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Gilbert S. Unger
90th President, 1994
September 19, 2014 - almost 90

Periers, France - 1994
50 year D-Day Anniv.

Playing with the 312th
Army Band - 2012



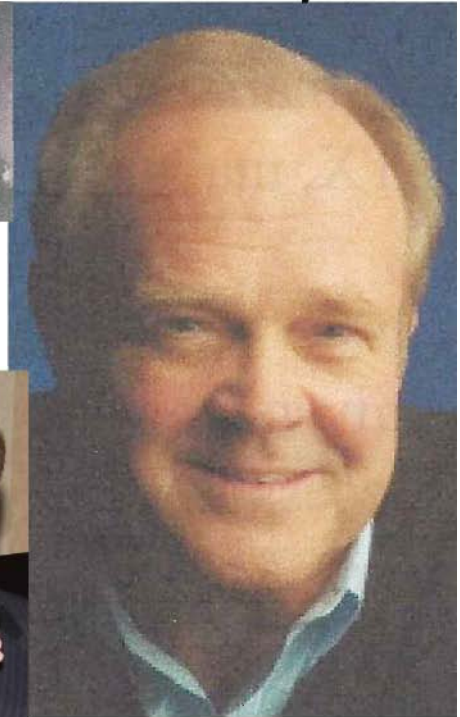
Col [R] Frank A. Hertzog
90th Co-President, 2008
September 17, 1950 -- January 9, 2015



A young
soldier



90th Reunions
Karaoke Star!



1 Corinthians 13:13 - "And now
abide faith, hope, and love; these
three - and the greatest of these is
love." [so descriptive of Frank]

Obituaries for these two of our brightest and most loyal 90th family are on pages 4 & 5. They will be greatly missed at reunions & always remembered for their love and enthusiasm for the 90th.

97th Annual Reunion - July 31-August 2, 2015 - Fort Worth, TX

Editor, Rhoda Reid, writes...

Dear 90th Members,



As you all know, there was no FALL, 2014

Newsletter. WHY??? Because my regular and constant "warnings" in each newsletter that if enough members do NOT pay their dues, there will not be a newsletter, came to pass. Here are the disgraceful facts: For the fiscal year of **2014-2015**, ONLY **420** out of 1781 members paid dues. For the fiscal year of **2013-2014**, only **565** of 1831 members paid. Do the math: For **2014-2015**, there were **54** fewer names on the roster, BUT **145** fewer members paid dues!! Your dues and 500 Club contributions pay for the newsletters. That's just the way it is. **IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS ISSUE [in color, for the first time ever] HAS BEEN UNDERWRITTEN BY AN ANONYMOUS DONATION!! THANK YOU, TO THAT PERSON!!!** However, we are still limited in the # of pages for the newsletter, so almost no news contributions are included in this issue. We hope to get most of them on the 90th web site in the near future. Readers, PLEASE! You NEED to let us know if the addressee on the back page is deceased. We still get notes saying the person was deceased many years ago - shame on you for continuing to receive the newsletter while never paying dues! REMEMBER! ALL NOTIFICATIONS MUST COME TO THE REIDS & NO OTHER PERSON. NOTIFICATIONS SENT ELSEWHERE MAY OR MAY NOT REACH US, AND WE ARE THE OFFICIAL CONTACT.

As the years go by, we lose more and more of our treasured WW2 veterans, and in spite of several years of valiant efforts to recruit succeeding generations of 90th soldiers, we have not been successful. It is not surprising, due to the vast differences in the experiences of post WW2 soldiers. Think about it. Here's a history of attendance at reunions from 2004-2014: **2004**-Alexandria, VA = **781**; **2005**-Corpus Christi, TX = **222**; **2006**-Louisville, KY = **400**; **2007**-Pittsburgh, PA = **381**; **2008**-Irving, TX = **308**; **2009**-Kansas City, MO = **308**; **2010**-New Orleans, LA = **262**; **2011**-Bloomington, MN = **236**; **2012**-Fort Worth, TX = **300**; **2013**-Fort Worth, TX = **184**; **2014**-Clayton, MO = **148** --- The number of WW2 veterans attending has dropped dramatically, due to a combination of so many answering the "Call of Taps" and illnesses and infirmities that negate ability to travel. At the 2012 reunion, we had 25 WW2 veterans; at the 2013 reunion, 22; and at the 2014 reunion, 20. At the 2005 reunion, there were 62 WW2 veterans - other years, there were more. Realistically, the numbers will continue to decline, so I encourage you sons, daughters, and other family members to bring your WW2 veteran to the 2015 reunion if at all possible. We love to honor these courageous soldiers while we are able to do so. --- This issue is dedicated to two of our finest, Gilbert Unger [WW2] and the younger Frank A. Hertzog, also a veteran. We also mourn our loss of Dona Schmidt, wife of Vern Schmidt, 2009 President. May they rest in peace. We will miss them!



