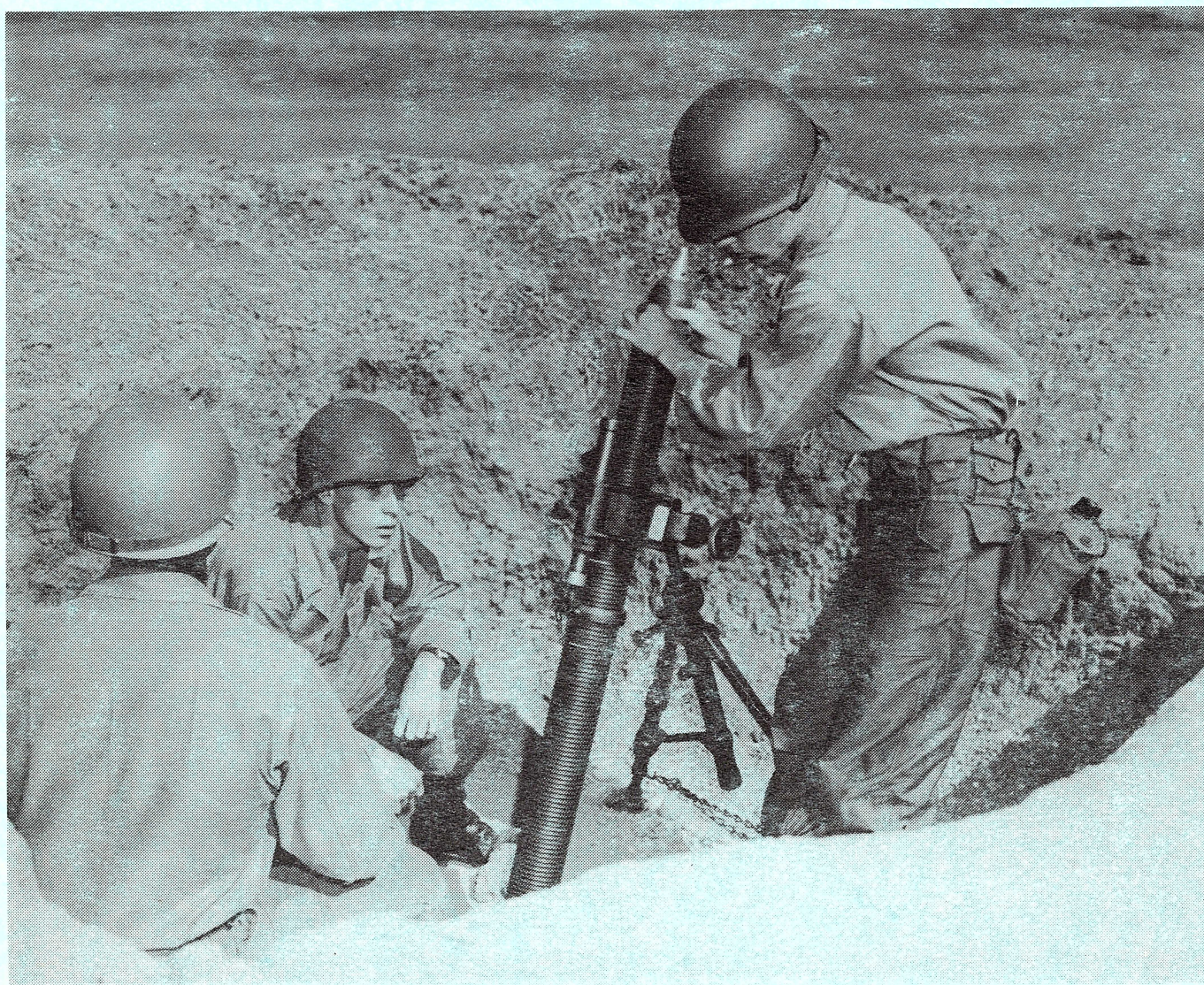




Blood and Fire



**63d Infantry Division Association, USAR
1991-92**



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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1991-1992

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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

ANNUAL REPORT COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST


This past year has been relatively calm so far as the national defense and security of the United States is concerned. The remarkable success of our troops and equipment in Operation Desert Storm has shown what a few years of proper training and sound research and development of modern weapons systems can produce. This is exactly the things your organization, through it's Board of Governors, was advocating fourteen years ago.

Now, we have a new concern, and an old concern.

The new concern is one which deals with the restructuring of the active and reserve components of the Army resulting from the disintegration of the USSR, and the dissolution of the threat of the Iron Curtain countries to the NATO Alliance. Now, with multiple elements of the federal government each expressing divergent views on the restructuring process, all this organization and others who share our concerns can do is beseech the Administration and the Congress to exercise great wisdom in reorganizing our armed forces to meet today's global obligations.

