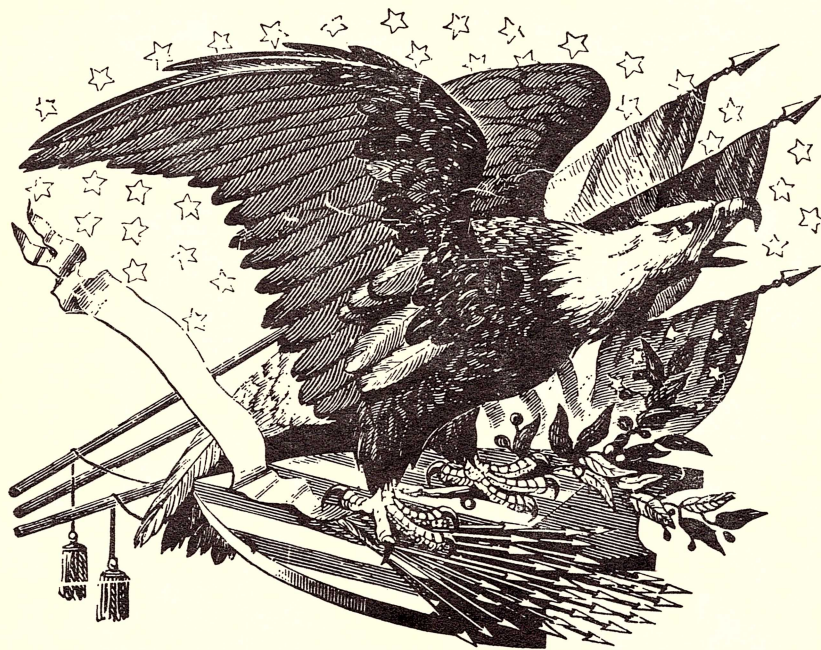
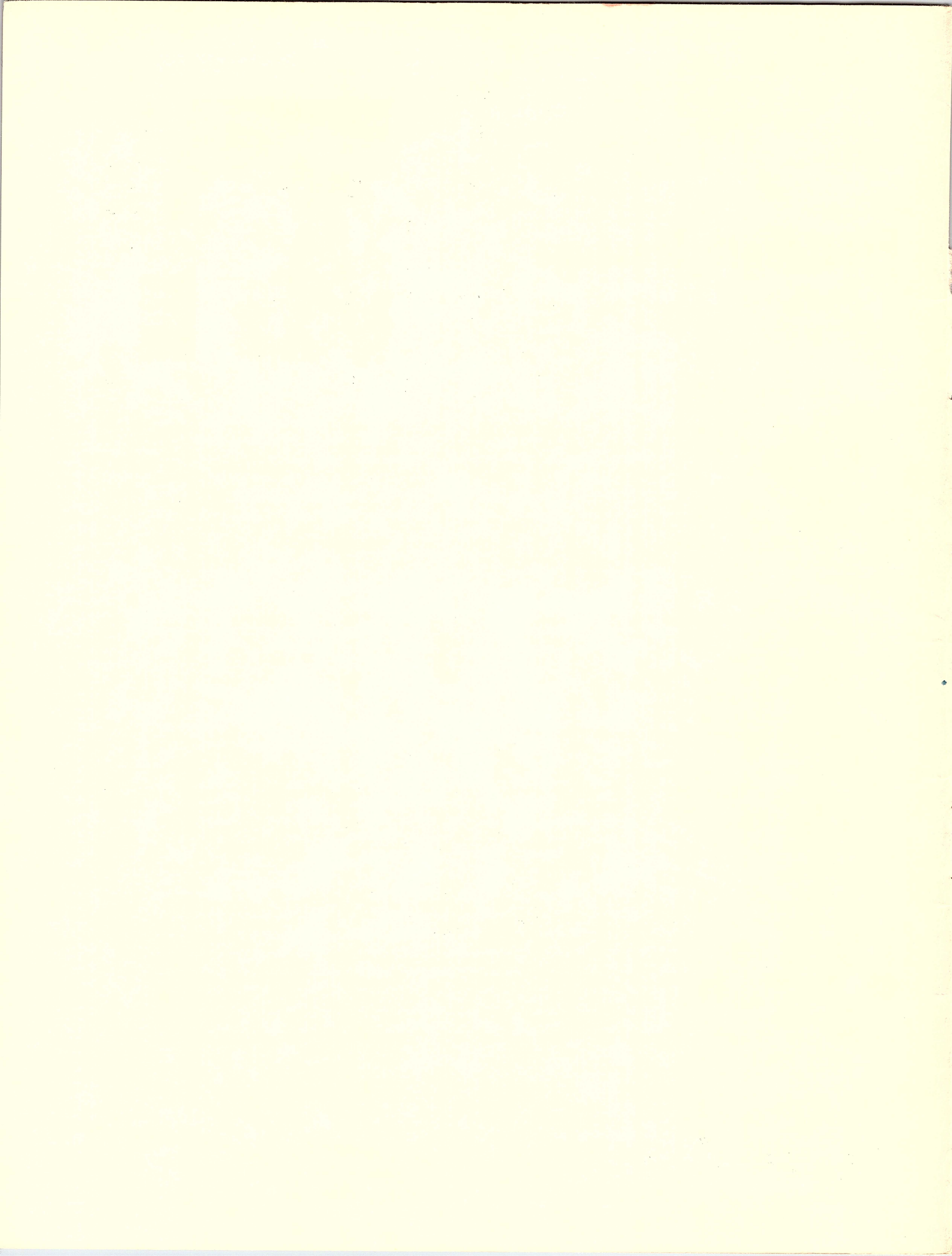


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1976-77



# President's Message



Dear Fellow Members:


As I come to the end of an unprecedented second term as president of the 63d Division Association, I am more optimistic about the role of the Association in local and national military affairs than ever before.

