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**NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 18, 2003**

**56<sup>th</sup> National 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

**Your Reservation Forms are enclosed.**

**SEE YOU THERE**

**Tri-State Reunion**

Date: 10 – 13 July 2003  
Place: Dayton North Holiday Inn  
Dayton, Ohio  
Contact: Ray Rudolph  
1460 Anderson Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15209

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

Time: 11-13 July 2003  
Place: Mankato, MN  
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

**Cemeteries Wreaths Presented**

As is our custom wreaths are to be presented at the North Africa, Sicily-Rome, and Florence American Cemeteries on behalf of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association one Memorial Day 2003. The embassy sends us photos of the wreaths.

**HELP WANTED**

We thank those that have given us their stories of army life. We still are looking for books, notes, journals, comments and the like. These are filed in the Iowa Gold Star Museum archives for researchers and casual reading – to get the other side of the War.

**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) – you are paid up until August 31, 2003. If you are a Life member it will read (L) and if you are a Widow that still wants to remain in contact it will read (W) - you do not owe annual dues. If our records are incorrect please contact us.

To become current please send \$10 for the 2002-2003 year with the form provided. We want to remain in contact.

**ACT NOW**

## 34<sup>th</sup> Division Stamp

Report: Our request is one of thousands that are placed on file with the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. Don't hold your breath.

## HELP WANTED

Carl R. Radtke of 1149 Alameda Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114 served with the Medical Detachment 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 168 Inf from May '41 to Jun '45. Carl is looking for 168 soldiers and especially Med Detachment personnel.

Ed W. Walters of the H Co and Cannon Co 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry wants to reach "buddies". He left Ft Dix in '42 on the first convoy and served thru Africa and Italy up to the Po Valley winter of '44. He can be contacted at 106 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Ortley Beach, NJ 08751-1524.

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.

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## LOST RED BULLS

Does anyone know these Red Bulls? They could not be reached by the last mailing:

Matthew Taraborelli  
Declan P. McGrath  
Ray W. Morrison  
Thomas A. McCormick  
T.P. McArthur  
James R. Murray

## BILL MAULDIN

Bill Mauldin, the famous WWII Cartoonist has answered his last Roll Call at age 81. He spent time with the 34<sup>th</sup> Division particularly with the 133<sup>rd</sup> Regiment in those days so long ago crawling up the hills of Italy with "Willie and Joe". Mauldin won a Pulitzer Prize in 1945 for his works depicting the "Dogface Soldier." He won a second Pulitzer in 1959 while at the *St Louis Post-Dispatch*. He then worked for the *Chicago Sun-Times* for 30 years creating cartoons that depicted life, as it was in these United States from humorous to tragic. To recognize the 34<sup>th</sup> and their long battle record, he captioned this one:

"Th' doc says it's nothing serious – just hardened arteries."



The Following Red Bulls names were read at the Memorial Service – Reported since the Reunion September 2002:

**FINAL ROLE CALL.**

**Two journalists are among those that have made their final roll call. Paul Gauthier and Homer Ankrum. They were significant in preserving the stories of the soldiers of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division!!!!**

Tom Allen  
Homer Ankrum  
Robert Angel  
Sam Argos  
Amil Backstrom  
Ashburton "Bud" Bailey  
LeRoy Bell  
Byron O. Benjamin  
Irvin Beyl  
Chester Bills  
Alex Brimberry  
Wilfred Carroll  
Jake Castle  
Rex Castle  
Walter Courts  
George Doble  
Kenneth Edwards  
Joe Flynn  
Merle Fuller  
James Furey  
Paul Gauthier  
Michael Graziono  
Albert Guiglo  
James Halench  
Walter A. Haugen  
Lawrence E. Hartzell  
Archie Hirsch  
Stanley Humphries  
Sari Jimenz  
Don Jones  
Walter Johnson  
Les Kearney  
William Kenevich  
Alfred Kirchner  
Robert Knie  
Lawrence Larson

Selmer "Sammy" Lillehaug  
Francis Lindquist  
Lowell Lynn  
Waldo A. Maki  
Earnest Maxon  
Stanley McDonald  
Charles Merada  
Thomas Miller  
Zed Miller  
Jimmie North  
Nick Pakis  
Richard Pallamounter  
Jack Paraval  
Claude Pleas  
Stanley W. Rhone  
Herbert C. Rogers  
LeRoy Rolstad  
John Roney  
Gordon Ruhle  
James Runtich  
Jens Sahl Jr

Vernon Schliesman  
George Seim  
Robert W. Selzer  
Vince Senise  
Gordon K. Shannon  
Edgar Slagle  
Gordon K. Spillman Sr  
Arthur Spilman  
Froman Squires  
Melvin Therkildsen  
George Thomas  
Julius Tinko  
George Urgo  
Paul Vaugham  
Jim Von Epers  
Willie West  
Marv Wilhite  
Ronald Woodin

