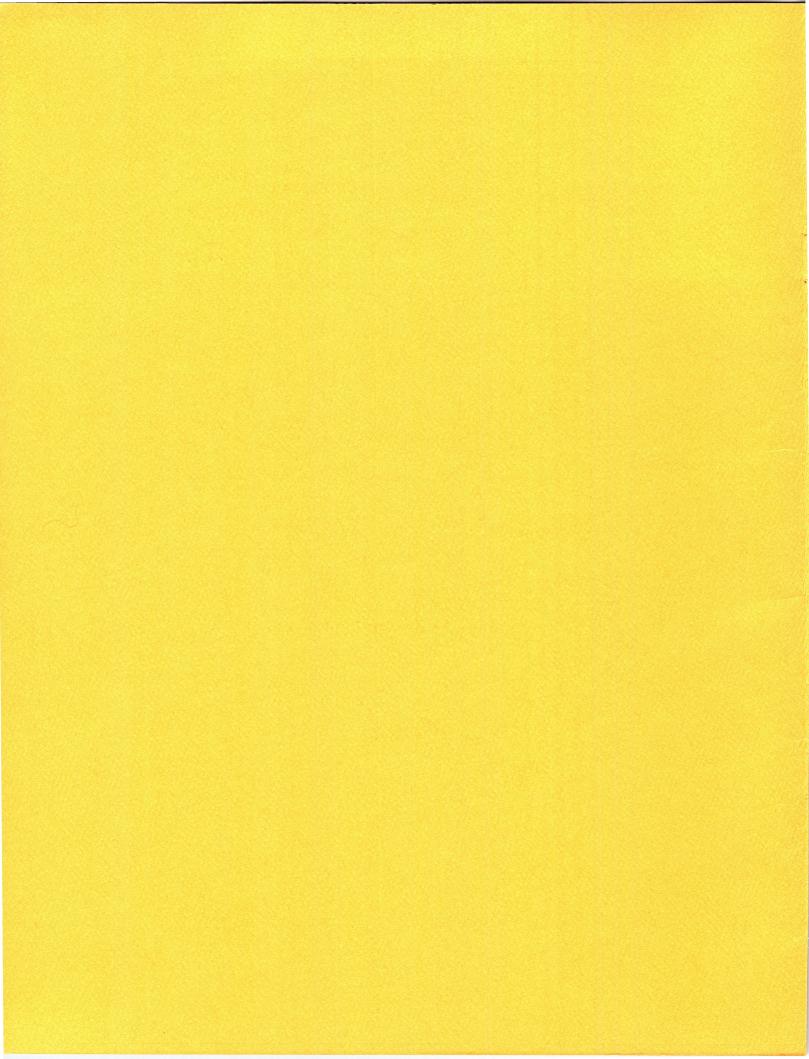


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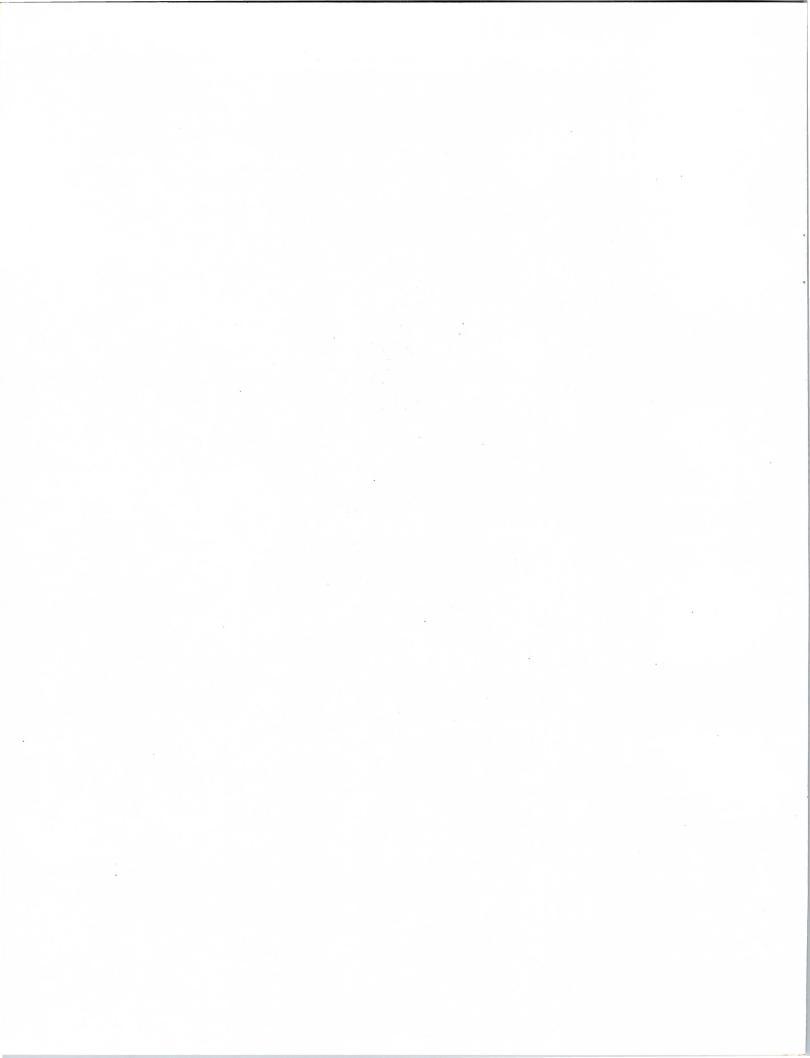
Blood and fire

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

63 Infantry Division

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





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members:

This has been a year that has been eventful in the World as well as our Association. At our last meeting, if someone asked where is Kuwait, most of us would guess that it was one of those Arab states in the Middle East. Now we know where it is and a lot more. Some of the reservist from the 63d ARCOM have been there or are still there. We saw the gathering storm of Desert Shield and the thankfully short hostilities of Desert Storm. Probably most of were glued to our TV sets when the fighting began and tried to armchair general the war with General Schwartzkopf. I would like to extend my thank you and well done to all those who served or supported those who served in the Persian Gulf War. We need to make sure that they know how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

The Board of Governors has been following the issues that affect the reserve components and our national interest. We have taken a firm stand on a number of issues which are covered in detail elsewhere in your Annual.