Recognizing that we are probably a "Last Man's Club" which has no fresh membership potential, relying on the former members of the finest reserve unit ever organized, the 63d United States Army Reserve Infantry Division, we are now reaching a plateau in our lives where as a group our influence and our contacts are at their zenith.

Because of this and the tremendous talent in many fields of endeavor that exists in the membership and because of the moves that have been taken in the past year, I feel certain that we can and will be a moving force in major decisions regarding the United States Armed Forces in the Southern California area.

We have members already working on the thorny problem of the utilization of Fort MacArthur and Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. As more and more of our members reach retirement age, the issues of commissary and PX and hospitalization become more important, and we can look forward to many active years of working with sister organizations and the United States Army Reserve in first, insuring the peace and security of the United States of America and secondly, in insuring the just rewards of retirement for our members.

I do not leave office with the feeling that my work with the Association is completed but rather that it is just beginning. I am grateful for the trust you have shown in asking me to coordinate your board activities for the past two years and I pledge to my successor my full support in future programs of the Association. You are all my comrades in arms and although the fortunes of war did not require us to be closely united in a combat situation, I would have been proud to have served with each and every one of you in such a situation. May God of our fathers watch over you and keep you safe.

  
TOMMY R. GILLIAM  
Col., USAR-ret.

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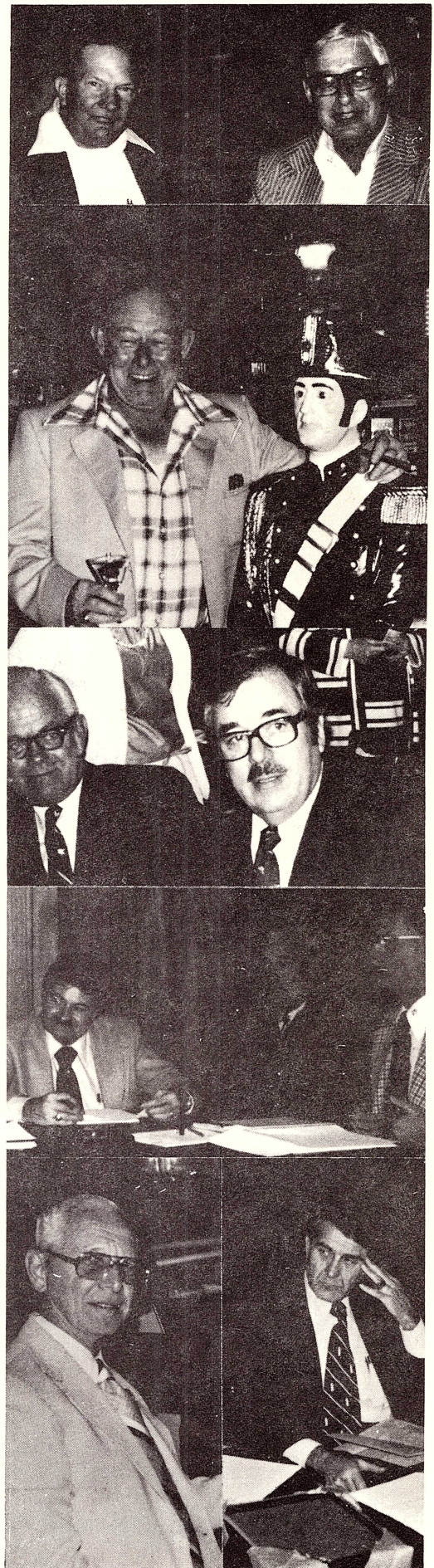
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## Board of Governors

The Board of Governors meets at least once each quarter to consider ways and means by which the Association might seek to further the objectives of the US Army Reserve and to conduct such other business that might come before the Board.





The 63d Infantry Division Association honored Major General Henry K. Kellogg by proclaiming their last annual meeting held on 8 May 1976 in his honor. Colonel Tommy Gilliam, President of the organization presented a plaque inscribed:

In recognition of his outstanding leadership as the former 63d Infantry Division Commander; for his continuous contribution of advice and military expertise toward a strong national defense; for his untiring efforts while serving on key policy making committees that work for a strong, more professional United States Army and United States Army Reserve; and for his many years of devoted duty to his country through active service, work as a citizen soldier and as a citizen concerned with the future of our Country, we sincerely proclaim this 8th day of May, 1976, MG HENRY K. KELLOGG NIGHT as an expression of our appreciation.

General Kellogg was also presented a Certificate recognizing his many years of service in the Reserve Officers Association.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS-Activity Report

The Board of Governors reelected COL Tommy R. Gilliam as President for a second consecutive term. The Board meets each quarter to consider current program and problem areas of the U.S. Army Reserve and to take whatever action is deemed appropriate to further the objectives of the overall USAR program.

Of particular concern to the Board have been recent developments as to future plans and policy for the Los Alamitos and Fort MacArthur military reservations, and the future program of the USAR at these sites. Proposals have been made and initial steps already taken that would transfer control of Los Alamitos to the California National Guard, such action has already been accomplished with respect to such training sites as Camp Roberts and Fort Irwin.

