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# The 164<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY News

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## 164th Infantry Reunion

It is on us again, fall, at least temperature wise or it seems so, rather nice in the day time and would you believe ccccoool at night. Makes one wonder where the summer has gone. These were the conditions when we were in the fair city of Dickinson, N.D. among a group of very dedicated people. Dedicated in perpetuating the comradeship of our 164th Infantry association. Many members and their wives were arriving early on Friday the 12th of October. The very first evening was a mixer wherein the Dickinson group had good music employed, a good dance floor available, adequate and varied tonics on tap and of course had stirred up a barrel of old time hospitality that was served in ample amounts. In fact, there was enough hospitality and rapport in comradeship that it extended well into Saturday, Sunday and I'm certain still remains very vivid in everyone's mind that was fortunate enough to have attended that reunion. It was termed by one of our older members as being the best he had ever attended.

I would like to add that it was very well organized and went off like clockwork. We certainly owe a big thank you to Ray Summers, Wenzel Crivrasky, Bill Kostelecky, Paul Fischer, Willis Clark, Mike Ehresman, Zaru Paulson, Don Wolf, John Berger, Charles "Laddie" Norton, Gene Gong, John Schuld, Frank Richards, Elonor Summers, Agnes Crivrasky, Marlin Olson and of course a big thank you to our past President Gordy Lamont.

The convention headquarters was well placed, it being located in the Ramada Inn in Dickinson, ND. Its facilities proved to be adequate and it provided a setting for the friendly atmosphere that was enjoyed by all who attended. We certainly can say that if anyone went hungry it was their own fault for the food was plentiful and very tasty at the men's noon luncheon no one appeared to be left gaunt due to not enough quantity or variety. It proved to be tasty.

A quick look at the Ladies' Luncheon the following is believed to describe it very nicely.

A light luncheon was served in the

Cardinal Room of the Ramada Inn to ninety-two (92) ladies. Table decorations featured small baskets of dried flowers, weeds and grasses, all made by Agnes Crivrasky (who was on the women's activities along with Elenor Summers). Each lady received two (2) small gifts. An Avon gift and a tissue holder with a mirror inscribed with "164th Infantry Reunion, Dickinson, North Dakota October 1984." A souvenir of this year's reunion. Entertainment was provided by Brenda Bozehowski, Diana Jilek and Galen Kovash who sang several selections, both old and new. They were accompanied by Rita Williams, a student at Dickinson State College. We thank Mrs. Gordon (Martha) Lamont for her fine explanation and coverage of the ladies' luncheon.

Our President Gordon Lamont opened the annual business meeting of the 164th Infantry Association of the U.S. and called it to order at 0945 hrs. MDST on 13 October 1984 in the Ramada Inn, Dickinson, ND.

### REUNION 1984

The annual business meeting of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States was called to order by President Gordon Lamont at 0945 MDST, 13 October 1984 in the Ramada Inn, Dickinson, North Dakota.

#### Association Officers Present:

Gordon M. Lamont-President  
John E. Korsmo-Vice President  
Herbert J. Mack-Secretary/  
Treasurer  
Keith P. Parsons-Historian &  
Editor  
William W. Tillotson-Executive  
Council

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Gordon Lamont.

Dickinson City Commissioner, and Association member, Robert B. Baird, welcomed the Association members to the City and extended greetings from the Mayor, who was absent from the City.

President Lamont then introduced Floyd E. Henderson, President of the World War I Veterans Association, and one of the original members and past president of the 164th Infantry Association. Floyd discussed the possibilities of an overall pension of World War I Veterans, all who are now 85 to 95 years of age..

President Lamont discussed the reunion program and the location of events. He urged members and their wives to make full use of the courtesy cars. The drivers can be found by checking with the motel's front desk.

President Lamont appointed the following committees:

#### Time and Place:

Bernard E. Wagner-Chairman  
Lyle Aljets  
Bob Wells  
Earl Cherrey

#### Nominations:

Jim Fenlon-Chairman  
Frank Richards  
Verne Towne  
William W. Tillotson

#### Auditing:

George Christianson-Chairman  
John Korsmo  
Joe Schwartz  
Wally Johnson

Secretary Herb Mack read the minutes from the business meeting held in Bismarck, ND in October 1983. Motion made by Joe Schwartz that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Tony Hanel. Passed.

Treasurer Herb Mack gave a financial report for the past year. Motion made by Wally Johnson that the financial report be accepted, subject to audit. Seconded by Joe Schwartz. Passed.

President Lamont announced that the film on the North Dakota National Guard, which the Association helped to support, will be shown downstairs this afternoon.

