminating at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership Meeting of the 69th Infantry Division Association. The Chairman of the Nominations Committee shall commence with the following Units and shall follow in chronological order:

- 1 — 271st Regiment
- 2 — 272nd Regiment
- 3 — 273rd Regiment
- 4 — Division Artillery
- 5 — Special Troops
- 6 — 269th Engineers
- 7 — 777th Tank Battalion
- 8 — 661st Tank Destroyers

### Section 3. Reunion Committee.

The Reunion Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be residents of the city, or vicinity thereof in which the next Annual Reunion is to be held. Subject to the direction and approval of the Board of Directors, the committee shall be in charge of arrangements for the Annual Reunion.

### Section 4. Chairmen of Standing Committees.

The Chairmen of the several Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President of the Association from the membership of the respective committees.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP DUES

### Section 1. Dues.

The amount of Membership Dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The dues period shall be the interval between the close of the Annual Reunion and the end of the succeeding Annual Reunion, and shall be payable at any time preceding the Annual Reunion.

## ARTICLE IV ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except as herein modified. The Order of Business and program for each Reunion shall be arranged by the President of the Association.

## ARTICLE V FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall commence on August 1, and terminate on July 31, of the following year.

## ARTICLE VI BRANCH SOCIETIES

Any area desiring a Branch Society should be aware of these requirements.

### Section 1.

Local Chapters of this Association may be formed by not fewer than ten (10) eligible members of the Association in any State or Sector thereof. Not more than one (1) local chapter shall be formed in any one (1) community.

### Section 2.

Petitions for organization of Branch Societies shall be addressed to the President of the Association, who shall submit same to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve any and all such petitions. Upon approval of a petition by the Board of Directors, the President shall issue a Charter for such Branch Societies.

### Section 3.

The Constitution and By-Laws of each Branch Society shall contain nothing inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. A copy of the By-Laws and Constitutions of each Local Chapter, with amendments thereto, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary of the Association the names and addresses of all officers of such Branch Society.

## ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Quorum of eligible members attending any Annual Reunion of the Association.

## Scholarship Fund

As most of you know, the 69th Infantry Division Association maintains a Welfare and Scholarship Fund which is used to grant Scholarship Awards competitively, to outstanding students about to graduate from high school, before continuing in college, technical school, school of nursing or other advanced studies. Currently the award has been \$150 per year for a total of up to \$600, assuming the student continues studies for four years.

In response to inquiries from several members, the following is the text of the Trust Agreement which provides for the control and management of the awards:

This Trust Agreement made this 3rd day of August, 1966, by and between the 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC., a New York membership corporation with its principal office at 19 Barberry Road, West Islip, New York, hereinafter referred to as Settler and the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and all Past Presidents of the said 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., hereinafter individually and jointly referred to as Trustees.

WHEREAS the Settler has established a Welfare and Scholarship Fund for its members, and wives, and children of its members, and widows, and children of deceased members, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of this Trust Agreement to set up all funds now or hereafter earmarked for welfare and scholarship purposes, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Settler to give honor to its comrades in arms, and wives, widows and children of its comrades in arms and to help when necessary, and to extend at all times to recognized scholars a sum of money in appreciation of those students' scholarship.

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Settler does hereby set apart from its general funds the sum of \$3,391.44 in its Welfare and Scholarship Fund into which shall be deposited all funds heretofore received and hereafter to be received by the Settler without co-mingling with other funds of the Settler.

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2. That the Welfare and Scholarship Funds shall not be drawn except on order of any two of the Trustees and in such amounts as the Trustees en banc shall determine.

3. In no event shall more than \$50.00 be expended on behalf of any one member of the Settler or any wife, widow or child of any member of the Settler without the written approval of the Board of Directors of the Settler.

4. That the Trustee shall in their discretion at a meeting called for such purpose set up scholarships for the children of members or of deceased members of the Settler, all in accordance with such plans and formula as they may develop but in no event is there to be expended in any one (1) year more than twenty per cent (20%) of the total funds held at the beginning of that year without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Settler.

5. Annual accountings shall be made to the Settler of all monies received and expended.

6. The President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and all of the Past Presidents of the Settler shall be the Trustees, and at least five (5) of the Trustees then living shall be necessary as a quorum for any meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands, and seals, the date and year first above written.

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Attested:

By: Sol Rosenbitt, Secretary

E. F. Reinhardt

Hyman E. Goldstein

Lester J. Milich

Harold M. Starry

Loar L. Quickle

Sol Rosenblitt

For further information, or for applications for the 1984 award selection, write to our Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Sammy Woolf

241 Waverly Road

Scarsdale, New York 10583

Telephone: 914/633-6887

## Reunion/Activities Screening Committee

William Beswick, Chairman (661st TD)

Box 576

West Point, Virginia 23181

804/843-2696

I am sorry to have to report to the membership that our Atlantic City Reunion scheduled for 1985 may and will probably be scrapped. As it stands now, Resorts International Casion will only give **Walter Doernbach, Chairman for that Reunion**, five days instead of the usual full week. They will let us have Sunday through Thursday, then we must move to another hotel/motel in the area. This would make Banquet Night Thursday, and in most cases the bulk of our membership only comes in beginning with Wednesday.

Having been notified of this situation from our President, **George Gallagher**, the Reunion/Activities Screening Committee discussed the problem and decided if we could not get the full week of Sunday to Sunday, that we move to another location for 1985. We felt Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday are our big days and the problem of moving would upset the membership too much, causing a lot of unhappiness. Many members would probably leave early for home or not even attend.

A tentative date and location would be the third or possibly fourth week in August 1985, with the city of Williamsburg, Virginia, being the host. More details on the 1985 Reunion will be published in the next Bulletin and discussed by the membership at the Orlando, Florida, Reunion this year in October.

## Letter Received From Don Say Hq. 1st Battalion 271st

Was pleasantly surprised in the December '83 69th Division Bulletin to find on Page 6, a picture of the 1st Squad, A.T. Platoon, 1st Battalion Headquarters, 271st, compliments of **John Eggie and Walter Doernbach**. Got from **Clarence Marshall** available addresses of 1st Squad men.

First, the unknown man in the picture — I can't identify either. I have a similar picture taken on the Mulde River but the unknown GI is not in my picture. Must have been passing through!

For the years since then, have been since 1950 with the Sylvania Electron Tube Operation, now at Seneca Falls, New York. Wife and I have five children, four grandchildren and all the attendant joys, etc.

Sylvania three years ago became a part of Philips of Holland complex. On a recent trip to Holland my wife and I revisited the area of Hollerath, Ober Reifferschied, and land between, and on through to the Rhine at Neider Breiseg. Will share a few impressions of those who may not have been back.

The changes are great, as we would expect, most for the good. The roads are new, the streets all paved. There are more houses now, fewer horses and no oxen. At the first Squad house in Hollerath a house-frau tends a well-kept flower garden. Everything neat as a pin. My wife wanted to talk over old times with her but I chickened out (was afraid she would want to talk about housekeeping — or the lack of it). In spite of the past it's a beautiful area, now a vacation spot for people from the cities on the Rhine. Some of the old signs, though, show through. The dragon's teeth still stand in rows. What's left of the pillbox at Dickerschied is mostly hidden by a grove of trees. The town in the next valley over the hill, Reifferscheid, is a delightful spot.

The castles on the Rhine at Neider Breiseg share the scene with industry and river boats. Two pillars of the Remagen Bridge still stand, in memory of events long gone. The trip brought back a thousand thoughts.

Would enjoy hearing from all of you! We should get together while there's still time. Has anyone heard from Slim Curry, Cvejkus, Burrell Bowles or Sgt. Brasch?

Kind regards!

Don Say

16 Rocklan Avenue

Waterloo, New York 13165

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## News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

**William Lawrence**, 47 Kilbuck Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202 — Hq. 1st Bn. 273rd: Sorry I have never been able to attend any of the Reunions. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who served in Hq. 1st Bn. 273rd at Camp Shelby, from May 15, 1943 to April, 1944. At that point I was pulled out of the 69th Division and sent overseas as an infantry replacement.

**Edward A. Schalk**, 609 West Water, Teutopolis, Illinois 62467 — 272nd Regt.: Please excuse my lateness in answering your other mail. I was waiting for the government to give me my outfit, and dates of my term of service with the 69th. After much investigation I was told that my records were burned in the fire in St. Louis some years back. All I can remember about my association with the 69th Division is that I was sent to Camp Shelby in April or May 1943, and was sent out as an officer replacement in late September, 1943. I remember being with the Regimental Headquarters, due to my being (at that time) an athletic instructor. I can tell you that I was with the 272nd Infantry, and that is about all.

Thanks for the information about the 69th Division, and I will try to reply sooner in the future.

*(Editor's Note: If any reader can identify Mr. Schalk's former Company, please contact National Headquarters).*

**C. E. Griffin**, 3880 Croydon Drive, N.W., Canton, Ohio 44718 — B-461st AAA: Even though I was just attached to your Division for a few months, I well remember what a great job you fellows did, especially at Torgau.

It is a pleasure to support you, and keep up the good work.

We will be in Florida for three months this winter, but I have arthritis and don't get very far away from the condo and the Gulf Coast.

Will be glad to hear from you whenever possible. Our Canton mail is all forwarded to Florida.

**Charles W. Otto**, 7 Heatherly Drive, Candler, North Carolina 28715 — E-271st: Would you please send me one of the 69th Division History Books. I don't know if it is the same as the first History Books that were put out, but I would like a new one even if it is the same.

By the way, I am planning on being at our next Division Reunion in Orlando in '84. I am looking forward to meeting you and others that might be there from Company-E of the 271st.

**Rowland H. Moore**, 712 Martin Street, Grove City, Pennsylvania 16127 — Ser.-879th: Please send me a 69th Division History Book. Is it possible that a collection of the previously printed Bulletins are preserved in some local library, so that one might go back over them looking for things of interest? Your mention of the name **Dell Balzano**, caused my recall of his name. Some day soon we may be able to talk over old times.

*(Editor's Note: Mr. Moore was advised that I have back copies of the Bulletins dating back to the forties, and he is welcome to come here anytime to view them).*

**Fred O. Metzger**, 1645 Ala Wai Boulevard, #1408, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 — American Red Cross 271st Regt. & Div. Hq.: Sorry I will not be able to attend the Reunion. Due to travel and illness, I have only been able to attend one Reunion over the years, that being the one in New Haven, Con-

necticut. I enjoyed it very much. If my health improves, I will be able to attend in the future. On November 1st I will leave for Hawaii for the winter, and report back to Tyler Army Medical Center where I underwent brain surgery in 1982. This past summer I underwent my fifteenth operation, this time on my right leg, which still refuses to heal.

I enjoy the Bulletin, especially the photos taken during the War and after. I noted, **Jim Reed**, Red Cross Field Director with the Division in the 69th Division Headquarters photo taken May 28, 1945, in Naunhof, Germany. I have often wondered what happened to him after he left the Division for another assignment near Paris. I had been the Field Director for the 271st, and when Jim left I replaced him at Division Headquarters until we returned to the United States.

Shortly after our return I reported to the Far East where I served for 6 years. I retired from the Red Cross after 37 years with the Armed Forces on March 1, 1981, due to health conditions.

You people are doing a wonderful job, and I am sure we all appreciate it. So keep up the good work. Aloha, to you all.

**Lloyd Kolar**, 1731 Alta Vista Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113 — D-461st AAA: The former Battery-D, 1st Sergeant, has an up-to-date list of former Battery members. Contact: **John C. English**, 3455 Poplar Street, Riverside, California 92501.

**John C. English**, 3455 Poplar Street, Riverside, California 92501 — D-461st AAA: I received your letter of October 16th, saying that **Lloyd Kolar** referred me to you as having names and addresses of men of Battery-D 461st Anti-Aircraft Battalion. Enclosed please find a list of 102 living members of the Battery, which we are at present in contact with. I am so happy to oblige.

I was the Cadre First Sergeant of this outfit and as such went through all of the training and combat with them right up to the end of the War in the European Theatre. Naturally I look upon them as my boys, still after all these years. Consequently, I seem to have inherited the title of catalyst for all of our Reunion activities. Besides the 102 living members, we have verified the deaths of 66 of our men since the War for a total of 168. This is 84.5% accounted for. We will never stop looking until the last man is accounted for.

In our hunt so far we have searched through all the telephone books we could get our hands on, and solicited help from the Motor Vehicle Departments, Chamber of Commerce and Postmasters. Do you know any other means of search we have overlooked, or anyone who does.

We were attached to the Fighting 69th on March 11, 1945, and if my memory serves me right, we stayed with them to the end of the War. Many of us became well acquainted with men of the 69th, and to see their names in print could bring back many happy memories. They were, and no doubt still are, a fine outfit, and we salute them.

It was good to hear from you, and anything that I can do news-wise, or otherwise to help, please feel free to ask.

*(Editor's Note: Any former members of the 69th or the 461st who can help Mr. English in relocating former members of the 461st AAA Battalion, especially D-Battery, contact him by mail at the above address. His phone number is Area Code 714/686-3335)*

**Wade Drysdale**, P.O. Box 884, Sunnyside, Washington 98944 — Hq. 3rd Battalion 272nd: I would surely appreciate having any books on the 69th and the 272nd. Please advise and I will send the money to cover the cost. Also would like information on **Lt. Don Alderson**, **S/Sgt. Amos Fox**, and **Pfc. Fred Plank**.

I appreciate your Bulletins and hope to get off of my dead -- and get to the next years Reunion. I have been out of the

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## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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tavern business for several years, but could probably find a little "bust of booze" for any Buddies coming this way.

**Mrs. Hazel M. Reid**, 23 Froude Circle, Cabin John, Maryland 20818 — Widow of **Joseph Reid** — B-661st: Joe passed away on the 16th of June, 1983, but I am sending in his dues, as I know he would want it this way. He enjoyed all of the Reunions that we attended, and he always felt that his best friends were his Service Buddies.

I would appreciate receiving the Bulletins because I am still interested in all of his friends and knowing how they are doing.

**Donald Kimmel**, 77 Stonecrest Drive, Rochester, New York 14615 — C-271st: Enclosed is my renewal to the 69th Association. I was previously a member of C-271st. I would like to know if I could get a list of former members of that Company in the Association.

I attended a Reunion in 1953, and was surprised to find no one from my outfit in attendance. I am thinking of attending in '84, so I would like to know if others from my outfit will be there.

**Joseph P. Shepherd**, 828 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201 — G-273rd: Have enclosed some clippings from the New York newspapers with regard to **Joe Polowsky**, who was buried near the link-up point at Torgau.

At present I am happily retired and enjoying life.

The 69th paper that you send is excellent, and it keeps me in touch with many of the activities. As I read the story of Joe, it brought back a lot of memories, as I served with G-Company of the 273rd Regiment while it was stationed near Groitsch.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of the guys from the 69th a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a prayer that peace will come to this troubled world of ours. Thanks again, for the 69th Bulletin, and I am hoping that soon my wife and I will be able to make one of your Reunions. God Bless you all.

**Robert J. Miller**, 6131 S. Loomis, Wind Lake, Wisconsin 53185 — 69th MP: I joined the 69th the last few weeks just before the War was over. I was assigned to the 69th MP Platoon, in the town where Division Headquarters Company was quartered. My brother, **Harley**, was also a 69th MP at that time.

I have enclosed a clipping which was in The Milwaukee Journal about our link-up with the Russians, and it is hard to believe that 38 years have passed since then. Everything was Buddy-Buddy then, but how it has changed.

I have been trying to find the address of one of my closest Buddies, whom I have not seen for over 20 years. He is **Dr. Frank Williams**, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri. I was at the airport in St. Louis at one time and tried to relocate him through the phone directory. He was a member of the 69th MP Platoon while I was in it, and we both transferred to the 29th Division in Bremen and Bremerhaven.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Miller was advised that Dr. Frank Williams is now in Oreland, Pennsylvania).

**Raymond Wolthoff**, 5609 14th Avenue, S., St. Petersburg, Florida 33707 — M-272nd: I hope this letter finds you enjoying the best of health and all that goes with it. I think of you and all the 69'ers often.

Was good to see you again in Arizona. My wife and I have been out with **George** and **Vickie Gallagher** a couple times, and enjoy their company very much. Hope to see them again soon.

We are looking forward to the Reunion in Orlando in '84, and hope to see a big turnout. Of course we are looking forward to seeing you there. It wouldn't be the same without you, the General, and all of the others who have been so faithful. Best wishes and the best of health to you and yours.

**Guy S. Neese, Jr.**, RFD 4, Box 416-C, Blountville, Tennessee 37617 — F-273rd: I was with Company-F of the 273rd Infantry at Camp Shelby. I left in October as a replacement and went to North Africa and then Italy, with the 1st Armored Division. At the end of the War we went to Germany as Army of Occupation. I re-enlisted in the Air Force and went to Okinawa and Shanghai, China. I was discharged in 1948, but was recalled in the Reserves and went to Korea. I was discharged again in 1951, and now driving tractor trailer rig for the Mason-Dixon Freight Lines of Kingsport, Tennessee. I make runs to Hagerstown, Maryland. There are very few men that I can remember now.

I watch the Bulletin for anyone that I can remember. May get to go to the Orlando Reunion if I can get vacation at that time. I would love to see some of the ones I knew at Camp Shelby.

(Editor's Note: F-273rd has a pretty large representation on our Association Roster, so why don't you fellows show up for record turnout).

