

95th Anniversary

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At right: Jim and Bev Spivey
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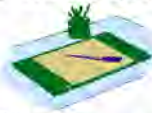
There's still time to pay your 2012-13 \$20 Dues - R U pd? check your mailing label!

President Jim Spivey's message: Greetings Tough 'Ombres. For the past few weeks, Executive Committee members have been sending notes to each of you. We are doing this in order to make personal contact with everyone and to discover who is still an active member of the Association. Your responses to our letters will enable us to update the membership roster and to validate addresses for mailing newsletters. We also want to make sure everyone is aware the 2013 reunion will be held 25-28 July in Fort Worth at the same hotel where we met for the last reunion. Why Fort Worth *again*, and why a week *earlier* than usual? This location is in the middle of our largest population base; several 90th Sustainment Brigade units are within driving distance; and the date change avoids conflict with their drill week-end. Our goal is to make this reunion more accessible to those drilling Tough 'Ombres and their families. There is a growing interest in the Association among these younger Tough 'Ombres, and we need to do all we can to encourage them to join. This reminds us of the Battle Streamer Ceremonies we conducted at the Reunions in Washington (2004) and Louisville (2006). Those were replays of the one at Camp Barkley in 1942, when World War I veteran members of the Association attached their battle streamers to the colors of the new 90th Division. MG Doughty told us, "The WW I veterans wanted to pass on to their successors something they had built in the mud, sweat, and blood of another war . . . to bequeath the wealth they had accumulated; wealth in victories and in honor, in the best traditions of the service." That is what our Association is all about, isn't it? The emblems on our crest remind us of the sacrifices made not only at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne, but also on D-Day and in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and also through Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan. But we do more than just remember; we *honor* that memory. The 90th Division Association is truly a 'Legacy of Honor', and the best way we can honor that legacy is to pass it on to the next generation. Our newsletter and website are vital to that mission. Dues support them both. \$20 is such a small price that we sometimes forget to pay. So as year-end approaches, please make sure your dues are paid and consider making an additional contribution to the 500 Club. Every dollar counts towards keeping our members connected and passing on our legacy. Just a reminder: dues beginning our fiscal year July 1, 2013 will be \$30. As we reflect on God's grace at this time of year, may He richly bless you and your families and keep our troops safe, wherever they may be. Plan to join us at the reunion in Fort Worth and let's look forward to welcoming many new Tough 'Ombres into the ranks of our Association.

95th Annual Reunion - July 25-28, 2013 - Marriott DFW Airport South - Ft. Worth, TX

Editor, Rhoda Reid, writes...

Dear 90th Members,



Chaplain's Corner

Our 90th Chaplains,
BG [Ret] Jim Spivey
& W. Tom Ridlehuber



Surprised to get such a short newsletter ... and via 1st class mail? If you just read President Spivey's message on the front page, you know that a huge project began following the August 2012 Reunion. Fourteen Executive Committee members agreed to send the notes, which amounted to 158 names for each of the 14 who volunteered. Because 1 person was unable to fulfill the obligation, your President Spivey stepped up and took on an additional 158 names - WOW! Not all of the notes have gone out as yet, so if you have not received one [names from: Fields - Grote: Hron... - Kok... & Pollard - Sab....] or somewhere else in the alphabet, the writers are still working on them. One of the important messages in the note is that the Executive Committee agreed at the Reunion it was time to increase yearly dues from \$20 to \$30, **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013**, which is the start of the 90th's Fiscal year. They also agreed that IF you pay your 2013-2014 dues PRIOR to July 1, 2013, you can pay \$20 & you will be paid in full. There have been many of you who have already done so, which the Association greatly appreciates. For those who responded to the notes and sent the \$30, you already know that your new membership cards reflect that you are also a 2013-2014 Member of the 500 Club [any donation amount above the \$20]. For those who pay July 1, 2013 or later, \$30 is for dues, so any amount above that would make you a 500 Club Member. So why such a short newsletter this time? President Spivey and Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Reid agreed it was necessary due to lack of enough people paying dues which is what supports the newsletter costs. On the enclosed dues form, you will see that as of 12/10/12, only 543 of now a reduced number of 2163 members have bothered to pay 2012-13 dues. The Association cannot support a lengthy newsletter with so few paying dues. I have LOTS of information that has been sent in for publication that I am not able to print in this issue - maybe not ever, if funds don't come in. My apologies to those who have sent some great items for inclusion. I'm not even able to print the many Memorials or a report on the 2012 Reunion! I did include "Call of Taps" List which is important to many. You should also know as a result of the personal notes, we have had to delete almost 100 names so far. The good news? Many have sent in their dues because of the notes! Thank You! It appears our various Post Offices are not being efficient, because they are "required" to return undeliverable newsletters [costs \$.50 per letter returned], and we have not been getting many back. So mailing this 1st class will further help in cleaning up the mailing roster! Merry **Christmas** & A Blessed New Year! Rhoda

