



63d Infantry Division Association, USAR  
**1988-89**





## *Blood and fire*

To bleed and burn  
in expiation of their crimes against humanity  
was promised to, and planned for our enemies  
by the United Nations  
at Casablanca  
in 1943.

Born that year,  
the

### *63d Infantry Division*

wears the symbol of that promise,  
is engaged in its sure  
and joyous execution.

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March 31, 1989

## Presidents Message



Dear Fellow Members:

Our Association continues to stand firm for our reserve components and to respond when it is threatened. Through the fine efforts of your Board of Governors, a resolution was formulated and sent to the media and key members of Congress and all Governors condemning the manner in which the media reported on the issue of service in the Army National Guard during the Viet Nam war. As you can see elsewhere in this annual report on this subject, our Association took a firm stand. The responses from many Governors and members of Congress were very positive and in favor of our action.

Your Board of Governors is also actively pursuing other issues such as the recommended COLA-1% and the Social Security Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act (CATCAP), both of which will seriously impact the retirement benefits of many retired reservists. We need the support of the membership to voice our objections of these issues to our elected officials.

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of Maj. Gen. Bert Fragner and CW4 Ernst Andreas during the past year. These gentlemen have contributed greatly toward the success of our organization and will be missed.

In closing, I sincerely appreciate the fine support I have received from the Board of Governors during my presidency. It has been a rewarding experience.

*Albert L. Mendonca*  
ALBERT L. MENDONCA  
Col. AUS-Ret  
President

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Your Board of Governors meets at least once each quarter to consider ways to further the objectives of the Association in enhancing the programs vital to meeting the mobilization readiness of the Army Reserve: and, to conduct such other business that may come to the attention of the board.



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## BLOOD AND FIRE

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IN EXPIATION OF THEIR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY  
WAS PROMISED TO, AND PLANNED FOR OUR ENEMIES  
BY THE UNITED NATIONS,  
AT CASABLANCA  
IN 1943  
BORN THAT YEAR  
THE  
63D INFANTRY DIVISION  
WEARS THE SYMBOL OF THAT PROMISE.  
PREPARES FOR AND PLANS ITS SURE  
AND JOYOUS EXECUTION

# National Interest Committee

## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Since our last report to the membership, a number of events of national interest have demanded our immediate attention and timely action:

First, during the 1988 Presidential campaign, the media attempted to discredit the Vice Presidential candidate's service in the Army National Guard during the Viet Nam period, and in doing so belittled and demeaned service in the Reserve Components of the Army as an acceptable and honorable means of discharging one's military obligations. Our reaction was a resolution condemning the attitude of the media, but at the same time being very careful to avoid any involvement with the political aspects of the situation. The result was widespread support of our position in the letters we received from Governors, Senators, and members of the House. Perhaps the most significant were those from Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and from the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, John H. Sununu, who is now the Chief of Staff of President Bush's Administration.

Next, our attention was directed toward the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act which was passed into law in 1988. In this matter we joined and supported a coalition of more than thirty other organizations founded jointly by The Retired Officers Association (TROA) and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. The coalition is now formally known as the Coalition for Affordable Health Care, and it's purpose is to correct the gross inequities contained in the new law. We are currently preparing a resolution which will proclaim our support of CAHC, and support of a bill (S.335) introduced by Sen. John McCain (Ariz), which would delay by one year the supplemental premiums and all benefits that were to become effective in 1990 and beyond, so that public hearings can be conducted to assess the real needs of older Americans for catastrophic protection. We urge our members to support this effort by communicating with their elected representatives in Congress.

Finally, we generated a letter writing campaign in opposition to the proposed budget cut in our COLA. Details of this campaign are contained in our 1989 Annual Meeting News Letter.

This committee now has a new name. The term "Political Action Committee", or "PAC", has come into general disfavor due to highly financed, self-serving organizations using the term. Since our goal is to insure the National Defense and Security of the United States, the Board decided to avoid any possible stigma of selfish interests. Henceforth, we will be known as the "National Interest Committee".

  
CHARLES F. MCCLEERY  
COL, AUS Ret  
Chairman



## RESOLUTION OF THE 63d INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (USAR)

### SERVICE IN RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

WHEREAS, the Reserve Components of the United States Army (United States Army Reserve and the Army National Guard) provide 70% of the deployable forces of the Army; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government made the determination for good reason that the program of six years of duty in the Reserve Components (six months of active duty and 5½ years of reserve component duty) was an honorable and meaningful means of fulfilling military obligations during the Viet Nam War years; and

WHEREAS, such duty with Reserve Components is on a 100% volunteer basis; and

WHEREAS, the general public is not well informed as to the critical position held by the Reserve Components of the United States Army in the defence of this country; and

WHEREAS, the media selectively made an issue of, and reported in an irresponsible and inaccurate manner, the true value of the Army Reserve Components during the Viet Nam War years; and

WHEREAS, in its typical selective "ignorance" of the programs and policies of the military forces, the news media with few exceptions have demeaned the value of the Reserve Components and deliberately ignored the "Total Army" policy of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the media as a whole has inflicted severe damage upon the reputation of the Reserve Components as a meaningful segment of the Army by deliberate omission of facts and publication of half-truths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) condemns the manner in which the media reported on the issue of service in the Army National Guard during the Viet Nam War years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) insist that the media take such steps as are necessary to mend the damage inflicted and to restore in the minds of the public the need for and the reputation of the Citizen Soldiers of the United States.

Unanimously adopted 7 September 1988  
Board of Governors

*Distribution went to the media, key members of Congressional committees and all of the Governors.*

#### 63D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (USAR) FUND

##### Financial Statement

27 March 1989

##### Balance on Hand 31 January 1989:

Deposits- Union Federal- Brea	\$ 1,244.12
Cash on Hand	35.75
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	\$ 1,279.87

##### Receipts 31 January- 27 March 1989:

Interest	10.61
Sustaining Membership	180.00
Dinner Tickets	147.00
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	+ 337.61

##### Disbursements 31 January - 27 March 1989:

T.V.Chandler- Printing, inserts, postage, Newsletter	- 184.56
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Total	\$ 1,432.92

##### Balance on Hand 27 March 1989:

Deposits- Union Federal-Brea	\$ 1,397.17
Cash on Hand	35.75
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Total	\$ 1,432.92

## TAPS



MG Berwyn (Berk) Fragner, 61, an aerospace executive, longtime spokesman for human resources management and retired Major General in the US Army Reserve, passed away on 18 February and was buried at Mt. Sinai Cemetery, Forest Lawn on 21 February.

He enlisted in the ORC in 1944 as a private and in 1945 attended the University of Delaware as a member of the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program. In 1946 he was graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School and commissioned a 2LT.

He served with the 64th FA Bn, 25th Inf Div in Osaka Japan. In 1947 he was returned to the United States and entered reserve status.

