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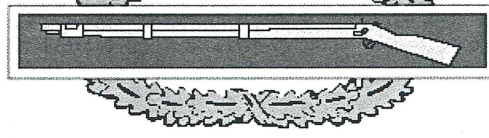
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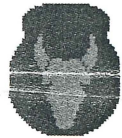
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REUNION ATTENDEES SHARE 60 YEARS OF MEMORIES...

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THE FARGO FORUM
AND DAILY TRIBUNE
FARGO, N. D., WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1945

JAPAN SURRENDERS

V-J Day To Be Proclaimed When Terms Are Signed

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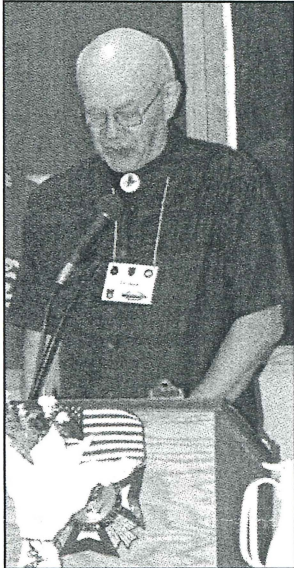
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ACCOMPLISHED!



Memorial Service Held during Reunion Banquet *Last Roll Call*

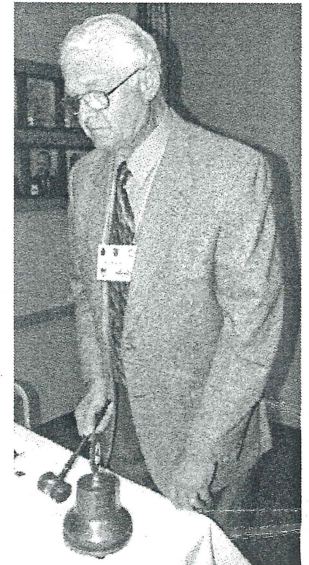
AS OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2005



Chaplain
Tom Vagle

MARCUS ALMLIE
NORMAN H. BAGLIEN
ALFRED BROWN
MANUEL DUKART
GENE DWYER
PAUL EBELTOFT
NEAL EMERY
WALTER FISHER
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DAVID WISE
GERALD WRIGHT
PAUL LOKKEN
DONALD MACK
ALEX W. MCLEAN
SAM NITSCHKE
AL OLENBERGER
LAUREN OVERBY



Vice President
Ray Kreidlkamp



*A bell was rung
As each name was read.
A flame was extinguished
As tears were shed.*

Ray Kreidlkamp rang the bell 39 times as Chaplain Tom Vagle solemnly read the names of friends who have been laid to rest since last year.

Left, Francis "Punk" Dahl stood in silence as his brother, Erling Dahl, extinguished a flame to symbolize each life lost.

Reunion Happenings!

Below, President Bernie Wagner and wife, Mary, made sure everyone got a warm welcome to the Reunion.



Above, Sgt First Class Don Nagle wows the crowd with a patriotic medley during a concert by the 188th Army National Guard Band on Saturday afternoon. The Veterans Memorial Park was across the street from the VFW Club, and the weather was perfect for an outdoor concert. National Guard engineer equipment was on display there also.

Col. (ret) Wendell Wichmann, right, was joined at the reunion by his wife of 64 years, Eunice, and daughter, Kathlyn Cathell. 1Lt. Wichmann and Eunice were married in July, 1941, and Kathlyn was born in July, 1942. Wendell was then serving with the 164th Infantry Regiment—first in Co D; 1st Bn S-3; Commander, Co A; then S-2, Rgt Hqs. Kathlyn didn't meet her Dad until she was almost 3 years old, when he returned home on leave in June 1945 after 39 months of duty! The happy event was noted in the Fargo Forum.

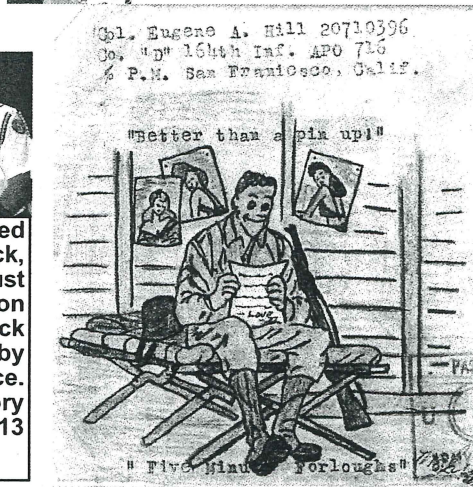


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THE 61ST ANNUAL REUNION OF THE
164TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
15-16-17 SEP 2006



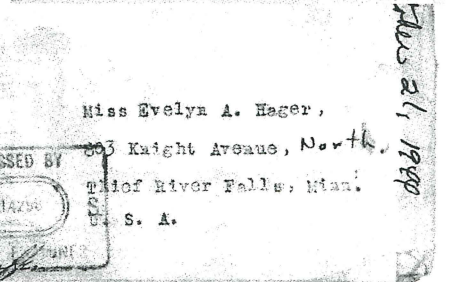
Above: An Honor Guard contingent from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 3, Bismarck, performed a touching Flag Folding Ceremony just prior to the Memorial Service at the Reunion Banquet. Craig Fetzer (left) and Michelle Schock (center) salute the properly folded colors held by Gene Fisher at the close of the performance. Commander Mike Fisher (inset) narrated the story of the flag and the significance of each of the 13 folds. Not pictured Harry Kolberg.

Evelyn Hager-Hill, left, created a buzz of interest when she passed around 20 artsy envelopes that her future-husband Eugene sent her during WWII. One is shown below.



Evelyn and Eugene Hill reminisce at their home over some of the letters and decorated envelopes Eugene sent to Evelyn during WWII. The Grand Forks couple met at a University of North Dakota assembly party in 1937 and Eugene courted her during the war. The letters decorated by colorful artwork.

Exotic envelopes won her heart
 Soldier eased loneliness, courted from afar with artwork



164th Memorial Highway!



President Bernie Wagner presents Honorary Life Memberships and engraved plaques to State Senator Larry Robinson, Valley City (above left), and State Senator Tom Trenbeath, Cavalier (above right), in appreciation of their sponsorship of legislation to rename US Highway 2 through North Dakota as the "164 Infantry Memorial Highway". Hetty Walker (Mrs Chuck Walker), Pembina, who assisted with the bill, joined Bernie in thanking Trenbeath. Senator Robinson was also able to join the 164th at the Reunion Banquet. Above center is the proposed design for signs that will be placed along the 200 mile stretch of highway. Read more about the Highway in the Meeting Minutes on Page 5.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4005: A concurrent resolution designating United States Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota as the 164th Infantry Memorial Highway.

WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry was operational from 1885 to 1955 and was made up of members of the ND National Guard; and
WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry entered federal service from May 20, 1898, through September 25, 1899, for the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection; and

WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry was called into federal service on June 18, 1916, through February 14, 1917, for the Mexican Border Conflict; and

WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry entered federal service for World War I on October 4, 1917, through February 18, 1919; and

WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry entered federal service for World War II on February 10, 1941, through June 10, 1946, and in October 1942 at Guadalcanal, became the first United States Army unit to engage in offensive action against the enemy and was involved in the heaviest fighting of this campaign; and

WHEREAS, the 164th Infantry was ordered into federal service for the Korean Conflict in 1950;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That in honor of the 164th Infantry, United States Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota is designated as the "164th Infantry Memorial Highway".....

Below: Hetty Walker and Senator Tom Trenbeath enjoy a look at his new Honorary Life Membership Card.....,



Lawmaker's Memories of 164 precede Highway Support

"I grew up on a standard, usual, two quarter section farm in rural Neche. When I was young I went everywhere with my Dad. Often times when we'd visit a neighbor or stop to talk with someone on the street or after church my Dad would comment, "You know John (or Pete, or Ed, or whomever) was with the 164th during WWII. Those boys nearly starved on Guadalcanal." I have to admit that, even now.... I tear up a little to remember that I knew those "ordinary heroes" as my neighbors." --Trenbeath

"My Dad raised me to be proud of the opportunity to serve in the military. Although he was never in a combat zone he did honorable service, stateside, from his enlistment in June of 1942 (after one year at the NDAC), was commissioned a 2Lt in the Signal Corps in June of 1944, and was released from active duty in early 1946 as a 1LT. I, also, never saw overseas duty. However, I was commissioned 2Lt in the Air Defense Artillery in June 1971, (after four years ROTC at UND) was ADT to Ft. Bliss that Fall and spent 8 years on active reserve. Having bravely and successfully fought the battles of Ft. Bliss, Ft. Riley, and Ft. Carson, I was honorably discharged as a Captain in June 1979".

Minutes – Annual Meeting of 164th Infantry Association – Saturday, September 17, 2005, Valley City, ND

The annual meeting was called to order by President Bernie Wager at 9:00am, Sep 17, 2005 at the Senior Center. Officers Present: Bernie Wagner, President; Ray Kreidlkamp, Vice-President; Vern Fetch, Acting Secretary (in absence of Secretary/Treasurer Ben Kemp)

Order of events: Pledge of Allegiance; National Anthem by 188th Army Band Chorus; Benediction by Chaplain Tom Vagle; Welcome by Valley City Mayor Mr. Riley Rogers; Musical Selections by 4 members of the 188th Chorus led Staff Sgt Brian Berg.

President Wagner read the "Rules of the Meeting" and the following committee appointments were made:

Finance Committee - Milt Kane, Punk Dahl, Osborne Arlien

Nominating and Time & Place Committee - Ray Kreidlkamp, Rhiny Weber, Eddie Otto

Minutes of 2004 Annual Meeting - President Wagner reminded attendees that the minutes of the 2004 annual meeting appeared in the November 2004 issue of the *164th Infantry News* and asked if anyone wanted them read. It was moved and seconded that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the *News*. Motion carried. [9:35 - 10:00am - Recessed for coffee break]

The finance committee reported that the financial records are in order. Lou Hanson moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Colonel Chuck Wagner, Chief of Staff of the North Dakota Army National Guard, addressed the group with greetings from the State Adjutant General, Major General Mike Haugen. Colonel Wagner gave a brief overview of Guard deployments and mobilization facts. His wife, JoAl, was also present and was recognized by the President and members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Milt Kane reported that the 164 Infantry Scholarship fund is alive and well. The committee had received three requests for an application. The applications were sent out, but none were returned. Milt stated the committee was going to "revisit the criteria" for a scholarship. No money has been paid out to date. There were no questions of Milt.

A 164 Infantry Association resolution encouraging the Adjutant General to build a museum to display North Dakota National Guard objects of lasting interest will be re-submitted to the Adjutant General. The resolution will encourage that the museum be located at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, North Dakota.

The Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota passed Senate concurrent resolution No. 4005 on January 4th, 2005. This resolution resolved that, in honor of the 164th Infantry, U.S. Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota is designated as the "164th Infantry Memorial Highway" and that the Secretary of State forward a copy of the resolution to the Governor and the director of the Department of Transportation. President Wagner displayed a life-size copy of the proposed sign and stated the cost of \$150 per sign. He expects that about 15 will be strategically placed along U.S. Highway 2 and that the signs would be paid for by the 164 Infantry Association. The DOT is to erect and maintain signs. He emphasized that no special request for funds will be made of the membership. He said plans will be formulated to dedicate the Highway.

