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The 164th INFANTRY News

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1994 is our 48th ass'n yr

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164th Infantry Association of the United States Dedication of the 164th Infantry Memorial & 48th Annual Reunion Memorial Service

24 September 1994 • Veterans Cemetery • Mandan, North Dakota • 1:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies	Bernie Wagner
Pledge of Allegiance	Mary Wagner
"Star Spangled Banner"	Sons of the 7th Cavalry
Invocation	Tony Beer <i>164th Lay Chaplain</i>
Welcome & Remarks	Don Robinson <i>164th Infantry President</i>
Memorial Service	Rev Mag Lutness
"This is My Country"	Sons of the 7th Cavalry
Dedication Speaker	George Christensen
"God Bless America"	Sons of the 7th Cavalry
Unveiling of 164th Infantry Memorial	Past Presidents <i>164th Infantry Association</i>
"God Bless the USA"	Sons of the 7th Cavalry
Benediction	Rev Mag Lutness
Taps	SGT Brian Berg <i>188th Army National Guard Band</i>



We would like to identify this little girl. Any members know?

N.D. veterans will dedicate WWII monument in Mandan

The 164th Infantry Association will dedicate a monument at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan Saturday during their annual reunion in Bismarck.

The dedication will take place at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to the ceremony.

The monument honors soldiers of the 164th Infantry of the North Dakota National Guard. The 164th was the first U.S. Army unit to take offensive action against the Japanese Army on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, when it reinforced the First Marine Division on Oct. 13, 1942. The 164th was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the battle of Henderson Field, Oct. 23-26, 1942. That was a major defeat for the Japanese, since control of the Henderson Field airstrip

meant control of the airspace for hundreds of miles in the South Pacific.

The 164th Infantry was engaged in combat for 600 days in the South Pacific, at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Leyte, Cebu, Sarnar, Mohol, Mindanao, Nergos and the Philippine Islands. More than 2,000 Purple Hearts were awarded to North Dakota soldiers, and 325 men from the regiment were killed in action, half from North Dakota.

The monument consists of two granite panels that sit side by side in a shallow "V". One panel depicts a patrol, with a brief history of the regiment, and another has a map of North Dakota showing where units of the 164th Infantry were located.

For the Allies, Guadalcanal was a great

prize. It secured the sea lanes to Australia and New Zealand, and became a stepping stone for future Pacific engagements.

Tax deductible contributions for the monument may be sent to the 164th Infantry Monument, Box 1111, Bismarck, N.D. 58502-1111.

1995 Membership Dues

To those members who have not paid their dues for next year, we are accepting them any time now. We will save some postage bucks if we don't have to mail out several hundred notices in January. Renewal forms are published in every 164th News Letter.

Minutes of 164th Infantry Association Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States was called to order by President Robinson at 7:00 PM 23 Sep 1994 at the Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND.

Officers Present:

Don Robinson President
Milt Kane, Vice President
Frank Weisgerber, Sect/ Treas

The colors had been posted prior to the meeting and were in place. The pledge of allegiance was led by President Robinson.

The minutes of the 1993 business meeting were published in the Dec 93 issue of the 164th News and were adopted and approved by voice vote. The financial report was presented by the Sect/Treas. Motion by Wally Johnson to accept the report as true and correct, seconded by Tony Beer, approved by voice vote.

The following committees were ap-

pointed by the President with the Chairman submitting recommendations as follows:

Time & Place - Bernie Wagner
Tony Griffin
Pete Grant

The committee recommended that Bismarck host the 1996 Reunion with the date options of 4-6 Oct or 11-13 Oct 1996. Option to be exercised by the Executive Council. Date of 11-13 1996 was selected.

Auditing - Wally Johnson
Tony Beer

After a review of the financial records, the committee reported them in proper order and recommended they be accepted, passed by voice vote.

Nominations - George Christenson
Bob Wells
John Holt

The committee submitted the following as officers for the year 1995:

President - Milton Kane
Vice President - Neyl McClure
Editor - Don Robinson
Sect/Treas - Vern Fetch

Recommendation of the committee for these offices were approved by voice vote of the members.