Discussion on Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association. Motion made by Max Foerester that Article VI be deleted and that a committee be appointed to rewrite the entire article, and that the committee present the new article at the next busi-

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ness meeting. Seconded by Jim Fenlon. Passed.

President Lamont then made a request for input on the disposal of funds when the Association no longer exists. The remaining funds should be utilized within the State of North Dakota. Suggestions from the membership were made:

North Dakota Veterans Home  
Elks Charity  
Veterans Hospital in Minot  
Crippled Childrens Home in  
Jamestown

Ervin Ventsch made a motion that the John Moses Hospital in Minot be converted to a Veterans Home. Discussion on the cost to remodel the hospital, and it was stated that the cost to remodel would exceed the cost of new construction. The Hospital in Minot is located on 18 acres of prime development land. The North Dakota Veterans Committee is already considering utilization of the Hospital. Motion withdrawn.

Max Foerester made a motion that the new President appoint a committee of 5 or 6 and bring to the next business meeting a report on the possibility of utilizing the John Moses Hospital. Seconded by Joe Schwartz. Passed.

President Lamont then declared a recess at 1050 hrs. to give the committee time to prepare their reports.

Reconvene at 1110 MDST.

President Lamont introduced Jim Beaton from Lake Region Travel Service, Detroit Lakes, Mn. Jim Beaton is proposing a trip to the Southwest Pacific for members of the 164th Infantry Association during the winter of 1986.

Herb Mack gave a report on the progress of the History being prepared by the University of North Dakota. The report, as prepared by Col. Ray Bohn, shows that the first seven chapters are ready, and that the contract period has been extended from October 1984 to January 1985. A copy of the report is attached.

Keith Parsons stated that he wants to interview members of the 164th Infantry, and needs expense money for travel and recording tapes. Motion made by Max Foerester to cover the expenses and have Keith submit a voucher to the treasurer for payment. Seconded by Ray Summers. Passed. Keith expressed his thanks for the support and confidence in his work as Editor and Historian.

President Lamont called for committee reports:

Time and Place:

1985-Fargo, NDak

1986-Williston, NDak

Motion made by Bernard Wagner to accept the report. Seconded by Bob Wells. Passed.

Nominations:

President-John E. Korsmo  
Vice President-Frank Onufrey  
Secretary/Treasurer-Herbert J.  
Mack  
Historian-Keith P. Parsons  
Executive Council-Waldemar C.  
Johnson, Gordon M. Lamont

Motion made by Bill Tillotson that the slate of candidates be accepted. Seconded by Jim Fenlon. No further nominations from the floor, Max Foerester made a motion that the rules be suspended and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of candidates. Seconded by George Christianson. Passed.

Auditing:

Report by Chairman George Christianson that the books are in order and that the financial report is correct. Motion made to accept the report by Max Foerester, seconded by John Remillong. Passed.

Ed Mulligan proposed that a scale model of Guadalcanal be constructed by members of the Association and displayed at the Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Ervin Ventsch made a motion that Keith Parsons put a ballot in the 164th Infantry News to allow all Association members to vote on changing the dates of the annual reunion. Seconded by Don Stevens. Passed.

Joe Schwartz representing the Battlefield Commissioned Officers Association stated they now have about 500 members and are looking for additional members. For information, contact Joe.

Bernard Wagner made a motion to thank the Dickinson Reunion Committee and the City of Dickinson for an excellent reunion. Seconded by Lyle Aljets. Passed.

President Lamont called for any additional business. There was none and he called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Bernard Wagner. Seconded by Tony Hannel. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1155 MDST, 13 October 1984.

HERBERT J. MACK  
Secretary/Treasurer

There was an Executive Council meeting held at the Ramada Inn on 12 Oct 1984 commencing at 0:700 hrs. It was conducted by President Gordon Lamont with the following members

present: GORDON LAMONT, JOHN E. KORSMO, WILLIAM W. TILLOTSON, HERBERT J. MACK, WALDEMAR C. JOHNSON (special guest), and KEITH P. PARSONS.

The minutes of the council meeting of the Association held on 8 Aug. 1984 were read and approved. One member strongly objected to being listed as absent from that meeting, and justifiably so because he had not received notice of that meeting. Secretary Herb Mack reported on the years financial status covering the Association's accounts. A list of 22 deceased members who we had lost in the last year was given the President. John Korsmo made a motion that the list be included in the evening program of the 13th Oct. Motion passed. Discussion on changing the Articles of Incorporation (Article VI) was covered. William Tillotson gave a committee report on this and related several suggestions for the distribution of any remaining funds at time the Association should ever disband due to attrition, i.e. last man type organization, etc. After considerable discussion on this Keith Parsons made a motion, seconded by John Korsmo that Article VI in its entirety be deleted from the Articles of Incorporation. Motion passed. Note: this was completed I.A.W. the minutes of the regular business meeting held on Sat. 13 Oct 84. The Executive Council was informed that the Association had been named as a beneficiary of a special amount in the will of William J. Tucker.