NEW BUSINESS: Hetty Walker, County Commissioner of Pembina County and associate member of 164th Infantry Association, presented the original copy of Senate Resolution No. 4005 (designating Highway 2 as the 164 Infantry Memorial Highway) to President Wagner. The Resolution will be maintained with these minutes. North Dakota Senators Thomas Trenbeath and Larry Robinson were awarded honorary Life Memberships in the 164th Infantry Association. Both have been very instrumental in the Highway 2 project and will be heavily involved with the Department of Transportation in the erection and maintenance of the memorial highway signs.

The nominating committee recommended the current slate of officers be re-elected to continue to serve in their present office. The motion was made by Eddie Otto, seconded by Riney Weber that Bernie Wagner continue as Association President, Ray Kreidlkamp continue as Association Vice-President, and Ben Kemp continue as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

President Wagner led discussion on whether to have another reunion next year. It appeared most felt we should. Wagner asked those who supported a reunion in 2006 to raise their hands, and most hands went up. The 2006 reunion will be in Valley City, ND on 15 - 17 Sep and the annual meeting will be on Sep 16th. President Wagner asked the members to make their motel reservations early.

President Wagner stated that resolutions would be forthcoming from the 164th Infantry Association to thank Jim and Pat Drong for their dedication to the 2005 Reunion, and to the 188th Army Band for their support and participation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted: Vern Fetch, Acting Secretary

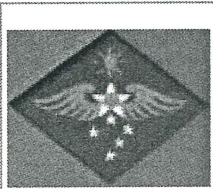
Neat things & Attention-Getters!

Greg Heinz, below left, hefts an M1 rifle as he stands beside one of many uniformed mannequins he owns. He says he's collected about 84 complete uniforms, and lots of other military items, by shopping at estate and garage sales, auctions, the internet, and personal inquiries. The 1945 Fargo Forum (cover) announcing the Japanese surrender is part of his collection.

Below right, National Guard Colonel Al Schuldt opens a display case to allow a closer look at smaller items and insignia. Schuldt has an extensive collection of Japanese rifles, swords, uniforms, and equipment. A 14-foot Japanese naval flag forms an impressive backdrop for his displays. The Japanese uniform (below center) is part of his collection.



Just dial 164!! Louis J. Hanson, left, just needs to get used to his new Jamestown telephone prefix, because the rest of his phone number is easy to remember: 942-0164!



Worn From: 30 April 1945 - September 1947.
The star and wings symbolize army air forces. The Philippine sun and the stars in the form of the Southern Cross indicate the area of operations. Activated 3 August 1944 at Brisbane, Australia.

Above left, Staff Sgt Joshua Simmer, 188th Army National Guard Band, wore his grandfather's WWII uniform to the concert performance in Veterans' Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon. The patch indicates Army Air Corps service in the South Pacific.

Right, Elroy Greuel, Casselton, displays his allegiance to his old unit each time he hits the streets in his bright white Lincoln Continental!

Patch information: http://www.vetshome.com/military_army_air_forces_patches2.htm
Information extracted from the book "US ARMY PATCHES" by Barry Jason Stein

Members Who Signed the Reunion Roster

LAST	FIRST	ADDRESS1	CITY	ST		1	2	3
ALME	JOHN N	2874 LYNÆE WAY	HEMET	CA			F	
ARLIEN	OSBORNE	8499 Hart Ave SW	HOWARD Lake	MN			E	
BAUMANN	LEWIS F.	38 WILL DR	FENTON	MO	AntiTank			
BERG	BRIAN	135 N Woodcrest Drive	FARGO	ND	Assoc	188 th ARNG Band		
BOGNER	VERNON W	8610 SW SCOFFINS ST # 63	PORTLAND	OR	Rgt HQ			3 HHC
BORK (LM)	MELVIN P	608 38TH AVE S	MOORHEAD	MN	3 HHC			
BURCKHART	KARL J	RR #1 PO BOX 87	DAZEY	ND			G	
CARR	ROBERT M	1850 ALICE ST APT 505	OAKLAND	CA		B		
CASTAGNETO	JOSEPH A (LM)	525 HOWARD CIR	LINCOLN	AL		A		
CHEMISTRUCK	STEPHEN A	12717 EASTRIDGE TRL NE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	AntiTank			
CLANCY *	ALBA	PO BOX 161	BUFFALO	ND	SvcCo			
CLAUSEN 'Swede'	VINCENT R	777 HAMLIN AVE N #1402	SAINT PAUL	MN		D		
CONLON (LM)	RAYMOND D	149 MAJOR AVE	MINTO	ND		B		
DAHL	ERLING A.	PO BOX 1104	HETTINGER	ND			G	
DAHL	FRANCIS	603 8TH AVENUE SW	SIDNEY	MT			G	
DOLYNIUK (LM)	HARRY	6109 ROUSSEAU CRK RD	THOMSON	GA				K
DRONG	PAT & JIM	PO BOX 192	SANBORN	ND	Assoc	Conf Coordinators		
EDWARDSON	RUDOLPH	1510 JUNE AVENUE	DETROIT LAKES	MN		F		
ELVRUM (LM)	RUSS	PO BOX 160	WASHBURN	ND		B		
FETCH (LM) (K)	VERNON F	1626 N 26TH ST	BISMARCK	ND	SvcCo			
FLEXHAUG (LM) *	CHARLOTTE J	618 4TH AVE W	WILLISTON	ND			E	
GESELLCHEN	RICHARD	PO BOX 292	PORT ANGELES	WA			G	
GOVEN	DR. JOHN W	1500 CHAUTAUQUA BLVD	VALLEY CITY	ND	Medic			
GRANT (LM)	PETER H	4026 BOARDWALK ST	EAU CLAIRE	WI			G	
GREUEL (LM)	ELROY O.	531 LANGER AVE S	CASSELTON	ND	Rgt HQS			
GUTTERUD	M T	8160 KEATS AVE #371	MESA	AZ		D		
HAGEN	WILLIAM J	3213 11TH AVENUE S	MOORHEAD	MN		B		
HALTLI (K)	RAY	1039 11TH ST. NE	THOMPSON	ND				L
HAMMARGREN	GILBERT F (Im)	36266 VIRGO ST NE	NORTH BRANCH	MN				L
HANSON (LM)	LOUIS J.	304 16TH ST SW	JAMESTOWN	ND	2 HHC	E		
HEDSTROM	LAILA BURNS	PO BOX 364	HOFFMAN	MN	Rgt HQ			Son Dennis
HEINZ	GREG	PO BOX 7102	BISMARCK	ND	Assoc	Military Displays		
HOFFMAN	DON L	702 12TH AVE SE	JAMESTOWN	ND			H	
HOPKINS	GEORGE	513 6TH AVE SE	JAMESTOWN	ND			H	
KANE (LM) (K)	MILTON W	3110 17TH ST S	FARGO	ND			G	
KREIDLKAMP	RAY (LM)	529 5TH AVE NW	VALLEY CITY	ND			G	
LAUGHLIN	GEORGE B	616 S ROSSER AVE	GLENDIVE	MT			F	
LEE *	BERNICE	1537 12TH STREET N	FARGO	ND	AntiTank			
LYKKEN (WWII)	TREUMANN	2479 LAWNDALE RD	GRAND FORKS	ND	C			
MILTENBERGER	ADAM J (LM)	470 WINDTREE CIR	CARSON CITY	NV	AntiTank			
MONTGOMERY	ELMER	2890 15 th ST NE	MANVEL	ND		D		
OEHLKE	RALPH H	12056 56TH ST SE	KATHRYN	ND	AntiTank	Band		
OLGEIRSON (LM)*	SHIRLEY J.	P.O. BOX 473	BISMARCK	ND	Assoc	Editor		
OLSON (LM)	VINCE	2167 14TH ST SW	VALLEY CITY	ND		G		
OTTO (K)	EDWARD C.	1009 18TH ST SW	WILLMAR	MN		G		
SANDERSON (LM)	GERALD	2150 80TH ST NE	WILLOW CITY	ND	Medic			
SCHULDT (LM) *	ALLEN W	327 6TH ST NE	VALLEY CITY	ND	Assoc	Military Displays		
SHAVER (WWII)	KENNETH B	21350 EVELETH ST NE	EAST BETHEL	MN	SvcCo			
SKOGLEY (K)	GERALD M	323 E CALAGARY AVE	BISMARCK	ND	Rg HQ			
ST CLAIRE	GORDON	PO BOX 1183	DETROIT LAKES	MN	Rg HQ			
STARKENBERG	WALLACE J	2000 SNOWDEN AVE	LONG BEACH	CA	RgtHQ	3 HHC		
STEVENS (LM)	DON	P.O. BOX 194	WATFORD CITY	ND		A		
TUCKER (WWII)	WILLIAM J	1335 E AYERS ST #1002	EDMOND	OK				M
VENTSCH (LM) *	WARREN	PO BOX 515	VALLEY CITY	ND		A		
VAGLE	TOM	335 6 th AVE SE	VALLEY CITY	ND			G	
VIOLETT	HENRY A	130 1ST ST SW	LEEDS	ND		D		
WAGNER (LM) (BERNARD A	1120 5TH ST NE	VALLEY CITY	ND			F	G
WALKER (WWII)	CHARLES H	PO BOX 525	PEMBINA	ND	AntiTank	B	E	H 2 HHC
WALLACE (K)	OWEN C	PO BOX 307	FESSENDEN	ND			G	
WEBER	RHEINHOLD L	250 COLLEGE ST SE	VALLEY CITY	ND			G	
WELANDER (LM)	WILLIAM P.	PO BOX 96	APACHE JCTN	AZ			G	3 HHC
WICHMANN (LM)	WENDELL W	10701 CARDINGTON Wy #102	COCKEYSVILLE	MD	RgtHQ	A	D	1 HHC
WICHMANN (LM)	LESTER G	2813 NASH RD	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	SvcCo	B		
WIEST (LM) COL	ALBERT F	4924 CAROLE DR NE	OLYMPIA	WA			H	M
WIEST *	RICHARD	1201 CONN AVE NW	WASHINGTON	DC	Assoc			
WINKLER	DAVE	1112 SW 9TH ST	VALLEY CITY	ND			G	

Non-Members Who Signed the Roster

MYHRE	RUTH	DEVILS LAKE	ND	AntiTank				
GRIFFIN	TONY	VALLEY CITY	ND				G	

DUES, news, & views from members & friends

July 05 Dear Shirley. I would like to thank you for being our new editor of the 164th News. The newsletter is great, full of news and keeps us up on current happenings of our members. I joined Co "G", 164th in the summer of 1950 and went to Camp Rucker, AL, 1951. I went to Korea in Jan 1952, served until Aug 1952, so I am one of the younger members and serve as Vice Pres of the 164th with Bernie Wagner. We hope we have a good turnout at the reunion! Sincerely, **Ray Kreidelkamp**, 529 5th Ave NW, Valley City, ND 58072

July 05. Hi, Shirley & Ben. Thanks for your newsletter. Enjoyed it very much. Sign me up for 1 year. Enclosed is my \$10. I'll try to make the 60th reunion in Valley City. Thank you. Jeff Wachter, 532 Cottonwood Lp, Bismarck, ND58504. [10th Special Forces Gp (Airborne)]

July 05 Editor: Enclosed are some pictures of Co. K., 164th Inf. These pictures were taken on Guadalcanal. I am not sure of the dates or exact location. I can't remember where the Cemetery was, but I remember taking the pictures. I would like to give the pictures to the relatives—if they want them. I do not want the pictures back, unless the relatives can't be located. I am a computer illiterate, but my phone number is 1-208-773-9537. **Lawrence E "Bud" Boisen**, 15111 N. 3 Forks Rd, Hauser, ID 83854

Editor's Note: See the photo layout on Page 21!! **Orville Dodge** is the only person we have an address for, so I sent the rest of the photos back to Mr. Boisen. Interested persons may write to him to ask for a photo.