Your Association is alive and well. We have tried to blend the serious business of the National Interest Committee with with the comraderie and fun of our annual get together where we renew old and lasting friendships. We have had some hard working leaders on your Board of Governors this last year whose efforts have made this year a success. I would like to thank them all for their outstanding service to the Board and to you. I want to express my pleasure of having the opportunity to serve you and to thank you for your support.

DONALD L. WIRTH LTC, USAR Ret.

President .

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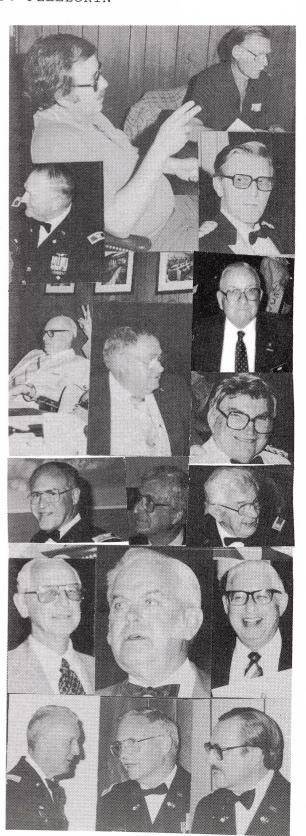
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Your Board of Governors meets at least once each quarter to consider ways to further the objectives of the Association in enhancing the programs vital to meeting the mobilization readiness of the Army Reserve: and, to conduct such other business that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



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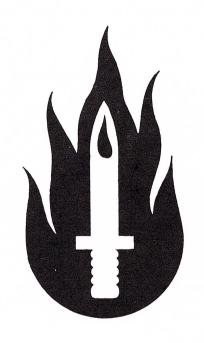
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IN EXPIATION OF THEIR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY
WAS PROMISED TO, AND PLANNED FOR OUR ENEMIES
BY THE UNITED NATIONS

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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

ANNUAL REPORT COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST

Three items of national interest occupied the attention and efforts of this committee during the past year:

- 1. The annual battle to obtain a Cost-of-Living allowance for retired military, and retired federal civil service personnel. Your association has joined a coalition of organizations, sponsored by The Retired Officers Association and the Association of Retired Federal Emplyees whose goal is to see legislature paased which will eliminate the annual efforts by the budget "experts" to butcher or eliminate the COLA. Members of the retired community; military, federal civil service, and private sector, have been the targets of reduced benefits, both COLA and Medicare for too long. This matter has a high priority on our agenda.
- 2. Maintaining vigilence and holding in abeyance our action on protecting the Flag of the United States from abuse and desecration. This issue is somewhat dormant now, thus we will express our feelings relative to protecting the flag at the appropriate time.
- 3. Our reaction to the resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of the City and County of San Francisco to declare the city a sanctuary for draft dodgers (we do not have a military draft in action now), and AWOL military personnel, and persons evading any instructions to report for duty for Desert Shield or Desert Storm. A copy of our resolution will be found elsewhere in this publication.

Had it not been for one of our members we may never had learned of the actions taken by the City and County Government of San Francisco. Nothing was reported or editorialized by the liberal media in this area that we have knowledge of. Therefore, this committee would appreciate hearing from our association members of any item of interest affecting the national defense and security of the United States which is confined to or unique to a given locality. I can promise such reports will be given careful consideration by this committee and the Board of Governors for appropriate action. Please send your reports to the Secretary, 1404 Westwood, Santa Ana, CA 92706.

COL, AUS-Ret

Chairman

RESOLUTION OF THE 63d INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (USAR)

Re: The City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, California, on January 14, 1991 did approve and adopt a resolution which declared the City and County of San Francisco a sanctuary for anyone who elects not to accept assignment to duty in Desert Shield or Desert Storm, and,

WHEREAS: Said resolution prohibits "the City of San Francisco including its police force, from spending any money to assist the United States Government in any effort to locate and prosecute military personnel who are absent without leave, unregistered citizens, or draft dodgers", and,

WHEREAS: The City and County of San Francisco has historically depended heavily upon federal funds derived from defense industry and military bases in and around San Francisco to support the local economy, and,

WHEREAS: By its action, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has shown contempt and scorn for the laws of the United States and the noble purposes of the military forces of the United States,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) strongly urges the Department of Defense to take action as expeditiously as possible on the following items:

- 1. Relocate all United States military activities to other acceptable bases or facilities away from the City and County of San Francisco.
- 2. Transfer all federally owned property within the boundaries of the Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Scott, Fort Funston, and Fort Mason to the Department of Interior, said properties to be designated permanently as federal park land under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.
- 3. Suspend all contract negotiations with firms and/or suppliers of goods and services located within the City and County of San Francisco who are also suppliers of goods and services to the City and County of San Francisco until such time as said suppliers divorce themselves from business relationships with the City and County of San Francisco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR), an organization of veterans who served with pride and loyalty in the military forces of the United States of America, strongly urges other veteran organizations to adopt similar resolutions and to refrain from meeting or convening in the City and County of San Francisco.

Unanimously adapted 20 March 1991.