The President called for any old business. Jim Fenelon submitted a report on the 164th Infantry Memorial Fund. The Fund, with the financial assistance of the Association was in the black with a campaign to be on going to reimburse the Association for their grant. There being no further old business, the President called for new business. Jim Fenelon gave a report on the changes and amendments to the Association By-Laws, which he did the work on. These changes were made to conform to the IRS regulations for the Association to qualify as a non-profit organization for mailing purposes, etc. Amendments adopted by voice vote.

Honorary lifetime memberships in the Association were presented to BG Bjerke, The Adjutant General of North Dakota, MG Alex Macdonald (Ret) and Major Shirley Olgerson of the ND Army Guard.

Because of the increased work load generated by the 164th Infantry Memorial financial drive on the Secretary Treasurer, Ben Glatt made a motion to give a bonus of \$1000.00 to this Association officer, from the Memorial account. Seconded by Don Robinson and passed by voice vote.

There being no further business, the President asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Bernie Wagner, seconded by Ben Glatt. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM 23 Sep 1994.

FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1994

INCOME:

End of FY 1993 Balance		\$ 6888.00
Dues, donations, misc.	\$ 5936.00	
Interest on CD's	1599.00	
Interest on Checking Acct	201.95	
Refund Myron Co	595.50	
Total	8332.45	8332.45
		\$ 15220.45

EXPENDITURES:

Printing - News	\$ 2363.53	
Postage	877.44	
Administration	962.68	
Miscellaneous	603.00	
1993 Reunion	6007.00	
1994 Reunion	325.00	
Total	11138.45	11138.45
Total Unobligated Funds		4082.30
CD's on Deposit		12347.00
Total Net Worth		\$ 16429.30

I certify that the above financial report for the 164th Infantry Association of the United State is true and correct for the Fiscal Year ending 30 Sep 1994 (cut off date 15 Sep 94) due to Sep date of Reunion.

/s/ Frank Weisgerber, Sect/Treas

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 164TH INFANTRY MEMORIAL FUND AS OF 5 NOV 1994

Total Income from all sources	\$ 68954.00
Expenses	57791.00
Balance in Acct	\$ 11163.00

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1993-94 Association Officers are:

President Milt Kane, Fargo, ND
Vice President Neyl McClure, Bismarck, ND
Sec./Treas. Vern Fetch, Bismarck, ND
Editor Don Robinson
164th Infantry News Bismarck, ND
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Say thanks to WW II vets before it's too late

By JACK CRUICE, Ridley Township

You see them every day, at the market, on a walk or in places of worship. Some you'll find in nursing homes. They are bald or whitehaired, lean or pudgy. They are all senior citizens. But they are unique senior citizens — veterans of WW II.

During the war years (1941-45) they were young men and women, brave men and women. They were draftees or volunteers. They were on the *USS Maryland*, or at Schoefield Barracks or Hickham Field at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. They

absorbed the first day of WW II for America with shock, anger and frustration.

They were the Marines and GIs who were bombed and shelled on Wake, Guam and Midway. They were the soldiers and nurses of Bataan and Corregidor who suffered terror, starvation, abuse and humiliation.

They bombed Tokyo in their B-52s. They were on board the ships in the decisive battles of the Coral Sea and Midway. They were shot out of the sky, they were torpedoed. They were the leathernecks who

stormed ashore to fight in the steamy jungles of Guadalcanal. They were the GIs who endured the heat and sand of North Africa.

They were the Navy Armed Guard that manned the guns of merchant ships in the frigid North Atlantic, warding off attacks by German submarine "Wolf Packs," or the loneliness of convoy duties escorting tankers in the South Atlantic.

In the skies over Europe they flew the B-17s, dodging flak and fighter planes to drop their bombs on the factories of Schweinfurt. They were the guys who hit the beaches of Anzio and Sicily. They were the Marines who took the islands of Makin and Tarawa. They flew the B-24s to destroy the Polesti oil fields of Romania.

They were the silent service, our submariner who patrolled the Pacific and raised havoc with supply ships of Japan. They were the Seabees building airstrips in remote islands of the Pacific. They were the Coast Guard at the helm of landing craft bringing precious cargo of men and material to the coastline of Normandy. They were the Paratroopers who dropped behind enemy lines.

They flew the "Hump" in the China, Burma India theater, bringing food, medicine and ammunition to our troops and allies. They were the "Battered Bastards of Bastogne," cut off by the Wehrmacht and the cruel December weather — but they prevailed. They crossed the Rhine. They endured the hardships of German P.O.W. camps.