Jul 05 Greetings. Enclosed is my check for \$25. \$15 is for tickets—the \$10 more can be used for the newsletter. I have made reservations for the reunion, however, I don't know whether I will be available to make it. I really enjoyed the last newsletter. The content was superb. I remember going to Guadalcanal with Shirley and the others in the group for the 50th anniversary several years back. My spouse Dorothy and I also went with the group to the Fiji Islands many years back. I enjoyed the Reunion in Valley City in 2004. The daily programs were very well conducted. I also enjoyed the display of Army uniforms and other Army items. Hope to see you in September. Sincerely, **Dennis R. Ferk**, 111 Sol-Y-Lomas Dr, Sante Fe, NM 87505-5748

Aug 05. Dear Ben: Enclosed is my membership fee, one year \$10, plus \$10 to the Newsletter. [My] 164th Service: 25 Nov 49 – 15 Jan 51, 2nd Battalion Staff (164th); 16 Jun 51 – 18 Jul 52 Federal Service, Called in with 47th Division; Stateside – C.O. Company E, 2nd Battalion (164); Korea – S-3, 21st Infantry Regiment of 24th Infantry Division. Attained Rank of Major. Thank You. **Osborne J. Arlien**, 8499 Hart Ave SW, P.O. Box 238, Howard Lake, MN 55349

July 05 Please renew my subscription for another two years, enclosed \$20. Thank you. I don't think I could be without it. Keep up the good work. **Victor Gronvold**, 619 3rd St SE, Rugby, ND 58369

Dec 04 To Whom it May Concern: I'm an "old" soldier yearning to say a member in the only unit I fought with (and for) for over 3 years in WW2. Please accept my 2005 Dues and Forward my membership card. My thanks to your newly appointed Editor for accepting this position vacated by Mr. "Jim" Fenelon. I wish her well and look forward to newsletters under her supervision. I hope she received my article from "Jim", which I sent in early March 2003. He acknowledged receiving it and his intentions to publish it in the next upcoming Newsletter. Been a long time. It covers my Father and I enlisting in the Army together and our respective service in the Army. If and when this material shows up, and a decision is made on its worthiness for publishing, I would greatly appreciate its return. Pictures and other allied material need not be returned if too much trouble should you decide against publishing it. However, I would like the main handwritten story, please. My best to all, but age will probably keep me from being able to return where I can renew my many personal acquaintances. Thanks in advance for any help you can give me on your end. **Paul H. Longaberger**, 507 Caroline Ave, Williamstown, WV 26187-1417 *Editor's Note: I've written to Jim to ask if he still has the items.*

Tidbit: Harry Vadnie, and his late wife, Mary, were recognized by the University of Mary, Bismarck, for providing scholarship assistance to students through a deferred gift annuity. High school sweethearts, they were married after Harry spent 5 years with the **164th Infantry in WWII**. After Harry served 18 months during the **Korean War**, he became a partner in a Bismarck insurance company and was very active in the community. Harry still keeps busy with volunteer work with Books for the Blind, Bismarck Library, & St. A's Hospital Gift Shop

Aug 05. Enclosed find a \$25 donation to the 164th Assoc in memory of my Dad – **William "Bill" Love** from Rugby, ND. I enjoy receiving your newsletter even though I don't know many of the names. Every once in awhile I see a name and I remember by Dad speaking of that man. Heroes all! Thank you for your service. Sincerely, Colleen **Van Sweringen**, 6040 Michaelbrook Ln, Camas, WA 98607

Aug 05 Hi Bernie. Enclosed is money for tickets and a little extra donation to use as you wish. We will not be able to be at the reunion due to health appointments. Sure with we could make it—we hope to make it next year. Thank you and your staff for the wonderful job you are doing for us. Wishing you all the Lord's Blessings. **John and Natalie Paulson**, 80 2nd Ave N, Carrington, ND 58421-1739

DUES, NEWS, & VIEWS FROM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Jul 05 Dear Bernie. A note to thank you and your group at the 164th for the great newsletter. I look forward to it, as **Ralph** did also—Good Work! Enclosed check for 2 ticket books, plus \$10 for expenses, etc. I'm sorry I cannot attend the reunion—maybe one of these years. Thank you for your service to the 164th. Sincerely, **Jane Rothrock**, 13101 Del Monte Dr, Apt 279L, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Sep 05 Dear Committee: This is to inform you that my husband and I will not be able to attend the reunion this year. Ken has been in poor health due to an accident we were in this summer, plus other problems. He did so love the reunions, meeting buddies with lots of memories and good times. Please use this check for expenses. We love the newsletter! I have saved all of them for our family. Thank you and have a good one! **Donna & Kenneth McLaughlin**, 2410 7th St N, Fargo, ND 58102-5012

Aug 05 Hi Bernie: Paul sends greetings and wanted to let you know that we are living in a retirement community, Lamplighter Manor Apartments. Paul is legally blind and a year ago, March 2004, had his right leg amputated due to P.A.D., and spent 2 months in the Emmanuel Nursing Home to which [our apartments] are connected. He is forever confined to a wheelchair but is doing very well. Had cataracts removed from both eyes this past 2 months, but not much improvement on vision. He says good luck on the reunions and he enjoys having me read the newsletter to him. Sincerely, **Eva and Paul Kessler**, 1425 Madison Ave, Apt 218, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-4517

Sep 05 Dear Mr Wagner: Enclosed you will find a check for the tickets. I am proud to be able to contribute to the newsletter and registration fees. I love the informative newsletter, especially the way you pay tribute to our wonderful veterans in the Last Roll Call. I will be attending the reunion in September, but for only the one night, Sep 17. I look forward to being a part of this reunion and meeting members of the 164th Infantry. Sincerely, Catherine Walker. PS. The extra \$5 is to go for the newsletter costs.

Editor's Note: Sorry I didn't get your photo Friday night!!!

Sep 05. 164th Infantry Assoc: Enclosed is my check for \$15 for the 2 books of tickets. I won't be able to attend the reunion, as I had a seizure in April and Iowa law says I can't drive for six months. I'm on medication now and have had no further problems. My wife has to do all of the driving and she was afraid the round trip to Valley City would be too tiring for her. I would be interested in receiving the newsletter. Do you have a sign-up to be a member of the Association? What are the dues? Please keep me informed of the future reunions. Hopefully, I will be able to attend in the future. Sincerely, **Duane Zimmerman**. 6801 Meredith Dr., Urbandale, IA 50322-1800. Formerly with **Company "F"** out of Carrington.

The cards are ready so send in your 2006 dues anytime!

Sep 05 Dear Bernie. Have returned 6 ticket stubs for the reunion drawing. We are sorry that we cannot attend the reunion in Valley City, due to VA commitment. That would put us close to Jamestown where I joined **Co "H"** in '39 and graduated in '40. Hope you all have a good time. Our best wishes to all the 164th Association. I have included a check for \$20 (\$15 for 2 books) and \$5 for the newsletter. We enjoy the letter; it keeps me up on all the latest scoop!! From Oklahoma, "you all enjoy"! Sincerely, **Larry & Suzie Wittmer**, 15737 S. County Rd 206, Blair, OK 73526-9013

Aug 05 Dear Bernie. Enclosed is \$25 check--\$15 for stubs and \$10 for the newsletter. The newsletter put out by Shirley and Ben was a great piece of work and enjoyable to read cover to cover. Thank you to the both of them. Will be unable to attend the reunion, but hearts and minds will be there. The ranks are thinning. I think Norman Samson and myself are the only ones left of the original that left Cavalier on 2-41. Have a great reunion! **Don Well**, 1108 Bermuda St., Bakersfield, CA 93309-7900

Dear Shirley & Ben: Enclosed find money, \$20 Dues, \$15 Tickets, & \$30 Newsletter. Keep up good work, sure enjoy newsletter. **Joe Gleason**, 1037 1275th Ave, Lincoln, IL 62656-5396

Aug 05 Sir. Received newsletter and reunion notice, and am sorry to say that we are unable to attend but we still want to participate even if its only by contributing a few dollars. Enclosed find check for \$50--\$15 for raffle tickets and \$35 to newsletter. If we are fortunate to be a winner, donate the prize to the newsletter fund. Keep it going if at all possible. We have enjoyed each and every issue. Have a successful reunion, wish we could be there. Sincerely, **Bill Hanson, Co B**, POBox 3943, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Jul 05 Dear Mrs Drong: Enclosed find check for \$70--\$15 for tickets and \$55 for newsletter continuance. I've always enjoyed the newsletter and always look forward to the next one. Should I be the winner of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or all three, distribute as needed. It looks like I will be unable to attend the reunion at this time, however, if things go good and am able to attend, I'll find a way for lodging, etc, etc. I was a member of "**F**" **Co** in 1941 when we were sent to Camp Claiborne, LA. God Bless you, the reunion, and the United States of America! Sincerely, **Otto Heath**, 235 S Beach Blvd, Spc 113, Anaheim, CA 92804-1825

Jul 05 Thanks for the tickets. Also enjoyed the newsletter. Enclosed check for tickets and also a little extra for whatever. Keep up the good work! Unable to attend the reunion due to health problems. God Bless. **William Goudy**, 4844 Blackjack Rd, Ashland, MS 38603

Send in your old photos to the *News*. Identify the location, unit, date, names L-R. Put **YOUR** name on the back. They'll be scanned & returned to you!

