

Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



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15th Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

January 2005

China Battalion Ball

By John Burke

The 3rd Battalion held a China Battalion Ball at the Savannah Civic Center, October 15, 2004. Four members of the Association attended; Henry Burke, Mike Horn, Tom Twomey and John Burke. Originally it was planned to be held on Fort Stewart but was moved to the Civic Center to accommodate an overwhelming number of attendees. That proved to be a good move for there were over 800 in attendance, counting the troops, spouses and guests.

The troops were decked out in their finest. All the Officers and Senior NCOs in dress blues and others in greens with white shirt and bow ties. It was a gala affair with a formal Posting of the Colors, a Fallen Comrade Ceremony, a round of Toasts, and followed by a scrumptious meal. LTC Gary Luck, Battalion Commander, welcomed all guests, which included the 2nd Brigade Commander, COL Disalvo.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment, Thomas Twomey. Tom is also the Association Webmaster. He spoke of some experiences as seen through the eyes of a Private in C Company, 1st Battalion during the Korean War. His presentation was very well received and brought a rousing applause. Afterwards, during the informal portion, many of the soldiers were reluctant to let Tom leave and wanted to hear more.

John Burke, Association Membership Chairman, presented a short pitch on the history, organization and activities of the Association. On behalf of the Association, he presented LTC Luck with a Regimental Association clock for the unit memorabilia room.

Other events of the evening included a proposal of marriage from one of the Dragon soldiers to his date, which was readily accepted. Acknowledgement was made and a special thanks rendered to the Family Readiness Group for their efforts in making the affair a success. The FRG was responsible for raising a significant amount of monies as well as numerous donated items, which were raffled off. Dancing put the frosting on the cake for the evening. A great Can Do evening.

Wish all of you could have attended a great evening.
Please see accompanying photos on pages 14 and 15

Annual Raffle Coming Up

By Dick Guimoind

The Association is planning its annual raffle. The raffle proceeds will be used to help offset costs of publishing and distributing The Dragon. Association members will be receiving a letter with the tickets in early February. A donation of \$1.00 per ticket is suggested. The drawing will be held at the next General Membership Meeting. The drawing will be for one prize for \$300, one for \$200 and three for \$100. Winners need not be present to win. The Association appreciates your support of this and all projects.

Help Wanted

By Ed Dojutrek

This notice will alert all members of a clarion call for a new Editor of the Dragon. Mike Horn has served notice that he wishes to afford someone else the opportunity to take the position of Editor. The October issue was his last. He has stayed on to provide a January issue.

At this time I am calling on anyone with any newsletter or newspaper experience to come forward and take the position so that we can continue to publish the Dragon in the future. Anyone interested in the position contact me or any Association officers at the phone numbers or email addresses on page 2.

Don't Forget

Annual Dues were past due on October 1st
If 2004 is shown, your dues are delinquent.



The Dragon

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The Dragon is the quarterly publication of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. It is published in January, April, July and October. Neither its editorial nor articles content carry official endorsement of the Association. Input for the Dragon is due the 15th of each month prior to publishing.

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- To perpetuate and foster the history and traditions of the Regiment.
- To provide opportunities for uniting past and present members of the Regiment into a close and cooperative alliance.
- To promote morale and high esprit de corps among members of the Regiment.
- To acquire and maintain a repository of regimental historical memorabilia.
- To assist in the maintenance of monuments dedicated to the units of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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Austin Cross

Austin passed away on Sept. 26th after a bout with lung cancer. He was a member of the Association since 1999. He served in WWII with Golf Company from October 1942 until Jun 1945. Reported by his wife of almost 59 years, Shirley.

Maurice Ritter

Maurice Ritter passed away Sept. 12, 2004. Maurice was a member of the Association and the American Legion. Maurice was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in the Colmar Pocket, WWII. Barbara and his family miss him and we all wish him peace. Reported by his wife Barbara.