In the Pacific, sailors faced the Kamikaze assaults on our fleet. They freed the survivors of the German concentration camps. They celebrated as Germany capitulated May 5, 1945.

They were the troops and Marines who landed in the Phillipines, on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

They were just ordinary men and women who preformed extraordinary efforts. They saved the world.

They were all heroes and they will deny it. When they came home, they went back to being ordinary people, working at the post office or railroad or wherever.

They participated in the world's most violent, intense and deadly struggle. Winston Churchill said of them, "The New World came to the rescue of the Old."

You know these men and women. They are your moms, dads, your grandparents, neighbors and friends. Let's take a good look at these rapidly vanishing breed, and say thank you for their sacrifices of blood, sweat and tears while we still have the opportunity.



**Henderson Field
Oct 1992
from
observation
platform.**

To The Editor

I read some comments on this page by Generation X'ers concerning the good fortune the old generation enjoyed.

That's my generation. I knew eventually someone would ferret out the dirty secret. We've lived the lifestyle of the "rich and famous" all our lives. Now, I know, I must bare the truth about my generation and let the country condemn us for our selfishness.

During the Depression, we had a hilarious time dancing to the tune of "Brother Can You Spare A Dime." We could choose to dine at any of the country's fabulous soup kitchens often joined by our parents and siblings. Those were the heady days of carefree self-indulgence.

Then with World War II, the cup filled to overflowing. We had the chance to bask in the exotic beaches of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa; to see the capitals of Europe; and travel to such scenic spots as Bastogne, Alamein, Monte Cassino. Of course, one of the most exhilarating adventures was the stroll from Bataan to one of the local Japanese hotels, laughingly known as death camps. But the good times really rolled for those lucky enough to be on the beaches of Normandy for the swimming and boating that pleasant June day in '44 ... unforgettable.

Even luckier were those who drew the prized holiday tickets for cruises on slick, gray ships to fun-filled spots like Midway, the Solomons, Murmansk. Instead of asking "what can we do for our country" an indulgent government let us "fritter" away our youths wandering idly through the lush, lovely jungles of Burma and New Guinea.

When I got my discharge, my first job was in a diner washing dishes for \$30 a week — a wife and baby at home. And the next few jobs were no better. You see, even then there were no "higher-level" jobs without an education. But there was night school.

Generation X'ers can either strive to achieve or stay where they are. The choice is theirs alone.

Thanks due to Col. Robt. J. Grady.

Letters ...

9/15/94

Greetings 164th -

Hello from the "Deep South!"

I am an "Old Guard" from the 182d and a Chapter Commander of the Americal Division Veterans Association!

The Admiral Nimitz State Park and Museum here in Fredericksburg, Texas, is expanding and we have a chance to put an exhibit, from the Americal Division, in this museum.

The Americal, as you know, has its own museum, but this is to be an effort to let the hundreds of thousands of people go through the museum each year see that we were there too.

What we need, is anything that any individual veteran of the Americal would care to donate. For example, I have gotten from the National Archives, a copy of the orders authorizing the Congressional Medal of Honor, issued to Sgt. Jesse Drowly of the 132d for his bravery on Bougainville - Hill 260!! Also a copy of the General Orders #67, giving the Presidential Unit Citation and ribbon bar with star to Officers and men of the Americal, who in combat with the 1st Marine Division, reinforced, on Guadalcanal, between 7 August '42 to 9 December 1942. (Anyone who would like a list of those names, call, or write me.)

Photos - flags - maps - General Orders - medals - whatever!! Especially needed are uniforms - equipment - souvenirs - anything from the Pacific war!!

If you would care to contribute something to this display, please call, or write me: Ernie Carlson, 212 Peach Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624, Phone #210-997-9486.

I met a few of your bunch at the big reunion in N.Y. last June.

Good luck to all for your reunion and God speed to all.

Your buddy,
Ernie Carlson
Comm. So-Midwest Chapter
ADVA

Please, let's hear from you.

Sept. 9, 1994

Hi Frank:

I'm Elliot Carey of the 182nd Inf. W.W. 2. We exchange newsletters with Bill McLaughin of the Cannoneer and steal articles from each other.