**May they have no hills to climb or cold or rain or mud or enemy fire.**

**Our Nisei brothers report the following:**

Tatsuo Abe  
Bumpei Akaji  
Norio Akutagawa

Wallace Chinen  
 Mitsuru Doi  
 Richard Endo  
 Masao Fujimoto  
 George Goto  
 Jack Kojin Gushiken  
 Harumi Harata  
 William Hagio  
 George Hagiwara  
 Susumu Hata  
 James Horikoshi  
 Halo Hirose  
 Stanley Hamamura  
 George Ikinaga  
 Tanao Ito  
 Benjamin Ishibashi  
 Tom Kashiwabara  
 Asao Kase  
 Masaru Kadomoto  
 Edward Itsuo Kajiwara  
 John Ko  
 Arthur Kikukawa  
 Takeji Kinoshita  
 James Kurata  
 Tooru Joe Kanazawa  
 Tameji Matsushige  
 Wataru Michioka  
 George Morishima  
 Isao Nadamoto  
 Seichi Nagamine  
 Roy K Nakamura  
 Thomas T Nakamura  
 Edward Nakao  
 James N Noji  
 Seiichi Oshiro  
 Jou Okitsu  
 Walter Shibata  
 Francis Sugai  
 Miles Shima  
 Masato Suehiro  
 William Saito  
 James Tadashi  
 William Takaezu  
 Iwao Takamori  
 Tetsuo Takeoka  
 Mikio Mike Takahasi  
 Masasuke Toma  
 Kiyoshi Uyeno  
 Tadashi Umamoto

Sakae Watanabe  
 Yutaka Watanabe  
 Jack Kuniyoshi Wakamatsu  
 Ralph Yempuku  
 Ralph Hitoshi Yoshioka  
 Jack Yoshimoto  
 Eichi Yonashiro  
 Richard Yamamoto

**Final Role Call after Reunion :**

Richard Moss – Assn Treas 36  
 yrs/Sec 12 yrs  
 Kenneth Jones  
 George Roufs  
 Ray Puterbaugh

**Cemetery Wreaths Presented**

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**DOG TAGS FOUND**

Dog Tags were found in the Villa Delle Maschere near the Futa Pass. Do any of you recognize these names?

Wefko Walter	Glass Rowen Jr
32018122 T44 A	35882772 T44 0
C	P

Shrader Gillford	House C House
34058338 T43 A	33731427 T42-43 A
P	P

Charles A Barton	Eva L Barton
35226858T42 0	713 UTICA ST
	Toledo OHIO P

Simones Christo J	CPL G. O'Donnell
31153719 T43-44 0	38028315
P	4525 J

Contact the Association if you have info.



## COUNCIL BLUFFS CHAPTER

34th Inf. Div. Ass'n.

The Council Bluffs, Iowa Chapter invites you to attend the 56<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. The reunion will be held on 4, 5, 6, & 7 September 2003.

Some of you may recall the last reunion held in Council Bluffs in September of 1999. It was a memorable reunion, one which we shared many memories and visited the many interesting sites in this area.

We are working hard to bring you another great reunion and we sincerely hope you will be able to join many of your comrades in arms. This year the reunion will be held at the Ameristar Hotel and Casino. It is a first class facility. They have assured us that everyone would receive a courteous welcome and extended assistance as needed.

We have also booked rooms at two adjoining hotels, The Holiday Inn and the Hampton Inn. These are directly connected to the Ameristar Hotel and you will find them adequate and accessible to all the scheduled events. They are somewhat lesser in costs, however, if you are somewhat limited physically, you may want to save a few steps and stay at the Ameristar.

Enclosed you will find registration form and hotel information. Also we are sending you a brief of the program and planned events. We are continuing to plan for entertainment and tours to offer a great time here in the Council Bluffs/ Omaha area. Program is on the back of this letter.

The members of our Chapter promise you a hearty welcome and a memorable time. We sincerely hope to see you in September.

Bob Wege  
President, Chapter 7  
34<sup>th</sup> Division Assoc

Lloyd Jerome  
Sec'ry/ Treas

**Thursday, September 4, 2003**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration

2:00 - 4:00 PM Memorabilia display  
Boardroom

2:00 - 9:00 PM Hospitality Room

**Friday, September 5, 2003**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration

9:00 - 5:00 PM Memorabilia display  
Boardroom

10:00 AM - ??? Hospitality Room

10:30 AM - 4:30 PM Tours

5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 - 8:00 PM Buffet  
Grand Ballroom

8:00 - ???

**Saturday, September 6, 2003**

7:30 - 9:30 AM President's Brunch  
Waterfront

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration

10:00 - 11:30 AM Opening Ceremonies  
and Business meeting  
Grand Ballroom

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Memorabilia Room  
Boardroom

11:30 AM - 4:30 PM Tours

5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 - 7:30 PM Banquet  
Grand Ballroom

Hospitality Room open after evening events

**Sunday, September 7, 2003**

7:00 - 8:00 AM Memorial Service  
Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 9:30 AM Breakfast buffet  
Grand Ballroom

10:00 - 11:00 AM Business meeting

7 May 2003

DECEASED - SINCE 2002 REUNION

Homer Ankrum

LeRoy Bell

Irvin Beyl

Chester Bills

Alex Brimberry

Wilfred Carroll

Jake Castle

Rex Castle - Walter Courts

Kenneth Edwards

James Furey

~~Paul Gaither~~ Gauthier

Albert Guiglo

James Furey

Archie Hirsch

Stanley Humphries

Walter Johnson

Les Kearney

William Kenevich

Alfred W. Kirchner

Robert A. Knie

Francis Lindquist

Lowell Lynn

Stanley McDonald

Charles W. Merada

Thomas W. Miller

Zed Miller

Jimmie North

Nick Pakis

Claude Pleas

Stanley W. Rhone

LeRoy Rolstad

James Runtich

Vernon Schliesman

George Seim

Vince Senise - Gordon K. Shan

Arthur W. Spilman

Fromun Squires

George W. Thomas

Julius Timko

George Urgo

Jim Von Epers

Willie West