A special committee was established to develop ways and means by which the Association might support the most effective Reserve program at the Fort MacArthur and Los Alamitos facilities. The committee was also charged with a responsibility of making recommendations to the Board in other areas of consideration, including the preservation of past records and articles of historic interest of the 63d Infantry Division, and the development of an awards program.

The Board is continuing in the effort to seek support of the California Congressional Delegation in those areas which will further the objectives of the U.S. Army Reserve program.

The Board has been gratified by the support of the membership of the Association. Of note is the fact that at present 75 individuals have become Life Members.

### 63D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION FUND

#### Financial Statement

15 April 1977

Balance on Hand 10 January 1977:		
Deposits- Bank of America, LA	\$ 698.17	
LA Federal Savings	1,047.26	
Cash on Hand	5.20	
	\$ 1,750.63	
Receipts 10 January - 15 April 1977:		
Interest-LA Federal Savings	\$ 13.83	
Memberships, 15-Life @ 20.00	300.00	
7-3yr @ 5.00	35.00	
1-1yr @ 2.00	2.00	
	350.83	
Disbursements 10 January-15 April 1977:		
None	Ø	
	\$ 2,101.46	
Balance on Hand 15 April 1977:		
Deposits- Bank of America, LA	\$ 918.17	
Not on Statement	117.00	
LA Federal Savings	1,061.09	
Cash on Hand	5.20	
	\$ 2,101.46	



For some, no news is good news. For the 63d Infantry Division Association, again your editorial staff is asking for input for publication. Send us your old stuff so we can share it with our members and help to build our bank of material for a real good history. We will carefully do a real pro type copy job and return each item in perfect shape. No news means we just don't take time to let someone know

# Remember When...

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## DIVISION MARCHES AT PATTON CENTER DEDICATION

### New Army Chief of Staff Is Veteran of 63rd Div.

General Earle G. Wheeler, World War II Chief of Staff of the 63d Infantry Division, is the new Army Chief of Staff, succeeding General George H. Decker who retired effective Sept. 30.

General Wheeler joined the 63d Infantry Division as Chief of Staff in May, 1943, and served with the unit in the European Theater of Operation from early 1945 until September, 1945.

General Wheeler was Director of the Joint Staff from April 1960 to February, 1962, before going to Camp des Loges, near Paris, and NATO Headquarters as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. European Command.

### New Center Important As USAR Headquarters

The General George S. Patton, Jr. USAR Center in Maywood, Calif., already is the largest Army Reserve Center in the nation, and the Army plans to spend \$500,000 in a renovation program beginning in 1963.

Located on 35 acres which have been part of the Cheli AFB, the Patton Center now is headquarters for some 3,000 Reservists who train one night a week and on periodic Sundays.

Largest unit represented at the Maywood center is the 63d Infantry Division. Some 1800 of its more than 7500 members train here.

The center comprises 25 buildings, the largest occupied having 86,000 feet of floor space. It provides a readily accessible training headquarters and handy mobilization point.

Payrolls and expenditures of the General Patton USAR Center total more than \$1 million annually and are clearly important to the Southland community.

### 'Wolfhounds' Aid Japanese Orphans

Members of the 3rd Battle Group, 27th Infantry, of the 63rd Infantry Division, known as the "Wolfhounds," held a dinner recently to raise funds for the Holy Family Home, an orphanage near Osaka, Japan, where members of the unit in wartime became legend in their efforts to help Japanese children.

### THE GENERAL SAYS:

"Instant Soldiers."

Thus did a visiting newspaperman describe the officers and men of the 63d Infantry Division, after visiting us during training this past summer.

It is an impressive description, a title we can well be proud of—provided we can live up to its full meaning.

To fulfill our mission as a major combat reserve unit, ready for immediate call should the Army and the Nation need our services, we must indeed be "Instant Soldiers."

As responsible members of our communities we must have pride in our heritage and feel the same hatred for tyranny that motivated our forefathers to rise up and defeat all who would destroy or threaten our freedom.

We must also possess the courage, the will, and the desire to participate with our nation's regular military forces in defeating all threats to our freedom.

To change from civilian to "Instant Soldier" requires much more than a neat uniform and rigorous training program. It demands individual realization of the vital need for military readiness. It calls for personal sacrifice and continual effort to attain and maintain modern combat proficiency.

To be effective we must be capable of making the transition quickly and efficiently from our normal roles as civilians to our duty assignments as trained and well disciplined soldiers who are capable and eager to carry out our nation's orders.

It demands pride, patriotism, and performance by every one of us.

Let us continue to prove to the Army, to the nation, and to ourselves that we deserve this proud title, "Instant Soldiers."

WILLIAM J. HIXSON,  
Brig. Gen. USAR, Commanding

### Gen. Hibbs Contributes War Memoirs for History

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, USA Ret, World War II commanding General of the 63d Infantry Division, recently contributed his fine collection of photographs, documents and personal notes for use in compiling a complete history of the division.

Additional authentic information and anecdotes suitable for the history are welcomed by the division Information Officer.

### General Theimer Presides; Patton Nephew Present

More than 4,000 steel-helmeted Reserve soldiers of the 63d Infantry Division were chosen to march in the honor review at the dedication of the General George S. Patton, Jr. U.S. Army Reserve Center at Maywood, Oct. 21.

Half the personnel from the division's widespread units were on hand for the dedication attended by some 3,000 spectators who also viewed tanks, big guns and other infantry equipment on display.

Maj. Gen. John E. Theimer, Commanding General, XV U.S. Army Corps, reviewed the parade and accepted a memorial plaque of the late General Patton from the World War II hero's nephew, Navy Lt. Peter W. Patton.