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the greatly abbreviated newsletter, a Chaplain's message is not included. However, here are 3 statements from the December, 2012/January, 2013 issue of "**Reminisce**" Magazine [bottom of page 61] that are absolutely true & worth your serious contemplation: 1. "**Fight TRUTH decay. Study the Bible daily.**" 2. "**Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.**" 3. "**It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.**"

<p>The American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses</p>	<p>MARCH OF DIMES It is called the March of Dimes because <u>only a dime for every 1 dollar is given to the needy.</u></p>	<p>The United Way President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.</p>	<p>UNICEF CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k permonth) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. <u>Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.</u></p>	<p>GOODWILL CEO and owner Mark Curran profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. <u>\$0.00 goes to help anyone! Stop giving to this man.</u></p>
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Instead, give it to ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD. DON'T FORGET YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING YOUR CHURCH:

<p>The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. <u>96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.</u></p>	<p>The American Legion National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>
<p>The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>Make a Wish: For children's last wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.</p>	<p>St. Jude Research Hospital 100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and can not afford to pay.</p>	<p>Ronald McDonald Houses All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.</p>	<p>Lions Club International 100% OF DONATIONS GO TO HELP THE BLIND, BUY HEARING AIDES, SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. THEIR LATEST UNDERTAKING IS MEASLES VACCINATIONS (ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).</p>

Barbara Wells-Kime - "I'm forwarding a link sent to me by **Gail Fowler**, who is the **daughter of James Shockley**. The article features James Shockley. He was in the 90th Division, 359th, Co. I. He was with my uncle when my uncle was killed. I thought you would like to have the information and perhaps reprint in the newsletter."

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20121207/WIC01/31207000>

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PAY YOUR 2012-2013 DUES!!

2 [2/Pearl-Harbor-inspired-Salisbury-man-fight](http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20121207/WIC01/31207000)



CALL OF TAPS

90th - Kelley, William J., Signal CO - 6-13-12; **Staples, Warren P.**, "Signal CO - 12-21-11; **315th - Dillstrom, D. D.**, Eng.; **343rd FA Bn - Yuhasz, T/4** Julius - 2-25-12; **344th FA Bn - Lind, Milton Eugene** - 4-18-12; **Warner, John L.**; **345th FA Bn - 357th - Crinnian, John F.**, E CO - 1-9-11; **Gancarski, Edward**, E CO - 4-12; **Gedaro, Rocco "Rocky" N.**, C CO - 9-21-11; **Hasse, Fred D.**, HQ CO; **Kasson, Arthur T., Sr.**, G CO; **LeShay, Dr. Philip**, D CO - 11-5-11; **Roberts, Robert "Chink"**, I CO - 5-21-12; **Taylor, John L.**, H CO - 4-14-12; **Ward, LTC Jack Warren**, HQ CO - 12-10; **358th - Culver, Clifford**, E CO - 11-22-12; **359th - Briley, Wilbur M. "Doc"**, HQ CO - 12-6-10 **Dyrdahl, Arnold**, HQ CO - 6-29-12; **Fitzgerald, Roy**, F CO - 8-15-12; **Mabon, W. Clarence** - 3-12-12; **Martin, Grant A.**, A CO - 11-10-11; **Paepke, Carl A.**, H CO - 4-18-12; **Pemberton, Howard L.**, M CO - 5-8-12; **Schauder, Capt Leroy W.**, Med Det. - 4-10-09; **Sear, Robert C.**, M CO - 12-13-11; **Thompson, Russel D.**, K CO - 8-17-12; **537/AAA - Whitty, Don**, Med Det - 2007; **773d TD Bn - Dziga, Joseph J.** - 8-18-10; **Fong, Joe Wayne** - 10-22-12; **Pacewicz, Mieczyslaw J.**, 9-26-12; **790th ORD - Heinemann, Joseph L.** - 9-13-97; **Ratcliff, Frank E.** - 5-1-12; **915th - Streit, Alfred** - 12-12-10; **Unit not Listed - Cochran, Obum M.** - 4-1999; **Mjoen, Gordon** - 2-14-10; **Sprinkles, Clifton**