WW2 Veterans who attended the 2014 Reunion in Clayton, MO

Row 1 [L-R] Clifford Dyke, 358/M; Jim Reid, 344th; Stan Spillar, 357/Med; Pete Stamatis, 357/F; Frank Losito, 358/HQ; Richard Grondin, 357/A; Clyde Kennedy, 915th; Ralph McKelvey, 359th; John Day, 358/AT; Row 2 [L-R] Mervin Hogg, 358/AT; Bob Levine, 358/K; Aldo Freda, 357/I; E. Carver McGriff, 357/M,L; Vern Schmidt, 358/E; W. Tom Ridlehuber, 358/E,K; Herbert [Bill] Sisk, 915th; Mitch Batinich, 358/E; Burnet [Burnie] Sutter, 358/M; Clarence Begole, 358/M



Above: Ralph Braun, 357/H

NOTE: WW2 veteran, Ralph Braun, 357/H [at right], attended the Saturday Dinner, so he is not in the group picture, which was taken Friday evening. There were 20 WW2 veterans who attended the 2014 reunion in Clayton, MO - There were 22 in 2013 & 25 in 2012. We are losing veterans each year, so the numbers continue to decrease. We hope to see as many as are able to travel, at our 2015 Reunion in Fort Worth. WW2 veterans, we want to see YOU, so get a family member to bring you if necessary, OK? !!

PRESIDENT JIM MONAGLE'S GREETING

Greetings to all Tough 'Ombres, family and friends. It is hard to believe more than eight months have already passed since we gathered in Clayton, Missouri for our annual reunion. As always, Kathleen and I had a great time reconnecting with our T-O family, and we look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth this summer. The dates for the 2015 reunion are July 31 - August 2, at the DFW Airport Marriott South [the same hotel as 2012 & 2013]. The prices remain the same! The Registration Form is included in this newsletter, and that form will also be on our official website: www.90thdivisionassociation.org

The Executive Committee has been discussing for several years how to grow the membership of the Association by recruiting the younger soldiers. We have not been successful, probably because today's soldiers do not have the same experience as the WW2 soldiers had. MG [R] Ron Sholar and Art Meier have been designated to offer ideas on the possibility of bringing younger Tough 'Ombres into our membership. I am reminded of the instructions Francis of Assisi issued his followers: "Go forth and preach the gospel. Speak if you must." Let all "preach" how great it is to share our experiences and fellowship as members.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize and applaud the continuing great work of Jim and Rhoda Reid. Their hard work and dedication continue to hold the association together and keep us on track. Jim and Rhoda, thanks for all you do. Remember: they are the OFFICIAL CONTACT for any and all information, so be certain you are sending your information [notices; call of Taps, etc.] directly to them and not to others.

Be sure to get your Hotel Reunion Reservation & Registration in SOON!

YOUR 2015-2016 \$30 DUES ARE DUE JULY1! PAY NOW!

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



CALL OF TAPS

90th - Behrens, Lloyd J., HQ G2 - 01/02/15 **Katz**, Samuel "Sam", ARTY - 05/02/14 - **315th - Trinidad**, Alfredo, B CO - 08/10/14 - **345/ FA Bn - Kulas**, Raymond J., HQ CO - 12/2014 - **357th - Cooney**, Charles - 12/28/14; **Munsch**, William R., K CO - 12/04/14; **Press**, Charles S., K CO - 01/16/15; **Tankersley**, William T. "Bill", K CO, 3Bn - 6/30/14 - **358th - Bianco**, Ralph, A CO - 08/14/14; **Conner**, Alger V., HQ CO 2Bn - 6/01/14; **Harlan**, Sr., Joseph E., H CO - 10/07/14; **Overlie**, Arnold B., B CO - 1996; **Rizor**, Robert, F CO - 02/21/15; **Spangler**, James F., HQ CO -07/06/13; **Traylor**, Clarence D., I CO - 06/28/13; **Yates, Jr.**, PFC James E., K CO - 2/17/14 - **359th - Fields**, Raymond G. - 2/11/11; **Horton**, Glen R., I CO - 01/17/13; **King**, Percival "Percy", B CO - 01/2014; **Meltzer**, Harvey S., F CO - 10/14; **Michaels**, Leonard, HQ CO; **Mindis**, Philip - 2/16/14; **Nelson**, Victor Lysle, M CO - 02/2014; **Parker**, Leslie Alexander "Les", A CO - 11/17/13; **Verzosa**, A. Norbert, I CO - 07/04/14; **Wharen**, Paul S., F CO - 12/2013 - **537/AAA - McMullin**, Elliott O. - 5/26/14; **Unger**, Gilbert S., B CO - 09/19/14 - **773/TD Bn - Elstrott, Jr.**, Jacob J. - 01/2012; **Roden**, Halla - **915/FA Bn - Fitzpatrick**, Robert J., B Btry - 01/15/15; **Korsmo**, Reuben B. - 10/15/10; **ARCOM - Hertzog**, COL [R] Frank A. - 01/09/15 - **Unit Not Listed - Bricchetto, Jr.**, Lawrence P. - 05/24/14; **Staff**, Gerald H. - 0 3/21/75; **Stelter**, Westly H. - 04/08/04

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- * 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 a DECEASED.

New Members Added to 90th Roster!

Anastas, Deborah - granddaughter, George O. Lasley, 359/SV CO
Baymon, Eugene - ARCOM
Bottoms, Paul R. - 537/AAA, B CO
Chaffee, Mary - daughter, Sidney D. Chaffee, 90th Pres. 1979, 357/H
Cottle, Douglas R. - great-grandson, Eugene N. Dicks, 358/H, WW1 KIA
Foreman, Lee - 357/A [not sure of Regt., but it was A CO]
Hopper, Mark A. - son, Cecil S. Hopper, 773TD Bn
Jackson, James R. - son, Robt F. Jackson, 358/M 3Bn
Katz, Joan F. - daughter, Samuel H. Katz, 90th ARTY
LaCasse, Helena M. - granddaughter, Percy L. Conde, 359th
McCoy, John W. - 358/H 2Bn
Meier, Eric - Suatainment Brigade
Meltzer, Curt - son, Harvey S. Meltzer, 359/F
White, Vivian Behrens - daughter, Lloyd Behrens, 90th/HQ G2

It's Time to pay your \$30 2015-2016 Dues!!!