Lost or Found (Please let us know if you have information about the "Lost")



LOST: Gordon Clark, Previously PO Box 51499, Ft. Benning, GA. 31995 Mail returned.
 LOST: Bert Glatt, Previously 3120 Manitobe Lane, Bismarck, ND 58503 Mail returned.
 LOST: Eric Fosaaen*, Previously 910 12TH AVE N, Dickinson, ND. 58601 Mail returned.
 LOST: Ernie Janish, Previously PO Box 477, Starbuck, MN 56381 Mail returned
 LOST: Wayne E. Jessen, Previously 4431 E. Catalina Ave, Mesa, AZ Mail returned
 LOST: Edward J. Kline, Previously 3720 W. State St, Grand Island, NE Mail returned
 LOST: Theodore A. Steinberg, Previously 4012 Spring Meadow Dr, Parkland, TX Mail returned
 LOST: Joseph H. Blissenbach, 233 E Clarkamas Cir, Woodburn OR 97071-4403 Mail Returned
 FOUND: SSgt Brian Berg, 135 N Woodcrest Dr, Fargo, ND 58102 Honorary Life Member
 Jul 05: Change: Bernard Scheer, The Pines, Apt 100, 1015 Century Ave SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350
 Jul 05: Address change: Orien Delap, 12401 N. 22nd St, C112, Tampa, FL 33612-4605
 Jul 05: Address change: Kembel "Bud" Dahl, 544 S.C., Beach, ND 58621
 Jul 05: Address change: Donovan Oster, 6220 E. Broadway Rd, Apt 131, Mesa, AZ 85206-6051
 Jul 05: Address change: Jack Brookens, 2620 Holiday Ln #206, Rapid City, SD 57702-5348
 Jul 05: Address change: Howard Lauter, 16582 Frazer Way W., Rosemount, MN 55066-1969
 Aug 05: Address change: Donald Docktor (LM) P.O. Box 433, Oak Grove, MO 64075
 Jul 05: Address change: Charles Adamsen, 731 W. 6th St. Apt 402, Grafton, ND 58237-1304
 Jul 05: Correction: Howard Goddard, 3808 Georgia St., Apt 101, San Diego, CA 92103-4671
 Jul 05: Correction: Catherine Walker, 1523 Marshall Ave, Richland, WA 99354-2862
 Sep 05: Address change: James R. Beaton, 26140 460th St, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
 Sep 05: Address change: Douglas F. McMahon, 2034 5th St NW #1, Minot, ND 58703
 Sep 05: Address change: Robert G. Oeffner (LM)(K), 564 225th Ave NE, A-104, Sammamish, WA 98074
 Sep 05: Address change: Donovan Oster, 6220 E. Broadway Rd. Apt 131, Mesa, AZ 85206-6051
 Sep 05: Address change: Mathilda Parsons, Hillcrest Care Center, RR#2, Hettinger, ND 58369
 Sep 05: Address change: Neil A. Tennyson, 17819 Merridy St #343, Northridge, CA 91325-2737
 Sep 05: Address change: Harry R. Vadnie, 1111 N 1st St, Apt 5F, Bismarck, ND 58501-3523
 Sep 05: Address change: Ray Conlon, PO Box 252, Minto, ND 58261
 Sep 05: Address change: Gene Dwyer, 405 Louie Ave, Lodi, CA 95240-1032

New members!!

ARNIE GILBERTSON, PO Box 298 Hillsboro, ND 58045
 DONALD BAGLIEN*, 5104 Redcoat Lp, Bismarck, ND 58503
 DR. WM BUCKINGHAM*, 1818 Forestdale Dr, Encinatas, CA 92024
 JEFF WACHTER*, 532 Cottonwood Lp, Bismarck, ND 58504
 MSG(ret) DARRYL DOLAN*, 504 Hannifin St, Bismarck, ND 58501
 CW5 BRADLEY LUPIEN*, 19 Diamond Cr, Ft Rucker, AL 36362
 ROBERT LUPIEN*, 2600 S Parker Rd, #220, Aurora, CO 80014
 OSBORNE ARLIEN, 8499 Hart Ave SW, Howard Lake, MN 55349
 NIKOLE MORRISON*, 705 Pinehurst Rd., Billings, MT. 59105
 DENISE HENDERSON*, 61 Jonquil Cir., Billings, MT. 59105
 CW4 LAWERANCE CASTAGNETO*,
 28 Diamond Cr, Ft Rucker, AL 36362
 ROBERT SHINE*, 3 Wheelwright Cir., Londonderry, N.H. 03053
 GERALD PEDERSON (LM), 442 7TH St NW, Valley City, ND
 TOM VAGLE (LM), 335 6th Ave SE, Valley City, ND 58072
 PATRICIA DRONG (LM)*, POBox 192, Sanborn, ND 58580
 DR. JOHN GOVEN (LM), 1500 Chautauqua Blvd, Valley City, ND
 ELMER MONTGOMERY(LM), 2890 15TH NE, Manvel, ND

In Our Thoughts & Prayers...

I am sending this information about a faithful member of the 164th Inf. Assoc.: **Paul Dickerson** will not be able to attend our reunion this year. I received a phone call from Gene Brinkman, a Buddy of ours from Co A, WWII, who informed me that Paul was very sick. It started with the flu, turned into pneumonia, then he had a heart attack and a rare kind of stroke that affected the spinal column. Since then, I have been in contact with Paul's wife, Mary, for updates on his condition. Paul has recovered fairly well from all the aforementioned conditions as well as infections in the bowel and bladder. He's now in a nursing home and Mary says "Paul does not complain or pity himself. He just said he wished it hadn't happened." He has enjoyed the cards and letters from old friends and foxhole buddies. In case things change and I am unable to make it to the reunion, would you please make an announcement because Paul never misses reunions and I am sure his Buddies will wonder why he is not there. Sincerely, SGM Joseph Castagneto, U.S.Army (ret)

Editor's note: Sgt. Maj. Castagneto attended the reunion and informed the banquet attendees about Paul's condition and asked for a prayer or two. Paul & Mary Dickerson's home address is 1630 E. Maple NW, North Canton, OH 44720



\$164 WINNERS!!



Three lucky winners of the ticket sale prizes were announced at the Reunion Banquet.

Congratulations to

Esther Blecha	Grand Forks, ND
Robert Oeffner	Sammamish, WA
Don Stevens	Watford City, ND



More Dues, News, & Views

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Aug 05 Dear Bernie. I am returning the raffle ticket stubs and check for \$115--\$15 for tickets and \$100 for the news letter. I was very impressed with the July 2005 newsletter and I would like them to continue. I made a trip to NDak in July so will not be attending the reunion in Sept. Hope you have a good one. Sincerely **Harold Bjornstad, Hqs Det 2nd Bn, 31707 Oakville Rd, Woodburn, OR 97071-4403**

Aug 05 Hi. Enclosed is my check for the tickets. Once again I will be unable to attend the reunion as I will be out of the country. Maybe next year. Best to all, especially those in old **Co B**—best Company I ever served in. The extra \$20 is for the paper. God Bless the Reunion. **Gordon Bostrom, 3029 Jeanne Rd, Augusta, GA 30906-3277, email gordon13@mindspring.com**

Aug 05. Hi. Am enclosing \$15 for 6 raffle tickets. My truck and I were assigned to G Company. I'm still going pretty good. Had my 90th birthday in April! **G Company** was good to work for. I haven't driven a car for 5 years now, due to being legally blind. Am using a CC TV from the VA to read and write. Have a good reunion! **Martin Beilke, PO Box 155, Weslaco, TX 78596**

Bernie and all. Enclosed is a check for \$100 to help with reunion expenses. Dennis and I are sending this in proud memory of my dad, **John H. Tuff, Sr.** Dad loved the 164th and was to proud to serve his country. We enjoy reading the newsletter & keeping up with what's going on. Thank you all for serving! **Linda & Dennis Breitenstein, 1704 NW 65th, Vancouver, WA 98663**

Aug 05 164 Assoc: Enclosed is \$15 for the tickets, \$10 for the newsletter, \$10 for dues for 2006. Hope I had all that right—let me know. Keep up the good work. **Betty Anderson, 601-12½ Ave E #5, West Fargo, ND 58078**

Jul 05 Bernie. Enclosed is \$50 to cover cost of tickets and for my annual dues. The remainder is for the newsletter and whatever. **Ben & Shirley** did a nice job on the last issue! **Bryan "Bud" Baldwin, Box 14387, Grand Forks, ND 58208**

DONATIONS TO THE NEWS

HOWARD GODDARD	\$20
OSBORNE J. ARLIEN	\$10
JANUS ACAMPORA	\$15
LESLEY ALDRICH	\$ 5
BETTY ANDERSON	\$10
MORRIS ANDERSON	\$10
BRYAN BALDWIN	\$25
ROBERT BEER	\$15
CHARLES BELL	\$25
HAROLD BJORNSTAD	\$100
GORDON BOSTROM	\$20
CLAIRE BRADLEY	\$35
CARMEN BURGAD	\$ 5
JOSEPH CASTAGNETO	\$100
STANLEY CHRISTIANS	\$ 5
ROBERT CRUSE	\$20
JAMES CURRAN	\$10
HARRY DOLYNIUK	\$50
RUTH ENGBRECHT	\$15
DONALD EVENSON	\$10
DENNIS FERK	\$10
EDWARD FOX	\$10
STANLEY GADOMSKI	\$10
JOSEPH GLEASON	\$30
PAUL GRAY	\$15
ELROY GREUEL	\$10
WILLIAM HAGEN	\$ 5
FILLMORE HAMMARGREN	\$10
WILLIAM HANSON	\$35
OTTO HEATH	\$55
EDWARD HENSCHEL	\$15
EVELYN HILL	\$15
DUANE HOLLY	\$10
RUTH IKE	\$10
ZANE JACOBS	\$10

NOMA KANE	\$10
MARY KINGSTON	\$85
GORDON KLIPFEL	\$ 5
LYNN KLOSTER	\$15
CHARLES KNAPP	\$15
ROBERT KORMAN	\$20
JOHN LANDOWSKI	\$20
ALYS LARSON	\$15
RALPH LENZMEIER	\$10
JERRY LONGMUIR	\$30
FRED MAIER	\$ 5
MALCOLM MCKAY	\$10
JAMES MCLAUGHLIN	\$40
WALLACE OLSON	\$25
STANLEY OSHABEN	\$10
JOHN PAULSON	\$15
MILDRED PFARR	\$10
JOE POLESCHOOK	\$ 5
V.R. POWERS	\$20
EDNA RAHN	\$ 5
ERVIN REMMERS	\$20
GERALD SANDERSON	\$20
WALLACE STARKENBERG	\$35
ANTON STURN	\$15
IDA/RICHARD SWENSON	\$25
NEIL TENNYSON	\$10
ANDREW TRAGESER	\$10
WILLIAM TUCKER	\$50
FRANK WAGNER	\$10
CATHERINE WALKER	\$ 5
LLOYD WEBER	\$10
DON WELL	\$10
WENDELL WICHMANN	\$85
DAVE WINKLER	\$10
LEATRICE WIRTZ	\$15
TOTAL	\$1410

DONATIONS TO THE ASSOC

DONALD DOCKTOR	\$20
SGM J. CASTAGNETO	\$25
WILLIAM BABBE	\$35
ESTHER BIECHA	\$10
CRESENCIO CRUZ	\$10
WILLIAM GOUDY	\$20
PAUL GRAY	\$20
JOE GUMMERINGER	\$55
GEORGE HAMER	\$20
ART HANLEY	\$10
DONALD HOFFMAN	\$15
JAMES JARVIS	\$20
DWAYNE LEADBETTER	\$10
KEN LYSTAD	\$10
NEIL MACDONALD	\$10
GERALD MAURSETH	\$10
KENNETH MCLAUGHLIN	\$50
JOE OTMAR	\$35
JANE ROTHROCK	\$10
COLLEEN SWERINGEN	\$25
CHARLENE TITTSWORTH	\$45
ROBERT TVENSTRUP	\$10
FRANK WALKER	\$15
L.G. WICHMANN	\$10
LAURA WILSON	\$10
WINIFRED BERNTSEN	\$100
(Father Tracey's aunt)	
TOTAL	\$540

