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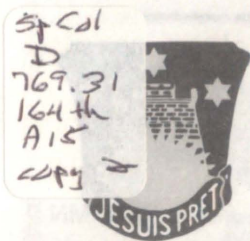
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# THE 164<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY NEWS

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Happy Thanksgiving  Merry Christmas

Happy New Year 

## 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

17, 18 & 19 SEPTEMBER 2004

We had 135 pre-registered for the reunion. A few cancellations were made, but 152 were served at the banquet Saturday night. Thanks to the members of Company "G".

Registration was held at the VFW club from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A free keg of beer was served along with coffee and cookies during this time. Members gathered together for the social activities.

At 5:30 pm a buffet was served at the VFW club. At 8:30 pm the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band played dance music for the members and the public was invited. The first couple on the dance floor was Edith Tuff of West Fargo and Ernest "Sparky" Aufero of Vero Beach, Florida. The band was "great" as always and a good time was had by all.

Registration again at 8:00 am along with breakfast at the Senior Center. The annual meeting was held at the Senior Center from 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm. A picnic lunch was served at 12:00 pm at the American Legion club.

At 2:30 pm the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band held a band concert at the Veterans Memorial Park. (Just across the street from the VFW club). If you can believe this, the weather was beautiful. No wind, the sky was "Infantry Blue" and the temperature was in the low 70's. Bernie had the army guard display some military equipment in the back ground. The full band performed and was outstanding. The public was also invited so we had a good attendance.

From 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm we had a social hour at the VFW club, with entertainment by the 188<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard Band.

6:00 pm memorial service. The welcome was given by our president Bernie Wagner. Tom Vagle of Company G was the reunion's chaplain. Folding of the American Flag was done by the Valley City VFW Honor Guard. As each fold was done, chaplain Tom Vagle read what the meaning of each fold represented. The readings of 54 names of

deceased members of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association and Company G, that answered the last roll call was done by Tom Vagle. The candles were snuffed out by Francis Dahl and the bell rang by Ray Kreidlkamp after each name was read. Taps was played by SSG Brian Berg, 188<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard Band.

Eddie Otto was the master of ceremonies during the banquet. (Eddie Otto is a member of Company G, a Korean War Veteran and was awarded the CIB).

SFC Mitch Olson of the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band walked thru the audience, shaking everyones hand and sang "I am proud to be an American". When Mitch finished there was not one dry eye in the audience.

Major General Michael J. Haugen, North Dakota's Adjutant General, was a surprise guest. He made a few brief comments about what the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry had done and what our soldiers are doing today.

MC Eddie Otto introduced the head table, and we were entertained with several musical selections by the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band and enjoyed an excellent meal.

After the meal Bernie Wagner introduced the reunion committees. MC Eddie Otto conducted the roll call of units and the drawing of the names of the three winners of \$164.00 raffle tickets.

We then enjoyed another evening of music and dancing provided by the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band. Again the public was invited to join us.

Sunday morning, 0900 hours we returned to the VFW club for breakfast and to give our farewells. We were happy to note that Raymond D. Conlon of Minto, North Dakota was able to join us for breakfast. Ray has not been enjoying good health this past year, but it was good to see him.

See you all at the next reunion, number sixty (60) at Valley City, North Dakota - 16, 17 and 18 September 2005.

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 164<sup>TH</sup> NEWSLETTER As of November 2004

\$50.00	Joe Gummeringer .....	Las Cruces, NM
\$30.00	Joe E. Gleason .....	Lincoln, IL
	Edna Rahn .....	McArthur, OH
	Ervin H. Remmers .....	Orange, CA
	Lynn M. Kloster .....	Schaymburg, IL
\$20.00	Tommy R. Evans .....	Alexander City, AL
	Frances Gehrman .....	Roseville, MN
	Vince Powers .....	Hamilton, MT
	Anton Sturm .....	ValleJo, CA
\$15.00	Richard A. Salsman .....	Fargo, ND
\$10.00	Grant Cupark .....	Coventry, CT
	Frank DeMaria .....	Elyria, OH
	Melvin T. Gutterud .....	Park River, ND
	Timothy Kurtz .....	Devils Lake, ND

## DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

\$90.00	Millie Pfarr .....	Circle Pines, MN
	<i>In Memory of her husband, Leonard</i>	
\$40.00	Paul Gray .....	Laguna Woods, CA
\$35.00	Wendell W. Wichmann .....	Cockeyville, MD
\$20.00	Brenton C. Knudson .....	Poplar Bluff, MO
\$15.00	Richard Salesman .....	Fargo, ND
\$10.00	John N. Alme .....	Hemet, CA
	Robert & Georgia E. Hill .....	Northglenn, CO
	<i>In Memory of E. "Bud" Marmon</i>	
	Melvin T. Gutterud .....	Park River, ND
	Waldemar Johnson .....	Fargo, ND
	Leatrice Wirtz .....	Detroit Lakes, MN
\$7.50	Mildred Heller .....	Williston, ND
\$5.00	Kenneth F. Keyes .....	Marshall, MI

## WELCOME



### New Members

Morris Anderson	Lake Park, MN
Stan Cown	Valley City, ND
Gordon Clark	Ft. Benning, GA
Rolland C. Dahl	Angula, IN
Kembel Dalh	Beach, ND
Ernie Janisch	Starbuck, MN
William G. Kiker	Abilene, TX
DeForest Peterson	Valley City, ND
A. Thorstenson	San Diego, CA

### New Associate Life Members

Gerald R. Mauseth	
Cando, ND	
Jennie Welander	
Apache Junction, AZ	
<i>(She was on her Honeymoon - Husband William P.)</i>	

### New Associate Members

James H. Forsberg
Auburn, CA
Bernice Lee
Fargo, ND

Say a prayer for all our  
comrades and wives for good  
health and some extra time  
as they have earned it.

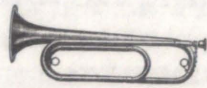
Many of the 164th  
members are having very  
serious health problems.  
Throw in an extra prayer for  
your old buddies and their  
wonderful companions.



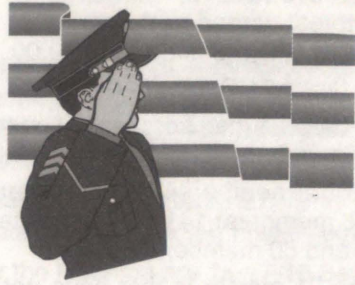
## 2005 DUES CAN NOW BE PAID

Your 2005 dues can now be paid, they still only cost \$10.00 per year. They are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. By paying your dues now, I will not have to send out notices, which will save the Association about \$250.00 in postage and envelopes.