A - Ahlquist, Folke A., 537/AAA - by widow, Walburga G. Ahlquist; **Ansardi**, Wallace P., 357/Med Det. - by daughter, Wanda Alcon; **Arivello**, Sgt Walter J., 357/B 3Bn - by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Harrod & Joseph Vespiano - **B - Barnes**, Norman, 357th - by Granddaughter, Lisa K. Liddle; **Basile**, Anthony, 358/L - by daughter, Paulene Bree; **Bergdale**, Harold G., 358/SV - by daughter, Lorna Gilbert & grandson, Steven Gilbert; **Boyd**, Terrell, 359/AT - by son, R. Craig Boyd; **Bremer**, Ludolf., 359/L - by son, Paul C. Bremer; **Bulger**, Dr. Richard H. "Doc", 358/Med Det - by daughter, Jane C. Bulger; **Byers**, Kenneth W., 90/Signal - by widow, Eleanor L. Byers - **C - Cancellieri**, Joseph T., 537/AAA - by widow, Arline Cancellieri; **Chaffee**, Sidney, 357/H - by widow, Elizabeth Chaffee; **Cohen**, Alvin M., 359/M - by widow, Jean Cohen & Herbert Reichlin - **D - D'Arpino**, Anthony R., 712/Tk Bn - by daughter, Ann M. D'Arpino; **Davis**, Clarence E., 358/M - by widow, Annas K. Davis; **Deuer**, Henry "Duke", 315/B - by son, John Deuer; **Dwyer**, Robert E, 359 - by daughter, Catherine R. Torkkola - **F - Fields**, Raymond G., 359th - by son, Richard A. Fields - **G - Goldberg**, Henry & all the men of the 90th who liberated him - by widow, Linda Goldberg; **Griffith**, SSGT Burl R., 357/L 3Bn - by nephew, Charles B. Griffith - **H - Haley**, TSgt. William B., 357/B 3Bn - by great-nephew Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Harrod; **Hall**, Raymond, 315/Eng. B CO - by daughter, Sue Ann Loesch; **Hamilton**, LTC Edward S., 357/HQ - by daughter, Diana H. Cowell - **J - Joyce**, Patrick D., 343/C - by son Patrick J. Joyce - **K - Katz**, Samuel H., 90/ARTY - by daughter, Joan F. Katz; **Keller**, Jake B., 344/FABn - by son, Don Keller; **Kelley**, William J., 90/Signal - by daughter, Kandice L. Kelley; **Kueker**, Arthur F., 357/I KIA - by sister, Esther K. Wise - **L - Lamont**, Dane W., 345/FA - by widow, Betty M. Lamont; **Larsen**, Paul E., 359/C - by daughter, Helen M. Birchall; **Lehtinen**, Sgt. Wendell, 357/B 3Bn - by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Harrod; **Lord**, Francis E., 357/F - by daughter, Louise S. Carter - **M - Marszalek**, Henry P., 358/L - by son, Lawrence Marszalek; **Martens**, Ray, 359/L - by daughter, Kristen M. Faller; **McQueen**, Odell, 357/F - by widow, Mildred L. McQueen; **Meltzer**, Harvey S., 359/F - by son, Curt Meltzer; **Miller**, Laverne W., 358/HQ - by nephew, David W. Miller; **Mindis**, Philip, 359th - by daughter, Lorraine S. Cherrick - **N - Nelson**, Lysle Victor, 359/M - by brother, A. LaVern Nelson - **P - Paepke**, Carl & Donna, 359/H - by son-in-law, Steven P. Poulsen; **Papp**, John, 358/F - by widow, Phyllis Papp; **Pascente**, Rocco P., 359/B - by son, John F. Pascente; **Pike**, Henry, Unit ? - by grandson, Brian D. Pike - **R - Rhodes**, William "Bill", 358/L - by friend, David Bragg; **Richter**, Capt. J.D., 357/915 - by son, Donald D. Richter; **Robertson**, William J., 359th - by son, Dennis J. Robertson; **Rudder**, MG Earl, ARCOM - by friend, Dionel E. Aviles; **Rutherford**, Joe T., 357/G - by widow, Gerry B. Rutherford - **S - Schmidt**, Dona, 358/E Hon - by widower, Vern Schmidt; **Sheridan**, Alfred D., 358/L 3Bn - by son, Daniel A. Sheridan; **Silbert**, William "Bill" C., 358/A - by widow, Elsa D. Silbert; **Singer**, Wilburn, 359/AT - by widow, Margaret L. Singer; **Stenger**, Wes, 357/HQ - by widow, Viola L. Stenger; **Speese**, Andrew J., III, 357/K 3Bn - by son, Andrew J. Speese, IV; **Stephens**, Frances Baker, widow of Roy Baker, 537/AAA - by son, Roy Baker & the late Gilbert and Lois Unger; **Steinmacher**, John, 357/K KIA 10/07/44 - by buddy, Jack L. Evans - **U - Unger**, Gilbert S., 537/AAA - by widow, Lois Unger - **W - Whitley**, John M., Unit ? - by son, Rolf M. Whitley; **Wigton**, W. Irving, 358E - by brother, Chester M. Wigton