**Arthur H. Weber**, 200 Weber Avenue, Stratford, Wisconsin 54484 — 769th Ord.: Cleaning out my desk I came across the Dues Envelope. I thought I had sent that to you in August.

We went to Florida in August, and I guess that's the reason it got misplaced. If I missed out on any Bulletins, please send them. I always enjoy reading them.

A friend of mine I went to school with was in the 272nd. I believe we were in the same city in Germany, but didn't know it. He is: **George Jeske** and now resides at 510 Rush Street, Thorpe, Wisconsin 54771. Talked about going to the '84 Reunion, but don't know for sure yet.

**Herbert MacKenzie**, 205 Truitt St., Salisbury, Maryland 21801 — Hq. Divarty: Mr. MacKenzie served in the Meteorology Section of Headquarters Battery Division Artillery. He has retired from the Dupont Company and now enjoys square dancing, tennis, playing the piano, and life in general.

**Robert F. Davenport**, 861 Grove St., Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360 — A-881st: I have been a member of the Association since it began, and attended the first Reunion held in New York City. I have not been able to attend a Reunion since, and have not read of many members of my Unit in the Bulletin. I was a Staff Sergeant with Battery-A of the 881st Field Artillery Battalion. I served with this unit from about April, 1944, until the end of the War. I was short on points, and went to Berlin until January, 1945, when I came home to Sayre, Pennsylvania.

I returned to the First National Bank where I was employed prior to entering the Service. I worked there until 1954 when I moved to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to run the Security Bank and Trust Company. I retired in 1980, and after an operation which required one year of recovery, I went to work in the lumber business which I really enjoyed. Just recently I came back to the banking field, and I am with the First National Bank of Palmerton, Pennsylvania. The plan is for me to open a new office for this bank near Stroudsburg. That will take place in about six or eight months.

I was married in 1944 while at Camp Shelby, and I have two sons. My oldest is an engineer in Atlanta, Georgia. He served in Vietnam and attained the rank of Captain. My youngest lives in Stroudsburg and is an auditor. I have two grandchildren in Georgia, a boy 13 and a girl 9.

I would like very much to hear from anyone from the 881st. One of my best friends in Battery-A was **William T. Peele**. Bill was a high official with National Geographic in Washington, and we met on several occasions. He passed away about one year ago.

With best personal regards, and a sincere wish that I may be able to join you all at a future Reunion.

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**Dr. Donald W. Cole**, 11234 Walnut Ridge Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026 — H-273rd: I appreciate receiving the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin and all the news it contains. I was in Company H-273rd Infantry from Camp Shelby until after we met the Russians on the Elbe and the 69th returned to the States.

For a number of years, I have been very concerned about growing tensions with the Soviets, and how close we are approaching to the destruction of the World. The Hillcrest Club of Rotary International (50 members) has set aside \$2000 to bring a Soviet Citizen to Cleveland for a 4 to 6 week stay to see if we can not reduce tensions through a people-to-people's approach. Does the 69th Infantry Division Association have any connections with Soviet Citizens who might like to come to Cleveland on an all-expense paid good-will mission?

The Soviets were so nice to little Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, and her parents. Perhaps we could do no less.

I have organized a 4th World Congress on "World Economic, Social, and Political Crises: Are There Any Solutions?" — to be held July 10-14, 1984, at the University of Southampton in Southampton, England, (not far from Winchester and Crawley Court, where we were housed before shipment to France).

We would love to have some 69'ers come and meet with us and we would be happy to put them on the program if they have some ideas for the promotion of World Peace. World War II was child's play compared to what World War III will be like. What better group to work for World Peace than members of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division?

*(Editor's Note: Newspaper article by Dr. Cole appears elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin).*

**John W. Turner**, 2148 East Lake Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307 — C-724th: We are looking forward to the Reunion in Orlando next October. **Vernon Tritch** and I are still working toward a good attendance from Battery C-724th Field Artillery Battalion. We have located another new man: **Raymond Craig**, 5115 Starr St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. Ray was part of the Cadre in the 69th Infantry Division. When I went to Battery-C 724th Field Artillery Battalion in May 1943, he was a Staff Sergeant and our Chief of Detail.

I just received his address from **Arthur Erickson** who was also part of the Cadre and our First Sergeant. Please add him to the mailing roster, and see that he receives the current Bulletin.

**Thomas G. Carson**, 2095 Glendale Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 — L-271st: I recently had a discussion with a retired Lieutenant Colonel who was captured when the 106th Division was overrun by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. He insisted that it was a patrol from the Second Armored Division that made contact with the Russians at the Elbe River. I was sure he was completely wrong as I don't remember the Second Armored Division being in that area. The Second Infantry Division was, but we passed them up at the Saale River.

I checked my Bulletins for several years back, and found the article about **Joe Polowsky**, and his desire for peace between nations, and also to be buried near the Elbe River link-up spot. I was surprised and happy while watching NBC News to see that he was getting his wish. I know that the Second Infantry Division contends that they should have had the honor of the link-up, but they just didn't get there and the 69th did.

I enjoyed the Reunion in Scottsdale, and am looking forward to the 1984 Reunion in Orlando.

**Guy Stamey**, Route 5, Box 73, Candler, North Carolina 28715 — D-461st AAA: I received the Bulletin of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division a few days ago, and have read it with much interest. I was with the 461st AAA Battalion Battery-D, which was attached to the 69th March 11, 1945. We were

with you all the way to Torgau. I have vivid memories of Kassel, Leipzig, Eilenberg, and Torgau. Battery-D has had three wonderful Reunions in the city of Asheville, North Carolina. They were held in June '79, '81 and '83. We are planning our next one in Asheville for June of '85. At our '83 Reunion there were 52 former members of our Unit present and 50 wives. We are expecting a much larger turnout in '85.

Any members of our Battery who have not attended should make plans to do so. Without the hard work of our First Sergeant, **John English**, of Riverside, California, I don't think any Unit could have had a more successful Reunion than ours. It would be great if all of our 461st Battalion could get together for a Reunion before we join the "Taps".

**Alden Angline**, 34 Forest View Drive, Asheville, North Carolina 28804 — D-461st AAA: Thank you for including Battery-D 461st AAA on your mailing list. I would imagine that our good friend and First Sergeant **John English** of Riverside, California, was responsible for getting the material together, and you for printing it. We are pleased to be included with you.

Battery-D was attached to you on March 11, 1945, at Schmidtheim, and remained with you during the remainder of the War. Being a 5th Corp Artillery Unit, we had many assignments from June 6, 1944 to the end. I was one of the fortunate few who got to go in with you for the official link-up at Torgau. I have many pictures of that great day. Battery-D has been having Reunions every two years for the last several years. We hope that we may continue on your mailing list.

**Arturo Toro**, 5045 S.W. 62nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33155 — Ser. & E 273rd: Just a note to tell you that I ran into an ex-69th Division man at a party the other night, and he didn't even know there was such a thing as the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association. He is: **Thomas A. Heilman**, 800 Cremona Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. He is interested in joining the Association and attending the meeting in Orlando later this year. Get in touch with him, and furnish information for joining up. All the best wishes for 1984.



**FORMER MEMBERS OF HEADQUARTERS DIVARTY IN ATTENDANCE AT LAST YEARS ARIZONA REUNION**

*(Left to Right - Seated): Jimmy Brennan and Joe Tully. (Standing): Dennis Michum, Al Faison, Doug Hall, Charlie Kaercher, Charlie Chapman, Paul Thomas and Jay Rollman. Missing from the picture are: Bob Sylva, Bill Hutchinson and Bob Bement.*

*Photo furnished by Charlie Chapman*

This is the largest representation that this Unit has ever had at an Annual Reunion. They hope to make it larger in Orlando this coming October. So plan your schedule so that you can be with them.

We regret to announce that **Jimmy Brennan** passed away in November of 1983.

## May Your New Year Be The Best Ever



**George W. Gallagher, President**  
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### GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS OF "THE FIGHTING 69th."

Now that the New Year is here and things are improving in the country maybe the year of 1984 will be a great year for our 69'ers to come to Florida for the Reunion. All of us here in Florida will try to make your stay a wonderful and very pleasant one. **Al Faison** and **Jack Hubbard** have been working like beavers getting everything finalized for the Reunion.

A meeting of the Central Florida Chapter was called to order by **James W. Harvey**. There were about 50 people in attendance. Due to personal reasons James Harvey relinquished the Chairmanship. A vote was taken and **Allen Long** was elected the new Chairman. We must give James Harvey a vote of thanks for all the work he put in getting the Florida Chapter started. Now that we are under way we are looking to Allen Long to keep us going. Allen has a very wonderful and capable wife for a secretary.

I called **General Bolte** and wished them all a Very Happy New Year from all of "The Fighting 69th." Both are in good health. General Bolte said he expected to see everyone at the Reunion in Orlando. "That's An Order."

At this time I would like to thank **Clarence Marshall**, **Earl** and **Dottie Witzleb** for all the time and effort in getting our 69th Bulletin together. I know it takes a lot of their time.

Vickie and I have been having dinners with **Ray** and **Alice Wolthoff**, and **Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips**. At every dinner we reminisce about the 69th. George Phillips is one of our Past Presidents.

My wife and I want to thank everyone for all the beautiful Christmas cards, letters and pictures we received. They were wonderful.

Just a reminder before I close, please make your reservation early for the Reunion.

God Bless You All!



## Former Members of The 69th Division and Attached Units Relocated Since Our Last Bulletin

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# Dottie and Me



*Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.*

Treasurer — 69th Infantry Division Association and  
Co-Editor of the Bulletin  
Post Office Box 69, Drawer M  
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622  
412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 p.m. and Weekends)

Dear Earl:

Having just read your Scholarship Report in the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin, I feel that I must inform you of an error in your report.

Sandra Bareford did not receive \$250.00 in 1982. She left college after her third year, which was a big disappointment to Mom and Dad.

I'm hoping this will help correct your records.

Sincerely  
Mark Bareford  
17 School Lane  
Downingtown, PA 19335

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Guess I am human or maybe just a forgetful thought as I did go one check too far with Sandra Bareford. She only attended college three years, not returning for her fourth. Her check for \$250.00 was returned to me from Sammy Woolf and voided. For correction of my financial report to Sammy Woolf and the membership, it should read as follows:

Name	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
17. Sandra Bareford			\$200	\$200	\$200		

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**IF PAYMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE** — This is the last line on the Dues Envelope Flap, which you have just received from the Second Request Envelope for 1983-1984 Dues.

If you send Dues in twice, you'll get a second dues card and in return, I'll probably get a nasty letter telling me to get my records straight. I accept all checks on behalf of the 69th Infantry Division Association — and return none unless they bounce — then you get a nasty letter from me with the check.

Dues Envelopes for 1984-1985 will go in the mail in August and should be in member's homes early in September. If you are going to the Reunion in Orlando, Florida, and you all should be there in October — then watch how and when you pay your Dues. Either send your dues in the envelope to me before you leave home, or pay them at the Reunion. Do pay early for 1984-1985 so that you'll have your card a full year. Please — do pay \$2.00 extra with your Dues so that the Lovely Lady becomes a Ladies' Auxiliary Member. I might

also say we need the \$10.00 Contributing Membership Dues from our members, rather than the \$5.00 Regular Membership. One reason for this is the Bulletin, it is big and the cost is up, up, and away as you well know with these times of inflation. I think Bulk Rate Postage is holding the line a little, but the Postage Fund could also use some help.

Nice having another good group of Battery-D 461st AAA Members join our membership list of the 69th Division Association. They join some members from Battery-B and a couple from Battery-A 461st AAA. We welcome you men and lovely wives to our Family of 69'ers. We hope to see some of you in Orlando, Florida, for our 1984 Division Annual Reunion. The price is right \$48.00 a day for your room at the Holiday Inn, plus a good program arranged for the week by the committee in Florida, under the Chairmanship of Al Faison and Jack Hubbard. You won't want to miss the Early Bird, Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs, Kennedy Space Center, Disney World, Epcot, Sea World, and our PX Beer Party, and most impressive of all, our Memorial Service just before the Saturday Dinner Banquet and Dance, to close out a perfect week. We'll also publish letters from you, as well as your activities if you just get it to us in time and early, which is like a year in advance, since we only publish three Bulletins in each Dues Year.

To all members of the 69th, do get your Registrations in early especially to the Holiday Inn. We have 400 rooms reserved but we would like to get the bigger part of the 642 rooms they have. To do this, you must reserve early. Remember you can cancel any time, up to a week before, and you should know your plans by that time. It's better to reserve rooms now than to be sorry at Reunion time and give us a hard time. You don't want to be left off a Tour either, so get that part of the Reservation to Al Faison. We can fill the Ballroom of 1200 easily and . . . Gee, just think of all the Buddies you'll see that you might not have seen for some 30 odd years. The Hospitality Room will be a good place to meet, have a drink, and enjoy the fellowship of unit Buddies and 69'er friends. Haven't found a bad member yet.

The corrected Resolutions/By-Laws can be found in this issue of the Bulletin on pages 2, 3, 4 and 5. Should any other amendments or corrections need be made they should be submitted in writing to Frank Nemeth, Secretary 69th Division Association, and Joseph Wright, Chairman Resolutions/By-Laws Committee, at least 30 days before a Reunion. Give them a break and do it months before. The Scholarship Fund can only be changed by the Scholarship Committee, consisting of our President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and all Past Presidents. Some changes should be made to this fund. Any suggestions should be made in writing to our Scholarship Chairman, Sammy Woolf, no later than March 31, 1984. We now pay a Scholarship Award of \$250.00 up from the original amount of \$150.00, and this amount may increase again this coming year at the Scholarship Meeting in May or June. Any member having a son or daughter in high school who is a senior and going to college should write for an application for a Scholarship Award. \$1,000.00 in four years does help a college student, I am sure, as it at least helps pay for the books needed. Addresses for the men just mentioned can be found in this Bulletin.

Please do keep this copy of the Bulletin with the By-Laws in a safe place as it will probably be many years before they are reprinted. We have spent several thousand dollars over the past few years to get them up-to-date and in order, as they now appear. Likewise, should you want to keep this Bulletin intact, get photo copies of the Reservation pages for sending to the Holiday Inn and Al Faison, Reunion Co-Chairman.

It's nice to see the Southeastern Chapter being formed under the direction of Allen and Cathy Long, of Orlando. With the membership in Florida and neighboring states, this could

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be a very good and active Chapter. I see they want to include the states of Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina for their territory. This is nice as the Tri-State Group now takes in Kentucky and Virginia, which leaves Tennessee and North Carolina in the middle, leaving us northerner's in the north and you southerner's in the south. Our president, George Gallagher, was a Pennsylvanian, but now, "He is A 'Ya All Man" living most of the time in Florida. Only kidding, and looking forward to the Orlando Reunion for a great week. Possibly some day the Southeastern Chapter and Tri-State Group can meet jointly, half-way at either Nashville, Tennessee, or Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Or maybe even in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

This appears to be a big Bulletin, so I better shut-up. See you all in Orlando.



Ed Paul Freel on left and Fred Harris on right. Headquarters 881st.



(Bottom Row - Left to Right): Brenner, Griffin, Smith, Mulroy.  
(Top Row): Bawden, Siegel, Barron, Moran, Lynch, Atherton, Laderman.

Ed Paul Freel, former member of Hq. Battery 881st Field Artillery furnished the pictures above. He states that he was a member of this Unit from the beginning at Camp Shelby until the end of the War in Europe.

He has been in touch with several former members of the Unit, and furnished us with the names and addresses to two new men namely: Ernest Jefferson and Ezra Laderman.

He also informs us that Mr. Laderman composed an entire symphony in Germany titled "The Battle of Leipzig" which was micro filmed and sent to the United States.

## This Message Received By Col. Bonner From Gen. Reinhardt At The Close Of The War

HEADQUARTERS  
69th INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 417, United States Army



Lt. Col. John F. Bonner  
Commanding Officer of 461st AAA (AW)

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Departure of 461st AAA AW Bn.  
TO: Commanding Officer, 461st AAA AW Bn.

1. On 9 March 1945, the 461st Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion was attached to the 69th Infantry Division. This attachment coincided with the entry of this division into active operations against the enemy at the Siegfried Line. From that date, your battalion became an integral part of the 69th Division fighting team. Throughout our operations against the enemy, your battalion has shared the discomforts and often the hardships of the men of this division. At all times, the officers and men of your battalion have loyally and faithfully performed their duties in carrying out their primary mission of providing antiaircraft support. Their high morale, loyalty and fighting spirit were always an inspiration to the men of the 69th Division.

2. Since the cessation of hostilities, your battalion has continued to demonstrate its fine spirit and whole-hearted cooperation. All tasks have been performed in a most exemplary manner. I unhesitatingly share with your battalion whatever glory has come to the 69th Division throughout its tour of duty in this theater.

3. The time for your departure from our midst has now arrived. I deeply regret that our close association must be terminated. Wherever your battalion may be sent, it carries with it my heartiest wishes for its future success. I hope that, at sometime in the future, we may again be together in action against our enemies in the Pacific Theater. Bon Voyage and Good Luck.

