



## Blood and Fire



**63d Infantry Division Association, USAR  
1993-94**





## *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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### Take a Trip Through Nostalgia! The 63d Infantry Division Video

During the time our late friend, CW4 Ernst Andreas was Secretary of our Association, a number of movies were taken of the 63d at annual active duty for training, on parade, at training exercises, special formations, etc. Thanks to the efforts of COL Tom Chandler, these have all been converted and collected on a video tape. The tape covers time from MG Kellogg down through other commanders over the years. It runs for approximately two hours exactly as filmed.

This is an opportunity for you to relive old experiences while sitting in comfort before your television. If you would like your own personal copy, send a check for \$25.00, which includes packing and mailing to our association Treasurer:

LTC Stan Hoversten  
 21062 George Brown Avenue  
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Please allow several weeks for delivery.

Make check payable to: 63d Infantry Division Assn.

## Financial Report

63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) FUND  
 Financial Statement  
 13 March, 1994

Balance on Hand 31 Dec 93		
Deposit-Bank of America	\$725.73	
Cash on Hand	24.00	
		\$749.73
Income		
Sustaining Membership	40.00	
		40.00
Expense		0
Balance on Hand 13 Mar 94		
Deposit-Bank of America	765.73	
Cash on Hand	24.00	
		\$789.73

Submitted by:  
 S.T. Hoversten, Treasurer



## Guest Speaker- COL "Wil" Ebel, USAR, ret



A brief summary of Col Ebel's remarks follow.

Over the years those who support a strong reserve have learned that the most productive focal point is neither the White House nor the Pentagon; best results being achieved by submitting factual, non-emotional position statements to the Congress.

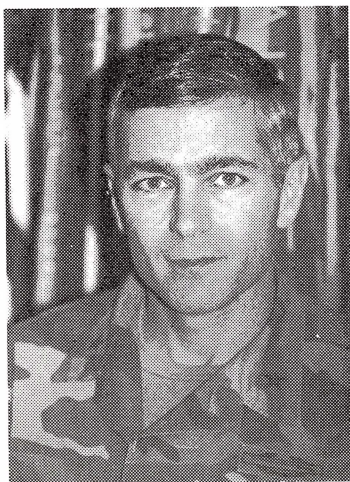
Many members of congress today (including such influential leaders as Sen. Simpson of Wyoming) pay only cursory attention to letters and visits from national and patriotic and military associations claiming to represent the military community. Sen. Simpson denies that these groups

bring forward the true needs and desires of their individual members; he characterizes these groups as being led by professional fund-raisers.

Conversely, constituent letters other than same-wording, mass produced letters by national organizations) command careful attention. A letter, resolution, or positions statement from the 63d Infantry Division Association may well receive more attention from a Member of Congress than one dispatched from the Washington Headquarters of AUSA, ROA, TROA, etc. This is because the member knows that the 63d does not employ "hired guns" but conveys the true thoughts of its members

While it is important to contact sympathetic Members who hold prestigious positions (committee, subcommittee leadership, both sides of the aisle), the strongest interest and influence is most likely to come from your own Representatives and Senators. Associations like the 63d should strive always for bipartisan support--remember that even if Ron Dellums only votes your way 10% of the time, it is vitally important that he be apprised of your position on Reserve Component issues coming before his committee.

## Outstanding Speaker. . Outstanding Program. .



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BG WESLEY K. CLARK

Maj. Gen. Wesley Clark has been nominated for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as Director for the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate at the Joint Staff in Washington. He will also serve as the senior member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. Clark has served as the commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas, since August 1992.

Clark, 49, is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a master's degree in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford University and a master's in military science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His military education includes completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

During the Vietnam War, he served as an assistant operations officer and company commander with the 1st Infantry Division.

Clark has served as the director of the Battle Command Training Program with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, commanding general of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and deputy chief of staff for Concepts, Doctrine and Developments with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

His decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit (with three

Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster).





## 63d Infantry Division Association, USAR

6522 North Oak Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780

September <sup>16</sup>xx, 1993

The Honorable Sam Nunn  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator

The FY94 Defense Authorization Bill will soon come before a Joint Conference Committee for consideration. I am writing on behalf of our Association to ask that you favorably consider, and support in the final version, that portion of the House version that provides for major Army Command status for the Army Reserve. Our membership is primarily retired personnel, so we have no individual or personal interests in this issue. However, many of us have from 20 to 40 years of Active and Reserve army service, and we do retain a keen interest in the Reserve Forces, and their ability to respond to need promptly and effectively.

Those of us who have served in the Army Reserve have looked with envy at the Air Force Reserve, and its consistently high ratings in tests - often higher than Active units. We believe that the difference in the command and control structures is a major factor. The Air Force has used PL90-168 to give the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, as Commander, the authority to, budget, plan, manage and command his forces in time of peace. In contrast, the Chief of Army Reserve has lacked such authority, which has been wielded instead by the Army Chief of Staff. This has resulted in inconsistent direction and sometimes less-than-enthusiastic support of the Army Reserve.

In these days of cutbacks and reduced spending, The Reserve Forces must play an important role as backup to a reduced Active Force. We know that the JCS staff is recommending assignment of all Reserve Forces to the respective Active Force combat commands during peacetime. This would simply continue the present inefficiencies of the Army Reserve structure, and it would destroy the very efficient Air Force Reserve management program. It would also undoubtedly damage the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve programs. We just do not understand the reluctance to build on success.