The old concern is the threat to the COLA for retired military and federal civil service personnel. The Administration's budget for FY 93 places our COLA under the same threat that cost us our COLA for 1985. Perhaps to some of our retirees the loss of one year COLA only means a slight tightening of the family budget. To others it is far more restrictive. But the greatest loss is to the retiree's surviving spouse under the Survivor Benefit Program. Loss of one or more years COLA means a loss forever in the succeeding years percent COLA increase, and that can be a severe loss. We must take two actions:

1. Protest the possible loss of our COLA by sending the Equity Message in accordance with the information in the latest association news letter.
2. Mount an aggressive program which will force Congress to enact veto-proof legislation making the COLA inviolate and stop trying to make the retired military and federal civil servant the scapegoat for their excessive pork-barrel spending. Isn't it interesting that when Congress voted itself a pay increase they also included an automatic \$4,000 per annum COLA each January, ad infinitum, ad nauseum.


CHARLES J. McCLEERY
COL, AUS-Ret
Chairman

regularly scheduled meeting, elect one member of the Association to serve as Assistant Secretary who would not have voting privileges unless he is an elected Board member.

SECTION 8. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the performance of those duties set forth in SECTION 5 as may be so delegated to him; and, he shall be Co-Chairman of an Arrangements Committee along with a member so appointed by the President for the annual dinner meeting of the Association.

SECTION 9. Contracts and other documents shall be signed by the President or such other individuals as may be authorized by the Board.

By-Law II. Meetings of the Board

SECTION 1. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held at the call of the President, but not less frequently than four times each calendar year.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall give at least seven days notice to each and every member of the Board of the fact that a meeting of the Board is called by the President. Such notice shall state the date, time and place of such meeting.

SECTION 3. Three members of the Board currently serving in office, excluding Members Emeritus of the Board, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business of the Board.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall at each meeting of the Board render a report as to the financial condition of the Association unless such report shall be dispensed with by motion of the Board.

By-Law III. Amendment of By-Laws

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board serving in office voting, after having been served a reasonable notice in advance of such meeting.

Hone That Spear

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pentagon officials wrestling with the problems of preparing for a possible callup of some reservists and National Guardsmen are wistfully passing around a copy of Haile Selassie's mobilization order when the Italians invaded Ethiopia 30 years ago:

To them, it is a model of simplicity.

It reads:

"Every one will now be mobilized, and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa.

"Married men will take their wives to carry food and cook. Those without wives will take any woman without a husband. Women with small babies need not go.

"The blind, those who cannot walk, or for any reason cannot carry a spear are exempted.

"Anyone found at home after the receipt of this order will be hanged."

Financial Statement

63D INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (USAR)
FUND

10 March 1992

Financial Statement

Balance on Hand 31 December 1991:

Deposits- Union Federal Bank, Brea	\$ 1,904.21	
Cash on Hand	28.80	
		\$ 1,933.01

Receipts 31 December 1991-10 March 1992:

Interest	17.86	
Sustaining Membership	10.00	
Associate Life Member	30.00	
		+ 57.86

Disbursements 31 December 1991- 10 March 1992:

Ck # 151 Citizens Patriot	- 72.00	
		\$ 1,918.97
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Balance on Hand 10 March 1992:

Deposits- Union Federal Bank ,Brea	\$ 1,890.07	
Cash On Hand	28.80	
		\$ 1,918.87
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From Senator Seymour

JOHN SEYMOUR
CALIFORNIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510
February 28, 1992

The Gilliams
P.O. Box 220
Lakeport, California 95453

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of the Department of Defense Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC).

I appreciate knowing of your concern for the maintenance of this valuable program that gives critical academic and career guidance to many deserving students just as they begin to think about their options for both college and professional life.

JROTC, in my opinion, also serves as one of the most effective programs at the secondary school level that cultivates maturity and a sense of discipline in Americas next generation of business, political, and military leaders. Therefore, I plan to support the maximum possible funding for the Departments JROTC operations given the severe budget constraints that Congress will impose on the Nations Armed Services this year.

Thank you once again for expressing your views.

Sincerely,

John Seymour
JOHN SEYMOUR
UNITED STATES SENATOR

JS:pm



MAJOR ROBERT C. LEIGHT SR. ARMY RESEARCH FELLOW AT RAND GUEST SPEAKER



Major Robert (Bob) C. Leight, Sr. was our keynote speaker for the 1991 Annual Meeting of our Association held in Long Beach, California at the Petroleum Club.

