

96th Anniversary

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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN D. "BUD" HAWK [The last surviving 90th WW2 veteran who was the recipient of the Medal of Honor]

President Jim Beesley: Greetings Greetings Tough 'Ombres and other members of the Association! As this newsletter goes to print, we are wrapping up the celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. It is a sobering experience to stand thigh-deep in the water off Utah Beach, looking towards the land. Most of us can only imagine what it was like to cross that expanse under fire... and all of us are thankful for the brave men that did. On that June morning 70 years ago, no one, not even General Eisenhower, knew if the invasion would succeed. But it did, and Europe was freed from Nazi tyranny.

Tough 'Ombres have answered the call in many wars and campaigns throughout the past 97 years... from St Mihiel to Afghanistan and all of the places in between. 90th Soldiers have been in the forefront of America's battles since 1918. They breathed gas in the Meuse-Argonne, went ashore at Utah Beach, crossed the Moselle, helped rescue Kuwait, brought peace to Bosnia and when the 3rd Infantry Division crossed the berm to enter Iraq in 2003, the Soldiers guarding the breach wore a "T-O" on their shoulder! The "T-O" has been worn with pride by citizen-Soldiers who, when the time came, placed themselves "between their loved homes and the war's desolation", to quote our national anthem. They have left a tremendous and enviable legacy of service for future generations.

We are gathering July 31st to August 3rd in St Louis to honor the legacy of all of the 90th Soldiers who have ever served, in war and peace, to defend this Republic. There will be a variety of events and attractions to see in the St Louis area, as well as the time-honored tradition of old buddies greeting one another after a year's absence. I look forward to seeing all of you there, for a reunion filled with fun and comradeship. Be sure to reach out to other Tough 'Ombres who haven't attended a reunion, and invite them to come. I especially want some of our newer (and younger) veterans and their families to come! The Association isn't just about World War Two, although that is a very important part of our history. It's about all the men and women who have ever worn that patch, and their families.

It has been my distinct honor, and a rare privilege, to lead this organization the past year, and as I reluctantly prepare to pass the gavel to our next President, my sincere hope is that we continue to expand our membership and improve our communications as we move ahead. We need to do all we can, so that future generations of Tough 'Ombres will know their heritage.

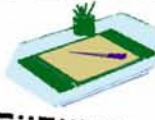
Meet me in St Louis!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL REUNION ATTENDEES: YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM NEEDS TO BE AT THE REIDS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 25, BECAUSE THEY LEAVE FOR CLAYTON, MO ON MONDAY, JULY 28. ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JULY 8 IN ORDER TO GET THE 90th SPECIAL RATE!

96th Annual Reunion - July 31-August 3, 2014 - Clayton, MO

Editor, Rhoda Reid, writes...

Dear 90th Members,



Dear 90th members,

This is a "Bad News / Good News" scenario. First, the Bad News: This newsletter is a whopping 8 pages, period. Why? Because out of 1840 names on the roster, ONLY 560 bothered to pay yearly dues. THANK YOU to those 560 and to those who sent extra \$\$ for the 500 Club. Maybe your memory is bad, but this happened last year for the Spring Issue. The bottom line is: your dues pay for this newsletter, and when they don't come in, the newsletter length gets cut --- drastically. It's very sad, because there was an abundance of wonderful information from our veterans that was designated for the newsletter. Alas, not possible. The worst part? No room even to print the Obituaries of some faithful members who attended reunions for years and ALWAYS paid dues. It is disgraceful - and sad. So what's the Good News? All that information has been sent to our web master, Chris Guska, who has posted it all on our web site. In the paragraph below, Chris tells you how to access the news items and information that SHOULD HAVE BEEN in this newsletter. Moral of the story: Unless more members pay dues, don't expect to see much news in newsletters. YOUR 2014-2015 DUES ARE NOW DUE, AND THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID!! NOW....THE REST OF YOU - SEND YOUR DUES IN - NOW!