Also on the reviewing stand were Brig. Gen. William J. Hixson, Commanding General, 63d Infantry Division; Brig. Gen. Frank McCarthy, master of ceremonies; Congressmen Chet Holifield and Clyde Doyle; Eugene D. Bennett, Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army for the 6th U.S. Army; Col. William S. Bodner, Senior Advisor, 63d Infantry Division; Col. Raymond C. Ashby Jr., Commanding Officer, Southern California Sector Command; and Lt. Col. Pearson B. Yeager, Commanding Officer, Northeast Los Angeles Subsector Command. Other members of the Patton family were in attendance.

Commander of troops for the review was Col. Stewart L. Hall, Assistant Division Commander.

A booming salute by division 105 mm. howitzers opened the dedication ceremony, followed by presentation of honors (Ruffles and Flourishes), Colors Center, the plaque presentation and acceptance remarks by General Theimer, presentation of a wreath at the memorial plaque by American Legion Post Number 442, San Gabriel, the National Anthem, and Pass in Review by the division's battle groups and battalions.

A brief reception for honored guests, news media representatives and commanders followed.

### 63d Association

Members of the 63d Division Association, who wore the "Blood and Fire" patch in European World War II combat, held their annual reunion at the Sheraton-Chicago, Ill., hotel, July 27, 28 and 29.



Gen. Hixson

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BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM J. HIXSON  
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## Colonel Wylie Becomes Chaplain for Division

Lt. Col. Robert B. Wylie is now the Division Chaplain.

A World War II winner of a Purple Heart and Silver Star, Chaplain Wylie became an Army chaplain in 1942, after graduating from Southern Methodist University School of Theology.

He returned to civilian life in 1946 following service in the ETO. When the North Korean communists stormed into Korea in 1950, the Rev. Wylie once again became a GI chaplain.

He served in Korea and Japan from 1951-54, and left active duty in 1956 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

## Ten Division Officers At Leavenworth Class

Brig. Gen. William J. Hixson and nine top division officers attended a 10-day Army refresher course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in May.

Attending with the division commander were Col. Stewart L. Hall, assistant division commander; Lt. Col. James W. Dunham, deputy brigade commander; Col. Frank H. Spearman, III, chief of staff; Lt. Col. Earl R. Brooks, G-1; Lt. Col. Earl B. Young, brigade staff; Lt. Col. Merl W. Rich, G-3; Lt. Col. Robert H. Smith, G-4; Maj. Charles J. McCleery, assistant G-3, and Major Charles C. Bennett, G-2.

## Now It's Mr. Reuter, Leader of the Band

Now it's Mr. Reuter. Harold C. Reuter, director of the division band, had his Warrant Officer's bars pinned on recently by Brig. Gen. William J. Hixson.

Reuter has led the band, one of the nation's largest reserve musical organizations, for 2½ years. He worked his way through the ranks to Master Sergeant, then to WO in six years Army Reserve service.

His civilian job is director of the Santa Ana High School band and music department.



**HONEST JOHN ROCKET CREW**—Members of the 63d Infantry Division's 4th Rocket Howitzer Battalion, 21st Artillery, comprised the first west coast reserve group to fire the Army's Honest John Rocket. Firing crew members are: second row (l. to r.) 1st Lt. Victor A. Buccola, Detachment Commander; Sp4 Gary L. Brown, PFC Raymond Martinez, Pvt. Charles N. Fries, PFC Lugene Green, Sgt. Roy Berry, Section Chief. In the first row (l. to r.) are Sgt. James Antoine, Sp4 Donald L. Dunn, PFC Henry A. Duke, and PFC Richard L. Senner. The division reservists fired the rocket in training at Fort Lewis, Washington.

## Lt. Col. Erle Frady Heads Signal Battalion

Lt. Col. Erle H. Frady, Jr., who led Signal units in World War II and an Army construction company in the Korean conflict, is the new commander of the Division's 163d Signal Battalion.

Attached to Division Headquarters from 1959 until assuming command of the Division's Signal Battalion, Colonel Frady is a member of the national advertising staff of the Los Angeles Times.

## Col. Robinson Says Army Enriched Ministry

Lt. Col. Paul V. Robinson, division chaplain who had a church of his own only at annual summer training, has retired, praising the Army by saying, "my entire ministry has been enriched through 20 years of experience as an Army chaplain."

In civilian life, he preferred his job as traveling pastor.

He's continuing his civilian ministry as director of chaplain services for Los Angeles County, and is also assisting with religious duties at VA facilities in Sepulveda.

## The United States Army . . .

" . . . I speak of men first, because the heart of the Army is the soldier—not the machine. It is important to note that the Army is a service where the emphasis is not on manning equipment but is on equipping the man. Army strength is measured largely in manpower; and Army power is applied in person, as close range. Where the American soldier stands, there stands a tangible and unmistakable boundary of freedom that an enemy knows he can violate only at the gravest risk. Any attempt to understand the Army must always start from—and finally return to—the individual soldier; he, in aggregate, is the Army. . . ."

(From remarks by General George H. Decker, Chief of Staff, United States Army, Biloxi, Mississippi, July 6, 1962).





## Army Reserve officer inducts son into USAF

Twenty-three years to the day after his own induction, HAC's U.S. Army Reserve Maj. James Wright was presiding officer at the Air Force induction ceremony of his son Jeff.

In 1952 Maj. Wright joined the Engineer Corps, received an ROTC commission from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is now attached to the 962nd Stock Control Company, El Monte, under the 63rd ARCOM.