We consist of about one hundred members of the first battalion 182nd Inf WW2 and call ourselves South Pacific Buddies.

We have about five newsletters a year but have four meetings a year in Lowell, Mass. Always had our reunion at Fort Devens, Mass. at the Americal Museum in June

If you like we could swap newsletters.

Yours in comradship,
Elliot J. Carey
35 Nashua Road
N. Billerica, Mass 01862

October 29, 1994

Dear Friends:

My attendance at the 1994 164th Infantry Association Reunion was very much enjoyed. I would particularly commend the various members for their hard work in putting together an excellent program.

I was especially honored that you used my Bougainville print and narrative in the commemorative booklet. My artist friend, Ron Spicer, who did the art, was very gratified. If members are interested in obtaining a colored print (on heavy paper 14" x 18") with the narrative, they may do so by contacting the Company of Military Historians, North Main Street, Westbrook, CT 06498, phone 203-399-9460.

Also a brief note in the commemorative booklet reminded me of my part in the silver discovery. I led the patrol from I Company that found the silver. It occurred from 11 to 16 October, 1945 the vicinity of Kofu, virgin territory for U.S. occupation troops. If it is of interest, I have enclosed a copy of my patrol report and a photo of the incident that made the local papers.

Finally, on banquet night I met with the only other Company I attendee, Harry Wiens and his charming companion, Jane Hanson. Although our paths crossed by only one month we had a very enjoyable conversation about our reminiscences.

Bill Mazzeo, my OCS buddy, (he joined the regiment on Fiji and was assigned to Anti-Tank Co.) returned together and we both agreed that the reunion experience was exceptionally memorable.

Best regards and good health to all 164th vets.

Dick Cohen
120 Crestview Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
(610) 352-3692

Donations as of 10/20/94

Joe E. Gleason	\$25.00	Olive D. Cody	50.00
Nicholas Ostapchuk	25.00	<i>In memory of my husband</i>	
Gordon E. Bostrom	20.00	<i>Sergeant William F. Cody</i>	
Ernest F. Aufero	100.00	Joan LaFournaise Covington	
VFW Post 753, Minot, ND	350.00	and David R. Covington, M.D.	100.00
Charles H. Walker	164.00	<i>In memory of Capt Joseph</i>	
Loran Hardgrave	25.00	<i>LaFournaise</i>	
Donald W. Herman	25.00	Henry Wiik	50.00
Mrs. Evelyn Romig	25.00	Bismarck/Mandan DAV	
<i>In memory of my husband Bill</i>		Chapter #3	100.00
Grace E. Stoebe	10.00	Josie and Glen Moore	50.00
<i>In memory of my brother Patrick</i>		<i>In memory of Harley Moore</i>	
<i>Reilly</i>		Col. Richard V. Krogh (USA Ret) ..	100.00
Art Nix	50.00	<i>In memory of Mel Lokken</i>	
<i>(Total of 100.00)</i>		American Legion Auxiliary	
Delmar Brokaw	20.00	No. 60, Valley City, ND	10.00
ElRoy O. Greuel	25.00	Mike & Ann Knudson	16.40
<i>(Total of 50.00)</i>		<i>In honor of Ira Keeney</i>	

9-21-94

Dear Friends,

I am sorry to have to say that one of your avid supporters has passed away.

My mother, Adeline M. Myers, wife of Joseph V. Myers (deceased) died on her 83rd birthday, March 3, 1994.

She often talked about the 164th as if it were family and as far as my mother was concerned, all of North Dakota was family.

We will miss her high spirits and friendly smile as I'm sure you will.

Thank you for being an additional extended family for her.

Sincerely,
Kent J. Myers
4731 N. 103rd Ln
Phoenix, AZ 85037-5024

September 13, 1994

Don Robinson:

We have received an inquiry about the following individual who apparently was a member of the Outfit (VETS #14419):

ORFUS C. RAINBOLT
Army in 43
PRIVATE, RIFLEMEN
164TH INFANTRY COMPANY B
Hometown/born/from Oklahoma

Any information you can provide about this individual to the Seeker below would be greatly appreciated:

CECIL H. HAYES
1185 COUCH'S FISHLAKE RD.
STATE ROAD, NC 28676

Finders/Seekers is a service of V.E.T.S. that helps locate veterans. Usually the Seeker is from the Outfit - check your roster for a "find"!

