



## 34th Infantry Division Association

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IVAN DELP  
PRESIDENT

### NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2002

#### Reunion Report

The Red Bulls descended upon the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines with a Recon In Force.

Registration activities and hellos went without a shot.

The Past Presidents Luncheon was attended by 10 Past Presidents and 5 other officers and guests. Discussion of many issues was conducted including how to improve our committee's responsibilities.

A hot afternoon was spent at the Camp Dodge National Maintenance Training Center. Mr. Bob Holiday and Terry Boetcher of the Iowa Gold Star Museum Memorial Board made an excellent presentation on the Battle of the Bulge-Both of their fathers were killed during this battle. The Hospitality Room was opened with refreshments and comradary.

This was followed by an evening buffet. The Jasper County Boys – a civil war songfest with period costumes – was well received by all. The day was topped off with an ice cream sundae.

Saturday President Charles Radford conducted a rip-rowsing business meeting with 45 Members and 10 Ladies in attendance. The meeting started with the presentation of colors by the Hoover High School-Red Bull-Junior ROTC Color Guard. (They have chosen

to honor the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Division by adopting our Division name.) Darline Smith set the tone for our business with a special reading. Committee reports for Times and Place for the Reunions of 2003 and 2004, Nominations of Officers for the year 2002-2003, and 5 Resolutions were presented. Membership was brought up to date on a number of issues: (1) Establishment of an Association Web Site this year; (2) Renovation of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Memorial Highway Signs along US Highway 34 in Iowa; (3) Donation of \$35,000 by students of Bus Leapley's Junior High Classes, Bakersfield, CA, in the name of the Association for the World War II Memorial; (6) The possibility of awarding the Congressional Medal to 9 Mesquakie Indian Code Talkers from the 168 Infantry during WWII.

Five Resolutions were adopted:

- Thanking the Des Moines Chapter for hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion.
- Requesting the US Postal Service consider the 34<sup>th</sup> Division for a postage stamp for their outstanding service during WWII.
- Requesting the Department of the Army retain the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the current Force Structure.
- Thanking the Hoover High School Red Bull Junior ROTC

Color Guard for their exceptional participation in our opening ceremony.

- Thanking the Airport Holiday Inn for their excellent services making this a successful reunion.

After lunch we went to the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge where the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Division memorabilia and history is preserved and exhibited. An Art Opening was conducted on the special combat art of Rudolph C. Von Ripper. (Assigned to 34<sup>th</sup> Div) Some 27-art prints were introduced. The Iowa Gold Star Museum and a grant from the Iowa State Historical Society made this exhibition possible.

The evening activities began with the presentation of the colors by a color guard from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Division from Boone, Iowa. A splendid banquet of Iowa Chops or Turkey Tenderloins was served to 141 individuals. Three Widows and nine former Prisoners of War and nine persons attending their first reunion were recognized. Craig Johnson was presented the Army Commanders Award for Public Service (Medal) for his outstanding development of the Casualty Listing for the 34<sup>th</sup> Division during WWII. MAG GEN Rtd Gerald Miller former Division Commander gave the keynote address on the current posture of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Division and the impact of 9-11-01 on the units. The gavel was turned over to our new president Ivan Delp and Charles Radford received his Past-President's Hat, Plaque, and a hearty thank you from the membership.

Sunday morning 130 persons gathered for a stirring Memorial Service conducted by Chaplain Leighton McKeithen. Chaplain McKeithen's Sermon was most appropriate and "hit

home" with the reading of 214 names of those, reported to us as answering the Final Roll Call since our last reunion. (Copies of the Chaplain's remarks are available upon request.)

A breakfast buffet followed concluding the formal portion of the Reunion.

### Final Roll Call

214 Comrades that had answered their Final Roll Call were memorialized this reunion. Please keep us informed as you become aware of RED BULLS as they pass on so we can help get the word out to their buddies and so we can memorialize them at the next reunion.

**Let them Never Be Forgotten!**

### 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion Time & Place

Host: Council Bluffs Chapter

Date: 5,6,7 September 2003

(Early arrivals 4 Sep 2003)

Place: Ameristar Hotel & Casino  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Housing: Ameristar - \$109 + Tax  
1-877-462-7827

Holiday Inn - \$75 + Tax  
1-800-565-4329

Hampton Inns - \$65 + Tax  
1-800-426-7866

Make reservations by August 4, 2003.

Indicate you are with the 34<sup>th</sup> Div Assn.

Shuttle available from the Omaha

Airport. The Hotels are all

interconnected and activities will be at the Ameristar.