**Thank you for your
Support of the
164th Infantry News!**



1st Battalion
(above left)

Don Stevens,
CSM (ret) Joe Castagneto,
Wendell Wichmann, Treumann
Lykken, Hank Violet, Melvin
Gutterud, Vincent Clausen

3rd Battalion
(above right)

Mel Bork, Bill Welander,
Harry Dolyniuk, Filmore
Hammargren, Ray Haltli,
Bill Tucker, Al Wiest



**HEY GUYS, HERE
REUNION CI**

Reg't Hqs&Hqs Co:

Gordie St.Claire,
Elroy Greuel,
Jerry Skogley

Service Co:

Col (ret) Vern Fetch,
Kenneth Shaver





2nd Battalion

(left) Kneeling:

Vern Bogner, Ozzie Arlien,
Louis J. Hanson, Erling Dahl,
Francis Dahl, Tony Griffin, Bill
Welander, Vern Olson,

Dave Lokken, Gerald Pederson

Standing: John Alme, George

Laughlin, Rudolph Edwardson,

Vince Olson, Owen Wallace,

Ray Kreidlkamp, Dave Winkler,

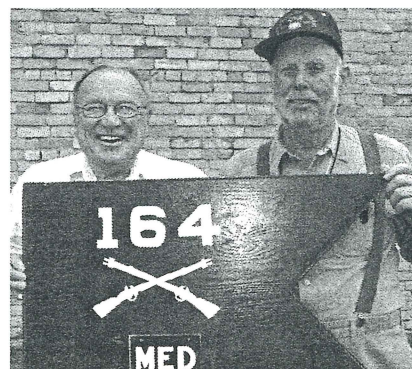
Milt Kane, Pete Grant, Tom Vagle,

Richard Gesellchen, Ed Otto,

George Hopkins,
Al Wiest. Chuck Walker

IT'S YOUR 2005

ENTERFOLD!



Anti-Tank Co:

Adam Miltenberger,

Ralph Oehlke,

Dan Hoffman,

Stephen Chemistruck

Medical Co:

Dr. John Goven,

Gerald O. Sanderson



LINES & LETTERS



July 05 Dear Ben. I have purchased a paperback book "Combat Officer" from Barnes & Noble bookstore in Paramus, NJ. It was great reading. I found parts of the book where I was with Co E, 2nd Bn crossing Torokma River, on a hill we called Snuffy's Nose, watching the **182nd** across the way engaging enemy, etc. I wonder if you have any pictures of Co E in Bougainville [and] names of platoon sergeants. I see in his book the name **Cecil**, who might have been my Platoon Sgt. I remember names like Tongen, TeaBone, Irish (was killed on Leyte mopping up). Do you have any source of how I could find whereabouts of a **Frank Currier, Co F?** We and other soldiers sailed home together. We corresponded every year, then he moved with no forwarding address. Would appreciate any help you can give. Thank you for your letter. Will write to Capt. Walker. He was a leader I was proud to be with even tho he wouldn't know me. I met a Marine from 3rd Division in next town--Demerast Farmland. We relieved his outfit & he couldn't wait to get off. Was surprised we were there for 1 year plus. Sincerely, **Michael Beatini**, 39 Highland Rd, Montvale, NJ 07645-2013

Response from Ben: Thanks for writing. It's always good to hear from you guys. Sorry, but I don't have any picture of Co E and I checked our roster and Frank Currier is not a current member...maybe you will get some hits on your questions [from readers of the newsletter. I do have Charles H. Walker's address and phone number: P.O. Box 525, Pembina, ND 58271, phone (701) 825-6205. Ben.

July 05 (email) Hello Ben. Just wanted to let you know that I did get my chance to visit the military cemetery out of Mandan this summer....The cemetery was simply beautiful. What a perfect setting. The 164th memorial is done so well, too. I looked for my uncle Bill's name (**William E. Jackle, Jr.**) in the directory but really did not expect to find it and did not. Because of the help you have given me, I do know that he is listed in the Philippine cemetery. Then came your newsletter and what a great job you all do with that. Thanks so much for putting in my letter. I originally heard about you folks in Bismarck when we put a notice in the Americal division on line. So this new technology certainly is an informational lifeline. Again, for all of your efforts in helping (many other folks too, I'm sure) us with information, many, many thanks. Only wish that my Dad and Mom could have had this information. It would have meant so much to them. God Bless. Betty Koster.

July 05 Hi, Ms Olgeirson: Your last news letter was a winner. You must have put a lot of work in it and it shows. I sent Joe Jackson, our editor, your article on all the wars--wounded and deaths. He will probably use it. We just chased a deer out of our garden in broad daylight, eating the punkins I spray with Deer Off! Yesterday, caught two wood chucks in the garden. It is an acre and a half large. I am enclosing the new military pay scale. Yours in Comradship, **Elliot Carey**, 35 Nashua Road, North Billerica, MA 01862-2004

Editor's Note: Mr. Carey is the Treasurer-Secretary of the "**South Pacific Buddies Association**", **1st Battalion 182nd Infantry**. The Association publishes 5 newsletters per year, for dues of \$10 per year, or \$50 for a Lifetime Membership. For a subscription, write to Mr. Carey at the above address, or phone 1-978-667-6867. They've used a couple of things from our newsletter and I hope to use a couple of things out of theirs! By the way, the pay scale Mr. Carey sent says a new Pvt. (E-1) makes \$1,142.70 a month (\$38.09 a day) these days.

July 05 Hi, Shirley. I am mailing a copy of the Roster of Co B, 1st Bn, 164 Inf, dated 17 September 1945. It is a copy and is the best that can be done—remember it's 60 years old and was typed by the Co Clerk in Japan. I have also inclosed a hand written copy of my own of the 2nd platoon as I made it in Japan, 21 September 1945, 60 years ago. Note all NCO's were replacements that joined the Company on Fiji or Bougainville as all the old ND Boys had been rotated home from Cebu after the War ended. Anything I send will be yours to keep so use it if you want as I have my copies. I read the News 1st thing when I get it as it's my only contact as I can't travel anymore. I liked the last one very much, you put in a lot of hard work. Thank you. **Kenneth L. Sandhop**, 912 Meadow Ridge Dr. Wenatchee, WA 98801-6828, email dok@applecapital.net

Editor's Note: Mr. Sandhop had emailed me earlier to tell me that he had the Co B roster from Japan. When I asked him to mail it to me, my thought was to match names with the original mobilization roster for the Regiment and report that in the News. As he explained, the roster consists of fillers (all draftees according to their serial numbers), with only one North Dakota boy, Melvin L. Johnson, SN 39205844, Minot. Then-Sgt. Sandhop, SN 39474556, was (and still is) from Wenatchee, WA. If anyone is interested in a copy of this roster, let me know and I'll mail you a copy. This is a nice addition to our history files. Thanks to Mr. Sandhop!!

MORE FACES AT THE REUNION!



Some Folks missed out on the Unit Photos (L-R)
Wallace Starckenberg, Lew Baumann, Bob Carr, Lawrence Mertz, Les Wichmann & driver Wayne Tesmer, Bill Tucker & daughter Mary Drain

Some of the Gals enjoy the Friday Night social!



Jean (Erling) Dahl, Joyce (Francis) Dahl, Lois Reidman (Joyce's sister), Betty (Ray) Kreidlkamp, Dorothy (Vince) Olson..

Conference Support Staff



L: Conference Coordinator Pat Drong
C: Driver and Helper Darrel Harstad
R: photographer Jim Drong



Ladies, Ladies, Ladies!

Top Row: Dorothy (Mel) Bork, Lois (Stephen) Chemistruck, June (Pete) Grant, Margaret (Mel) Gutterud, Agnes Manthey (Filmore Hammargren), Lorraine (Don) Hoffman, Marilyn (George) Laughlin, Pearl (Ralph) Oehlke, Jeanette (Vern) Olson.

Bottom Row: Dolores (Ed) Otto, Beth (Gerald) Pederson, Marilyn (Jerry) Skogley, Diana (Tom) Vagle, Borgny (Hank) Violet, Jennie (Bill) Welander, Mary Ann (Dave) Winkler, Francis Davis (W. Starckenberg), Nikole Morrison (J. Castagneto's granddaughter)

MORE LINES & LETTERS !

Ms Olgeirson: My name is **Janus Acampora**, Radio Operator in the 164 Inf Hqs Co -- from Fiji to Japan. I keep in touch with some of my buddies—also wives of Don Hoff, Bob Hoff, and Art Larsen. Want to keep busy to avoid the Last Roll Call. I am 89. I keep busy as M/C for the Calendar Girls doing shows in central New Jersey—and professional shows at our clubhouse. I was happy to see the 164 News. It is not an easy job. I enclose my check for \$25--\$10 for membership for '06 and \$15 toward the paper. Keep up the good work. I



Above: Janus & Wife Christine, 83.

love memories of the 164 and would love to hear from buddies that are active. Would love hearing from you and others. Memories, Janus Acampora, 24 Inverell Dr, Toms River, NJ 08757

Right: Janus & The Calendar Girls. Wow!



July 05 Dear Ben. Thanks so much for the Regimental Flag; it is now flying proudly atop our 4-wheel scooter for all uptown San Diego's veterans (including Marines) to see! **Howard A. Goddard**, 3808 Georgia St., Apt 101, San Diego, CA 92103. P.S. Encl a little check for the 164th News. Keep up the good work!

Response from Ben: Glad you are enjoying the flag, and thanks for the check. Every bit helps. Now I need a favor from you. Would you send me a picture of you on your 4-wheel scooter with the flag? We will run it in our next newsletter. Ben



Above, Howard and the Regimental Flag on his nice blue scooter. [Editor's Note: The small 164 Infantry flags mentioned were specially made for sale at reunions a number of years ago. Ben had purchased two of them and was kind enough to send one to Howard. The flags are no longer available from the 164th]

Americal Division

Operations, Campaigns, & Battles

World War II * 1942 - 1945

GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN	13Oct42-1Mar43
2nd Battle of Henderson Field	23-25Oct42
Battle of Koli Point	5-11Nov42
Kokumbona & Poha River	18-23Nov42
Point Cruz & Matanakau River	8-22Nov42
Mt. Austen	12-17Dec42
Gifu Ridge	24Dec42-9Jan43
Final Offensive	16Jan - 9Feb43
Bonegi River	30Jan - 2Feb43
Tassafaronga	5-Feb-43
NORTHERN SOLOMONS	25Dec43-10Dec44
Perimeter Line	25Dec43 -8Mar44
Hill 260	10 - 15Mar44
Hills 165, 155, 500, 501	16 - 18Apr44
Mouth of the Torokina	5 - 8 Apr44
Advancing the Outpost Line	May-Nov44
LEYTE	23Jan -23Mar45
Jars - Valencia - Palompon	5Feb -10Mar45
Samar Island	19-26Feb45
Balicautros,Capul,Narajo Island	19- 26Feb45
Capute, Burios, Ticao Islands	3-10Mar45
SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES	24Mar-12Jun45
Cebu Island	24Mar-12Jun45
Talisay Landing	25Mar45
Cebu City, Go Chan Hill, Hill 27	25Mar-May45
Babay Ridge	12-17Apr45
Bohol Island	11-25Apr45
Negros Oriental Islands	26Apr-12Jun45
Palimpinon Heights	28Apr-3May45
Balasbulas	7-12Jun45
Northern Mindinao Island	May-45

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Naming the Americal

The Americal Division was named in 1942 when units of Task Force 6814 assembled in New Caledonia under the command of Maj Gen Alexander M. Patch. "Ameri-" was derived from the American Troops forming the Division and "cal" from New Caledonia where it was organized. It was inactivated in 1945, then reactivated by the Regular Army in 1954 as the "Hqs, 23rd Division"; redesignated "HHC, 23rd Division" for Vietnam; and was inactivated in 1971 at Ft. Lewis, WA.