He also is an MTS in Space and Communication Group's Defense Systems Division, Advance System Labs.

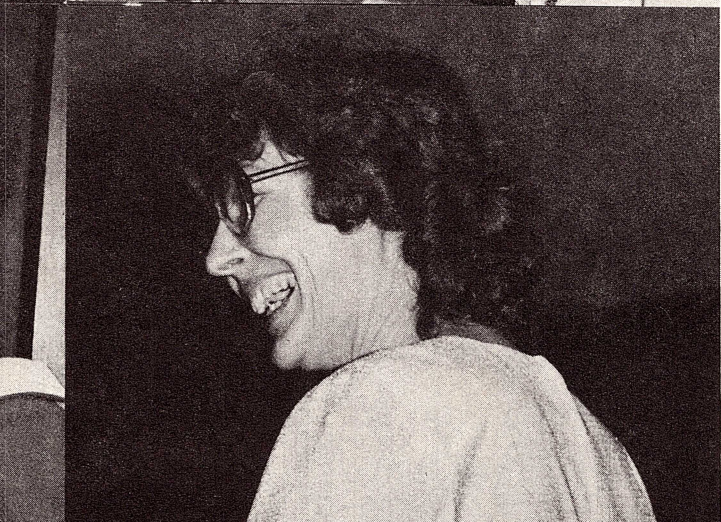
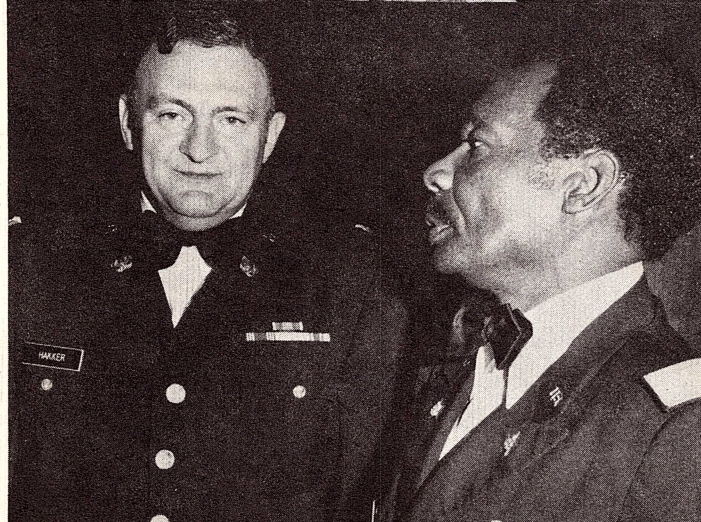
Jeff will complete basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, then go to Chanute AFB, IL, for 15 weeks of AF specialty training.



U.S. ARMY Maj. James Wright swears in his son Jeff exactly 23 years after his own induction, in a special ceremony arranged by Air Force recruiter MSgt. Sam Spade. (USAF Photo)

*MRS Hakker, Chandler, Price and Rice*





# Whooze Nuze...

*Your Board of Governors decided that it might be interesting to screen the present members and see just what they are doing, been doing, or might be doing in the future. The comments received follow.*

LTC Walter B. Kroener, CO 3d Bn 27th Inf, Ret, deep sea fishing, taking life easy. . . . .  
LTC John W. Flory, Ass't Civil Affairs Officer, now a real estate salesman, Treasurer, the San Diego County Chapter Military Order of the World Wars, plans 2 weeks in Hawaii at the Hale Koa and will see us at the annual meeting. . . .LTC Elbert Chatham, Bn S2, now Chief of Security, VA Hospital, Long Beach, attended 82d birthday for General Doolittle when one of the posters from his collection was presented to him by his son-in-law Maj Eddie Allen, USAF. Son and Son-in-law are both Vietnam veterans. . . .COL Robert B. Davis, DivArty CO, retired from LA Department of Water & Power, spends lots of time at his desert cabin, says there is no problem with water rationing, no water, 2 grand children, 2 in escrow. . . LTC Irving C. Myers, G5, Civil Affairs, (retired Hangin' judge), now associate Regional Director United Way of Los Angeles, 2 week trip to Europe in 1975, two weeks in the Canadian or some Rockies, both daughters now married, spends some time at his second home in Palm Springs. . .COL Bill Walsh, Ass't C/S G4, Sierra Electric Company in South Gardena, CA, received 30 year certificate for ROA membership in January 77, 3 grandsons, two married daughters, lost Bill Jr in March 71 at the age of 23 1/2 years, son Tom will graduate from HS in June, going on to UC Davis to study medicine. . .BG Stewart L. Hall, ADC, now retired, traveled WWII battle route of the 30th Infantry from Omaha Beach to Germany. . .COL Gordon



H. Wallace, CO 4th Bn 27th Infantry, wholesale petroleum distributor, Los Angeles Airport, trip to Mexico City-Acapulco and a tour of the wine country in Napa Valley during the harvest season, 3 children, 4 grand-children. . . .