In 1950 he graduated from the University of Delaware and in 1952 received his MA from Harvard University. Between 1947 and 1960, he served in the Field Artillery in several reserve units and moved to Los Angeles to become Bn S2, 3/77 Arty, then S4, S3 and DivArty Fire Support Coordinator. In 1966-67, he was assigned to the 311th LOG CMD and became part of the original cadre that formed the HQ of the 63d ARCOM. He became Commander of the 311th in 1974 and promoted to BG in July 1965. He became commander of the 63d ARCOM in June 1979 and promoted to Major General in February 1980. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, MSM w 2/OLC and the Army Commendation Medal. He was a life member of the 63d Infantry Division Association USAR.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,  
 AND TRANSPORTATION  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20510-5125

October 25, 1988

Col. Albert L. Mendonca, USAR (ret.)  
 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR  
 1404 Westwood  
 Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Albert:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate hearing from you.

I particularly appreciate the resolution you attached to your letter concerning service in the Reserve Components of the United States Army. It is important for organizations like yours, who actually know first hand of the contributions the Reserve Components are making to our national defense, to continue to ensure that an accurate public picture is being presented. As you are well aware, an informed public will elect informed public officials who decide the defense funding levels.

Thank you again for your letter and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

*John S. McCain*  
 John S. McCain  
 United States Senator

JM/jsr

## We got more letters. .



MILTON W. KANE — COMMISSIONER  
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 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
 16 NORTH BROADWAY 8th FLOOR  
 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA 58102  
 Telephone 237-4383

October 18, 1988

Albert L. Mendonca  
 COL, USAR-Ret  
 63d Infantry Division Assn, USAR  
 1404 Westwood  
 Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 26, 1988, was forwarded to me by our Governor.

I feel your resolution says what's needed to be conveyed especially pointing out the roll of the Reserve Forces during time of conflict.

Thank you for your information. Keep up the good work with your 63d Infantry Association. As military people we have a vested interest in the future of our nation.

Kindest regards,

*Milton W. Kane*  
 Milton W. Kane  
 Commissioner

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 cc: Governor's Office

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Mike Hayden Governor

October 22, 1988

Albert L. Mendonca  
 63rd Infantry Division Assoc., USAR  
 1404 Westwood  
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Dear Albert:

I appreciate you sending me a copy of the resolution which was adopted by the Board of Governors regarding the manner in which the media reported on the issue of service in the Army National Guard during the Viet Nam War era.

I consider the Viet Nam War to be one of the greatest experiences of my life. It's an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything, but I hope and pray that no one has to go through it again. I was fighting for my friends and family and this country to protect our freedom.

Viet Nam veterans are every bit as patriotic as American soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War. There is no doubt in my mind that had I not have gone through it, I would not have served in the legislature and I certainly would not have been governor.

This was a frustrating war -- hard to understand and hard to fight.

Again, I appreciate you sending me a copy of the resolution. If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
*Mike Hayden*  
 MIKE HAYDEN  
 Governor

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VONNIE I. OLSON  
 CATHY HALGUNSETH  
 SECRETARIES



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor  
 State of Wisconsin

November 23, 1988

Albert L. Mendonca  
 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR  
 1404 Westwood  
 Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Colonel Mendonca:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your resolution regarding The Reserve Component of the United States Army.

I am always interested in hearing comments and concerns from both local government officials and the private sector. I will keep your recommendations in mind as I set policy during my tenure as Governor.

As a former member of the Army Reserve, I understand your concerns and appreciate your efforts to reinforce public support for Reserve Units.

Again, thanks for your thoughts, and please do not hesitate to contact my office on any matter which concerns you.

Sincerely,

*Tommy G. Thompson*  
 TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
 Governor

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# Outstanding Speaker. Outstanding Program.



J. Alan Wright, an outstanding speaker and a man who was directly involved with space transportation and systems groups at the highest peak of sophistication and could be the "man-next-door" that can explain what is being accomplished and how it affects us all. . .that's the program you missed. The members who were there were absolutely delighted with the presentation, his exhibits from the space program and particularly, his personality and the company of his lovely wife. The program seemed much closer to the audience after his detailed and practical trip into space with us all.

He has been with the Engineering Department of Rockwell International since 1955 as manager of an engineering information center

## Short Rounds . . . .

Those of us who put your publications together are always ready and willing to use any material that affects the reservist; whether he be active, retired or just a support type observer, your information and material that you see or receive would be welcomed and in most cases, certainly used. It will be referred to an appropriate active committee and a reaction made depending on the subject and



and supervisor of systems engineering, both in Downey and at the launch site in Florida.

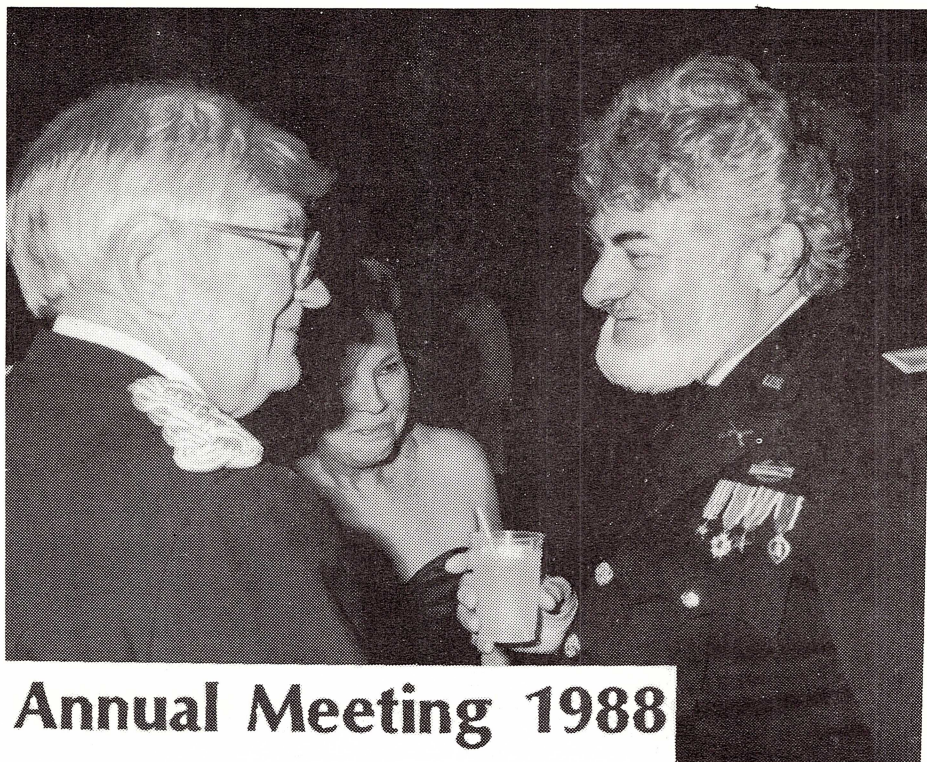
He was responsible for overall reliability in the technical development at that time. When he retired in 1985, he was serving as project engineer in the space shuttle program, processing changes to the orbiter power generations systems. He was called back as a job shopper in 1986 to work on the Auxiliary Power Unit design.