Jesse Fisher

Dr. Fisher died October 20, 2004 in his hometown of Moorefield, WV. He served with honor in Company A during World War II. He was a Life Member since 1995. Reported by his wife.

Donald J. Arthur

CPT Arthur died Monday, December 13, 2004. He was a Charter Member of the Association since 1995. His pride in this Regiment knew no bounds. It held a special place in his heart. Of all his honors the award that listed that he was in the 15th Infantry was placed next to the DSC and Purple Heart! Reported by his daughter, Diane Arthur-Kennedy

John W. Loft

John W. Loft of Lockpory, NY died January 28, 2004. He served with Company H, 2nd Battalion in World War II. John was a Life Member of the Association since 1995.

Russell C. Peeples

Russell C. Peeples of Naples, Florida Died October 16, 2003 Russell served in Company H, 2nd Battalion during the Korean War. He was a Charter Member of the Association since 1993 Reported by his daughter in law.

Joseph Zemrowski

Joseph was a Life Member of the Association since 1995. He served in Company B, 10th Engineers in support of the 15th Infantry Regiment during World War II. He remained in the 10th Engineers from 1941 to 1945.

Chaplains Corner

By LTC Chuck Trout, Sr.

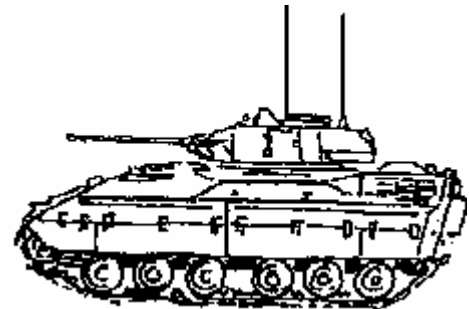
End Of Year Inventory

I feel it is a good time to pause, and take "an end-of-the-year inventory". An inventory of all the things we have to be thankful for and all the blessings that have come our way. We have a God who loves us, live in the best nation on earth, and are members of a Regiment that we can be proud of which has always lived up to its motto, "CAN DO".

Many of us wish we could be with our military as they serve in Iraq and other parts of the world. They are the best trained soldiers with the best weapons known to man. Our ages may prevent us from fighting by their side, but we still can do something for them that will help them through these tough times. We can pray for their safety and for their loved ones who await their safe return. And while we're at it, let's pray for the news media that they might tell the true story of the fine job our military is doing.

And finally, a prayer for those who want peace and security in our Country, but elect to demonstrate against our Commander-in-Chief, thus motivating our enemy.

I am absolutely certain that if we all join in prayer, our Creator will reply with a strong, "Can Do". May each of you and your loved ones have a very happy New Year and may you keep the faith.



Attention Email Users

Please submit and/or confirm your email address. We want to complete and update the Association Membership Database. All members with email capability are requested to submit and/or confirm your email address to the Membership Chairman at johnt2u@mchsi.com.

Mail Call

Laura Huff
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I am looking for information on my great-uncle Earl Shelby Huff. I know that he was killed in action on January 24, 1944, was a private with the 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division from Oak Grove, Louisiana, and that his ID number was 18186138. I'm guessing that he was at Anzio when he was killed, but am not certain. My grandfather refuses to talk about his war service or that of any of his brothers, so I know nothing else about him. If you or anyone else has any information on him I would greatly appreciate it.

John Ethen
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St. Paul, MN 55104-1527
F Co. WWII

I recently received a 15th Infantry Regiment Association pin as a life member. I think the pin is the best looking pin of all. But maybe I'm a little biased. I am enclosing a contribution of \$15 for the General Fund. Best wishes.
Can Do.

John K. Carmichael, Jr.
3408 North Rosewood Ave.
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Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending the Life Member pin. It is a very beautiful rendition of an emblem of a most important unit of the U.S. Army.

I will wear this pin proudly. As an Associate Member I want to explain my membership. After having met Edwin K. Adam at the dedication of a veteran's gravestone locally, in 1996, he and I exchanged correspondence. I felt led to become a member in order to honor my uncle, Carlton L. Wray, my mother's youngest brother who served with the 15th. Unfortunately, he died of cancer in 1993.