A native of New Jersey, Bob was commissioned in the Infantry and entered the Service in 1974. He has served in

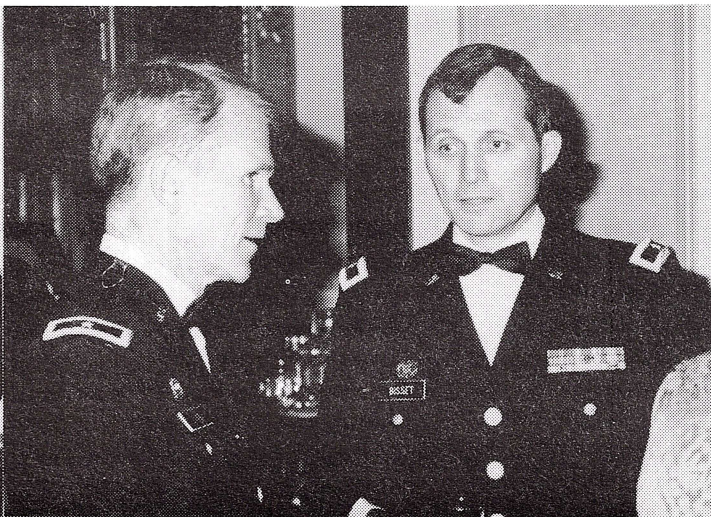
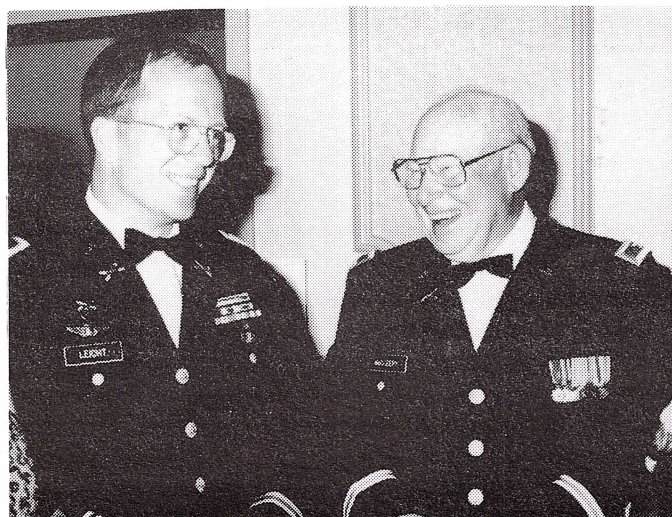
the U.S. and Korea in a variety of staff and line assignments in garrison, infantry and airborne units. In 1984, he joined the Special Forces, as a company commander, and a battalion operations & executive officer. He graduated from Command & General Staff College in 1987, received his MSA in Business Administration from Central Michigan University in 1987 and his BS. in Marketing from Siena College in 1973.

Before being selected as an Army Research Fellow at RAND, he was an instructor in the C & GS Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, where he taught national security affairs, counterinsurgency, and special operations forces. Bob's work at RAND centers on improving the assistance offered to third world nations faced with political violence. His follow-on assignment is to the Pentagon.

Married to the former Nancy Sayre, they have two children, the oldest of whom has enlisted and will enter the Army in August.

A REMINDER.

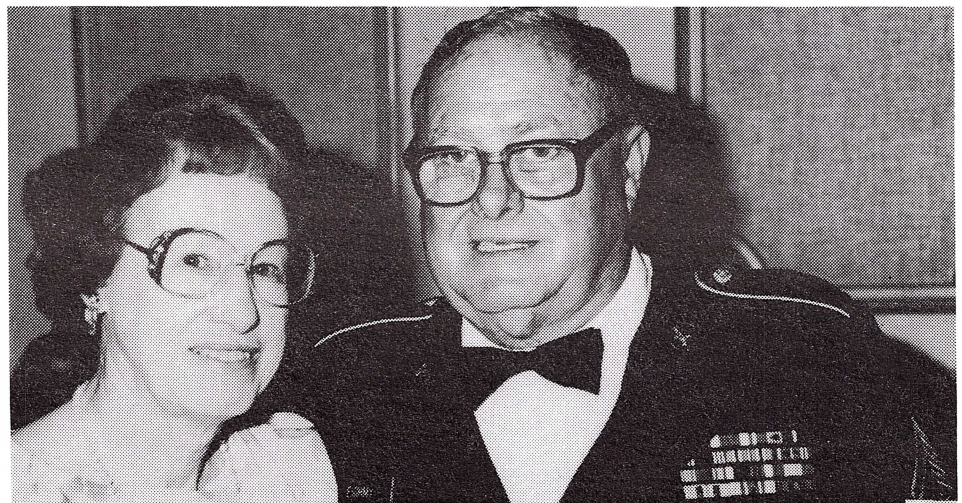
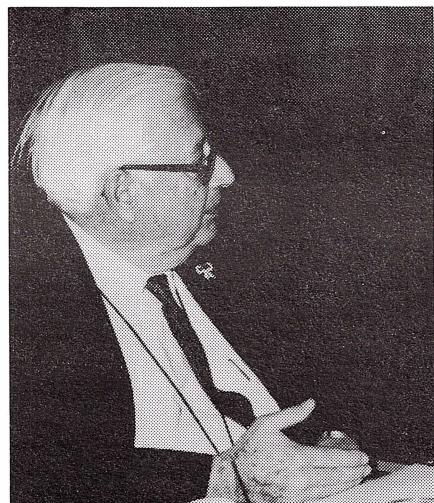
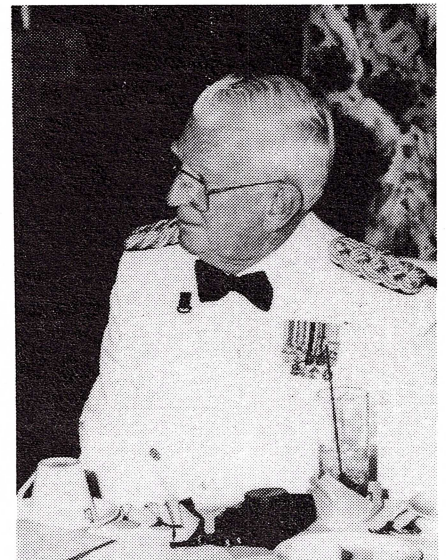
Please review our request for continued support for postage, reports, supplies thru suggested Annual Sustaining Dues.