The programs that have been arranged by your Association in the past few years have been presented to us by diversified achievers in very responsible positions. Their topics have been timely, and certainly of great interest to the members, their wives and our guests.

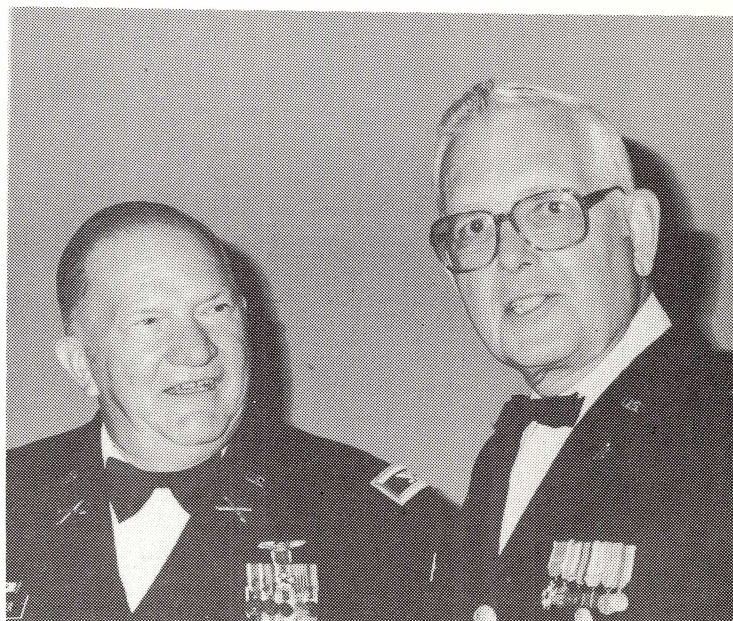
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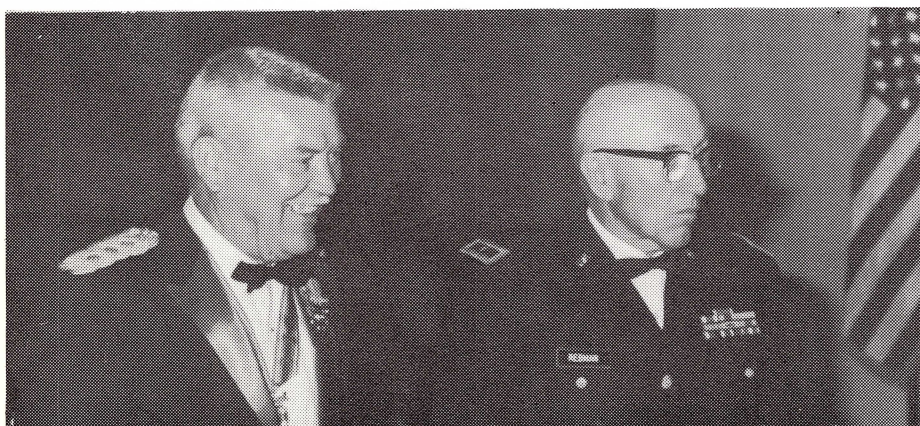
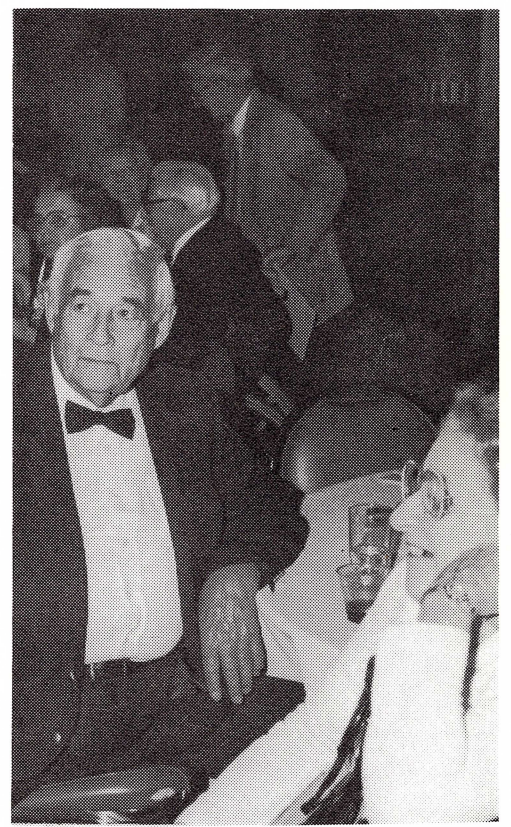
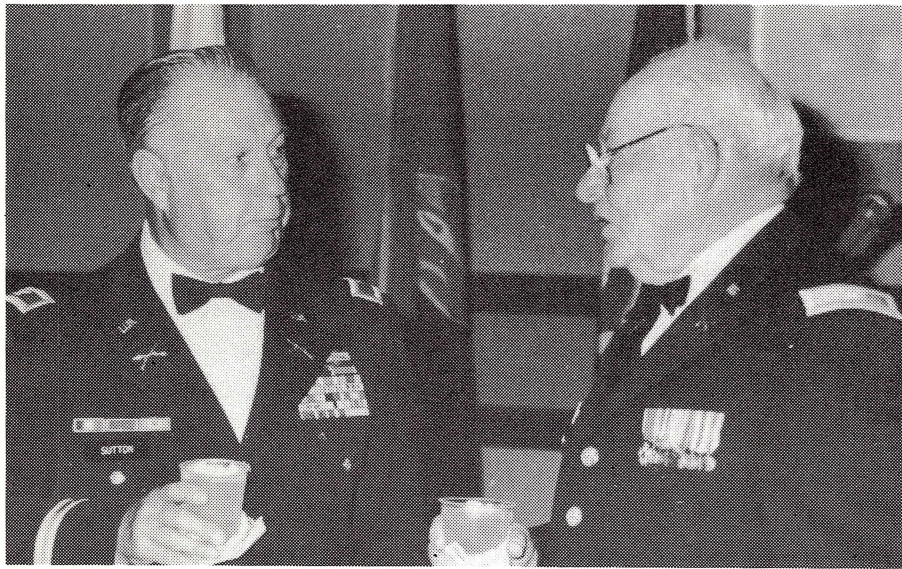
its urgency, or it will be retained and presented at an appropriate meeting of your Board of Governors.

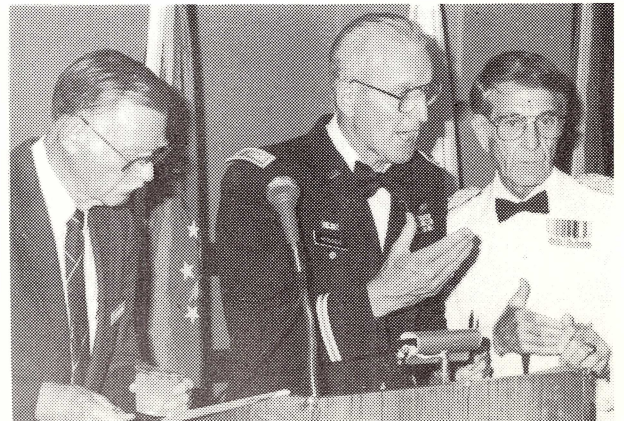
We are also historians of sorts. We want to remember the many with whom we served and the good and the bad that was generally some sort of training for our own good. Please send us your old stuff and we will copy and return it as soon as possible. While we have had some disasters in past communication with these items, we think the problems are solved. At least, give us a try. Photos, news articles, citations, etc., anything that pertains to the 63d Infantry Division or the Association, or any member that would be news to his fellow soldiers, please send it along. Some of our source of history passes with each name we add to the memorial roster. Let's share and circulate what we can, while we can.