Signed - E. F. Reinhardt  
Major General, U.S.A.  
Commanding

## What's New 69'er?

*This is a new column that I would like to start. It concerns members and their families. Just use an old Dues Notice Envelope — write a letter telling of yourself and family and about events in your lives during the years after the War. We hope this column will stir-up some interest in getting members to get their Buddies to come to a Reunion. You might also send a picture or two of yourself and family which will be put in the Bulletin along with your letter.*

*We feel that all Directors of the Association should take advantage of this column, and let the membership know who they are, where they live, and from what Unit they represent. These will be put under the eight captions that are listed in the By-Laws of the 69th Infantry Division Association.*

*I'll start off with a few letters to make my point — I hope!*

### 271st INFANTRY REGIMENT

### 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

*(Editor's Note: This is a most interesting letter. I hope some of you members can help Mr. Judd in seeking these photographs).*

Dear Mr. Witzleb:

Enclosed please find my check for \$15.00. Since I have been transferred back to the U.S. from West Germany, things have taken a while to catch up to me. Sincerest apologies.

If it is possible, I would like to have some sort of announcement run in the next Bulletin. I am seeking photographs (or xerox copies of photos) which show markings of the 69th Division Vehicles. I am also interested in photographs of German Armored Vehicles and Aircraft. Photographs will, of course, be returned unless sender indicates otherwise.

My travels in Germany took me on several occasions to West Berlin. There, I had the opportunity to visit the Berlin Brigade Museum which has a small, but nice display of 69th Division Memorabilia. I was very proud to see it.

Sincerely,

1st Lt. Douglas E. Judd  
F-Company 272nd Infantry  
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Warrenton, Virginia 22186

### 273rd INFANTRY REGIMENT

Dear Dottie and Earl:

A letter to say how nice it was to see you two again at the Scottsdale Reunion. Hope this letter finds both of you in the very best of health. The Reunion was a success (barring bus breakdown). It was a little hotter this time than the last Reunion in Scottsdale.

Since Ray and Helen Szkudlarek (Company-H 273rd, Toledo, Ohio) could not make the Reunion, we sent them a 69th card with a lot of people's signatures that they knew. They sure were happy about it.

Ann and Earl Walters (273rd) left Scottsdale on Sunday, the same time Violet and I left, and we met at Howard Johnson's the following Sunday, the last day of our vacation. (What a coincidence).

Helen and Ray came to our home in July, for a week's vacation and the four of us went to see Ann and Earl in Landisville. We went to the Ephrata Cloister, Auction and Dinner at a local restaurant, finally ending at the American Legion. We sure had a great time. (That's what life is all about).

Violet and I expect to visit Helen and Ray for a week in September, and visit places in Ohio.

There were two other Company-H 273rd men at the Reunion. Sam Grubbs, Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Sam is 76 years old, and John Mowrey, Jr. and wife, Arylene, from Charleston, West Virginia.

I also received a letter from a Company-H 273rd Buddy, Robert H. Andrew, Warminster, Pennsylvania. His name was given to me at the Reunion by Clarence Marshall. (What an outstanding job he does in getting us the names of former Buddies).

I guess that is it Earl. Sure hope this letter finds Dottie and you in the very best of health. May God Bless you and your family.

See you in Orlando, Florida.

Very sincerely,

Violet and Jake Stark  
Company-H 273rd Infantry  
691 Dunkle Street, Enhaut  
Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113

## DIVISION ARTILLERY

### SPECIAL TROOPS

Dear Earl:

This is to advise that I just received the Bulletin. I enjoyed the article and I also received the History Book.

I am also enclosing the picture of the 879th Battery-C F.A. It's old! I am hoping that it can be used in the Bulletin. I am the 7th from the left to right - first row.

I have checked all the Bulletins you sent me. I sure have enjoyed them. I also noticed that there are not any members from Battery-C 879th FA.

Sincerely,

Charles "Chuck" Calderone  
879th Field Artillery  
419 Eason Place  
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

*(Editor's Note: The picture which Charles Calderone sent to us will appear in the next Bulletin).*

### 269th ENGINEERS

Hello To All:

Del Jennings, Guy Winfrey, Ted Vincent and myself, had a Mini Reunion here at my place, and had a most enjoyable time.

After all the fighting was over, we discussed if all would try to come to Orlando.

So, best to all — and looking forward to meeting again.

A picture is enclosed of John Buller and his wife, and George Roup in front of my home at the time of the Roanoke, Virginia, Reunion.



Harold B. Ferguson  
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## 777th TANK BATTALION 661st TANK DESTROYERS

# Overseas Trip For Bill Beswick Our Vice President

One day in the middle of November I received a phone call asking if I knew Joe Polowsky. I replied I didn't know him, but had heard of him. I was then asked if I could and would go to his funeral in Torgau, Germany. I said I would go and did.

I obtained my passport and went to Chicago and traveled with Charles Forrester, Joe's young son, Ted, LeRoy Wolins who sponsored the trip, and met the Minister, Rev. William Sloan Coffin from New York, in Frankfurt, Germany.

We went by way of Iceland. It was snowing like crazy and plenty of ice on the runway. We left Ireland and landed in Luxembourg city airport. We took a bus to Frankfurt and then a train to Leipzig. The train stopped at the East-West border for over an hour, while all passports, etc., were checked. I could not sleep, but I guess I had just fallen asleep as the train stopped. The East Germany guards came thru the train. They slammed our compartment door open, jerked the curtain open, turned the lights on and hollered "Passports." Can you imagine how startled you would be when someone hollered at you half-asleep at three-thirty in the morning? After all this was over, I layed back down to try to sleep and couldn't, so I got up and went out into the vestibule.

What I then saw, pleased me. We stopped at the towns of Gotha, Erfurt, Wiemar, Apolda, Naumberg and Weissenfels before we arrived in Leipzig, as well as in Lutzen. It was the same towns that we were in in 1945.

We arrived in Leipzig after an all night train ride. It is quite a city. It was the same train station that we had to fight for in 1945. We boarded a bus for Torgau and travelled the same route that we did many years ago, it was basically the same. I saw the field that the machine gun nest was in and the cemetery wall where the German gun emplacement was located just outside of Eilenburg that kept us out of the town for a while. I'm sure that Richard Furman and James O'Brien from 1st Platoon Company-B 661st T.D's remember when the German came out of the machine gun nest in the center of the field. I had the bus stop to take a picture of the Torgau city limits sign.

We arrived in Torgau and went to our room for a rest and clean up. Later when we emerged from the Central Hotel there were Germans and Russian Soldiers everywhere. There was quite a number of U.S. Servicemen and Embassy Officials from Berlin. Pleasantries were exchanged all around.

We then went to the funeral of Joe Polowsky, and I had the honor of being a Pallbearer for this historic event. This was a very solemn occasion and very memorable. It's something that I will never forget.

We were caught in a heavy downpour of rain. After the Memorial Services I told the Russians that I guess I would be going to the room and change clothes, they said no, don't go yet. And I got to wondering what we had gotten involved in. So after a while they said to go ahead and change. So we went to change and after we came back downstairs, they told us that they were going to go back to Leipzig with us in our bus. So they did and their car followed the bus. When we arrived at our hotel in Leipzig, it was the Mercury Hotel, the Russians had a banquet for us and they didn't want us to arrive too early. It was really nice and enjoyable. What a nice and plush hotel in East Germany.

One final remark — if you have never travelled into East Germany by pullman train or rather sleeper, you have really missed a treat. Here it is 40 years later and their train isn't as good as our old troop trains and that rascal was travelling well over 100 miles per hour.

How about it? Why can't we all get a tour to Europe? Soon!

## JOE POLOWSKY

As Joe Polowsky wanted, he was buried near the site of the Monument erected by the Russians in 1962 commemorating the event of "East Meets West" during World War II when the Americans and Russians met on the Elbe River in Torgau, Germany, cutting Hitler's Army in two and ending the War in Europe twelve days later.

Joe was borne to his grave on November 26, 1983, by two ex-GI's, Charles Forrester of Greer, South Carolina, Company-G 2nd Infantry Battalion 273rd Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, and Bill Beswick of West Point, Virginia, 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion, an attached unit of the 69th Division. Two service men stationed in Potsdam, Germany, who folded the flag that adorned Joe's casket and two Russian Veterans, Major General Aleksia Gorlinski and Colonel Ivan Samchuck, of the Soviet War Veteran's Committee. Taps was blown in the background of the cemetery with a number of the townsfolk present, a contingent of American Military personnel from Potsdam, Germany, and Russian Soldiers from a barracks in Torgau. The Rev. William S. Coffin, of Riverside Church in New York, a World War II Chaplain, officiated at the services.

The flag that covered Joe's casket was presented to his 23 year old son, Ted Polowsky, by Colonel Roland Lajoie of Potsdam. Immediately following the funeral a Memorial Service was held at the Monument where American and Russian Honor Guards placed wreaths in requesting our constant struggle for peace between our two great nations. LeRoy Wolins, Vice-Commander of Veteran's for Peace, addressed the crowd of 300 to 400 people.

Letters commemorating the Memorial Services, burial of Joe Polowsky and his work on World Peace were received from Governor Robert Kerry of Nebraska, and Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago, and read at the Memorial Services. All of this took place in a downpour of rain. Not one person left until the very end.

The only near incident that occurred was in the early morning. The wreath laying had almost stirred an incident when Major General Aleksia Gorlinski, the Soviet Senior Officer said that the Russians wreath should be laid first. But he bowed to a suggestion from Bruce Clark, a political counselor at the American Embassy in East Berlin, that the wreaths be laid at the same time.

LeRoy Wolins, Vice Commander, Veteran's for Peace, of Pullman, Michigan, a Korean Veteran and longtime friend of Joe Polowsky, assisted in making all arrangements and sponsored our trip to Torgau, Germany.

I took some American Flag Lapel Pins and made sure that everyone in our group wore one. I gave one to each of the members of the American Embassy, as well as one to each of the Russian Veterans.

William R. Beswick



Bill Beswick at Torgau City Limits  
Photo taken November 26, 1983

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*Torgau City Limits Sign  
Photo taken April 25, 1945*



*Elbe River Bridge  
Torgau, Germany - 1983  
(This was the closest I could get to the bridge.)*



*Monument Erected to "East Meets West"  
Torgau, Germany - 1983*

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## Morning Reports For D-Battery 461st AAA Battalion — 14 December 1944 To 16 March 1945

### DOG BATTERY MISSIONS AND POSITIONS:

#### 14 December — Lammersdorf:

New location of Battery Headquarters. Shot down one Me 109.

No one who was there at this time will ever forget Lammersdorf. This put us on the Northern shoulder of the "Bulge." It was here that the Germans threw everything in the books at us. During the first few days of the "Battle of the Bulge," this was the hottest spot most of us were in or ever wanted to be in. In spite of our reception here we were all glad we left Bullingen. Just a few days after we left our Winter homes they were over-run by the Germans.

#### 21 December — Eupen (Belgium):

The Battery was relieved of assignment to the 78 Division and moved to Eupen by convoy and bivouaced.

#### 22 December — Spa:

The First Platoon was assigned to provide AA defense for the 987th FA Bn. and the Second Platoon was assigned to provide AA defense for the 941st FA Bn. at Hocki. One Me 109 probably destroyed.

This move put us down at one of the tender spots of the "Bulge" near Stavelot. However within a few days the German offensive had been stopped and we managed to spend a relatively quiet Christmas.

#### 1 January 1945 — Hofferiax:

The Second Platoon moved to Hofferiax with the 941st FA Bn. Three Me 109s and one Ju 88 shot down.

This New Year's Day was the highlight of our careers as anti-aircraft artillerymen. For the first and last time the Luftwaffe attacked our positions in force. We were quite proud of the fact that we forced the enemy to withdraw without inflicting a single casualty or causing any damage to our own and to the installations we were protecting. Not only did he leave three of his Me 109s and one Ju 88 in our area, but had to withdraw with several of his planes full of holes and burning.

#### 3 January — Hofferiax:

Battery relieved of AA defense of the 987th FA Bn. to help provide AA protection for the 941st FA Bn.

#### 27 January — Mutzinich (Germany):

The Battery moved with the 941st FA Bn. to provide AA protection for a new location.

#### 3 February — Rohren:

The Battery moved to a new location to provide AA protection for the 941st FA Bn.

#### 15 February — Krinkelt (Belgium):

The Battery moved to a new location to provide AA protection for the 941st FA Bn.

Here we saw war at it's worst. This village was one of many overrun by the Germans during their counter offensive. We gained first hand information here as to the terrible destruction and cost of this offensive. It was necessary that we pitch in and help remove the bodies from the battle fields. A large scale salvage drive netted us, everything from 40 mm AA guns to mess kits. A few miles away, Bullingen the scene of our winter home, was so nearly destroyed and strewn with the debris of war that it was almost unrecognizable.

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26 February — Krinkelt:

The Second Platoon relieved of assignment to the 941st FA Bn. and assigned to provide AA defense for 555 SAW Co. at Kalterherberg.

27 February — Kalterherberg (Germany):

Btry. Headquarters and First Platoon joined the Second Platoon at Kalterherberg.

11 March — Schmidetheim:

The Battery assigned to provide AA defense for the 724th FA Bn. of the 69th Division.

We are on our way again. The Siegfried Line is now behind us. We were started now on an offensive that was to carry us non-stop to the banks of the Elbe River. We were moving so fast that none of us realized when Winter turned to Spring. Prisoners of War became an embarrassing problem. The situation was so fluid that it was not unusual for us to find ourselves the first troops into some of the towns.

16 March — Kell:

Battery moved with the 724th FA Bn. to the Rhine River.

## States Represented By Members At The Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort 1983 Reunion Scottsdale, Arizona

State	Number
California .....	24
Arizona .....	23
Pennsylvania .....	20
New York .....	12
Ohio .....	10
Texas .....	10
Wisconsin .....	9
Florida .....	8
Colorado .....	6
Illinois .....	6
New Jersey .....	5
Virginia .....	4
Indiana .....	3
Maryland .....	3
Michigan .....	3
Mississippi .....	3
Oklahoma .....	3
New Mexico .....	3
Oregon .....	3
Connecticut .....	2
Louisiana .....	2
Massachusetts .....	2
Minnesota .....	2
Missouri .....	2
Washington .....	2
Alabama .....	1
Hawaii .....	1
Georgia .....	1
Idaho .....	1
Iowa .....	1
Nevada .....	1
Rhode Island .....	1
West Virginia .....	1

## One Man's Plea For Sanity In Arm's Race

### Commentary

JIM

## Strang

THE PLAIN DEALER, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1981

It would be over in 20 minutes — all of it, 5,000 years of civilization atomized as 90% of the world's population fried in the celestial oven created by as many as 50,000 multi-megaton bombs.

And yet, says Donald W. Cole, the saddest thought to him is, all the birds would be killed. No bird song to accompany mankind to its radiation-laced grave.

Cole, 56, is a peace-loving sort. He holds a doctorate in social work and his life's effort is conflict resolution, usually between labor and management, on the theory that each side can win something. Win-win, they call it.

But the conflict drawing most of his attention now is that which pits the United States and the Soviet Union in an on-again arms race that he, and, according to a recent Newsweek poll, two-thirds of the rest of us feel can lead only to conflagration. That's lose-lose for everything on the planet.

So Cole, working mostly from his Chester Township dining room table, has assembled an international conference on "Conflict Resolution Technology," set for Nashua, New Hampshire, October 13-16. It has scheduled appearances by some of the world's better-known behavioral scientists, including two from Poland and Yugoslavia, and has the support of 21 international peace and/or behavioral science organizations.

Among the topics set for discussion are "Global Communities: Networking for Local/International Conflict Resolution" and "Institutionalized Conflict Avoidance Strategies: Case Analysis of an International Agency." Heady stuff for the common person.

"I think it is imperative we find better ways of resolving conflict," Cole said. And the way to do that?

"We've got to get people talking with people," he said. "You know, there are numbers of people in the Soviet Union who fear nuclear war as much as we do. They know what war is, and America doesn't."

This was driven home to him when he hitchhiked through Europe some 10 years after he fought there in World War II. "All over Europe, people asked me, 'When is America going to start the next war?'" he said.

Summit meetings hold no real promise, Cole maintains, because world leaders, feeling the weight of their national honor tend to be rigid and unbending. "Leaders get models in their heads, models of the way they think things are that don't resemble reality, models that no amount of information will change," he said.

But the common people of the two superpowers share the common fears, and would be more willing to seek accommodation. One approach would be the "tribal world" of the late Marshall McLuhan. A planet bound by television communications.

"Camp David was a success because they came together as people touching people," Cole said.

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## ONE MAN'S PLEA FOR SANITY IN ARMS RACE

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Yet, with the flames of hell awaiting their release in thousands of missile silos around the world, Cole says he cannot get the media interested in his conference.

"They say I should stage a media event," said the man with the dignified bearing in the three-piece black suit. "What should I do? Pour blood on the steps of City Hall?"

Media events, whatever they are, are not Don Cole's style. His is an appeal to reason, a pleading with the world to turn back from the nuclear abyss.

He is planning yet another peaceful resolution conference, he says, this one for 1983 in Warsaw, Poland.

If there is a Warsaw in 1983.

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## GIFT SHOP CORNER



*Bill and Reba Sheavly, Chairpersons*

## Souvenirs

Some Souvenir Items are now being made available for sale through the mail besides being sold at the Annual Reunions.

William and Reba Sheavly, Souvenir Chairpersons plan to introduce more new items as often as ideas and agreements can be reached.

The following item is now for sale by sending Check or Money Order, payable to 69th Infantry Division Association.

Send your order to:

William C. Sheavly, Souvenir Chairman  
218 Sacred Heart Lane  
Reistertown, Maryland 21136



**Bon Bon Tray**

40th Anniversary Tray. Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Activation of the 69th Division.