The Army Reserve showed during Desert Storm that, with proper training, outstanding performance can be delivered. The Combat Support and Combat Service Support units drawn from the Army Reserve were commended at every level for dedication and efficient delivery of their services. However, there may not be several months lead time if another situation arises. We believe the proper place for command and control responsibility is within the command structure of the Reserve Force itself, and not diffused over several levels of authority.

When this issue is addressed in the Joint Conference on the Defense Authorization Bill, we respectfully urge that the Senate recede to the House reserve command and control position.

Sincerely,

Dale D. Hart  
Major, AUS-Ret  
President



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

October 13, 1993

Maj. Dale D. Hart  
6522 North Oak Avenue  
Temple City, California 91780

Dear Major Hart:

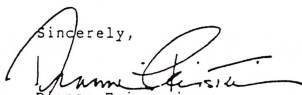
Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for federal civilian and military retirees.

Automatic COLAs were enacted by Congress to keep retirement payments current with inflation. In keeping with budgetary limitations and in an attempt to reduce the deficit, a provision to delay payments for federal civilian and military retirees was passed by Congress as a part of the FY 1994 budget. COLAs for federal civilian retirees will be delayed for the first three months in the years 1994-96, while military retirees' COLAs will be delayed for the first three months in 1994 and the first nine months in the years 1995-98.

Federal civilian and military employees constitute an extremely important part of our workforce and must be treated fairly throughout their careers and into retirement. I am aware of the sacrifices involved in government employment, especially in times of fiscal constraints, but I strongly believe everyone should share the burden of a tightening budget, including elected officials. Congress must be part of the solution, not just the decision-making process. I feel it is completely inappropriate for Congress to accept its standard COLA in light of our country's prevailing economic condition, and recently cosponsored a bill to cut COLAs for members of Congress.

Please know that I am working hard to represent the best interests of California in the Senate. I appreciate your taking the time to contact me and hope that, over time, you will find me to be a caring and effective United States Senator.

Sincerely,

  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 12, 1993

Mr. Dale Hart  
6522 North Oak Ave.  
Temple City, California 91780

Dear Mr. Hart:

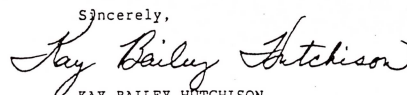
Thank you for your letter expressing your opinions about the command and control structure of our reserve forces. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I appreciate receiving your views.

As the collapse of communism has changed the dynamics among nations, it has also changed the nature and scope of our military mission. The risk of global conflict has been greatly reduced, but we have seen an increase in regional conflicts and civil strife. This new landscape and budgetary pressures require us to downsize our military without sacrificing readiness. Operation Desert Storm demonstrated that America can still act decisively when our interests and principles are threatened, and the brave men and women who serve in our reserves there were an undeniable factor in our victory.

As a member of the Conference Committee on the Defense Authorization Bill, I will examine provisions in the House version closely, including the proposal to establish a reserve peacetime command within each branch of service. I assure you that I will keep your views in mind as I work to achieve the most productive organization of our reserves.

Please write to me again if you have other comments on issues that concern you.

Sincerely,

  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON  
United States Senator

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

September 21, 1993

Maj. Dale D. Hart, AUS (Ret)  
President  
63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR  
6522 North Oak Avenue  
Temple City, California 91780

Dear Major Hart:

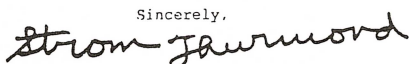
Thank you for your letter in support of establishing a separate Reserve Command within each military service. It was good hearing from you and I appreciate your backing of this legislation.

As you may know, I introduced legislation in the Senate to establish a United States Army Reserve Command. I look forward to the Joint Conference with the House during which we will resolve the Reserve Command issue. In my judgement, the establishment of this command is overdue and I am optimistic that the Congress will enact the legislation this year. Your correspondence favoring a reserve command for each service is important in gaining support for this legislation throughout the Congress.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views on this important legislation.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Strom Thurmond

ST/p

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 12, 1993

Mr. Dale D. Hart  
6522 North Oak Avenue  
Temple City, California 91780

Dear Dale:


Thank you for contacting me to express your support for legislation which would establish a separate reserve command within each of the military services. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I appreciate hearing from you.

The House of Representatives has included language in the Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 1994 (FY94) that establishes a separate reserve command within each of the military services, designates the reserve component chief of each as the commander, and assigns all reserve forces to the reserve command in peacetime, prior to activation. The Senate version of the defense authorization does not include this language. A conference committee composed of members of both the House and Senate will soon convene to work out differences between the different versions of the bill.

This particular issue is very complex and will involve discussions between the House, the Senate and the Department of Defense. Please be assured I will keep your views in mind as this issue continues to evolve.

