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# Wrap-up On Our Reunion Activities

To members and friends of the 164th Infantry Association:

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> We believe we have covered all the bases in regard to our plans for our reunion on Oct. 5-6-7th, 1990. The rest is up to you — our members. The more that show up — the better the reunion! **PLEASE PREREGISTER EARLY** — You can help us a lot by preregistering. Your registration money will automatically be refunded to you if you are unable to attend the reunion. When sending in your registration money please include the \$5.00 for membership dues and also your raffle ticket stubs and payment for the raffle tickets. Cost of registration is \$12.50 per person.

> You are on your own for your Friday evening meal. Radisson Inn has an excellent restaurant. There are also many good eating places within walking distance of the Radisson Inn.

> We are trying something new this year. Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. we will serve free keg beer and pretzels and have an old-fashioned sing-a-long. Remember those good old songs of yesteryears? We had a lot of these songs printed and will have them available. Friday night will be informal but be sure to wear your dancing shoes — the dance will start at 9:00 p.m. This should be a real fun night!

> Saturday morning a continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be donated by the Radisson Inn in appreciation to all you good people of the 164th Infantry for being their guests. Orange juice will be paid for by our Association.

> Our Memorial Service will be at 9:00 a.m. in the G.P. & Patterson rooms. Our business meeting will be after the Memorial Service.

Ladies luncheon will be in the Courtyard at 11:30 a.m.

Men's luncheon will be in the G.P. & Patterson rooms at 11:30 a.m.

The Ft. Abraham Lincoln Foundation is going all out in arranging a special tour for members of the Association. This tour will be at the Ft. Lincoln State Park and will include the General Custer House; museum; Indian Village; Block Houses; Lewis & Clark Trail plus other points of interest. The first bus load will depart from the Radisson Inn on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. — the second bus load will leave from the Radisson Inn at about 2:00 p.m. If necessary the third bus load will leave at about 3:30 p.m. The reunion committee has set a fee of \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple for this tour. This money will be donated to the Ft. Lincoln Foundation in appreciation for their services. Don't

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164th Infantry Reunion
44th Reunion
October 5, 6, 7, 1990
Radisson Inn - Bismarck, ND
Friday, Oct. 5, 1990
1:00 p.m. Registration begins
7:00 p.m. Social hour
9:00-12:00 p.m. Dancing
Saturday, Oct. 6, 1990
7:30-9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration continues
9:00 a.m. Memorial service
10:00 a.m. Business meeting
11:30 a.m. Ladies lunch-Courtyard
11:30 a.m. Mens Lunch-GP-Patterson rm
1:00-5:00 p.m. Tour Fort Lincoln park
6:30 p.m. Social hour
7:30 p,m. Banquet
9:00 p.m. Dance
Sunday, Oct. 7, 1990
8:00-11:00 a.m. Brunch, photo review and
purchase - Farewells
Be a church go'er
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Restored Custer House Fort Lincoln State Park (Photo courtesy Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation.)

## North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

- Available for interment of both veterans and North Dakota National Guard members along with their spouses and certain other minor dependents.
- Approximately 60% of the construction cost will be borne by the federal government through a grant from the National Guard Bureau and the use of men and equipment of the North Dakota National Guard.
- The federal matching funds program could not be used because the state law, which established the cemetery, mandated the inclusion of National Guard members. In any case, the cost to the state would have been greater since the Guard could not have participated to the extent it has. Construction costs would have been much higher using federal guidelines compared to those required by the state.
- This will be a private cemetery. Interment plots will be furnished at no cost, however, there will be other costs. Most of a veterans cost will be borne by the Veterans Administration, however, spousal and Guard member costs will have to be paid by the families.
- All headstones will be the vertical, white marble type now used in national cemeteries.
- Arrangements for interment can be made through the Adjutant General's office. Prior to the official opening of the cemetery, guidelines will be furnished to the County Veterans Service officers and all North Dakota undertakers. Reservations are not permitted. Interments will be in the next available gravesite. The veteran and spouse will be interred in the same plot, just as in a national cemetery.