Not only does my membership honor the memory of Uncle Carlton, but it also serves to honor the memory of yet another uncle, Bert A. Wray, who received the Silver Star while serving in the 3rd Infantry Division in World War I.

Again I thank you for the beautiful pin. "Can Do"

LTC Joe Goepfner, (Ret)
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I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to

Mail Call continues on next page.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

Who do you know that is a 15th Infantry Regiment veteran and not a member of the Association? Each Association member is encouraged to spread the word of our Association and invite someone to become a member. Clip or copy the Application For Membership below and provide to other Can Do veterans.

Application For Membership
15th Infantry Regiment Association

Today's Date _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Rank _____ Date of birth _____

Co. & Bn. served in: _____

Dates served in 15th IN: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Type of membership desired:

Regular Annual \$10.00; Regular Associate Annual \$10.00; On Active Duty Annual \$5.00;
 Life membership: To age 60= \$150; Age 61-69= \$120; Age 70-79=\$100; Age 80 and above =\$50.

Complete application. Mail with check or money order payable to the Treasurer, 15th Infantry Reg't Association.

Mail to:

Treasurer
Lloyd D. Whitmer
7500 Mose Road
Navarre, OH 44662

you and the Association for honoring me with the beautiful Life Member badge, which has been forwarded to me at my new address here in South Carolina. My service with the Regiment is one of the greatest adventures of my military service.

I am sorry that I have been negligent in notifying the Secretary of my change of address, and trust that you will pass this change of address to that office.

Charles R. Sample
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Have a cup or two on me. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your careful attention to the Dragon.

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I'm sorry these dues are late. I definitely don't want to lose my membership in the Association. Thanks

Dragon Engineers Having A "Blast"

by LTC Gary Brito

The Engineer Company (Eliminators) of 1st Battalion recently conducted a week of "high-speed" demolition training to further prepare for the deployment back to Iraq. The training was magnificent. The soldiers received classes, practiced and then executed in true "CAN-DO" fashion. Basic demo training included door and wall breach charges, timber charges, steel cutting, and classes on advanced demolitions. The company took no shortcuts. Prior to starting the training, the unit constructed doors, walls and other fixtures to create realistic conditions.



Check Your Address Label This May Be Your Last Dragon Check Your Address Label

Please remit your dues **NOW**. Don't let this be your last Dragon. Please send your dues payment to the Treasurer, address and amount on Page 2.

Financial Report 01/01/04 thru 12/01/04

By Lloyd Whitmer

The unaudited interim report published on the Page 9 is to give you an overview of our financial condition.

A special "Thanks" goes out to all who participated in our annual raffle this year; it bolstered our overall balance by \$1890.43.

Several of our members have converted to "life membership" this year. 100% of these payments have been transferred to the "Life Membership Fund" account. Also, \$500.00 from the proceeds of our raffle was transferred to the "Life Fund." This money is being held in our various accounts as listed below. All interest earned on our funds, regardless of where they are deposited, is credited to the "Life Membership Fund." The balance in this fund is now \$19,292.36.

Your treasurer has the responsibility of depositing and/or investing the association funds in banks or investments where the association will be assured of the highest rate of return consistent with maximum security and liquidity. Currently our funds are invested or deposited as follows:

- Vanguard Group 30

Awards & Monument Fund	\$1,021.94
Life Membership Fund	\$1,532.94
Savings	\$4,221.06
- Unizan Bank (a C/D @ 3% maturing 6-20-06)

Life Membership Fund	\$7,627.75
Savings	\$2,500.00
- Sky Bank (a C/D @ 1.98% maturing 3-25-05)

Life Membership Fund	\$10,131.67
Savings	\$175.00
Checking Account	\$3,983.01

Our total savings, investments and checking amount to \$31,193.36 less our commitment to our life members of \$19,292.36 which if managed prudently will insure that our association continues in perpetuity.

