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

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September, 1980

## 164th Infantry Association Convention 10, 11 & 12, Oct. 1980 Jamestown, N.D.

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1980 Reunion  
Jamestown, N.D. 58401  
Aug. 18, 1980

Members of the 164th Infantry Association:

Pre-registration for the reunion this year has been very promising. It looks as though we will have a very good representation. I sincerely hope you have finalized your plans and will be here. Our plans are progressing smoothly and we promise an enjoyable and worthwhile reunion for all of you.

We have reserved several large blocks of rooms until Oct. 1, so we would advise you to reserve a room as soon as you can. We do promise no one will go roomless!

I have appointed the following committee chairmen so you have adequate time to prepare your reports.

Auditing Committee — Bernard Wagner, Chr.; Resolutions Committee — Anton C. Beer, Chr.; Time & Place Committee — Russ Landgren & George Christiansen, Co-Chr.; Nominating Committee — Robert Moran, Chr.; History Committee — Keith Parsons, Editor.

Hope to see you all in Jamestown for this reunion. Travel safely and take care!

Sincerely,  
R. John Remilling, Pres.  
164th Infantry Association

164th Infantry Association Members:

One of the pleasures of being Mayor is to welcome various gatherings of people to our community. I know you will accept my word form of handshake from our 16,000 plus people to all of you. We are proud to play host to you. We are grateful to the 164th Infantry Association for the part you have had in all our lives so that we might live, work and enjoy our everyday life. Too many times, I believe, we forget what contributions have been made by those who gave of their time, talent and lives so that we might live the kind of a life we do in the United States today.

Our city is approaching its 100th birthday and we have a committee making preparations for that now. It will be interesting to all of us to see what and how our life style has changed. We had a brewery here once, a brick factory and a flour mill, to name a few changes in the passing of time. Today, we have a manufacturing plant for airplane parts, a steel building fabricating factory, a hay chopper or buster as it is known and also, a frozen dough manufacturing plant. None of these were probably thought of on the day of birth of our city or some years thereafter. Today, they are a part of our life style here. I believe it all happened, not only here but everywhere, because we dared to dream and  
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### ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

WE NEED YOU — TIME IS SHORT — YOUR PLANS AND EARLY REGISTRATION WILL HELP US & ABOVE ALL WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR DRAFT  
PAYABLE TO:  
164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO  
REUNION COMMITTEE  
ATTENTION: ROGER SMITH  
BOX 106  
JAMESTOWN, N.D. 58401

COST  
SINGLE \$20.00  
COUPLE \$40.00

## Letters . . .

164th Infantry Association Members:  
Gentlemen:

Jamestown is changing and we're proud of it! We have long considered ourselves a good location for conventions and promotions because of our geographical position in the state and as the population center of North Dakota. The cost and limited supply of gas makes our city an ideal site for state conventions and meetings.

The Jamestown Civic Center is considered one of the finest in the state. The Jamestown Mall, with 19 retail stores, 2 theatres, cafe, and amusement center, is conveniently located just across the street to the north of the Civic Center. Jamestown has 39 dining establishments, 13 motels, 3 shopping centers, and excellent downtown shopping to accommodate your needs.

The 17,000 friendly people of Jamestown and the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce extend their "Buffalo City" hospitality to you and your association to hold your 1980 convention in Jamestown.

We look forward to your favorable action on this invitation and will be pleased to assist you and your association in making your 1980 convention a memorable one.

There are no strangers in Jamestown, just friends you have not met!

Sincerely yours,  
Leo W. Froehlich  
Executive Vice President

8-1-80

Dear Sir:

I am wondering if you would have any information on the book, "Under The Southern Cross," the history of the Americal Division?

I'd appreciate it if you do.

Thank you,  
Perry McKechnie  
4480 SW 19th Ave.  
Beaverton, Ore. 97005

The 164th Infantry News  
P.O. Box 1111  
Bismarck, N.D. 58501

Dear Sirs:

I would much appreciate the insertion of the following in the next issue of the 164th Infantry News:

Guadalcanal Veterans.

I am interested in obtaining eyewitness accounts of ground, naval and aerial actions on and around Guadalcanal for a narrative history covering the period from Aug.-Nov. 1942. I am particularly interested in accounts from veterans of the 1st and 2nd batalions 164th Infantry. Please address your narratives to Eric Hammel, 1085 Oddstad Blvd., Pacifica, CA. 94044.

