



63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR



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Annual Report ~ April 13, 2008

President's Message 2008

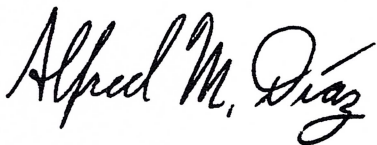
It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve as President of the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR). During the past twelve months, despite mounting losses as our older members pass away, the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) has experienced a net increase of members. This increase in membership can be attributed primarily to an aggressive recruiting campaign using old unit rosters and membership lists from other organizations. We ask each of you to contribute to our on-going recruiting efforts. Dig out those old unit rosters in your garage and invite your old USAR buddies to join our association. Membership applications are printed in every issue of "The Blade," and are also available on line at www.63rdinfdivusar.com.

Our life member dues of \$50 are not high enough to cover the cost of carrying a member for life. Thanks to several donations from members, your association is in better financial condition this year. Please keep those donations rolling in. Our association is a Section 501(c)(19) veterans' service organization. Ask your tax advisor about the more favorable deductibility of donations.

The purposes of the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) include not only to perpetuate the history and honor of the 63d Infantry Division (USAR), but also to promote and enhance the national security of the United States, and to provide assistance and support to the members and their families. During 2008-2009, we plan to place greater emphasis on promoting and enhancing national security. During our Annual Meeting on 22 April 2007, we adopted 11 resolutions that we are using to guide our association's legislative efforts. We will keep you informed through quarterly issues of "The Blade." But to be more effective in our legislative efforts, we must have your e-mail addresses, which will enable us to contact you rapidly as we issue legislative alerts. Please provide your e-mail addresses to our Secretary, LTC Donald Wirth at dlw4@juno.com.

In August 2006, our sister organization, the original 63d Infantry Division Association founded by veterans who served in the 63d Infantry Division during World War II, granted full voting membership to Reservists who have served in the 63d Infantry Division (USAR) or its successor units (ARCOM/RSC/RRC). During our Annual Meeting on 22 April 2007, the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) adopted an amendment to its constitution, granting reciprocal membership eligibility to World War II veterans of the 63d Infantry Division. We urge dual membership in both organizations. The next annual reunion of the 63d Infantry Division Association (WW-II) will be held 20-25 August 2008 at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I look forward to serving with you during the coming year.



Alfred M. Diaz
Colonel, AUS (retired)

Officers of the Association

2007 - 2008

President - Colonel Alfred M. Diaz

Vice President- Lieutenant Colonel Beverly A. Houghton

Secretary - Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Wirth

Assistant Secretary - Sergeant Major Thomas Gorden, Jr.

Treasurer - Major Raymond H. Edgerly

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Lieutenant Colonel James T. Wright

Sergeant Major Arnold Greenberg

MSG Ulric L. Grigsby

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Brigadier General Robert D. Upp

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8/1966-5/1967	Lieutenant Colonel Walter B. Kroener
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1970-1971	Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy S. Gozawa*
1971-1972	Major William T. Allen
1972-1973	Colonel Charles J. McCleery*
1973-1974	Colonel Arthur T. Vikander
1974-1975	Lieutenant Colonel Durwood D. Hicks
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1979-1980	Colonel James B. Price, Jr.
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1982-1983	Lieutenant Colonel Irving C. Myers*
1983-1985	Colonel Thomas V. Chandler*
1985-1987	Colonel Charles J. McCleery*
1987-1988	Lieutenant Colonel William A. Hodges
1988-1990	Colonel Albert K. Mendonca*
1990-1991	Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Wirth
1991-1993	Colonel Milton I. Bremer *
1993-1993	Major Dale D. Hart
1993-1995	Lieutenant Colonel James B. O'Dowd
1995-1998	Sergeant Major Howard B. Eighmy
1998-1999	Lieutenant Colonel Earle D. Sweeney
1999-2001	Sergeant Major Howard B. Eighmy
2001-2003	Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Smith
2003-2004	Lieutenant Colonel William A. Hodges
2004-2005	Colonel David G. Ross
2005-2006	Colonel Lydia Collins
2006-2008	Colonel Alfred M. Diaz

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Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Hoversten*	Lieutenant Colonel James B. O'Dowd
Lieutenant Colonel Fred E. Davidson	Chief Warrant Officer 4 George F. Murray*
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Lieutenant Colonel Earle D. Sweeney	Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Smith
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Wirth	

*Of Honored Memory

42nd Annual Meeting

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the 63rd Infantry Division Association (US Army Reserve) was held on 13 April 2008 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Fullerton, California. Sixty (60) members and guests attended. President COL Alfred M. Diaz, AUS-ret, called the meeting to order at noon. The meeting began with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by Miss Diana I. Diaz, the daughter of COL and Mrs. Alfred M. Diaz. Association life member LTC Ronald D. Rallis, Sr., JAG, USAR, led us in the invocation.

COL Diaz introduced the special guests and the brunch speaker, LTC Martin Bruce Spann, USAR, an Infantry officer who retired from the California Army National Guard then volunteered in 2004 to come out of retirement and served in Iraq. In civilian life, LTC Spann is a police Sergeant currently serving in the Air Section of the Los Angeles Police Department. His prior assignments included Internal Affairs and the Los Angeles Police Academy.

When he arrived in Iraq, LTC Spann was assigned to a position at the US Embassy in Baghdad, a former palace of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in the heavily-guarded Green Zone. His office and quarters were air conditioned. And gourmet meals prepared by civilian contractors were available at any hour of the day or night.

After about three weeks of living and working in luxury, LTC Spann was assigned the responsibility for briefing then LTG David H. Petraeus, then Commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq. After the briefing, LTG Petraeus asked LTC Spann if he would consider working for him. LTC Spann did not realize that replying to LTG Petraeus that he would consider it meant that he had volunteered for a more challenging assignment. Lesson learned – never volunteer.