Gordon Lamont stated that Jim Beaton wanted to address the membership at the business meeting regarding a trip to the South Pacific in 1986. Herb Mack gave a brief report on the progress of the official History being written of the North Dakota National Guard. It has a projected completion date of January 1985???? Brief discussion among other sundried subjects was that the Association membership as an associate member should be open to all widows of members present or past and that this should appear as a notice of eligibility in  
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the 164th Infantry News. Motion was made by John Korsmo and seconded by William Tillotson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 MDST.

Of course there was as stated a delicious noon luncheon served at 12:00 to 2:00 hrs. in the Ramada Inn's Rec Room, and the Ladies Champagne Luncheon. From 2-5 p.m. was time allocated wherein the individual companies got together and the film, "History of the North Dakota National Guard" was shown. Then came a social hour with entertainment provided by the "Elks Sodbuster Band" which proved to be quite hilarious and very entertaining for with their antics put everyone in a festive mood at least this was the impression created for the group responded with a thunderous applause. This was followed by the 164th Infantry Reunion Memorial Service at 6:30 p.m. Advance of the colors (which is always fitting and proper) was done by the Vetrans Drill Team with Andrew Dolechek commanding. Introductory pledge of allegiance was by Mike Ehresman (a Korean and 164th veteran). The invocation and address was by Pastor Steve Tangen of St. John's Lutheran Church of Dickinson, ND. We were treated to vocal by Leonard E. Rouse, "How Great Thou Art," accompanied by Patti Schiwal on the piano. Taps was played by two very accomplished musicians, Don Thornton with Les Dykema playing "Echo" which created a very reverent moment in silence that I feel everyone there spent in tentative memory and reverence to our comrades who have reached their Zenith in time, that time when the pendulum of time rests and all is in peace and quiet for all who rest in eternity. This was followed by the benediction by Pastor Steve Tangen with retirement of the colors by the Veterans Drill Team closing that part of the program.

This was followed by the annual reunion banquet at 7:00 p.m. headed up by President Gordon Lamont, emcee Bob Baird, dinner prayer by Pastor Steve Tangen. Introductions and recognitions included a reverent moment in the reading of the following list of members who have answered that final muster in the past year: HARVEY J. SCHWER, EDDIE BEAUTLER, CARL F. HUBBUEK, LEO H. DOMINIEK, ROY C. MOLSTAD, HENRY V. MOTT, JOHN R. STEELE, ALFRED THOMASON, ALLEN O. OLSON, MICHAEL F. SPEZEPO-  
NOWSKI, ALVIN N. THURN, LYNN MATHEWS, IBSEN SPABRUD, VERNON C. MARTIN, VERNELLE J. NESS, REX SULLIVAN,

HAROLD I. UPTON, ELMER F. BIRKHOLZ, JOHN DAVIS, VICTOR A. MELENIUS, VALENTINE BUSH, CHARLES STRONG, AND MORT MCBRIDE.

President Lamont then introduced those who were seated at the head table, officers of the 164th Infantry Association. The department heads and their helpers who worked so diligently in making the 38th Annual 164th Reunion the great success that it was. Then came the traditional roll call by units.

The guest speaker for the banquet was State Senator Ray David of Dickinson, ND. He delivered a well-timed talk, not too long but just about right. This was followed by the introduction of the new officers for 1984-85 who were as follows: President-John E. Korsmo, Vice-president-Frank Onufrey, Secretary/Treasurer-Herbert J. Mack, Editor/Historian-Keith P. Parsons, Executive Council-Waldemar C. Johnson and Gordon Lamont. The Benediction was by Pastor Steve Tangen. Thusly ended the banquet portion of the 38th Annual 164th Reunion.

On to the evening's Big Reunion Dance wherein music of the 40's, 50's, and 60's era was the in thing at the Dickinson armory. We will concede one thing—it appeared that many of the fellows have mellowed a bit in that it was not quite as rowdy as some of the early reunions. Is it possible that age is sneaking up on us all? However, that old glint is still there and there's a comradeship that will never die.