Feel free to disregard this letter if you have no information; we have already conducted a search of the VETS and other databases and reported those results directly to the Seeker.

Thank you,
Pat Johnson
for V.E.T.S.
1809 Vandiver Driver
Columbia, MO 65202

Dear Don,

Not sure if I'll make the reunion, but will send back my dues and chances on the money. We would like to be at the dedication of the cemetery. That is on the 23rd. Nothing for sure yet, we are both feeling fine. The calendar says another year has aged you in small amounts. But have no fear, you're still here and that is all that counts. Birthday greetings from Post 41 A.L. in Grafton, ND.

John

Secretary,

Robert C. Winkel died Sept 14, 1991. I have notified the 164th before. Your organization is special. Good luck! Thanks.

Rita I. Winkel
2631 W La Cita St.
Coupeville, WA 98239-3014

9-10-94

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find \$20.00 to cover raffle tickets and annual membership dues!

Note change of address:

Sorry not able to attend this historic reunion.

Yours truly,
Theodore & Frances Conrath
72 Pondfield Road West
Bronxville, NY 10708

July 5, 1994

Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for membership in the 164th Inf. Assoc. My husband was in the 164th during WW 2 and overseas for over 3 years.

I am working on a committee for the 1995 Fargo reunion. Clarice Nordhogan is also on this committee. Was not aware widows could belong to the Association. My husband died in 1986.

Donna E. Hoff
1342 N3 St.
Fargo, N.D. 58102

Dear Don,

I am writing to you about recent 164th reunion held in Bismarck on Sept 23-25.

It was a great reunion and the dedication of the Memorial was something really spe-

cial. To those of you that worked so hard to make this all success, I would say "Thanks" for a job well done.

BUT - I would offer one suggestion for 1995, in regards to the music at the dance. First, I would like to make one thing clear, this is no criticism of the young people who played that night, they did a good job. But - I think the people of our generation like waltzes, polkas and the ballroom music of the 30s & 40s. So I am hoping that maybe next year you can play some music of our time.

Thank you for letting me offer this suggestion for 1995 and again, Thanks for a great time.

Sincerely,
Adam Miltenberger
470 Windtree Court
Carson City, Nev. 89701

Confused about your Donation?

Many folks have been confused about the total amount of their donations to the "Veterans Cemetery." There are two separate funds.

Donations to the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery may be sent to The Militia Foundation, P.O. Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58502-5511. This is used for maintenance & perpetual care at the Cemetery.

Donations for the 164th monument at the Cemetery may be sent to the 164th Infantry Association Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1111, Bismarck, ND 58502-1111. This money is used to fund the 164th Memorial monument and other associated costs.

Please make checks payable to "164th Infantry Memorial, P.O. Box 1111, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-1111.

In memory of _____
Name

In honor of _____
Name

Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 \$250.00

\$500.00 \$1000.00 Other _____

\$164.00 (The certificate will state 164th Infantry Regiment)

I pledge \$ _____ and will pay it in monthly installments.

Signed _____

Please print your name exactly the way you want it to appear on the certificate:

Name _____

Home Address _____
City State Zip

This will be your last opportunity to make a donation.

Letters ...

10-3-94
Oct. 6, 1994

Don Robinson,

At the reunion in Bismarck, I had mentioned reading this article about Frank Schela, who had been a member of my platoon in Service Co. and said I would mail the enclosed article.

Frank was a dedicated soldier and I was happy to have had him in my platoon.

Sincerely,
Ray Maxson
P.O. Box 415
Red Lake Falls, MN 56570

Dear Don,

Enclosed is an obituary notice of Ambrose Champagne who served in Co. E, 164, during WWII. I have never seen him since the war, but I am sure some of the other Co. E members would also be interested.

We enjoyed the reunion as always and thank you and Frank for all your work.

Your friend,
George Christensen
#15 Fairway
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 857-4750

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is the obituary of Willard Anderson. He was with the "164th Infantry Co. E" 1941-1945 - So. Pacific. I'm also sending \$10.00 for the tickets and \$10.00 for the 164th Infantry News. I would like to be able to keep getting the paper.

I plan on coming for the dedication services of the memorial. Willard is buried there.