Since there was no room to print obituaries, I mention here a few names who for years faithfully attended reunions and paid their dues. Their names are also in Call of Taps: **Frances Baker Stephens**, [honorary 537/AAA] who for years made those beautiful T/O Quilts for Reunion Raffles; **Paul Marable**, 343rd was always at Reunions while able to do so; **Thurman Gibson**, 357/G, faithful Reunion attendee with his family for years; **Elza Coffey**, 358/G who was at every Reunion until his health failed; **Alvin M. Cohen**, 359/M, who with his wife, Jean, never missed a Reunion. May you ALL rest in peace. We remember you. - If coming to the reunion, be sure to make your hotel reservations prior to July 8 in order to guarantee you get the 90th Special Rate. After the 8th of July, they are not obligated to give you the reduced rate!

Important Message from 90th Webmaster, Chris Guska

Friends,

There has been a flurry of activity with the 70th Anniversary of D-Day as well as notes, photos and remembrances of association members. While many of these items unfortunately did not make the newsletter, they did make their way onto the 90th Division Association Forum into the Photos, Members in the News, and General Discussion areas. With diminishing numbers of dues paying members and shorter newsletters, I will be working with the Reids and our leadership to post these updates to the main website as "mini newsletters". I look forward to seeing many of you in St. Louis and for those who I will miss, please feel free to write me at Chris@90thidpg.us [Check the web site for new items!]

IN MEMORY OF JOHN D. "BUD" HAWK, 359/E MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT



WWII MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT, JOHN D. "BUD" HAWK DIES AT AGE 89

[Editor: below is the Obit from MyNorthwest.com. Go to the 90th website for more information. He was a humble man at Reunions and well-liked!]



America has lost one of its true heroes. World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient John "Bud" Hawk died Monday in Bremerton. Hawk was also a longtime school teacher and principal in Bremerton. Hawk never glorified his heroic actions in the French countryside in August of 1944, but he spoke of them often, using his experiences to help teach and guide generations of school children in Bremerton. "The worst thing that can happen to a human being is to have to take the life of another human being," Hawk said in a Medal of Honor video. "You will never, ever, forget it." Sergeant Hawk and his squad of tank killers were defending the Falaise Pocket, preventing the German retreat out of France, when he found himself chasing German tanks through an apple orchard. "I didn't see the one tank so he shot me through the apple tree," Hawk said. "To me, it was like getting hit with a sledgehammer. I couldn't tell if I had a broken leg or no leg or what. It knocked me flat. I'm either done or I can run like hell and boy I took off out of there like you wouldn't believe." The 20-year-old Hawk came across a lone U.S. soldier manning a bazooka as he ran, and despite his leg injury, he helped load and site the weapon and engaged the enemy. He then ordered his squad to use pieces of their broken weapons to build a functioning gun. Then Hawk did the unthinkable: Since the U.S. tanks were having trouble targeting the German tanks, he ran into the middle of the battlefield to serve as an aiming post for American gunners. "You're not thinking, really, of the consequences," he said. "You're trying to think of a solution. If you were standing in the middle, you could see both ways. I said, 'If I line you up will you shoot and then we'll correct.'" Firing over Sergeant Hawk's head, the U.S. took out several German tanks and eventually forced the surrender of 500 German soldiers. He refused to leave his unit for the hospital, choosing instead to get fixed up in the field, and continue his march into Germany. He was injured in the Battle of the Bulge before returning home. Not wanting to take the long train trip to Washington, D.C. to receive the Medal of Honor, President Truman came to Hawk, putting the medal around his neck in a ceremony in Olympia. Hawk went on to have a long teaching career in Bremerton. A training center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and a Post Office on Bainbridge Island are named after him. The one message he would always tell people when asked of his service was a simple one. "Two words I'm not fond of," Hawk said. "Hero, and the other one is winner. There are no winners in a war."

YOUR 2014-2015 \$30 DUES ARE DUE JULY1! PAY NOW!

IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES, HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO THE 500 CLUB?