DONALD L. WIRTH LTC, AUS-Ret President

Certificates of Appreciation Presented

Two Certificates of Appreciation were formally presented by your association this year. The one that went to the American War Mothers in Idaho was presented to this small chapter of their organization at their annual picnic. Five guests were present including the State President who took the Flag Day idea from the Lemhi County Chapter to all of the other chapters, encouraging them to do the same. It was also sent on to their National Headquarters with a sample of their presentation folder and a copy of our certificate. The photo and publicity from their local paper tells the story.

The second presentation was made in recognition of "The recently announced policy that has declared a moratorium on all payments on principal and interest on all mortgages, automomobile loans, and outstanding credit card balances applicable to those members of the Reserve Forces of the United States who are called to extended Active Duty by reason of the current crisis in the Middle East, thus relieving those reservists of possible undue financial hardships during their tour of Active Duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. The 63d Infantry Division Adsociation (USAR) commends Wells Fargo Bank NB for this exceptional expression of support of the Reserve Forces of our country in keeping with the Highest Patriotic Traditions of the United States of America.





SHERIFF DAVE CALL, reads a commendation to the local American War Mothers as its president, Vern Santos holds a plaque from the 63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR, during the annual War Mother's picnic, Aug. 16. Other members in the picture from left are Bessie Cannon, Elsa Chandler, Evelyn Schneider, Eileen Cleverly and Birding Risbon.

War Mothers commended

The annual American War Mothers picnic was held Aug. 16, at the home of Birdine Risbon. Fried chicken was the entree, with members adding to the feast with various potluck dishes.

Five guests attending included Idao State President of the American War Mothers, Emma Jean Cosgrove and her husband, Kenneth, from Blackfoot; Viola Parr, Mrs. Risbon's sister, visiting here from Redlands, Calif.; Mae Mulkey and Opal Roberts.

Members in attendance were Lemhi Chapter president, Vern Santos: Inez Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cleverly, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chandler, Mildred Parker, Bessie Cannon, Jessie Engquist, Evelyn Schneider and Mrs. Risbon.

Near the end of the meal, the Lemhi County Sheriff's car pulled into the driveway and Sheriff Dave Call stepped out bearing an official document to be served on the War Mothers, through president, Vern Santos.

Fears were allayed as the surprise citation turned out to be a commendation and Certificate of Appreciation plaque from the 63rd Infantry Division Association, United States Army Reserve.

Tom Chandler, son of Vern and Elsa Chandler, is the retired colonel of the division who recommended the group for the citation.

The commendation read "Our association deeply appreciates

organizations like the one in Salmon, that provides educational and patriotic programs that salute the Flag of our Country and that encourages all others to do the same. We hope that someday, Flag Day programs will become a part of every town, city and hamlet in the nation and some time set aside to make sure Old Glory will always fly over a free people, protected and respected, certainly not desecrated or even used as a consideration for these abominable acts," said Col. Charles J. McCleery, spokeman for the governing board of the organization.

It went on to say "We hope everyone will take the time to thank these great ladies and those who helped them for what they have done in the past two years and that their guidance and wisdom will be a part of a perpetual practice and even expanded each year. The members of the 63rd "Blood and Fire" Division Association salute you and again say thanks."

Each year on Flag Day, June 14, the local War Mothers hold an open house for Veterans, their families and guests.

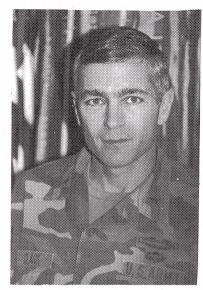


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LEMHI COUNTY CHAPTER AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS

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Outstanding Speaker. . Outstanding Program. .



BG WESLEY K. CLARK COMMANDER NTC FORT IRWIN

General Clark was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in December 1944. He was commissioned in ARmor from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1966 and then attended Oxford University, England as a Rhodes Scholar. His military schooling includes the National War College, the Command and General Staff College, the Armor Advanced and Basic Courses and Ranger and Airborne Schools.

He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions of which the most recent was as the Commander of the Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Previous assignments include tours as Commander, Third Brigade, 4th Infantry Brigade, Mech at Fort Carson. He also commanded three companies, including a mechanized infantry company in Vietnam. He has served as a staff officer at almost every level, including Battalion and Brigade S-3 in 1st Armored Division in Germany, AD G-3 in Vietnam and Assistant Executive Offi cer to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. As a White House Fellow, he was Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the

White House. He also served as Chief of the Army Studies Group in the Office of the Army Chief of Staff in the Pentagon.

Awards & decorations which General Clark has received include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with 2 OLC, Bronze Star with 1 OLC, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 OLC, and the Army Commendation Medal with 1 OLC.

General Clark and his wife, Gertrude, have one child, Wesley, who is a Soohomore at Georgetown.

Our 1990 quest speaker was probably one of the most outstanding professionals that we have had the privilege to hear. His topic was certainly timely in that some of the troops in training at the

NTC were early deployed in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He told us about the new training methods and electronic gear used in battle simulation as well as their instant playback capability for critique as an additional training procedure. His emphasis on all active U S Army and some other service ground troops were undergoing this type of combat training.

Another very interesting part of his presentation dealt with his personal involvement and participation in this training program. With the commitment of units in Desert Storm, General Norman Schwartzkopf knew the level of skills and strengths of units he had under his command and as history is now being recorded, knew the basics of outstanding professional leadership, excellent training and few casualties compared to strengths in combat. As we now sort of remember and review the program outlined by BG Clark, we understand what the new and more modern Armv and the collective armed forces are capable of doing under a leader like General Swartzkopf when he is totally supported by his Commanderin-Chief, Secretary of Defense. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and handled necessary operations to obtain designated objectives without any political or other interferance. It was recently stated by MG William F. Ward, USA, Chief of Army Reserve that "This past year will probably be remembered as the

year in which the Army Reserve made its mark as a part of the Total Force, displayed its readiness, and also began to have a much greater say in its own future as it assumed more control over its daily functioning of the Army Reserve. " A test for the reserve.



