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N. D. Astronaut Will Attend Reunion

Astronaut Donald M. Sorlie will be the main speaker of the 164th Infantry Association's convention in Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 9, 10 and 11.

Major Sorlie will speak at the group's annual banquet on October 10, the second day of a very full three-day session.

The Air Force major who now calls Fargo his home is a 1963 graduate of the second class of the Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

The announcement of Major Sorlie's talk in Bismarck was made by Don Robinson, convention chairman. Some 600 members of the association are expected to attend.

Enlisting in the Air Force in 1943, Major Sorlie attended flight school and received his commission. He was released from active duty following World War II and attended North Dakota State University in Fargo. There he received a degree in administrative engineering and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon national social fraternity and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He was recalled to active duty in 1951 as a captain, 178th Fighter Squadron, North Dakota National Guard, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal in combat fighter missions over Korea. Since then, most of his assignments have been closely associated with aircraft testing.

In 1955, he graduated from the Experimental Flight Test Pilot School—forerunner of today's Aerospace Research Pilot School — at Edwards. Remaining at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Major Sorlie tested, among others, the supersonic F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104 and F-106 fighters.

He left Edwards AFB, California, in 1960 to attend the Armed Forces Staff College and was then assigned



AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER, Edwards AFB, Calif. — Examining hook on F-100 Super Sabre before starting test run is Maj. Donald M. Sorlie, 39, Fargo, N. D. The veteran test pilot heads the Air Force Flight Test Center's Manned Spacecraft Operations Branch at Edwards. (Air Force Photo)

to aircraft test work at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. It was from there he returned to Edwards in 1962 to attend the Aerospace Research Pilot School and his present job — directing the activities of some fourteen fighter test pilots. Among these are the X-15 test pilots.

During his career, Major Sorlie has logged nearly 5,000 flying hours

in more than 50 versions of American and British trainers, fighters, bombers and transports. Over 2,200 hours of this are in jet aircraft.

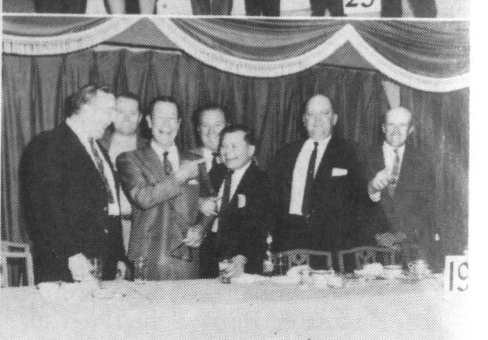
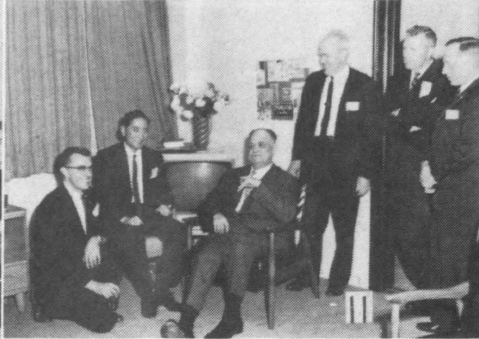
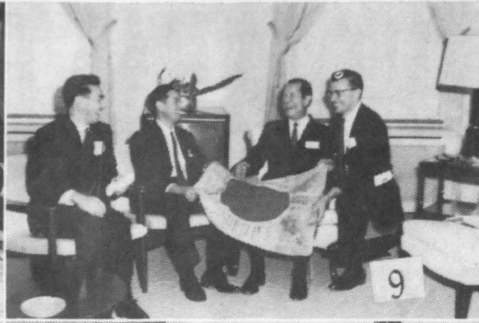
Major Sorlie is married to the former Betty M. Beatson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Beatson of Dunn Center. He and Mrs. Sorlie have four sons: Victor, Richard, Eric and Brian; and a daughter, Kim.

The Last Roll Call

It has been reported that the following named former members have answered the LAST ROLL CALL, since our last issue was published.