## Wenzel Privratsky:

Ray Summers of Dickinson has sent us an obituary for Wenzel Privratsky who died July 18, 1990 in Dickinson. Wenzel was a member of K Company during World War II. He was a long time member of the 164th Infantry Association. He is survived by his wife Agnes, 4 daughters, 2 sons and 5 sisters.

# Maj. Gen. Crump Garvin

Maj. Gen. Crump Garvin, 92, died of cancer September 5 in Lenbrook Retirement Center, Atlanta, GA. Gen. Garvin is remembered as an outstanding and respected Regimental Commander of the 164th Infantry Regiment on Fiji and on Bougainville. Special tribute is made to Gen. Garvin's leadership which helped to restore the Regiment to a highly effective unit after the Guadalcanal campaign.

General Garvin was born in Harrison, Arkansas. He graduated from West Point in 1920. He served as Chief of Staff of the Americal Division on Guadalcanal and commanded the 164th Infantry Regiment on Fiji and Bougainville. He then became Chief of staff of the XXIV Corp during the invasion of Leyte and the Philippine campaign. He also served with troops in combat on Okinawa and in Korea. Gen. Garvin retired from the Army in 1958 and lived in the Atlanta area.

We are honored to have had Gen. Garvin as a former Regimental Commander and a member of the 164th Infantry Association. Condolences are extended to Mrs. Garvin, his two sons and a daughter.

### Wrap-up...

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forget your camera! Some members of our reunion committee will be out at the Park with their cars for your transportation within the Park.

Saturday: Social hour 6:30 p.m. Banquet 7:30 p.m. Dance 9:00 p.m.

Sunday morning brunch: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Cars will be available for members who wish to attend Church Services.

Photo Express will have a display of photos taken on Saturday. You may order the photos you want.

In addition to caps-mugs- & Guadalcanal Books we will be selling booklets with the updated list of names and address of every member of the 164th Infantry Association. The booklet will sell for the low price of \$1.00 each at the reunion; \$2.00 each when mailed. This booklet was compiled by Reuben Zeller, Carson, N. Dak., a member of our reunion committee. Reuben was in "D" Co.

The response for cap orders was terrific! We ordered 12 dozen caps — some extra. The caps are blue and white. 164th Infantry will be above the regimental insignia; Americal Division will be below the insignia. Cost is \$5.00 per cap when purchased during the reunion.

Last Roll Call

Wenzel Privatsky, Dickinson, ND	July 18, 1990
Joe Doll, Pueblo, CO	Aug. 12, 1990
James Prettyman, International Falls, MN	Mar. 23, 1990
Robert Corcoran, Lincoln, NE	July 17, 1990
Joseph F. Michalski, Panorama City, CA	May 11, 1990
Maj. Gen. Crump Garvin, Atlanta, GA	Sept. 5, 1990

We are having additional Guadalcanal books printed.

All of our activities will be in the G.P. & Patterson rooms with the exception of the Ladies Luncheon and our registration which will be in the Courtyard. The Courtyard and the G.P. & Patterson rooms are in the same area.

Registration will begin in the Courtyard on Friday noon and continue until 5:00 p.m. Saturday registration will be from noon to 5:00 p.m.

When registering for your room at the Radisson Inn be sure to mention the 164th Infantry Association Reunion in order to get the discount rate. Be sure to mail your room reservation to Radisson Inn, 800 S. 3rd Street, Bismarck, N. Dak. 58504.

Radisson Inn has a courtesy van available for transportation to and from the airport.

See you all at the reu	inion!
<b>Reunion Committee</b>	Members:
Gil Shirley	Marge Shirley
Bill Tillotson	Edna Krause
Don Robinson	Reuben Zeller
' Sincerely,	
Harold Krause	, President
Frank Weisger	ber, Secretary

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# Notes From The Editor ...