**Please pay your dues now!!**



# Last Roll Call

**Laverne G. Bechtel (LM)**

Aptos, CA

**Alfred A. Brown**

Hamilton, OH

**Robert Buchheit**

Ft. Peck, MT

**Tony Burckhard (LM)**

Towner, ND

**Robert E. Burns (LM)**

Castile Rock, WA

**Earl L. Cherrey (LM)**

Fairview, MT

WWII, Korean War

**Willis G. Clark (LM)**

Dickinson, ND

WWII

**Tomy Clausen**

Williston, ND

WWII

**Elroy Diemert****Manvel B. Dekart**

Terry, MT

**Manuel B. Dukart**

Terry, MT

**Fred S. Elling**

Rochester, MN

**Eric F. Engbrecht**

Hobbs, NM

WWII

**Ray Farrow**

Cavalier, ND

**Clement J. Fox**

Felton, MN

WWII

**Jerry Gazler****Robert Gehrman**

St. Paul, MN

WWII

**Ben Glat**

Bismarck, ND

WWII

**John E. Gunderson (LM)**

Vancouver, WA

WWII

**George Hessinger**

Co M WWII

**Clayton W. Hewes, Sr. (LM)**

New Castle, DE

**Eugene Hill (LM)**

Grand Forks, ND

WWII

**Jack E. Ikel**

Detroit Lakes, MN

Korean War

**Eugene T. Jensen**

Glendive, MT

WWII

**Arnold S. Johnson (LM)**

Cloquet, MN

WWII

**William H. Johnson**

Jamestown, ND

WWII

**Arthur "Eldy" Korf**

Valley City, ND

Korean War

**Clinton P. Kraft (LM)**

Lawrence, KS

WWII

**Howard Lauter (LM)**

Milford, NJ

WWII

**Bill Mack (LM)**

Elk Grove, CA

WWII

**Luther McHattie****La Clair A. Melhouse (MG)**

Bismarck, ND

WWII, Korean War

**Elmo R. Olson**

Finley, ND

WWII

**Lewis H. Olson**

West Fargo, ND

Korean War

**Melford Olson (LM)**

Valley City, ND

WWII

**Robert Olson**

Springfield, MN

WWII

**Lauren Overby****William A. Parker**

El Carson, CA

WWII

**Art Pepple**

Fessenden, ND

**Lenard A. Pfarr**

Circle Pines, MN

WWII

**Richard S. Pierzina**

Little Falls, MN

WWII

**Everette Quine**

Vining, MN

WWII

**Russell Rapp (LM)**

St. Peter, MN

**John R. Remillong (LM)**

Winter Garden, FL

**Charles Risser****Clarence L. Risser**

Bismarck, ND

Korean War

**Donald Robinson**

Bismarck, ND

WWII

**Willis Sewall (LM)**

St. Louis Park, MN

WWII

**Leland Simek**

Bottineau, ND

WWII

**Gilbert Shirley**

Bismarck, ND

WWII

**Mel Shirley**

Fresno, CA

WWII

**Francis J. Sommers (LM)**

St. Paul, MN

**Verne R. Tester (LM)**

St. Paul, MN

**Lloyd Underdahl**

Bismarck, ND

WWII

**Alphonse G. Vanderlinde**

St. Bonifacius, MN

WWII

**Donald L. Wirtz (LM)**

Detroit Lakes, MN

WWII

**Clarence W. Young**

Valley City, ND

Korean War

# National Guard Mobilizations

# SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Net worth as of 31 August 2004 = \$29,812.48

Check book balance = \$12,513.74

C.D. Balance = \$16,298.74

(\$197.30 interest earned past year)

On loan to Valley City reunion = \$1,000.00.

Membership (as of 31 October 2004)

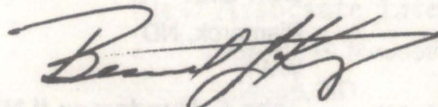
527 total members. 21 members are not current for year 2004 dues. 13 new members have been recruited this past year.

Of the 527 total members: 386 are members (158 life members, 228 members) 141 are associate members = (81 life members and 60 members)

Eliminating the 21 members that have not paid their 2004 dues, the membership has decreased to 506. 57 were reported on this "last roll call".

48 members have paid their 2005 dues.

(As of 1 November 2004).



Bennet J. Kemp  
Secretary Treasurer  
164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association

## 164<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2003 THRU 31 AUGUST 2004

August 2003 CD Balance	\$16,101.44
August 2004 CD Balance	\$16,298.74
August 2003 Check Book Balance	\$8,229.14
August 2004 Check Book Balance	\$12,513.74

Month of	Expenses	Income
September 2003	\$1,050.00	\$2.42
October 2003	\$53.44	\$77.13
November 2003	\$120.00	\$1.93
December 2003	\$2,541.80	\$8,410.29
January 2004	\$1,474.34	\$1,178.69
February 2004	\$20.68	\$248.42
March 2004	\$358.46	\$4.06
April 2004	None	\$3.61
May 2004	None	\$3.37
June 2004	\$38.00	\$3.96
July 2004	None	\$3.60
August 2004	None	\$3.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,656.72</b>	<b>\$9,941.32</b>

Bank Statement: 31 August 2004	\$12,513.74
C.D. Balance: 31 August 2004	\$16,298.74
Loan to Valley City Reunion	\$1,000.00
Net Worth	\$29,812.48

I certify that this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge for the period ending 31 August 2004.



**BENNET J. KEMP**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL ( ) YES ( ) NO

BY Walden D. Blanton DATE 25 Sep 04

BY Treumann J. Lyblm DATE 9/25/04

BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Mexican border, 1916:** Nearly 159,000 members of the national guard were mobilized.

**World War I, 1917-1918:** Approximately 380,000 guardsmen were brought into service. This produced 18 divisions, representing 40 percent of the entire American expeditionary force destined to serve in France. Eleven of the national guard divisions spend more days in combat than any other army division in France.

**World War II, 1940 - 1945:** Eighteen divisions, 23 air squadrons, four tank battalions and hundreds of national guard units join the effort. Nine guard infantry divisions served in the Pacific and nine in the European Theater of Operations. Of the 400,000 guardsmen mobilized to serve in World War II, approximately 80,000 were commissioned officers by the end of the war.

**Korea/Nato 1950 - 1953:** Four guard divisions and many nondivisional units were called to active duty. Two divisions, the 40<sup>th</sup> (California) and 45<sup>th</sup> (Oklahoma) went to Korea as well as many individual guardsmen.