Army Americal Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



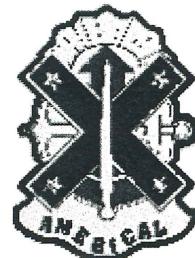
Description: On a blue Norman shield 2 5/8 inches high and 2 1/3 inches wide, four white stars of varying sizes all slightly tipped to the dexter, arranged to represent the Southern Cross.

Symbolism: The four white stars on the blue field are symbolic of the Southern Cross under which the organization served.

Americal/"23rd" Distinctive Unit Insignia

Description: A gold colored metal and enamel device 1 3/8 inches in height overall, consisting of a blue saltire bearing four white stars one near each end, and centered vertically thereover a gold sword with hilt in base upon a red field edged with gold and behind the sword point at top a red arrowhead point up upon the center of a gold radiant sun, and centered horizontally with shank passing behind the saltire a gold anchor with crown at left and ring at right with cable passing through and behind the arms of the saltire; all above a gold scroll inscribed "Americal" in blue.

Symbolism: The saltire alludes to New Caledonia in the Southwest Pacific where the division was first activated on 27 May 1942, and with its blue color (for infantry) and four white stars forms a "Southern Cross" and refers to the division's shoulder sleeve insignia and the area in which the division initially served.

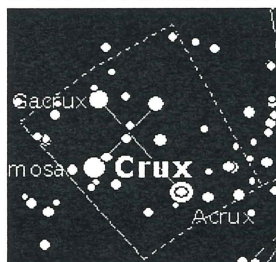


The four stars (the brightest in the Southern Cross constellation) also allude to the four campaigns of World War II in which the division participated. The anchor refers to the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) awarded the division for Guadalcanal, and the red arrowhead and Philippine sun for the assault landing in the Southern Philippines and the award of the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. The unsheathed sword with point to top refers to service in Vietnam.

The division is one of the few within the U.S. Army to bear initially a name instead of a number, and former designation "Americal" was adopted as a nickname, the association being both inspirational and historically significant.

www.americal.org/lineage.shtml#Heraldic

The Southern Cross Constellation



Crux (the Southern Cross), is visible from latitudes south of 25° N but is not visible in latitudes above 35° N, just as Polaris (North Star) is not visible in the southern hemisphere. Another interesting sidelight is that it was last seen in Jerusalem (latitude 31°46'45') about the time that Christ was crucified.

Diagram & info from the Peoria Astrological Society website
<http://www.astronomical.org/portal/modules/wfsection/index.php>

GammaCruX (the star at the top of the Southern Cross) is the 25th brightest star in the sky; AlphaCruX (bottom star) is 14th brightest, and Mimoso/BetaCruX (left star) is 20th. By comparison, our North Star is not in the top 27 brightest.

<http://casswww.ucsd.edu/public/bright.html>



Marine Guadalcanal Patch

The Marines 1st Division shoulder patch was originally authorized for wear by members of units that were organic or attached to the division in its four landings in the Pacific War [including the 164th]. It was the first unit patch to be authorized for wear in World War II and specifically commemorated the sacrifices and victory in the battle for Guadalcanal.

As recalled by General Merrill B. Twining (then a lieutenant colonel and the division's operations officer on Guadalcanal) for a short time before the 1st left Guadalcanal for Australia, there had been some discussion by the senior staff about uniforming the troops. It appeared that the Marines might have to wear Army uniforms, which meant that they would lose their identity and Twining came up with the idea for a division patch.

During the flight out of Guadalcanal, General Twining recalled that he drew a diamond in his notebook and "in the middle of the diamond I doodled a numeral one ... [and] I sketched in the word 'Guadalcanal' down its length ... I got to thinking the whole operation had been under the Southern Cross, so I drew that in, too ... I took the drawing up to the front of the aircraft to General Vandegrift. He said, 'Yes, that's it!' and wrote his initials, A.A.V., on the bottom of the notebook page."

After he arrived in Brisbane, Australia, Colonel Twining ... drew a bunch of diamonds on a big sheet, coloring each one differently. He then took samples to Maj Gen Vandegrift, who chose one that was colored a shade of blue that he liked. Then Twining took the sketch to the Australian Knitting Mills to have it reproduced, pledging the credit of the Post Exchange funds to pay for the patches' manufacture. Within a week or two the patches began to roll off the knitting machines, and Colonel Twining was there to approve them.

The division's post exchanges began selling the patches almost immediately and they proved to be popular, with Marines buying extras to give away as souvenirs to Australian friends or to send home to families. Before long, newly established Marine divisions, as well as the raider and parachute units, and as the aircraft wings, sea-going Marines, Fleet Marine Force Pacific units, and others, were authorized to have their own distinctive patch, a total of 33, following the lead of the 1st Marine Division. Marines returning to the United States for duty or on leave from a unit having a distinctive shoulder insignia were authorized to wear that insignia until they were assigned to another unit having a shoulder patch of its own; having to relinquish the 1st Division patch rankled the men who earned it.

Shortly after the end of the war, Colonel Twining went to now-Marine Commandant General Vandegrift saying that he "no longer thought Marines should wear anything on their uniforms to distinguish them from other Marines. He agreed and the patches came off for good." -- Benis M. Frank, from www.americal.org

34th Infantry Division Shoulder Insignia



"Red Bull"

Prior to WWII, the 164th was one of four infantry regiments assigned to the Seventh Service Command, 34th Infantry Division. Members of the regiment wore the shoulder patch until 8 Dec 41, when divisions were reorganized with only three regiments instead of four.

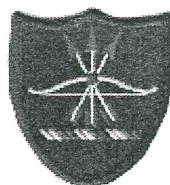
47th Infantry Division Shoulder Insignia

In June 1946, the 47th Infantry Division, was officially recognized. It was based in Minnesota, which would provide most of the manpower, but North Dakota would also contribute important elements.



The 47th was called the "Viking Division" in honor of the ethnic heritage shared by so many people of both states. Although the division was new *per se*, its regiments, battalions, and companies took their numerical designations from earlier state units with proud, distinguished histories. The 47th Division received word of its mobilization for the Korean War in mid-December 1950. By late January 1951, 9,000 Vikings found themselves at Camp Rucker, Alabama, where they were assigned to train new draftees. Shortly thereafter it was named as a replacement division and gradually split up, its men reassigned individually or by unit to other Army commands in the US. Many went to Korea.

North Dakota Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



The North Dakota Army National Guard shoulder sleeve insignia was approved by the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, on 29 April 1950. The crest (arrows) appearing on the shield was approved as the State Military Crest by the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, 25 January 1926.

The **Shield** is blue for *infantry* and is 2-3/8 inches in width and 2-1/2 inches in height. The shield is a basic design that has been used throughout history to symbolize honor, lineage, authority, etc.

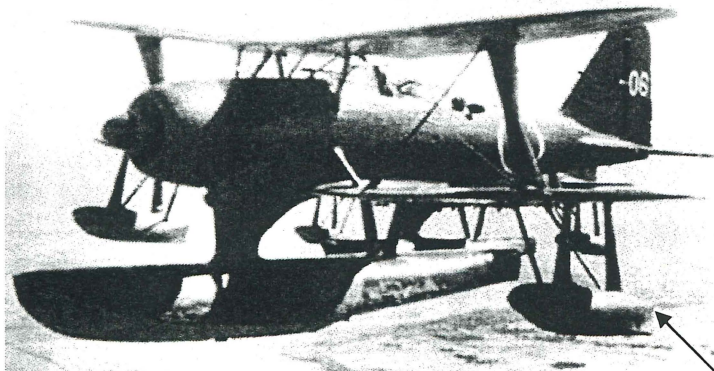
The **Crest** (arrows and bow) is a sheaf of three white arrows, armed and flighted red, behind a stringed yellow bow with red grip. The three arrows and bow are from the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota and alludes to the Sioux Indian tribes that roamed the territory of North Dakota and signify mighty warriors and great hunters.

The **Colors** of the arrows and bow are representative of the major components of the ND National Guard with red representing Artillery, red and white representing Engineers, and the yellow representing Quartermaster and Cavalry which were once major units of the ND National Guard. Below the arrows and bow is a wreath of six twists of alternating yellow and blue. This blue and yellow wreath reflects the history of the territory as part of the Louisiana Purchase.

Historically, colors also have been given other symbolism: Red for hardiness and valor; White for innocence and purity; and Blue for diligence, perseverance, and justice.

Where were you when....

Washing Machine Charlie Flew Over



Japan's Feisty Floatplane: Although it was an obsolete-looking biplane, the Japanese floatplane the Allies called 'Pete' could be one tough customer.

Excerpts from an article By Jon Guttman, originally published in the January 2001 issue of *Aviation History* magazine

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Full story: http://historynet.com/ahi/bljapanese_floatplane/index.html

One of the few biplanes still in production during World War II, the Mitsubishi F1M2, known to the Allies by the code name "Pete," was to surprise a number of Allied airmen in the first year of the Pacific War. Intended as a shipboard reconnaissance plane, it came to serve in a number of other roles including coastal patrol, convoy escort, dive-bomber, and even interceptor.

Nearly all of the 1,118 planes built would be the F1M2 version, which had a powerful 14-cylinder 875-hp Mitsubishi Zuisai 13 engine, a three-blade propeller, a wingspan of 36 feet 1 inch, a length of 31 feet 2 inches, a height of 13 feet 1 inch, and weighed 5,622 pounds. Its maximum speed was 230 mph at 11,285 feet, its service ceiling was 30,970 feet, and its range was 460 miles.

Entering service in 1941, the F1M2 gradually equipped most of the larger units of the Japanese navy -- eight battleships, nine cruisers, and six seaplane-support ships. The plane's armament was standard for an observation aircraft -- three 7.7mm machine guns and 264 pounds of bombs. The possibility of installing a 550-pound bomb was also considered.

The most active period in the F1M2's wartime career began on August 7, 1942, when U.S. Marines landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. It was the first American offensive of the war, and the Japanese were not about to let such a precedent-setting move succeed. Over the next several days, increasing numbers of American and Japanese aircraft were committed to the struggle -- including the floatplanes, which could operate either from their tenders or from island bases.