Please note reunion information letter and letter from President Krause. To date over 200 registrations have been received. All indications seem to promise another successful reunion. President Krause informs us that substantial discounts will be given to those who inform the registration clerks at Radisson Inn that you are attending the 164th Reunion. If you haven't done so earlier please inform them as soon as possible.

We have not received any more information on the Louisiana trip scheduled for October 19 to 21.

Anyone who wants to have his biography included in a book titled "Guadalcanal Legacy" write to Turner Publishing Company, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY, 42002-3101. Information of this biography comes from Harry Wiens, 401 La Cuesta Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

Please note letter from Jose Sanfiel. Mr. Sanfiel would like to encourage publicity for POW's and MIA's. Also included



Service Company: Russell Opat, John Kurtz, John Kirchoffner, E.F. "Red" Welch, Don Van Slyke, Cliff Ottinger, Max Straka, Bernie Gibson, Jim Fenlon, Ray Maxson, Lucas Allex. Ellis Clancy, Donald Jensen, Howard White.

Anti-Tank Company: Joe Dest, John Barbero, Adam Miltenberger, Dale Depsey, Ted Ophaug, Tony Beer, Steve Chemistruck, Art Anderson, Ralph Oehl, Lewis Bauman, John Landowski, Julean Lee, Chuck Walker. is model letter which may be used to write letters to public officials.

Space permitting the remaining company pictures will be published in this issue. Included are pictures of Service Company, Band, Hq. 2nd Bn., Anti-tank Company, and Medics. Also included are the names of those who signed the rosters at the last Reunion. Some of the signatures were next to impossible to decipher. So this year please print or write legibly. Pictures will be taken and available for purchase this year. No pictures at the 1989 reunion were received of I Company, Company L, or Hq. 3rd Bn.

Walter Abbott our faithful and favorite cartoonist from Oberlin, LA tells us to "Have a Thoughtful Day". A letter from some of the Association members expressing appreciation for his cartoons would be in order. His complete address is Walter Abbott, PO Box 446, Oberlin, LA 70655.



Band: Chuck Bell, Franklin Schoeffler, Wes Rockne, Art Nix, Leo Swanson, Orv, Holtan, Doug Campbell, Ray Ellerman, Glen Dokken, LeRoy Busching, Ralph Oehlke.



Medics: Arthur Allen, Roy Sawyer, Ray Olson, Leland Simek, Ed Mulligan, Gerald Sanderson, Carl Garbe, Floyd Henderson, h.F. Flannery.



Hq. Det. 2nd Bn.: Paul Longeberger, George Dingledy, Knute Fosaan, Neil Tangen, Ray Sinkbeil, Ben Osborne, Louis Hanson, Roy Arneson, Fran Sommers, Chuck Walker.

No Company Pictures but signed the rosters:

Hq Det. 3rd Bn.: Lyle Bethkke, Ed Sinkbeil, Willard "Jess" Bandow, Melvin Bork, Ken McLaughlin, Eddie Burns, Merritt Ogren, Connie Anderson.

Company L: Earl Lipke, George Christinson, Ray Ellerman, Ed Murphy.

No one signed the roster for "I" Company

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

Name \_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address

City \_\_\_\_

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

DUES FOR 1990 — \$5.00 which includes \$4.00 subscription to 164th News. Send to Secretary 164th Infantry, Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

# Letters ...

#### Dear Bill:

The reason for this letter is that I believe in giving credit where credit is due.

I believe that the achievements in combat by the young men that joined the 164th Infantry after Guadalcanal have been overshadowed by the Guadalcanal campaign. From my experiences in combat with these men on Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu and Negros I believe that they not only upheld but also contributed to the reputation our regiment achieved on Guadalcanal.

These men were and are a credit to the 164th Infantry. This letter is long overdue. I am glad that I'm finally writing it.