Sunday morning 14 Oct 1984 each and all were urged to attend the church of their choice if so inclined. A tasteful brunch was served from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer had a display of pictures displayed wherein anyone who so chose to could have placed an order.

By and large, this writer has to say it was one of the very very good reunions and will be remembered for its very warm and dedicated hosts.

Winners of the 164th Infantry Reunion Drawing were: ARTHUR L. CHAPMAN OF EASTHAM, MA—\$164.00; VICTOR MALENIUS OF EVELETH, MN—\$164.00; JOAN (MRS. GEORGE) MCGUINESS OF PATTERSON, NJ—\$164.00.

Winner of the Special 164th Condominium: VERN TOWNE OF BISMARCK, ND.

To all members of the 164th Infantry Association from the Dickinson Reunion Committee:

Greetings once more from the Reunion Committee at Dickinson. We want

to thank everyone who attended the reunion for making it a success and hope that everyone who came had an enjoyable time. We also want to thank all those not attending for the tremendous response and support of our ticket sales as well as the donations sent in.

In this issue of the paper please note we have most of the pictures taken at the reunion by "JONATHAN Photos" of 1221 East Villard, Dickinson, ND 58601. Please note, you can order any of these pictures by letter as listed in this paper. Sizes available are 8x10 for \$7.00 or a 5x7 for \$5.00. These prices include postage. You may order them directly from PHOTOS BY JONATHON, 1221 EAST VILLARD, DICKINSON, ND 58601 or by contacting Ray Summers of 905 Park Avenue, Dickinson, ND 58601.

Ray Summers, Chairman  
Wenzel Crivratsky, Co-chairman

## 1985 Reunion

GREETINGS from the Gate City of North Dakota. The next Reunion of the 164th Infantry Association will be held in Fargo, ND, on 11 to 13 October, 1985. Mark your calendar for these dates which we promise you a great time for all.

There will be a wide variety of events to participate in while in Fargo. The band members are planning for a large turnout and there will be a number of special events to attend.

More details will be in the March issue of the 164th News along with committee assignments. Fargo is a great place for fun, so let's plan now to attend.

Wally & Korsmo

### NOTICE PLEASE

This is your paper and it needs your support. It needs your stories, letters, and pictures to make it as good and readable as you desire. When sending in stories or photos of news interest, please identify all photos. Black and white glossy prints seem to reproduce best. Color prints may be used to a lesser degree of clarity if they are sharp photos. Photos used will be returned to sender when requested.

Thank you respectfully,

KEITH P. PARSONS  
*Editor*

# Ballot to Pick Reunion Date

In compliance with a motion that was made and passed in favor of a ballot being placed in the 164th Infantry News to allow all Association members to

vote on changing the dates of the annual reunion, the following official ballot for that purpose is as follows:

ANNUAL REUNION DATE TO BE _____ WEEK
OF _____ MONTH EACH YEAR.
NAME: _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____
ZIP _____

MAIL TO: 164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION  
BOX 1111  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58502

The above ballot will serve to assert the desire of each of you in deciding what week and which month you would like the annual reunion to be held each

year. This will allow for a vote to be cast in which all members may have a voice in.

## Letters

Wow! We want to thank you for so many responses to the Reunion Committee. It certainly shows your interest runs high. I don't know if we have space for all of the letters so I'll condense some but want to thank you all.

*Editor's Note: Here we go with those of you who couldn't make it but cared enough to let us know.*

Date line 8 Aug 1984. New address of John H. Tuff is now at 1101 42nd St. S., Apt. 207, Fargo, ND 58103, 30 Aug 1984, the following individual regrets due to old physical problems, he will not be able to make the reunion. Herbert C. Harris, Col. USAF Ret. of Summerville SC. Thanks, Raymond Skinner of Old A Co. says he doubts if they can make it but did enter drawing and sent in dues. Thanks, Ray. Another from Arthur H. Krumrey of Offerle, KS 67563 says he won't be able to make it and his letter reads thusly:

9-5-84

Dear comrades:

I hope you have a good reunion. I have only made one. That was the first one and will not attend this year, as I just got out of the hospital after 49 days in intensive care. I had one lung removed as it was cancerous. I'm on oxygen 24 hrs. a day, but am doing OK. Good luck and have fun.