**SEE YOU THERE**

### 57<sup>th</sup> Reunion 2004

Host: Tri-States Chapter

Time and Place To Be Announced

Aberdeen, SD, while serving in the 109<sup>th</sup> Engineers.

Edward D. Cornell of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division is trying to find relatives of Sylvester D. Kaiser of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division who died of wounds in his arms. Send contact to Edward's daughter Janet Singaas. Address: 13920 Parkview Drive, Becker, MN 55308. e'mail: [sings@sherbtl.net](mailto:sings@sherbtl.net)

Paul A. Carachilo, 12 Hammond Ave, Carbondale, PA 18407. or e'mail [PaulCVet47@yahoo.com](mailto:PaulCVet47@yahoo.com) is looking for anyone that served with his father Anthony "Chick" Carachilo in Ciorlana, Italy – Hill 500 – Nov 1943. Co A 133<sup>rd</sup> Rgt or anyone with his mule train May 1945.

Mathew Parker, Coborn House, 3 Coborn Rd, London, E32DA, UK or e'mail [mpmparker@aol.com](mailto:mpmparker@aol.com). Is writing a book on the Cassino Battle and wishes to interview veterans. Contact him or this office.

### VILLISCA, IOWA

American Legion Post 251 of Villisca erected a monument honoring the World War II service of Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. The American Legion Post and other patriots of the community had the monument placed in the city park. The city of Villisca renamed the park: Red Bull Memorial Park.

### MAILING ROSTER

There has been several inquiries regarding the sale (printing costs) of our mailing roster. The officers and trustees have approved the sale of the mailing roster for \$4.00. These rosters will be available January 1, 2003.

### DUES

Printed on your mailing label is the last number of the year our records show you paid your dues. Our year is 1 September through 31 August. The current year 2002-2003 will read (3). If you last paid for the year 1995-1997 it will read (7). If you are a Life member it will read ( L ) and you do not owe annual dues. If our records are incorrect please contact us.

We will be unable to continue sending the newsletter to those showing 7,8,9, & 0 due to the high cost of printing and postage. To become current please send \$10 for the 2002-2003 year with the form provided. We want to remain in contact.

ACT NOW

### OPERATION TORCH

*The world is reminded that the 8<sup>th</sup> of November is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa. The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was among the first U.S. troops to participate in an assault on foreign soil in World War II. MG Ryder commanded the Eastern assault at Algiers using the 135<sup>th</sup> and 168<sup>th</sup> Regiments. The 135<sup>th</sup> entered the harbor and were fired upon by the French while still on their ships. They suffered casualties on the ships and on the docks. The 168th Regiment also suffered many casualties during their landing operations while the French were deciding which side to support. Let us not forget our comrades in arms that perished in that very first amphibious landing of World War II.*

### Trip to Italy

Contact: Howard Ashcraft (804) 740-7553, fax (804) 273-9727 or  
Tripmasters, Inc (800) 878-7800

Dates: April 28 – May 12, 2003  
Cut-off date: Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003  
Maximum: 55 (As of Oct 13 – 38)  
From Solerno to Lugano

GREAT TRIP – Get your Passports in  
order early.

### 442 RCT 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Host: 442 RCT  
Place: Honolulu, HI  
Date: 3-6 April 2003  
USS Missouri Tours, Home Grown  
Talent, Memorial at the National  
Cemetery of the Pacific at the  
Punchbowl, and much more! Make your  
reservations to the 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Club,  
933 Wiliwili St, Honolulu, HI 96826 –  
Travel agency: Pleasant Holidays 1-800-  
818-9080. If you have never attended a  
Reunion in Hawaii this is your best  
chance to attend one fantastic BASH!

### Tri-State Mini Reunion Florida

Dates: Feb 12 – 15, 2003  
Place: Leesburg, Florida  
Contact: Will & Marian Backstrom,  
1154 Paradise Dr, Lady Lake, FL 3219  
PH: (352) 753-9353 or e'mail  
1154@EARTHLINK.NET

### Tri-State Reunion

Date: 10 – 12 July 2003  
Place: Dayton, Ohio

### 135<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Volunteers Reunion

Time: 11-13 July 2003  
Place: Mankato, MN  
Held in conjunction with the dedication  
of a new \$6.5M Training Center. Vets  
of the 135<sup>th</sup> will be honored at a  
community parade with current members  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 135<sup>th</sup> Inf (Air Assault).  
Members of the 135<sup>th</sup> Volunteers raised  
over \$2000 for the reproduction of  
photos of members of the 135<sup>th</sup> who  
were recipients of the Medal of Honor.  
Contact: Herb Schaper, 1435 10<sup>th</sup> St  
South, New Ulm, MN 56073-3661.