GILBERT S. UNGER

DIED SEPTEMBER 19, 2014



UNGER, Gilbert S. On September 19th, Gilbert S. Unger passed away peacefully at home, short of his 90th birthday. He was surrounded by his wife and children. Gilbert was born in Dayton, OH to Abraham and Gussie Unger. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Monroe, Leon (Iris), his brother-in-law, Dr. Joseph Klausner, his beloved daughter, Dr. Rachelle Sherman, and his infant great grandsons, Shiloh and Eli Jacobson. Gilbert attended the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and the Hebrew Union College, receiving both his M.Ed. and M.M. Gilbert taught in the Dayton Public School System for 35 years as an Instrumental Music Teacher and band leader and inspired many devoted and accomplished students over the years. He was also the leader of the Gilbert Unger Orchestra and played clarinet in many other professional bands and orchestras in the Dayton area. Gilbert served as a Gunner on a halftrack in the 537th Antiaircraft Artillery of the 90th Division during WWII under General Patton. He landed on Normandy Beach and campaigned through Europe into Czechoslovakia. He stayed after the war in Weiden, Germany to help settle displaced persons and Holocaust survivors. He played in the military band during that time. For his military service, among many commendations, he received both the Purple Heart and the French Legion of Honor. In later life he became President of the 90th Division and traveled with them to Europe many times for the Anniversary celebrations of the Moselle River Crossing. He was married to the love of his life, Lois Brook Unger for 65 years. Together they raised four devoted children. Gilbert was adored by his childrens' spouses, his six wonderful grandchildren and their spouses, and eight cherished great-grandchildren as well as his many nieces and nephews. Gilbert and Lois enjoyed many years of domestic and international travel. Together they pursued a shared interest in lifelong learning. Gilbert saw himself as a simple man but, in fact, he had a profound and extraordinary impact on everyone he touched. He truly accomplished the Jewish goal of "Tikkun Olam", he left the world a better place than he found it. Funeral services for Gilbert Unger will be held in the Sanctuary of Beth Abraham Synagogue, 305 Sugar Camp Circle, Dayton, OH 45409 on Monday, September 22 at 3:00 pm officiated by Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg and Cantor Andrea Raizen. Contributions in Gilbert's memory may be made to Beth Abraham Synagogue or the charity of your choice . GLICKLER FUNERAL HOME handling arrangements

**90TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
1994 - SAINT PAUL, MN- D-DAY 50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Photos below courtesy of Pascal Moretti in France



November 10, 2012 - Terville, France: Moselle River 1944 Association & the Club of Military Vehicles with President, Jacky Eberle, dedicate a Halftrack [Baby Buggy] in Honor / Memory of Gilbert Unger [90th WW2 Veteran 537/AAA]



**Above: Gil Unger; Jean Pascal Speck; Pascal Moretti
Below: Terville Mayor, Patrick Luxembourger; Gil Unger; Pascal Moretti, President Moselle River 1944 Association**



Frank Allen Hertzog

September 17, 1950 - January 9, 2015



Frank Allen Hertzog, 64, beloved son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully at his home in Eagle, Idaho on January 9, 2015 following a courageous battle with brain cancer. Frank was a hero to all who knew him and will be laid to rest with military honors at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery. Frank loved God and country, family, and his fellow man. He was an example of goodness, wisdom, and strength and now rejoices in Heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom he loved and honored throughout his life.

Frank was born on September 17, 1950 in Denver, Colorado to Frank Sherman Hertzog of Maybell, Colorado and Irmgard (Jeanne) Seeanner Hertzog of Vilshofen, Germany. His parents met in Germany during World War II, married, and relocated to the U.S. where his father pursued a career in the US Army. Frank grew up the oldest of three children and lived in Ft. Riley, KS, Ft. Sill, OK, Huntsville, AL, Pirmasens and Zweibrucken, Germany, College Station, TX, and St. Louis, MO.

It was while his father was assigned to the Military Science Department at Texas A&M that Frank became a dedicated Aggie fan. Following high school graduation in 1968 from Parkway Senior High in St. Louis, Frank entered Texas A&M's distinctive Corps of Cadets, Class of 1972. While at A&M, he was a member of the elite Freshman Drill Team and Ross Volunteers honor guard organization. Frank was awarded the title Distinguished Military Student and Graduate and commissioned into the Regular Army as an artillery officer in July 1972. He then attended Airborne and Ranger School (Fort Benning, GA) and the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course (Fort Sill, OK).

Lt. Col. Hertzog's military service included ten years active duty and ten years reserve duty. While on active duty, he was stationed with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, TX, with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda,

Germany, and with the Weapons Department of the US Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. It was during his tour in Germany that he met his life partner and true love, Deborah Shaw, of Houston, TX who was a Dept. of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) teacher at Fulda American School. They enjoyed a fun and adventurous courtship traveling in Europe, skiing and volksmarching throughout Germany, and appearing in musical theatre productions at Downs Barracks Army Base. After returning to the states during the summer of 1978, they married on July 28, 1979 at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood, TX, making their first home in Lawton, OK.

While stationed at Ft. Sill, Frank completed his MBA from the University of Oklahoma in 1982, discharged from active duty, and pursued a successful sixteen year career in the health care industry while also serving in the Army Reserves (FEIMA, Region VI, 5th Army). Frank was employed by American Hospital Supply (Nacogdoches, TX), American V. Mueller (Tulsa, OK; Dallas, TX), and Operating Room Division, Baxter International, and Dade Behring (Dallas, TX). In 1998 Frank retired from the reserves, was awarded a second Meritorious Service Medal, and relocated to Boise where he changed careers and became VP/Sales and Marketing of Smoke Guard, Inc. until his illness.