All officers of the Association serve without compensation. They are reimbursed only for out of pocket expenses related directly to association expenditures.

Please see the interim report on Page 9.

Historian's Report-60th Anniversary Ceremonies in France September 2004

By LTC Tim Stoy

This past month has been one of the most rewarding of my time in the Army. On 18 August my wife and I were able to meet the 3d Infantry Division veterans who came over for the 60th anniversary of the division's landings in Southern France. We were able to spend several days with them while they toured their battlefields in the area of the Colmar Pocket and the breakout from the Vosges Mountains. They were received with great gratitude by the villages and towns they had liberated 60 years ago – Colmar, Sigolsheim, Holtzwihr, Bennwihr, Mutzig, Strasbourg, among others. Monika and I were amazed at the stamina of our veterans; they had very long days and some very hot weather. We had such a wonderful time with the vets, their families, and the survivors of some of our departed veterans.

Then, this past week, 8-14 September, we were able to return to France to support several ceremonies commemorating the liberation of some well-known cities and towns, as well as some smaller villages. On the evening of 8 September we represented the US Army and the 3d Infantry Division at the ceremony in Besancon. The ceremony was very impressive, and it was great to see a lot of young people involved in it. Monika, as a retiree, wore her uniform with 3d Infantry Division patch, and was a huge hit with many of the older citizens who were in Besancon when the division liberated the town. The US Consul General from Strasbourg, Chris Davis, was also there, as well as an Olmstead Scholar studying in Strasbourg, Army Major Alan Pepper. So, one diplomat and 3 officers in uniform provided the only US presence there, but we were there!

On 12 September, Monika and I participated in a ceremony in Saulx-de-Vesoul. As the regimental historian I was asked to represent the Regiment and give a speech. It was a wonderful ceremony, beginning with an ecumenical church service, followed by the ceremony during which a marble plaque in honor of the division and civilian casualties from the fighting there was unveiled, and wrapped up with a wonderful luncheon. This is the first commemoration that Saulx has held, and they did it right. Later in the evening the mayor and several of his councilmen took us to the location of John Tominac's action in the town and provided further details on what happened in the town. This was followed by a great dinner.



Ceremony at Saulx de Vesoul

Also on 12 September we attended a ceremony in Dampvalley les Columbe, a village of less than 150 people, which was liberated by the 39th FA and elements of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry. It was a wonderful ceremony, with a retired 3-star French general in attendance, as well as the squadron commander of the nearby stationed Lafayette Squadron, famous for the fact that US fliers of WWI served in this French unit before US entry into the war. We were very happily received there, once again as the only Americans in attendance. As best we could tell, we were the first US soldiers to visit the village since the end of the war.

After Dampvalley, we drove to Vesoul for its ceremony, which was quite large. It included flyovers by French fighter aircraft, re-enactors with authentic vehicles, and participation of local French military units. Consul General Davis was present, but the only US uniforms to be seen were Monika's and mine. At the reception after the ceremony the Mayor thanked us in front of all the guests for attending and representing the veterans who had fought there.

Annual Members Check Your Address Label

If your address label shows 2004, this is your last Dragon. Please mail your dues to the Treasurer right away. Address and amounts on page 2.

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Reception in Vesoul with the Mayor and US Consul General Davis

At Dampvalley les Colombe with retired French LTG Omnesse, of the Resistance.



Throughout the day we felt tremendous pride representing the United States, the 3d Infantry Division, and the 15th Infantry Regiment. We were basking in the reflected glory of all the veterans who fought through the Franche Comte, and were very glad we had decided to take leave to enable our being in France for the September commemorations.

On the 13th we traveled to the US cemetery and monument outside of Epinal with the Mayor and councilmen from Saulx. It is a sobering experience to see the rows of headstones, yet it is uplifting to see the honor with which our country treats its war dead. It was a deeply emotional experience for our friends from Saulx.