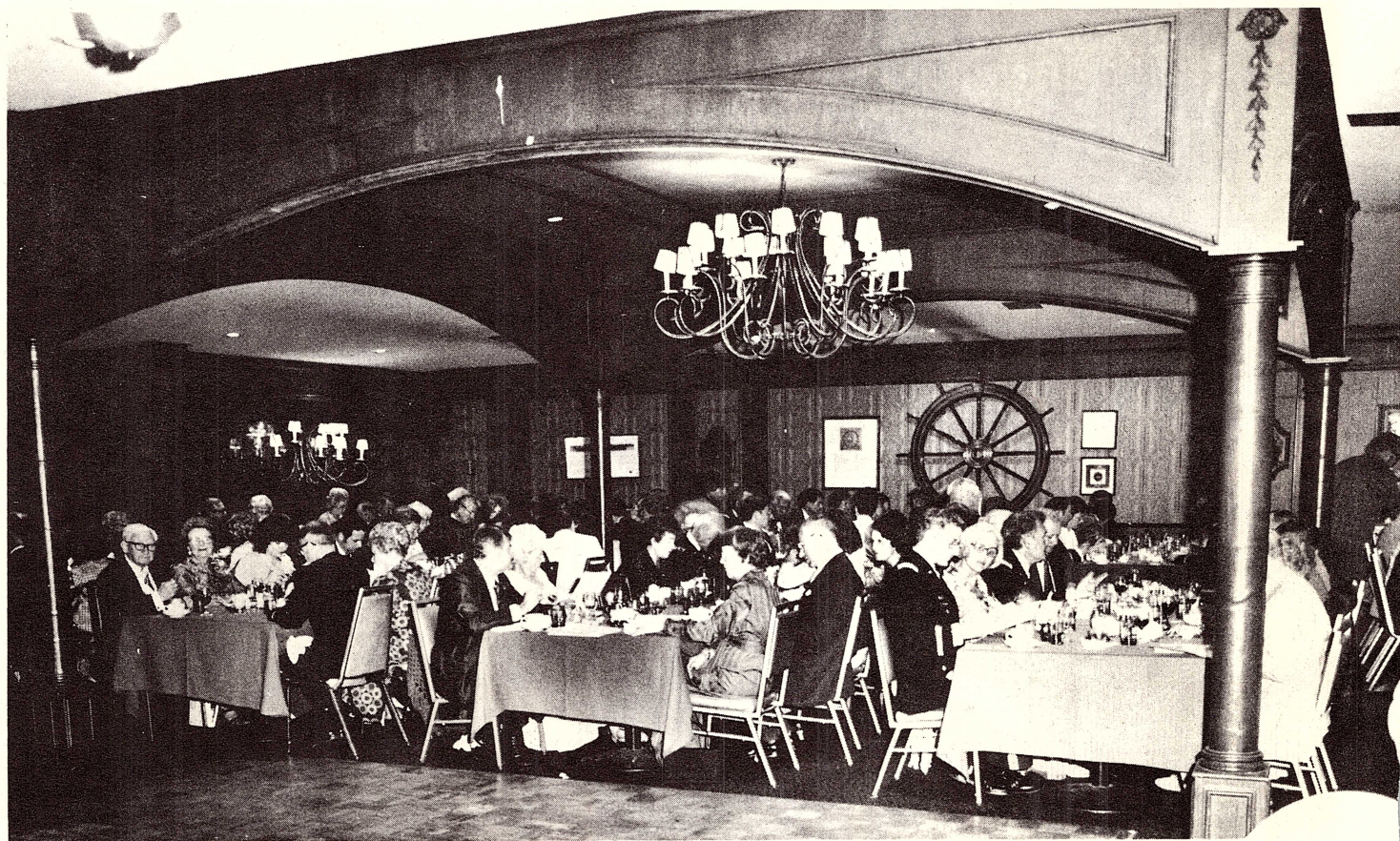
LTC James R. Pitcher, Motor Officer, 3d Battle Group, 30th Infantry, now Plans and Operations Officer, G3 Section 63d ARCOM, and a teacher/audio visual coordinator, Lincoln Junior High in Santa Monica, lost his wife Sharon in September 1976, has a daughter Patti, 2d Year in U of C Santa Cruz, will be Life Member very shortly. . . .COL Vern MacPherson, DivPIO President of Fiesta Mexican Foods, Inc & Publisher of El Informador Internacional way down in Brawley., recent trips to Mexico and Europe. . . .LTC Walter R. Maxwell, Bn CO 5/19 Arty spent his 35th wedding anniversary in Hawaii last year, now medically retired and living in San Clemente, 4 children, 3 grand daughters, golfing every day. . . .LTC Martin S. Gray, MOB DES Real Estate Officer, San Francisco District, Corps of Engineers, was in HHC 1st Brigade works as principal appraiser Los Angeles County Assessor. . . .LTC George H. Lundgren, HQ 763 Maintenance Bn, presently Bn CO 155 S/S Bn, 63d ARCOM at El Monte, works at California Ins of Tech, made a trip to Europe in 75. . . .MAJ George L. Dutton, Ass't G2, Documents Control Officer, retired after 26 years from 63d ARCOM, Exploring Director, Great Western Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Van Nuys, trip to Europe two years ago to visit his son with the U S Army, suggests more help to Jr. ROTC if possible, older son Tom will receive his Masters Degree in architecture from Washington University in May. . . .COL Tom Allen, Ass't G1, now CO 916th Field Depot, 63d ARCOM, regional claims supt, The Bankers Life. . . . LTC Earl B. Young, CO 3d Bn, 30th Infantry, head printing services department, Hughes Aircraft Company, Fullerton, does custom fishing rod finishing and fly tying. . . .LTC Fred E. Davidson, Nuclear Weapons Employment Officer, 63d DivArty, in the real estate and property management business in Goleta. . . .