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 we add to the memorial roster. Let's share a reaction made depending on the subject and

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 and circulate what we can, while we can.

Annual Meeting 1990



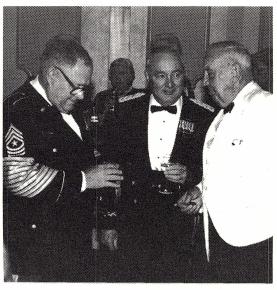


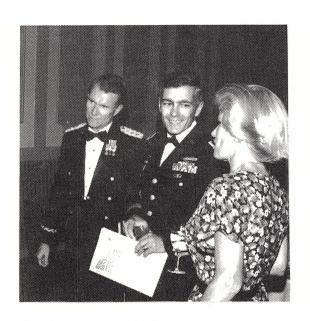
















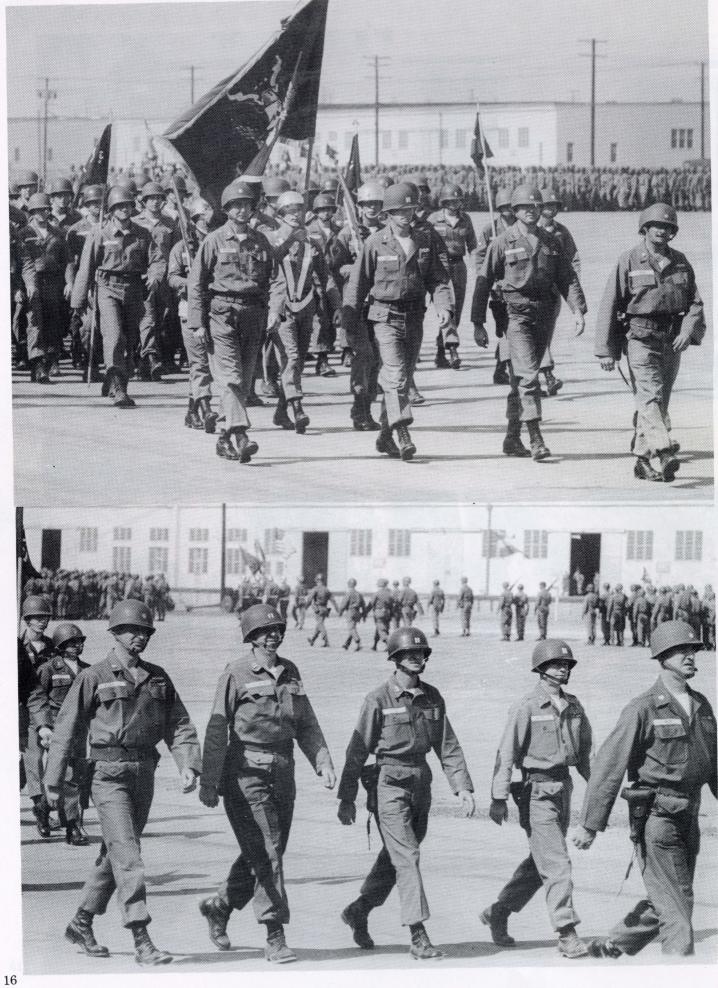






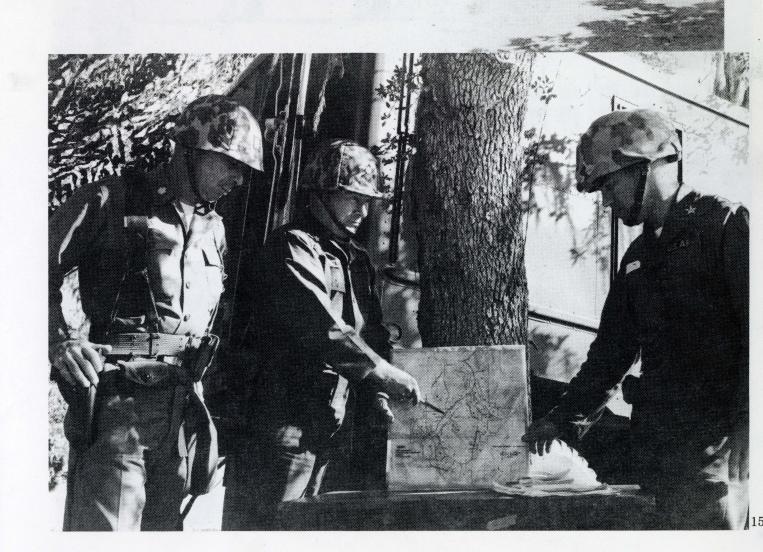
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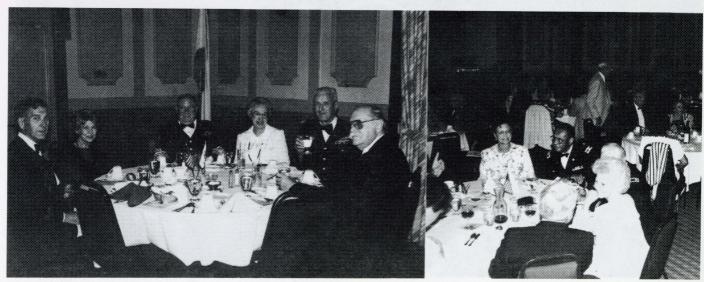
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63d LAUDED FOR ENTHUSIASM

THE GENERAL SAYS:

"I am making a personal appeal to each officer and man in this division to exert every effort to make UFT 1958 an even more successful application of the do-it-yourself prinsiple which we inaugurated in 1957.