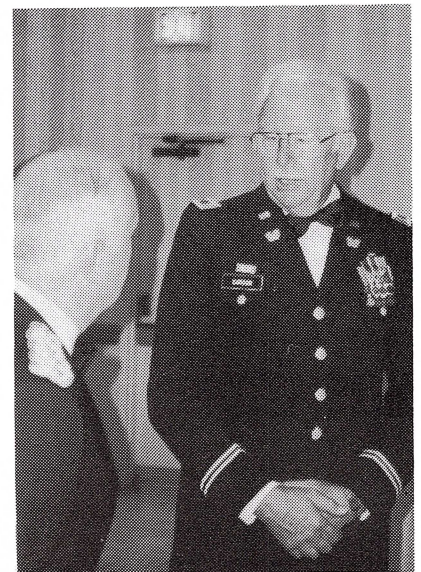
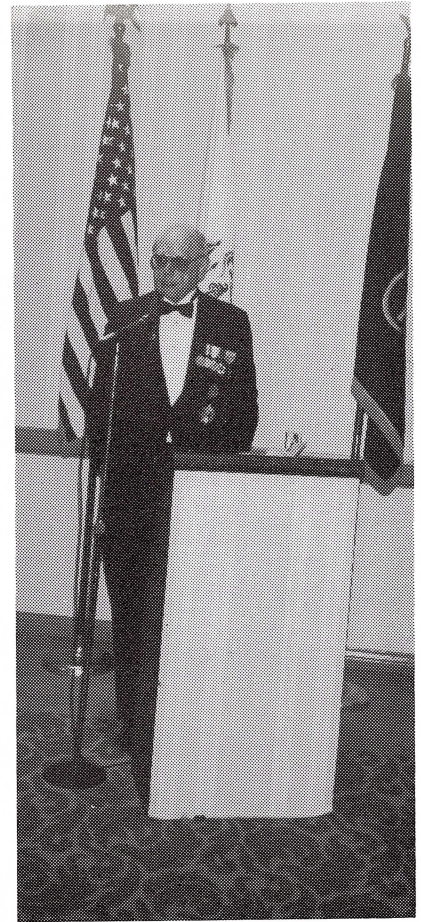
Again, thank you for getting in touch with me. Please feel free to do so again as I welcome your input.

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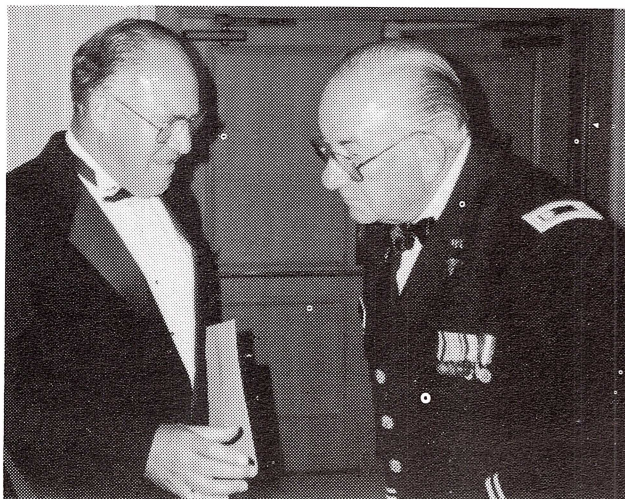
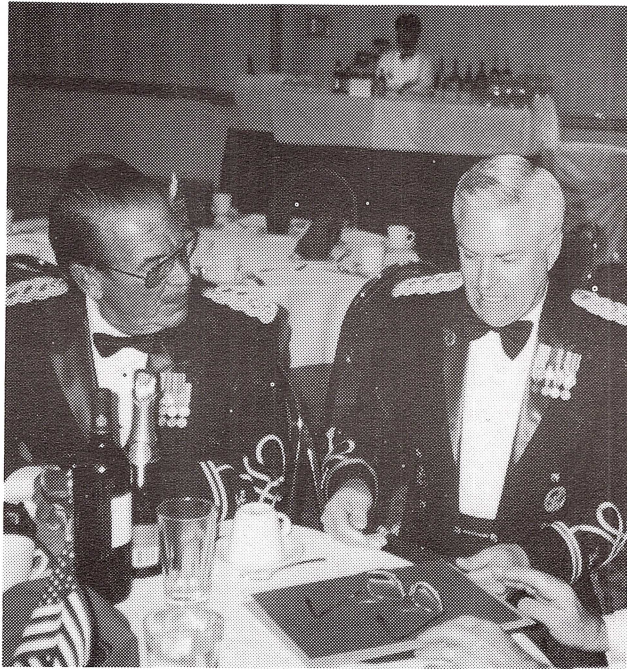
  
Dan Coats  
U. S. Senator

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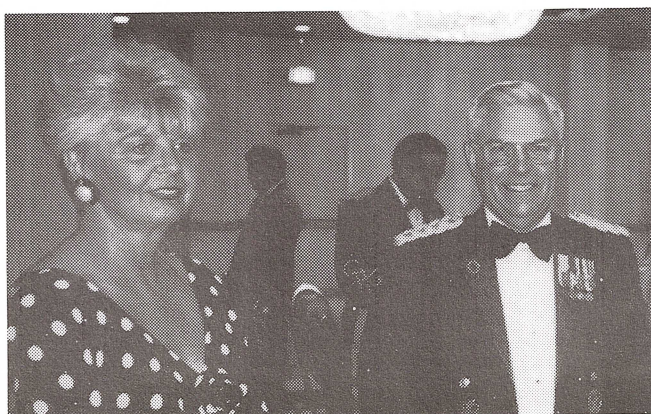
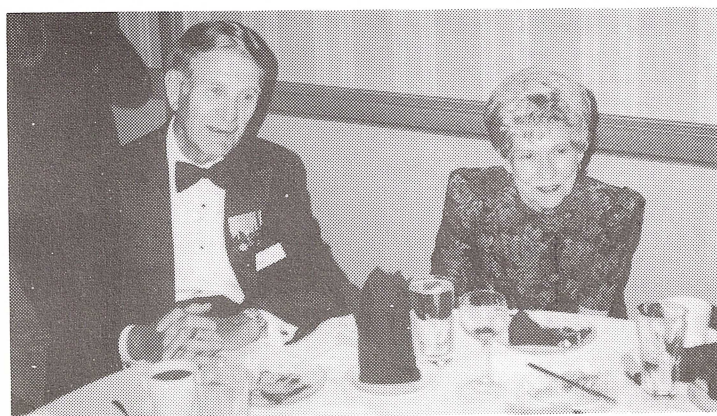