Thank you for the consideration.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Graydon E. Cadwell

## PLEASE NOTE:

A reminder from Ervin M. Sande who, along with his wife Dorothy, has been performing the secretary/treasurer's job since Wally Johnson moved. 1981 dues are due and as of December 1980 any and all delinquent memberships found to be in arrears which includes a three (3) year period, will have their cards pulled and their names removed from the mailing list. Please fellows, let's get those dues in because I hate pulling mailing list plates.

Thanks,  
Your Editor

## JAMESTOWN MOTELS AND HOTELS COMPILED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE BY THE JAMESTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \*RATES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1980

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# Lest We Forget

How many ever realized or gave serious thought to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 96 — 76th Congress, approved 27 August 1940, as an event that would affect the lives of every National Guardsman in the U.S. at that time. It was to see the mobilization of all National Guard Units. In fact through the time it would see a change brought about in the world by one of the most devastating wars ever. It was a happening of such trauma that the Guard still bears the realness of that of necessarily taking the brunt of organized resistance along side of the regulars in any time of need.

It is felt that this year of 1980 the 40th anniversary year is and should well be a time to recollect some of the fateful things of WWII that changed the lives of millions and left its mark on many today. It was on 16 Sept. 1940, when the first National Guard unit was mobilized to receive one years training after which they were to be released in accordance to a resolution that had been adopted by congress on 27 Aug. 1940. It was on that same day (16 Sept. 1940) that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into being the Selective Service Act. This was to fill the ranks of the many Guard units whose ranks needed manpower to bring those units up to full strength. Yes, this was to be a time for the Guard units to train their recruits, because replacement centers did not exist at that time. The North Dakota National Guard was inducted into active, (Federal Service), military service of the army of the United States for a period of twelve (12) months under the Provision of Public Resolution 96 — 76th Congress approved 27 Aug. 1940 under the provisions of the National Defense Act as amended and Army Regulations 130-10.

During the period of 20 Sept. 1940 and 1 April 1941 a total of 183 officers and warrant officers and 3,016 enlisted men of the North Dakota National Guard were inducted into service. Records show that 187 enlisted men were discharged and 0 officers.

On 10 Feb. 1941, the 34th Division was inducted, to which the North Dakota National Guard provided 114 officers, one warrant officer and 1,734 enlisted men. These units moved to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, during the period of 18 to 26 Feb. 1941 for training.

Of course many of us recall the Executive Order extending the periods of training to 18 months instead of the

original one year. This was Executive Order No. 8862 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, dated 21 August 1941. As some may remember it was the joint resolution — removing restrictions on the territorial use of units & members of the army of United States extending periods of service of same. This joint resolution was brought about by Public Law 338 — 77th Congress. This resolution was binding IAW the amendments & changes applicable to the Selective Training Act of 1940 as amended; approved 13 Dec. 1941. It was Special Orders No. 22, dated 24 Jan. 1941 that the 164th Infantry Rifle consisting of the following:

HQ & HQ Company — Company "E"; HQ & HQ Det 1st Bn — Company "F"; HQ & HQ Det 3rd Bn — Company H; Anti Tank Co — Company "I"; Service Co — Company "K"; Band — Company "L"; Medical Det — Company "M".

Company's "A", "B", "C", "D" were inducted into active duty all in accordance with Executive Order No. 8633 dated 14 Jan. 1941 The White House, and as announced 10 Feb. 1941 was the effective date of induction for the units listed. It was signed by order of the Governor, Heber L. Edwards, the Adjutant General. All deeds and accomplishments after that date was up to the individuals of the units to include the filler personnel. As we well know the personnel of the 164th Infantry did perform well and earned with sweat and blood every bit of recognition given them during their tenure with the Americal Division. Their deeds in performance as a part of Task Force 6814 and the Americal Division deserve to be recognized and congratulations to each all of you on this fortieth anniversary year.

Your Editor

## Letters . . .

19 August 1980

Greetings:

I was just going through the June paper and read the letter regarding \$50 for life membership. Good deal. So here's the fifty.

I will be unable to make the reunion at Jamestown this year but I hope to be back next year with you all.

I returned to North Dakota in July and was able to see Bill Mjodzalen for a short while in St. Luke's Hospital. By this time I am sure he has returned home.

Regards,  
Wendell W. Wichmann

## Letters ...

Congratulations go to Mrs. Donna Weidenbach of Madison, Minnesota, for sending the name of our mystery girls. So in keeping with our statement in letting you know in the September issue here is a copy of Mrs. Donna Weidenbach's letter.