Most importantly, Frank was a devoted and loving husband and father. Frank and Debbie's 35 year marriage blessed them with two sons, Christian and Jeremy. Frank was actively involved in their scout troops, sporting events, canoe trips to the Quetico, academic endeavors, and church activities. He was a gifted singer who passed a love of music on to his children. Hobbies included hiking and biking, school and church choir, barbershop, and community theatre where he and Debbie most recently appeared in "Company" at Boise Little Theatre. Frank helped form the Idaho Association of Community Theatre (IACT) and supported the 90th Division Army Association (Tough 'Ombres) on behalf of his father. Friends and family will most remember Frank's gentle spirit, laughter, and engaging conversations.

Frank was preceded in death by his mother in law, Sharon Shaw, and niece, Kaitlin St. Clair. He will be greatly missed by those he leaves behind---his parents Col oncl (Retired) and Mrs. Frank S. Hertzog of Huntsville, AL, his loving wife Debbie, sons Christian (Karl) of San Antonio, TX and Jeremy of

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Chongqing, China, brother Mike Hertzog (Mary Anne) of Signal Mt, TN, sister Linda Hertzog (Randy Jernigan) of Durango, CO, father in law Don Shaw, sisters in law Nanci and Laurie Shaw (Charlie St. Clair), nephews Michael and Nathan (Mary Morrow) Hertzog, Will, Nick, and Luke Jernigan, Ryan (Carmon) and Corey St. Clair, nieces Emily Hertzog (Conrad Shuler), Kellie (Chedo Vugrincic) and Jennie Ooton (Eric Bernstein), great nephew Dominic Vugrincic and great nieces Adelynn and Skyler St. Clair, Betsy and Lucy Shuler, and Sonora Hertzog.

The family would especially like to thank Dr. Shawn Nowierski and staff at Eagle Family Medicine, Dr. Nicholas Butowski and Dr. Adam Garsa UCSF Medical Center, the loving caregivers from Addus Health Care and Brightstar, and the staff at MSTI and St. Luke's Home Care and Hospice.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 11:00 am at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 3430 North Maple Grove Road, Boise. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall to celebratic Frank's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the following organizations important to Frank: Texas Aggies Corps of Cadets Association (1134 Fin Feather Rd. Bryan, TX 77803) in the name of Frank Hertzog to support the Corps, the Freshman Drill Team, and the Ross Volunteers honor guard, the ministry of Holden Village (HC 0 Box 2 Chelan, WA 98816-9769), a Christian retreat center in the Cascade Mts, and the American Brain Tumor Association (8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60631) to further understanding and treatment of brain cancer.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at Frank's memorial page at www.summersfuneral.com



**2008 Reunion
Hertzog Family**

**Frank & Debbie -
the love of his life**



5 Frank & the Hertzogs - STARS of Reunion Karaoke nights

In Memory of

Dona M. Schmidt

August 1, 1926 - March 8, 2015



Dona Schmidt was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Dona (Buller) Schmidt was born August 1, 1926 in Marietta, OK. In 1935, she moved with her parents, Herman and Mary Buller and four brothers to Reedley, CA. She attended Reedley schools and graduated from Reedley High School in 1946. Dona studied sewing and tailoring at Reedley College.

In the Fall of 1936, Jake and Ethel Schmidt, along with sons Glenn and Vernon, invited the Buller family to attend the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Reedley. By 1943, Vernon was dating Dona. Their engagement was interrupted by World War II where Vernon served with the 90th Infantry Division under General Patton in Europe.

After Vernon was home six weeks, they were married on September 27, 1946. They settled in Reedley where they raised three children. In 1975, they moved to Fresno. Very soon after, Dona graduated from Federico's Beauty College as a licensed manicurist. She worked 17 years at Marion's Beauty Salon in Fresno.

After a short illness, Dona passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, 2015. Her beautiful smile and gentle spirit will be missed.

She has joined two brothers, Franklin and Vernon; and her parents, Herman and Mary Buller in Heaven.

Dona is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Vernon; sons, Keith and Chris; daughter, Audrey Tarvin; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blari Funeral Home on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Graveside Service will be held Monday, March 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Reedley Cemetery District Pavilion, 2185 South Reed Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, March 16, 2015 at 1:00 a.m. at Peoples Church, G.L. Johnson Chapel, 7172 North Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fresno Rescue Mission, PO Box 1422, Fresno, CA 93716-1422, or Fresno County TEEN CHALLENGE, 1325 N Wishon Ave. Fresno, 93728

Below: August, 2014 - A family trip to France - here at MG George S. Patton's grave in Luxembourg - son-in-law, Harold & wife Audrey Tarvin; Vern; Dona; son, Chris & dear friend, Sandy Brechmann



2014 REunion in Clayton, MO: son, Chris & friend, Sandy Brechmann; Vern and Dona



2009 Reunion in Kansas City, MO; son-in-law, Harold Tarvin & wife Audrey Schmidt Tarvin; Dona and Vern - out to eat [editor remembers this]

Dona is the wife of Vern Schmidt, 358/E, who was 90th Division President in 2009 at Kansas City, MO. Vern, Donas & family have attended 90th reunions for MANY years and are loyal, dedicated 90th members. We will miss Dona very much! These pictures are mostly from the Gallery of Photos on Dona's website obituary, which is on the link below:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Dona-Schmidt&lc=7024&pid=174365295&mid=6357416>



Dona - young girl; wife; mother; mother-in-law; grand & great- grand mother- a life well lived!