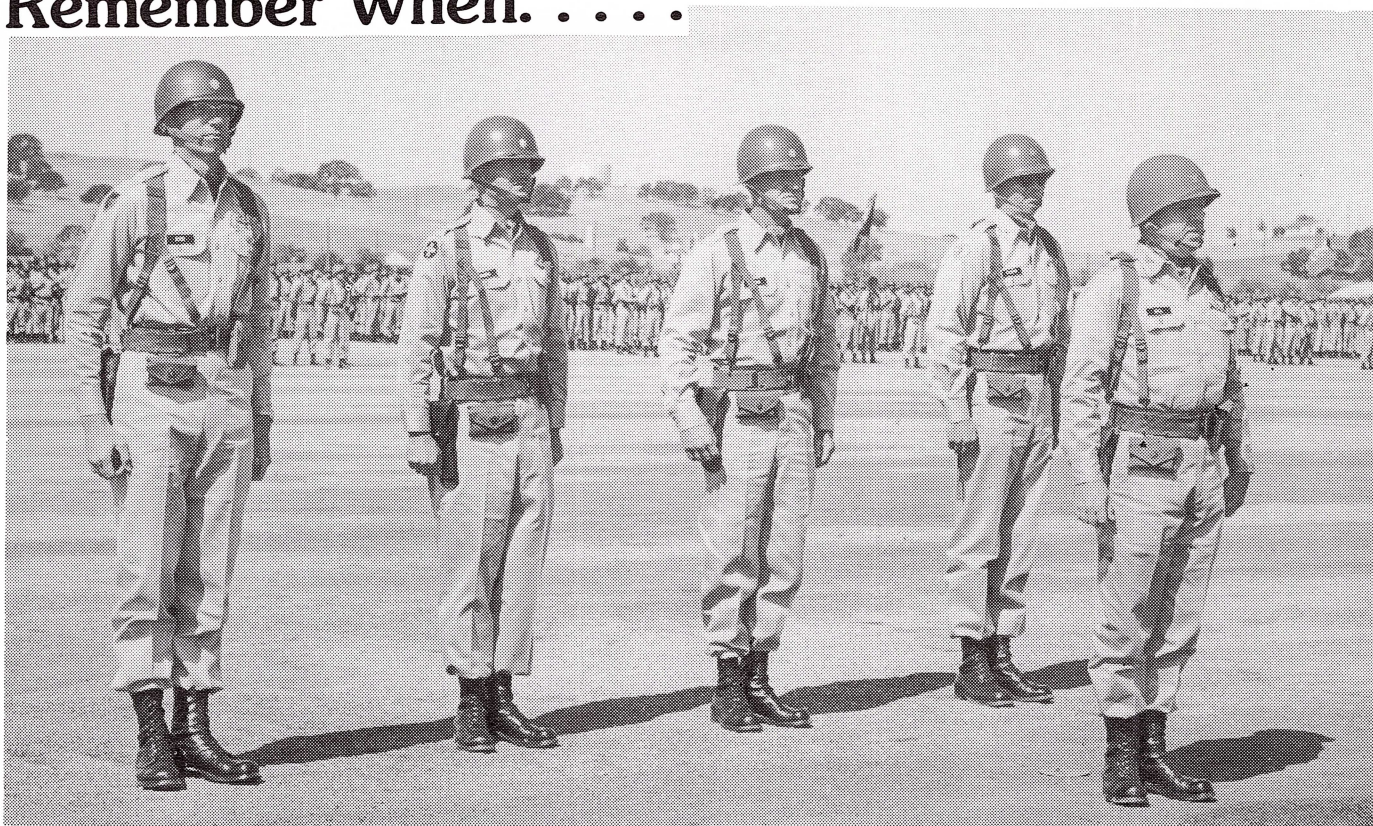
Annual Meeting 1991







Remember When. . . .