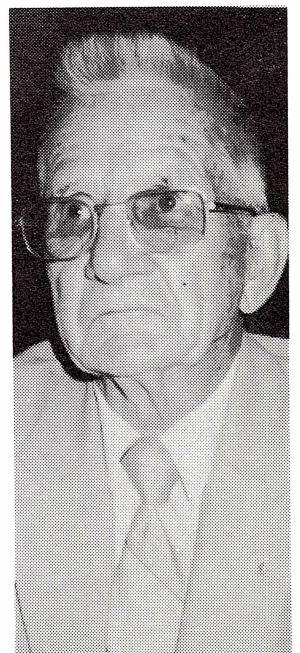


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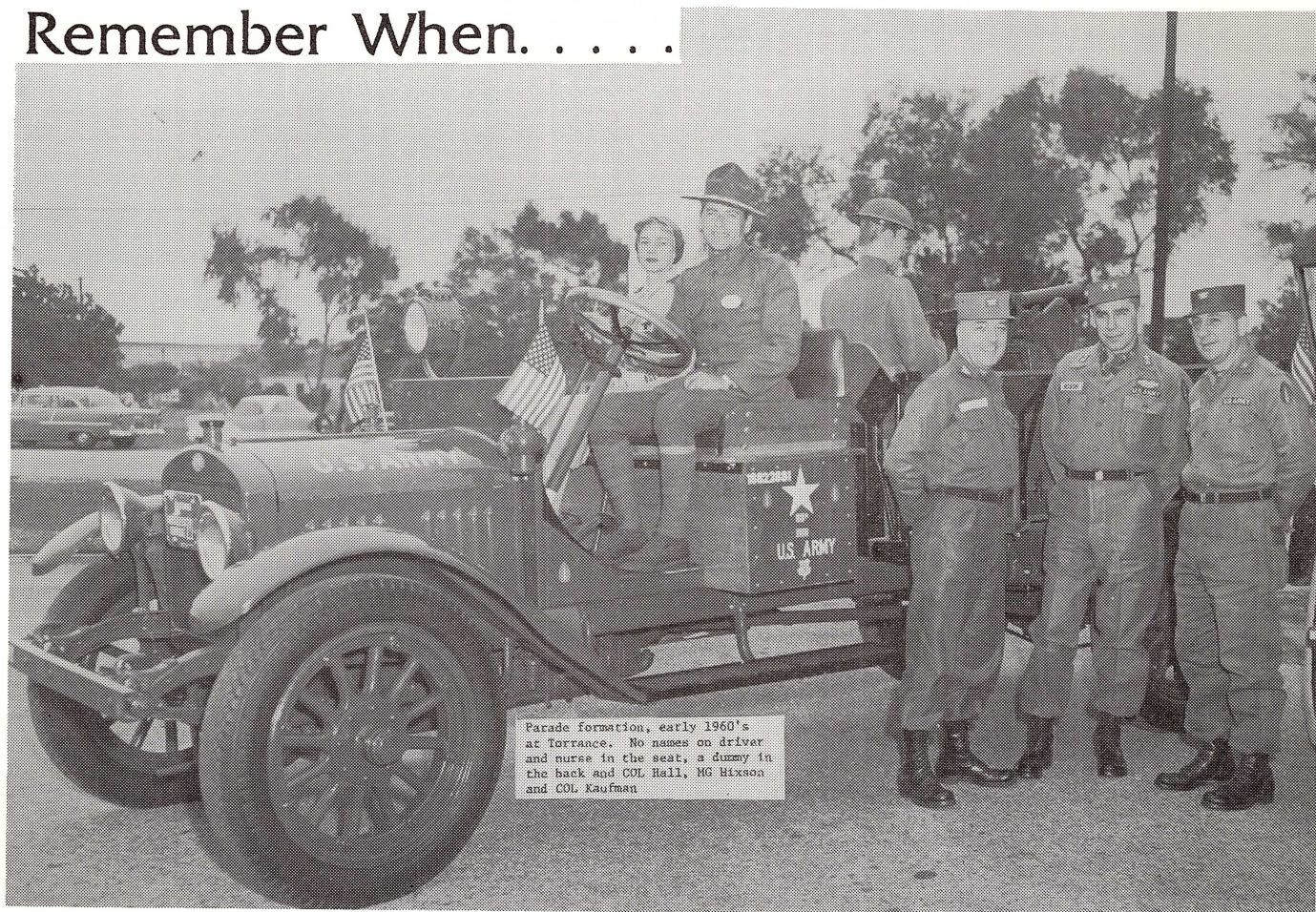








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# THE FLAMING BLADE

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SEPTEMBER 1955

## ARMY HONORS "BLOOD AND FIRE" DIV.



MAJ Graber, BG Billingham, 63d  
DIV ARTY Commander.



MG Gillmore, MG Kellogg, BG Hixson  
and BG Myers.

### Division Cheers New Role

In recognition of its achievements as one of the nation's best Reserve units, the 63rd Infantry Division has been ordered by Sixth Army to expand as rapidly as possible to full strength of 14,672 men.

Lieut. Gen. Robert N. Young personally notified Brig. Gen. Henry K. Kellogg of the honor while the "Blood and Fire" reservists were undergoing summer field training at Camp Roberts and Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

Gen. Kellogg's announcement of the outfit's new role in national defense strategy was warmly cheered by the troops.

The speedy build-up will create almost unlimited opportunities for promotion, especially in the enlisted ranks, and will increase the yearly pay drill total from 39 to 69.