Yours in comradeship,  
Arthur H. Krumrey

*Art, we all extend the best to you and best of luck.*

*Editor: Due to prior travels, Bill Parker of El Cajon, CA, says regrets. William H. Friedwald of Webster Groves, MO, wrote regrets on 7 Sept 1984. On 11 Sept 84 Peter H. McDonald says would love to but hunting seasons hit at that time and that's when he's busy. Due to previous commitments that fall on 13 Oct, T.H. Conrath states he finds it impossible to make the reunion. He said that he is now retired after 30 years of teaching painting and sculpturing. Also, he is recuperating from a major heart attack. He says he walks two miles to his studio each day and that in view of the fact that Hebron, ND will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year, possibly he will be able to make the next one.*

*Dennis Ferk writes and sends regrets but wishes all a good reunion. Thanks Dennis. Don and Joyce Oster of Mesa, AZ, writes the following:*

Mesa, Arizona  
20 Sept 1984

Dear John:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Ten Dollars \$10.00. There is \$5.00 for tickets and \$5.00 for 1985 dues. Last year they got it mixed up and it took quite awhile for me to get my 1984 card. Hope you have a good time, can't make it this year, maybe next year.

*Take care Don Oster.  
There is a letter from Dr. George Schatz that contains quite a sensible caution*

*that of being careful of the Dickinson water as it could be hazardous to your health. He states that he is having a little bit of difficulty with his enlarged liver. His doctor says he is drinking too much water-and that can be habit forming. So he offered a word of caution fellows-you better watch it. The Dickinson water is not the best. He also related he is actually doing well even though he's enlisted some help from a frivolous pup that has allowed some bit of humor, but alas, the both have enough upon which to sup. How's that, Doc? But thanks.*

*Editor's Note: Francis M. Ernster writes he doesn't know if he can make it but enclosed two (2) checks in the amount of \$5.00 each, one for tickets and one for 1985 dues. Thanks to Francis M. Ernster, Rt. 1, Box 152B, Tunas, MO 65764, if any of you fellows want to contact him. On 24 Sept 1984 Edward M. Fox of 5424 Spruce View Dr., Dallas, TX 75232 wrote the following:*

Dear Ray:

So glad to get your letter. Cannot understand the problem with my whe-reabouts. Frank Richards has always known my address and Paul Ebeloft knows how to get in touch with me. Actually we have spent the night in Dickinson several times but have seldom found anyone we knew.

I have wanted to come to a reunion for years but never got the word on when they were. This year we just can't make it. Carrie had a triple by-pass this summer and just isn't recouping the way she should. She isn't well enough to come nor is she able to stay alone while I come. I am enclosing a check covering the tickets and also a check for the Association dues. I am sure you will see that they get to the right places. Please give my regards to all of the old Co. K. fellas. Sure would like to swap lies with them over a bottle of Jack Daniels. As ever,

Ed Fox

*A letter from Ted Ouradnik of St. Paul, MN states that due to a semi-crippling affect from a broken leg, I will not be able to attend and visit with my many old friends but am enclosing \$25.00 to cover dues and a little extra for whatever's needed. Thanks, Ted. Hope you recoup OK.*

*On 27 Sept 1984 Ted N. Steckler sends in \$5.00 for his tickets. Expressed regrets due to condition of father and sends best wishes to all of Edger Agnew's people for you see Edgar was my best friend back there. Signed, Ted N. Steckler of Tustin, CA. Thanks a lot Ted. We appreciate your interest.*

*27 Sept 1984 from Arvid C. Honsvall of  
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## Letters . . .

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Minneapolis, MN sends possible regrets but says as of present date its in the iffy stage and hello to all the fellows if he can't. Sincerely, Arvid. Regrets are sent in by Albert L. Rode of Minneapolis, MN, also his dues. Thank you very much, Albrert, and may we see you in Fargo, ND next October.

Vincent J. Schmitt of Rochester, MN sends in regrets but included in dues and enough to cover the tickets. He also said he still has some appointments with his doctor. Thanks a lot, Vince.

Bob Burns of Castle Rock, WA says:

I'm enclosing some for the tickets and some extra for use with expenses. Even though I've never been able to make a reunion, I don't want to see the organization fold up.

Bob

You know, Bob, I think we all feel the same way and thanks.

Col. Ret. Wendel W. Wichmann of Temonium, MD sends Ten dollars to cover expenses, etc., and regrets their not being able to make it, hopefully next year with luck. Thanks, Col. We hope you and yours will make it to Fargo, ND next October 85. Leonard Bechtel of Alexandria, MN sent in his \$5.00 for the tickets and \$5.00 for his 85 dues. Also his regrets but wishes all a very good reunion. On 2 Oct 1984 a letter was received from James A. Gilboe, 55 Shadowbrook Drive, Rochester, NY 14616. He would like very much to hear from some of his old D Co. buddies. He states that he has mislaid some of the addresses he received from some of the D Co. boys last year. What say you guys like Max Forrester, Doug McMahon, and Al Miller. I believe Al is from Minot country. How about it Co. D? I think James wants some info on when your Co. D reunion is going to be.