Available in either gold or silver, size 6½ inches. Gift Boxed. Can be used for candy, nuts or as a wall plaque (hanger not furnished), or as decorative tray. Shipped postpaid \$10.00 each.

## Scholarship News



*Anne and Sam Woolf*

by — Sam Woolf, Scholarship Chairman  
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Time has about run out for a member's son or daughter graduating as a Senior from a high school across these 50 states of ours, which makes up our great nation, the United States of America.

Applications should be forwarded now so that they can be processed in time for the Scholarship Meeting to be held at Princeton in May or June.

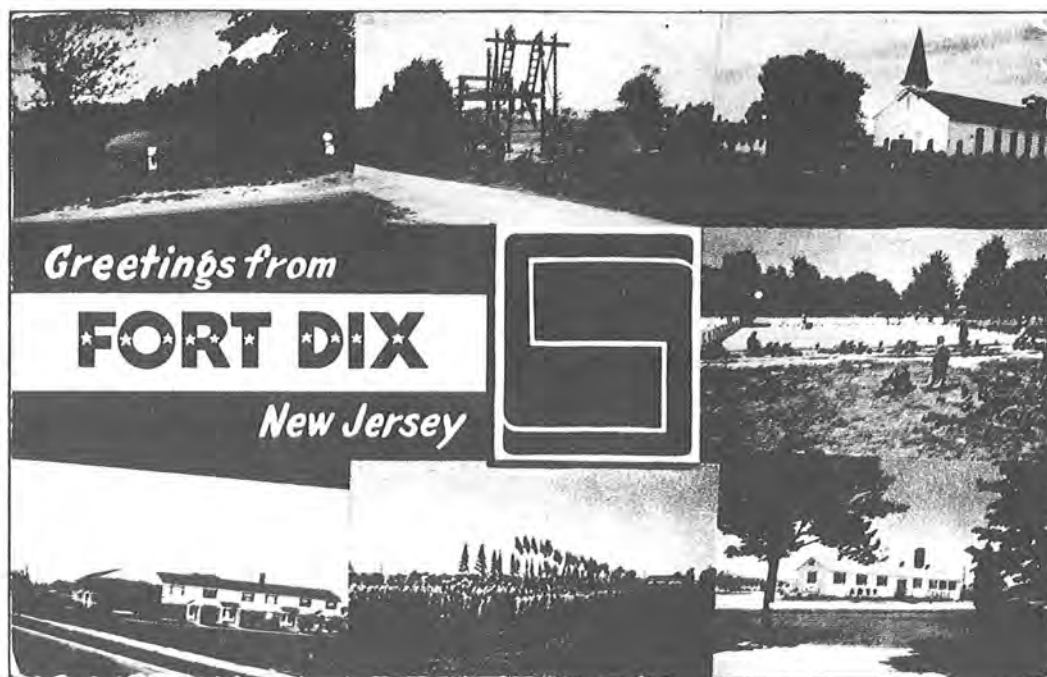
At this late stage of the year it would be best to call for a Scholarship Application.

Scholarship Awards now pay \$250.00 a year for four years, making a total payment of \$1,000.00 to the awardee. These amounts may be changed at this year's Scholarship Meeting.

Please members of the Scholarship Committee who are: the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and all Past Presidents — do read the Scholarship Fund Rules on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of the Bulletin, so that we may have a discussion of changes at this year's meeting.

Future Scholarship Program Committee Members also take note — a Flyer will be sent to you this year.





*Greetings from*

**FORT DIX**

*New Jersey*



Despite the fact that the 69th Division had no training at Ft. Dix during World War II, it is still called the home of the 69th.

Our Division trained here during the Korean War.

It is where our Colors are retired at the present time.

We felt this might be of interest to the men on our Roster who served in the Reactivated 69th.



*Welcome to FORT DIX*



#### *69th Infantry Division Insignia*

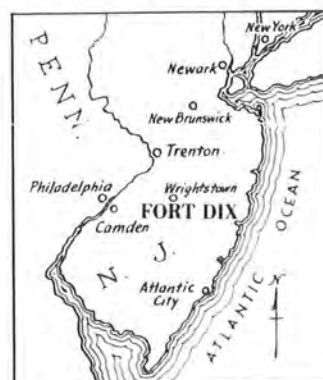
In the composite design of this insignia, which was proudly worn by members of "The Fighting 69th" in World War II, the red represents a "6", the blue a "9". The 69th, deactivated in September, 1945, was reactivated in May, 1954.

### HOME OF THE 69th INFANTRY DIVISION

**F**ORT DIX—or Camp Dix, as it was first called—has played a leading role in two World Wars. Established 1 June 1917, less than two months after our entrance into World War I, Camp Dix was named after Major General John Adams Dix (1798-1879). General Dix enlisted in the Army during the War of 1812 and resigned in 1826 with the rank of Captain. Later he became United States Senator from New York, Secretary of the Treasury, and Governor of New York. During the Civil War he was appointed Major General of Volunteers.

During World War I, Camp Dix, originally designed to handle 30,000 men, hit a peak of 70,000. Eight infantry divisions and many smaller units passed through either its Reception, Training or Demobilization Centers. After the Armistice Camp Dix became a training ground for Regular Army, National Guard, Reserve, and Citizens' Military Training Camp organizations. From 1933 to 1939 it was a Civilian Conservation Corps Discharge and Replacement Center, and in the latter year it became a permanent Army Station, its name being changed to Fort Dix. From then until Pearl Harbor, Fort Dix expanded steadily, until in World War II it was one of the largest Army Posts in the country.

After V-J Day the Fort Dix Separation Center returned 1,250,000 soldiers to civil life. Since 1 May 1954 it has been the home of the 69th Infantry Division, and today is known as one of our country's foremost centers for the training of the modern infantryman.

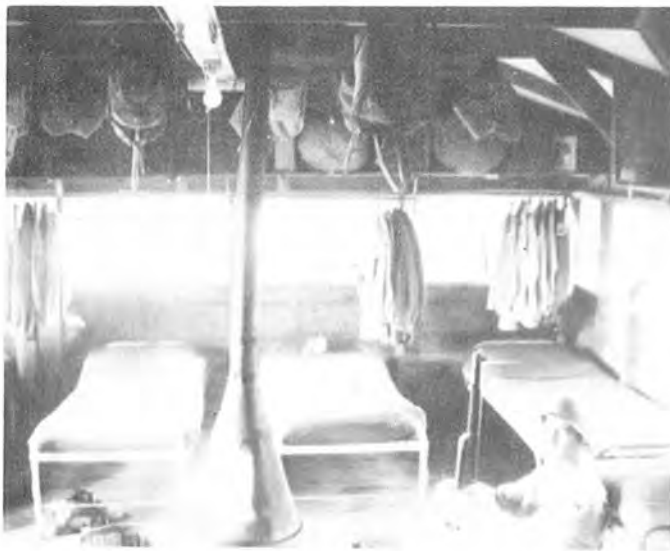


# Company-A 273rd Infantry

Company-A on the move in Mississippi, just before departing for overseas duty.



*Company-A 273rd Infantry moving out for field exercises.*



*Sgt. Paskett in the Machine Gun Hut  
Camp Shelby, Mississippi - 1944*



*Cpl. Wiseman and Sgt. Scally getting ready for the field.  
Desota National Forest.*

*Machine Gun Squad on pass.  
New Orleans, Lake Ponchartrain  
(Left to Right): Cpl. Wiseman, Cpl. Fahrner, Sgt. Headley, Pfc.  
Alessi, Sgt. Scally.*

*Note: Wiseman and Headley shipped out as replacements.  
Alessi, Fahrner and Scally went into combat together.*





# THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

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## FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS — 1983-1984

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## Ladies' Auxiliary Minutes Mountain Shadows Resort Scottsdale, Arizona Saturday, May 28, 1983

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division was called to order by President **Emily Fletcher** on Saturday, May 28, 1983, at the Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Our President opened the meeting with a greeting of warm welcome to the 61 ladies in attendance. She then asked all new members to stand and introduce themselves, and 18 ladies rose to the occasion. Enthusiastic applause followed, for this seemed to be a record number compared to the last few years.

Our Chaplain, **Virginia Weston**, was unable to be with us this year, so there was a call for a Volunteer Chaplain to give the opening prayer, and **Reba Sheavly** graciously responded.

President Emily then called upon Secretary, **Margaret Kormas**, to read the minutes of the last meeting held Saturday, August 21, 1982, at the Ramada Inn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These minutes were written by Acting Secretary, **Evelyn Peterson**, in the absence of Secretary **Margaret Kormas** who was unable to attend due to illness in her family. **Margaret** took this opportunity to thank **Evelyn** for her cooperation and willingness to step in and serve the Auxiliary in an emergency. She then read the minutes which were approved as written. Also read were letters from two V.A. hospitals, one in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and the other from the Medical Center in Wood, Wisconsin, who wrote to express their thanks and appreciation to the Ladies' Auxiliary for gifts received.

Committee Chairmen were then asked to give their reports. **Marge McCombs**, our **Sunshine Lady**, told us she sent out a total of 1,840 greeting cards last year, a great majority being anniversary cards. She mentioned the growing expense of postage for this project. **Reba Sheavly**, our **Souvenir Lady**, commented on how popular our jewelry items are, especially the new earrings for pierced ears, and that the tote bags are

selling well. She then showed us the newest item in our line of souvenirs, a lovely "40th Anniversary" commemorative plate which could serve as a bon-bon dish or wall plaque and sells for \$10.00 in silver or gold finish metal. This is to celebrate the 40th Anniversary Activation of the Division since May, 1943, and should prove to be a good seller for that reason, as well as its versatility. Souvenirs can be purchased all year long through the special page in the Bulletin displaying an order blank.

After the committee reports, president **Emily Fletcher** told the ladies that the Auxiliary wished to show its thanks and appreciation to those members who have contributed much labor and loyal dedication to the efforts and goals of our organization and so gifts of Indian jewelry bought in Phoenix were presented to these people at this time. Recipients were: **Marge McCombs**, **Reba Sheavly**, **Valerie Ike**, **Dottie Witzleb** and **Corky Halpenny**. Then **Emily Fletcher** herself was a recipient of a parting gift from the Auxiliary for her services as President the past 2 years. The lovely necklaces received by these ladies will surely serve as nostalgic reminders of our Reunion in Arizona.

**Marge McCombs** then held up for display, the beautiful lap robes donated this year. There were 12 in number. Six of these were brought in by **Eleanor Rodelli** whose sister made them, 3 were donated by **Josephine Plugge**, and 2 by **Jane Ayers** and 1 by **Catherine McCalip**. These are all hand made and we owe our deepest gratitude to these wonderful members for their kindness and generosity. **Alice DeLory** of Scottsdale offered to deliver them to the V.A. Hospital in Phoenix as soon as possible. The Auxiliary did select one robe to use as a prize in a raffle held during the meeting as a fund raiser. A profit of \$44.00 was realized from this project and will be used toward sundry expenses such as postage, etc. Our annual plate collection was taken and yielded a total of \$98.00 for veteran's hospital gifts such as tooth brushes and toothpaste which **Valerie Ike** buys and distributes to various medical centers during the year, on behalf of the Auxiliary.

**Alice Walthoff** of St. Petersburg, Florida, rose for a brief discussion of tentative plans for our Reunion in Orlando, Florida, October 7 to the 14th, 1984. Epcot Center and Disney World will, of course, be the featured attractions.

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Our President then announced that election of new officers for the coming two year term was in order, and nominated **Margaret Kormas** as President for 1984-1985. This was seconded and acted upon unanimously by a verbal vote of the membership present. Then it was decided to elect both the Secretary and Acting Secretary to serve simultaneously each year, in view of our experience last year when our Secretary was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency. A ballot vote resulted in the election of **Ann Walters** as Secretary, and **Vivian Kurtzman** as Acting Secretary. Emily Fletcher then called upon Margaret Kormas to give a few brief words of acceptance as President-elect. After the election of officers, Emily reluctantly informed us that because of new commitments she will not be able to participate again in our Auxiliary until 1985, but looks forward to rejoining us at that time, and commented on how much she enjoyed her tenures as past secretary and president.

As always, we enjoyed the fun and excitement of our yearly surprise gift exchange, after which we had a surprise visit from **Chalmer Pearson**, Chairman of the Golf Tournament, held the past few days at a nearby course. He came to present awards to our ladies who competed in this event. The winning recipients were **Evelyn Peterson**, **Ethel Pierron**, **Lillian Nava**, **Mrs. Wright** and **Mrs. Kaercher**. Mr. Pearson also gave the officers on our podium purse size flashlights as token gifts.

President Emily Fletcher then introduced our guest speaker, **Pat Myers**, of Tempe, Arizona, who is the daughter of Veteran 69'er, **Bob Myers**. Pat has had 14 years experience as an investigator in security for businesses in Phoenix. She chose as her topic a timely subject of concern for all of us "Crime and Shop Lifting" with all its ramifications. Her talk was given in a friendly, easy manner and was very informative and beneficial as she spelled-out safeguards for all of us while shopping in a mall, as well as covering various problems of merchants which the ordinary customer is not aware of. There was a lively question and answer period after Pat's presentation and we were all enlightened as a result of the discussions which ensued.

Pat would not accept a fee for her appearance, and so it was appropriately decided that the Auxiliary President and Secretary would treat her to lunch at the Camelback Inn the next day, and also give her a gift of our lovely tote bag to show the membership's thanks and appreciation for her wonderful contribution to our meeting. This she accepted with pleasure.

**Reba Sheavly** then gave a lovely closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Margaret Kormas**, Secretary

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Our hearts were saddened when we heard of the death of **Francis "Frenchy" Fournier**, Salem, Massachusetts, of F-Company 272nd Infantry this past January. He and his wife, **Eva**, had attended the 1983 Annual Reunion out in Scottsdale, Arizona, last May. Our deepest sympathy to **Eva**, and all wives and families of those members that have left this world to be with our Lord and Savior.

Some of our members are in Veteran's Hospitals, such as the letter Earl received from **Mrs. Frederick** whose husband is in the Veteran's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. She writes: Thank you so much for the monetary gift to **Clarence**. No one has done anything like this for him since his illness. I will do something special for him. Maybe a little party of cake and ice cream for his Ward. Those men are like little children in there. They are good to them at the Veteran's Hospital but they need to know people are thinking of them. I have the 69th Emblem and I'm going to put it on a can of Talcum. He can see it when they bathe him. He can't speak or anything — just

so helpless — but he knows people and will raise a finger to greet them. Bless you all for being so kind. — **Clarence Frederick** is a new member to the Division and was sent a special gift from the Tri-State Group at it's New Philadelphia, Ohio, Weekend. He is in Ward 30, V. A. Patrick Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, should you care to send a card.

We always would like to know of those Division Members, wives, or family members who are sick or in hospitals, so that a card might be sent. We need to know the name and unit so that this can be put in the Bulletin. Just send a note to **Dottie**, in an old dues notice envelope. The extra ones become useful this way if you have already sent in your dues for the year — you get two envelopes a year.

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## Ann Walters Our Secretary Writes . . .

It seems so long ago that we were complaining about the 114 degrees heat in Scottsdale, now we could use some of that heat. The memories of that Reunion are fresh in Earl's and my mind. Each year the memories seem to get more precious. We are looking forward to seeing you two at Central's Spring Banquet, April 7th, and again at the Tri-State Weekend in Bedford June 7 to 10.

I would also like to send hearty good wishes to all our ladies asking them to make sure their husbands bring them to Orlando in October for a "Sunny Southern Reunion" that should be good for activities and fellowship. This one should bring memories for the rest of our lives and I really do want all ladies to join us for our Auxiliary Meeting. So let's all of us from the north, the east, the west, the mid-west and New England join the south for what could be the best attended Reunion to date.

*(Dottie's Note: Some of that Arizona heat would be nice now with our 18° below, and seven to twelve inches of snow. That white stuff looks beautiful though when you look out at it while sitting by the glowing fireplace and it's warmth. Yes, let's have a nice membership turn-out of members and ladies for the Orlando, Florida, Reunion. This one I am sure along with others will be remembered forever!)*

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**Catherine "Kathy" Long**, I believe, will be a "First Timer" along with her husband **Allen**, who reside in Orlando, and are the Chairpersons for the hopefully new Southeastern Chapter of the 69th. Allen writes that there has been interest shown in forming a Southeastern Chapter which would include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Anyone in these states interested is asked to either call or write so you can be included on the mailing roster to be contacted at a later date. Depending on the response received will determine whether the Chapter will be formed. Wives are included, so come on 'gals, let's get together and help we men make this Chapter a success. Do let me hear from you.

**Allen and Kathy Long**, Chairpersons  
10620 Fernando Street  
Orlando, Florida 32817  
Telephone: 305/277-7820

*(Dottie's Note: I think you have a good start with the 25 member couples you had at the birth of the Southeastern Chapter last October. Others will fall in line as you announce your Weekends in the Bulletin each year or a couple times a year. Earl tried for years to have a Pittsburgh Group which finally started during the planning of the 1978 Pittsburgh Reunion. It then expanded to a Western Pennsylvania Group and*

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now a Tri-Stat Group encamping nine states which are western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, western Maryland, western New York, and now Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia and central-south Michigan.