Dear Editor:

In regard to the picture in the June 1980 issue of the 164th Infantry News of the two girls. I wrote to the girl on the left after Cap got home from the service. Her name is Rosemary Honson. On Feb. 14, 1947, she, Jean, Norma, Dick & Norman returned to China. We did not hear from her after that, so I don't know what happened to her. I do have several pictures of her.

See you at the reunion in Jamestown. I plan to be there with Eleanor & Herral Collins.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Donna Weidenbach  
Madison, Minnesota

August 27, 1980

Mr. John J. Petriello  
Bvivan Drive  
Watertown, Mass. 02172  
Dear John,

I enjoyed our visit at the Newton Legion Club during the National Convention.

As you recall, we talked about the possibility of you putting together a short resume' of the events, as you remember them, leading up to the arrival and eventual support of your unit in the USMC by the 164th Regiment of the North Dakota National Guard of the Americal Division on Guadalcanal during World War II.

Could you fill in this short questionnaire and I would forward it on to the Historian for a news article in the 164th News issued at the annual convention that is to be held this year in Jamestown, North Dakota.

I'm sure many of the older members would recall the incidents very well. Remember you are welcome to come up any year to the 164th Infantry Regimental Reunion held somewhere in North Dakota each year.

We enjoyed your hospitality very much while in the Boston area.

Kindest Regards,  
Milton W. Kane  
Veterans Service Officer  
County Court House  
Valley City, ND

**Letters ...**

1203 Grant  
 Danville, Illinois 61832  
 21 July, 1980  
 164th Infantry Association of the United States  
 ATTN: Ervin J. Sande  
 Box 1111  
 Bismarck, North Dakota 58502  
 Enclosed is check for ten dollars

(\$10.00) to pay for dues for the remainder of 1980 (I joined July 1979), and for all of 1981. The few dollars extra should go into your "petty cash fund."

I will not be able to go to the reunion this year, but hopefully, soon, I will be able to make one.

Greetings to any and all old comrades who might remember me.

Sincerely,  
 Edward R. Puhr

1/11/80

Mr. Wally Johnson  
 P.O. Box 1111  
 Bismarck, N.D. 58502

Dear Wally,

I received a new membership application in today from Edward F. Lalone, Sr., 44 W. Mira Monte Ave., Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. He asked me if I could send him 3 Americal Divisional patches and 3-164th Inf. patches. I was unaware of what patches were available for the Americal Division and I called Ray Sawyer from the 164th and he said I should drop you a line to inquire about them.

If you can supply them to Edward Lalone, Sr., would your forward them on to him and send me a bill. I would appreciate this very much.

Yours in Comradeship,  
 Graydon E. Cadwell

P.S. If he is not a current member of the 164th send him an application.

7-25-80  
 Wahpeton, N.D. 58075

Dear Sir:

I am writing a few lines to the 164th News. First I want to report that we lost four (4) members this year. (See last roll call).

I would like to have the following placed in the September issue of the 164th Infantry News.

We are planning on having a big reunion in June of 1981. I am trying to get the addresses of the fellows that were in Co I, Feb. 10th, then later served overseas. Then we want them to wear their old uniform. Is Co I the only Co. that has had a reunion every year since we got out of the service? I have been the secretary/treasurer for the past 25-30 years. I see by the 164th News that some fellows from "E" Co of Williston are going to have a reunion and I wish them the best of luck. It is a lot of work to keep it going.

As ever,  
 Ira Kenney

**164th Infantry Ass'n Convention ...**

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think out loud. This is one of the parts of freedom we don't give enough credit to. I believe it behooves all of us to continue to dream and think out loud; it's good for our communities and ourselves too.

I know you will have a good convention. We want you to make it the best one you ever attended.

Allwin H. DeGroot  
 Mayor

**WELCOME TO JAMESTOWN  
 MEMBERS OF THE "FIGHTING" 164TH"**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS  
 ANNUAL REUNION  
 OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1980  
 JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA  
 Friday, October 10, 1980**

Registration..... 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 V.F.W. Club

**Saturday, October 11, 1980**

Registration..... 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 V.F.W. Club

Memorial Service..... 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 V.F.W. Club

Meeting..... 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
 V.F.W. Club

Chow..... 12 noon  
 V.F.W. Club

Ladies Luncheon..... 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Holiday Inn

Open Time..... 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sack Time..... 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet..... 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Civic Center

*(Bar open at 4:00 p.m.)*

Dancing..... 8:30 to closing  
 Civic Center

**Sunday, October 12, 1980**

Breakfast..... 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 V.F.W. Club

**DRIVE CAREFUL WE WANT TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or ANNUAL RENEWAL  
 164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Served With and Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES FOR 1980 — \$5.00, includes subscription to 164th News,**

**Send to: Ervin M. Sande, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502**



Some of you fellows may recognize these men and settings. We will give you a clue, they were taken in GUADALCANAL, 1944, and were sent in by C. C. Coolidge and Ervin M. Sande.