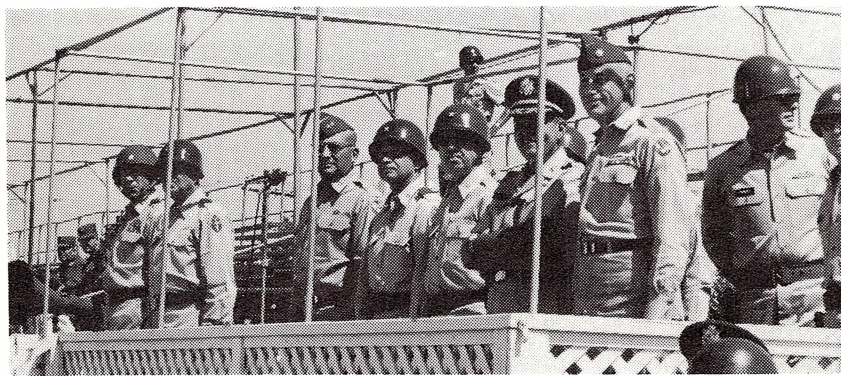
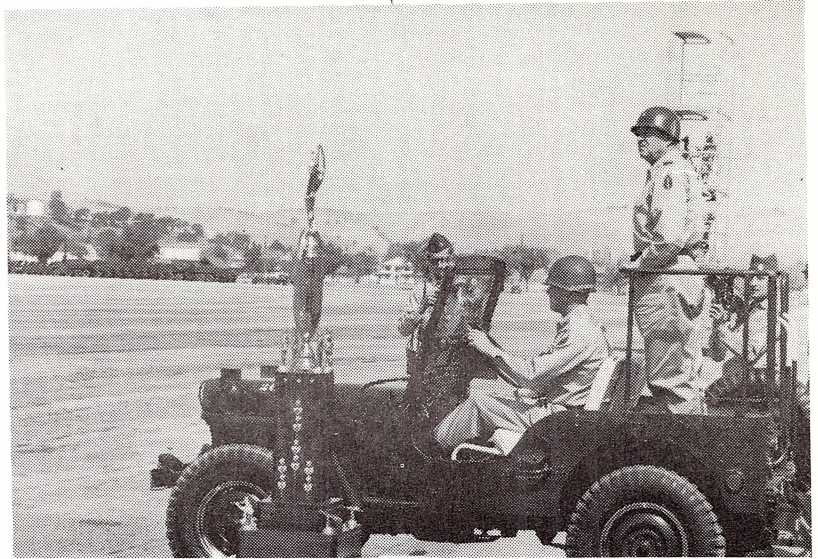
Effective 1 July, all elements of the Division are authorized four paid assemblies each month, plus three week-ends each quarter, plus 17 days active duty for unit field training.

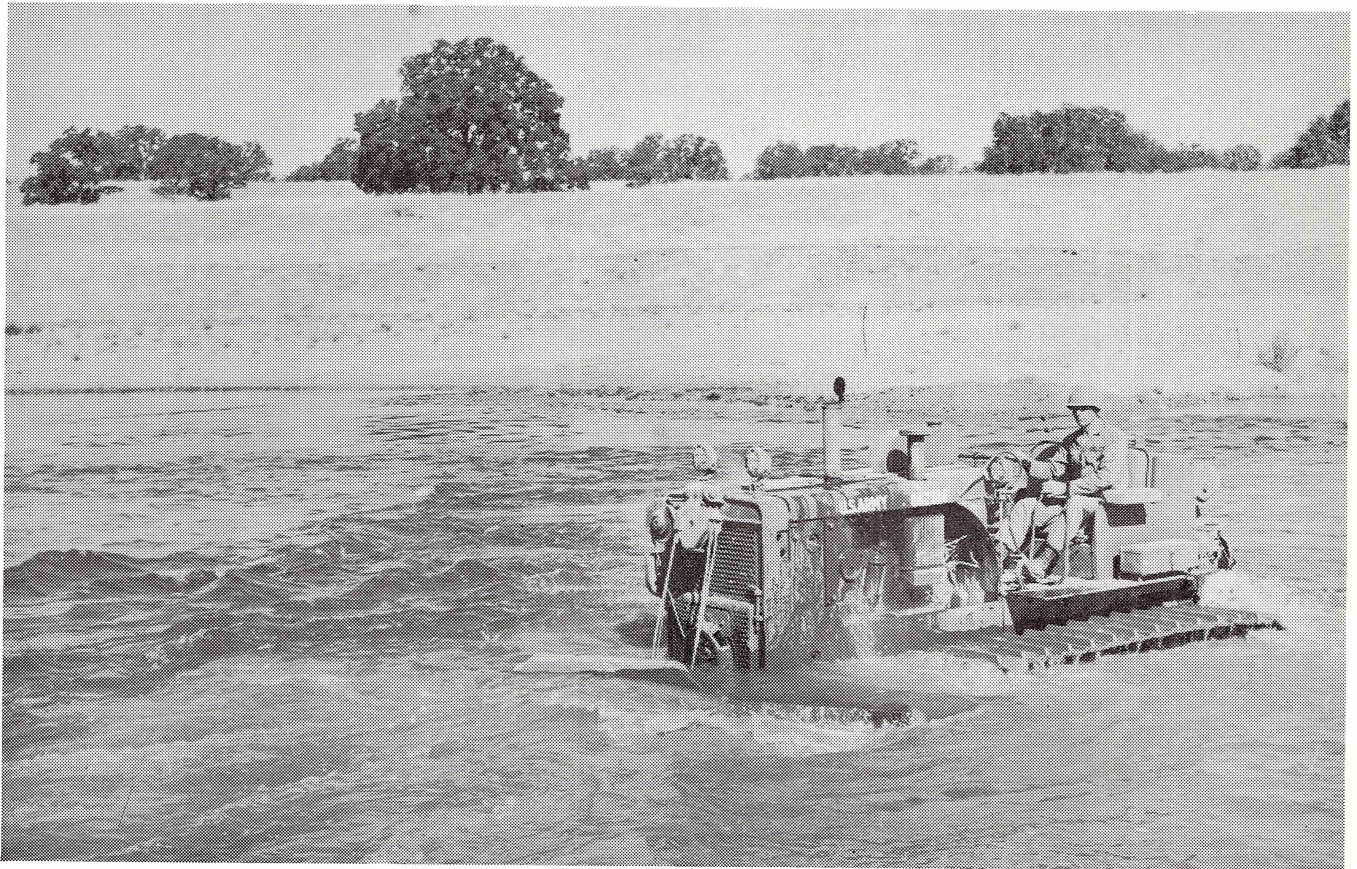
An intensive recruiting campaign will be launched immediately, with every member of the Division expected to play an active role. The 13,559 enlisted, 169 warrant officer and 944 commissioned officer slots should be filled before next year's encampment.

The new reserve bill will bolster the ranks, but Gen. Kellogg personally will direct the Division's own enlistment program.

Since all units will need much bigger training areas and armories than now are in use, commanders have been asked to survey their home regions for suitable structures, such as vacant super-markets and other buildings with large floor space. Any member of the Division who knows of a potential site should contact Col. Lyle J. Fitzpatrick, senior Army advisor, at headquarters.

Recruiting efforts will be backed up with a revitalized publicity campaign utilizing newspapers, television and radio, and supported by a new speakers' bureau. Officers and non-coms who have time to let servo in the bureau are urged to let Lieut. Col. Hanford T. Olson know about their availability.