Sincerely, Harold Krause A Co. Carson, N.D.

Aug. 17, 1990

Dear Bill, I received a call from Mrs. Emmy Doll, informing me of the death of her husband Joe Doll, who died, Sunday, August 12, in a hospital at Fargo, N.D.

Burial services were at Pueblo, CO., where the Dolls have lived for many years.

He was a member of HQs Co. 1st BN. S-2 Section. He will be missed by his many friends.

Virginia and I plan on attending the reunion again this fall.

Sincerely, Normal Samson 700 Barsby St. Vista, CA 92084

July 9, 1990

Dear Mr. Tillotson Editor

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My name is Edward Sears. I was in Company C of 164th.

I am a member of 164th association. I am interested in finding out if there are any 164th veterans that have not received their Philippines medal.

If they have not and they would like one, write to me.

I have located a few here in Michigan. Your's Truly,

> Edward J. Sears 10075 Rogers Rd. Alanson, Michigan 49706

#### Greetings:

The change of address notification and enclosed material, more than suffice the elation at this address.

Could you find it in your day, to mention it or pass a copy or two to others and ask them to do the same?

I ask for nothing yet it depends on word of mouth. Could you please pass the word?

A letterhead with short statement of support means a lot. Write back to me please!!

Use your imagination with a few minutes of your time and a call your local favorite Radio Station, a copy at the laundromat or hardware stores hey the Doctor's office and you know so much more .... Say trucker breaker one nine ... hey good buddy do you know which roadways you drive .....

No donations for this project are accepted nor solicited except but the weight of the mailman's truck at the political door steps. Connected Interstates is officially the theme; However, this is America and would your little town consider having a POW/ MIA Road? Only you can tell? Will you become one more link in this chain to ensure to our servicemen that if it was so to be their fate someone will be reading at home in the Good o'l USA a reminder of them the ones called POW's MIA's and softly saying WE DO NOT FORGET!!!!

Responsible and accurate BULK MAILING SUPPLIES ACCEPTED FOR REDISTRIBUTION and accompanying enclosures to interested parties Prepaid Advertisement time on any means of communication would be turned down by a fool only but it will be used only and solely for such specific use, Ham-Radio operators and computer bulletin boards reach so many. What do you say????

Upon receipt of acknowledgment response will notify of dedication ceremony time and date.

> I Remain Respectfully, Jose N Proenza Sanfiel 4230 Pow's/MIA's Memorial Dr.

(former Hunting Lodge Dr.) St. Cloud, Florida USA 32772-8142

## Do Them A Favor - Don't Let Your Politicians Forget ...

Read, Sign and Mail this letter to the Official of your choice!

## THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF ALL POW'S AND MIA'S:

We ask that all Americans join as one to call upon the government of the United States of America, asking that they return to the United States, those Servicemen that they left behind in Southeast Asia.

We gave so much and should now be entitled to re-join our fellow Veterans at home. If a man became lost or held against his will in our country, all the energies within the government would be focused on his return to his home and loved ones. We POW's and MIA's deserve no less. Our mothers, fathers, wives, sons and daughters let us go to you as you needed us. They now want us back. Your contract with us should ensure our return.

All Veterans of our great country ask that you honor this contract. It was not so long ago that you went to the aid of thousands of men that left the boundaries of our country. They left rather than serve you when you needed them. You went to great extremes for these men. You gave them amnesty. You opened the way for them so they could return to our country and their loved ones. We POW's and MIA's deserve no less.

You have sent men to the moon and have brought them back. You have put astronauts in outer space and have brought them back. You have done great things in the name of America. In the name of America, you must bring us home.

We ask that Americans uphold their obligation to help fellow Americans. We ask that you honor your obligation. We must be brought home.

We ask that each person in the United States forward this letter to their Senators and Congressmen in Washington, D.C. We further ask that you send this letter to the President of the United States. You might even ask a friend and neighbor to help. We POW's and MIA's cannot get ourselves home.