The 164th Infantry News  
Box 1111  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
58502

Dear Keith,

I am trying to renew old acquaintances with any former members of Company "M", 3rd Bn — 164th Infantry who were with the company from January 1945 until the division left Japan for the states.

Years make memories dim so their

## 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

names are hard to remember, they were from out of state. Perhaps in your circulation you might have the current addresses of the following. If the name is omitted in this list maybe the addresses can identify their names:

- John Bates — Birmingham, Ala.
- Leo Bowers — Reading, PA.
- (No name), Washington Courthouse, Ohio
- Capt. Gunn — C.O. Co "M", 164th Inf. 1945
- (1st name ?) Bates, Waycross, GA
- (No name), Harlan, Kentucky

If you personally have names of members who were with Co. "M", I would appreciate any information you may send. I would also like to subscribe to the 164th Infantry News, if you would send me the price for a year's subscription. Thank you for any information you have and if you see Mr. C.G. Schultz of Harvey, N.D. Joe Keller & Lindon G. McCreary of Carrington, N.D. at the Oct. reunion please give them my thanks for their time & trouble.

Yours in Comradship,  
Frank Paternoster

P.S. If you have any suggestions on how to obtain further information through

other sources — perhaps the Americal Division Ass'n has a master list of all former members during WWII — I would sure appreciate their address. Thank you Keith.

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## Letters ...

I hope I have helped you enough with what I recall of that night's combat. Also remembering the 164th, was up against the best Tojo had, all seasoned Japanese combat troops, who never head the experience of having the Americans or anyone for that matter throw a curve at them to fight a defensive battle, where they were so used to fighting offensively, and never having been defeated in battle.

I hope this writing is legible, as my muscles & nerves in my arm & neck are slowly deteriorating from this 70% VA disability and operation I had on my neck & shoulder.

Sincerely yours,  
John J. Petriello  
Gy. Sgt. — USMC  
Retired

P.S. Looking forward to seeing you next year in the Islands, especially Honolulu next year.

- (1) Your unit — Area where you were in combat.

"C" Co., 1st Bn, 7th Marines — All through Guadalcanal — From Matanikau — Tasafarongu — Tenariu & Blood Knoll.

- (2) How contact with the 164th was made during the night support operation.

Approximately some time around midnight and 0100 in the morning. It was pouring rain and the 164th came up on the hill behind the airport.

- (3) Any names you might recall — Commanders, etc.

Vaguely, I think the commanding general of the army units at that time was Luther Hodges. My C.O. for that battle was Capt. Charles Kelly — My Bn. Co was Louis "Chesty" Puller.

- (4) Any other comments you might have about your association with the 164th Infantry Regiment or the Americal Division.

To a marine, I think 164th Infantry performed exceptionally well and even beyond their call as combat army, considering they came off the beach that night green and received their christening as com-

bat soldiers under the conditions they were put into combat. To give us support, we were getting low on ammo after fending off two or three Banzai charges. At the time we were using 03 Springfields. Japanese were counting our rounds as

REBORN? — YES? —  
AND AT THE PRESENT  
TIME, WE COULD USE A  
LOT OF REBORN AND  
REJUVENATED —  
AMERICANS!



we expended them. The 164th had M'Is.

We asked them to hold their fire until the Japanese counted our shots. When they attempted another Banzai charge the 164th let go with their M'Is catching the Japs by surprise and also giving us time to reload our five round clips into our Springfields. It's been so long my memory is a little confused, but, I think with the help of the 164th that night we wiped out the 122nd Imperial Marines. These marines were of exceptional height, much taller than the average Japanese soldier. I think they unloaded from the transport of Santa Crury Pt. This transport was sunk and capsized early that morning.

There were quite a few CMO's awarded the next day. I don't recall if any were awarded to any of the 164th that night or next day as I was moved with my outfit to the Tenaru River position inland where we caught the balance of the Japanese Army as they tried to get to the sea, and we practically annihilated them in the trap between the inner jungle and the beach.

### 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:

Leslie "Swede" Manstrom	.....23 March 1980	..... Wyndmere, ND
Lynn "Doc" Gillerstron	.....8 April 1980	..... Wyndmere, ND
Howard Krier	.....May 1980	.....Jackson Center, OH
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