*MG Henry K. Kellogg, MG Louis Kaufman, MG William J. Hixson, BG Stewart L. Hall, BG Robert D. Upp and BG Berwyn Fragner.*



COL Noah F. Modisett, S3 4/21 FA Bn, now Deputy Commandant 6220 USAR School, 63d ARCOM, is employed at LA City College. . .MAJ Harry F. Lindroth, HQ 2d Brigade, a teacher Long Beach Unified School District, spent 30 days on trains on a trip in Norway and Sweden, daughter Jody now married, physical education teacher. . .COL Ralph J. Hippert, Army Reserve Advisor to the Commandant, US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, former Commander 63d S & T Bn. . .MAJ Alan Robbins, Deputy Finance Officer, presently a Budget Price Analyst with Defense Contract Administration Services, Region, Los Angeles, got into LA Mayor's race with another Alan Robbins, ran because his name was the same in order to capitalize on the publicity, buttons and whistles with ads would not go through the press. . .CAPT Carl A. Garnett II, special education teacher in West Covina Unified School District, running for the Vice Presidency of Local 193 of the Security Guards, 3 children, David plans to go to the Carlsbad Army-Navy Military Academy, Carla is a Judo champion and Victor excells in golf. COL H. T. "Pike" Olsen, Military Government Staff Commander, retired from Pacific Tel Co and the USAR, has traveled to Africa, several European tours including the 30th Anniversary of Normandy, D-Day in 1964, now lives in Laguna Hills. . .MAJ Everett R. Ferris, HQ 63d Div, 1966-68, retired and a new life member. . .LTC Charles C. Bennett, G2, retired, now Harbor Commissioner, Orange County becoming involved in civic activities including a desire to get involved in recreational planning, a Director of the Huntington Yacht Club and Fleet Captain of the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club Fun Fleet. . .1LT Charles R. Janeway, HHC 3d Bn 30th Infantry, retired from Pacific Telephone. . .LTC Durwood D. Hicks AG 63d Division, training supervisor, New York Life Insurance Company, trip to San Jose, a trip to Hawaii and a stay at the Hale Koa Hotel, past President of the 63d Division Association. . .LTC Albert T. Finnerty, Aide-de-camp, ADC, assistant Vice-President, Crocker National Bank, Special Loan Department, travels for Crocker to London, New York, Atlanta Miami, also Leavenworth Camp Roberts and Fort Irwin, now assigned as A C/S Maintenance,

*The whole gang at the banquet. . .*



311th Support Brigade. . .MAJ Minor K. White, CO, Co C 3d Bn 15th Infantry, on active duty at FORSCOM in Recruiting and Retention Division, DCSPER, on the list for LTC in June. MG William J. Hixson, 63d Division Commander, retired, travels include Alberta, British Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, India Uruguay, Argentina, Falkland Islands, Antarctica and other exotic places. . .LTC Robert H. Smith, A C/S G4 63d Division, retired, self-employed Factory Supply Company, Anaheim as distributor of industrial tools, two children, three grand-children. . .COL Raymond J Zuleski, a student at the Air War College. . .LTC Chung Cho Gong, LNO 5/11 FA Bn, MOBDES DCSOPS, HQ FORSCOM, Readiness Division, self-employed, has 1 daughter and 5 sons . . . . MAJ Paul W. Wims, Co D, 263d Engineer Bn, currently in HHC 311th Support Brigade, works for So Cal Edison. . .CAPT Edward H. Barr, Ass't G4, 63d Division, retired from USAR and LAPD after 30 years, moved to Nipomo, 5 miles north of Santa Maria on 2 acres, building a house and becoming a gentleman farmer. . .MAJ Donald M. Gustafson, Aide-de-camp, Div CG and Ass't to C/S, self employed in mining and manufacturing, discharged from USAR. . . . CW4 John Harrison, Staff Judge Advocate Section, retired, now an attorney in private practice, son Harvey just graduated from Stanford Law School. . . .LTC Richard E. Brewster HHS Co 163d Engineer Bn, Company Commander, now Operations Officer 6220 USAR School, now employed with Rockwell International as an Engineer. . .

LTC John H. Milor, 63d QM Company, attached to 6386th USAR Study Group at Fort MacArthur is a teacher at Redondo Beach City School District. . .LTC Donald F. Mitchell, XO 3d BDE now retired from USAR, self employed wall covering contractor. . .MAJ Paul S. Olson, CO Co B, Signal Bn, now assigned to the 311th Support Brigade, works as Project Manager for Rockwell International. . .LTC William E. Boell, S2 63d DivARTY, now retired USAR, works for Calweld in Santa Fe Springs, active in Artillery Chapter 87 ROA, three children and

*MG William J. Hixson, BG Robert D. Upp and Mrs Upp: LTC Hicks and Hodges.*



two grand children. . .LTC Salvadore H. Dippollet, CO 63d DivARTY RTU, consulting optometrist for the California Department of Health. . .LTC Basil R. Worthen, CO 392 Trans Bn retired from USAR and the Los Angeles Fire Department, 5 month trip to Alaska, Yukon, BC and Northwest Alberta, traveled in pickup and 32-foot trailer, roughin' it. . LTC Edward H. Ahlgren, 7/40 Armor Bn, last assigned to 916th Field Depot, 63d ARCOM before retiring employed as a contracting officer for the U S Air Force, Space & Missile Systems Orgn. . LTC Harold G. Solie, S2 DivARTY, now a real estate broker and San Fernando Swap Meet and Flea Market executive. . .LTC Michael A Cornwell, S1 HHC, 2d Brigade, now assigned Ass't Commandant 6220 USAR Scoool, Fort MacArthur, employed as an account executive, Truman Van Dyke Company, recently appointed to Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, Central Business District Redevelopment Project in the City of Los Angeles. . .