"Our determination last year to call on the Regular forces for the absolute minimum of help in view of the cut back of man-power and finances has made the 6



nances has made the 63d the 'criterion' reserve division in the country.

"As a result of our efforts, word is going out from the Army to other reserve units, citing our achievements and inquiring whether they can do the same.

"We've got the edge in knowledge and in the heart-warming realization that we can depend on ourselves to come through when the chips are down.

"I want everyone to think and plan and believe in this idea of do-it-yourself. I know we will surpass our accomplishments of last summer because I know that above all we are soldiers and self reliance is our creed in training as it would be if we were called to defend our country in combat."

> HENRY K. KELLOGG MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDING

RECRUITS RETURN

The following men, members of the HQ and HQ Battery of the 63 Div. Artillery, have returned from 6 months active duty at Ft. Ord.

Pvt Ronald Weber

Pvt Norman Levine

Pvt Bruce J. Schultz

Pvt Marvin Tarnol

Pfc Kenneth L. Major

Pvt Peter R. Marvin Sp/3 George C. W. Weintz

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Pvt Stanley W. Cruson Jr.

Sp/3 Gordon A. Briles

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Pvt James F. Bard

Lt. Noah F. Modisett, commander, reports that the balance of the men assignto the battery will return to their assignments within the month.

EARN \$100 FOR ACTIVE DUTY TALES

If anything unusual happened to you while on active duty, you could earn \$100 by putting an account of it on paper.

The award for interesting stories about Army Reservists is being offered by a Hollywood Television Film Company, Reserve Productions, Inc.

Incidents can have occured in war or peace time and be tragic, humorous-anything that would make a good film subject for a television audience.

Material should be typewritten duplicate and should contain names, dates and places as well as enough detail to permit a writer to construct a TV episode.

Send your resume along with name, rank, address and phone number and a brief outline of your military service to: Reserve Productions, Inc., 650 N. Bronson Ave., Hollywood 4, Calif.

If your story is accepted, please notify the "Flaming Blade" so we can write it up for the division.

MORE ABOUT SHOOTERS

The following men have won awards for scoring with their basic weapon:

Expert—Pfc Ronald L. Klein, 861st FA Bn., Capt. Gene B. Holder, 350th Tank Bn.

Sharpshooter—Donald M. Bishop, Gary G. Bishop, Herman A. Denunzio, James P. Hayes II, Clarence H. Holcomb, allof the 861st FA Bn.

Marksman—Lawrence T. Zabaki, 350th Tank Bn., Charles A. Ford, Carter C. Hanner, Garland R. Gregorie, James R. Kincheloe, Leroy Miller, all of 861st FA Bn.

6 MONTH RECRUITING FROZEN MARCH 1

Recruiting of men under the provisions of RFA 1955 has been frozen until further notice, it was announced by the Army's XV Corps. HQ, San Francisco.

The freeze was ordered effective l March and covers recruiting of all socalled "6 months soldiers," enlistees without prior service.

Major Gen. Henry K. Kellogg, Div. Commander, said the emphasis would now be put on seeking prior service personnel to aid in building the division strength to its avowed goal of 10,000.

Reason for the freeze was given as lack of Army funds for the six months training program.

With the announcement of the reorganization of Sixth Army Military Districts into the X and XV US Corps (Reserve) Major General R. L. Howze lauded the "loyalty, enthusiasm and accomplishments of the 63d Infantry Division."

In a letter to Major General Henry K. Kellogg the Sixth Army commander outlined the reorganization plan in effect 1 February.

It provides for establishment of the X US Army Corps (Reserve), under command of Major General Francis M. Day, at Fort Lawton, Wash., and the XV Corps, under the command of Major General John W. Harmony, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The X Corps will comprise Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Uthah.

The XV Corps will comprise California, Nevada and Arizona.

As the two Corps become operational the Army Reserve responsibilities of the military districts were assumed by the Corps and the districts were ordered discontinued.

The 63d and other reserve units commanded by general officers and the senior advisor to such units will be under the direct command of the respective Corps commander.

General Howze invited General Kellogg to attend the activation ceremony for the XV corps and commented as follows concerning the southland minutemen:

"The loyalty, enthusiam and accomplishments of the 63d Infantry Division have contributed greatly to the increasing effectiveness of the reserve program. I wish to thank you and the personnel of your command for a job well done. I am sure the same support and loyalty you have given to the US Army Military District, Calif. the HQ Six US Army will continue for the XV US Army Corps (Reserve)."