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| CLARENCE J. LENZEN..... | Grand Forks, N. Dak. |
| ARNIE OLSTAD..... | Valley City, N. Dak. |
| GEORGE F. ROBINSON..... | Hillsboro, N. Dak. |
| BERNARD A. DEERING..... | Whitehall, Mont. |

1963 REUNION IN MINNEAPOLIS



- 2. Members of the 164th Infantry Association and wives meeting Yasuo Obi, Japanese war veteran at the International Airport, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 4. Members of the 164th Infantry greeting Joe E. Brown at the Dyckman Hotel.
- 5. Left to right: Paul Hedstrom, Mrs. Pete Swanson, Joe E. Brown and Yasuo Obi.
- 7. 164th Infantry medical detachment with Joe E. Brown and Yasuo Obi attending the reunion in Minneapolis.
- 8. Left to right, seated: Yukio Kawamota, U. S. Department of State; Yasuo Obi, Japanese veteran, 124th Japanese Infantry; Joe E. Brown; Mrs. Ted Ouradnick. Seated on floor: Mrs. Pete

- Swanson. Standing: John Fischbach and Ted Ouradnick.
- 9. Left to right: Yukio Kawamota, U. S. Department of State; Yasuo Obi, Japanese war veteran; Joe E. Brown; James Fenelon, looking over a Japanese flag from Guadalcanal.
- 10. Yukio Kawamota, U. S. State Department.
- 11. Members of 164th medical detachment.
- 12. Left to right: Yukio Kawamota, U. S. State Department, and Yasuo Obi, Japanese war veteran.
- 13. Left to right, seated: Yukio Kawamota, U. S. State Department; Yasuo Obi, Japan; Joe E. Brown, Hollywood, Calif., holding painting en-

- titled, "Spring", depicting peace; Norma Swanson; Paul Hedstrom.
- 15. Joe E. Brown receiving gifts. Paul Hedstrom, Russel Opat.
- 17. Presentation of certificate to Herman Brocopp for his devoted service to the Association. Presentation by Paul Hedstrom.
- 18. Members of Company E, Yasuo Obi, wearing cowboy hat given to him at Dickinson, North Dakota, by members of the Association.
- 19. Joe E. Brown and members of Company I.
- 29. Left to right: Rev. Andrew Otani, Minneapolis; Norma Swanson, Yukio Kawamota, Joe E. Brown, Louie Borshiem, Yasuo Obi and Bernie Lyons.

Reunion Committee at Work



Left to right: Donald Robinson, Chairman; Herbert Mack, Willard Williamson, H. A. Brocopp, Leonard M. Bechtel, Wm. Price Owens, Eugene Miller, Ben Glatt, Eldred Welch.

Clarence J. Lenzen Dies Recently in Florida

Clarence J. Lenzen, 64, a former officer with Company M, North Dakota National Guard, here, and an employe at the University of North Dakota for many years, died recently at Apopka, Fla. Mr. Lenzen held the grade of captain in the National Guard when he reported to Camp Claiborne, La., in February, 1941. After Pearl Harbor he was assigned to McCord Air Force

Base, Wash., and assisted in the organization of aircraft warning units. Later, he was assigned overseas as an air warning unit commander and served in the North African and the Sicilian campaigns.

During the Italian campaign, Capt. Lenzen was assigned to an aviation engineer unit. He was discharged from service with the grade of major in 1945.

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Aberdeen, S. Dak.

ERNEST LILLEMON
Minot, N. Dak.

RUBEN ELLINGSON
Minot, N. Dak.

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Minot, N. Dak.

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LOYD ERFLE
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RICHARD S. TRACY
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CHARLES NORTON
Minot, N. Dak.

GERVAIS WAGNER
Hopkins, Minn.

ROY ENGEN
Missoula, Mont.

JACK SIMONS
Glendale, Calif.

Delayed Report from San Francisco Outpost

Dear Colonel Brocopp:

Congratulations on your having joined us in the ranks of the "so-called retired". I hope that good



health will accompany your retirement and, the opportunity to do the many things you had to forego while occupying that desk at Fraine Barracks will present themselves.