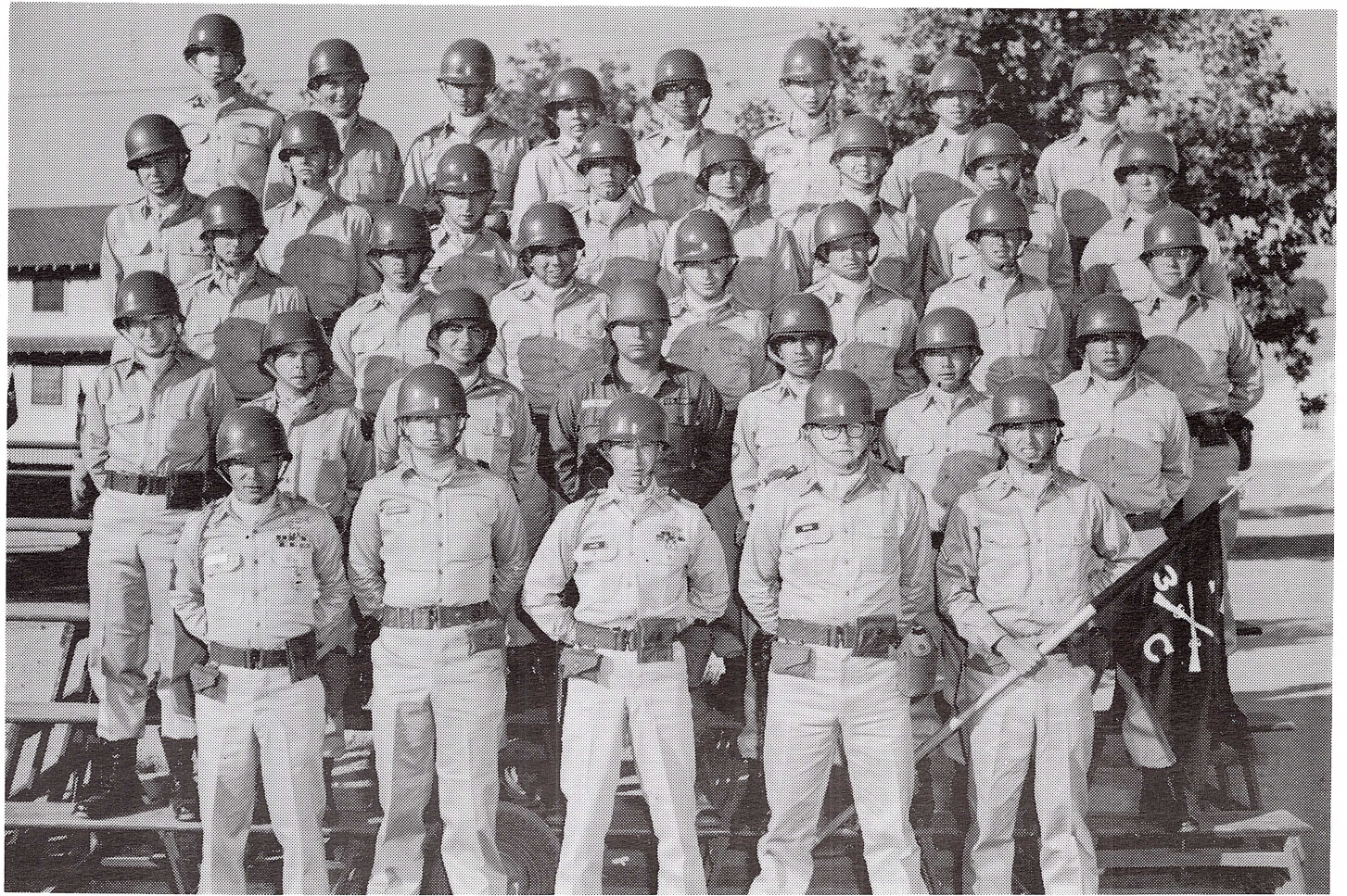




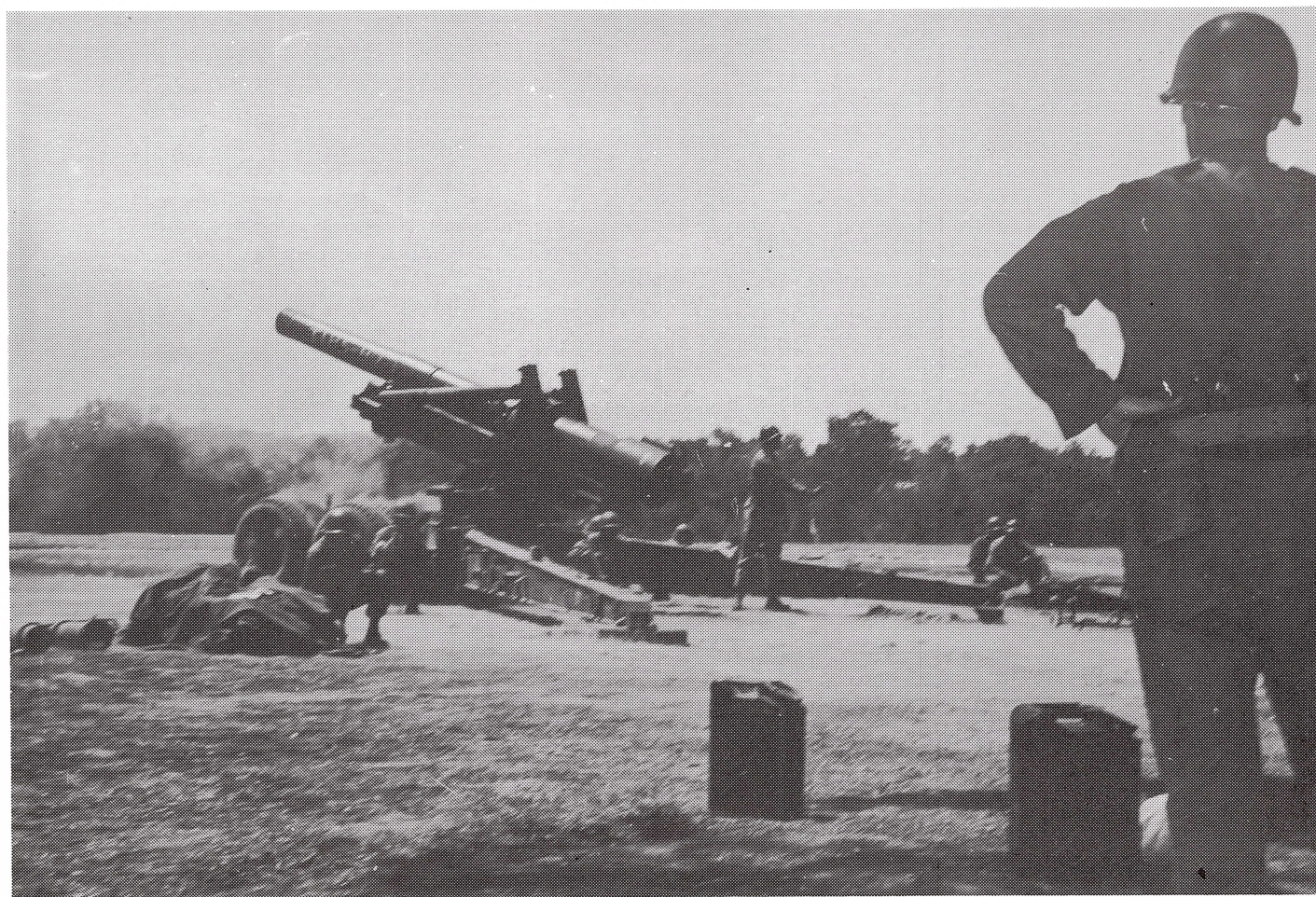