**The Cold War:** Two divisions were called to active duty plus many separate units during the Berlin crisis. They were mobilized to "prevent a war, not to fight a war". The Soviet Union backed down.

**Vietnam War:** The guard is called upon for a force of approximately 30,000 troops for the Vietnam War. Four F-100 air guard squadrons seen heavy action in vietnam, on the army side two artillery battalions, an engineer combat battalion and an infantry long range patrol company went to Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. Two infantry brigades were mobilized but not sent to the war zone, although many individual guardsmen from the two brigades did serve in-country. Large packets of guardsmen "**the selected reserve force**" were alerted for possible deployment and given intensive training from 1966 to 1969, but the call never came.

**Persian Gulf War: 1990-1991:** Approximately 60,000 members of the guard served in Operation Desert Storm and participated in the liberation of Kuwait. Two national guard artillery brigades played prominent roles in the battle, as did tactical fighters and tactical reconnaissance squadrons of the air guard. The guard contributed many engineers, military police and medical elements to Desert Storm.

**Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom, 2001-present:** Since September 11, 2001, 36,940 air national guardsmen and 174,678 army national guardsmen have been activated. The average tour of duty for those guardsmen is 12 to 24 months. More than 120 guardsmen have died in the campaigns. **Seven from North Dakota.** North Dakota guardsmen called to active duty has exceeded the number of personnel called during the Korean War and even World War II. Only during World War I has more guardsmen been called to active duty.

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT BERNIE WAGNER

A THANK YOU to the members that attended the 59th 164th Infantry Association Reunion in Valley City this September.

We had a great response to our ticket project. I hope that you can make plans to return again next year and we invite all members that were unable to attend this year to attend. We hope your plans and health allow you to attend in '05.

A special thanks to our Secretary Ben and his able assistant Vern, also to our Reunion hosts Company "G".

The dates for the Reunion are 16-17-18 September 05 in Valley City, North Dakota.

We were able to stay within budget this year because of the work that our Reunion Secretary/Treasurer Pat and her able assistants did on updating our roster and the several mailings that were sent to the members. It appears that our registration cost will be about the same for '05 if we have another outstanding response to the ticket project as we had this year.

Full details will be sent to you when all of the particulars are put together. The National Guard Band has our Reunion on their schedule and the Chamber of Commerce has us on their schedule for 05 and they apologized for the mix up this year.

One of our winners in the drawing Arthur H. Schmaltz gave part of his winnings back to the 164th, thanks Art. Another winner, Neil A. Tennyson gave back all of his winnings, thanks Neil.

The major construction project in Valley City this year was replacing the Rainbow Bridge. This will have been completed but next year I am sure there will be more construction in the city. If you have any suggestions to make the 60th Reunion better let us know and we will try to incorporate them into the Reunion schedule.