Sincerely,
Betty Anderson
203-8th Ave. W. #72
West Fargo, ND 58078

W.M. 'Bill' Williamson

Willard M. "Bill" Williamson, 73, 1937 N. Kavaney Drive, Bismarck, died Sept. 26, 1994, in a Bismarck hospital. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. James Sorenson officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck, with joint military rites by the veterans organizations of Bismarck.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today and Thursday at Boelter Funeral Home, Bismarck, and will continue at the church one hour before services.

Mr. Williamson was born Oct. 2, 1920, at Dickinson, the son of Victor and Emily (Anderson) Williamson. He attended Dickinson State College and Fargo Agricultural College. He served in the U.S. Army, Company K, 164th Infantry from 1941-1945, serving in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, the Fiji Islands, Bougainville, and the Philippines.

He married Eunice Newhouse on Oct. 20, 1946, in Sherwood. They lived in Dickinson where he was manager of the Dickinson Job Service office. In 1959, they moved to Bismarck where he worked as training officer in the state administrative office of Job Service North Dakota. In 1961, Mr. Williamson was hired as state director of Veterans Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, a position he held for 24 years, retiring in 1985. During that time he was responsible for the formation of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council and the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs. He also spent many years as a member, and served as chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. He devoted his entire life in service to veterans, disabled veterans and his fellow men.

He was a member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Amvets, 164th Infantry Association, the Purple Heart Association, Eagles and Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice, two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Patrick and

Anne Williamson, Amherst, Mass., and Daniel and Irene Williamson, Delta, Colo.; one daughter and son-in-law, Michel and David Haakenson, Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Dr. George L. Williamson, Phoenix; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Willard Anderson

The funeral for Willard Anderson, 77, 203 8th Ave. W., West Fargo, will be at 10 Monday in West Funeral Chapel, West Fargo, with burial in Mandan, N.D. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 Sunday and one hour before services in the funeral home. He died Thursday, May 12, 1994.

Mr. Anderson was born July 30, 1916, in Portal, N.D., where he grew up and attended school. He worked in the Portal area and also served with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served with the 164th Infantry Division in Guadalcanal and the Fiji islands. After military service in 1945, he lived in Noyes, Minn., where he worked for Railway Express.

On June 9, 1946, he married Betty Kirby in Hallock, Minn. They lived in Noyes until moving in 1961 to St. Vincent, Minn. He retired from Railway Express in 1971, then worked for Jensen Brokerage in Noyes. They moved in 1990 to West Fargo.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Richard and Robert, both St. Vincent; four daughters, Linda (Dale) Skinner, Owatonna, Minn., Christy (Jim) O'Hara, West Fargo, Wanda (Jim) Hughes, Harwood, N.D., and Susan (John) Larson, Wahpeton, N.D.; and nine grandchildren.

Ambrose Champagne

BELCOURT — Ambrose C. Champagne, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1994, in his home near Belcourt after a long illness.

He was born Feb. 11, 1914, to Louie and LaRose Champagne at Belcourt, where he was raised and educated. He completed his education at Fort Totten. He served in the Army from April 1941 to February 1944, including time at Guadalcanal in the South Pacific, and then returned to the Belcourt area. He married Helen Azure Nov. 14, 1945, in Belcourt. He worked on a section crew for Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 1976. He also farmed and raised cattle. After his retirement he worked for the Green Thumb Program for five years.

Survivors: wife; daughters, Delcie Van Capelle, Sardis, British Columbia, and Villa LaFontaine, Belcourt; sons, Ronnie, Baldwin City, Kan., and Leonard, Belcourt; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral: Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, rural Belcourt.

Burial: In the church cemetery.

Visitation: Today beginning at 4 p.m. with a rosary and scriptural wake service at 8 p.m. in the church. (Niewoehner Funeral Home, Rolla)

Last Roll Call

Harold Zumpf, Lake Placid, FL	17 Feb 94
Tom Cleveland, Gillette, WY	5 May 94
Dr. Johson R. Roche, Gourie, IA	2 Jul 94
Leo Swanson, Bismarck, ND	9 Sep 94
Ernest Petterson, Seattle, WA	23 Sep 94
Adeline Myers, Phoenix, AZ	3 Mar 94
W.W. "Bill" Williamson, Bismarck, ND	26 Sep 94
Ambrose C. Champagne, Belcourt, ND	27 Sep 94
Frank R. Schela, Casa Grand, ZA	12 Sep 94
Arthur H. Krumrey, Offerle, KS	3 Oct 94

Dale B. Thomte

The funeral for Dale B. Thomte, 79, Lisbon, N.D., will be at 2 Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisbon. Visitation will be from 11 to 9 Thursday in Armstrong Funeral Home, Lisbon. He died Monday, Sept. 5, 1994.