We also have another silent group that really got started in planning the Milwaukee Reunion. Those members and wives were mostly all "First Timers" meeting monthly in giving our membership a "Tip-Top Mid-West Reunion" in 1982. They still meet about four times a year with **Chalmer and Reita Pearson** as their chairpersons. Earl is always hopeful they will send us news and dates for their gatherings as they keep telling us they can't pick up new members. So Earl says if you Mid-Westerner's are interested in a good "Super Mid-West Chapter" here are two addresses to write to:

**Chalmer and Reita Pearson**  
187 Juniper Lane  
Bloomington, Illinois 60108  
Telephone: 312/529-0081

**Gaylord and Ruth Thomas**  
432 Doty Street  
Waupun, Wisconsin 53963  
Telephone: 414/324-4065

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**Henry Bach** writes that he is 3 score and 10 today, which I suppose was November 1, 1983.

Last year Grace and I visited Leipzig, Germany, visiting the Thomas Church where my great ancestor J. S. Bach was organist.

Remember so well the first service at the church after the fall of the city that **Chaplain Westby** held. I sang the solo from Mendolshons great oratorio "Elijah" (First time probably since Hitler banned all Jewish composers) with **Jimmy Althouse** as organist. It was great to show Grace the spot where I stood when we all gave thanks that the War was really over.

Henry was in Division Headquarters and now lives in California.

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**Ernest P. Lewis** of R.D. No. 1, Box 259, Knox, Pennsylvania 16232 of H&S Company 269th Engineers writes that he is sorry his dues are late, but I was in the hospital with a heart attack and now just getting back to work. I am feeling much better and getting along fine. Had hoped to get to some of the Reunions but something always turns up that I can't make it.

I would liked to have made it to the Tri-State Weekend at the Clarion Holiday Inn but was in the hospital for a back operation. Sorry to have been missing the Reunions and Weekends but maybe I can get to one in the near future to see some of the fellows that I was in the service with.

(Dottie's Note: **Frank Nemeth** and more of you Engineers might want to send a note or card to Ernest, hoping his sickness might leave him so that he can make a Reunion. Tri-State coming up in June might just be a good start for him as many Engineers attend Tri-State, which will be in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Might also say we didn't get a letter from Frank this time for the Bulletin).

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Just in from **Ken Davis**, 507 Manchester Aveue, North Haledon, New Jersey 07508, Company-C 271st Infantry, that a good Buddy and 'Darn Good Soldier' is feeling less than well. I think he might be pleased to hear from former 69'ers, particularly from Company-C 271st Infantry. He is **Earl Atwell**, 92 Haig Avenue, Seekonk, Massachusetts 02771.

Good luck to all and hope to see everyone in Florida.

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In closing I might say I'm using more men letters in our Ladies' Column than hearing from you ladies.

**Irving Kagan** writes since 1947 have been in pawnbroker business. Getting ready to retire, then will make every Reunion.

(Dottie's Note: We hope to see you and wife as well as all members, wives, and family in Orlando, Florida, this coming October 7 to 14. What a good way to start a retirement).

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## More Photos Taken At The '83 Arizona Reunion



Division Headquarters Company waiting outside of Rawhide Restaurant for the Mess Sergeant to blow the whistle.



One of the tables occupied by Division Headquarters Company, inside Rawhide Restaurant.



# Attendees At 1983 Reunion

## Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona



*Pool at Mountain Shadows*



*Pool at Mountain Shadows*



*Old Tucson*

### DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

(\*Denotes "First Timers")

Name	State	Co.
Avery, Fred & Lois	VA	
Bolte, Gen. Charles & Adalaide	VA	
Guest: Philip Bolte		
*Both, Andrew & Joan	FL	
Butterfield, Eugene & Norma	OH	
Conner, Robert & Doris	TX	
Doernbach, Walter & Ann	NJ	
Edstrom, Ted & Rosemarie	OH	
Hawn, Dutch & Jeanne	CO	
*Irvine, James & Elsie	FL	
Kjos, Gordon	MN	
*Kreutzman, Karol & Margaret	WA	
Manz, Adam	PA	
Marshall, Clarence	PA	
Guest: Russell "Buss" Harmon		
Myers, Robert & Elva	AZ	
Russman, Sumner	OK	
Wagner, Rev. Carl	TX	
Guests: Bill & Dolores Glenn		
*Wallin, Edward & Leone	CA	
Wright, Joseph & Eleanor	MO	

### 69th QUARTERMASTER

Brown, Grant D.	CA
Gallagher, George & Vickie	FL
Woo, Victor	CA

### 69th M.P. PLATOON

Moriarty, John & Joanne	MA
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### 69th DIVARITY

Bement, Robert	CO
Brennan, James	NJ
Chapman, Charles & Edith	VA
Faison, Al	FL
Hall, Douglas & Nyda	LA
Hutchinson, William	CA
Kaercher, Charles & Lois	PA
*Micham, Dennis & Thelma	CA
Sylva, Robert	HI
Thoma, Paul	OK

### 269th ENGINEERS

Name	State	Co.
Ballard, Don & Agnes	AZ	H&S
Evers, Dan & Helen	PA	B
Foster, William & Betty	PA	H&S
Halpenny, Leonard & Corky	AZ	H&S
Hawley, John & Elizabeth	PA	H&S
Jerram, Robert & Louise	IN	
Lottie, Raymond & Ruth	MN	A
Nemeth, Frank & Ted	PA	B
Rodelli, Gerald & Eleanor	NY	C
*Sample, W. P. & Anne	TX	
*Samples, Ralph & Norma	AZ	
Swedlow, Leon & Rose	FL	H&S

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## Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona



*Old Tucson*



*Train at Old Tucson*



*Gerome, Arizona*

### 271st INFANTRY

Name	State	Co.
Barrette, John	WI	HQ
*Boehm, Helmuth & Pearl	CA	B
Carson, Thomas & Mattie	GA	L
*Collet, Frederick & Ann	MI	D
Dinsmore, Ray & Mary	AZ	A
Edminister, Eugene & Gretchen	AZ	D
Ellis, Robert & Phyllis	AZ	A
*Fetzer, Emanuel & Ellen	AZ	HQ
*Harrison, Jack	TX	I
Haught, Franklin & Dana	AZ	H
Hayes, John & Helen	FL	H
Hinant, George & Betty	AZ	C
Hornyak, Albert	OH	K
Kooles, Charles & Louise	FL	H
Kremin, Robert	NY	K
Meador, Byron	AZ	HQ
McCombs, Paul & Margie	PA	D
Parks, James	IL	A
*Pereira, John & Mary	CA	A
Pickett, Herbert & Helen	AZ	K
Plugge, Ralph & Josephine	IL	G
*Pugel, Edward & Evelyn	WA	D
Shadle, Paul & Marian	PA	E
Sheavly, Bill & Reba	MD	M
Smith, Worley & Mae	MI	K
Walsh, Charles & Patricia	WI	B
Windsor, Alton	MS	HQ

### 272nd INFANTRY

Name	State	Co.
Barakat, Anees & Barbara	PA	G
*Buchholz, Norman & Lorraine	AL	1-Bn.
Butenhoff, Frederick & Marvis	WI	E
Guest: Jonelle Butenhoff		
Callaway, Herb	TX	F
Campbell, William & Mary	CA	AT
Carter, Millard & Fredda	TX	G
Cassidy, James & Kathleen	NY	HQ
Guest: Kathy Cassidy		
*Forrester, Stanley & Maureen	AZ	K
Fournier, Francis & Eva	MA	F
Galuten, Murry & Iris	CO	M
Gibbons, Joseph & June	MI	L
Gleed, George	NV	K
Kurtzman, Robert & Vivian	OH	I
Lushbaugh, Pat & Janice	MD	I
Guests: Paul & Jane Keller		
McCalip, Floyd & Catherine	MS	M
McDonnel, Edward	NY	I
Nunes, Joseph & Anne	RI	F
Guests: Anthony & Loretta Tavarozzi		
Pearson, Chalmer & Reita	IL	I
Reardon, Thomas & Jeanne	PA	I
Rebick, Andrew & Mary	NJ	I
Scott, Dale & Bonny	WI	SV
Shaw, Lewis	IN	H
*Sodoroff, Richard & Claire	ID	M
*Swan, Donald & Helen	NM	SV
Wallace, Dennis	AZ	HQ
Wolthoff, Raymond & Alice	FL	M
Yastrzemski, Chester & Barbara	NY	E

# Attendees At 1983 Reunion

## Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona

### 273rd INFANTRY



*Old Tucson*



*Sedona*



*Old Creek Canyon — Made of Stone*

Name	State	Co.
Bliss, Robert & Joyce	CA	C
Brown, Gerald & Julia	MO	M
Delory, David & Alice	AZ	AT
Dicke, Frederick & Cornelia	OH	E
Fahrner, Raymond	PA	A
Goodhart, Charles & Lorraine	PA	HQ
Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Goodhart		
Grubbs, Sam	PA	H
*Hall, Frank & Carol	CA	HQ
*Harper, George & Edna	NM	I
Havey, John & Janet	AZ	HQ
*Hendrickson, Roland & Janice	OR	D
Howard, Calvin & Nancy	MI	A
Jasik, John	AZ	HQ
Jolly, James	CA	L
Kotzebue, Albert & Goldie	CA	G
Lowenthal, Jay & Twila	AZ	M
Lucci, Edward & Johanna	NY	A
Matlach, William & Jane	NY	E
Maynard, Kenneth & Jean	CO	D
Meyerson, Harvey	NJ	L
Mowrey, John & Arylene	WV	H
*Nava, Raul & Lilly	CA	M
*Patterson, Everette & Dorlis	CO	HQ
Pierce, Robert & Theresa	CA	I
*Poole, Thomas & Ida	IA	Can.
Reid, Harry	CT	C
Robertson, William	CA	
*Schultz, Orville & Beaulah	CA	G
Sheehan, Gerald & Mary	NY	K
Sonksen, Lawrence & Beatrice	CO	F
Stark, Jacob & Violet	PA	H
Stuart, Hugh	AZ	F
Verdugo, Roy	AZ	I
Walker, Herman & Ella Mae	IN	I
Walters, Earl & Ann	PA	3-Bn.
Walton, Victor & Mary	CA	K
Welch, Woodrow & Frances	IL	M
*Wilson, Lee & Vernetta	CA	Can.
Witzleb, Earl & Dottie	PA	E
Woolf, Sam & Anne	NY	F

### MEDICAL BATTALION

Name	State	Co.
Bray, William & Elizabeth	CA	D

### 569th SIGNAL

Name	State	Co.
Hepp, George & Dorothy	NY	
Peterson, Curt & Evelyn	WI	
*Rollman, Jay & Edith	CA	

### 661st TANK DESTROYERS

Name	State	Co.
Blank, Clifford & Dolly	TX	A
Cole, Paul & Louise	MD	Bn.
Guests: Dave & Betty Kotchenbreuther		
*Corrigan, Robert		
Forgas, Steve & Anne	OH	C
Mitchell, Warren & Dorothy	CA	HQ
*Pierron, Eugene & Ethel	WI	Rec.
Slopek, Julius & Ellen	OH	C
Snidow, William & Ellen	VA	B

# Attendees At 1983 Reunion

## Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona



*Senora Desert*



*Senora Desert*



*Senora Desert*

### 724th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Name	State	Co.
Ayres, Denman & Jane	TX	H&S
Braverman, Leonard & Alma	CA	A
Gooch, Stacy & Natalie	NM	HQ
Goodwin, Harold	IL	A
Heliseva, John & Gladys	NY	C
*Lamb, Ray & Mildred	CA	H&S
Mitchell, Woodrow	TX	A
Ruebsamen, William & Patricia	AZ	A

### 769th ORDINANCE

Name	State	Co.
Selb, Joseph	NJ	

### 777th TANK BATTALION

Name	State	Co.
Corcoran, Neil & Eileen	IL	C
Fry, K. Don & Mollie	AZ	
Gradowski, John	OH	HQ
Lasseigne, Alex & Florence	LA	D
Liane, Alfred	OR	
Putala,	CT	C
See, Frank & Gloria	TX	HQ
Thomas, Gaylord & Ruth	WI	
White, Charley	OK	SV
Zubrowski, Alex	NY	

### 879th FIELD ARTILLERY

Name	State	Co.
Balzano, Dell & Mary	OH	H&S
Fletcher, Harold & Emily	PA	H&S
Kormas, Alex & Margaret	OH	H&S

### 880th FIELD ARTILLERY

Name	State	Co.
D'Angelo, Enrico & Anne	PA	
*DiFilippi, Joseph & Iona	OR	H&S
Johnson, W. R.	AZ	A

### 881st FIELD ARTILLERY

Name	State	Co.
Enright, Fran & Zita	WI	A
Haag, Walter & Alice	CA	B
Sparacino, Phil & Harriett	WI	B
Suprano, John & Marie	PA	A

# Attendees At 1983 Reunion

## Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona



*Barb and Chet Yastrzemski at Sedona*



*Vickie Gallagher, Betty Foster and Elizabeth Hawley*



*John Hawley, Helen and Dan Evers*



*Alex Kormas and John Heliseva*



*Harold Fletcher and Al Faison*



*Hanna and Ed Lucci, and Ray Fahrner*

# Attendees At 1983 Reunion Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona



*Frank and Gloria See*



*Eleanor and Joe Wright*



*Group at Old Tucson*



*Group at Old Tucson*

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For close-up see smaller map on page 38.

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*(Editor's Note: Al — Is there a Golf Tournament this year? How about a first — A Tennis Tournament).*



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# Program for 1984 Holiday Inn, 37th Annual Reunion Orlando, Florida

## 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion

THE SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF BBB'S WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND ITS SUPPORT UNITS, TO THE "SUNSHINE STATE" OCTOBER 7th TO 14th, 1984.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** It is anticipated that this will be one of the best attended Reunions in many years, and for good reasons. There are so many things to do and see in the Orlando area that it is impossible to cover all the areas of interest in one week. We urge you to plan your trip so that you can come early and stay late. The Holiday Inn has given us the Reunion Rates (\$48.00 - \$96.00 for a suite) for three days prior to the Reunion and three days after. We have 400 rooms reserved for us until September 7th, 1984, but the Inn has over 600 rooms. So we urgently request that you make your Hotel Reservations just as soon as you get this Bulletin so that you are assured of staying in The Reunion Hotel. Note that we have not scheduled any events or tours before Wednesday, October 10th. We did this purposely. We want to encourage all of you to come down much earlier to take in Disney World, Epcot, Sea World, Walt Disney Village, etc., ON YOUR OWN. You can drive to any of these from the hotel in just a few minutes, and if you don't want to drive, buses leave the hotel for these places every hour. You can see these attractions on your own cheaper than we can schedule Tours and during hours that suit you best. You cannot see all of Disney World or Epcot in one day. As of this writing daily admission to either Epcot or Disney World is \$15.00. Individuals can purchase a three-day pass for \$35.00, a four-day pass for \$45.00, or a six-day pass for \$60.00. These are good for both attractions. Disney does not grant group rates to anyone. Sea World, just minutes from the Holiday Inn, is another all day jaunt in order to see everything they have to offer. There are many other less well known and publicized areas of interest. Those already mentioned plus The Kennedy Space Center, Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens, and in the pure entertainment field, the famous Rosie O'Grady's, are recognized world-wide as must-see attractions for any visitor to central Florida. For those of you retired, or thinking about retirement, don't overlook this chance to visit some of the many possibilities for comfortable and pleasant living. Another point of interest; Florida has no State Income Tax or tax on personal property, Real Property (Real Estate) is taxed at fair market value, and we have a five percent Sales Tax, but not on food or medicines.

### DAILY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES IS AS FOLLOWS:

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|----------------------|---|
| Sunday, Oct. 7       | Early Arrivals — On your own.   |
| Monday, Oct. 8th     | Registration - 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  |
| Tuesday, Oct. 9th    | Registration - 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.   |
| Wednesday, Oct. 10th | Registration - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.   |
|                      | <p><b>SILVER SPRINGS TOUR.</b> Buses load at 8:30 A.M., and return about 5:30 P.M. Silver Springs lets nature show off for you. Enjoy the famous Glass Bottom Boat Ride over natural springs which are the headwaters of the Crystal River and home for a variety of fish and "Gators." Wild monkeys in the trees along the river vie for your attention. The Reptile Institute in the swamps of Cypress Point has three shows to tell you all about snakes, alligators and other reptiles. From the dock in Cypress Point you can take a Jungle Cruise down The Fort King Waterway. Then there is the Deer Park where friendly deer, llamas and goats wait for you to pet and feed them. For the Antique Car Buff a fine collection of antique and classic cars.</p> <p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING — 7:30 P.M.</b></p>   |
| Thursday, Oct. 11th  | Registration - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.   |
|                      | <p><b>KENNEDY SPACE CENTER TOUR.</b> NOTE: Buses load at 8:00 A.M. This early loading is so that the buses can return you by 4:30 P.M. History in the making, and it is all shown from the earliest test rockets to the current shuttle. The actual Capsules used to launch Glenn and other pioneers into space, the rockets and all the related hardware are shown and explained in the visitors center area. This followed by a Guided Bus Tour of the vast center. This is a must for any red-blooded American, man, woman or child.</p> <p><b>EARLY BIRD DINNER.</b> Buses load at 5:30 P.M. Barbecue Dinner will be served to us in the CHEYENNE SALOON, a part of the famous ROSIE O'GRADY'S GOOD TIME EMPORIUM. Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. At 7:30 P.M. the complex opens to the public and the entertainment begins. Then all aboard Church Street Station for an evening of rollicking, romping, foot-stomping fun where guests leave their inhibitions on the platform and let the good times roll. Cheyenne Saloon features country and western band, singers, cloggers, roping show. Rosie O'Grady's features Dixieland, Jazz Band, Can-Can Dancers, Red Hot Mama, Singing Waiters. Apple Annie's Courtyard features bluegrass and folk music. This will be an evening you will never forget. After Dinner we have free access to the entire complex and all the entertainment. Buses depart 11:00 P.M.</p> |
| Friday, Oct. 12th    | Registration 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.   |
|                      | <p><b>CYPRESS GARDENS TOUR.</b> Buses load at 8:30 A.M. return about 5:00 P.M. Cypress Gardens has much more to offer than the world famous Ski Show. You can spend hours strolling through the breathtaking Botanical Gardens developed in the natural tropical Florida habitat. Bring your camera and lots of film. This is a photographer's paradise, and much more.</p> <p><b>PX BEER PARTY.</b> 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., in the hotel ballroom. Beer and good fellowship, with organ music for listening and dancing.</p>  |

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PROGRAM FOR 1984 HOLIDAY INN REUNION (Continued from Page 29)

Saturday, Oct. 13th      MEN'S MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING — 10:00 A.M.  
LADIES' AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING — 10:00 A.M.  
COCKTAIL PARTY (Cash Bar) — 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
MEMORIAL SERVICE — 7:15 P.M. Please be seated before this service  
BANQUET DINNER — 7:30 P.M.  
DANCING — 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Special Note      HOSPITALITY ROOM — Will be located next door to Registration Room.  
HOURS: Tuesday through Friday — Noon 'til 10:00 P.M. Saturday — Noon 'til 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 14th      Farewells and Departures — Except for those who choose to remain longer.