Whooze Nuze. . . .



LTC JAMES B. O'DOWD, retired, HQ 63d Inf Div, DOI 6220 USAR School, retired from Rockwell International. Moved from Yorba Linda after 27 years, to Temecula. Now in the process of planning some fishing trips.

LTC CHARLES C. BENNETT, retired, Div G-2, Says nothing on himself but comments on COL Banner Rice for Whooze Nuze. He joined the Civil Air Patrol some years ago and has been an active Search Observer for downed and missing aircraft. He has a number of "finds" to his credit and been commended for his work. COL Rice and wife Lou are now supervising construction of a new home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, a new retirement community. LTC Bennett also mentions MAJ Bill Seymour who is in bad health and would probably like to hear from some of his friends and members of the Association. His address is in our directory in this report.

MAJ HAMILTON C. SMYTH, retired, 363d Med Bn, and after 35 years from public education in January this year. 16½ years as Supt. Wm S. Hart High School District in Santa Clarita. Now has a private consulting business. His oldest son graduated with military honors from Claremont McKenna College, took an R A commission and is assigned to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

LTC EARLE D. SWEENEY, retired, 7/40 Tank Bn, now self employed as a Quality Assurance Consultant doing IBM and Digital Computer Programs. Constant provision of In-Home care for Cerebral Palsy Son. Make two or three trips to Las Vegas each quarter and a recent trip to Boston. Supervising a major remodeling home project between trips.

COL H PETER VELASCO, Jr., retired, Ass't S-4 3d Bde, 15th Inf. employed by Allied Signal. Married Thanksgiving day 1991. Took a cruise through the Caribbean and liked it so much plan another to Alaska. Daughter will make me a grand-father for the first time in August 1992.

LTC KENNETH R. LINDLEY, retired, 5/19 Arty and the Southern Cal Edison Co. Just returned from a 32-day Round-the-World Sou-

thern Hemisphere tour. Visited Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Portugal and England. Highlights at each stop but Close View of Victoria Falls, and a fly-over, a safari at Sabi Sabi where we saw elephants, lions, cape buffalo, rhino, leopard and many more animals in the wild. Covered a total of 36,600 miles--A great trip.

CW4 LAYLAND A. CARSON, retired, Co A 163d Sig Bn, then 312 Pers Svc Co, 63d ARCOM, currently employed at Northrup Corp. Will retire from USAR in November 92 with approximately 40 years of service. May be the only 63d Inf Div (USAR) member still in active status except MG Paulson.

COL BANNER P. RICE, retired, Bde CO, and just to supplement what LTC Bennett said, the Rices have spent lots of time with the Civil Air Patrol and have 5 finds, each with 4 saves (persons alive) and what a great service they perform. Lots of travel in the past two years but now to our new home right on a lake.

COL RICHARD E. BREWSTER, retired, CO HH/S Co 263d Engr Bn (c), retired from Rocketdyne Div/ Rockwell Int'l 1990. Completed 34 units toward secondary teaching credential in mathematics and accepted membership in Phi Kappa Phi a National Academic Honor Society. Also attended two Elderhostel classes at Feather River College and Sierra College in photography, gold rush history, astronomy and gold mining geology.

MG WILLIAM J. HIXSON, retired, CG 63d Infantry Division USAR, a pleasant trip to Scotland took care of our travels this year.

LTC DONALD L. WIRTH, retired, CO Co B, 163d Sig Bn, retired Rockwell Int'l, enjoying retirement and round dancing. Trips to Grants Pass, Oregon and on to northern California and to Utah, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, Park city for a hot air balloon ride and National Square Dancing Convention in Salt Lake City. Second trip 3 month duration to New England and the east coast. Included Bangor, Maine to Key West Florida, including Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Williamsburg and enjoyed many of our military family camps along the way.

MSG NORMAN G. MILLER, retired, Co C, 30th Inf, Platoon Sgt 1st Platoon, retired from police department and says he is up to his ears in a move to a new location.

LTC WILLIAM A. HODGES, retired, G-3 Section, 1992 President of Orange County Shrine Club. Made a 3 week tour of Denmark, Norway, Sweden

and Finland.

COL ALBERT L. MENDONCA, retired, G-3 Sec, still a working realtor and Jan as a Secretary, recently moved to Temecula from Chino Hills. Took a cruise last February in eastern Caribbean. While in San Juan the ship caught fire and we had to evacuate. We visited our son in Florida and Epcot Center.

LTC DURWOOD D. HICKS, retired, AG, still a part time travel agent. Photo shows two Hicks from Leisure World, Woody & June, roughing it in their new golf cart which sports a bar under the hood, stereo-cassette radio, air-cooler, turn indicators, U S & Army Flags flying on the top. We still love cruising and made the inaugural cruise of the new Royal Odyssey departing Singapore with ports of call in Java, Bali, Manila and ending with a stay of several days in Hong Kong. Made a hydro-foil trip to Macau and a bus trip in China. One sadly nostalgic trip was a visit to the island of Corregidor. Christmas in Kowloon and Hong Kong Island; 30-40 store buildings ablaze with lights as we promenaded with the millions.