Your duties as editor of the 164th Infantry News will no doubt excuse you from some of the landscaping program Mrs. Brocopp has planned for you. We Old Soldiers here rely on you for news and we are happy that you are continuing as editor for a time.

Our group held their long-planned annual dinner meeting at Fort Mason, San Francisco, on the evening of November 9, 1963. Our ladies vetoed the idea of this being a stag affair and we surrendered to pressure. Their presence, in their long dresses, added much to the decorum and to our enjoyment of the occasion.

Present were: Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. William P. Olson, Major Austin P. Reid, Captain William A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Stuck, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Connors, Myron E. Wright, John J. Morgenthaler and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Littlehales.

Last minute dropouts were: Lester Vale, H. C. MacCready and Duane Y. Sarles. We occasionally hear of other eligible persons nearby and hope to increase the number in our group for our next meeting. We are finding that it is difficult to keep pace with the tables of mortality.

William E. Littlehales
646 Fortieth Street
Richmond, Calif. 94805

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or ANNUAL RENEWAL

Name _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

Service No. _____ By _____

164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

DUES FOR 1964 — \$3.00, includes subscription to 164th News

Send to: Robert W. Moran, Box 1143, Williston, N. Dak.

Company E Has More Than 2,000 'Alumni'

Some 2,200 men have been members of Company E of the 164th Infantry through the years.

And all of them are eligible to attend the 164th Infantry Association's annual convention in Bismarck, according to Bob Moran, Williston, who is secretary-treasurer of the association.

Astronaut Donald M. Sorlie, who calls Fargo his home, will be the convention banquet speaker on Oct. 10.

But back to Moran —

Company E was the Williston unit of the North Dakota National Guard unit for many years. It was recognized as a part of the National Guard in June, 1907 and had 55 members.

Since then it has been federalized — or called into active duty, on four different occasions.

In June, 1916, it was pressed into federal service for duty on the Mexican border. It then had 70 members.

On July 5, 1917, it was called into service for active duty in World War I. When federalized, it had 152 members.

Then on Feb. 10, 1941, with a strength of 108, it was called into service for World War II chores. Proceeding to Camp Claiborne, La., it was reinforced with 67 selectees.

And in Jan., 1961, 75 men answered the call for duty in the Korean conflict.

600 Due at 164th Session in Bismarck

Plans are proceeding rapidly for the 164th Infantry Association's convention here Oct. 9-11. Headquarters are at the American Legion Club, with some sessions to be held in the World War Memorial Building.

Some 600 persons are expected here for the occasion.

The 164th Infantry has an interesting history, dating back to 1883 and growing out of the old First North Dakota Infantry. The regiment was demobilized permanently

in 1955, but the 164th Infantry Association had been organized in 1946 to keep up old associations.

Membership includes veterans of the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Conflict, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and also all the veterans of the peacetime years between 1883 and 1955.

LeRoy Baird, Dickinson, is president of the association. Chairman for the convention is Don Robinson, Bismarck.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP *Oct 1964*

Herman Smith, Master Sergeant	Valley City, North Dakota
Daniel E. Smith	Valley City, North Dakota
Sen. Milton Young	Washington, District of Columbia
John Davis	Bismarck, North Dakota
William Guy	Bismarck, North Dakota
Norman Brunsdale	Mayville, North Dakota
Fred G. Aandahl	Valley City, North Dakota
Thomas Whalen	St. Thomas, North Dakota
Kenneth Gulman	Valley City, North Dakota
Dale Thorson	Valley City, North Dakota
Howard Brier	Valley City, North Dakota
Thomas Brown <i>Deceased</i>	Valley City, North Dakota
Jack Williams	Fargo, North Dakota
Col. George Gagnon	Bismarck, North Dakota
Joe E. Brown	Los Angeles, California
Ralph Metcalf	Valley City, North Dakota
Ratu George Cakobau	Fiji Islands
Ratu Penaia Ganilau	Fiji Islands
Ratu Edward Cakobau	Fiji Islands
Kenneth Matsen <i>Ben Johnson - Yasawa Olu</i>	Valley City, North Dakota

Many members have requested that a list of honorary members be published. It appeared that no record of them has been kept. For that reason this list may not be complete.