### 109<sup>th</sup> Engineers Reunion

Projected Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of Sep  
2003  
Place: Rapid City, SD  
Contact: Clarence C. Carsner, 606  
Franklin St, Rapid City, SD, 57701 PH:  
605-343-2708

### Anzio Beachhead Veterans of 1944

Reunion May 2003 – Lancaster, PA  
Contact: Clyde E. Easter, 299 Panorama  
Dr, Fancy Gap, VA 24328 PH: (276)  
728-7293 Also a trip planned to Italy in  
2004.

### HELP WANTED

Ralph Kelly 814 River St,  
Belton, SC 29627 would like to contact  
members of Battery B 185<sup>th</sup> Field  
Artillery that participated in the Italian  
Campaign.

Ron Schwan 12917 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S.  
Burnsville, MN 55337 PH: (952) 894-  
9191. would like to contact persons that  
knew his father Thomas J. Schwan of

NEWSLETTER ITEM;

Craig Johnson is Sooo close to having the Division Casualty Listing 100% complete. If you have information on the following casualties, please advise Craig as soon as possible:

100th Infantry Battalion

Moriguchi, Rokuro	Co A <u>DATE</u> of death in October 1944
Takete, William H.	Co C <u>DATE</u> of death, month unknown
Tanaka, John Y.	Co C <u>DATE</u> of death in January 1945

109th Medical Battalion

Westberry, William R	Company unknown, KIA 16 Apr 45
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125th Field Artillery Battalion

Eichor, Claude	Battery unknown, KIA 07 Dec 43
Erdmann, Alvin H	Battery unknown, KIA 31 May 44

133d Infantry Regiment

Allen, Robert	Company unknown, DOW 02 Mar 45
Cannon, Willie L	Company unknown, KIA 19 Dec 43
Lastousky, George F	Hq 1st Bn, DOW. Need date of death
Mc Cormick, William C	Co M, DOW. Need date of death
Meyers, Edward J	Company unknown. DOW. Need date of death
Paterno, Patrick J	Hq Co (I&R Plt) KIA. Need date of death
Ratcliff, Delbert	Company unknown. KIA 20 Nov 44

168th Infantry Regiment

Helbling, Ralph R	Company unknown. DNB 05 May 42
Kimmick, Ray K	Company unknown. KIA 28 May 44
Maxwell, Dean G	2 Lt Commando - Need date of death
McNamara, Timothy	Company unknown, KIA, Need date of death
Schwartz, Morris	Co L. DOW. Need date of death
Witters, David J	Company unknown DNB 11 FEB 43

More to be published in the next NEWSLETTER

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**Items – Price List - October 2002**

RED BULL Polo Shirts _____ (Size)	\$22.00	Unit Distinctive Insig(Crests) _____ (Rgt)	\$5.00
RED BULL Caps	9.00	Unit Distinctive Insig (Mini) _____ (Rg)	4.25
RED BULL Patch	1.50	Combat Infantry Badge (Mini)	3.25
RED BULL Window/Decal	1.50		
RED BULL Neckties	9.00	RED BULL Insignia Pins	3.50
RED BULL Coffee Cups	6.00	US Flag Lapel Pin	2.00
RED BULL Refrigerator Magnets	1.75	US Flag/34 <sup>th</sup> Assoc Key Tags (Metal)	3.50
RED BULL Memo Pads, 50 shts	2.50		
3 pads	7.00	TOTAL: \$ _____	
*RED BULL Metal Plaque – 4 1/2 x 6	\$77.00		
- 8 x 10	\$134.00	Shipping: \$ _____	Note: Add reasonable postage for other items.
(Add \$3.00 Shipping for Plaques)			

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- ( ) Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Annual Membership (2002-2003) in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. Period – 1 Sep 2002 thru 31 Aug 2003)
- ( ) Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Associate Membership (2002-2003) in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. (Annual Fee). (Period – 1 Sep 2002 thru 31 Aug 2003)
- ( ) Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. See fee schedule below. (No annual dues.)
- |           |       |                     |      |
|-----------|-------|---------------------|------|
| To age 60 | \$100 | At age 63           | \$70 |
| At age 61 | 90    | At age 64           | 60   |
| At age 62 | 80    | At age 65 or older. | 50   |
- ( ) Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial
- ( ) Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Association Operations Gift.

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_