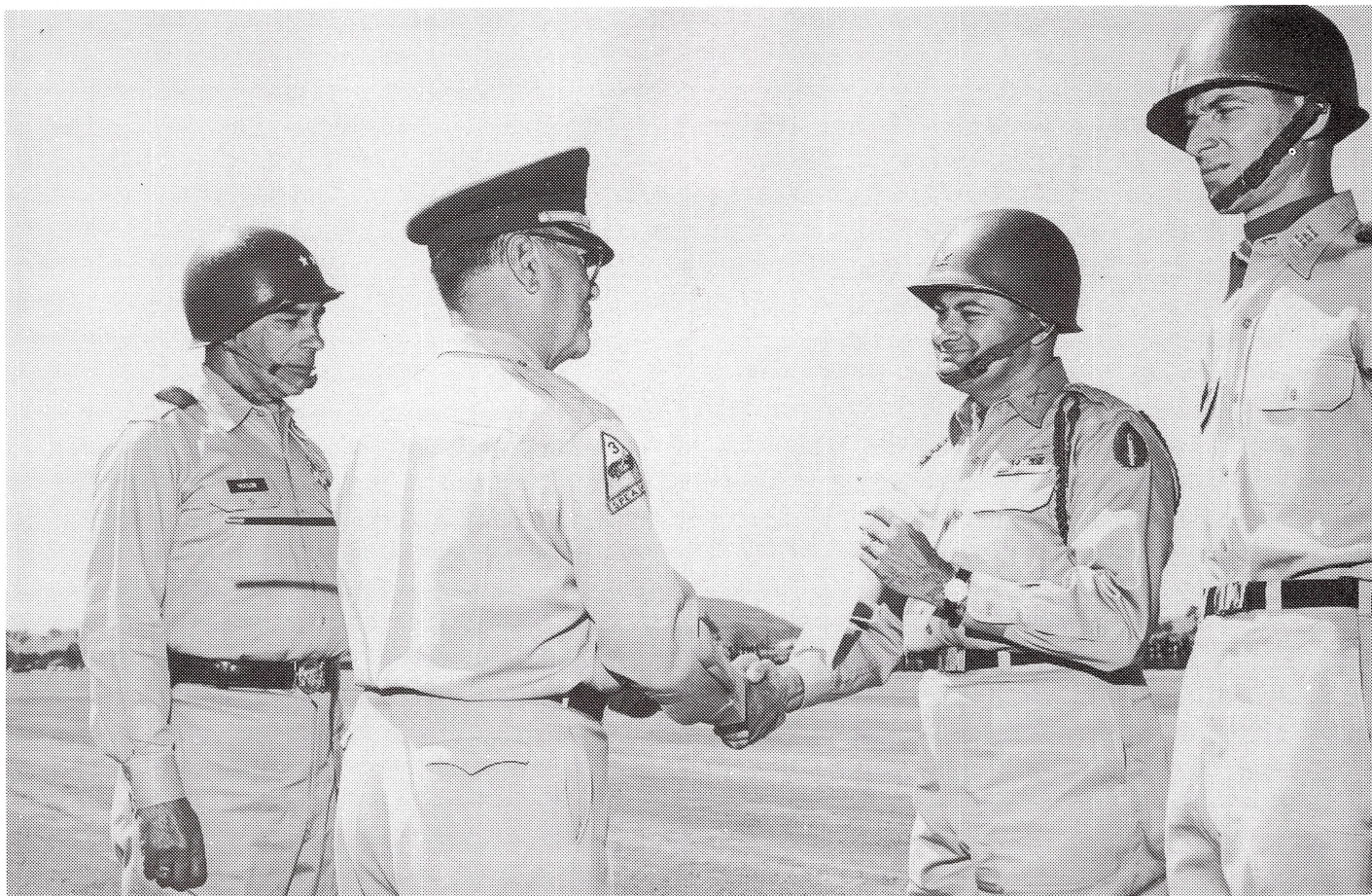