WELCOME

Lloyd Spetz Post of the American Legion of Bismarck extends greetings to the members of the 164th Infantry Association Reunion and invites you to make the American Legion Club your meeting place, while attending the reunion. We know the record of the Fighting 164th Infantry and are proud of you.

RESERVATIONS

The Registration Committee wishes to remind all of you who plan to attend the reunion at Bismarck, that if you haven't already made your hotel reservations, you should do so now.

YOU

and a place has been reserved for you at the 164th Infantry Reunion, Bismarck, N. Dak.

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11

HEADQUARTERS — Swank new Legion Club

FEATURING

- MAJOR DON SORLIE, North Dakota's astronaut, who will be the banquet speaker
- Plenty of time set aside for bull sessions with old friends
- FREE SMORGASBORD at the Legion on Saturday and Sunday
- GIGANTIC BANQUET at Memorial Building followed by dancing to a name band

FOR THE LADIES

- LUNCHEON at Bismarck Country Club, 1:00 o'clock on Saturday
- TOURS of City and surrounding area
- SHOPPING — SPECIAL SALES

Watch the 164th Infantry News for details and Hi-Lites

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS ONE!

164th Jewelry Is Now Available

Hon Members inside

Historical Information Needed

We have no official records, setting up the following information. This has been patched up from news clippings, memory, etc. We would appreciate any one having any concrete information, or who is able to furnish any of the missing information, if they would please send it to the Editor.

This will be your last opportunity to order the jewelry bearing the 164th Infantry Regimental Insignia. The supply is limited and once the present inventory is depleted no additional orders will be placed with the manufacturer.

Maybe there are many of you who are unaware of how fine a combat record the 164th Infantry established in WWII. Generally, any history of the fighting units in the Pacific theater gives specific attention to the 164th Infantry. When the 164th Infantry is mentioned in a conversation the usual response is, "Oh I have read about that outfit and the terrific job they did in the Pacific."

The former members who have already ordered the 164th Infantry jewelry have placed additional orders after realizing what a fine souvenir the jewelry makes. The souvenir jewelry is an item you will be proud to wear.

The regimental insignia is a shield of blue for Infantry, with the Spanish castle taken from the Spanish campaign medal representing Spanish War service. The Philippine Insurrection Service (1898) is indicated by the three mullets from the Philippine Island Flag. The sun in the base, from the 41st Division shoulder sleeve insignia, denotes World War I service with that division. The slogan "JE SUIS PRET" is French for "I am ready."

Year	Presidents	City	Reunion City
1947	Thomas Lynch	LaMoure	Jamestown
1948			
1949			Bismarck
1950	Elmo Olson	Finley	Dickinson
1951	Warren C. Griffin	Valley City	Valley City
1952			
1953			
1954			Jamestown
1955	Edgar Agnew	Dickinson	Bismarck
1956	Donald C. Rick	Jamestown	Jamestown
1957	Bernard Lyons		Bismarck
1958	Bernard Wagner	Sanborn	Valley City
1959	Lyndin Mc Creary	Carrington	Fargo
1960	Donald V. Staley	Moorhead	Grand Forks
1961	H. A. Brocopp	Bismarck	Dickinson
1962	H. A. Brocopp	Bismarck	Valley City
1963	Paul G. Hedstrom	Bismarck	Minneapolis, Minn.
1964	LeRoy Baird	Dickinson	Bismarck

Order your jewelry now and help your Association.
 Make checks or money orders payable to:
 1963 Reunion Committee
 164th Infantry Association
 3416 University Avenue S. E.
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Name

Address

___ Cuff Links @ \$3.75 Pr. _____

___ Tie Clasp @ \$2.25 Ea. _____

___ Lighter @ \$5.00 Ea. _____

___ Lapel Pin @ \$2.00 Ea. _____

___ Earrings @ \$3.75 Pr. _____

Postage & Handling .35

Total \$ _____

Souvenir Booklet of 1963 Reunion Available

At the Annual Reunion last October, Minneapolis, Minnesota, over 400 people attended and had a wonderful time.