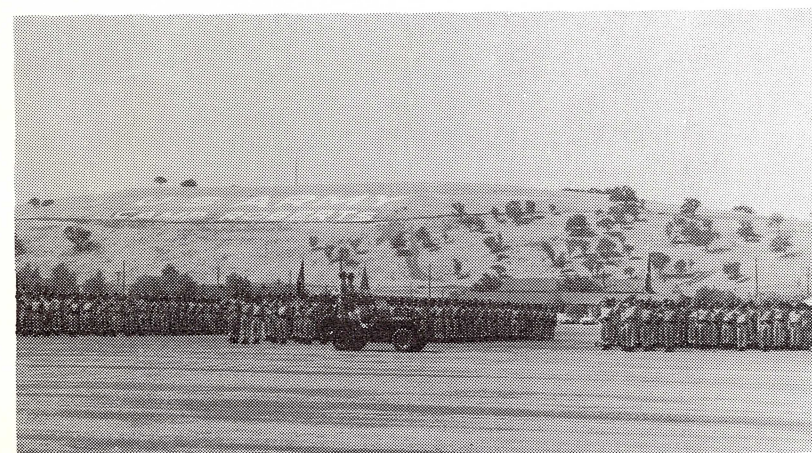
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### BRIG. GEN. HENRY K. KELLOGG COMMANDING

STAFF: Maj. Joseph M. Quinn, Capt. Vernon D. MacPherson, Capt. Richard H. Mulcahy, Lt. Louis Dans, Sfc. James O. West, Sgt. Wm. E. Gold, Sgt. James W. Johnson, Cpl. Harold A. Drake.



### The General says:

*Every member of the Division should take great pride in the honor conferred upon us by the Regular Army. Our selection as California's only full strength Infantry division is an expression of confidence in our ability to build one of the greatest fighting forces in America. It is a demonstration of the Army's esteem for the officers and men whose selfless devotion to Reserve duty proved that they were ready and willing to assume greater responsibility than ever before entrusted to civilian-soldiers.*



*We shall prove that we merit such honor, confidence and esteem.*

*Now is the time for each of us to re-dedicate ourselves to the task of recruiting. The Enlist-a-Buddy Campaign must be stepped up to Enlist Ten Buddies. No individual or small group can do the job. Every officer, every non-com, every private must do his share. The Division needs more of our time and talent and energy. While we prepare to spring to the national defense in event of enemy attack, we must simultaneously devote ourselves to the task of filling our ranks with able and dedicated citizens. There is a big job to be done. Let's get on with it!*

BRIG. GEN. HENRY K. KELLOGG  
COMMANDING



# Whooze Nuze. . . .



COL ROBERT A. LAME, (almost BG at press time) Deputy Commander 311th COSCOM, still active in the USAR, formerly S-4 63d Aviation Bn, retired and now back to work with at least 2 new jobs and perhaps even careers. Tells your editor that he will, perhaps, be formally pinned in a couple of weeks and that we will perhaps see a new BG at the Annual Meeting. Our congratulations on a recognition well deserved for over 30 years of dedication and devotion to USAR duty.

COL RICHARD "DICK" HANSON, retired Btry Exec, A Btry 861st FA Bn, 63d Infantry Division, WWII, a life member and now living in northern California. Dinner reservation received and he says he will be with us at the Annual Meeting.

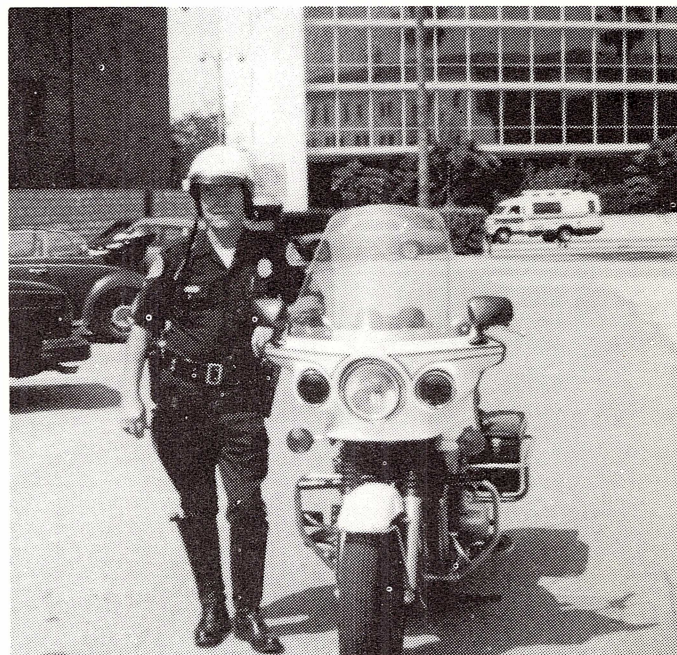
COL ALBERT L. MENDONCA, retired, Ass't G-3, now a realtor with the Prudential-Chino Hills Properties and your President for the current year. Says Jan and I went to the Hawaiian Islands for two weeks in June to celebrate 25 years of wedlock and the Anniversary thereof. They also went on a cruise for four days on a houseboat at Lake Mojave for 7 days in addition to several trips to Indiana to visit relatives. Both are working full time and enjoying their present life style very much.

COL JOHN H. MILOR, says he is not doing anything of interest; golf and otherwise enjoying himself. Does some substitute teaching in the Desert, just enough to make him think he is not on a permanent vacation.

MAJ HARRY F. LINDROTH, 2nd BDE S-4, now retired. Made a recent trip to the beautiful Oregon Coast with great camping facilities en route. Lots of snow this winter so their snow blower was put to good use on their 110' driveway. He is a volunteer fireman for the West Almanor Fire Department. Last October, he was one who responded to the mutual aid call to fight the forest fire near the town of Portola, and was involved in the repression of a million dollar 3:AM fire at the Village Market in Chester, CA. He is Vice-Chairman of Plumas County Service Area H2 Advisory Board. He notes the beauty of northern California and indicates the golf sea-

son as from 1 April to 1 November. Says keep up the good work and good resolution.

COL EMMETT DRENNEN, X-O 263d Engineer Bn, retired, now a Motor Officer on TV and Movie locations. He retired from the PD and has had space available on trips to England and to Anchorage. He was bumped twice trying to go to Okinawa. Otherwise trips have been to Baja on fishing boats or off the cape.



COL JOHN E. PAULUS, recently retired from active duty, completing 20 years AD, 35 years total service. Last assignment was Senior USAR Advisor to the CG, Fifth U S Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Served 4 years at TRADOC HQ, Fort Monroe, VA and that prompted his choice on where to retire. He says he has no immediate plans for another career, just to take life easy, do a little traveling, hunting, fishing and skiing. Sends his regrets this year but will try and make it in 1990.

CW4 JOSEPH L. HAMILTON, 3/15th Infantry at Santa Ana, now retired from USAR and Civil Service. Owns and operates C & H Storage in Arroyo Grande, CA. Officially retired on 31 July 88 with 35 years and 7 months total service.

LTC ROLAND L. STEWART Jr., ADC 63d Inf Div RTU, retired, spent seven weeks traveling the western states last summer, Promontory Point, Golden Spike National Historic Site to Jackson Hole, Yellowstone, Cody, Wyoming, the Little Big Horn Museum, Mt. Rushmore, a visit with two kids and 5 grandkids, a tour of NORAD inside Cheyenne Mountain, on to Albuquerque

and Mesa to the Champion Fighter Museum and on to Seattle, Portland, Salem, visited more relatives and then home.