The men you left behind

Name	Address		
City	State	Zip	

## Letters . . .

## July 27, 1990

Dear Bill:

An answer for Bryan Baldwin's February 1990 letter (Newsletter, July, 1990) about "Under the Southern Cross." Copies are available from the Americal Division Veterans Assoc., P.O. Box 1381, Boston, MA 02104 (sorry, I do not know the price).

Second: Have there been any positive responses to the theme of my letter of May, 1990 on the Shodi-Yokami Samurai??

Third: I am enclosing, for forwarding, a letter to General Flo in re his proposed SOPAC tour in 1992.

Fourth: Please advise members that an Americal Highway does exist in Massachusetts.

Fifth: Only four (4) ex 164ers attended the Americal Division reunion in Chicago this past June. This number was a pretty sad turn-out. Half of the 164ers were from California which is certainly farther from Chicago than is North Dakota. More people were there from each of the Artillery Battalions and from the Quartermasters or Engineers—let alone the 132 and the 182. Two medics and two infantrymen is hardly a good showing. Come on; get out of North Dakota; have some fun.

Sixth: The participation, by the 164th Association, in the fund raising for the Guadalcanal Memorial is almost non-existent. Frankly, this is a disgrace and it certainly does not honor those who fought there. There are **no** government funds available for the memorial itself. I have already given (in the four figures range) and plan to give again — and, I was not even on Guad' in 1942-43!

Seventh: I want four (4) of the coffee mugs and one (1) copy of LTC Baglien's "164th Infantry on Guadalcanal". My check, of \$25.00, is enclosed.

> Sincerely, W. Mark Durley, Jr. 1485 North Blosser Road Santa Maria, California 93454

Editor: 164th Inf. News

My husband, Bob, passed away July 17, 1990. He enjoyed the 164th meetings and so did I. I'm enclosing the ticket stubs and \$10.

> Eileen Corcoran 5919 L St.

Lincoln, NE 68510

Editor's Note: Robert H. Corcoran was born in Casselton, North Dakota, served with the 164th Infantry and was a long time member of the Association. We extend our condolences to Mrs. Corcoran.

### Aug. 12, 1990

Dear Comrades,

We will not be in Bismarck for the reunion this year, but will enclose a check for tickets plus \$5.00 for my 1991 dues.

I would like to inform you that James (Bud) Prettyman passed away March 23, 1990. I found out about it when I got back from Florida, April 3, 1990. He was a member of L. Co-164.

Hope you have a good reunion and greet the comrades for me.

Ralph Lepper

Sn Bn. Med. Detachment 164th Inf. Rt. 8, Box 444 Int. Falls, MN 56649

#### July 16, 1990

Dear Bill,

Effective immediately, please change my address from:

26467 North Fairway Circle Newhall, CA 91321

2825 Legend Drive Last Vegas, NV 89134 Change phone from: (805) 252-9724

to

## to

### (702) 255-2884

Hi Bill ... Sorry ... can't make the meeting this year. Might try to get back

in 1991.

Sincerely, Raymond and Violet Ellerman 2825 Legend Drive Las Vegas, NV 89134

July 26, 1990 Mr. Frank Weisgerber Secretary, The 164th Infantry Box 1111 Bismarck, North Dakota 58502 Dear Sirs,

I really enjoy receiving the 164th Infantry News, and read it from cover to cover looking for someone I might know from Company K.

In May, this year I was in Dickinson and my hometown of Belfield; and while there I went to the Veterans office in Dickinson and inquired about any members that I would recognize, and found none. I left with Company K in February, 1941 and was sent to Camp Claiborne, and was there until Dec. 7th when Pearl Harbor was bombed. We were sent to San Francisco, then to Hermiston, Oregon for guard duty (where I met my wife). From there we left March 18, 1942 for the South Pacific and Guadalcanal, landing there October 13, 1942 as reinforcements for the Marines. I would like to correspond with anyone that was there at that time.