On August 28, the Japanese Eighth Fleet created a seaplane unit to augment its land-based aircraft in the Guadalcanal area. During a Japanese attempt to retake Henderson Field on September 14, this R-Area Air Force (based just 135 miles northwest of Lunga Point) was called upon to provide air support....Between 6:25 and 6:30, F1M2s descended over Henderson in shallow glides, scattering bombs all over the area. Only four or five bombs

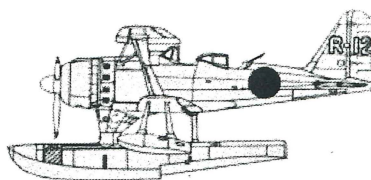
actually hit the airstrip, causing small fires and destroying a war-weary Bell P-400 that had already been consigned to the scrap yard...but the Japanese ground offensive against Henderson Field was a failure, and the R-Area Air Force never staged another comparable raid on the airfield.

At 4:30 a.m. on October 1, two F1M2s bombed Lunga Point, inaugurating a series of intermittent nocturnal strikes that the biplanes, operating singly or doubly, would make on Guadalcanal. Their few bombs caused little damage, but the nuisance raids kept the Marines awake at night, and the distinctive sound of the biplanes' engines earned them nicknames like "**One-Lung Charlie**" and "**Washing Machine Charlie**." Later, F1M2s operating from Japanese cruisers directed their gunfire at Henderson Field. The sound of "**Louie the Louse**," as the Americans called the slow-flying planes when serving in an observation role, usually served notice that an offshore bombardment was imminent.

Photos From "AXLs Plane Gallery" Website
www.studenten.net/customasp/axl/plane.asp?cat_id=10&ple_id=463&page=0



In the first week of **November 1942**, both sides started bringing in reinforcements for another big confrontation, in which the Japanese, as usual, relied on the Guadalcanal-bound convoys the Americans called the **Tokyo Express**. One of the last big dogfights over Guadalcanal--in which F1M2s figured prominently--occurred during Rear Adm. Tanaka's costly attempt to ship in reinforcements on **November 14**. As U.S. Navy and Marine aircraft attacked the Japanese troop transports, they found themselves opposed not only by the ubiquitous Zeros, but also by eight F1M2s.... Staff Sergeant T C Hurst of VMF-112 attacked one of the floatplanes and saw its engine start to smoke. Then the Pete suddenly pulled up sharply in what Hurst called a "suicide maneuver" and knocked the wing off his Wildcat, forcing Hurst to bail out....By the end of the day, the American fighters claimed two Zeros and six Petes shot down for the loss of Hurst's Wildcat.... [Earlier]... after strafing a B-17 to no effect...an F1M2 dove under the bomber and rammed it from below, tearing off its right wing and vertical stabilizer, causing the B-17 and its crew to fall to their destruction. Editor's Note: These "suicide" pilots seem to have been the most effective part of the aircraft!!!



War Paint scheme (1939-1942)

Painted Light Gray N10; propeller and its silver spinner with two thin lines in the tips of the shovels; tail code number in Yellow; red danger marks of the propeller pitch in the center float; red Hinomarus without white edge in six locations.

MITSUBISHI F1M2 "PETE" by Sebastian Pedroza, IPMS Website
<http://www.choiquehobbies.com.ar/revista01/html/rev/petee.htm>

60th Anniversary of WWII Commemorative Committee

www.60wwii.mil/Presentation/Common/index.cfm

In 2004, the Deputy Secretary of Defense designated the Department of the Army as the executive agent for the World War II anniversary observances. The final event occurred September 2005 at the WWII Memorial.

The Goals of the Committee

- Honor those who served.
- Acquaint or reacquaint all Americans with the significance of World War II to our nation and the world.
- Provide the public with a clearer understanding of the lessons of World War II.
- Commemorate the ideas, alliances, and programs of World War II, in addition to its battles.
- Involve the American public in activities
- Engage former adversaries in positive recognition.

About The Logos



Pacific Emblem: **Description:** A depiction of a beach landing by troops from landing vessels deployed from off-shore warships. The vantage point from the beach out to sea is dominated by a fully armed central figure running towards the viewer against a background of ships and landing craft

supported by fighter planes coming in from the sea to attack enemy positions behind the beach. **Symbolism:** The single soldier represents all landing troops who participated in coastal assault operations on many fronts during World War II and symbolizes the individual determination and sacrifice of US personnel in the conflict. The US commitment to overcoming Axis forces is symbolized by the many ships and planes assigned to achieve this goal.

European Emblem: **Description:** A circular device depicting a night sky swept by searchlight beams issuing from behind a landscape of shattered buildings with a single star appearing to the left of the beams with, at top, the inscriptions "Sixtieth Anniversary" and "World War II" and at base the numeral "60" between the dates 1945 and 2005.

Symbolism: The searchlights of World War II were a universal feature of defense used by all participants in the conflict and in use specifically in Normandy by the "Skylighters" of the 225th AAA Searchlight Battalion. (This unit was attached to the 9th Air Force's 422nd and 425th Night Fighter Squadrons and was trained for deployment to the Pacific and served later as part of the Army of Occupation.) The beams also denote rays of hope and future peace after the war's destruction, echoed again by the single visible star.

Editor's note: The image quality of the logos from the website is terrible, but requests for better images went unanswered.

Contact Information

DoD World War II Commemorative Committee
1777 N. Kent Street, Suite 5413, Arlington, VA 22209
Email: wwii60th@hqda.army.mil, Toll Free: 1-877-868-2058.

Editor's note: the 10 year old DoD 50th Anniversary of WWII website has been discontinued.

50th Anniversary Korean War Commemorative Committee

<http://korea50.army.mil/>

FYI: The United States of America's Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War was 25 June 2000 through 11 November 2003.

The Goals of the Committee

- Provide the people of the US with a clear understanding of the lessons & history of the Korean War.
- Thank and honor veterans and their families
- Pay tribute to the sacrifices and contributions made on the home front during the Korean War
- Highlight advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research during this War
- Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States in the Korean War
- Highlight the role of the US Armed Forces, then and now, in maintaining world peace through strength

About The Flag and Logo



Flag: The Flag is symbolic of the unified effort of the United States, the Republic of Korea, and our allies to stop communist aggression on the Korean peninsula 50 years ago. The light blue and white streamer that runs through

the center of the flag is the U.N. Battle Streamer. The 22 stars represent the 22 allied nations that fought side-by-side to save South Korea. The words "Freedom is not Free" were added by our veterans who, more than anyone else, know the great price of liberty. The flag is in both the English and Korean (Hangul) languages. In the center is the "Tae Guk" symbol from the South Korean flag, familiar to many as the symbol for the philosophy of Yin and Yang. In Korea, known as Eum and Yang, the symbol stands for peace and harmony. South Korea has adopted this as their official commemoration flag. The Institute of Heraldry assisted the United States of America Korean War Commemoration Committee with the design of the flag. A major goal of the Commemoration was to see this flag displayed by Commemoration Partners throughout communities all across the Nation to honor and thank the veterans of the Korean War, their families and next of kin of those who were lost.

Logo: The focal point of the Crest is the three-lobed Taeguk, known as the sam-Taeguk. The three lobes of the sam-Taeguk are as follows: Red and White stripes representing the United States; Dark Blue representing South Korea; The United Nations Light Blue with 22 Gold stars representing the 20 United Nations member states, plus the



Republic of Korea and Italy, that formed the Allied Coalition. Traditionally, the Taeguk depicted on the flag of the Republic of Korea represents two states of being, Heaven and Earth (spiritual and physical). The sam-Taeguk stands for three states of being: Heaven, Earth, and Man. Heaven represents the spiritual, Earth is the physical, and Man is the intermediary who embodies both the spiritual and physical. The wreath and gold lettering symbolize honor and excellence. During the commemoration period, the nation honored the Korean War veterans for the sacrifices they made to ensure a free and democratic Republic of Korea.

164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FROM SEPTEMBER 2004 THRU AUGUST 2005

AUGUST 2004 C.D. BALANCE \$16,298.74
 AUGUST 2005 C.D. BALANCE \$20,067.32
 AUGUST 2004 CHECK BOOK \$12,513.74
 AUGUST 2005 CHECK BOOK \$ 8,428.15

MONTH OF	EXPENSES	INCOME
SEPTEMBER 2004	\$703.66	\$299.48
OCTOBER 2004	0	\$668.46
NOVEMBER 2004	\$87.00	\$3.91
DECEMBER 2004	\$1,528.32	\$424.44
JANUARY 2005	\$381.48	\$1,123.51
FEBRUARY 2005	\$156.30	1,220.49
MARCH 2005	\$1,341.12	\$248.90
APRIL 2005	\$3,521.03	\$273.03
MAY 2005	0	\$2.78
JUNE 2005	\$213.74	\$2.56
JULY 2005	\$770.50	\$172.38
AUGUST 2005	0	\$177.62
	\$8,703.15	\$4,617.56

BANK STATEMENT: 31 AUG 05 \$8,428.15
 C.D. BALANCE: 31 AUG 05 \$20,067.32
 LOAN TO REUNION \$1,000.00
 NET WORTH \$29,495.47

I CERTIFY THAT THIS REPORT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2005

SECRETARY/TREASURER
 BENNET J. KEMP

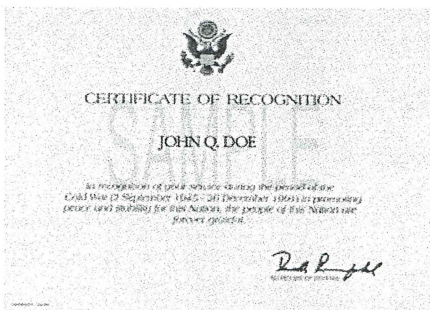
164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of August 2005

LIFE MEMBERS 156
 REGULAR MEMBERS 250
 LIFE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 65
 REGULAR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 78
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 549

Your Cold War Service Recognized!

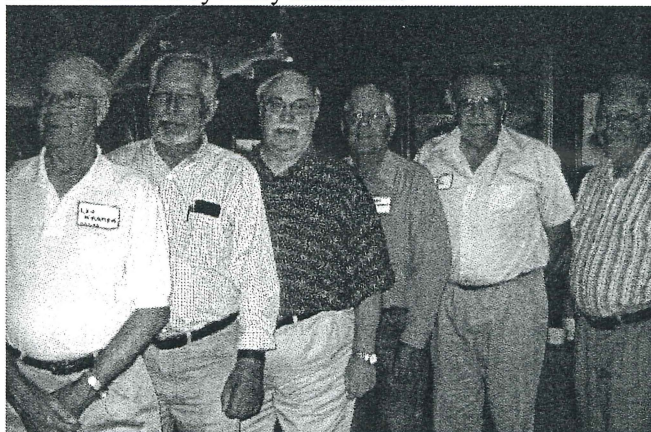
The Secretary of Defense has approved the award of Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, from 2 September 1945 to 26 December 1991.



The Cold War Recognition Certificates are available, at no cost, to qualified individuals who submit a request and provide a supporting document, which is any official government or military document with recipient's name, Social Security Number (or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number), and date of service. A form can be requested from Ben Kemp, 164th

Infantry Assoc Sec/Treas, or a printable form can be downloaded from this website: www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/coldwar/default.htm

HHC, 1st Battalion Get-Together was held on 23 July 2005, in Linton. The following "infantry guys" attended (L-R). Photo submitted by Harry Renschler.