CW4 WALTER WOODWARD, retired, FA unit in Pasadena, travels in '93 included a trip to Atlanta for a family reunion and on to Port St. Lucie, FL to see friends known since WWII. Several short trips and on to St. Louis, MO for Edna's Sorority Convention. Golf in St. Louis, MO and in St. Louis Illinois. My last train ride was in Dec 43 as a young soldier stationed at Fort Ord, until a local group organized a "train escape" from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Stayed several days, had an enjoyable time. At 75 could not escape prostate cancer diagnosis but successful surgery has me recovering remarkably. In July Edna and I will once again take a cruise to Barcelona and on to Turkey, Greece, Olympia and back to Venice for return to Los Angeles. Eldest granddaughter Anissa Barton received BA in Humanities from Dominguez Hills in 1993, the youngest to receive a BA in Architecture from USC in May and on to New York University School of Design for the next three years.

MG WILLIAM J. HIXSON, retired, CG 63d Infantry Division USAR, had a problem year with a recurring back injury, repair of vertebrae, a month in the hospital and then home for convalescence. I couldn't have had a better nurse than Elva who looked after me 24-hours a day. My physical activity is still quite limited and will be unable to attend our annual meeting this year. Best wishes to everyone. See you all next year.

LTC KENNETH R. LINDLEY, retired, plus retired from Edison after 35 years. DivArty HQ S-3 Section. A lot of trips and activity this year. 18 day trip to China, 10 days to Yosemite, houseboat trip Don Pedro Lake in Central Calif. and a trip to Southern Oregon. Plus a little gardening and golf.

COL CHARLES E. ESTERMYER, retired, Commo 1st Bde. Currently in Beaver Falls, PA visiting friends and relatives, six weeks in Ohio where Lue's mother celebrated her 100th Birthday. Will now wander down

through the Civil War battlefields, taking in all the tours and on to Washington D.C.. Then up the East Coast as far as Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia, returning through New England when the leaves are changing. We will be back to our home in Las Vegas the last of October or 1st of November. Travel plans make it impossible to make the annual meeting so hello to everyone and will try to make it next year.

COL RICHARD E. BREWSTER, retired, HHS Co 163d Engr Bn. Retired, teaching secondary level math with Burbank Unified School District as a substitute. First grandchild arrived in December, Trevor Ian Brewster.

COL RUSSELL PARK sends us his greetings from Hawaii. We will be in New Zealand during the annual meeting; Judy's pre-school class of 14 3-year olds is over on Memorial Day. Our son graduates from UCSB in July. After Washington D.C in August will entertain friends on Molokai before school starts. In October, we are off to the Amazon, Lima, Tierra Del Fuego and other points. In December we will be in Southern California with my 88 year old mother. We hope to sell our house on Oahu this year or next and prepare for retirement. Am part of the battle to save the 25th ID (L) from the base closure group next year. The sovereignty issue in Hawaii is slowly pushing us out of the state but the leaders are saying stay, spend money, etc. It's great to be wanted.

BG STEWART L. HALL, retired, Deputy CG, 63d Infantry Div (USAR), sends his regrets in not being able to join us at the annual meeting this year due to Edythe's health. This has been a bad winter for both us and the Hixsons. Look forward to our next meeting. Tell everyone hello.