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EUROPEAN THEATER-MARCH 1945: Halted to refuel, M4 (Sherman) Medium Tanks of the 777th Tank Battalion await orders to advance near Westhausen, Germany. US ARMY PHOTOGRAPH (SC 203638)

Any former A-Company 777th men who can recognize themselves or their tank in the above picture, please contact **Vernon Wirth**, 8330 W. Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222.

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If this is your First Reunion, and you have not given this information before, please, do fill in below.

This information is for our "Sunshine Lady" Margie McCombs, who will send greetings to you, on special occasions. It is also suggested Regular Reunion Attendees up-date this information periodically — *Thank You Kindly!*

Member's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children Living at Home:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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69th Division Association's 37th Annual Reunion  
661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion  
Holiday Inn, Orlando, Florida**

**FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS — Complete this form or send legible xerox copy to:**

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I/We Plan to Arrive (Day) \_\_\_\_\_, October \_\_\_\_\_, 1984. Check-In Time is 2:00 P.M.

I/We plan to Depart (Day) \_\_\_\_\_, October \_\_\_\_\_, 1984. Check Out-Time is 11:00 A.M.

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Room(s) for dates indicated above:

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Telephone/Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_    Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a room with another member, we need to know:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Cut Here and Mail)

**CUT-OFF DATE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS — SEPTEMBER 7, 1984**

A DEPOSIT OF ONE DAYS ROOM RATE IS **REQUIRED** TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATION, AND THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD. DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE UPON RECEIPT OF CANCELLATION NOTICE 72 HOURS (THREE DAYS) PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE.

THE HOLIDAY INN WILL GRANT US THE \$48.00 RATE FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE REUNION DATES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXTEND THEIR STAY IN THE AREA.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS **EARLY** SO YOU WILL NOT BE SHUT-OUT. WE HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED FOUR HUNDRED ROOMS AND WE ANTICIPATE USING THAT MANY AND POSSIBLY A FEW MORE.

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CREDIT CARDS — ONLY the following will be accepted by Holiday Inn: American Express, Master Card, Visa Card, Diner's Club, Carte Blanche.

Anyone driving to Orlando and the Holiday Inn should come in on I-4, and Exit at State Road 528A (Sandy Lake Road). The Holiday Inn is a long block north of 528A on International Drive. Those drivers entering Orlando on the Florida Turnpike, take Exit 75 to I-4 West. Motor Homes and Campers going to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp also take Exit 528A from I-4, then follow the signs. The camp is about a mile from the Holiday Inn.

# CHURCH STREET STATION

PRESENTS

## ROSIE GRADY'S



Gives you a night out featuring your "EARLY BIRD" in the center of it all. This is a must for all members to "live-it-up" with the wife, family, guests and not only Unit Buddies but Division friends.

The bus leaves at 5:30 P.M. and I am sure 11:00 P.M. will arrive much too quick, when the bus departs back to the Holiday Inn.

See you at the "EARLY BIRD." Oh yes, it's on Thursday, but why don't you plan to be with us all week. Come Sunday and stay all week.



# Make Reservations Now

## For 1984 69th Division Association Reunion

### 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion

#### REGISTRATION FORM TO BE MAILED TO:

A. C. "Al" Faison  
428 Sparrow Drive  
Sattelite Beach, Florida 32937  
Telephone: 305/773-7250

*(If you do not want to tear this from the Bulletin, a legible xerox copy will be sufficient, but be sure it is legible).*

I/We will attend the 1984 Infantry Division Association Reunion at Holiday Inn from October \_\_\_\_\_, to October \_\_\_\_\_, and will attend the following activities.

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone/Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ First Timers ☐ Second Timers ☐ Old Timers

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Weekly Events	Time	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations — Monday thru Saturday		\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
Silver Springs Tour — Wednesday, October 10, 1984	8:30 A.M.	17.00	_____	_____
Kennedy Space Center Tour — Thursday, October 11, 1984	8:00 A.M.	12.00	_____	_____
Early Bird — Cheyenne Saloon, Rosie O'Grady's — Thursday, October 11, 1984	5:30 P.M.	20.00	_____	_____
Cypress Gardens Tour — Friday, October 12, 1984	8:30 A.M.	16.00	_____	_____
PX Beer Party — Friday, October 12, 1984	8:00 P.M.	3.00	_____	_____
Banquet, Dinner Dance, Memorial Service	7:00 P.M.	24.00	_____	_____
				<b>Reunion Sub Total \$ _____</b>

#### DUES

New Dues Year — August 1, 1984 to July 31, 1985

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributory Membership	\$10.00	\$ _____
Ladies' Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
Postage Donation (For Mailing Bulletins - Bulk Rate — Up to You)		\$ _____

**Dues Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make Checks or Money Order Payable To: 69th Infantry Division Association

(DO NOT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO A. C. Faison or Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.)

Al: We are bringing a Camper and \_\_\_\_\_ stay at Yogi Bear's \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Inn.

# 1984 REUNION IN SUNNY FLORIDA

## "The Land of Disney World"

**Al Faison, Co-Chairman**  
428 Sparrow Drive  
Satellite Beach, Florida 32937  
305/773-7250

**Jack D. Hubbard, Co-Chairman**  
4300 S. Semoran, Suite 568  
Box 14500  
Orlando, Florida 32857-4500

"Come to Sunny Florida and Have A Glass of Orange Juice With Us and Your Buddies from your Unit at the Holiday Inn, 6515 International Drive, Orlando, Florida."

### 69th REUNIONS BULLETIN BOARD

Earl E. and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.  
P.O. Box 69, Drawer M  
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

Hey, going to the Reunion — Well then why not drop a 13 cent post card to the address above for publication in a future Bulletin to tell your friends that you'll be there. Give your name, city, state and unit. We hope it stirs some interest to get your Buddies to attend.

Reunion Site	Name	Unit	City and State
Holiday Inn - International Orlando, Florida	Adrian F. & Marge Adams	777th T.D.	Port St. Lucie, Florida
	George H. & Virginia Allen	Co.-B 269th	Palm Bay, Florida
	Norman B. & Dorothy Allen	Co.-F 272nd Inf.	Wheaton, Illinois
	Wayne F. & Opal R. Allen	661st T.D.	Siloam Springs, Arkansas
	John C. & Herta Almac	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Edgewood, Maryland
	John J. & Nora Arbuckle	Btry.-B 879 F.A. Bn.	Sarasota, Florida
	William R. & Beverly Armstrong	Co.-I 273rd Reg.	Marion, Iowa
	Stanley & Ruth Auk	Co.-B 269th Eng.	Tampa, Florida
	Arthur L. & Kathe, B. Ayres, Sr.	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Randolph, New Jersey
	Denman H. & Jane Ayres	H&S 724th F.A. Bn.	Harlingen, Texas
	Douglas S. & Kay Baird	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Williamsburg, Virginia
	Wilbur L. & Phyllis Baker	Hq. 1st Bn. 271st Inf.	Greenwood, Indiana
	Howard C. & Ina Bayerle	569th Sig. Co.	Wetumpka, Arizona
	Willard N. & Dorris Beecher	Co.-G 273rd Inf.	Clearwater, Florida
	Benedict & Joan Bellino	272nd Inf.	Brooklyn, New York
	Allan F. & Mary Blackmar	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Pine Plains, New York
	Robert & Millie Blackman	Co.-B 272nd Inf.	Lake St. Louise, Missouri
	Helmuth A. & Pearl Boehm	271st Reg. Co.-B	Dana Point, California
	Julius H. & Margaret Braun	(BG Ret.)AT-271st Inf.	San Antonio, Texas
	James A. & Thurlo Bristol	777th Tank Bn.	Allentown, Pennsylvania
	J. Graham & Jane Brudall	AT-271st Inf.	Richmond, Virginia
	Francis L. Burns	Btry.-A 724th F.A.	Roslindale, Maine
	Francis L. & Lee Burrows	Med. Det. 271st Inf.	Baltimore, Maryland
	Ricaldo & Jo Cagno	Btry.-B 724th F.A.	Tampa, Florida
	C. Frank Carey	Co.-F 271st Inf.	Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania
	Thomas G. & Mattie Carson	Co.-L 271st Reg.	Decatur, Georgia
	Millard L. & Fredda Carter	Co.-G 272nd Inf.	Lorenzo, Texas
	James & Kathleen Cassidy	Hq. Co. 272nd Reg.	Yonkers, New York
	Anthony J. & Pauline Concatelli	AT-272nd Inf.	Hartford, Connecticut
	Albert & Henrietta Crisp		Sussex, New Jersey
	John R. & Marguerite Crittenden	Hq. 369th Med. Bn.	Westville, Oklahoma
	Stanley E. & Gloria Czyzyk	Co.-C 273rd Inf.	New Hyde Park, New York
	Lido & Louise Dalporto	Co.-M 272nd Inf.	Smithers West Virginia
	Kenneth G. & Veronico Davidson	Co.-C 271st Inf.	North Haledon, New Jersey
	Francis X. & Dorothy Davis	Co.-D 271st Inf.	DeLand, Florida
	Leonard J. & June Deering	Hq. 2nd Bn. 271st Inf.	Fredonia, New York
	Frederick C. & Kitty Dicke	Co.-E 273rd Inf.	St. Marys, Ohio
	John R. & Marjorie Fain	Co.-F 273rd Inf.	Orlando, Florida
	Al & Ann Faison	Divarty	Satellite Beach, Florida
	Joseph M. & Iris Ferrell, Jr.	AT-271st Inf.	Deland, Florida
	Marvin S. & Sylvia Fineberg	724th F.A.	Deephaven, Minnesota
	Irwin C. & Phyllis Fox	Hq. 3rd Bn. 271st Inf.	Elkins Park, Pennsylvania
Albert & Elvira Francavilla	273rd Inf.	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	
Saverio & Veronica Francosa	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Bronx, New York	
George & Vickie Gallagher	M.P. & Q.M.	Zephyrhills, Florida	
Joseph A. & Zola George, Jr.	Recon Troop	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	
David F. & Sylvia Goldstein	569th Sig. Co.	Boca Raton, Florida	
Stacy W. & Natalie Gooch	724th F.A. Bn.	Albuquerque, New Mexico	

## 69th REUNIONS BULLETIN BOARD

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Holiday Inn - International Orlando, Florida	Clarence C. & Lena Goon	Co.-G 271st Inf.	Ashland, Ohio
	Robert E. & Frieda Gregory	569th Sig. Co.	St. Marys, Georgia
	Charles E. & Vivian Griffin	Btry.-B 461st AAA Bn.	Canton, Ohio
	Al & Frances Haag	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Janesville, Wisconsin
	Walter & Alice Haag	Btry.-B 881st F.A. Bn.	Millbrite, California
	Milton & Esta Halainen	769th Ord. Co.	Troy, New Hampshire
	Douglas & Nyda Hall	Hq. Btry. Divarty	Loranger, Louisiana
	D. C. & Elsie Haltiwanger	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Jacksonville, Florida
	John B. & Isabel Harris, Jr.	Div. Hq.	Lothian, Maryland
	James W. & Mary J. Harvey	569th Sig. Corp.	Orlando, Florida
	John & Ann Hedl	Co.-A 269th Eng.	Nazareth, Pennsylvania
	Otto F. & Dorothy Heim		Mincola, New York
	Charles R. & Patricia Hoffman, Jr.	Hq. 3rd Bn. 273rd Inf.	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
	Col. H. Walter & Ruth Holmlin	Hq. 269th Eng.	Morristown, New Jersey
	Albert & Rebecca Hornyak	Co.-K 271st Inf.	Cleveland, Ohio
	Jack D. & Luella Hubbard	Co.-A 273rd Inf.	Orlando, Florida
	B. A. & Irene Humphreys	769th Ord. Co.	Greenfield, Ohio
	Walter J. & Vaughn E. Jeskiewicz	Co.-H 271st Inf.	Wierton, West Virginia
	Charles B. & Zadio Jordan	Hq. & Hq. Div. Arty.	Hot Springs, Arkansas
	Col. Joe & Betty Juskowiak	(Ret.) 369th Med. Co-A	Sarasota, Florida
	David & Pauline Kesterson	569th Sig.	Cambridge, Ohio
	Earl I. Kinney	Serv. Co. 271st Inf.	Port Charlotte, Florida
	Gordon K. & Bernice Kjos	Div. Hq.	Red Wing, Minnesota
	Sid Klepper	Co.-C 271st Inf.	Monroe, New York
	Warren T. & Betty Kunkel	880th F.A. Hq. Btry.	Fort Wayne, Indiana
	John Kurey	Hq. 269th Inf.	Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
	Bernard W. & Marie LaDue	Co.-B 272nd Inf.	Hilton, New York
	Andrew & Mary LaPatka	Co.-D 777th Tk. Bn.	New Castle, Pennsylvania
	Harold R. & Kay Longmire	Co.-H 272nd Inf.	New Braunfels, Texas
	Forrest M. Lucas, Jr.	569th Sig. Co.	Tyrone, Pennsylvania
	Paul & Margie McCombs	Co.-D 271st Inf.	West Chester, Pennsylvania
	Oliver A. & Violet McConahy	269th Eng.	New Castle, Pennsylvania
	Don McCoppen	Hq. 2nd Bn. 271st Inf.	White Plains, New York
	Dale F. & Helen McGee, Jr.	Co.-E 271st Inf.	St. Augustine, Florida
	Kenneth & Hester Manning	569th Sig. Co.	Martinsburg, West Virginia
	L. S. & Didi Marsh	Div. Hq.	Indianapolis, Indiana
	Clarence Marshall	Div. Hq.	New Kensington, Pennsylvania
	Herb & Jeanne Mason	Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 272nd Inf.	Tampa, Florida
	Robert C. & Jeanne Maxwell	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 271st Inf.	Vero Beach, Florida
	George & Rita Maznicki	880th F.A. Btry.-C	Essex, Connecticut
	F. William & Marie Metcalf	AT-272nd Inf.	Franklin lakes, New Jersey
	Charles W. & Jean Meyer	Hq. 724th F.A.	Ormond Beach, Florida
	Carl A. & Ruth Miller	69th M.P.	Buckrus, Ohio
	James E. & Faye Moody	M.P.	Wilson, North Carolina
	Charles L. & Kathy Moore	Co.-E 271st Inf.	North Canton, Ohio
	Wilbert A. & Betty Morrical	H&S Co. 269th Eng.	La Porte, Indiana
	N. S. & Irene Moskos	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Dunedin, Florida
	Raul L. & Lilly Nava	Co.-M 273rd Inf.	Arcadia, California
	Ray & Polly Naylor	272nd Inf.	Tampa, Florida
	William H. & Elizabeth Nebhut	Co.-M 273rd Inf.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	Watson & Peg Neiman	(Col. Ret.) 369th Med. Bn.	Altamonte Springs, Florida
	John & Helen Oplt	Co.-D 273rd Reg.	Swansea, Illinois
	Charles W. & Anita Otto	Co.-E 271st Reg.	Candler, North Carolina
	Frank & Grace Packard	Co.-A 269th Eng.	Oakham, Massachusetts
	Edmund L. & Frances B. Petersen	769th Ord & B-272nd Inf.	Morris, Illinois
	Ward E. & Marian E. Peterson	Co.-B 269th Eng.	Glen Mills, Pennsylvania
	Robert L. & Theresa M. Pierce	Co.-I 273rd Inf.	San Jose, California
	Anthony W. & Genevieve A. Plasic	Co.-L 273rd Inf.	Steelton, Pennsylvania
	John & Louise Pontieri	269th Eng.	Patchogue, New York
	Donald J. & Mary Jane Rettman	Co.-F 272nd Inf.	Dunedin, Florida
	Ralph & Mildred Riggs	Recon	Columbus, Ohio
	G. B. Ringwald	569th Sig.	Glenwood, Illinois
	Cy Rockhold	Co.-H&S 271st Inf.	Glouster, Ohio
	Eliot & Peggy Rubin	Co.-E 272nd Inf.	Lido, New York