LTC JOHN W. FLORY, retired, Ass't G-5, a member of the San Marcos "Citizens for the San Marcos Solution" to problem of waste disposal in San Diego County; Neighborhood Watch chairman for my block; on PR Committee for homeowners association.

LTC CARL P. BECHDOLT, retired, S-4 3d Bde, 30th Inf, retired from Rockwell International. Carleen and I took a 10-month honeymoon consisting of 5 trips, 6-week RV thru the Western U S, a week at Winnebago

Grand National Rally in Iowa, then back to the northwest. A week at Lawrence Welks, a week in Mazatlán, a 23 day excursion to New Zealand where we rented a motor home and toured for 15 days, then Australia. Then off to Montreal, Quebec, St. Lawrence Seaway to New York. Then to wind up the trips to Rawhide, AZ for a week between Christmas and New Years. Planning a 3-month trip in June-September this year. Just elected President of ROA Chapter 12 for the 3d or 4th time.

COL JOHN E. PAULUS, retired, HHC 7th Tank Bn, just recently returned from a 5-week ski vacation in Utah.

MAJ ALBERT W. SEYMOUR, retired, Ass't G2, sent the photo of Chuck Bennett and LT James Farleighs son and their recent wedding. Jim is presently head of the music department at the University located in Jacksonville, AL. Our medical, etc., support at Fort Worth (Carswell will shut down in '93. No solution on medication yet. We will miss the commissary too. Mary is quite well, and my health not too good. Maybe we will be your neighbors in California, he told COL Pattinson in a recent letter.



COL MAL M. PACKER, retired, DiVarty, still Chief Engineer LAX. A very busy year, business trips to Mexico City, Guadalajara, vacation trips to Phoenix and Lake Tahoe. Selected to receive the Dr. Horonjeft Award by the National American Society of Civil Engineers recognizing the engineer who has done the "most" for airports. Chief Engineer LAX 15 years, may retire this year. 2 grandkids, Kristen (3) David (6).

COL MILTON I. BREMER, retired, CO 3d Bn, 31st Inf, retirement takes up too much of my time! 3 mornings a week I work with some great kids on their reading and math. Spend a lot of hours at our synagogue planning and supervising repairs and maintenance and am enjoying this year as President of our Association. In between, Sylvia asserts her wifely prerogatives so we have enjoyed the splendors of Alaska and the excitement of EPCOT and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. We recommend both trips.

COL MINOR K. WHITE, retired, CO Co C, 3d Bn 15th Inf. Spent 3 weeks in Savannah, GA for the big St. Patrick's Day party, 4th year in a row. Spend 4-5 days a week enjoying the beach, but need to get active again.

COL WILLIAM M. WALSH, retired, G-4, retired from Westinghouse Electric. Took ocean cruise in October 1991. Youngest son Tom married in '91 San Jose, CA. Have two grandsons that will graduate in June 92, David from High School, U S Achievement Academy National Award Winner and an offer of scholarships from 5 universities. Kent from grade school who hopes to follow David. Betty and I hope to get to Seattle in June for these events.

BG STEWART L. HALL, retired, Deputy CG, Edythe and I flew to Montreal last summer and took a three-week cruise on Enchanted Seas down the St Lawrence River, Martinique, New England, New York City, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, most of the Caribbean Islands, Venezuela, Cozumel and New Orleans. Cold up north but perfect weather and seas all the rest of the way.

COL CHARLES E. ESTERMYER, retired, Commo O, 1st Bde, retired and traveling. We have been in the west since the middle of December. Leaving Newport Beach on 31 March on to Las Vegas to see our oldest daughter then to Salt Lake City where I will spend a week at the Mormon Genealogical Center gathering information on the family tree. Then we will head east, spending June in Ohio with Lue's mother who was 98 on St. Patrick's day. Then on to Pennsylvania to attend 45th High School Class Reunion. In late August we will head for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and in late September down thru the New England states. Will then meander back west to be near the kids and grand-kids for the holidays. We still travel in

the Airstream but intend to buy another home in Nevada or California and settle down for part of each year. Will see you next year at our Annual meeting.

COL CHARLES J. McCLEERY, retired, G-3, visited Hawaii again in October spending most of the time dodging raindrops and with the 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, paid tribute to those entombed in the Arizona. That feeling of frustration, anger, and sorrow never leaves. In February on a shopping trip saw former HQ clerk Carl Fiala and enjoyed a nice long visit with him. We convey for him best wishes to all who knew and remember him.