COL MAL M. PACKER, retired, DivArty S-3, meet with LTC Bob Kleist (Evergreen) for lunch. Traveled to Orlando to visit Disneyland, Epcot Center and Rotary International Conference. Traveled to Paris, 4 days, rented a barge for 7 days cruising down the canals of the Burgundy country, wine tasting all the way. Wonderful...



LTC FRED W. ABERLE, retired, DivArty Avn O, stays in contact with LTC Carl Bechdolt. Wife Shizuko just came out of Madigan Army Medical Center where she underwent some complex abdominal surgery. All went well and she is now back home recovering.

COL ALBERT T. FINNERTY, retired, Aide-de-camp, currently Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, changing my career field from banking to manufacturing and am enjoying the challenge. Annette and I have been on a trip to Rancho Mirage so should have a short break during the tax season. After April 15, off to Quebec for a short vacation. We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting.

COL MARTIN S. GRAY, retired, LN O, 1st Bde, says he is absolutely, positively, retired. Biggest event of the year was selling our Condo in Glendale and finding a real nice home in Sun City, Las Vegas. There really is a life off the strip. We have Nellis AFB with a nice BX tho small and a good commissary, a good time to stay around home while the weather is so great. We will be sunbirds and do our getaways during the warmer months. Hopefully we will enjoy good health and be able to continue the 'good life.'

LTC HAROLD F. PELLEGRIN, retired, XO 2d Bde, last summer trailered through Northeastern California, Oregon, and over to Glacier National Park. Spectacular flowers and scenery, the National Park one of a kind. Enroute spent a night with MAJ Harry Lindroth and his wife who have a beautiful place in Chester, CA. near Lake Almador. We manage to keep busy here in Fair Oaks. This spring we went to Daffodil Hill at the peak of the season. A must for all.

COL TOMMY R. GILLIAM, retired, CO 2d Bde, Had a hip replacement Dec 13; recuperating on schedule. Last July, purchased the Wildwood Gallery & Frame Shop in downtown Lakeport. Bob Smith, Pellegrin, and Ralph Hill are all Northern California residents but we haven't been able to get together. Saddened by the loss of

so many this year. Charley and Lou Estermeier stopped by last fall.

RADM BENNETT S. SPARKS, retired, USCGR, Betty and I love living in Windsor in beautiful Sonoma County. Finally, retired on Jan 15, 1993 with over 50 years of service. Heart attack while on duty in NATO Hq in Brussels led to 100% disability retirement. Still one of 3 Trustees for ROA's Board of Trustees. Enjoying each day in this great country. Going to Ireland in Oct 94 to do, among other things, a study of Ireland's military reserve.

MAJ HARRY F. LINDROTH, retired, S-4 2d Bde, good to see Ruth and Harold Pellegrin on their trip. Just returned from Death Valley and Oregon, then up the coast to home. Keep busy with the Volunteer Fire Department.

COL WILLIAM R. SEAVER, retired, S-3 263d Engr Bn, and retired as Supt of Schools, Conejo Valley USD in July 93, after 37 years with the District. Currently working part time as a field service representative for the Ass'n of California School Administrators and serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Calleguas Municipal Water District as well as a commissioner for the Ventura County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Commission. We took a cruise through the Inland Passage to Alaska and spent an additional week in Alaska sightseeing and fishing. We also took a trip to Toronto and spent a week visiting our son and his family. We will not be able to attend the annual meeting but hope everyone has a good time.

COL WILLIAM T. ALLEN, retired, Ass't G1. Director of Group Claim, The Principal Financial Group. Vacation plans in '93 changed when asked to spend a year on health care reform, and as a result, Jan and I have maintained a second residence in Washington D.C. where we spend two thirds of our time working on educating Congress. It is an interesting experience but we are looking forward to the Congressional break. Had lunch with Will Ebel and frequently go by the ROA building. Sorry we can't join you this year for a good time.



BG ROBERT D. UPP, retired, Staff Judge Advocate, as an Attorney semi-retired (no new business). We still keep moving around a lot. Spent a month in Turkey on an Elderhostel Tour; went to Italy with an art group which included Christmas eve midnight mass in Rome's St. Peters with the Pope, and New Years Eve performance at Milan's La Scala. We've booked a Finnish cruise this summer from Helsinki which will visit Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. Went to ROA's National Convention in Nashville last year and will go to the one in Seattle this year. In the last 38 years, I've only missed two one when I was on active duty and the other when I was living in Europe. Made a speech on C.I.O.R, NATO and their relationship to world affairs to two different MOWW meetings.

MAJ HOWARD T. GRABER JR., retired, S-1 861st FA Bn, Reappointed National Sergeant at Arms of HQ ROA three times. In 1993 went to hospital spending from January to September for pneumonia and for kidney failure resulting in putting me on dialysis. Kidneys became normal and cancelled dialysis treatment.

CAPT ARTHUR ESTERBROOK. retired, S-3 163d Sig Bn, retired from Rocketdyne Div of Rockwell International. Joined LTC's Don Wirth and Jim Wright at Erle Frady's funeral with my adopted son who lost his left arm and leg in a motorcycle accident. I have spent several weekends at Mammoth where we skied.

MAJ JOHN N TAPPE, retired, G-3 Air, Now live in Ramona, at San Vicente Country Club--a great golf course. Some health problems over the last couple of years, cancer surgery and a cerebral aneurysm, but still hanging in. Two weeks in Quebec last fall. Will spend two weeks in Virginia in May then to Jacksonville. Plan some time in Colorado in September, and eventually a driving trip north. We spent a night in the Hacienda at Fort Hunter Liggett.