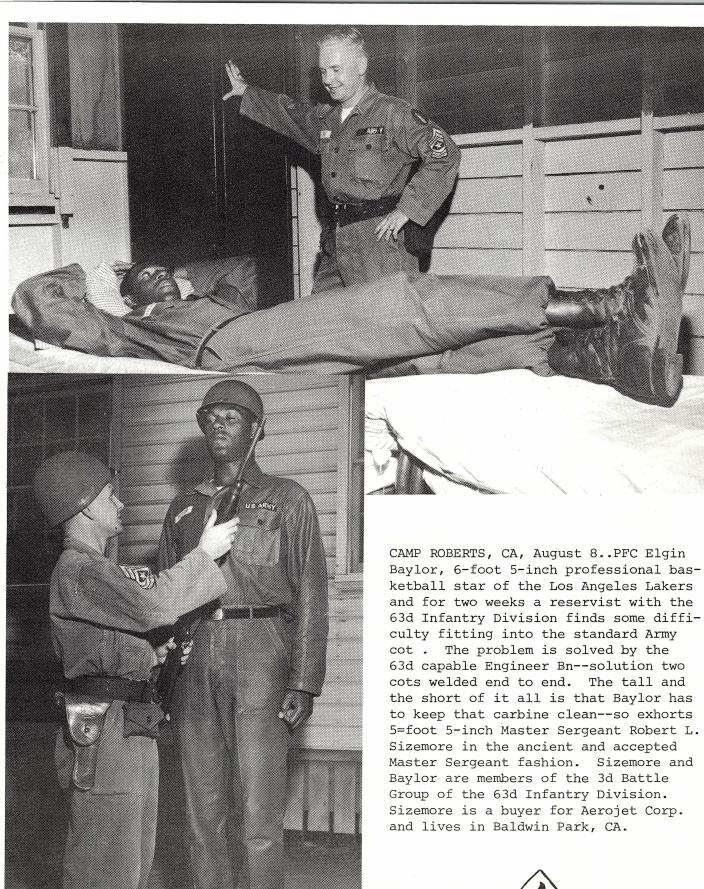
The consolidation of the eight military districts is part of the national plan developed by the U. S. Continental Army Command to reorganize and consolidate the 49 military district headquarters into 14 Corps and improve its organization for command supervision and support of the Army Reserve.

General Harmony paid his first official visit to the 63d commander on Jan. 20 at 822 S. Western Avenue.

WAR SOUVENIRS

If you have any war souvenirs you'd like to see on display, the Hollywood Military Center wants to borrow them.

The Center is run by Don Michelson who also operates the Exchange at the Armory on Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles.







Whooze Nuze. . . .



LTC WALTER R. MAXWELL, retired. BN CO 5/19 Arty, sold their abode in San Clemente and now reside in a senior park in Carpinteria. They are walking distance from the beach, involved in several areas of volunteer work and preparing for 50th anniversary. Walts golf score still TOP SECRET. Jean also lambada.

COL RICHARD E. BREWSTER, retired, 263d Engr Bn, retired from Rocketdvne Division of Rockwell International on 30 April 1990. Currently taking courses at Cal State Univ Dominguez Hills to obtain secondary teaching credential in mathematics.

COL RALPH J. HIPPERT, retired, CO 63d S & T Bn. retired July 27, 1990 as Director of Plans and Preparedness, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Upon retirement, took an eight week auto trip across the US to the Pacific Northwest and California. Went to see Penn State hopefully beat USC but was sadly disappointed. Since both my daughter and son-in-law graduated from Penn State. I have become a real fan.

MG WILLIAM J. HIXSON, retired, CG 63d Infantry Division (USAR), took a three month plus drive across country to Key West, the Southern extreme, took care of our getaway for the year. We enjoyed several hisout-going southern and returning mid-west routes.

COL CHARLES J. MC CLEERY, retired, G-3, took a trip last summer north to Montana, east to Pennsylvania and return. Paid a visit to the site where Custer last stood. Very impressive. Will be at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu in October for 10 days celebrating our 47th Anniversary. Other than lunch at the Bluffs, it's a dull life he says.

LTC JOHN W. FLORY retired, Ass't G-5, currently involved in communityservice activities, took a cruise in March to the Mexican Riviera on the Enchanted Isle.

COL MARTIN S. GRAY, retired, LN 0 1st Bde. A pretty quiet year, mostly short trips to nearby places, San Diego, Las Vegas, etc.. 20

playing a lot of golf, not too well but with great enthusiasm.

COL ERLE FRADY, retired, CO DIV SIG BN, has had a very busy year, Director of the Homeowners Association at Rancho LasaPalms Country Club and president of the Men's Golf Association this year. Also saw the birth of their tenth grandchild. When we all get together, it is a lively occasion as you might imagine. We took a couple of trips to Arizona and Colorado and plan to go to Texas this fall.

LTC ROBERT D. KLEIST, retired, Wolfhound CO, admits signing up for a senior citizen aer- still in the steamship business on the civilian obic dancing class and have advanced to the side, Evergreen International Corporation. President, International Visitors Council, Past-President of Steamship Association of Southern California, traveled to New Zealand, Australia, Canadaand the great U S Midwest.

> RADM BENNETT S. SPARKS, retired USCGR, now Deputy Executive Director-Reserve Officers Association. selected to serve 1992-1994 as the International Secretary General, Confederation of Reserve Officers of NATO (CIOR).

> COL JAMES R. PITCHER, Retired, HHC CO 3d Bde, still teaching at Santa Monica High School, completing 30 years at Lincoln Middle School. Has a new grand daughter, went to Seattle to see her and the family. Amalso Stage Manager for the school Additorium which has been keeping me busy. The Persian community of Southern California use the facility to present musical and fine art performances. I also teach two nights a week at Santa Monica College.

CW4 GEORGE F. MURRAY JR., retired, still active in many organizations, Pearl Harbor Survivors, ROA, So Cal Chapter 25th Infantry Division Assotorical and near-historical sites along the ciation and others. He bowls with the Knights of Columbus once a week and play golf but not as often as I would like.Mv wife Rosemary and I had a delightful trip last fall, on our motorcycles to Salt Lake City, through Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks and Zion National Parks. We also made a trip to New York and New England and attended the remunion of the 25th Infantry Division in Chicago. This year our vacation will take us to Hawaii to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the activation of the 25th Division, October 1.