COL MILTON I. BREMER, CO, 3dBn, 31st Inf, with AVP Building Services, Glendale Federal. Has been traveling to Spain and Israel, both great trips, very interesting and recommended highly. This year, to Illinois for HS 50th Reunion & on to St. Louis to visit family and on to Maine for more family and of course, the scenery. No plans for retiring but he says the comment comes up more frequently. He has a book to write, paintings to paint and travels to travel. A great plan and philosophy. . .

LTC DONALD L. WIRTH, retired, CO Co B, 163d Signal Bn, employed with Rockwell International in Anaheim. Made a trip to Hawaii, learned to windsurf. Now President of the Huggin Heart Square Dance Club. Dances 2 to 3 times a week and attended the national Square Dance Convention in Anaheim last June. Job has taken him to Edwards AFB the last 6 months. Got to see the last space shuttle land. Just completed 10 years as editors of their churches Marriage Encounter Newsletter for the Southern California area. Celebrated 30th wedding anniversary.

COL NOEL B. PATTINSON, DivArty XO, retired, younger daughter Judy completed 20 years as a Navy Nurse last July and promoted to CAPT in March 1989--he says he is now outranked at home. Still confined to wheelchair but with the help of Johnnie and friends, get out and around to visit with Chandler, Mc Cleery, Pellegrin frequently. Recently met with COL Robert B. Davis, X DivArty CO for brunch.

LTC JAMES B. O'DOWD, now DOI, 6220th USAR School, Ass't AG, 63d Admin Co, employed at Rockwell International, Space Transportation Division. Been skiing in Utah.

MG WILLIAM J. HIXSON, retired, CG 63d Infantry Division, retired from both military and civilian occupations. Spent a couple of months touring the West, from Colorado to a short jaunt into Mexico. Dug into a little bit of genealogy and has enjoyed 4 hostel programs.

COL MAL M. PACKER, retired, XO DivArty, Airports Chief Engineer, LAX, will be going to Peoples Republic Of China for 7 days at Beijing in June, spent 4 days in Hong Kong, vacationed in Maui in February this year. A real busy man. . .

COL TOM R. GILLIAM, retired, CO 2d Bde,

made an extensive trip last fall to Colorado Springs for reunion of 5th Division, then to Corpus Christi, Texas for the annual meeting of the 2d Inf Regiment Officers Association, 6600 miles by RV and home in October. Plans are to go to Nova Scotia this summer. Still living in quality air, no traffic and easy living in Lakeport on the shores of Clear Lake in Lake County.

LTC KENNETH R. LINDLEY, 5/19 Arty, retired, taking a trip to Jordan, Israel and Egypt at the time of our annual meeting. Sends his greetings and wishes all who attend his very best.

COL MINOR K. WHITE, retired, CO Co C, 3/15 Infantry, retired from active duty last July. Traveled to Arizona to see COL John King, also retired. Spent a month in Savannah, GA and sends his best wishes to all 63d Inf Div Association members.

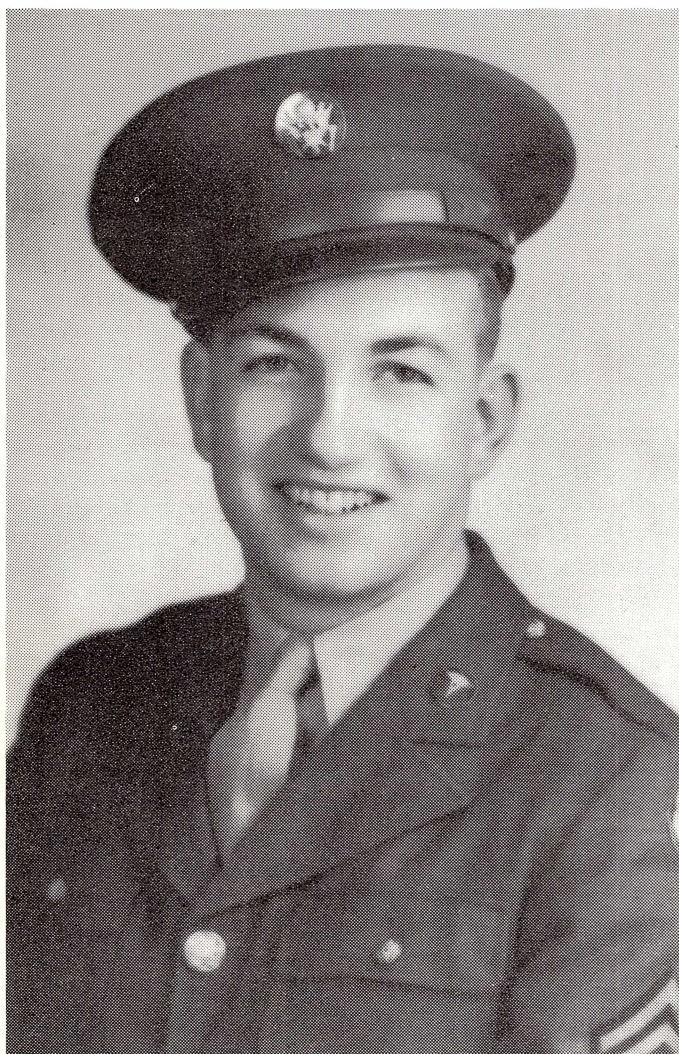
COL WILLIAM E. KUNTZ, retired, Aide to CG, after 34 years he says they finally got me. He was presented the Legion of Merit upon retirement as commander of the 149th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment that had the mission of developing reserve mobilization planning for interface with other Department of Army systems. He says he will join us at one of our meetings one of these years.

COL EDWARD D. MILLER, retired, CO 1st Bde, says the winter was a cold one in Northern Utah. Still trying to become a published author. Cannot make it this year but will go to Minnesota in August for WW II reunion of the 743d TK Bn (M).

COL ERLE FRADY, retired, Division Signal O, CO Signal Bn, still enjoying golf at their home at Rancho Las Palmas Country Club in Rancho Mirage in the winter and on the ranch in Stallion Springs in the summer. In 1988 went salmon fishing off the Alaska coast. Visits with four children and nine grandchildren and teaches as a volunteer for non-English speaking adults on how to read and write.

COL RUSSELL PARK, retired, DA, PAO, S1 Adj. 6220 USAR School, PAO, USA Support Command, Fort Shafter, HI, DAC. Two recent trips to mainland to see family. To the big Island, with a mission briefing at Pohakuloa Training Center and a party at Kilauea Military Camp with CO, Mayor of Hawaii and President of Alexander & Baldwin (Matson, etc.) Took a hike out to point where Kilauea volcano spills hot lava into the ocean. Had a visit to 21 Johnson Island as PR for Army Soldier Show. More to follow from Col Park.