3 Oct 1984 Mrs. Grace Erickson of RR 2, Box 177, Hatton, ND 58240 writes that she certainly misses the reunions since Ernest passed away 13 Oct 82. Well, Grace, as an associate member you know you are always welcome.

5 Oct 1984 Neil Tennyson of Northridge, CA sends in his regrets but extends a hearty "Great time" to all his old buddies, i.e. good people of Dickinson. Says he has had some great times with the Agnews, John Berger, Bill Kos-telecky, Sullivan Brothers, Willard Williams and wishes the best of luck to all. Thanks a lot Neil. Hope to see you some time in the future.

9 Oct 1984 Leo McGuire of Waverly, NE says he had to change plans due to

medical problems and mechanical problems. Possibly next one.

On 10 Oct 1984 the following, in part, was received from Ray Maxson of Moorhead, MN. Says that bypass surgery seemed to take precedence over plans to attend the reunion. He says he enlisted in the 164th on 15 Sept 1930 and was a continuous member until hospitalized in 1943. However, stayed in the service until 25 Sept 1945. A brief note to Col. Cod Ordahl, Ray says if you come to the reunion he would like to have you call him. Well, Cod, it's past reunion time but here's his telephone number: (218) 233-9382, and his address is Ray Maxson, 522 Maple Lane, Moorhead, MN 56560. Well, Cod, it is getting close to Christmas, maybe a call or letter would do you both good.

15 Oct 1984 Harold Larson of Box 486, 607 Terry Ave., Larimore, ND 58251 writes:

Keith P. Parson, Editor  
164th Infantry News  
Bismarck, ND 58502

Dear Keith:

Sorry, I couldn't make it to the Dickinson reunion. I am recuperating from a spinal fusion and will have a ball joint installed in my left hip some time in November. I look forward to reading the 164th News. Thanks for a splendid job editing.

Sincerely,

Harold Johnson

Thanks, Harold. We hope you recuperate real good and get back to as near normal as can be.

Editor's Note: 16 Oct 1984 Ralph E. Heagry of Spokane, WA sends in his regrets along with \$10.00 to cover his dues plus whatever's the need. Thanks a lot, Ralph.

9 Nov 1984 Art Nix of Moorhead, MN says he's sorry that he missed the reunion at Dickinson but just couldn't and wishes best to all. He says the bank is looking forward to being a part of the reunion in Fargo next year. Initial plans are already in the process. OK, Art,

thanks for the letter and best wishes.

We realize this has been long and tire-some but please will you kindly indulge in one more. This one is of a different nature and is from E. J. Murphy of Fargo, ND.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my check for five dollars in payment of the dues for WILLIAM W. PETERSON formerly of Hillsboro, now of Horace, ND. Bill joined the NGL Co. 1st Infantry NDNG when he was 19 years of age, prior to WW1. He is now 92 years of age and very active. I would venture to say that with this membership in the 164th Infantry Association, Bill is now the oldest member of our Association.

Maybe so but only by a few days. Our records show he was born 30 Oct 1893, another member, Minard A. Halverson of Lisbon, ND, born on 1 Nov 1893, and Floyd E. Henderson was born on 12 Dec 1893, making all of them rather close.

164th Inf. Reunion Committee  
Dickinson, ND

Hi Folks,

Thanks a lot for the great time I had in Dickinson. You fellas and your wives sure did a hell of a good job putting that reunion together.

Enclosed is a little token of my wife's winning to help out with expenses. She was surprised, and happy as a lark.

The Good Lord willing I hope to see you all in Fargo next year.

Regards to all

George McGuiness

Eastham, MA

Oct. 24, 1984

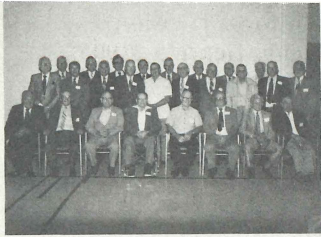
164th Infantry Association of U.S.A.  
Dickinson Chapter  
Dickinson, N.D.