FONG, Joe Wayne

He died in this city on October 22, 2012, at the age of 88. He was born in Sacramento on October 17, 1924. As the son of a launderer, Joe grew up in Yuba, where he attended Granite School, and then in Sacramento, where he went to Lincoln School. It was during his time at Sacramento High School that he developed a love for automobile machinery, a relationship that would resonate well into his later years. After graduation, and with the onset of World War II, Joe entered the United States Army, serving as a machine gunner in the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion of the 90th Infantry Division, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. It was during his stint with the "Tough Gumbies" that he was credited with shooting down a German ME-262 jet fighter while on operations along the Rhine River in 1945. After the war, Joe returned to Sacramento, attended Grant Technical College and then he and brother Robert became business men, opening up a gas station and repair garage at 1101 S Street. Through hard work and sound real estate investment, Joe retired at the age of 65. Soon after, he became active in Sacramento's Chinese American community, particularly through the Chinese American Council of Sacramento. Joe was also fond of the Sacramento Public Library and was happy to offer his time to the creation of oral histories and digital stories on his life. The longtime and Park resident was a sweet, caring person, who loved animals, and particularly cats.



He devoted a great portion of his life to the VFW Chung Mei Post 358 as a charter and active member.

He is survived by brother Robert (Faye), sisters: Mary Leong (Richard), Pat Woo (Ken), Dolores Chew and Roberta Pattee, sister-in-law Christine Fong. He leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by sisters Bernice Lee (Duffy) and Helen Wong (Arnold), brothers Jack and Michael (Christine) and former wife Dolly Wong.

Services will be at The Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 3810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA 95620, on November 7, 2012, at 11:30 a.m.

Kelley, William J 90th Signal



91, of Tempe, AZ passed away on June 13, 2012 in Pinetop, AZ. Bill was an Arizona native born in Douglas, AZ in 1920 to a pioneer family. He was one of seven children. His family moved to Ajo, AZ where he played basketball, baseball, football and track. He attended ASU on an athletic scholarship. He proudly served in the Army during WWII with the 90th division. He landed on Utah Beach, Normandy on D-Day and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Upon his return he met Patricia L. Gibbons at ASU who was his wife and partner for 65 years.

He worked for Scottsdale Public Schools for 34 years as a teacher, coach, high school administrator and district athletic director. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and a good party. He especially enjoyed summers in Pinetop and was a longtime member of White Mountain Country Club. He is one of the "greatest generation." Bill is survived by his wife Patty, daughters Kristie Moe (Frank), Kandice Kelley-Williamson (Tom), grandchildren James McCutchan, William McCutchan, Marie Sylvester, and Jake Williamson and great grandson William McCutchan. Brother Kay Doug Kelley (Barbara). Sisters Barbara Lazavich (Mike) and Hallie Slater and numerous nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Montie Kelley and brothers Albert Kelley and Robert Kelley, sister Roberta Hale. Memorial Services will be held on June 23rd at 11:00am at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7100 N. Mockingbird Ln, Scottsdale, AZ. In lieu of flowers please donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 7100 N. Mockingbird Ln, Scottsdale, AZ

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILES [IDPF's]

From Norm Richards, 90th Assistant Historian - "You can now e-mail requests for IDPF's.....requests now go to Ft. Knox, KY, instead of Alexandria, VA - Email requests to: foia.hrc@conus.army.mil In your request, include the following information: Cite the FOIA - NAME - RANK - UNIT - DATE OF DEATH Regards, Norm"

NOTICE!