On the 14th, we attended a small ceremony in Port-sur-Saone, a town liberated by the 36th Division on 12 September. No one from the 36th Division society was able to attend, but we were more than happy to represent the US Army and the 36th Division with our participation. The Mayor was truly appreciative and treated us royally.

After participating in these ceremonies we drove the Regiment's route north through the Vosges and on to Strasbourg. Incredible terrain, and we could only imagine how much worse it could have been in the winter, which is when our men went through there.

We are looking forward to the December through February timeframe, as we will be able to attend ceremonies in the Colmar Pocket area.

We both come away from the past week and a half impressed with the deep appreciation the older generation of French who experienced WWII feel towards the United States and the US Army soldiers who fought here. We are also very happy to see that this generation is making a strong effort to pass this feeling on to the younger generation.

**Special Notice
Annual Members**

Are You Delinquent In Dues?

Check your address label. If your address label indicates 2004, you are delinquent. This is a courtesy edition of The Dragon.

Annual dues are payable October 1st of each year. A grace period extends to January 1st before those not paid are dropped from the Association rolls and mailing of The Dragon is discontinued. Your membership is important to the Association. The Board of Trustees has elected to provide this courtesy January edition of The Dragon as a special opportunity for you to catch up on the arrears and permit continuous membership in good standing.

Please remit your dues to the Treasurer right away. (Address shown on page 2) Annual Regular and Associate dues continue to be \$10.00. Current active duty is \$5.00

Websites Worth A Peek

<http://www.jpac.pacom.mil> – This is the website for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. These are the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and civilians who continue to fulfill the promise to the families and those Americans waiting to come home. JPAC's mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's previous wars and conflicts.

<http://www.2id.org/3-casnav.htm> - This website provides an alphabetical, by unit, casualty list for the Korean War. The list includes all KIA and WIA.

Presidents Message

By Ed Dojutrek

I will start by saying that our Troop Support Program is nearing the presentation stage. The project itself is described in detail in another section of this Newsletter. I won't go into great detail here, but will say that the items have been completed and shipped to John Burke. John, along with Henry Burke, are making preparations with the two Battalion Commanders for presentation to the troops sometime the first week of January. This is prior to their redeployment back to Iraq.

As the project is a gift from the membership of our Association, I am calling on all members for monetary contributions to enable us to fund the program so as not to exhaust the funds in the Treasury. If the project is a success, we just might consider doing something along the same lines in the future for our soldiers. It is our way of expressing our thanks to the 1st and 3rd Battalion troops for their brave efforts to keep us safe and secure from terrorists throughout the world. So please give generously and let us all display our proud "Can Do" spirit.

In another section of this newsletter you will find a notice entitled, 'HELP WANTED'. Mike Horn has informed the Board of Trustees that he is looking to afford someone else the opportunity to serve as Editor of the Dragon effective with the January issue. We are now looking for someone to come forward and fill the vacant position and take Mike's place. Anyone with newsletter or newspaper experience, please come forward and help us out. We need help with this very important position.

Another matter that is being placed before the membership is the call for nominations for the Board of Trustees. In another section of this newsletter is the list of nominees to be elected at our Reunion in San Diego, 2005. As you can see we have two vacancies for the position of Trustee. Anyone wishing to come onboard and serve in any position, please contact me.

In closing I want to wish everyone in the Association, their families and friends, our 1st and 3rd Battalion Troops abroad, a belated Joyous Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. God Bless you all.

What Story????

By John Burke

When two or more Can Do veterans are together for any period of time many times the conversation gets around to-- "Do you remember the time when this or that happened?" And whether others remembered or not, the story gets told. Unfortunately, only present company get to hear it. Within the membership there are undoubtedly multitudes of stories that the membership would like to hear. Even if they've heard it before.