CALL OF TAPS

FORGET THEM NOT



Memorial gifts received....

90th - Spear, Howard E., Signal CO,/ARCOM/ RRC, 11/04/13; **315 - Belt**, Orman E., Eng/C; - **343rd - Marable**, Jr., Paul D.- 12/19/13; **McClure**, Arvel W., 98, 11/03/13; **345/FA Bn - Barina**, John F. - A Btry, 5/20/13; **357 - Erickson**, Forest. B CO/HQ - 2013; **Gibson**, Thurmon, G CO, 04/23/14; **Guadagnolo**, Jr. Michael, L CO; **Lee**, Warren G., I CO; **Shaffer**, James E., A CO; **Smith**, Jr., Capt. Charles B., E CO; **358 - Brown**, Donald, 99, E CO - 10/22/13; **Coffey**, Elza, G CO, 2Bn - 02/02/13; **Fowlkes**, James A., HQ CO 2Bn; **Loesee**, Glen, B CO; **Noblett**, Jr., Erwin W., HQ CO, 3Bn - 2013; **Pritchard**, Earl W., I CO; **Schulz**, COL [R] Robert H., E CO 2Bn, 02/02/14; **Walker**, Walt, A CO 1Bn - 10/02/13; **359 - Antrim**, Sr., John, D CO; **Cohen**, Alvin M., M CO - 03/25/14; **Hawk**, John D. ["Bud"], E CO, **Medal of Honor recipient** - 11/06/13; **John**, Frank, A CO ; **Nelson**, Lysle V., M CO - 02/14; **Orlowski**, John A. "Johnny", 93, G CO - 01/14; **Shapiro**, Richard P., Med Det. - 01/31/07; - **415th - Davis, Sr.**, Frank - 10/12/13 - **537/AAA - Stephens**, Frances Baker [widow of Roy Baker & the lady who made 90th quilts for many years for the 90th Reunion Raffles], 01/25/14; **712/TK Bn - D'Arpino**, Antonio R. - 09/25/13; **773rd TD BN - Zingraff**, Matthew, 10/06/11; **790/ORD - Connor**, Eugene W. - 02/24/14; **ARCOM - Jenkins**, CSM Charles - **Unit Not Listed - Church**, Keith - 2004; **Eisenberg**, Dr. Richard M., Medical Officer, 3/1/13; **Mielke**, Richard, 01/18/14

All 315th Engineers - by Alan D. Twisselman
Ahlquist, Folke A., 537AAA - by widow, Walburga G.Ahlquist
Bankston, Mrs. W. S., - by widower, William S. Bankston, 358/L
Cancellieri, Joseph T., 537/AAA - by widow, Arline Cancellieri
Cohen, Alvin M., 359/M - by friend, Alan D. Twisselman
D'Arpino, Anthony R., 712/TK Bn - by daughter, Ann M. D'Arpino
Dwyer, Robert E., 359th - by daughter, CatherineTorkkola
Marszalek, Henry P., 358/L - by son, Lawrence Marszalek
Meaders, William M., WW1 360/G 3Bn - by son, W. Darrell Meaders
Pike, Henry, Unit ? - by grandson, Brian D. Pike
Roberton, William J., 359th - by son, Dennis John Roberton
Rudder, MG Earl - by friend, Dionel E. Aviles
Talbott, LTG Orwin C. - by son, Stephen C. Talbott

New Members Added to 90th Roster!