THE "WITNESS TO WAR FOUNDATION" seeks to preserve the stories of WW2 Veterans - you can contact them by googling them on the internet.

ALSO... "THE DR. HAROLD C. DEUTSCH WORLD WAR II HISTORY ROUND

TABLE" is interested especially in veterans from Minnesota. Contact DON PATTON at: 7220 Fleetwood Drive - Edina, MN 55439 - Home: 952-941-5700 - Cell: 612-867-5144 - email: coldpatton@yahoo.com - or - www.mn-ww2roundtable.org

Reminder!

Address Change and / or Death Notice

- * If you are **NOT** receiving all the 90th Division Newsletters
- * If you **ARE** receiving the 90th Division Newsletters and do **NOT** want to receive them
- * If 90th Division Newsletters keep coming to a **DECEASED** person

It means the Association has **NOT BEEN NOTIFIED** of the proper changes! It not only upsets you, it also costs the Association \$\$\$ to have newsletters returned - or sent to people no longer living. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE REIDS OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES!**

There's still time to pay your 2012-2013 Dues!

Did YOU PAY \$20 for 2012-2013??





90th Members Out & About - & In the news!



Monument to the 90th built by Norbert Morbe in Berle` Luxembourg



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid,

My brother Alec and I had an amazing time at the 90th Infantry Division Reunion. We met a bunch of inspiring veterans with really good stories. We learned more than we could ever learn in school. It is our honor to have met and talk to some of the men responsible for our freedom. The jeep was interesting because we learned what kind of technology they had back then. Some of the stories that we heard were amazing and we will never forget them. We are so glad that we were invited. We can't wait to come back next year.

Sincerely,

Hector & Alec Lopez

Hector & Alec Lopez
(Pat & Donna Palma's grandsons.)

EDITOR: How could I NOT print this enchanting letter from 2 young lads who came with their grandparents to the Reunion for the first time! The Palmas chair the Reunion raffle

From our dear friend in Australia, Bruno Ehlich:

"Dearest Rhoda, Finally my time has come. I am undergoing this large operation to remove my last Kidney and Bladder and Prostate, I'll be in the hospital for 10-12 days and then going on Dialysis for the rest of my life. As you know, I got this cancer due to the agent Orange and many aircraft fuels and chemicals over twenty years in the service. I am thanking you for adding my story into the Newsletter. I hope that one day someone of the 357 will have an answer. It seems that with all those thousand GIs in the 357 can not remember anything any more. Well we all getting old. Rhoda and hubby, I send you all my love and hugs from me and Josie. May the good Lord bless you and the 90th. God bless America. Your friends from down under, Bruno and Josie Ehlich." [Ed.: send a note to Bruno: 61 Booker Road, Hawkesbury Heights - NSW 2777 AUSTRALIA - or - email him at: fredericke@bigpond.com] An up-date from his good friend, Vern Schmidt: "Bruno is now on daily dialysis - no kidney, no bladder, no colon from his recent surgeries...but no pain either. He still loves the Lord and the 90th Division Association. His surgeries went well." [Ed.: Those who were able to meet Bruno at the Corpus Christi Reunion, and those who heard and saw his message at the 2012 Reunion in Fort Worth know what a dear man he is and how he has suffered from cancer. Please pray for him! Josie too! Bruno would love to hear from you all!]