Fellow Dragons, why not scratch out your favorite stories of your experiences in the Regiment for all to read. You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize winner. Just put it down to paper in your own words and send it to the Editor of The Dragon. And if you have a photograph of any individuals in the story that would be frosting on the cake. You may be pleasantly surprised by the acknowledgement you will get from the membership.

Troop Support Program

By Ed Dojutrek

Some months ago it was suggested that our Association provide something in the way of a gift for the troops of our two active Battalions in view of their forthcoming redeployment back to Iraq.

A number of items were discussed, but we thought that the two Battalion Commanders would have the greatest insight as to what would be one item that all would need and be the most useful. Both Commanders agreed that a bandana in desert camouflage or sand coloring with our 15th Infantry Crest with the wording, "15th Infantry Regiment Association", would be appropriate and would be greatly appreciated by the soldiers.

At our Board of Trustees meeting in Savannah, August 28, 2004, we discussed the issue at length and the Board of Trustees gave unanimous support to the project. Of major concern however was the cost of the project, which would entail the expenditure of several thousand dollars. After much discussion, we decided that we would appeal to the membership and call on their generosity to contribute and support this worthy cause.

In addition to the bandanas, another item was adopted; a writing/stationary packet. It consists of writing cards and envelopes embellished with the Regimental Crest and the "15th Infantry Regiment Association". By the time of publication of this newsletter all personnel of both Battalions will have received a packet. This effort was made affordable by a generous donation from Frank Brown of Odyssey Printing in Columbus, GA. We are lucky enough to have Odyssey Printing as the printing company for The Dragon.

As of late from within the US, there has been a groundswell of support of all of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines throughout the world. We are in a unique position in that we are closely involved and have met personally with many of our 15th Infantry Regiment soldiers at our Annual Rendezvous and Division Reunions. We have a personal interest in their welfare and comfort while in the battle zones. We should do everything in our power to make them aware that we are in total support of their mission in Iraq.

As this time, I call on all members of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association to give their full support to this worthy

15th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2002 thru NOVEMBER 30, 2004

INCOME				
BALANCE 1-01-04 in CHECKING ACC'T			\$2,024.37	
YEARLY DUES		\$3,380.00		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES		\$650.00		
ASSOCIATE DUES		\$80.00		
REC'D for Annual Dinner	\$3,423.00			
EXPENSE	(\$3,512.76)			
Dinner less expense	(\$89.76)	(\$89.76)		
DONATIONS, General		\$936.00		
DONATIONS, Life Fund		\$2.00		
DONATIONS, A&M Fund		\$165.00		
QUARTERMASTER (Leonrad Collins)		\$99.80		
CRESTS & STICKERS		\$138.00		
RAFFLE (Income)	\$3,113.00			
Expense	\$422.57			
Raffle Winners	\$800.00			
Total Exp	\$1,222.57			
Net profit	\$1,890.43	\$1,890.43		
2004 INCOME (to date)		\$7,251.47	\$7,251.47	
			\$9,275.84	
EXPENSES				
LLOYD D. WHITMER, Supplies & Postage		\$150.20		
DRAGON; Printing, Postage & Supplies		\$2,310.64		
JOHN T BURKE, Supplies, Postage & Copying		\$542.61		
PLAQUE ADDITIONS to "CHINA GATE"		\$109.14		
NCO/SOLDIER PLAQUES		\$149.80		
FOUR POINTS SHERATION; Columbus, GA				
ICE BREAKER 5-18-04		\$382.45		
LUNCH 5-20-04		\$377.80		
SERGEANT MAJORS ASSOCIATION		\$100.00		
PARADISE MULTIMEDIA (Website "candobook")		\$20.00		
TRANS FROM CHK'G to SA'G (Sky Bank)		\$175.00		
LEONARD COLLINS (Quartermaster)				
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PINS		\$608.00		
MAILING of PINS		\$214.90		
AUDIO SYSTEM		\$52.29		
AD in NAT'L REUNION PROGRAM		\$50.00		
DRAWING for DOOR PRIZES at DINNER		\$50.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES to 11-30-04		\$5,292.83	(\$5,292.83)	
				\$3,983.01
CHECKING ACC'T BALANCE 11-30-04				
BALANCES in VANGUARD and BANKS				
A&M FUND @ VANGUARD		\$1,021.94		
SAVING @ VANGUARD	\$4221.06			
SAVING @ SKY BANK	\$175.00			
SAVINGS @ UNIZAN	\$2500.00			
TOTAL SAVINGS		\$6,896.06		
LIFE FUND @ VANGUARD	\$1532.94			
LIFE FUND @ UNIZAN	\$7627.75			
LIFE FUND @ SKY BANK	\$10131.67			
TOTAL LIFE FUND		\$19,292.36		
TOTAL BALANCES 11-30-04		\$27,210.36		\$27,210.36
TOTAL CASH ASSETS as of 11-30-04				\$31,193.37