Mr. Thomte was born March 8, 1915, in Lisbon, where he attended school. He worked in Thomte Bakery, Lisbon. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the National Guard from 1946 to 1975. He married Velda B. Hunnemuller Aug. 10, 1942, in Glendale, Calif. He worked in Sturdevant's Auto Parts, Lisbon, for several years. He was the administrator of the National Guard, Lisbon. She died in 1960. He worked at Coast to Coast, Lisbon. He married Gladys Strand McMahon Aug. 10, 1968, in Lisbon.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Gary, Lisbon; four stepsons, Jim McMahon, Key West, Fla., Darrell (Peggy) McMahon, St. Joseph, Mo., Dan McMahon, Littleton, Colo., and Roger McMahon, Dallas; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Emanuel Worth "Doc", 72 of Maiden Rock, WI, formerly of White Bear. Survived by wife Bernice and daughter Elizabeth Burk, both of Jacksonville, FL and sons Victor of Oregon, WI and Robert of Jacksonville, FL. Services 11:00 am Monday at SWANDBY-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, Maiden Rock. Visitation 2-4pm Sunday.

Leo Swanson

Leo R. Swanson, 75, 913 N. Anderson St., died Sept. 5, 1994, in a Bismarck hospital. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. Hensel Hendrickson officiating. Burial for Leo and his wife, Eva, who died July 17, 1994, will be at 3:30 p.m. in North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, rural Mandan, with military rites by Veterans of Foreign War Post No. 1326.

Visitation will begin at 7 tonight at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue at the church one hour before services.

Leo Raymond Swanson was born Oct. 26, 1918, on a farm near Milnor, the son of Andrew and Nellie Swanson. He attended school at Sydna Consolidated School and graduated from Milnor High School. He then attended University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Leo married Eva Aarnes of Niagra on July 5, 1947. They moved to Bismarck from Fargo in 1953. He was the service manager and part owner of Missouri Valley Motors, presently Cedric Theel, for a number of years. He served in the armed forces when the 164th Infantry was activated on Feb. 10, 1941. After spending a few months at Camp Claiborne, and a short time on the Northwest Coastal Defense, he was shipped overseas, where he was stationed on New Caledonia, and landed on Guatacanal, Friday Oct. 13, 1942, where he served with honor and distinction along with many of his friends. He was overseas roughly

three years before being shipped back to the United States.

Since that time he has been a very active member of the State Legion Band and the Elks Band. For many years he was a leading musician in Bismarck, playing with many bands and combos. He was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Janelle and Kenneth Glass, Bismarck; one son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Gail Huntington Beach, Calif.; five grandchildren, Sarah, Jeremiah and Emilie Glass, all of Bismarck, and Caylene and Andrew Swanson, Huntington Beach; two sisters, Mary Krueger, Camarillo, Calif., and Josie High, Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Oscar, Milnor, Arthur, Phoenix, and Elmer, Vancouver, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva; his parents; and one sister, Olga Stewart.

Frank R. Schela

A memorial service was held for Frank R. Schela, 73, of Case Grande, Ariz., Monday, September 12, 1994 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Father Lawrence Haas celebrated the noon Mass and burial was in the Devils Lake Cemetery.

Frank R. Shela was born August 3, 1920 in Devils Lake, N.D., the son of John and Theresa Schela. He attended school in the area and was a veteran of World War II. He served with the 164th Infantry of Devils Lake.

He married Evelyn Nyre January 8, 1993 and lived in Wisconsin until retirement. He also lived in both New Mexico and Arizona. He died in Orange County, Calif. on May 10, 1994 after a surgery.