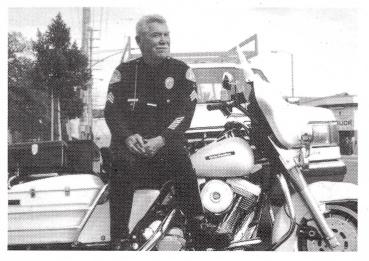
> LTC CARL P. BECHDOLT, retired, S-4-3d Bde, 30th Infantry, retired from Rockwell International Corporation, resigned from Board of Governors to go on an extended honevmoon. Went to "Rawhide". AZ his year in RV to attend Fiesta Bowl. In February married Carleen E. Rigg. The four of us were friends for 42 years. I lost my first wife Ruth in 1989, she her husband Harry in April 1990, and now

we are in the process of consolidating two households into one. I was assigned at Host COL Ed Miller former CO 1st Bde spent two Chairman, ROA Department of California for the convention in April held in Long Beach. We have three trips planned. RV tour of the West and Mid-west. New Zealand and Australia via Hawaii and a cruise in October. Our sincere congratulations from the Association and your Editorial Staff.

CAPT CARL A. GARNETT, II, retired, also now Presently serving as a consultant for the AAAA Protective Security Service. I enjoy skeet and trap shooting, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf and traveling. My wife Gerlinde. and daughter Carla will go with me to Europe this summer, to visit Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. return to California to live in September of this year We have 5 children and plan to move to Europe in April 1992. Our best wishes to all of our friends in the 63d.

CW4 ROBERT A. GRIFFITHS, retired, G-4 Section. 63d ARCOM. Had former 63d members. Major Dale Hart & wife in October 1990. and MSGT Marvin Zeigle and wife formerly in the 763d Ord Bn in November 1990. I shipped all of mv World War II rrophys to the General George S. Patton Museum at Chiriaco Summit, CA 92201. Plan a trip to Bar Harbor COL H. PETER VELASCO, retired, Ass't S-4 Maine this summer.

COL EMMETT C. DRENNEN, retired, S-3 263d Engr Bn - currently employed by various TV and Movie Studios. In August 1989 I flew to West Virginia to visit family, purchased a 1989 Harly Davidson motor cycle and rode it back to LA. It was an experience and something I had always wanted to do. I use the motor now on TV and movie locations in the city of LA. Stop by and say hello if you see me out there.



COL TOMMY R. GILLIAM, retired, CO 2d Bde, days visiting us in October. I am now the PR advisor for the Lake County Arts Council.

COL MICHAEL A. CORNWELL, retired, S-1, HHC 2 Bde, Disc Insurance Services. Can't make this years meeting due to New Orleans Risk Management Conference.

LTC KENNETH R. LINDLEY, retired, also retired from So Cal Edison after 35 years but went retired from the West Covina Unified Schools. back on a special 1 year contract. Made a trip to Europe last summer including East Germany, climbed to the top of the tower in "No Mans Land" between what was East and West Germany. Very interesting to walk back and forth where a wall once prevented such travel. Made a quick I week trip to Hawaii in December to celebrate my "short" retirement.

> BG ROBERT A. LAME, S-4 63d AViation Bn, now Deputy Commander 311th COSCOM, self employed in own consulting firm called RAL Associates. Made several trips to Colorado to see Mother to Phoenix on business, Atlanta and Washington for ROAand SARCA, and to the beaches for a little vacation time. Several other trips for the Army one included seeing President Bush at our ROA Mid-Winter. Tried to break the bank at Loughlin, no success.

> 3d Bde. 15th Infantry, still working for Allied Signal Corporation. We deeply regret to report that Pete's wife Joyce passed away last August 15 due to complications of a lung transplant. They were married 30 years and she attended many 63d Inf Div Ass'n functions. Pete said he finally was able to take charge of his life again and took a trip to Costa Rica which was delightful, great beaches and evervthing inexpensive.

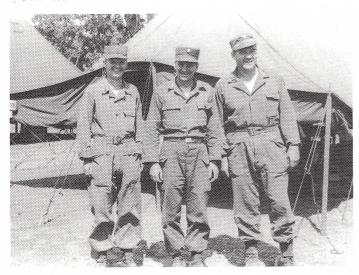
MAJ HARRY F. LINDROTH, retired, 2d Bde S-4. Took a trip to Vancouver, Canada, stopped at Lake Chelan (beautiful apple country). Still on the volunteer fire department. The weather was good all winter, in March we got 5'-6' snow; plenty to keep the snow blower fired up and me busy as the operator. Golf course should open May 1.

COL MILTON I. BREMER, CO 3d Bn-31st Infantry, Last summer visited Fort Carson and attended the reunion of the 4th Infantry Division Ass'n. Hit all the tourist sights of Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. This summer, St. Louis for Sylvia's high school reunion, then to Alaska for two weeks cruisin' and travelin'.

COL WILLIAM R. SEAVER, retired, S-3 263 Engr

Bn. Supt of Schools, Coneio Valley Unified School District. My wife and I recently spent two weeks in the San Juan Islands-Washington State, very beautiful and relaxing.

BG ROBERT D. UPP, retired, Staff Judge Advocate, practicing attorney and law book writer. Saw Bill Seymour in Texas who is now Soon to be grand-dad again. recovered from an operation for colon cancer.COL WILLIAM T. ALLEN, retired, Ass't G-1, New Edition of "Business Law" published by West on the market in 1990. Put on a one month art exhibit at Mona Bismarck Foundation in Paris, France for the 15 artists in Jane's San Diego Art Group from 6 June to 6 July. Attended CIOR in Calgary, Canada driving so that we could travel through British Columbia. Will go to Paris again For the past three this summer for CIOR. vears I have been Chairman of ROA's National Dtrstegic/Long Range Planning Committee which causes frequent trips to Washington D.C. Went back to University of Illinois last fall for homecoming and a couple of football games and plan to repeat next fall.



August 1954-tent camp at Hunter Liggett, JA Section MAJ Robert Upp. Cant Sims Hamilton, trial lawyer, Mobil Oil (deceased) and Capt John Bodley, Ass't US Attorney now Fed Judge In Sacramento.