Leo Kramer,
 Mandan, ND
 Chris Maier,
 Linton, ND
 Alex "Duffey"
 McCulley
 Harry Renschler,
 Bismarck
 Leo Hunn
 Princeton, NM
 Alex Vetter,
 Hermison, OR

Look for the Chesty Puller Stamp



The Postal Service will issue these stamps on 10 November 2005, to commemorate four legendary marines who served with bravery and distinction during the 20th century. John Basilone: 1943 photo & insignia of the 5th Marine Division. Basilone died with the 1st Battalion, 27th Marine Reg't, 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima in Feb 1945. Daniel J. Daly: 1919 photo & insignia of 73rd Machine Gun Company, which is a variation on the Army's 2nd Infantry Division insignia. During WWI, Daly served as a Marine with the 73rd Machine Gun Co in the 2nd Infantry Division. John A. Lejeune: 1924 photo & insignia of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, which Lejeune commanded during World War I. Lewis B. Puller: 1950 photo at Koto-ri, Korea, & insignia of the 1st Marine Division. Puller was a battalion commander and regimental commander with the 1st Marine Division during World War II and the Korean War.

To order a "First Day Issue", first purchase the stamps at the Post Office, or 1-800-STAMP-24, or www.usps.com/shop. Then affix the stamp(s) to envelopes of your choice, addressing the envelopes to yourself, and place them in a larger envelope addressed to Distinguished Marines Stamps, Postmaster, 900 Brentwood Rd NE, Washington, DC 20066-9998. After applying the first day postmark, the USPS will mail your envelope to you. There is no charge for the service. All orders must be postmarked by December 9, 2005.

Thanks to Scott Heck, Post Office, Mountain, ND, for assistance in researching the availability of this stamp, and the loan of the poster for scanning the photo.

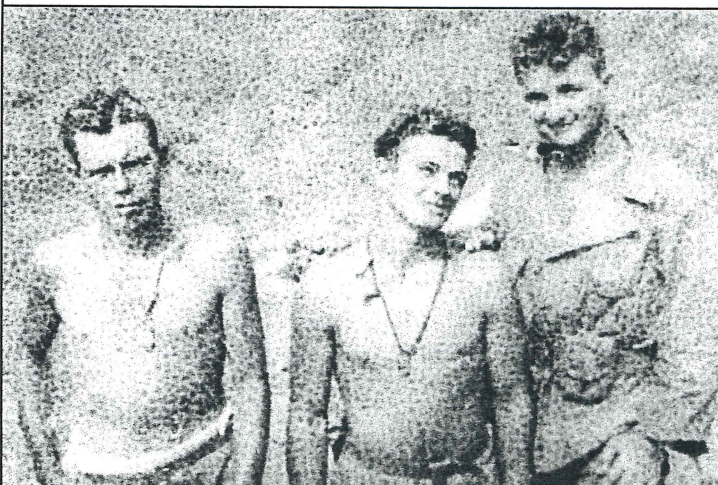
Ben says he's got the 2006 membership cards, so you can send your \$10 dues anytime for Jan-Dec 2006 membership. By sending it now, we'll save postage by not having to send the dues notice in January!

John Gunderson watches as Bud Boisen fries something in a mess kit, using Jap gas for fuel.



Photos sent in by Lawrence E. "Bud" Boisen

(See his letter on Page 8)



On the 'Canal: Orville Dodge (now in Helena, MT), Bud Boisen (Hauser, ID), Ralph Gaugler



L-R: Harry Dalyniuk, Russ Landren, Willard Williamson share a shelter someplace on the island.



Above: Gravesite for Pvt Elwin L. Peterson, Co K
Right: Pvt Marion van der Werff, Co K



Co K Gravesites on Guadalcanal:
Left: 1st Sgt Winfred B. Fisher
Right: Corp Hermann C. Diede



When the 164th Guys returned to Guadalcanal in 1992, the first place they wanted to visit was the old Cemetery at Lunga Beach. Unfortunately, the site has been lost to history: overgrown and unidentifiable, except in the memories of those who were there.

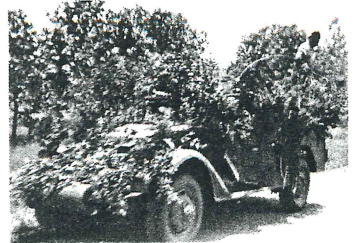


Ladies: Back—Mary Ann Winkler, Mary Lou Weber, Erma Oeffner, Margaret Elm, Dorothy Olson, Diana Vagle.
Front: Joyce Dahl, Mary Wagner, Jenny Welander, Betty Kreidlkamp, June Grant, Delores Otto



Gents, Co G, June 2005: Back: Milt Kane, Ray Kreidlkamp, Francis Dahl, Tom Vagle, Pete Grant, Vince Olson, Eddie Otto;
Center: Robert Oeffner, Bernie Wagner, Dave Winkler, Warren Elm, Owen Wallace, Dale Webster, **Front:** Gary Valiere, Rhiny Weber, Bill Welander, Tony Griffin, Dave Lokken

Photos Sent in by Bernie Wagner



Above: A Tree with wheels! Good Camo!

Left: On Guadalcanal-- Russel Rapp in pith helmet, and Gerald "Sandy" Sanderson with medic's bags



"Sons of the 164th" Join Assoc!

Dear Ben:

I met a neighbor of my son's at Ft Rucker this past weekend and he wishes to add his and his brother's names to the 164 Infantry Association's membership List.

Their father, SSG Edmond N. Lupien was a member of the Antitank Company, 164th Infantry. As I understand, SSG Lupien was a member of the 164th Association and passed away on 14 April 1991.

Enclosed is information about their father and also a check for \$40 for membership fees and the 164th Newsletter his two sons:

CW5 Bradley R Lupien, 19 Diamond Cir, Ft Rucker, AL 36362

Robert Lupien, 2600 S. Parker Rd, #2, Aurora, CO 80014

Thanks for your help, Mr. Secretary. Hope to see you next month in Valley City.

Sincerely, SGM Joe Castagneto, USA (ret)

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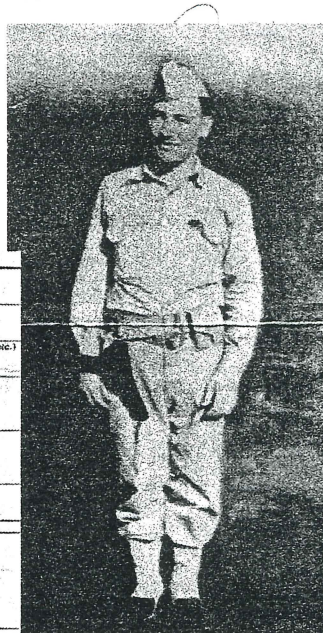
Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that
 EDMOND N. LUPLEN, 37 028 608, STAFF SERGEANT
 ANTI-TANK COMPANY, 164TH INFANTRY
 Army of the United States

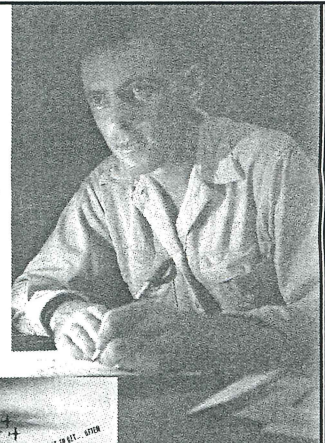
is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given at SEPARATION CENTER
 FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA
 Date 15 JULY 1945



VICTORY



Below: Official V-Mail card sent by Vern Olson (above) who is writing by lamplight. (L) DoD poster



To: Mrs. Edmond N. Lupien, 2600 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, Colo. 80014
 From: Sgt. Vernon J. Olson, Co. B, 164th Inf. Div., Ft. Rucker, Ala. 36362
 Dec. 6, 1945



MILITARY HISTORY											
22. DATE OF INDUCTION	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE								
6 MAY 41	-	6 MAY 41	FORT SNELLING, MINN.								
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32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS											
GUADALCANAL, NORTHERN SOLOMONS AND SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES											
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS											
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BADGE WITH BRONZE STAR GO #67 AML DIV '43 GOLD CONDUCT MEDAL GO #105 '44											
34. AWARDS RECEIVED IN ACTION											
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20 APR 42	S.P.T.O	9 OCT 42									
3 JAN 45	C.P.T.O	21 JAN 45									
26 MAR 45	U.S.	27 JUN 45									

Photos brought to the Reunion by Vern Olson

Right, Sgt. Vern Olson pays tribute at the gravesite of 2nd Lieutenant Ralph M. Kammon, Co G, who was one of the first 164th soldiers to be killed at Guadalcanal.



25 Feb 43



26 Jan 43
Henderson Field
US plane hit by
Japanese bomb



Co G

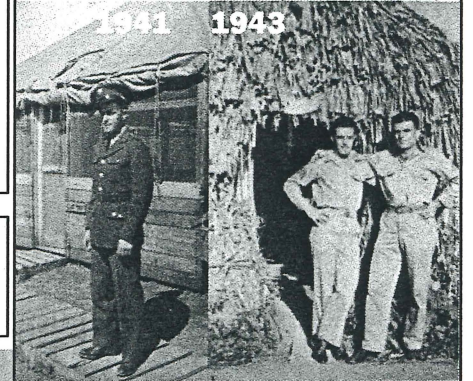
Bougainville



Vern says the rolls of film containing these photos were smuggled out of Bougainville in an empty canteen by Elmo Olson (no relation), who mailed them to Vern's parents.

Left: 12 Feb 43
Leo "Speed" Payton (C)
& Ted McCarthy (R)
check out a "Jap" cannon

Below Left: Vern at home at Camp Claiborne, LA. Right: Frank Moriarty & Vern show off their quarters on Fiji.



Left:
Luther
McHattie
"Top
Kick"
Co G



REUNION PHOTOS
FROM YEARS PAST



LEFT: CO H
ABOVE LEFT: CO H
ABOVE: CO G

Greetings From your President!

I want to thank the members that attended the Reunion--You made it a success. For those that couldn't attend or chose not to attend you missed out on a good time. Our response for the ticket sales for the support of the Reunion and the extra book for the newspaper was outstanding. We only had a couple of members and a few more social members that chose not to participate in the ticket purchase.

The item that took up most of our business meeting was the naming of North Dakota Highway #2 to the 164th Infantry Memorial Highway. We are in the process of coordinating with the NDak Highway Department on where the signs will be erected and how many. We are planning the formal dedication on Friday the first day of our Reunion at the Highway rest area at Devils Lake, NDak (what kind of signs are we going to want at the rest area--should we have them in the building or on a pedestal on the outside of the building) are some of the questions that will be decided. We will have more information for you when the plans are complete.

We again are going to be hosting the Reunion in Valley City and invite all of you to attend, if you have made plans to attend it would be a good idea to contact the Motel and make reservations, we were able to accommodate all attendees this year. It will be held on 15, 16, 17 September 06. The 188th Army National Guard Band have it on their schedule to support us at our Reunion.

IF YOU WERE...

If you were busy being kind
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think t'was true
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who are sad
Although your heart might ache a bit
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good
And doing just the best you could
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being right
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long
Because he's busy being wrong.

Whoops! The Headline on Page 11 of the July 2005 issue should be "Five Lifesavers of WWII". (It was a computer burp!) Please make that change to your copy to avoid further confusion.



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