Bernie Wagner, President

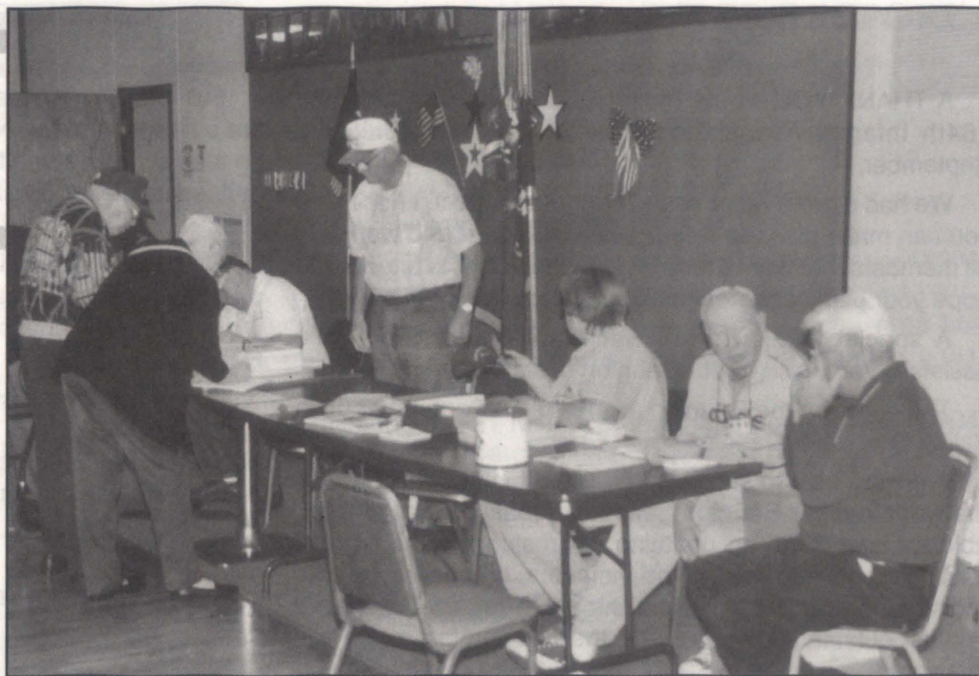


59th Annual 164th  
Reunion at VFW Club,  
Valley City, ND

Memorial Service, 59th  
Annual Reunion folding  
of the American flag by  
the Valley City VFW  
Honor Guard.



Registration at the  
59th Annual 164th  
Reunion, VFW Club,  
Valley City, ND.



59th Annual 164th  
Reunion Banquet at VFW  
Club, Valley City, ND.

Co. B Picture  
Left to Right:  
Les Wichmann, Bill Hagen,  
Russ Elvrum, Bob Carr and  
Horace Nearhood.



THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE 164<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY ASSOCIATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY OUR PRESIDENT BERNIE WAGNER AT 0900 HOURS ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2004 AT VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA.

**Officers present:**

Bernie Wagner, President

Ray Kreidlkamp, Vice President

Ben Kemp, Secretary/Treasurer

Chaplain Tom Vagle, a member of Company G, lead us in a prayer. Followed by several songs by the 188<sup>th</sup> Army Band.

Pledge of allegiance was recited by all present, led by our president. The members of the band then sang the National Anthem and America The Beautiful.

President Wagner then stated that the mayor of Valley City was unable to attend our meeting, but in his place he introduced Valley City fire chief, Gary Retterath. Gary welcomed us and hoped that we have a great time.

President Wagner then introduced Larry Wegleitner and Nicole Anderson from the state Veteran's Historical Association of Bismarck, ND. They expressed a desire to conduct interviews of the 164 veterans and tape them.

President Wagner then appointed the following committees:

Finance committee - Wally Johnson and Treumann Lykken.

Nominating committee - Ray Kreidlkamp and Owen Wallace.

Time and place committee Rhiny Weber and Eddie Otto.

President Wagner stated that he heard a lot of rumors that this was to be our last reunion. The executive committee was not aware of this. At the last reunion in Bismarck we did not have a vice president, so Bernie volunteered to be the vice president if he could pick the place of the next reunion. He asked Ray Kreidlkamp, the president of Company "G" if they would host the reunion and he agreed to. Regarding the mix-up of reunion dates, president Wagner stated the chairman of the Valley City Chamber of Commerce reserved all the hotel rooms for that weekend. Therefore president Wagner had to change our dates. Bernie apologized for any inconvenience.

President Wagner stated that the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> annual reunion was printed in full text in the last newsletter. He asked if they wanted them read or that a motion be made that they be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Wally Johnson made a motion that they be accepted as printed in the last newsletter, this was seconded, voted on, and approved.

Next, president Wagner asked Warren Ventsch to give a report on the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Scholarship Foundation. Warren stated that they interviewed one (1) applicant for a two hundred dollar scholarship. Milt Kane, Alvin Tollefsrud and Warren were on the interviewing committee. The individual did not qualify for the scholarship. The committee is contemplating raising the amount of the scholarship to get more interest. Warren stated that all universities have been notified of this scholarship. Warren stated that they have \$2,850.00 in savings and less than \$100.00 in checking. He stated that they will accept any donations and thanked us for our support.

President Wagner asked the secretary/treasurer to give the financial report. I, (Ben Kemp) stated that as of 31 August

2004 we have \$12,513.74 in our checking account, CD valued at \$16,298.74. We have on loan to the Valley City reunion committee \$1,000.00. Our net worth is \$29,812.48. President Wagner asked for a motion to approve the financial report. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed. This report will be printed in detail in our next newsletter. Ben then reported on the membership. As of 31 August 2004 we have 527 members. Of these, 21 are not current on their 2004 membership. We have 386 members, of which 158 are life members and 228 are members. We have 141 associate members, of which 81 are associate life members and 60 associate members. 57 members answered the "last roll call" this year, and several others asked to be dropped from the rolls for various reason.