MAJ DALE. D. HART, retired, Ass't G-4, with LTC Bob Smith and Capt Ed Barr. Chairman of the Board, now retired from the Dale Hart Company, Inc., of San Gabriel. Had a contact with Mess Sgt James C. Herger in France while on active duty who served in the 63d Infantry Division in WWII. Way back in 1942, young Dale Hart began his distinguished military career and looked like this. From Camp Robinson to all of the other places, from his brown-bar pinning at MacArthur's HQ on April 4, 1945 and recalled during Korea, served under then COL Creighton W. Abrams in Nurnberg, Germany and thru retirement in 1968, made the payroll of the retired after 13 years in 1981. Not a bad trip for a young and handsome hoosier from Indiana.



COL RALPH J. HIPPERT, retired, CO 63d S & T Bn, now Director, Plans & Preparedness, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

LTC FRANK R. PRINCE, retired, says he spent lots of money attending 2 National ROA meetings and 3 Department meetings, plus 1 CIOR overseas. Now lives in Hemet.

COL WILLIAM R. SEAVER, S-3, 263d Engineer Bn, retired, Superintendent, Conejo Valley Unified School District, promoted to present position in 1987-88. Will be on a trip to Toronto visiting son and family, grandchildren take a priority

LTC JERRY W. ASHER, QM, retired, and enjoying retirement. Says he enjoys boating, travel, camping, touring the boonies and constructing stout cabins out in the sticks. Studies theology, reading history, keeping up membership in patriotic organizations and flying the flag. He says he urges the US constitutional right of citizens to keep and bear arms without infringement be included in any new law pertaining to the weapons now being included in present restrictive legislation.

COL MICHAEL A. CORNWELL, HQ 2Bde, retired, working with Disc Insurance Services, and just completed a 4-week session at the P. Ritikin Center in Sherman Oaks. A great program. Dropped cholesterol and weight, now down to being slim, trim and to fighting shape. He and COL Frank Modisett have been enjoying the current UCLA basketball season at Pauley Pavillion. Says the Bruins might be on the road back.

COL MARTIN S. GRAY, retired Ln O, 1st Bde, retired, making short trips around California. I have now taken up golf and asks how come no one ever told him how much fun it is? Being able to play at some of our military courses is an unexpected pleasure of retirement.

BG ROBERT D. UPP, retired Staff Judge Advocate, an attorney, writer and self-employed. Just finished writing the 5th Edition of his "Business Law" text for West Publishing Company. Since our last annual meeting, made a one-week "freebie" trip to Paris, courtesy of Bank Of America for all bonus points from VISA charges. Attended CIOR in London and spent another two weeks driving around Southern England. Trips in US included 2 wedding trips to Florida and a family gathering in Tennessee. Also made ROA mid-winter meeting in Washington D.C.

LTC FRED W. ABERLE, DIV ARTY Aviation Officer, still with CTS Technical Services, Inc (New York).

COL WILLIAM M WALSH, retired, G-4, employed by Westinghouse Electric as a product development engineer. Last October, motored to Fort Bliss, Texas to renew wedding vows of 45 years past. Lots of changes in 45 years. Made a trip to Washington to visit grandchildren and on to Chicago in April for 50th Anniversary, St Rita High School graduation and 50 years from Loretta High School for Betty. CWO Bill Orozco makes all travel arrangements and does an excellent job. Capt & Mrs Bill Martin from Illinois came to visit in March, both of us LTs in the 141st Gun Bn (AA) at Fort Bliss--they were married 1 week after we were at Fort Bliss. Still after all these years, we are the greatest of friends.

LTC WILLIAM A. HODGES, retired, S-3, 4/27 Inf, also retired from Rockwell. Now is assisting in the design and building of a 48-inch telescope and 175 housing, 60 miles east of San Diego. Traveling and enjoying retirement.

SGM HOWARD EIGHMY, retired, 3/27 Infantry. Retired fully from DAC status in June of 88 and moved to Sun Lakes Country Club in Banning, California. Enjoys the life of a Senior Citizen, the bingo, parties, dances and other activities. Welcomes anyone coming that way with a call to make sure they are home.

CW4 JAMES B. KEELING, formerly Maint Tech, 5/11 Arty, now assigned to 346th Ord Co, Jonesboro, AR. Says he will retire from AGR program on 31 Mar 91 with 44 years of continuous service, including RC, AC & AGR. Says he likes the town of Jonesboro, a town of about 35,000, great people and a real treat compared to Los Angeles. Says it is great to be in a place where everyone speaks English, at least their version of English. The assignment is great; the weather terrible. We have made trips to Mississippi, saw the battle field at Vicksburg and traveled the Natches Trace Highway. Took Wanda to Fort McCoy while attending school. Took the river route back to Arkansas down the big Mo and enjoyed a beautiful and well worth while trip. Sends his congratulations to soon to be BG Lame, his former commander.

RADM B. S. SPARKS, USCGR, now Deputy Executive Director, ROA in Washington D.C. Now Senior Coast Guard Officer, in that area.

LTC IRVING C. MYERS, retired, G-5, now president of ROA Chapter 50 and a member of the TROA Board in Palm Springs. Also a member

of the Fund Raising Committee, Cathedral City Senior Center. Also active on the Board with the Palm Springs Auxiliary, Homes For the Aging, Greater Los Angeles (Reseda, CA). Last summer, we traveled throughout California at various thousand trails parks. Suggests some action on Budget Proposal to reduce COLA for Reservists.

LTC CARL P. BECHDOLT, S-4, 3d BG, 30th Infantry, retired from the USAR and from Rockwell. Last July, took a trip with 14-year old grandson to the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada with a stop at Yellowstone Park where we just happened to meet Jim and Eileen Price. From there to Great Falls, Montana, Baniff and Lake Louise. We went through the Canadian Rockies to Kamloops, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, and down the coast to home. Served as president of our Winnebago Club and Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the Long Beach Elks Lodge which involves nine or ten programs before the Lodge during the year as well as other special programs.

MSG NORMAN G. MILLER, retired, Co C, 3/30 Inf., just moved to Santa Clara where the chores are less and the time can be spent in travel. Two trips planned and will see us after he is settled, again.

COL THOMAS V. CHANDLER, retired, Ass't G-4, retired from long-time employment at water district, now consulting for American Water Works Association, and still sellin', tradin' and buyin' those old phonograph records and machines. Somehow, just can't totally retire and devote more time to the music. I keep plenty busy helping COL Pattinson and LTC Pellegrin edit your annual report and the newsletters. We still keep Mac, Pat & Pell plus others on the road, meeting and plotting to keep our Association moving along and, of course, surviving. Received the Public Relations Society of America prestigious William Leslie Honorary Service Award for many years of professional recognition in PR and communication, one of only three ever presented.

## A Special Thanks. . . .

On behalf of your 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR, and especially your Editorial Staff, We wish to thank all of the contributors and those who have assisted in the preparation of our newsletters and annual report. There have been many this year and some of the photos and articles will appear, others perhaps in the next issue or in the supplemental material that will be in your mails from time to time. One of the many projects that we have discussed for many years is a repository for all of our records and memorabilia. Your Board of Governors would welcome any ideas or suggestions that might bring this project from the drawing board to a reality.

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