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Holiday Inn - International Orlando, Florida	Dave & Ginny Ross	Hq. 1-Bn. 271st Inf.	Garland, Texas
	Silvester L. & Margaret Sabol	Co.-A 777th Inf.	Wadsworth, Ohio
	Sigmund & Joanne Salacinski	69th Div. Q.M.	Staten Island, New York
	Conrad R. & Margaret Saller	Co.-K 272nd Inf.	Calumet Park, Illinois
	Kenneth A. Sawyer	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Melbourne, Florida
	F. Schuler & Wife	69th Ord.	Rolling Meadows, Illinois
	Charles & Mary Senosk	Co.-E & Ser. 271st Inf.	Auburn, Maine
	Jack R. & Gladys Shadburn	Hq. Co. 3-Bn. 273rd Inf.	Gainesville, Florida
	Robert G. & Jean Shaffer	Co.-C 272nd Inf.	Massillon, Ohio
	W. C. & Reba Sheavly	Co.-M 271st Inf.	Reisterstown, Maryland
	Neil Shields	Co.-F 272nd Inf.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
	Martin & Fran Skrovina	M.P. Platoon	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
	Donald R. & Dorothy Slimmer	Co.-A 777th Tk. Bn.	Little Falls, Minnesota
	James H. & Katherine Sprinkle	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Hiddenite, North Carolina
	Edson N. & Tory Stagg	Co.-G 273rd Inf.	Flemington, New Jersey
	R. "Bob" & Alice Stern	Co.-C 879th Inf.	Cleveland, Ohio
	S. Raymond & Charlotte Strauss	(Col. Ret.) 272nd Med.	Scarsdale, New York
	Lewis & Mary Tenney	Co.-D 273rd Regt.	Columbus, Indiana
	Lewis N. & Betty Terrell	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Roanoke, Virginia
	F. B. Titzer	Hq. Inf.	Evensville, Indiana
	William D. & Beverley Tucker	69th M.P.	St. Petersburg, Florida
	John W. & Neta Turner	Co.-C 724th & 881st F.A.	Decatur, Georgia
	Ray & Frances VanBrocklin	769th Ord. Co.	Davenport, Iowa
	Lewis L. Vaughan	69th Recon	Hopewell, Virginia
	Nicholas & Ann Villacci	Co.-I 273rd Inf.	S. Ozone Park, New York
	James A. & Helen Vogel	Co.-G 272nd Inf.	Los Angeles, California
	Herman & Ella Mae Walker	Co.-L 273rd Inf.	Indianapolis, Indiana
	Charles & Patricia Walsh	Co.-B 271st Inf.	Mequon, Wisconsin
	Earl & Anna Walters	Hq. 3rd Bn. 273rd Inf.	Landisville, Pennsylvania
	James H. Weber	Div. Hq. G-3 Sec.	Merrillville, Indiana
	Max Weinzierl	Hq. & Sev. 269th Inf.	St. Petersburg, Florida
	Earl & Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.	Co.-E 273rd Inf.	Champion, Pennsylvania
	Harold F. & Lucile Wojahn	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Satellite Beach, Florida
	Gilbert W. & Iva Wood	69th Div.	Ocala, Florida
	Charles & Norma Woolery	271st Inf.	Waseca, Minnesota
	Sam & Anne Woolf	Co.-F 273rd Inf.	Scarsdale, New York
	Morris & Blanche Yegelow	Co.-H 271st Inf.	Pembroke Pines, Florida
	Bruce L. & Mary Young	Sev. Btry. 879th F.A.	Gambrills, Maryland
	Emil & Elenia Zerenga	Co.-A 271st Inf.	Bayside, New York

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Headquarters Battery 879th Field Artillery Battalion  
(Left to Right): Gold, Wilson, Colombo, Burynes, Luptcen,  
Thompson, Turner.

### MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Make sure you send your Hotel Reservation to the Holiday Inn.

Make sure you send your Events Reservation to Al Faison, 428 Sparrow Drive, Sattelite Beach, Florida 32937.

Do not consider the back of a Dues Envelope as a Reservation.

# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

May I just make note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, Recon, Artillery and T.D's to get your Activities Schedules in to **Box 69, Drawer M, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622**, as early as possible. We try to work at least a year ahead, as we only put out three Bulletins a year. When mailing in this information, do send your organization's name, person in charge (Chairman), address, city, state, zip, telephone numbers including area codes, dates, location, and anything else that you feel might be of interest for the outfit to know. This may also bring a few new faces, or two, to your group.

## JANUARY 1984

Second Request for 1983-1984 Dues mailed to members (ONCE AGAIN — If your payment has already been made please disregard this notice). If you wish send us a letter in the envelope with your picture for use in the Bulletin. You might just include the wife also.

## APRIL 7, 1984

Central Pennsylvania Branch Spring Get-Together

(In The Heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country)

**HISTORIC STRASBURG INN**

Route 896

Strasburg, Pennsylvania

Chairlady:

Doris Ober

660 Groff Avenue

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022

Telephone: 717/367-5125 (Evenings Only)

## JUNE 7, 8, 9, 10, 1984

Tri-State Spring and Fall Combined Weekend

(The Family Group)

(Inviting Cental Pennsylvania Branch to meet with us this Weekend)

**Quality Inn - Bedford**

Route 220 North

Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 11

Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522

Committee:

(Mail Reply to):

Earl E. and Dorothy A. Witzleb, Jr.

R.D. No. 1, Box 477

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

John and Elizabeth Hawley

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Enrico and Ann D'Angelo

Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

W. R. and Betty Foster

New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

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*Happy Easter*



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## AUGUST 1, 1984

**NEW DUES YEAR BEGINS TO — JULY 31, 1985**

(Pay your Dues early).

## AUGUST 1984

Dues Envelopes for 1984-1985 will be mailed to members. (This is early and the first time they will be on schedule. Pay Dues either at the Orlando, Florida Reunion or in the Return Envelope — remembering to enclose the flap along with your check). Please do sign the check and make address corrections.

## APRIL 30, 1984

Deadline for pictures and material for

Volume 37, No. 3 Bulletin

May-June-July-August

Bulletin due out to members in July

A good Bulletin for Units and Groups to make Mini Reunion announcements. Remember we should know these things one year in advance so that the news isn't late and possibly it can be used in two Bulletins).

## MAY 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1984

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

Best Western Motel

West Gate Inn

York, Pennsylvania

For Information Write:

Bill and Jo Beswick

P.O. Box 576

420 21st Street

West Point, Virginia 23181

Telephone: 804/843-2696

Millard Mellinger

R.D. No. 1

Wrightsville, Pennsylvania 17368

Telephone: 717/252-2573

## SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

Deadline for pictures and material for

Volume 38, No. 1 Bulletin

September-October-November-December

Bulletin due out to members in November

## SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1984

461st AAA Battery-B

Motel/Hotel (Information not received as of this printing).

East Coast Reunion

Erie, Pennsylvania

Committee:

William "Bill" Byler, Chairman

2625 Post Avenue

Erie, Pennsylvania 16508

Telephone: (Next Issue)

Edward Gergerich, Assistant Chairman

318 Hawthorne Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15209

Telephone: 412/821-2016

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**COMING EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULE**  
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**OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1984**

**69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion**

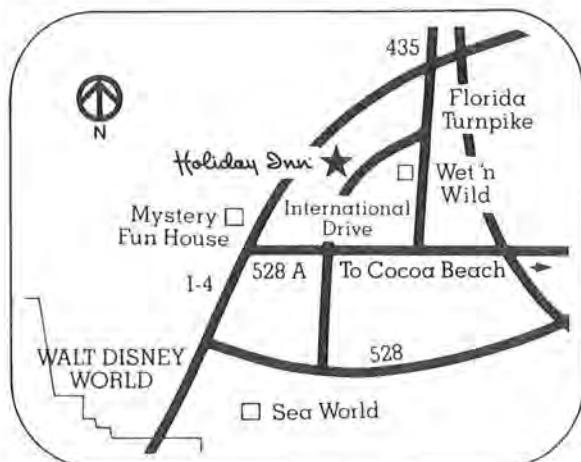
**Holiday Inn - International**

**6515 International Drive**

**Orlando, Florida 32809**

**Telephone: 305/351-3500**

*(The Land of Disney World — In Sunny Florida)*



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**Satellite Beach, Florida 32937**

**Telephone: 305/773-7250**

**Jack D. Hubbard, Co-Chairman**

**4300 S. Semoran, Suite 588**

**Box 14500**

**Orlando, Florida 32857-4500**

**Florida Membership:**

Your Reunion Co-Chairmen, **Jack Hubbard** and **Al Faison**, express their sincere appreciation to those members from Florida who have already volunteered for specific committee assignments. We will need more help from Florida members.

I know that many of you told me at Scottsdale and Milwaukee that you would be glad to help out when you came to Orlando.

It would be most helpful if you would drop me a note when you send in your reservation and tell me what day would be most convenient for you to offer assistance and we will do our best to have it set up and notify you at registration time. **WHY NOT GET ON THE BAND WAGON NOW AND JOIN THE SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER. c/o Allen and Cathy Long, 10620 Fernando Street, Orlando, Florida 32817.** I am sure they will pass the information on to Al as many Reunion meetings will be held this year in the remaining months until Reunion week.

**OCTOBER 7-14, 1984**

**Battery-C 724th Field Artillery**

**Orlando, Florida**

(To be held in conjunction with  
69th Infantry Division Association Reunion).

**Vernon E. Tritch, Jr., Co-Chairman**

**3259 Foxiana Road**

**Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057**

**Telephone: 717/944-9080**

**John W. Turner, Co-Chairman**

**2148 East Lake Road, N.E.**

**Atlanta, Georgia 30307**

**Telephone: 404/378-3543**

**SEPTEMBER — OCTOBER 1985**

**69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion**

**Resorts International Casino**

**Atlantic City, New Jersey**

**Walter and Ann Doernbach, Chairpersons**

**128 South Cincinnati Avenue**

**South Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215**

**Telephone: 609/965-1074**

(Members living in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Pennsylvania willing to work on this committee call the above number).

*(Waiting on newsy information on this Reunion from Walter Doernbach. Something should be available for the next Bulletin and all the details at the Orlando, Florida, Reunion).*

**AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 1986**

**69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion**

**Pittsburgh Marriott Inn - Greentree**

**101 Marriott Drive**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205**

**Telephone: 412/922-8400**

(Family Week — We want to see you adult members and your adult children at this Reunion, with their children. Shall we have a baby sitting room like those of years gone by?).

**Earl E. and Dottie A. Witzleb, Jr.**

**P.O. Box 69, Drawer M**

**Champion, Pennsylvania 15622**

**Telephone: 412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 p.m. and Weekends)**

**Committee:**

**Paul and Marion Shadle, Reservations**

**Clarence Marshall, Membership**

**Adam Manz, Division Hospitality Room**

*(Sponsored by the Tri-State Group)*

**William "Bill" and Reba Sheavly, Souvenirs**

**Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, Tours**

**Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Tours**

*(And the rest of the Tri-State Family Group)*



*Headquarters Battery 879th Field Artillery Battalion  
Colombo and Matthews*

# Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, and whatever, for this column, as it may help build up your events. Mail your date(s), location, banquet cost, and room rates, plus a good write-up, to **Box 69, Drawer M, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622**, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event(s).

## Southeastern Chapter

**Allen and Cathy Long, Chairpersons**  
10620 Fernando Street  
Orlando, Florida 32817  
Telephone: 305/277-7820

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

#### SOUTHEAST CHAPTER IS BORN OCTOBER 22, 1983

**Allen and Cathy Long**, 10620 Fernando Street, Orlando, Florida, proudly announce the birth of the **SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**. With forty-six people in attendance special blessings were administered by **President George Gallagher** and **Vice-President Bill Beswick**.

The birth occurred at the **HILTON INN**, Orlando, Florida, and on the recommendation of **Jim Harvey**, **Allen** and **Cathy** were selected to be the parents of the new "Baby" and were elected chairman and secretary. **Jim Harvey**, temporary chairman of the small group initiating formation of the Southeastern Chapter, declined chairmanship of the new Chapter for medical reasons.

**Jim Harvey** has been a real sparkplug in formation of the new Chapter since the first efforts in May, 1982. Special thanks are due **Davisson Dunlap** for donating services of his office staff and generating a last minute mailing to all our members in Florida, Georgia and Alabama; this caused several people to attend who had missed the notice in the Bulletin or attend because of medical or physical reasons, we wish you a speedy recovery. To those unable to attend because of business or other commitments, try to make future meetings which will be announced in the Bulletin.

We want to issue a special invitation to those ladies who replied to the letter notice that their husbands had passed on. You will always be a part of our family. So try to come to our meetings and get together with old friends; and bring your children and let them get acquainted with their father's Buddies.

Since this was basically an organizational meeting we scheduled it for only one day. Future meetings will be planned for longer weekend times to give us more time for socializing and other activities. Hopefully some of you folks living in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi will attend these future meetings.

Saturday evening the group went to Sea World for a Luau followed by a Polynesian Show. The food was good, the show was excellent, and everyone seemed to have a good time. It would be most helpful if you would send your ideas for future meeting places and activities to the Chairman, **Allen Long**.

We think special thanks are due **Bill Beswick**, Association Vice-President, and his wife, **Jo**, who drove over seven hundred miles from their home in West Point, Virginia, to be with us and help in our organizational meeting. Some of our Florida members also came fairly long distances and we hope they will continue to do so for future meetings. Following is a list of those attending:

<b>Stanley &amp; Ruth Auk</b>	Tampa	Co.-B 269 Eng.
<b>John R. Fain</b>	Orlando	F-Co. 271 Inf.
<b>Alfred C. &amp; Anne Faison</b>	Satellite Beach	Hq. Div. Arty.
<b>Joe &amp; Iris Ferrell</b>	Deland	AT 271 Inf.

<b>Darrell &amp; Helen Gill</b>	Kissimmee	Med. 269 Eng.
<b>Dennis &amp; Elsie Hiltiwanger</b>	Jacksonville	I-Co 272 Inf.
<b>James &amp; Mary Harvey</b>	Orlando	569 Sig.
<b>Jack &amp; Helen Hayes</b>	Indialantic	Co.-H 271 Inf.
<b>C.R. (Chuck) Hoffman, Jr.</b>	Ft. Walton Beach	3-Bn Hq. 273 Inf.
<b>Jack &amp; Jackie Hubbard</b>	Orlando	Co.-A Inf.
<b>James &amp; Elsie Irvine</b>	Cocoa Beach	Div. Hq.
<b>Bob &amp; Becky Knowlton</b>	Orlando	Unknown
<b>Allen &amp; Cathy Long</b>	Orlando	Co.-I 273 Inf.
<b>Bob &amp; Jeanne Maxwell</b>	Vero Beach	2nd Bn. Hq. 271 Inf.
<b>Wayne McCourty</b>	Merritt Island	Div. Hq. & 769 Ord.
<b>John &amp; Rosemary McKeil</b>	Miami	Co.-D 272 Inf.
<b>George &amp; Agnes Phillips</b>	St. Petersburg	Co.-G 271
<b>Don &amp; Jo Ellen Riddle</b>	Orange City	B-Btry. 724 FA
<b>Jim &amp; Wally Richardson</b>	Orlando	Co.-M 271 Inf.
<b>Cecil &amp; Lula Rue</b>	Naples	Co.-A 269 Eng.
<b>Ken Sawyer</b>	Melbourne	Co.-D 273 Inf.
<b>Arturo &amp; Roly Toro, Jr.</b>	Miami	SV & E Co.s 273 Inf.
<b>Raymond &amp; Alice Walthoff</b>	St. Petersburg	Co.-M 272 Inf.

#### Special Guests:

**President George Gallagher** and wife, **Vickie**.  
Zephyrhills, Florida

**Vice-President William (Bill) Beswick** and wife, **Jo**.  
West Point, Virginia

"Your Reunion Co-Chairmen, **Jack Hubbard** and **Al Faison**, express their sincere appreciation to those members from Florida who have already volunteered for specific committee assignments. We will need some more help. I know that many of you told me at Scottsdale and Milwaukee that you would be glad to help out when you came to Orlando. It would be most helpful if you would drop me a note when you send in your reservation and tell me what day would be most convenient for you to offer assistance and we will do our best to have it set up and notify you at registration time." We need all Floridian's as the others want to see our Sunshine State. If any questions about any of this give me a call, or drop a note.



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## Central Pennsylvania Branch

**Doris Ober, Chairlady**  
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Central Pennsylvania Branch of the Fighting 69th Infantry held their Annual Fall Banquet at the Marriott in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, October 1, 1983.

The following were in attendance:

<b>Ann &amp; Enrico D'Angelo</b>	Saltsburg	880 FA
<b>Helen &amp; Dan Evers</b>	Brookhaven	269 Eng.
<b>Betty &amp; Bill Foster</b>	New Cumberland	269 Eng.
<b>Elizabeth &amp; John Hawley</b>	Shippensburg	269 Eng.
<b>Bernice &amp; Carl Macknair</b>	McClure	Co.-I 273 Inf.
<b>Doris Ober</b>	Elizabethtown	
<b>Reba &amp; Bill Sheavly</b>	Reisterstown, Maryland	Co.-M 271 Inf.
<b>Helen &amp; Ray Szkudlarek</b>	Toledo, Ohio	Co.-H 273 Inf.
<b>Violet &amp; Jake Stark</b>	Steelton	Co.-H 273 Inf.
<b>Ann &amp; Earl Walters</b>	Landisville	Hq. 273 Inf.
<b>Dottie &amp; Earl Witzleb</b>	Acme	Co.-E 273 Inf.
<b>Joanne &amp; Chris McKee</b> (Guest Speaker and Wife)		

Door prizes were won by **Jake Stark** (a floral centerpiece) and **Bill Sheavly** (wind chimes made and donated by **John Hawley**).