It is impossible to attend your reunion this year, but hopefully next year.

Please send me one of the coffee cups, one of the 164th Infantry caps, and "The 164th Infantry on Guadalcanal" books. Also enclosed is my dues. A check for \$30.00 is enclosed to cover the above articles and postage.

Thank you very much!

Mike Demianew 1660 W. Broadway, #243 Anaheim, California 92802 Phone (714) 635-1330

P.S. Please pass the above information on to be put in the 164th Infantry News. Thank you!

Aug. 24, 1990

164th Infantry Association,

My husband, Joseph F. Michalski, passed away May 11, 1990. He joined Co. M, Oct. 16, 1940, was activated Feb. 10, 1941, and discharged Aug. 26, 1945. Besides his wife, Doris, he is survived by three children, a grandson, and a brother.

A good man has gone home to his Maker.

Sincerely, Doris Michalski 8347 Sylmar Ave. Panorama City, CA 91402

July 14, 1990

Gentlemen:

In a meeting with Arthur Nix, he encouraged me to again submit dues for the 164th Infantry Association, and to again receive their newsletter.

I was first a member of I Company, Wahpeton and then transferred to the 164 Band.

Thank you for your reconsideration.

Enclosed please find my check for dues. Yours truly,

Glenn A. Hoppert,

617 14th Avenue North

Wahpeton, ND 58075

## **1991 Membership** Cards

Paid up 1991 membership cards for those members attending the Reunion will be in their Reunion packet at the Registration desk. Non-attendees paid cards have been mailed or will be mailed.

Frank Weisgerber

# Letters . . .

Frank or Bill,

I noticed in the "Last Roll Call" Frank Keller's death was recorded. We sent a sympathy card to Rita and she responded with an obituary of Frank.

Would you please publish this article and also her note to us.

Thank you.

Bernie & Mary Wagner Box 192 Sanborn, N.D. 58480

# Frank Keller, barbershop owner in St. Louis Park, dies at 71

Frank Keller, 71, owner of the Park Theater Barbershop in St. Louis Park, was found dead Friday in the barber chair where he cut hair for 42 years. He apparently had a heart attack.

Keller, a native of Strasburg, N.D., was drafted into the Army in 1941 and served in the Pacific theater for four years during World War II.

He attended barber school in Minneapolis and worked at the old Nicollet Hotel in downtown Minneapolis for about a year before buying the Park Theater Barbershop at 4827 Minnetonka Blvd.

"Forty-two years he's been there at the same location," said his son, Bob, of St. Louis Park. "He's probably cut everybody's hair in St. Louis Park at some time. The oldtimers would come around, and when they were done getting their hair cut, they'd just sit around and talk. They used it as a meeting place."

Keller attended nearly all of St. Louis Park High School's girls' basketball games and girls' soccer games to watch his granddaughter play. He also enjoyed attending Golden Gloves boxing matches and was in a bowling league. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Holy Family Church Men's Club.

In addition to his son Bob, Keller is survived by his wife, Rita; another son, Dan, of China; a daughter, Jane Combs, of St. Louis Park; brothers Debert, of Strasburg, Edward, of Dickinson, N.D., and Bill, of Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters Wilma Hagel, of Linton, N.D., Mary Mattern, of Bismarck, N.D., and Eleanor Maloney, of Appleton, Wis., and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Holy Family, 5900 W. Lake St., St. Louis Park. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are by the Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel in St. Louis Park.

#### Dear Bernie & Mary,

Thank you for the nice sympathy card. I decided it best to just send you the article that was in the Minneapolis paper.

One of our best friends had a haircut around noon and at that time he was laughing and joking. He was found around two. They thought he was sleeping in the chair.

The one good thing is that the didn't have to suffer.

Thanks for your concern, Rita