Dear Friends, I am happy to send you the link to the pictures in memory of the Moselle River 70th Anniversary commemorations, November, 2014 - <https://plus.google.com/photos/109613186514125005758/albums/6096282288593008177> Best regards, Pascal Moretti [Editor: The pictures on this page are a random selection from the website, and I URGE you all to go to the site and view the magnificent photos - there are hundreds of them, and these are just a small sampling. The French people really know how to do things right!! Jim & I were there in 2004 for the 60th Anniversary - WOW! Just looking at these pictures brought a flood of memories. If you've never been to France, plan to go and experience the French hospitality and gratitude for the American Soldiers who fought for their freedom - and ours.]

Here is a list of 90th members who went: **Alberts, Tyler; Alcon, Wanda [Ansardi]; Bell, BG [R] Raymond; Cirus, Alice [Conde]; Detore, ; Donna [Johnson]; Faller, Kristen [Martens] & Michael; Ingram, Tom [WW2 vet]; Katschman, Mike; King, Bev; Meier, Art & Amy; Rice, Darold [WW2 vet]; Richards, Norm; Ridlehuber, W. Tom [WW2 vet]; Sinclair, Chester [WW2 vet]; Sisk, Herbert [Bill] [WW2 vet]; Speese, Andrew; Stobbe, Dr. Joseph [WW2 vet]; Twisselman, Alan; Unger, Phil & sister, Amy Unger-Ramer [list is incomplete]**



Below: vets greet children



Andrew Speese



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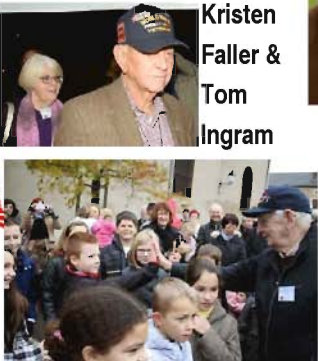
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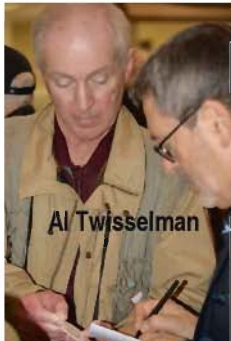
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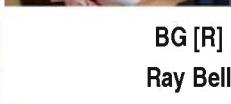
Kristen Faller & Tom Ingram



At Left: Jean Pascal Speck, VP Moselle 1944; Bill Sisk; Pascal Moretti, President Moselle 1944; Tom Ingram



Al Twisselman



BG [R] Ray Bell



SPECIAL SEGMENT 90TH SOLDIER'S STORY...1

Ed.: This segment contains more lengthy stories of individual 90th Veterans.



WAR STORIES

Nazi Saved a Jewish G.I.-Wounded Bronx POW's Incredible Survival Tale

By Larry McShane, New York Daily News

When Army Pvt. Bob Levine awoke on July 11, 1944, much of his right leg was missing.

The Nazi physician responsible was gone, too, and he had taken the soldier's dog tags with him.

But in a stunning twist, the German doctor had just saved the Jewish G.I.'s life - not once, but twice.

The amputation, performed by Dr. Edgar Woll on the kitchen table of a French farmhouse, insured that the severely injured prisoner of war would not die from his wounds.

Woll's removal of the dog tags, marked with an "H" for Hebrew, insured Levine's genocidal German captors would not kill the Bronx teen because of his religion.

"He took the dog tags knowing full well that I would have got in trouble somewhere down the line," recounted Levine, now a sprightly 89, at his Teaneck, N.J., apartment. "And I believe he saved me."

Levine never got a chance to say thank you. The two men never met again.

But their wartime encounter forged a bond that later linked three generations of their families and lingered into the new millennium.

"It's special," said Levine. "How many guys came out of the war with this kind of connection?"

The beginning of Levine's remarkable tale offered no hint of its eventual happy ending.

Levine turned 19 shortly after arriving in England in the runup to the Allies' D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944. Levine and the rest of his 81-mm. mortar crew arrived on Utah Beach on the French coast behind the 90th Infantry.

The fighting continued for weeks, and Levine was injured during a fierce battle to seize a German-controlled hill overlooking the beach.

"Suddenly a grenade came over and caught me in my leg, right here," he recalled, grabbing his right leg above the knee. "And I looked up, and I saw this German paratrooper.

"He looked about 10 feet tall, and pointed his submachine gun at me. The kid next to me got up and took off, and he just wheeled around and shot him."

Levine, already a long way from Walton Ave., the Bronx, was now a Nazi prisoner of war.

While marching with other American prisoners behind enemy lines, a shell fired by their own troops exploded near the POWs.

The soldier alongside Levine died instantly - and absorbed most of the blast's deadly force. Levine survived - and took another hit in the same leg.

"How do you live with this kind of thing?" he asks 70 years later.

In Levine's case, the answer came with the help of the dark-haired, handsome Dr. Woll. The American soldier remembers lying on the table when Woll, in a surgical mask, entered and studied his dog tags.

Levine's blood ran cold despite the summer heat.