COL RALPH J. HIPPERT, retired, CO 63d S & T Bn. Enjoying retirement. Made a trip last fall to visit son in Costa Mesa and sister in Laguna Niguel.

COL JAMES R. PITCHER, retired, HHC Co 3d Bde, still teaching at Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica. Made a trip to Seattle in Apr 92 to visit daughter Patti and 3 grandchildren.

COL NOEL B. PATTINSON, retired, Exec 63d Div Arty, I see Cols Chandler, McCleery and Pellegrin about quarterly for lunch and discussion about the Association. Enjoying our new home at Air Force Village West near March AFB, soon to break ground on a new section. I also see LTC Stan Hoversten and CW4 George Murray quite frequently. Younger daughter Judy now a Captain in the USN Nurse Corps and stationed at the Naval Academy.

COL LAURENCE J. STUPPY, retired, CO 363d Med Bn, still in private practice of medicine in Los Angeles. Lead an active life consistent with my age. Enjoy traveling and keeping up with advancements in medicine thru prime medical meetings.

LTC ROBERT H. STRATMAN, retired, 6220th USAR School. Says he is now 69, not in the best of health but happy as h---.

COL WILLIAM T. ALLEN, retired, Ass't G-1, Director Group Claim, The Principal Financial Group. This past year vacationed in Korea and Formosa then stopped for a week in Hawaii. It is nice not spending all of vacation time at Summer Camp. Recently served on a committee to dedicate USAR building on the corner of Wilshire and Federal Avenues in Los Angeles. Keep in touch with some thru ROA.

COL MARTIN S. GRAY, retired, Ln O 1st Bde, made the usual trips nearby--Carmel, San Diego, Las Vegas. Made a trip to Minnesota in January for mother-in-law's funeral who died at the age of 100. Minnesota in January is a terrible shock to the system of anyone who grew up on the beaches of Southern California and didn't find Fort Irwin, Camp Roberts and Hunter-Liggett all that bad. If I hadn't seen my own breath I wouldn't have been sure I hadn't frozen to death. There is no place like home.

MAJ GEORGE LaPOLD, retired, DQMSO, now with CEO Security Consultants in retirement. Retired from Washington State Senate Staff, attended the Canadian Military Ball 1991, Elected as Chapter President, Bellingham ROA, attended mid-winter Conference of ROA in Washington D. C.--a first time and it was great. Sorry to miss another annual dinner.

BG ROBERT D. UPP, retired, Staff Judge Advocate, practicing attorney and writer of law books. We took a 15 day cruise to Alaska, then back to Paris, France for C.I.O.R. Rented a car in Europe and backtracked my WW II route from Enns, Austria where we met the Russians, back across Austria, East Germany, and Germany to France. In East Germany nothing had changed in 50 years and I still found some of the buildings I had occupied, bullet holes still there. Also rode over the same roads and cobblestones. When we got home, went to Business Law Convention in Portland, Maine and then drove 4,000 miles through Maine and the Canadian Maritime provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. Just returned from an Elder-hostel at the San Antonio Art Institute in Texas. Still trying to retire.

CSM ROBERT J. BARBER, retired, SGM Spt Cmd, still working but did take a trip to England and Scotland last July. I worked in Rugby, England while Donna vacationed. Then we both went to Scotland on vacation to Edinburgh, St. Andrews (golf), Loch Lomond, Sterling Castle and in all had a great time.

CPT ARTHUR ESTERBROOK, retired, S-3, 163d Sig Bn, retired from Rockwell International. Now a trauma volunteer and volunteer coordinator-Northridge Hospital Medical Center.

COL RAYMOND J. NEPUTE, retired, CO Support Command, now Secretary for two Masonic

Organizations which keeps me busy. We try to spend the last two weeks of each month at our Casita in Baja, Mexico. We make a trip at least once a year to visit our daughter and family who reside in Kauai, Hawaii. We make at least one trip a year to visit one of the National Parks and vicinity.

COL JAN C. MENNIG, retired, Ass't Bde S-3, self-employed consultant to Gov't and Private Industry and am a wine grape grower and cattle ranch owner. Recent trips included Mainland China, Korea, Middle East and Europe. Involved in many Mariposa County activities: Chairman County Community Economic Development Commission, Vice-Chairman of County Mental Health Advisory Board, President of Mariposa County Wine Grape Growers Association, Candidate for Supervisor and other local tasks. Retirement is not overrated. Local campaign prevents my making the annual meeting.

COL WILLIAM R. SEAVER, retired, S-3 263d Engr Bn, currently Supt of schools, Conejo Valley Unified School District. Spent a couple of weeks last October seeing the "fall colors" in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York and the Niagara Falls area seeing our son and his family. Just returned from two weeks in Hawaii. I chaired an accreditation team for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, then visited LaHainaluna High School on Maui, then 10 days on vacation and had a great time.