Our guest speaker was **Chris McKee**, a Scotsman, who came dressed in his "evening kilt" attire. He spoke to us about the Scots, his travels in Scotland, his genealogy studies, the book he is writing, their games, their dress, etc. He was most interesting and informative.

1984 calendars were given each attendee by **Betty and Bill Foster**. Thank you both. On it we marked two dates — Saturday, April 7, 1984 and June 7-10, 1984.

Central Pennsylvania will have their Spring Get-Together on Saturday, April 7th, in the Heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country — The Historic Strasburg Inn, Route 896, Strasburg, Pennsylvania. This will be an all-you-can-eat-family-style dinner. The cost will be approximately \$12 per person. Our room has already been reserved and dinner will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. Minor details must be worked out, however, Reminder notices will be mailed in March.

But — circle the date on your calendars and plan to attend. Those of you in other parts of the U.S., who want to attend are most welcome. Sleeping accommodations are on the premise. Their rates are approximately \$63 per room, but I'm sure we can get a lower rate. Let me hear from you.

**Bill Foster** reported on the June 7-10, 1984, Weekend planned by the Tri-State at the Quality Inn at Bedford, Pennsylvania. I'm sure **Earl Witzleb** will be reporting on their plans elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Hope you had a most happy, healthy, pleasant and prosperous holiday. Will look forward to seeing many of you in Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

## Tri-State Group

### THE FAMILY GROUP

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Western Maryland,  
Western New York, West Virginia, and now —  
Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia

**Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr., Chairpersons**

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The big Weekend is fast approaching and should be a very busy one for those attending.

Thursday, June 7, will be arrival day and get acquainted afternoon in the Hospitality Room. Thursday evening will be a Cook-Out at pool side with swimming in the evening so bring your swim suits. **Bill Foster** will be chief cook and will feature **Dottie's** hot sausage plus all kinds of other food.

Friday, June 8, we plan on visiting a fish hatchery in the morning, Coral Caverns in the afternoon, plus the rest of the time at Old Bedford Village. Dinner will be at **Ed's Steak House** with the rest of the evening relaxing and socializing in the Hospitality Room.

Saturday, June 9, the morning and afternoon will be spent at Raystown Lake riding the Raystown Belle on a three hour tour. Lunch will be aboard the boat. Saturday evening will be the Banquet and entertainment to follow.

Sunday, June 10, morning will be the Farewell Brunch and good-bye's until once again we meet each other in Orlando, Florida, the Division Reunion in 1984.

Details are incomplete but flyers will be mailed to all Tri-State members. Any other members of the Division are welcome and should write **Earl** for a flyer which will be mailed in late April.

Central Pennsylvania Branch members have been invited to attend this Weekend with our Tri-State Group. Questions can be answered by the committee so call them in your area.

**JUNE 7, 8, 9, 10, 1984**

### Tri-State Spring and Fall Weekend

#### The Family Group

(Inviting Central Pennsylvania Branch,  
Harrisburg To Meet With Us This Weekend)

Quality Inn - Bedford

Route 220 North

Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522



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## ASSOCIATION CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS

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## Headquarters Division Artillery (Divarty)

If you weren't at the 69th Reunion at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale, you missed a good time. Despite the long distance from many of our homes, our Battery had more people in attendance than ever before. We expect to have an even better turnout at the next Reunion in Orlando, Florida, in October 1984 — but more about that later.

The following people were in attendance from our Battery:

<b>Jay &amp; Edith Rollman</b>	<b>Bob Sylva</b>
<b>Paul Thomas</b>	<b>Bill Hutchinson</b>
<b>Dennis &amp; Thelma Michum</b>	<b>Bob Bement</b>
<b>Doug &amp; Nyda Hall</b>	<b>Jimmy Brennan</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Betty Tully</b>	<b>Charlie &amp; Lois Kaercher</b>
<b>Charles &amp; Edith Chapman</b>	<b>Al Faison</b>

The sightseeing activities were most enjoyable. The best thing, of course, is seeing old friends and reliving long-forgotten experiences. The Early Bird Dinner on Thursday evening and the Saturday night Dinner Dance gave us a chance to eat and talk together by units. But the highlight had to be Friday night. This is the night for the PX Beer Party and Dance and the night units ordinarily get together on their own for dinner. Since Joe and Betty Tully live part of the year in Rio Verde, which is just outside Scottsdale, they invited all the above-named persons — yes, all of them — to a Barbecue Party at their lovely home. None of us will ever forget their hospitality. "Joe, you are finally forgiven for getting our Battery lost on that wild night trip from Krinkelt to Schmidtheim." I'm enclosing a picture taken at the Tully's.



(Left to Right - seated): Jimmy Brennan and Joe Tully.  
(Left to Right - standing): Dennis Michum, Al Faison, Doug Hall, Charlie Kaercher, Charlie Chapman, Paul Thomas and Jay Rollman.

It is with regret that I must report **Jimmy Brennan** died on November 27, 1983. (Jimmy's son advised **Jay Rollman** of his father's death. Jimmy had attended a number of Reunions and thoroughly enjoyed them. His name will appear under "Taps" in the January-April 1984, Fighting 69th Bulletin.

Incidentally, the September-December 1983 Bulletin contains the address of **Glenn Blake**, former S-1, S-4 at Divarty. **Guy Rogers** and I have been trying to locate him for some time.

The next Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on International Drive in Orlando, Florida the week of October 7-14, 1984. Al Faison has 400 rooms reserved for us. The January-April Fighting 69th Bulletin has all the details. Please reserve these dates and make tentative plans to attend. Encourage a friend to attend also. If you can spare the time, you will very much enjoy all of the week's activities. Many people combine the Reunion with their vacations. If your time is more limited, I would recommend attending the Early Bird Dinner, which will probably be held on Thursday night and remaining through Saturday. We'll work up something special for our Battery for Friday night. We're really expecting a good attendance from our Battery. Many who weren't able to attend the Scottsdale Reunion have told me they plan to go to Orlando.

I have a copy of the Unit History of the 69th Infantry Division Artillery dated 1 August 1945, written by Lt. Wm. N. L. Hutchinson, in his capacity as Historical Officer. It is three pages in length and is addressed to the Commanding General, Seventh Army. If anybody is interested, drop me a line and I'll xerox a copy for you.

As always, I'm glad to hear from any of you and if you are in this area look me up or call me.

**Charlie Chapman**  
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## 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

**William "Bill" and Joe Beswick, Chairpersons**  
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I know I'm late in writing the 661st T.D. Battalion news as the arrival of the Bulletin reminded me that the deadline for the next one is already here. Ellen and I certainly look forward to it's arrival and read it, every word, several times. You are really doing a fine job with it, keep up the good work.

We enjoyed another great Reunion in Arizona. We had a two weeks vacation driving west, and on the way out we always try to go different routes so this was the "clean-up trip." We went south on Route 80 at the Arizona line, down to Douglas and Bisbee to see the Lavender Copper Pit, back up through Tombstone to Tucson. On Monday we visited Old Tucson, the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and the Saguaro National Park on the way to Prescott.

We lost our brakes in Phoenix because of the heat but went on anyway and it was much cooler up there. We arrived a little late at Col. Miller's for a delicious picnic dinner which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. I'm almost sure to forget someone's name but if so, my apologies. Those present were:

<b>Doc &amp; Sally Wooley</b>	<b>Gene &amp; Ethel Pierron</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Pat Slopek</b>	<b>Cliff &amp; Dolly Blank</b>
<b>Sam Goldberg</b>	<b>Marcel &amp; Carol Pugsley</b>

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## ASSOCIATION CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS

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George & Joan McPherson    Guy & Betsey Nowels  
Sandy & Em McNealy        Frances O'Roarke & Son  
Earl Lazar                   Paul & Louise Cole  
Tom Waychoff                Warren & Dot Mitchell  
James & Lena Leach        Ralph & Margaret White  
Don & Renae Miller  
Bill & Ellen Snidow with guests Charley & Micky Williams,  
and of course, The Miller's volunteer help who put out a fine  
spread.

Don and Renea go all out to be the perfect hosts and Don the Leader of the War Stories. We just had a good and relaxing time remembering old times and laughing at all those funny experiences that maybe we didn't think were so funny back then.

On behalf of all the attendees, our sincere appreciation to the Miller's for having us. I wish we could have visited longer together, and was sorry that Steve and Ann Forgas could not make it. Steve had a foot circulation problem, and we do hope he's doing fine now recovering from surgery.

Was happy to see Frances O'Roarke who was vacationing in nearby Flagstaff. Frances and Garland were always regulars and I hope that Frances will always feel that she is a welcome part of any Reunion that she can make.

It was a personal pleasure to see George McPherson and his lovely wife, Joan, from my own platoon whom we'd not seen since 1977. We had a pretty good scattering from all over the states — from California and Oregon to Maryland and Virginia and from Arizona to Wisconsin and Michigan.

We spent an extra day in Prescott getting our brakes fixed. We had a busy day visiting their very good museum and places of historical interest. Also some quaint little shops and shopping centers in which to shop. We rode the "Trolley" a couple times around to the places of interest. We Virginians pride ourselves on our "southern hospitality" but the folks at Prescott really showed us how. Even the small children would throw up a hand in a friendly greeting and all the grown-ups so friendly and helpful.

We came back to Scottsdale on Thursday and tried to visit most of the places that tours did in the car. Mountain Shadows was really more beautiful this year than last time. The committee really did a superb job again with the entertainment, tours and helpfulness. Those who have never attended a Reunion just don't know what joy they are missing. I've seen grown men cry tears of joy upon seeing a good friend after all these years.

We left Scottsdale via the Hoover Dam and Las Vegas, from there to Cedar Breaks National Park (closed by snow) to Bryce Canyon. We missed most of the flood waters going up through Utah to Arches National Park. Across Colorado and Kansas, went up into Iowa to visit an Aunt, back down to Springfield to visit Lincoln's Home, the race track in Indianapolis and through the Kentucky horse country back home. Got behind in the work two weeks and have been the rest of the year trying to catch up.

To all you 69th members and especially you 661st'ers who have never attended a Reunion. I suppose it is the dream of most folks east of the Mississippi to someday visit Disneyland and all the other attractions in Central Florida. Why not make the extra effort to try to make it this year? The location is ideal, you get a reduction on the room rates, you have a committee who will do everything they can to make your visit pleasant. Besides that, you have the opportunity to visit with your Old Comrades and I've never met a finer group anywhere than 69th Association people. Father Time is slowly but surely catching up with us and some are passing on each year, so don't wait too long. For a vacation that you will well remember the rest of your life come and join us. Make your reservations early when you receive the Bulletin.

I was down to see Bill Beswick recently and he's doing fine now. Hoping to see you all in Florida. We were hoping to make the Tri-State Group in Ohio but had two conflicting meetings that weekend, so maybe next time.

Hoping for the very best for you and yours in the coming year.

William (Bill) Snidow  
Route 1, Box 303  
Pembroke, Virginia 24136

(Editor's Note: Bill Snidow, one of our three Chaplains, who was at both the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion week in Prescott, Arizona, and the 1983 Division Association Reunion at Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, substituted for Bill Beswick with this report to the 661st members).

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Dear Fellow 661st'ers:

The Annual Get-Together of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion will be held at Best Western's Westgate Inn, York, Pennsylvania. From Interstate 83 (Exit 9), Route 30, west two miles, right on Kenneth Road at signal, eastbound Route 30, left at first signal.

There is plenty to see and do within a short distance of York — Gettysburg and Dutch Country, etc. Bring your golf clubs. An excellent course is nearby. Also, just plain ol' visiting and good times. It's later than we like to think about!

See you there from May 2nd through May 6. Come for all or part of the stay.

Dinner at 7:00 P.M., May 7th — Buffet Style

Best Regards,  
Bill Beswick

Please detach here and send to

Westgate Inn  
1415 Kenneth Road  
P.O. Box 1348

York, Pennsylvania 17405      CONFIRMATION PLEASE

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

Street/City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Double @ \$40.00 plus tax \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Days Stay: \_\_\_\_\_

Airport to Hotel Transportation Flight No. and Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

## Company-I 272nd Infantry

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COMPANY-I 272nd HEADING FOR ORLANDO, FLORIDA, IN OCTOBER . . .

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## ASSOCIATION CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS

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Bob Kurtzman says that he and Vivian, along with Pat and Jan Lushbaugh of Maryland, Chalmers and Reita Pearson of Illinois, Tom and Jean Reardon of Pennsylvania, Andy and Mary Rebeck of New Jersey, Ed McDonnell of New York, Wendell and Sally Freeman of Georgia, and Dennie and Elsie Haltiwanger of Florida, will all be attending the Reunion in Orlando. They hope that many more will plan to attend, especially their C.O. Worley Sewell, Wayne Shackelford and Harold Wojohn who all reside in Florida.

Bob and Pat plan to arrive on the 7th and plan to reserve a suite, so we'll have our usual Hospitality Room.

## Company-E 273rd Infantry

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*"The Family With Two Addresses — But One Home — Welcome All 69'ers."*

One of the best turn-outs at a Division Association Reunion was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1982, when eight couples attended. They were: Fred and Cornelia Dicke, of Ohio; Richard and Helen Eslow, Michigan; William & Ann Gleason, Minnesota; Donald & Bridget Horkan, Wisconsin; Arthur and Marion Hume, Michigan; Eugene and Jean Orlowski, Michigan; Bill and Jane Matlach, New York; Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr., Pennsylvania. Boy did we ever have a good time together.

Sorry I didn't spend too much time with the gang, but it sure would be nice if we all get together early in Orlando, say about Tuesday and go as a group to Disney World for the day. If this sounds good drop me a post card saying you'll be there and ready to go. We do hope all the rest of our Company will show up too.

We could even hope that our C.O. Davisson Dunlap who lives in Winter Park, could get away from his Attorney duties for the week and get us a key to the State. How about a letter for the next Bulletin, Davisson, urging all our members to turn out 100%.

It would be nice to see fellows and their wives — such as: Joe Aiello, Cecil Beshore, Fran Dionne, Cecil Farris, Fred Huston, Walter Llewellyn, Arthur Madderson, William Mehner (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida), Frank Reemsnyder, Charles Stewart, Carl Tanksley, Lloyd Williams, and Old Pappy Charles Shimp, plus the rest of you E-Company members show up for a Reunion in Sunny Florida that indicates a very big turnout. So get your room reservations in early since you can't beat \$48.00 a day room prices.

Mehner should be on the Reunion Committee along with Dunlap, to really look after us. I'll make an offer to all who show up that we'll have a Hospitality Room. Just bring your bottle of booze that you like and share it with the others. I think our second biggest turnout was in Pittsburgh way back in 1978, where six member couples showed, so it's time in 1984 for a Big Get-Together at the Holiday Inn, Orlando, Florida, the week of October 7 to 14. See you all there and remember MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY not only to the Hotel but also to Al Faison for the activities you wish to attend. That Early Bird, Beer Party, and Banquet with it's Memorial Service should make one ask "Why haven't I attended a Reunion Much Earlier Than This One."

## Western 69'ers

Leonard C. and Corky Halpenny, Chairpersons

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RE: SPRING MEETING, WESTERN 69'ers:

May 19 is Armed Forces Day and is a Saturday. It seems to me to be an excellent date for a Spring Meeting of the Western 69'ers.

The Holiday Inn at Metro Center on Peoria Avenue in northwest Phoenix was considered for the Reunion last year. I am not too excited about going back to Mountain Shadows for our Spring Meeting, and I therefore suggest that we meet at the Holiday Inn.

Here are the rates quoted:

Overnight, per couple, night of May 18 and/or May 19, commercial summer rate, \$49.00 single and \$57.00 double.

Two-room suite, \$98.00. Corky and I would take the suite. The cost for the meeting room, therefore, would be \$41.00 (\$98.00 - \$57.00).

If more than 35 attend, a private dining room would be provided for lunch and for dinner. If less than 35 attend, a corner of the coffee shop would be set aside for us for lunch, and a portion of the dining room would be set aside for dinner.

Prices for lunch and dinner will be menu prices.

I suggest that each person attending contribute \$1.00 for the meeting room and \$1.00 for postage, and that each couple bring one quart of liquor or one six-pack of beer and one package of chips, nachos, crackers, etc.

One item for the agenda would be nomination and election of a new Chairman for the Western 69'ers.

About April 25 I will send out an announcement to all Western 69'ers within 750 miles of Phoenix as of that date. The Holiday Inn has limousine service from the Phoenix Airport.

Leonard C. Halpenny



*"Just gimme a coupla aspirin. I already got a Purple Heart."*



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## *"TAPS"*

There will be a great encampment  
In the land of clouds today.  
A mingling and a merging  
Of our boys who've gone away.  
Though on earth they are disbanding.  
They are very close and near.  
For those brave and honored heroes  
Show no sorrow, shed no tears.  
They have lived a life of glory.  
History pins their medals high.  
Listen to the thunder rolling.  
They are marching in the sky!

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