LTC IRVING C. MYERS, retired, G-5, summer of 1990 Lucille and I spent 18 days in New Zealand, beautiful country. Fall of 1990, we spent 28 days on a cruise ship going from Montreal to San Diego, with several Canadian stops, east Coast of the US, several ports in the Caribbean, thru Panama. several Mexican Ports and Costa This summer, a cruise to Alaska, traveling West Coast states, several weeks at Tahoe.

MAJ GEORGE L. DUTTON, retired. Doc Ctrl O Recently promoted to Senior Campaigner with title of Manager of Local Government Campaigns United Wav Inc. Oldest Son Tom made full Professorship at Miami U in Oxford, OH No 2 son Da ve received award (national) for third year in a row for programs in the Corps of Engineers.

Missed last years meeting while traveling to Singapore, Maylasia and Hong Kong, our third vacation to that part of the world.

MG THEODORE W. PAULSON, COMMANDER 63d ARCOM, Elected Senior Vice-President Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association January 1991. Appointed on February 25, 1991 to the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board by Secretary of Defense Richard Chenev for a three year term.

COL NOEL B. PATTINSON, retired, Exec 63d Div Artv, Talked to MAJ Bill Seymour recently who had a bad year physically in 89 and for his wife Mary, 90 an additional bad year for him but both are doing better. Had dinner recently with LTC Bob Smirl who since retirement has turned to horticulture and gourmet cooking. see COLs Chandler, McCleery and Pellegrin about quarterly for lunch and discussion. Younger daughter Judy is now CAPT in the Navy Nurse Corps and is currently stationed at the Naval Academy We are now living in retirement at Air Force Village West near March AFB.I See LTC Stan Hoversten and CW4 George Murray quite frequently.

COL CHARLES E. ESTERMYER, retired. Commo O 1st Bde. Retired from Chrysler Credit Corporation. Since retirement in December 88, we have been traveling the US in our Airstream trailer. Spent last winter in Florida, expect to spend this winter in Texas. We spent last summer touring Europe (without the Trailer) and other trips to Australia. Bali, Portugal and in July we are going to the Scandanavian Countries. We will probably keep traveling for another 2 years and then settle down somewhere.

The following members responded to our request without comment for publication:

LTC MAURICE KELLER COL RUSSELL PARK MAJOR DALE D. HART LTC FRANK R. PRINCE COL WILLIAM MANNATT MAJ LOUIS J. BARBA

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

By LCOL Irving C. Myers, USAR Ret

Last year, while mailing TROA Convention information and applications to potential renters of Display Booths, I developed a list of Retirement Communities around the country. Many of these are in California, some military oriented, occupancy-by- purchase, some occupancy-by-rental.

Following is some brief information on the list of California locations. Lucille and I visited a number of these, which are marked with an asterisk (*).

- * Air Force Village West, Riverside:occupancy by purchase, free standing homes and condo apartments.
- * Chateau Lake San Marcos, Lake San Marcos: occupancy by purchase, condo apartments, close to lake.

<u>Harborview</u>, San Diego: being planned by a group of Retired Officers (mostly Navy), overlooking Harbor and Airport, high rise condo apartments, occupancy by purchase, central to all area military facilities.

- * Hyatt Classic Residence, Monterey: occupancy by rental, condo apartments, near Ft. Ord.
- * Hyatt Classic Residence, Reno, NV:occupancy by rental, condo apartmenis.
- * Leisure Village, Oceanside: occupancy by purchase, free standing and commonwall homes, near Camp Pendelton.
- * Leisure World, Laguna Hills: occupancy by purchase, altho some lease and rental, coop condos, condo apartments, free standing and commonwall homes, near El Toro MCAS.

Marriott Desert Springs, Palm Desert:occupancy by rental, condo apartments, under study.

Marriott Stratford Court, Palos Verdes: occupancy by rental, condo apartments, under development.

- * Marriott Villa Valencia, Laguna Hills: occupancy by rental, condo aparements, near El Toro MCAS.
- * Palm Terrace, Laguna Hills: occupancy by rental, condo apartments near El Toro MCAS.

<u>Palm Terrace Villa Fontana, San Jose:</u>occupancy by rental, condo apartments, near Moffet NAS.

- * Rossmoor Regency, Laguna Hills: occupancy by rental, condo apartments, near El Toro MCAS.
- * Welk Champagne Village, Escondido: occupancy by purchase, condo apartments.

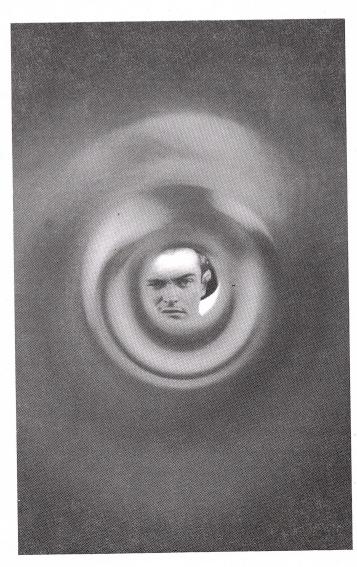
Some amenities offered at these locations include supplementary health services and facilities, meals, maid service, programmed activities, golf and tennis, pools, card and video rooms, libraries, etc. etc.

More detailed information will be presented in following "Couriers" or by request.

COL THOMAS V. CHANDLER, retired, Ass't G-4, Finished mythird retirement (consulting obligation) and now devote my time to our Record and Phonograph business. We survived the first vear which is somewhat remarkable these days for a small, new business. I still keep plenty busy nelping COL Pattinson. COL McCleery and LTC Pellegrin edit and put your Annual Report and an occasional news letter together.

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 may 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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