CW4 Robert L. Monro, 263d Engineer Bn, retired USAR, now Assistant Hospital Administrator Fairview State Hospital in Costa Mesa, Caribbean cruise in 76, lives in Santa Ana. . . . BG Robert D. Upp, SJA 63d Division, professor, Law Department, Los Angeles City College, C.I.O.R Executive Committee Meeting, NATO HQ in Brussels Jan 77, Christmas Cruise South America, past President National ROA. . .LTC Roland L. Stewart Jr. ADC 63d Inf Div RTU, bio-medical representative Scientific Products Division, American Hospital Supply, Irvine went to Olympic games in Montreal, sent in last memo "A final paragraph in the History of the Reserve Forces-Army of the United States--Herewith--Copy of admin memo of "Rigor - Mortis from the Deceased." Col Ralph Hill was the Division Commander. These were the days of "FAITH" in the possibility of the re-activation of the 63d Division, "HOPE" that we would not be forgotten, and "CHARITY" (we were drilling for points only--no pay.) The 63d Infantry Division RTU was discontinued 31 August 1968 per GO 205, HQ 6th U S Army, Presidio of San Francisco, a truly fine military organization--just a memory."

*BG Stewart L. Hall, MG Henry K. Kellogg, CW4 Andy Andreas.*





MAJ James B. O'Dowd, Ass't AG, now assigned as Comptroller, 916th Field Depot, works for Bechtel (Construction Engineers), now in final phase of C & GS, 3 children. . .COL Erle Frady, CO 163d Signal Bn, 63d Division, retired USAR, account executive national advertising Los Angeles Times, plays lots of golf and spends spare time in Palm Springs . . . COL Homer Blix Lind, CO 3d Bn 15th Inf, retired, now personnel officer Los Angeles Uni-field School District, recent trip to Hawaii. . .LTC Carl P. Bechdolt, S4 3d Battle Group 30th Infantry, retired, works for Rockwell International, Space Division, Seal Beach and makes most of the ROA meetings and conferences. . .CW4 Robert A. Griffiths, 63d Division Ammunition Officer, will retire in July with 32 years of service, presently assigned to 309th ASA Bn and employed by AMSA #16 as Signal Maintenance Shop Leadman, joined the 63d Division in 1951, married to Betty, has one son. . .MAJ James T. Wright, A Co Commander, 163d Signal Bn, presently assigned as Deputy C/S Materiel, 311th Support Brigade, works in Advanced Systems Division, Hughes Aircraft Company, El Segundo, recently presided at the induction ceremony of his son Jeff 23 years to the day after his induction. . . See story and photo. . .COL Theodore W. Paulson, Bn S4 3/77 Arty, employed by So Cal Edison presently assigned as Chief of Staff, 63d ARCOM. . .COL Charles J. McCleery, G3, 63d Division, currently employed at 311th Support Brigade, traveled to Hawaii and Pennsylvania, Vice-President of Chapter 92, ROA. . .BG Berwyn Fragner, Ass't FSC 63d DivARTY, assigned as Commander, 311th Support Brigade, is Vice President-Industrial Relations, TRW Systems and Energy. . .MAJ John M. Youngstead, Co A, 7th Med Tank Bn, 40th Armor, now in Materiel Section 311th Support Brigade, self employed "Feathers" Laguna Beach, vacationed in Europe, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, France and Monaco. . .LTC Robert D. Kleist, BG Cmdr now Director of Trade Development for the Port of Los Angeles, travels to Far East, Taiwan, Korea, Hongkong and all of the U S, has some good advice on national issues . . .

*Some of the characters at the latest 63d DIVARTY bash. . .*



LTC Joseph M. Quinn, Information Officer, 63d Infantry Division, Senior Editor, City News Service and Radio News West, Publisher of the Los Angeles Enterprise. . . CW3 Joseph W. Orozco, Meteorological Officer, 63d DivARTY, Self-employed Orozco Travel Service and as a trustee, Los Angeles Community College District, Chairman Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County (2nd term), awarded George Washington Honor Medal by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in 1974 for statements he made to further patriotism and our system of free enterprise. . . CW3 William Williams, 63d S & T Bn, works for the City of LA recently attended a reunion with WWII combat unit 487 Bomb Group Association, says he is Cold Turkey on Channel 8. . . LTC Michael H. Schirm, Information Officer, currently works for Modern America, recent trip to Hawaii, son Chris graduated from Santa Clara College and daughter is in college. . . LTC Jimmy S. Gozawa, Ass't G2, retired, President of the American Japanese Insurance Agency, plans to take American women Tennis Instructors to Japan in June, says he would like to see former members of the Association get together more often. . . COL Roger W. Cresswell, Ass't G2, retired, President of Southern Lacquer and Paint Corporation of Southgate, now lives in Yorba Linda. . . LTC Ed McLarty, Attorney at Law, last assigned to the 63d Division in 1960, traveled to London and other parts of England for 3 weeks, has a son who works for the Veterans Administration and his wife is going back to school and will graduate as a medical technician in August. . . MG Henry K Kellogg, Commanding General 63d Infantry Division, now retired, active in ROA, TROA, the American Legion, recently made trips to Milwaukee, Copenhagen, Sacramento, has a son and daughter, 5 grand children, one grandson is a member of the 82d Airborne Division. . . . COL Tom Chandler, Ass't G4, 63d Infantry Division, now assigned as G4 63d ARCOM, second time around, helps to keep San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District in water, and out of hot water as their information officer. . . these little comments were a great response and I am sure that it will be deeply appreciated by all of the membership.

*Our generals and their lovely ladies. . .*



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