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34th Infantry Division Association
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REPORT ON 2007 REUNION

The Reunion for 2007 will be in Des Moines, Iowa, 6-9 September 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suits, Des Moines Northwest.

Reservations will be made by individuals at the Hotel by phoning 515-278-4755. Travel will be provided by the Hotel to and from the Des Moines International Airport.

The registration fee will be \$100.00 per person. This will pay for the Friday night buffet, Saturday night and Sunday meals, plus any transportation and entertainment.

Room rates at this time are as follows:
Double-Queen \$72.00,
Executive King (4 Guests) \$72.00;
Jr. King Suite (4 guests) \$92.00

CORRECTIONS:

Trusties: 3 Year – David Holmes
Should read RICHARD HOLMES

The **109th Engineer Bn** of WWII will hold their annual reunion on 14, 15, 16 Sept 07 in Rapid City, SD. Contact Clarence Carsner, 606 Franklin St, Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone 605-343-2708

HELP WANTED.

We are still looking for stories of your army life- funny or sad. – Books, notes, journals, letters home etc. They will be archived in the museum under the 34th Division file for researchers, historians, and casual readers alike. You are a potential library of stuff the army experience is made of. Thank You.

National Office

CHANGES:

The National Office is located at the Iowa Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge in the suburb of Johnston. Address:

34th Infantry Division Association
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Johnston, IA 50131-2416

The acting National Secretary is:
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Final Roll Call since Last Newsletter:

Kenneth T. Brown

Dale Davis

Robert C. Forney

George W. Forde

Jerry L. Gorden (Secretary/Treasurer)

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Ray Simber

Richard Mayo Throckmorton

New Life Time Members

Clyde Easter

Martin Tanne

Marion Strickler

DO YOU RECALL ??

Thomas Rosell of Co I ? Served in Italy.
Please contact Louis Carrosino at 1548 S.
Angeline St, Seattle, WA 98108-1952

Robert F. Allen, HQ's, 34th Inf Div:
Please contact Glenda Litteken, # 4 Milky Way
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Edward Andres, C Co, 133rd Inf,
wounded Jan 11, 1943, Please contact Mr.
Lynn Jensen, 2065 N. Highway 38, Brigham
City, UT 84302



JERRY LEE GORDEN Past Secretary / Treasurer of the 34th Div Assn.

Jerry L. Gorden, son of Earl and Fannie June (Post) Gorden was born in Spencer, Iowa, August 31, 1937. At the age of ten, his father was killed in a farming accident. When his mother remarried, they returned to Spencer. He passed from this world on Feb 4, 2007.

In 1954, Jerry joined the Iowa National Guard. In 1955, he graduated from Spencer HS. In 1957, he graduated from Graceland College and married to Nancy D. Doty, Miami, OK.

Further education came with the Guard. He completed Officer's Candidate School, Ft. Sill, OK and later was an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He received his BA degree from Western Illinois University.

Jerry served in a variety of command and staff positions. Highlights were within the 194th Field Artillery and Military Police. Was also a state training officer, director of HRO, Chief of Staff during the return of soldiers from Desert Storm. Additionally he was the Task Force Commander and Staff Planner for state emergencies that included civil disturbances, tornadoes and flood recovery. He was the Traffic Control Planner for the visit of Pope John Paul in 1979 and the State Emergency Operations Military Commander for the flood of 1993 in Des Moines, Iowa. Decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iowa Distinguished Service Medal, National Guard Bureau Distinguished Service and various other medals and ribbons.

Jerry had federal recognition as the rank of Colonel and was promoted to Brigadier General (Iowa) upon his retirement in 1993, after 39 years of service. After retirement he moved into the ICN and later became the director of the Iowa Gold Star Museum, at Cp Dodge, serving for six years. He was the national secretary-treasurer for the 34th Infantry Division Association.

Jerry was an ordained minister of the Community of Christ serving in a number of responsibilities within the twenty-plus congregation of Central Iowa. To the Guard member, this was his opportunity not only to worship, but to serve in the sacraments.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Johnston. Son: Steven K. Daughter: Sherry B. Long, His 2nd daughter, Shelly Ann preceded him in death. His memorial service was held at the National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, in Johnston on Saturday, Feb 10th. Burial was at the Ridge Hill Cemetery in Johnston. Memorials may be directed to the Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge, or as individual choices.



Des Moines Chapter, 34th Infantry Division Association

The Des Moines Iowa Chapter invites you to attend the 60th annual reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association.

The reunion will be held 6 - 9 September 2007 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Some of you may recall the last reunion held in Des Moines in September 2005. It was a memorable reunion, one which we shared many memories and visited interesting places in the area.

We are working to bring you another great reunion and sincerely hope you will be able to attend and join your comrades in arms.

This reunion will held at the Holiday Inn North on Merle Hay Road as was the 2005 reunion. It is a first class facility and they have assured us that they will do everything to ensure a courteous welcome and extend assistance as needed.

Enclosed you will find the registration form and hotel information.

On the back of this letter you will find a brief outline of events and schedule as of this date.

Our Chapter promises you a hearty welcome and a memorable time.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

If you are arriving by air, the hotel has complimentary shuttles from the airport to the hotel and return. Please contact them from their courtesy phone or call: 515-278-4755 . Phones are located in the baggage claim area.

**Don Prock
President, Des Moines Chapter, 34th Inf Div Association**

**Kenneth Andresen
Secretary/Treasurer**

REUNION 2007 SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Registration - 12PM Missouri room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 12PM - Illinois room, Lower level, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, September 7, 2007

Registration 9AM - 7 PM- Missouri Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 9 AM - ?; Illinois Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Bus Trip to Camp Dodge - Leave Hotel at 1:30 Pm
Free Time - 4:30 - Until - 6 PM
Buffet - 6PM Salon C, Lobby area, main floor
"Entertainment - After meal"

Saturday 8, September , 2007

Registration - 8AM - Missouri Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 8 AM - ? - Illinois room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Presidents Brunch 7:30 Am- Bennigan's East
Business Meeting: 10 AM - Salon C - Main Lobby
Bus tour of Terrace Hill, Iowa Governors Mansion
Social Hour: 5 PM - Cash Bar.
Banquet - 6 PM - Heartland South, Lobby Area Entrance
Entertainment afterwards by 34th Army Band Combo

Sunday 9, September 2007

Memorial Service - 7 AM - Heartland South
Breakfast Buffet - 8:30 AM - Heartland South
Officers/Trustees Meeting - 10- AM Missouri Room, Lower Level
Dismissed - Have a safe trip home