President Wagner read a letter from ND US Senator Byron L. Dorgan. He sent his regrets that he was unable to attend our reunion. He wished us well, and mentioned the dedication of the WWII Memorial in Washington this past year. He thanked all the World War II and the Korean veterans for what they have done.

President Wagner stated that Gregory Heinz of Bismarck has a display of military uniforms and military equipment at the Valley City museum. At the VFW club Allen Schultz & Warren Ventsch have their display set up. Also at the VFW is a display of 164<sup>th</sup> infantry uniforms. This display belongs to Brad Grondahl of Fargo, NDak. Thanks were given for the outstanding displays.

President Wagner informed us that James Drong will be taking company pictures throughout the day. When you have your company formed, contact Jim and he will take your pictures.

President Wagner stated that Warren Ventsch received a "voice mail" from Jim Fenelon and that he had a letter at the post office for the members. Warren picked up the letter and made twenty plus copies. They were passed out to the membership and they were asked to read the memorandum during the 1/2 hour coffee break.

President Wagner called the meeting back to order and asked for comments on Jim Fenelon's memorandum. Several individuals asked if we were going to have a newsletter. Several other individuals (Korean Veterans) at the same time stated that they receive newsletter from the divisions that they served with in Korea and that the newsletters are short, black and white and have current news only. They receive the newsletter 3 or 4 times a year. The question arose "are we going to have a newsletter again". President Wagner stated "yes" but we currently don't have an editor. He then asked if we have anyone interested in being the editor. Swede Clausen suggested Ben Kemp as editor. President Wagner said "no" that Ben could not hold two jobs.

Vern Fetch suggested that Shirley Olgeirson would make a good editor. Shirley is an associate member of the 164<sup>th</sup>

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Infantry Association. She retired from the guard as a Lt. Col. and worked for the public affairs while full time in the guard.

President Wagner, agreed with Vern, stating that Shirley was asked to be the assistant editor in the past and she turned it down. He stated that we will contact her again to see if she would be interested in being the editor.

President Wagner stated that we have had outstanding support from the members and the sale of raffle tickets. Last year 97 members attend the reunion in Bismarck and this year we have 135 pre-registered. That was with out the newsletter. This proves that the newsletter was not the only thing that holds this group together. The plan is that we will send a newsletter prior to Christmas 2004, one in the first quarter of 2005 and one prior to the reunion 2005. President Wagner asked if there were any other questions or comments on Jim Fenelon's memorandum. There were none.

President Wagner asked for a show of hands if they want a reunion next year. Everyone's hand went up. With that Bernie asked Ray Kreidlkamp to report on the committee's findings.

Ray Kreidlkamp reported that the committee recommended that the officers remain the same for next year and that the reunion be held again in Valley City, North Dakota and that the time of the reunion be 16, 17 and 18 September 2005. Ray also recommended that because of the mix up on dates this year, everyone should make motel reservations now, for next year.

President Wagner asked for a motion on the committee's recommendations. One was made, seconded, voted on and passed.

Question from the floor, "why was registration so cheap this year? President Wagner stated one of the reasons was the outstanding sales of the raffle tickets. Also we received a better price on the meals from the clubs in town. A keg of beer cost \$75.00 in Valley City, in Bismarck last year it cost \$180.00. Bernie reminded us of times when we spent more money on booze than we did on food - not any more.

Orlyen "The Owl" Stensgard from Fargo asked to read a letter that he and Jim Fenelon had put together this past year. The letter was to be sent out to the Korean Veterans that were members of the 164<sup>th</sup> and asked them to again become members of the association. Owl stated that if this letter was sent to a Korean Veteran, who was a former member of the 164<sup>th</sup> infantry, we could get him to join and then he could get other buddies of his to also join. Owl also requested that the heading on the newsletter be changed to reflect on the 47<sup>th</sup> Division and to make the Korean Veterans more a part of the 164<sup>th</sup> association.

President Wagner thanked Orlyen for his effort and stated that Company G is the only company still active in the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry and reason was because they recognized the Korean Veterans years ago. At the last Company G reunion, 39 members were present and 30 of them are Korean Veterans.