What Is A Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them, a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity. Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking. What is a vet?

A vet is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

A vet is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th Parallel.

A vet is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

A vet is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back at all.

A vet is the drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account punks and gang members into marines, airmen, sailors, soldiers and coast guardsmen, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

A vet is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

A vet is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

A vet is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

A vet is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

A vet is an ordinary and yet extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

A vet is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say, "Thank You." That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU".

(Attributed to a Marine Corps Chaplain, Father Denis Edward O'Brian)

1st Battalion Grants a Wish

by LTC Gary Brito

On November 23, 2004, 1-15 Infantry Battalion and the Make-A-Wish Foundation had the honor of granting a very special wish to nine year old Evan Schneider, a heart transplant recipient. During his visit to Fort Benning, Evan experienced Army life first hand by riding in one of Crusader Company's M1A1 Tanks, touring the Battalion area with LTC Brito and CSM Becker, and having lunch at the Gibson Dining Facility. To show our appreciation for his courage, the "Can Do" Battalion presented him with a battalion coin, his very own tanker's jacket, and made him an honorary member of the 1st Battalion family.



Crusader Company's, C-14 crew with Evan Schneider after his tank ride.

Can Do Poem

Some years ago when BG (Ret) John S.D. Eisenhower joined the Association he offered some verses of a poem specifically describing the 15th Infantry Regiment. He had learned the poem in 1939 at Fort Lewis, Washington when his father, Dwight David Eisenhower, commanded the 15th Infantry Regiment. John didn't recall the title but does recall the verses below. It is significant that although he was a teenager in 1939 he recalls these verses over 55 years later. Perhaps someone who reads this will be able through research or knowledge to provide the remainder of the poem.

In the land of Cathay there's a phrase that they say when a difficult job is in view.

Just a Chinese refrain that is simple and plain: Can Do!

Can Do! A promise and prophesy too.

The slogan of workers all over the chart, who go on and finish the jobs that they start.

Two words but the spirit of those who come through -Can Do!

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AUG 20- PRESENT

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1975-1977

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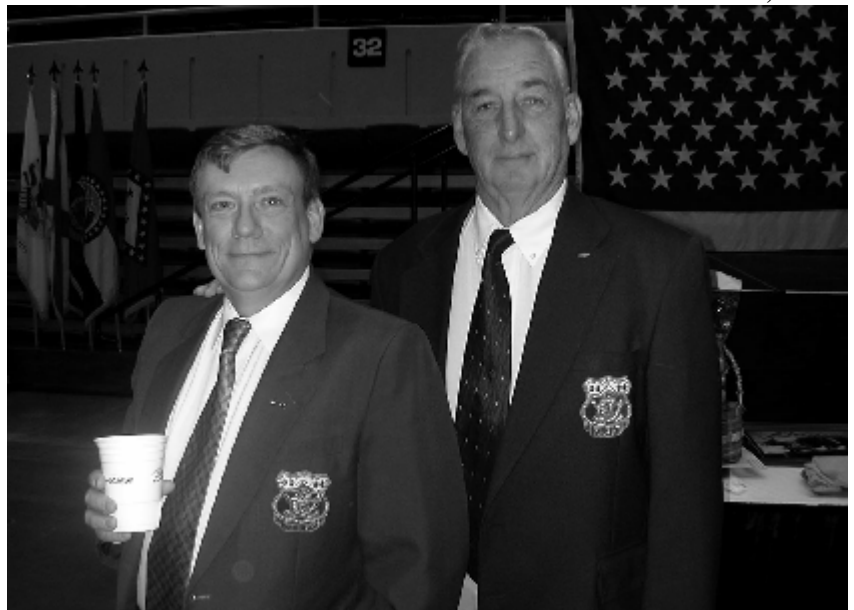
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China Ball Photos October 15, 2004