Frank is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Nyre); a brother, John Schela of Devils Lake; Eva Kuntz of Le Sueur, Minn., Kay Hanson of Minneapolis, Minn., Elizabeth Sweeney of Sarles, N.D., Lorraine Metzger of Little Falls, Minn.; and four step daughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Mike and George; and his first wife, Billee White.

Ernest Petterson

Ernest E. Petterson, 74, Seattle, Wash., died Sept. 23, 1994, in Bismarck. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Chapel, with the Rev. Hensel Hendrickson officiating. Military rites will be given by V.F.W. Honor Guard.

Ernest Petterson was born Oct. 11, 1919 south of Maddock, the son of Gustaf and Sigrid (Fisketjan) Petterson. He attended rural school in that area. He worked in Devils Lake until entering the Army in April of 1941 and served with the 164th Infantry until his discharge on Sept. 14, 1945.

He returned to North Dakota and later owned Red River Nash Co. in Grand Forks. He married Pearl Milsow Oct. 29, 1948, in Fargo. They moved to Los Angeles, Calif. in 1953 and owned Petterson's Sterling Automotive in West Los Angeles.

Ernest retired in 1982. Pearl died April 9, 1993.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Randall Pearson, Abbottstown, Pa. and Cheryl Petterson and Richard Dowdall, Seattle, Wash.; one grandson, Brian Dowdall, New York City; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Ruth Watson, Bismarck, Ruby Booker, San Marcos, Calif., and Verna and Raymond Strand, Helena, Mont.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Axel and Pat Petterson, Carson City, Nev., and Verner and Carol Peterson, Bismarck.

Mr. Petterson was in Bismarck attending the 164th Infantry 48th annual reunion and the dedication of the 164th Memorial.

The family prefers memorials to the North Dakota Veteran Cemetery Trust Fund. (Perry Funeral Home, Mandan)

Worth "Doc" Emanuel

Worth "Doc" Emanuel, 72, of Maiden Rock, WI, formerly of White Bear. Survived by wife Bernice and daughter Elizabeth Burk, both of Jacksonville, FL and sons Victor of Oregon, WI and Robert of Jacksonville, FL. Services 11:00 a.m. Monday at Swandby-Murphy Funeral Home, Maiden Rock. Visitation 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

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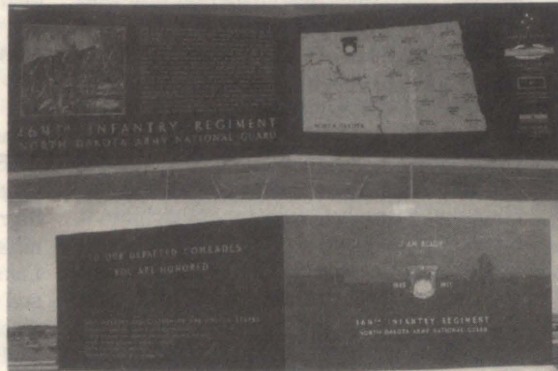
Dedication Book - 164th Infantry Association

Those of you that were not present at the formal dedication of the 164th Infantry Memorial, September 24, 1994 at the Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, North Dakota missed a very meaningful and emotion filled ceremony. Many memories of old friends came flooding back to bring a mist to the eyes of those present. It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day with a very gentle breeze.

The Dedication book is one that will be a valuable remembrance for you, your children, and grandchildren or would be a nice gift.

The book is Infantry blue with the front cover displaying one section of the granite panel with the 164th Infantry crest in color. The inside cover shows two views, in color, of the monument.

The reading material lists members of the 164th Infantry killed in action



(KIA) during W.W.II. Additional information includes a brief history of the 164th Infantry Americal Division, 1st Marine Division, and a brief history of 164th from 1885 to 1955.

A list of individual contributors and amounts is included. Without these generous contributions, the 164th Memorial would not have been completed in 1994.

The inside back cover displays the front of the monument (in color). On the right front panel is the map of North Dakota with the Regimental Insignia, Americal Division Patch, Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation (Army), and the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy). All the aforementioned decorations are in color. The outside back cover features the 164th Infantry Regimental Flag with 40 streamers and it is in color. The Dedication Book is a LIMITED EDITION, FINAL EDITION (no more editions).

Keep in mind this will be the last opportunity to order the Dedication Booklet and cards. All funds received for the Dedication Booklet and memorial cards will cover the costs of production and any surplus will go to the 164th Association.

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