Baker, Robin, daughter, Roy Baker, 537/AAA
Barrette, Priscilla J., granddaughter, Roy Baker, 537/AAA
Chaffee, Mary Lynn, daughter, Sidney Chaffee, 357/H
Cunningham, June A., niece, Sgt. Raymond Sefcik, Unit ?
D'Arpino, Ann M., daughter, Anthony R. D'Arpino, 712/Tk Bn
Foreman, Nevin Lee, 357/A 1Bn
Gonzales, Col [R] Michael R., 357/315MedBn, son, Jose E. Gonzales
Hanilton, Teresa Collen, daughter, Harold E. Owen, 358th
Holik, Jennifer, cousin, James Privdznik, 790/ORD & 358 KIA 11 Jan., '45
Howard, Rodney L., son, Robert D., 359/A
Loria, Anthony J., 357/C
McVay, James A., son, James Coon, KIA 14 March, '45
Pratt, Frank, WW2 Unit ?, Purple Heart



3 More 90th Veterans Awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal!

Edward W. Fowler - 358/C - Friday, June 6 - USS TEXAS near Houston, TX
James R. Reid, Sr. - 344th FA Saturday, June 7th at WW1 1st Division Museum in Cantigny Memorial Park, Winfield, IL
Milton L. Staley - 359/L - Friday, June 6 - Utah Beach, Normandy, France

Information about these 3 veterans is posted on the 90th Division web site: www.90thdivisionassociation.org

READERS, TAKE NOTE!

If you are interested in going to the Moselle Region of France in November for the 70th Anniversary Commemoration activities, be sure to read pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter. All the information you need to know is there with a "coupon" to fill out and mail to the Moselle 1944 Committee in France! A Great Trip!

July 25 - The city of Periers, France will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Periers by the 90th Inf. Div.!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE REIDS OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES!

* If you are **NOT** receiving all the 90th Division Newsletters
 * If you **ARE** receiving, but do **NOT** want to receive Newsletters
 * If 90th Division Newsletters keep coming to a **DECEASED**, It means the Association has **NOT BEEN NOTIFIED** of the proper changes! It upsets you & costs the Association \$\$\$ to have newsletters returned - or sent to people no longer living. **PLEASE NOTIFY US! DON'T wait indefinitely - as did family members of the last name on the Call of Taps list - 1977!!! - The note from a family member stated: "Thank you for the periodicals you have been sending thru the past years. I assure you he would have appreciated reading about his 90th Division. His family enjoyed them as well." BUT!! In all those years, no one ever paid dues & we were never notified!**

It's Time to pay your \$30 2014-2015 Dues!!!

Periers & Utah Beach in Normandy, France - June 6, 2014



Andy Speese; Carver McGriff; Tom Ingram; Milt Staley; Henri Levaufre



Janet Levaufre; Andy Speese; Marianne & Carver McGriff; Tom Ingram

Photos courtesy of Christian Levaufre - more pictures can be viewed on the 90th web site.



Janet Levaufre; Andy Speese; Marianne & Carver McGriff; Tom Ingram; Milt Staley



In Periers: Toast! Tom Ingram; Christian Levaufre; Milt Staley



Carver McGriff; Henri Levaufre; Milt Staley; Tom Ingram



?; Henri Levaufre; Carver McGriff; Tom Ingram laying wreaths at T/O Monument



T/O Monument - Utah Beach - 3 wreaths laid in Memory on 70th Anniversary



Tom Ingram; Henri Levaufre; Carver McGriff at Utah Beach T/O Monument

Note from Pascal Moretti: "I am so happy to send you the official invitation for the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation and the crossing of the Moselle River. We have the official support of the French Government. This invitation is for all members of the 90th Infantry Division." [Ed: Pg. 6 is the Reply Coupon. If you are planning to attend, complete the form and mail as instructed.]



INVITATION TO MOSELLE RIVER COMMEMORATION

Seventy years ago saw the beginning of the greatest story of the 20th century. It is a story that would lead to the liberation of France and a large part of Europe, which would finally escape Nazi dictatorship.

As it did in 2004 and 2010, the Association "Moselle River 1944" has decided again in 2014 to pay homage to the greatest generation, those who crossed the Atlantic to free the homeland of Lafayette.

We will welcome our liberators from Saturday, November 8 to Sunday, November 16, 2014, in order to commemorate with them the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the region of Thionville and the crossing of the Moselle River.

