



34th INFANTRY DIVISION

ASSOCIATION



# Newsletter

## 500 Attend 34th Infantry Division Reunion

The 34th Division Reunion held at the Hyatt House in Des Moines, Iowa proved to be very informative, interesting and an all around good time.

Registration began Friday the 10th of September, followed by a real old time "Mixer" that gave everyone a chance to chat about the days of old. The mixer was held in a place the Des Moines Chapter called the "Red Bull Pen". Members registered from all over these United States. The greatest distance traveled were members from Hawaii, who during World War II were members of the famed 442d Infantry Regiment attached to the 34th Infantry Division.

Saturday was continuing registration with the ladies attending a Brunch and then touring some scenic areas around Des Moines. at the Hyatt House the Presidents Luncheon and the General Meeting was conducted. Happy Hour followed with two hours of real bull sessions before the banquet.

The banquet was presented in a Hawaiian Theme honoring the guest speaker the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator from Hawaii, a former member of the 442d Infantry Regiment. Students from Drake University who were residents of Hawaii were invited to attend lending to the Hawaiian theme, and to greet Senator Inouye upon his arrival at the reunion.



GUEST SPEAKER OF THE 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION WAS THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE, UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM HAWAII. A MEMBER OF THE FAMED 442D INFANTRY REGT ATTACHED TO THE 34TH DIVISION DURING WORLD WAR II, THE SENATOR RECEIVED A BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION AND WAS RETIRED AS A CAPTAIN IN 1944. DURING HIS TOUR OF DUTY HE WAS AWARDED THE DSC, BRONZE STAR, PURPLE HEART WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER. (Photo By SP Sandahl AGO Special Projects)

Guests at the reunion were the Adjutant General of Iowa and his wife Major General and Mrs Joseph G. May the Commander of the 132d Tactical Fighter Wing, Iowa Air National Guard Brigadier General and Mrs Roger W. Gilbert and the Des Moines City Manager and his wife Mr and Mrs Tom Chenoweth.

Dancing to the music of the 34th Army Band followed the banquet. A real enjoyable time was had by all. "Make Plans to attend the one this year." You will have a ball.

## Secretary's Report

We presently have just short of 300 paid-up members for the year of September 1970 to September 1971. Our big receipt of memberships result from this mailing. We almost had 1000 paid-up members last year. We need you to send in your dues and encourage your buddies to do the same. Take advantage of the enclosed extra card to make sure the people you know get back in the Association and become active members. To continue to receive Association Information you must be a paid-up member and keep us posted on your address changes.

### 34th Inf Div Histories

The Des Moines Chapter of the Association has available Volume I and Volume II paper bound histories of the 34th Infantry Division for \$1.00 each. (\$.25 mailing charges) Volume I is "Louisiana to Pisa" and Volume II "Pisa to Final Victory". Send your request to:

Secretary  
Des Moines Chapter  
34th Infantry Division Association  
P.O. Box 616  
Des Moines, Iowa 50303

The histories will also be available at the National Reunion at Cedar Rapids Iowa 10,11,12 September 1971.

*Sent 6/29/71  
\$ 2.50*

### Membership Rosters

Paid up membership rosters are available from your secretary for \$.25 each. Send request to:

National Secretary  
34th Infantry Division Association  
P.O. Box 616  
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34TH ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND HIS WIFE ARE SHOWN VIEWING SOME OF THE OFFICIAL SIGNAL CORPS COMBAT PHOTOS ON DISPLAY IN THE RED BULL PEN AT THE REUNION. SEVERAL HUNDRED PICTURES, BATTLE MAPS, NEWS CLIPPINGS AND OTHER HISTORICAL ITEMS ON THE 34TH DIVISION WERE ON DISPLAY.



"HAPPY HOUR" A LARGE CROWD GATHERED IN THE BULL PEN FOR REFRESHMENTS PRIOR TO THE BANQUET. MANY TALES WERE TOLD OF THE AFRICAN, ITALIAN AND LOUISIANA CAMPAIGNS.

## 1970 Reunion

Do you know that the 1970 reunion had so much in the program and so much entertainment for you they actually lost money while presenting the most informative reunion in 20 years. If you were not there you missed a tremendous display of 34th Infantry Division articles and items that were displayed in a most professional way. Comments were loud and clear and these displays will be made available to the Cedar Rapids Chapter for inclusion in their reunion. Don't miss this one.



THE BANQUET ROOM WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY AT THE 23rd ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION. ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE PRESENTED A LEI THAT WAS WORN TO THE BANQUET. TABLES AND WALLS WERE DECORATED IN A HAWAIIAN MOTIF.