### The Last Roll Call

It has been reported that the following named members of the 164th Infantry have answered the LAST ROLL CALL since our last issue:

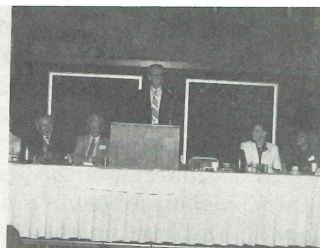
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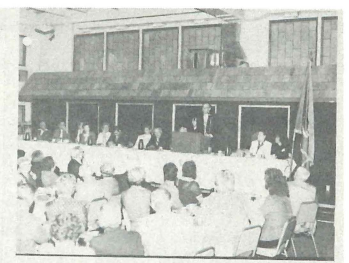
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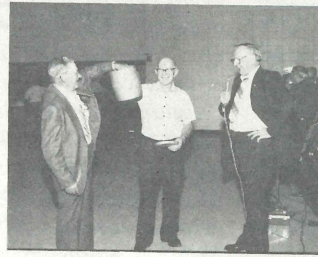
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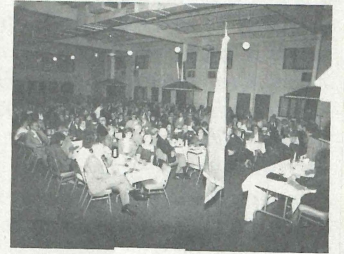
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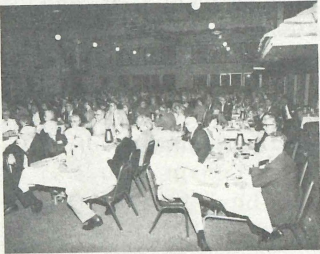
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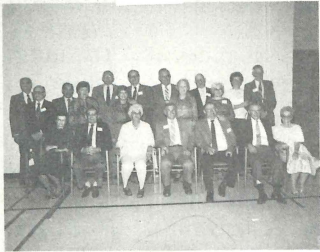
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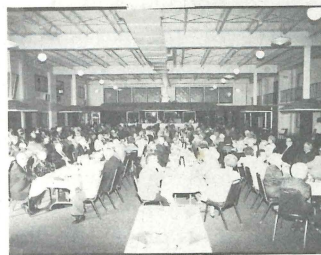
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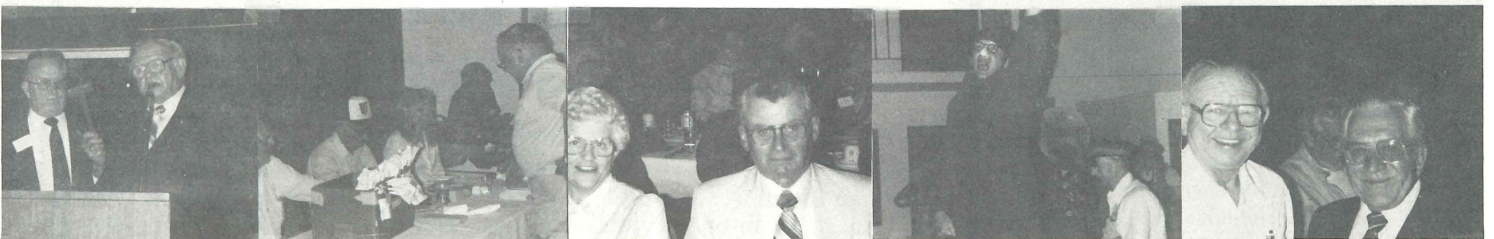


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By ROBERT OBERLIN, W.A. 4/23/84

September 22, 1984

Mr. Ray Summers  
 General Chairman  
 164th Infantry Association  
 Reunion Committee  
 P.O. Box 1628  
 Dickinson, North Dakota 58601

Dear Ray:  
 Enclosed check to cover cost for my wife, myself and Charles Borgia @ \$30.00 - \$90.00.  
 The \$10.00 is for 2 Door Prize Tickets, of which I have only one stub. We will pick up the other ticket when we get together at Dickinson on the 12th of October. We are staying at the Ramada, along with John Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lauter.  
 This will be our third reunion trip and we look forward to seeing our many friends, especially the guys from Company H-2nd BN.

Hope and pray for a great turnout of old buddies. Lots of success to you and your committee.

Best regards  
 Sincerely  
 Nicholas Cascio

Madison, MN  
 Sept. 25, 1984

Ray Summer  
 General Chairman

Dear Ray:  
 Got the 164th Infantry News yesterday and was sad to hear that Victor Malenius had passed away July 7th, also Lynn Mathews last April, as we were all in good old "H" company.