"He says, 'Was ist H?' - and that was all I had



Private Bob Levine (left) recuperated in hospital after losing leg. He had his life saved when German Army Dr. Edgar Woll tended his injury from a shell blast - and removed the dog tags that identified the Army private as Jewish. The action saved Levine from being sent to a camp, he believes. Photo by Richard Harbus.

to hear," Levine recalled. "I said to myself - and I can still hear myself saying it - 'There goes my 20th birthday.'

"I really did not think I would make it."

At the time, all U.S. soldiers had a religious designation on their ID tags: C for Catholic, P for Protestant or H for Hebrew.

When Levine awoke, he found his leg gone and a note tucked into his shirt pocket. It was written in German on the blank side of a Nazi propaganda card; the other side bore quotes from Adolf Hitler.

The soldier couldn't understand a word, but he clung to the card for months, hanging onto it while still a POW, after he was rescued by Allied troops and on the ship taking him back to the United States.

Once translated, Levine found the note explained exactly why the doctor opted for amputation and detailed his post-surgical treatment:

"Crushed right foot. Fracture of lower leg. Foreign body in upper right leg's tissue. Opening of the ankle joint. Amputation at place of fracture. Bandage with sulfa. Vaccinated against gas gangrene."

The missing dog tags likely spared Levine from Bergha, a notorious camp for Jewish POWs where 350 American soldiers were worked to the bone - or the grave.

Levine's wife of 63 years, Edith, believes her husband's missing limb likely meant the latter.

"I don't think they would have sent a guy with one leg to the camp," she says. "I think he would have been..."

Her voice trails off.

Levine, who became a businessman and owned several fast-food restaurants, spent the next 37 years thinking about the German doctor. When he returned to Normandy in 1981, he met with a local historian who tracked down the Woll family in Saarbrücken, Germany.

"The doctor had died in 1954, unfortunately," Levine recalled. "But the family wanted to meet this American Jewish soldier. It was an amazing connection."

Bob and Edith, who have two daughters of their own, spent the weekend with the doctor's widow and children. They presented the widow with Woll's old handwritten note.

There was a Saturday night party, with a few drinks and a few toasts. One of the German guests raised a glass and turned to Levine.

"Bob," he declared, "without you, we'd all be saying Heil Hitler."

The Levines returned the hospitality. When the Wolls' granddaughter attended nearby Fairleigh Dickinson University, she moved in with the New Jersey couple.

A second granddaughter was a frequent dinner guest when her husband pursued a law degree at NYU.

The Levines received a family portrait last year from the Wolls when the doctor's wife turned 100. And the Woll great-granddaughters went home with souvenir T-shirts after a recent U.S. visit.

"They became our extended family," Levine said with delight. "Isn't that amazing?"

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The article at left came in an email from MG [R] David R. Bockel [see note below]. It was the entire magazine, and Bob Levine's story is on page 11. I have asked our webmaster to post it on the 90th web site. Many of you know Bob's incredible story, but newer members and reunion attendees do not. Thank you, David for sending this to us.

"I thought you would appreciate this article about Bob Levine that appeared in the New York Daily News and was reproduced in the Jewish War Veterans newspaper. It appears on page 12 under "War Stories."

http://www.jvw.org/images/uploads/The_Jewish_Veteran_Spring_2015.pdf

You might want to share it with our members.

David R. Bockel

Major General, USA (Ret)"

*The Price of Freedom
is NOT Free!
The Cost is VERY High....*

Bob Levine, 358/K, & wife, Ede attended 90th reunions for many, many years, but health issues now prevent Ede from coming. Bob has participated in several Reunion programs, and his miracle story of survival needs to be told and remembered. Bob was at the 2014 Reunion.





Letters From Family Members of 90th Veterans

This section offers news from 90th widows, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends

The Widows Write...

Editor: Long time 90th Reunion attendees will remember Frances as the lovely and beautifully gracious lady who, with her 2nd husband, Denzil Stephens made the gorgeous 90th Division quilts for the raffle for many, many years. Those who won them know what a priceless treasure they are. She was beautiful inside and out, and she and Denzil were the cutest couple ever. THEY ARE BOTH MISSED!



Frances and her first husband, Mr. Baker, a 90th Infantry Division soldier with the 537/AAA - Does anyone know how many quilts she made, or how many reunions she attended???



EL DORADO - Stephens, Frances Charlene Baker, 83 years old, of El Dorado, Kansas, passed from this life on **January 25, 2014**, at Vintage Place from natural causes. She was born on Jan. 4, 1931, in Marked Tree, Arkansas to George and Evelyn Laird. She had a 6th grade education but in her later years received her GED. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Roy Baker in 1995. Her second husband, Ernest Denzil Stephens still resides in El Dorado. She enjoyed crafts, quilting, and her day care that she had for many years. She enjoyed making quilts for her children, grandchildren and others. She had been active in the Emporia St. Church of Christ and the El Dorado Senior center. She was recognized at the 90th Division Army reunion for the quilts that she made for them. One of the quilts for the 90th Division is in a military museum in Texas. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Denzil Stephens, She is also survived by children, Roy R. Baker and wife, Ann, Benny Baker and wife, Kathy, James Baker, Jewel Smith and husband, Gary, Brenda Mann and husband, Alan, Robin Baker, Patti Douglas and husband, John, Lana Arpin and husband, Tom, Sandy Coffield and husband, Jerry, Leashell Gish and husband, John, Richard Stephens and wife, Leann, Susan Hull and husband, Brad. She has 29 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by 10 brothers and sisters and numerous cousins and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, JR Laird and sister, Marie Laird, daughter-in-law, Lynn Baker and grandsons, Dale Baker and Michael Frank Baker, her mother, Evelyn Laird and father, George Laird and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Services will be held at the Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado, KS on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4 P.M. Visitation will be held on Tuesday January 28, 2014 from 2 to 4 P.M. There will be a memorial service at the Dillinger Funeral Home on Friday January 31, 2014 at 10 A.M. The address is 2001 Hwy 367 North, Newport, Arkansas, with private family burial at Ballews Chapel in Grubbs, Arkansas. For more information you can contact the funeral home at 316-321-1657. Memorial funds can be sent in her memory to Emporia St. Church of Christ, 1154 S. Emporia, El Dorado, KS 67042 which she and Denzil started and helped build.