## Information

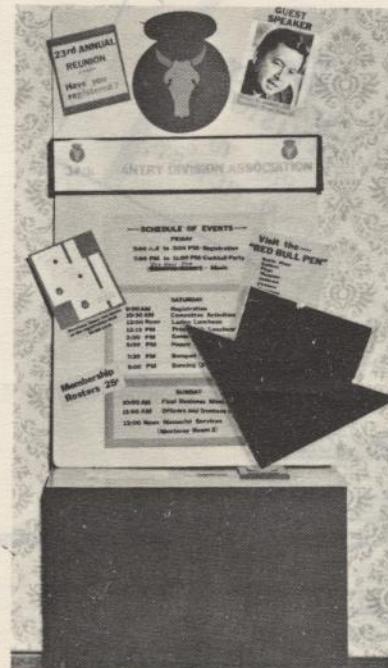
Are you getting a 34th Infantry Division Association mailing or do you hear of people that are not?. If so drop us a line and verify your paid-up membership and address so we can get the information to you. (This is the first mailing for 1971)

## Planning Corner

Your President, Harry Lown is meeting with the 1971 Reunion Committee at Cedar Rapids, Iowa this month, for planning and business of the Reunion scheduled for September 10, 11, 12, 1971. Make your plans now to attend. The name of the Motel or Hotel will be announced in future mailings.

## Please Return

During the recent reunion at the Hyatt House in Des Moines, Iowa some individual "BORROWED" the 168th Infantry Regiment Crest and name plate from a display. It was displayed in case some members were interested in purchasing same, they would have the address. It would be appreciated if the individual is through with it that it be returned. "Thank You"

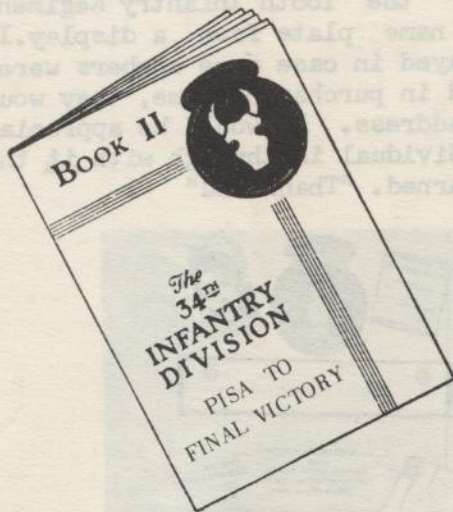
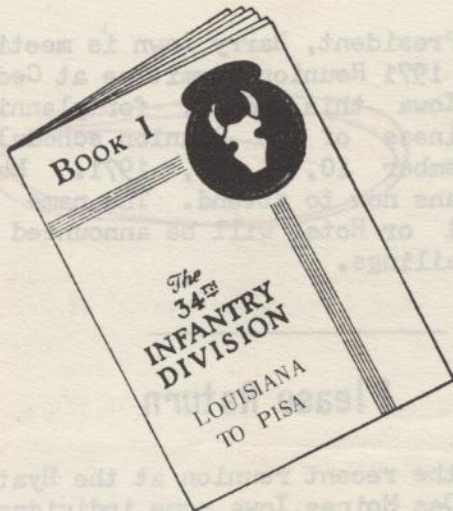


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The 34th

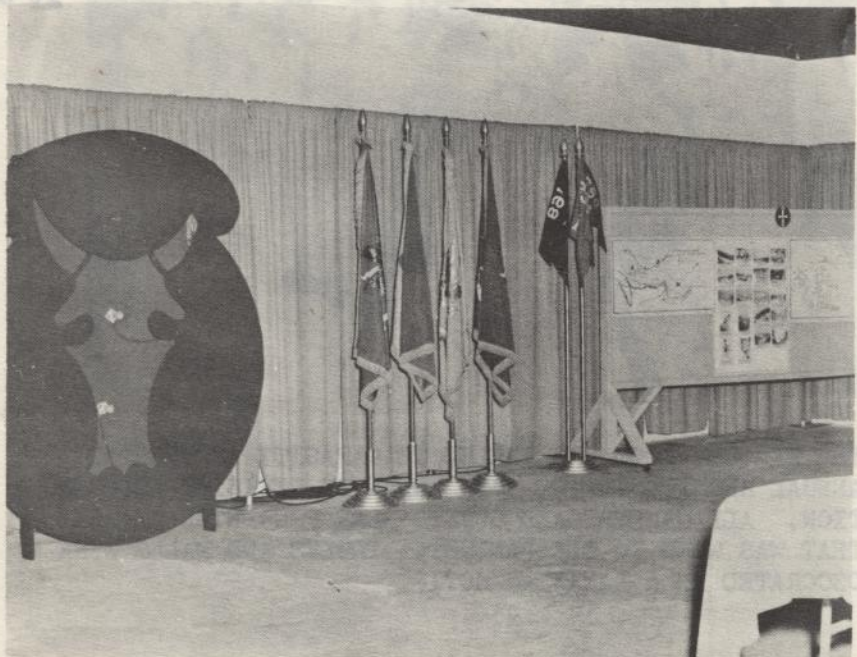


We Haven't  
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You !

"ON SALE AT THE DES MOINES CHAPTER"  
\$1.00 each



MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH G. MAY, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA AND A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IS SHOWN ADDRESSING THE GUESTS AT THE BANQUET OF THE 23D ANNUAL REUNION. AT THE LEFT IS SENATOR INOUE.



PORTION OF THE FLAG AND PICTURE DISPLAY IN THE BULL PEN, BROUGHT FORTH MANY COMMENTS FROM 34TH MEMBERS.

OFFICERS

PAST PRESIDENT DURING REUNION  
Eldon Johnson Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Harry Lown Iowa Falls, Iowa

DES MOINES CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
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Dues

Dues (\$2.00) pay your membership from 1 September, or easier yet to say from one reunion to the next reunion. Send yours in NOW.