COL RALPH D. HILL, retired, 2d Bde, flat-out retired, except for golf, fishing and writing nasty letters to George Bush. Attended the reunion of the 99th Infantry Division in San Francisco. Found only one member of the rifle company whereof I was a part. (Bored to tears) I gave the 63d Inf Div Ass'n, USAR resolution regarding San Francisco to a very startled Association President.

MG THEODORE W. PAULSON, DCG (IMA)-Bold Shift HQ, Forces Command as of March 1992. S-4 3d Bn 77th Arty, manager of mapping services, So Calif Edison Company. Finished four years as CG 63d ARCOM, June 1991. Served on the DOD Reserve Forces Policy Board during 1991. Elected and served as Executive Vice President Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association in 1991. Selected to serve as DCG (IMA) for Bold Shift Program at HQ Forces Command effective March 1992.

COL EDWARD D. MILLER, retired, CO 1st Bde, enjoying retirement, but busy. I plan to

RADM BENNETT S. SPARKS, retired, USCGR, to recap a 3-year assignment in Washington D.C., moved to Windsor, CA in the Sonoma County wine country, a bout with prostate cancer, surgery 17 December, a remarkable recovery with a very positive prognosis. While in NATO HQ in Brussels on February 6 I had a serious heart attack and immediately hospitalized. Betty and our youngest daughter immediately flew to Europe with superb help from the Red Cross. After 8 days in the Cardiac Care Unit at Clinic Saint Jean, the Army at SHAPE sent an ambulance and took the three of us on a 6 hour drive to Landstuhl Army Hospital in central Germany. After another 8 days of treatment the Army sent a chopper that took Betty and I to Frankfurt where we boarded a C-141 Air Evacuation plane to Andrews Air Force Base Hospital in Maryland. Following several air evac flights we arrived at Travis AFB and after another two weeks of tests and treatment I was transferred to an out-patient status on 5 Mar. I am undergoing therapy to regain my strength and Hope to assume my new CIOR duties as International Secretary General for the NATO nations. Thanks to all who sent cards, phoned, visited, we are most grateful.

LTC IRVING C. MYERS, retired, G-5, works at volunteer fund raising for Homes For Aging, Reseda/and Cathedral City Senior Center, Board member of local chapters of ROA & TROA. The further adventures of Irv & Lucille in the summer 1991--Aug 4 new Holiday Inn, Chilliwack British Columbia, a new facility just opened. Chilliwack is 100 Km east of Vancouver along the #1 Transcanada Hwy and lies in the fertile, agricultural Fraser River Valley. 3 Km south of the city and just across the highway in a small community called Vedder Crossing is the Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack the home of the 1st Regiment Canadian Military Engineers, who were still on duty in Kuwait, mine sweeping the DMZ between Iraq and Kuwait. No VOQ facilities on base, only for TDY. Base is also an Engineer training center and OCS. The O Club was empty but gave you the feeling of a large hunting lodge in English countryside or in Scotland. Beautiful landscaping with overflowing flower beds and well disciplined shrubs and trees. We visited their Museum on base including equipment, uniforms, etc., from WW 1, WW 11 and earlier years, some dating back to 1610, when military engineers were responsible for construction of some of the earliest building projects in Canada. The museum was operated by a volunteer auxiliary. On 15 August we tendered off the SS Universe

and landed at Port Chilkoot, Haines, Alaska. Haines is 45-minutes from Skagway, by water, down the Lynn Canal, a part of the Inside passage. In 1901, the U S Government decided to establish a military presence due to continuing border disputes with Canada. The Presbyterian Church deeded 100 acres of their Haines Mission land for a fort. Construction began in 1903 and was named Fort Seward, in honor of Secretary of State William H. Seward who arranged the Alaska purchase from Russia. Fort Seward reached its peak in the 1920s with a compliment of two infantry companies--241 enlisted men and 14 officers. Soldiers earned double credit for duty here as it was considered a foreign duty post. It was renamed Chilkoot Barracks. The hardest work at the Fort was coping with cold weather and snow, and learning to train and fire arms on skis and snowshoes. During WW 1 and WW 2 it was a training site for Alaskan recruits and in WW 11 an R & R Center for North Pacific Theater troops. The base was declared surplus in 1947, five WW 11 veterans and their families from back East, bought the base sight unseen. 85 buildings, and now 400 acres of land, and moved there. Over the years these men, their families, and successors, have succeeded in reviving and commercializing the Fort. Buildings are converted to private residences, restaurants, B & Bs, and the hospital now the Alaskan Indian Arts Skill Center. In 1970 Fort Chilkoot became part of the City of Haines, and in 1972 the old Fort was designated a National Historic Site and officially named Fort William H. Seward.

COL THOMAS V. CHANDLER, retired, Ass't G-4 Still devoting my retirement to our small record and phonograph business, still surviving in this day and age, which is kind of remarkable for a small business. I still keep plenty busy with the work with the Association and watching our grandkids grow.

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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