Monument to 90th Infantry Division in Mayenne, France - Built by the Association Meyenne WW2



Vincent Orriere, V.P. of the Association Mayenne-WW2 sent this photo. June 9, 2012, there was a ceremony here in Memory of the 90th Infantry Division soldiers who freed part of the North-Mayenne in August, 1944. Send emails: vini44@msn.com or: mayenneww2live.fr



Pictures sent by Bruno before his surgeries



2013 Reunion Information

DATE: JULY 25-28
Phone: 817-358-1700

Marriott
DFW AIRPORT SOUTH

4151 Centreport Boulevard
Fort Worth, TEXAS 76155



DFW Airport Marriott South

**Hotel is very centrally located near DFW
Airport; South of E/W Hwy 181 & just
East of N/S Hwy 360
Free Hotel Shuttle from /to DFW airport
Free parking for those driving**



Lobby

NOTE! If you are flying into LOVE FIELD Airport, there is no free shuttle. It is a fare based cab ride.

General Overview of Reunion Activities

This Hotel has a beautiful entry foyer where we will have our Hospitality Room for the duration of the Reunion. In a separate room, 90th Historian, Tyler Alberts, will have his "Mobile Museum" set up, and he will have pictures posted out in the foyer/hospitality area. On Saturday, he will have military vehicles in the hotel parking lot for people to explore, have pictures taken, etc. The 90th Division will "own" the hotel for the duration of our reunion, and the staff is absolutely wonderful, friendly, and eager to meet our needs and requests. There will be a hotel shuttle that you can make arrangements with for transportation to specified areas, and there is also a train nearby that will take you places in the area. If there is enough interest, arrangements will be made to make a trip to the Fort Worth Stockyards. According to the locals, there is not much to see there, and if the weather is the typical HOT July temperatures, this may not be a good thing to do.

Thursday night - Social Hour - Cash Bar

Dinner - menu to be determined

Friday Family Lunch - Menu and Program to be determined

Executive Committee Meetings

Ladies' activities - to be determined

Social Hour - Cash Bar

Friday Dinner - Menu and program to be determined

Saturday All Units Lunch - Menu and program to be determined

Saturday afternoon - General Meeting

Saturday afternoon - Ladies' activities - to be determined

Evening: Widowed & First Timers Reception

Social Hour - Cash Bar

Saturday Dinner - Menu and program to be determined -

Saturday after dinner and program - Raffle and Karaoke

Sunday Morning Memorial Breakfast - Menu to be determined. - MC, BG

[R] Jim Ryan; Call of Taps; Passing of the Gavel

ATTENTION LADIES! - Activities are being planned for you both in the hotel and in the DFW surrounding area.

A sample of "things to do" in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area

Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas, Texas: Awesome Mural Paint is unveiled in Dallas - **Jesus emerging from the tomb.** The Resurrection is a 12 x 40 mural, oil on canvas. It is a depiction of the moment of Jesus emerging from the tomb. The mural was commissioned by the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas

Other museums: Sir Richardson Museum of Western Art; Kimbell Art Museum; Museum of Science & Industry; Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame - **Other areas of interest:** Nancy Lee & Perry R. Bass Performance Hall; Stockyards National Historic District; Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame; Cowtown Coliseum; Grapevine Vintage Railroad; Will Rogers Memorial Center; Fort Worth Zoo; Texas Motor Speedway

Shopping opportunities: Sundance Square [20 square blocks of shopping + art galleries, etc.]; The Shops at **So7**; Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall [including Bass Pro Shop]; Main street downtown Grapevine [a great variety of unique and "price friendly" boutiques carrying merchandise you will not see elsewhere]; The Brownstone in Arlington [collection of a variety of little shops under one roof - charming !]

Recommendation: check with hotel personnel for additional information on things to do and places to go - the hotel shuttle can be used for some of these venues with advance arrangements. There may be "sign-up" sheets to determine interest level in order to make proper planning

A reminder: The goal is to have you participate in the 90th Association's planned events [**lunches and dinners**] so that you can interact with fellow attendees - and especially our WW II veterans, whose numbers are diminishing more and more each year.