Our commemoration project is supported by the French government and has obtained the support of the largest cities of the region as well as that of the President of the General Council of the Moselle, which is sponsoring the Day of Remembrance in Moselle on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

The Moselle River Association has committed to paying for the cost of the stay for each American World War II veteran, or for the widows of these soldiers, as well as a companion, with double room accommodation. However, it was decided that we will ask for financial participation by other family members who wish to attend as well as companions who would like to have single-room accommodations.

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 8. Commemoration events will take place from Sunday, November 9 until Sunday, November 16. Participants who wish to return directly home following the events can plan their return trip starting Monday, November 17. Transfer to Metz will also be organized for those who will be attending the ceremonies organized by that city.

So that we can best organize your stay here and plan for the various events, we need to know as soon as possible which families are interested in this last homage.

Veterans and their families may register through their veterans' association, through our representatives in the US, or directly with the Association, by filling out an on-line form on our website: www.moselleriver1944.org.

We hope that we will be able to welcome you here next November so that we may thank you for the magnificent gift of liberty that you gave us in November 1944.

With deepest gratitude,

Pascal Moretti, President
Association "Moselle River 1944"

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Mail the completed form to the address at the bottom of the page. NOTE: That address is in FRANCE - Do NOT mail the form to the 90th Division Association! If you are able to attend, PLEASE do so. You will be overwhelmed with their wonderful hospitality!

REPLY COUPON

YES I am interested in taking part in the 70th Anniversary Commemoration in November 2014 organised by Moselle River 1944. I understand that filling in the form does not at this stage place me under any obligation.

First name Second name

Address

Town/City Zip code

State Country

Telephone E-mail

I will be accompanied by :

(state relationship ex. son, granddaughter etc.)

If veteran, state unit (or unit of father)

Any special dietary needs?

Any special medical needs or restrictions on mobility?

Any special place you would like to visit?

Signed : Date :

Please completed forms and send to the Association
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CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL - IT WILL TELL YOU IF YOUR 2014-2015 DUES ARE PAID OR NOT PAID!!



Remember!!

The 90th operates on a FISCAL year - July 1 - June 30



Current roster: 1839 - ONLY 560 PAID for 2013-2014!! - PAY NOW for 2014-2015!

NINETIETH ASSOCIATION

7-1-2014 - 6-30-2015 Dues & 500 Club Payment Form
REMINDER! DUES ARE \$30! - INT'L: \$40



Name _____
 [First] [Middle] [Last]

Street Address _____ Unit or Apt. # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Phone () _____ - _____ FAX () _____ - _____ e-mail _____

90th Veteran _____ Unit/Regt _____ BN _____ CO _____ ARCOM _____ RSC _____ RRC _____ RRG _____ SB _____

If 90th Veteran: Married [spouse's name] _____ Widowed _____ 90th Widow _____ Other _____

Relationship to 90th Veteran & Veteran's name _____

Dues Payment [\$30] _____
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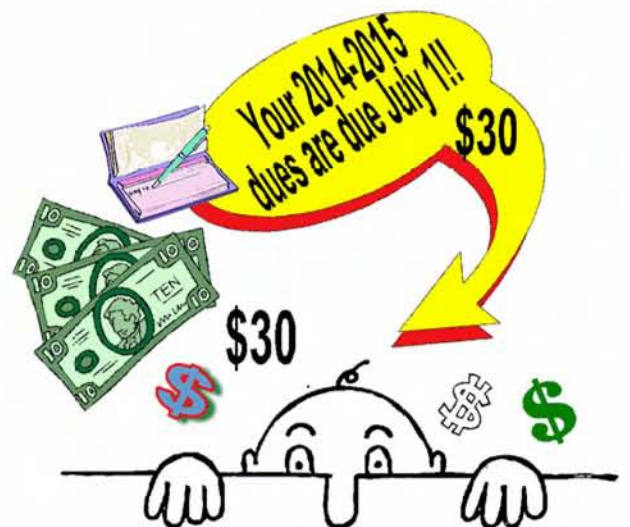
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