Joe E. Brown, the famous movie star, entertained us at the annual banquet and everybody had many a hearty laugh.

Yasuo Obi, Japanese war veteran, who fought against the 164th Infantry at Guadalcanal, was also present at the reunion in Minneapolis. Yasuo Obi is the last survivor of his regiment which was the 124 Japanese Infantry and was the only man from his regiment to escape from Guadalcanal.

Approximately 100 pictures were taken at the Reunion in Minneapolis with Joe E. Brown and Yasuo Obi and members of the 164th Infantry Association.

Greetings were received from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Australia; The High Commissioner of Guadalcanal; and the President of the Philippine Islands; and Dan Foley, the National Commander of the American Legion.

All of the pictures, speeches and official greetings have been put to-

gether in a 7" x 10" booklet and will make an excellent souvenir. Even though you did not attend the Reunion you will want to obtain a souvenir booklet and see many of your old buddies.

Many requests for pictures have been received from people who attended the Reunion and after considerable thought it was decided to put all the pictures in a booklet and offer it to the membership for \$4.50 plus 25c for mailing and handling.

Note a few of the pictures referred to above are shown herein.

Any profits will go to the Association.

1963 Reunion Committee
 164th Infantry Association
 3416 University Avenue S. E.
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

NEW MEMBERS

- JOSEPH C. SCHWARTZ, 7414 Carmen Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- MAX EIGEN, 8201 W. 30 1/2 St. St. Louis Park, Minn.
- STANLEY T. MOTSCHENBACKER, 338 E. Gates St., Romeo, Mich.
- WILLIAM PAULZKE, Route 2, Souris, N. Dak.
- CASEY KLINE, 221 Dakota Ave., Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Some Honorary Members listed inside

NUBS and NEWS

Stanton A. Hayes, Lake Oswego, Ore., writes Bob Moran, Secretary-Treasurer, 164th Infantry Association, saying that he enjoys the News and would certainly like to attend the reunion, particularly to see the Williston people who were neighbors on the Mexican border in 1916. He served with Co. D of Minot. He sends best wishes for a successful reunion.

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Joseph Schwartz of Milwaukee, says that he thanks the 164th News for additional copies of the News, including the mailing list. "It was with great pleasure that I called two fellows I served with in Co. K, whom I haven't seen in 20 years. They live in the vicinity and we are planning a get-together soon. We might make the reunion in Bismarck this fall."

Joe, we hope that you and your buddies from the Milwaukee area will be able to be with us for the reunion. I am sure that it will be worthwhile for you all. Thanks for the postage — we need it. You can help a great deal if you have your friends send in their memberships.

164th Women Make Plans for Convention

When the 164th Infantry Association holds its convention in Bismarck Oct. 9-11, entertainment for the women visitors will be provided.

Mrs. Don Robinson and Mrs. Leonard Bechtel are co-chairmen of the women's committee. Mrs. Ramus Roberson is chairman of a committee for a luncheon at the Municipal Country Club. Mrs. Herman Brocopp and Mrs. Paul G. Hedstrom are the door prize committee. Mrs. E. J. Quine will be mistress of ceremonies and is planning an interesting program.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Annual Reunion — 164th Infantry Association

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1964

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Registration.....G. P. Hotel
Free Time.....Meet your friends

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1964

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration.....American Legion Club
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Registration.....World War Memorial Building
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service.....American Legion Club
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Business Meeting.....American Legion Club
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon and Program.....Municipal Country Club
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Company Reunions.....All Members
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Dakota Brewery Tour
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Social Hour.....World War Memorial Building
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner.....World War Memorial Building
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Program.....World War Memorial Building
9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dance.....World War Memorial Building
Basin City Eight

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1964

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Brunch.....American Legion Club
Ed Agre Comedy Routine

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