Enclosed and attached you will find a stub and a check for \$15.00 for my dues. Use the rest as you like.  
 At this point it looks as though I will not be able to attend the 38th annual convention this year. Hope to make all the rest coming up. Best wishes for a highly successful event.  
 Sincerely,  
 Harrol Collins

17 Sept 84  
 164th Inf. News  
 Dear Editor:

On 14 Sept 84 a small group of excompany L members gathered at the county health center in Hillsboro, ND to meet with Stanley W. and his wife. The last time we had seen him varied from thirty-nine (39) to forty-one or two 41-2 years ago, Guadalcanal, The Fijis, Bougainville and the Phillipines.

The intervening years vanished as we talked about the old days, escapades at Villa Plate, Bunky as well as the jungle trauma. We had lost contact with Stan when he returned to the U.S. in 1945 at such time when he was discharged at Seattle, WA and remained in that area.

As in all such gatherings we laughed a lot. Memory is a jealous mistress, she retains the happy times and blots or shades the sadness. We spoke of old comrades who have passed the final muster. Looked at some pictures Louis Borsheim had thoughtfully brought along. All of us now in our sixties really had a hell of a good time. Stan wishes to become a member of our organization. Enclosed find a check to cover same. We look forward to seeing him at future 164th Infantry gatherings. His address is Stanley W. Anda, 42102 252 Way SE, Enumelaw, WA 98022.

Sincerely  
 Thurston Nelson  
 Rt 1, Box 27  
 Hillsboro, ND 58045

Chief, Protocol Division  
 Ft. Benning, Georgia 31905  
 24 September 1984  
 News Editor  
 After a three year effort, the United States Army has identified two hundred and thirty men who are three time recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge. At a ceremony honoring this unique group, one hundred and thirty of the recipients assembled at Ft. Benning, Ga., and saw plaques bearing their names placed in the Combat Infantryman Badge Room of the National Infantry Museum.

Among the men honored was Edward R. Puhr, formerly of Fingal, North Dakota. Puhr went on Federal Service with Co. "G", 164th Infantry, and participated in the Guadalcanal and Bougainville Campaigns. He returned to active duty in 1950, and served in Korea with Co. "E", 5th Infantry until December 1952. Puhr served three tours in South Vietnam as an Infantryman.

Puhr was seriously wounded during his third tour in Vietnam, and was retired from the United States Army because of permanent physical disabilities in 1970.

In addition to three awards of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Puhr is also the recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V and two Oak Leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster, the South Korean Chong Mu Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Puhr now makes his home in Danville, Illinois with his wife, the former Dorothy Mullen, who is from Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Ann W. Hill  
 Chief, Protocol Division

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Portland, OR  
9-11-84

Dear Ray,

Please send me a copy of activities time for the three days which are 12-13-14. I'm flying in to Minneapolis and St. Paul and back to Bismarck. Drive to Dickinson. I hope to see you all. Add my name to your list.

Hope the weather is nice. With God's help will see you all in October.

Friend  
Paul Dowhanuk

Nov. 1984

Dear Editor:

As an old 164 Inf. man, WWII that is, I'd like to relate to you about a dream of mine that came true. For the last 39 years I've told my wife that some day I'd take her to see the friendliest people in the world. Last Feb. the two of us visited Fiji for two weeks. It was wonderful. The people are still the friendliest and politest in the world, ocean was warm and went swimming every morning. The natives still go out with nets and fish each morning. Their gardens supplement the rest of their food.

We visited two church services at Naviti Village. The Fijeans picked us up at our lodge and we sat in back of Toy-

ota truck on planks. Their singing is really great. We couldn't understand what was said as the service was all in Fijeian, but, they all speak English. After services we sat in a hut and visited,



drank Kava out of one coconut bowl. There was about 95 people in church, out of that group there was two bald

headed men and four people with glasses. Guess who was bald and wore glasses? We Americans took all those honors.

When I mentioned I was old veteran who came back to visit Fiji, they treated us like old friends. One young Fijeian told me his uncle served on Bougainville. I asked him what his uncle thought of us GI's. This is what he said quote.

"The Americans made too much noise in the jungle. Everytime they stopped they had to light up a cigarette and every time they stopped long enough to sit down they had to play cards. We took a boat ride 60 miles up the river and another Fijeian told me an old veteran was talking about the Americans. This Fijeian quoted me the same story about us GI's.

For two weeks we didn't have a radio or TV. They do have radios but we didn't miss either one. You can eat good food wherever you go. Restaurants serve for tourist or you can find oriental, Indian or Fijeian food. Lodging can be found from \$30.00 to \$95.00 for two people. The best part of Fiji is still the friendly Fijeans and their warm ocean. My wife and I went by ourselves and I can honestly say "you can't see it all in two weeks; but it was really nice trying."

Ralph H. Oehlke  
Anti Tank Co.  
Kathryn, N. Dak.

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