L to R Mike Horn and Tom Twomey



L to R Henry Burke, Pennie Burke, Mike Horn

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L to R CSM William Johnson, Henry Burke, Mike Horn, Tom Twomey, LTC Gary Luck, John Burke



L to R Tom Twomey, LT Dave Fall, CPT Christopher

Always Look Out For Each Other

By Floyd Depew

I was in the 1st Battalion in Korea from February 52 to November 52. I was in the Intel and Recon. I will always remember something that happened. Our Battalion Commander at the time was Colonel Mills Hatfield. He was a very good commander in our eyes. He told us to always look out for each other. We had left the front lines and were sent to Pusan for a month to guard prisoners that were being screened to stay South or go back North. I was CQ one night at the gate. Sergeant Bob Search from Holland, Michigan was in charge. He got a call from someone saying one of our people was in Pusan drunk and in trouble. He couldn't find a Jeep anywhere, so he took the Colonel's Jeep with all the big radios on it. It wasn't long after this that the Colonel came down to the gate looking for his jeep. He was slapping his side with his swagger stick. He looked at me and said, "Depew, where's my jeep?". I explained the situation to him, but he was pretty anxious. About an hour later Search came driving up. The Colonel said "Search, who told you that you could take my jeep?". Search, without hesitating said, "Colonel, you told us to look out for each other and there was no other way to get to Pusan.". The Colonel interrupted and said, "Except in my jeep." After a minute or two Colonel Hatfield said, "Well, I'm glad you're looking out for each other." Then he said to his driver, "Let's go." When the Colonel wasn't looking, the driver looked at me and ran his hand across his brow. I guess it was things like this that made us care for Colonel Hatfield so much. I have never heard anything about him since then. But he was a Commander that you couldn't forget.

Election of Officers

The election of Association Officers will be conducted at the next annual business meeting, date time and place to be determined and published in The Dragon. The newly elected officers will be installed in office at the Regimental Dinner held during the next Society of the Third Infantry Division Reunion at San Diego in September 2005. The term of office is two years.

In accordance with the Association Constitution and Bylaws a Call For Nominations For Election of Officers was published in the October 2004 edition of The Dragon. As announced, nominations were accepted through December 15, 2004. The resulting list of nominees is shown on the absentee ballot below. All nominees are in good standing, eligible for office, and have accepted nomination in writing.

Under unusual circumstances as determined by a 2/3 vote of members at the annual business meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor.

The absentee ballot is to be used by those members who are unable to attend the business meeting.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate your acceptance by marking YES or NO for each of the slate of officers listed; print and sign your name; and mail to the Nominations and Elections Chairman as shown below not later than March 15, 2004

President	Addison D. Davis, IV	YES___	NO___
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



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Complete the above and mail to: Bartolo Viruso
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cause and give generously to show our young men that their efforts are greatly appreciated by those of us back home. This is your opportunity to display that "Can Do" spirit.

All checks to this project should be made out to "15th Infantry Regiment Association" and sent to our Association Treasurer, Lloyd Whitmer, at the address found on page 2.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Trustees and the entire membership for their continued support to our fine 15th Infantry Regiment Association. We are doing well and it is a measure of your support that makes our group one of the finest in our country today.

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