LTC ROBERT H. SMITH, retired, AC/S G-4, Ed & Dottie Barr stopped by

for a couple of hours in March on their way to Reno. Both are well and Ed keeps busy selling and installing safes and vaults. Dorothy and I are doing just fine. Some traveling to Albuquerque where our youngest daughter lives. We make an occasional trip to Southern California. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary on April 15th with a weekend in San Francisco. We plan to celebrate this fall with a 3-4 week trip somewhere in the world.

MSG NORMAN G. MILLER, retired, Co C 30th Inf. We have moved to Napa Valley, to the Meadows, an IOOF Oddfellows Retirement Community. This is the third retirement community we have lived in and we really like it here, particularly when the rent is \$400 a month cheaper than the last place. Two trips to the Grand Canyon in Arizona via AMTRAC and the Grand Canyon Steam Railroad, which was the better of the train rides. Then drove up to the Columbia River in Oregon on US 101, then over to Portland and back to Napa. A couple of weeks ago we went up to Reno to do a little gambling, again by AMTRAC. No jackpots. The other day we went to Bay Meadows to the Races, lost only \$24.00 but had a lot of fun and ate good like we do on all our trips. He says to tell everyone from the old 742d FA hello and am sorry we cannot attend this year.

LTC MICHAEL H. SCHIRM, retired PIO, Not too long ago, we sold the Coachella Valley vineyards I farmed for some 35 years. And due to the good financial planners ideas, I have taken up this profession (raise early table grapes) to keep busy and ahead of inflation. Now at the same home of 50 years with my wife Cathy; we have watched our son and daughter grow up, marry and now are grandparents of two. We can now relive through their actions and eyes the grandiosity that life is magnificent in the eyes of the beholder.

COL MILTON I. BREMER, retired, CO 3d Bn 31st Inf. Retirement is keeping me busy, with little opportunity to get bored. Still do volunteer teaching three mornings a week. Active on the board of trustees at our synagogue. Enjoy the work and company on our Association's Board of Governors and working with Jim Price in publishing the Blade. Sylvia



and I are attending one of the ROA sponsored D-Day commemorative tours. Sounds interesting and exciting- London, Portsmouth, the Normandy Beaches, Paris, Luxembourg, Bastogne, Nuremburg, Munich, Berchtesgaden, Dachau, Heidelberg and Frankfurt. On our return, we go to a reunion of my WWII regiment, 22d Infantry, before we return home in time for the annual dinner.

COL WILLIAM J.M. MONSANTO, retired, AC/S G-1 63d ARCOM. Consultant, California Sales and Use Tax, California Public Accountant. May 1993 returned to the Ardennes and visited the battlefield where I fought with the 99th Inf Div in the Battle of the Bulge. Stood in my old foxhole and walked thru the field and crossed the "dragon teeth" where I had to crawl while on patrol. Sept 93- cruised from Athens to Yalta and back to Venice. Planned for Sept 94- with the 99th Inf Div, trace the Division's route from England thru France and Belgium over the Rhine to Remagen and on to Frankfurt. We will follow the German 6th Army Advance in the Ardennes from the Loshiem Gap to Dinant where it was stopped. The 99th was the first Division to get over the river at Remagen and expand the bridge-head.

COL JAN C MENNIG, retired, Ass't S-3 2d Bde. Now growing wine grapes and am consulting for government and private industry. Travel to interesting places-middle East, Europe, SE Asia, China, Taiwan, Bangkok, Singapore. This year it's Mexico, Canada, Alaska and Thailand. Saw Tom Allen last year for dinner and a great visit. Says retirement is not overrated.

CSM ROBERT J. BARBER, retired, SGM Support Command. Last August, motor home trip thru Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and along the California coast back to Torrance. In November stayed a week at the military hotel in Honolulu and then over to Maui for 3 weeks. Retirement is great.

LTC ROBERT D. KLEIST, retired, CO Wolfhounds, Works for Evergreen America Corporation every day,

almost. Time for a few trips- Thailand and Taiwan in March and going to China for a cruise down the Yangtze River and the Yellow Sea-- after a walk on the Great Wall.

COL NOEL B. PATTINSON, retired, XO 63d DivArty, Living in retirement at Air Force Village West near March AFB, CA. See COLs McCleery, Chandler and others occasionally for lunch and "brain storming" on association activities. Also see LTC Stan Hoversten and CW4 George Murray quite often.

COL THOMAS V. CHANDLER, retired, Ass't G-4. '93 was a very bad year with the loss of my mother (ref AR 90-91, citation to American War Mothers), and the loss of my wife Cappy-together 42 years. She was my partner in our little music business and was ill for many months before she passed away. I am holding my own with the ever-present medication and concerns with diabetes, but still manage to keep busy and help with some Association functions-but the change is not easy to cope with. Some very serious thought should be given for my replacement in putting your annual report together, a repository for all of the Division files, photos, films, and other material and to pursue our drafted work on a complete military worksheet for our respective spouses or heirs, as well as an Association directory to include phone numbers. The above is nothing new, just not being worked on in an effort to make these items available to our members. I also, wish to thank so many of you for your kind words and thoughts last November. They were deeply appreciated.

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