Editor: This is a Human Interest Story from Vern Schmidt: It is the story of Jack Bulwa, a Polish Jew who was in several concentration camps, including Flossenburg. He always wanted to find a 358th soldier to thank for his rescue, and the path to Vern Schmidt is a fascinating one. Sadly, Jack did not live to see this story printed in the newsletter. Vern states: "Tom Watling, a personal friend of Jack Bulwa had Bob Campana fly his airplane to Fresno to pick me up & take me to Modesto, CA to Jack's home. We shared stories for several hours about Jack's life in at least 3 concentration camps, the last being Flossenburg - and then the death march for 7 days until a jeep of the 358th stopped and picked him up. He became a U.S. citizen in 1948, never married, and served stateside during the Korean war. He suffered from ALS. The pictures were taken April 23, 2014, and Jack left on the 25th for Minnesota to be with relatives. However, that didn't work out, so Bob, Tom, & I flew to MN and brought him back to CA to his home where he was loved and cared for properly. He died there.

Jack Bulwa was born Jackob Bulwa-Moszkowicz on 4.1.26 in Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland to Moisiej Aron and Faiga Moszkowicz, his sister was Balcia and his brother was Abram, and their address in Piotrkow was Wspolna 8.

Jack was a scholar, or student, on September 1st, 1939 when Germany quickly overran the Polish military and annexed Poland and the first Jewish Ghetto established by the Nationalist Socialist party was in Piotrkow, where Jack and his family lived. The first forced labor Jack performed soon afterward, where he would be walked from the Ghetto by German soldiers with dogs to Huta Hortencja, a glass factory. Sometime during 1940, after being separated from his parents and siblings, he was sent to Tomaszow, where his job was to clean the ghetto of everything left behind by the Jewish families: all of their belongings, furniture, clothing, anything of value was packed up and sent off to Germany. In September of 1942, while at Tomaszow, Jack and the other workers could see the trains headed to the gas chambers of Treblinka and he knew that his mother, father, sister and brother were on one of those trains.

Starachowice was the next forced labor camp he was sent to, then the Concentration Camp Birkenau, where, on his left forearm he was tattooed A 18781. Here they made 75-mm and 88-mm anti aircraft projectiles. Nearby Auschwitz was the next camp where he worked at I.G. Farben, another ammunition factory. Buna, Munowitz Concentration Camp was next, then Sachsenhausen where they dug ditches and worked in yet another ammunition factory, then Oranienburg, again digging ditches, and finally Flossenburg, where Jack, listed as "A. 18781, a Polish Jew", was noted as prisoner number 45,589 that was taken into Konzentrationslager Flossenburg.

after the liberation Jack spent some time in Nabburg and Weiden with the men of the 358th, working in the kitchen, helping wherever he could, befriending many of them. A typed recommendation from the 358th Headquarters recounting his ability and work effort has stayed with Jack these many years, along with signed photographs from men of the 358th who were concerned about his future.

Jack and Steven, along with many other Displaced Persons; children of up to age 19, were eventually taken to Children's Center Kloster Tundersdorf, a convent turned into a school for children who had relatives outside of Germany. Here they were cared for by Red Cross members, learned to read and write English and eventually they were sent to either the UK, Canada or the US. Jack left Germany in 1946 aboard the Marine Flasher, bound for New York and then on to live with relatives in Minnesota where he was enrolled in high school and worked for his uncle in a tire repair business. After joining the US Army in 1950 Jack made his way to Ft. Ord in Monterey, where he was trained as a cook, and trips to San Francisco convinced him that this was where he wanted to live and work.



Jack Bulwa with Vern & Dona Schmidt



Vern Schmidt; Pilot, Bob Campana; Tom Watling; Jack Bulwa - 4/23/14



April 23, 2014

2015 Reunion Information

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Lobby

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We are returning to the Dallas / Fort Worth region for several reasons: *The Association enjoys a tax exempt status in the state of Texas *This area is centrally located and has easy airport access from all parts of the U.S. *Texas still has the most number of 90th Division Association members *Unbelievably, the hotel is giving us the SAME prices as we enjoyed in 2012!!! You can't beat that! ----- At this time, the program has not been established, so watch the newsletter and 90th Division Association website for information as it becomes available. Begin now to plan for being a part of our 97th Annual Reunion - July 31 - August 2, 2015!

The 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. Assistant Historian, Norm Richards, will also have his volumes of information available for perusal. We hope to have a military vehicle in the hotel parking lot or lobby for people to explore, have pictures taken, etc. 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. Jim Monagle will be the President for the 2015 Reunion, and you know he will do his best to make the Reunion another memorable experience for all who attend.

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.