Wally Johnson asked to make a comment. He said back in the 1970's when Pop Barker left as the secretary treasurer of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association and I, (Wally Johnson) took over, one of the first things I said needed to happen was that we need to get the Korean Vet's involved. It did not seem to work then. Wally stated that "I am sure happy that you are finely now going to do some thing about it."

Edith Tuff informed us that her children joined the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association last year and they know how important the 164<sup>th</sup> was to their father John. She stated that if you have children or grand children have them join - - become members. Her son Bill, a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the VFW in West Fargo, ND, said "the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry saved the world" and it was important to dad. Edith stated that her husband, John said that "we were better than brothers, each depended on each other".

President Wagner stated that Company "G" has blue cap's for sale at \$6.50 each. This is a project of Company "G".

Mr. Dahl made a motion for the meeting to ajourn. Seconded by Louis Hanson, voted on and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours, 25 September 2004.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY BEN KEMP,  
SECRETARY/TREASURER.**

## WE HAVE A NEW EDITOR

Shirley J. Olgeirson has agreed to be the new editor of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry newsletter. Shirley is a retired LTC, with 25 years of active duty with the army national guard and served in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Storm. She will take over as the editor on the next newsletter - Spring of 2005.

## \$164 DOLLAR WINNERS

The following three (3) members of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association had their names drawn at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion. Each member will be issued a check for the amount of \$164.00.

Arthur Schmaltz  
2767 East Street  
Niles, MI 49120

Gordon St. Claire  
PO Box 1183  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502

Neil Tennyson  
18245 Osborne Street  
Northridge, CA 91325

# Personnel Attending the 59th Annual 164th Reunion

In Valley City, North Dakota on 24/26 September 2004 (by unit)

## 164th Infantry Regimental Headquarters Company

Dennis R. Ferik ..... Santa Fa, NM  
Wendell W. Wichmann ..... Cockeysville, MD  
Gerald M. Skogley ..... Bismarck, ND  
Elroy O. Greuel ..... Casselton, ND  
Gordon, St. Claire ..... Detroit Lakes, MN  
Vernon W. Bogner ..... Tigard, OR  
Elmer Montgomery ..... Manvel, ND

## 164th Infantry Regiment, Service Company

Dennis R. Ferik ..... Santa Fa, NM  
Vern R. Fetch ..... Bismarck, ND  
Alba Clancy ..... Buffalo, ND  
Ken Shaver ..... Bethel, MN

## 164th Infantry Regiment Anti-Tank Company

Ralph H. Oehlke ..... Kathryn, ND  
Charles Walker ..... Pembina, ND  
Ruth (Clifford) Myhre ..... Devils Lake, ND  
Bernice (Julean) Lee ..... Fargo, ND  
John Straus ..... Lisbon, ND

## 164th Infantry Regimental Medics

John Goven ..... Valley City, ND  
Gerald Sanderson ..... Willow City, ND

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Ralph Oehlke ..... Kathryn, ND

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Charles Walker ..... Pembina, ND  
Elmer Montgomery ..... Manvel, ND

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Warren Ventsch ..... Valley City, ND  
Wendell W. Wichman ..... Cockeysville, MD  
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Joseph A. Castagneto ..... Lincoln, AL  
Allen Schuldt ..... Valley City, ND

### Company B

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Charles Walker ..... Pembina, ND  
Charles T. Bell ..... Newport Beach, CA  
Sybill Pepple ..... Fessenden, ND  
Robert Barr ..... Oakland, CA  
Dennis Larson ..... Fargo, ND  
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Russ Elvrum ..... Washburn, ND  
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Raymond D. Conlon ..... Minot, ND

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Treumann Lykken ..... Grand Forks, ND

### Company D

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Ernest F. (Sparky) Aufero ..... Vero Beach, FL  
Douglas F. McMahon ..... Minot, ND  
Wendell W. Wichmann ..... Cockeysville, MD  
Joe Poleschock ..... Max, ND  
Henry A. Violet ..... Leeds, ND

## 164th Infantry Regimental Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion

Charles H. Walker ..... Pembina, ND  
Louis J. Hanson ..... Jamestown, ND

### Company E

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Louis J. Hanson ..... Jamestown, ND  
Clair Tongen ..... Cavalier, ND

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Rudolph Edwardson ..... Detroit Lakes, MN  
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Earl Johnson ..... Grand Coulee, WA  
George Hopkins ..... Jamestown, ND

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### Company I

None

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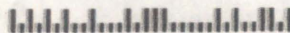
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