For the remainder of his year in Iraq, LTC Spann served as Senior Military Advisor to the Iraqi Special Police Commandos, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, living in whatever quarters were available to the Commandos and eating either their food or Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). The Iraqi Special Police Commandos had capable leadership, a former general in the Iraqi Army who had participated in an attempted coup against Saddam Hussein and been imprisoned for life. He had not been executed by Saddam Hussein only because he was a Sunni sheik. The sheik's son was Minister of the Interior of the new Iraqi government, in charge of internal security and the Iraqi National Police.

Many of the Special Police Commandos had served in Saddam Hussein's Revolutionary Guards. Their training and discipline were superior to that of most Iraqi police and military units. They were accustomed and willing to move rapidly to any part of Iraq where they were needed, from Basra to Mosul and anywhere in between. LTC Spann and his team of military and civilian police advisors went with the Commandos to several parts of Iraq, to include Samarra, the site of the Shiite Golden Mosque that was subsequently destroyed by insurgents. A Special Police Commando Battalion went into Falluja with the US Marines when they retook that city from the insurgency.

The tactics used by the Commandos were to overwhelm and temporarily occupy a town or village. Being culturally aware, they would not invade private residences. They would knock on the door and ask the male head of household to answer questions. The heads of households knew better than to withhold information from the Commandos. They gave the Commandos whatever information they requested, even the location of arms hidden in their own houses. LTC Spann showed us photographs of one house from which numerous arms, ammunition, and even aircraft bombs had been excavated.

LTC Spann was critical about the way the war in Iraq was fought after the initial invasion of Iraq by United States and coalition forces. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld had been warned by former

Army Chief of Staff, GEN Eric K. Shinseki, that many more troops would be needed to occupy and pacify Iraq. The decisions to dissolve instead of reconstituting the Iraqi Army and National Police resulted in unemployment among those trained individuals and led many of them to join the insurgency. They knew where to find arms, ammunition, artillery rounds, and explosives, and learned how to make effective Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). There seems to be some improvement in the Iraq situation since the appointment of Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and the new US Commanding General in Iraq, GEN David H. Petraeus. The temporary surge in troops recommended by GEN Petraeus has also been helpful.

Following LTC Spann's presentation, COL Diaz and SGM Howard Eighmy presented the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) Eagle Award to MG Theodore W. Paulson for his continued support and service as a former board member and as Historian of the association for many years.

The business meeting included the nomination and election of new Association Board of Governors members for the term 2008-2010. Those re-elected to the two-year terms are COL Lydia Collins, LTC Donald L. Wirth, LTC James T. Wright, CW4 Layland A. Carson, SGM Thomas Gorden, Jr., and SGM Arnold Greenberg. At its next meeting on 14 August 2008, the Board of Governors will elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of the association for the coming year.

.COL Lydia Collins and COL Michael A. Ewens conducted the raffle of the door prizes. The meeting concluded with a benediction given by Chaplain (COL) Donald L. Forden and adjournment by President COL Alfred M. Diaz.

Committee Reports

Membership: This past year, we gained 8 new life members, and had a number of renewals. If you are not yet a life member, please consider becoming one. The cost is only fifty dollars, and the secretary would love to send a life membership card. A three year membership is \$25. If you want to join for a year, the cost is \$10. This year we gained three new yearly members. As always, the effort to find and enroll new members continues. There are many eligible candidates out there, and all present members are asked to submit name of potential members to the membership committee.

CW4 Layland A. Carson, Chairman

Treasurer: For the calendar year 2007-2008, ending 15 April 2008, (after the expenses of the Annual Meeting were paid) we had a balance of \$6166.17. This compares with our balance of \$6180.61 on April 2007. We have only been able to realize this favorable situation because twenty-six (26) members responded to our call for help by donating fifty dollars or more totaling \$1320. We were, also, able to realize a \$915 increase from the luncheon and the sale of raffle tickets. In addition, we acknowledge and appreciate the contributions made to our Sustaining Fund. The cost of maintaining our organization has gone up. Our major expenses continue to be our publications: *The Blade* and the Annual Report. All the contributions make financing the Association possible. An up to date financial report is distributed and voted on at each Board Meeting.

MAJ Raymond H. Edgerly, Treasurer

Publications: We continue to publish *The Blade* on a quarterly basis. We try with the limited space available, to inform the membership of the passing of our members, of the activities of the board of governors, and to present information on critical issues, as well as news of general interest. All members are welcome to submit articles for publications as space permits.

The Annual Report tries to summarize the past year's activities as well as provide the membership with a current roster of the members, recent photos and "Whooze Nuze" update on our member's doings and other interesting information. We maintain a mailing list of all active members and honorary members (~250 individuals) and a U.S. Postal Service Bulk mail permit.

LTC Donald L. Wirth

Contributions

The Board of Governors gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Association, which were made between 22 April 2007 and 15 April 2008.

The following members donated \$50.00 and above

COL Wilfred Ebel
ADM B.S. Sparks
LTC Robert Karbel
MAJ George Hutson
MAJ Raymond Edgerly
LTC Jack Wear
COL Paul Corrier
CW4 Layland Carson
LTC Donald Wirth
COL Terry Stacy

COL William Seaver
SGM Howard Eighmy
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MG Robert Lane
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SGM Arnold Greenberg
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In Honor of COL Fred Frady
In Memory of COL Artis Grant
In Memory of SGM Fleming Johnson
In Memory of LTC Stanley Hoversten
In Memory of COL Charles McCleery

Sustaining Contributions

(In order of receipt)

COL Floyd Brennen
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LTC Kenneth Lindley
SGM George Hofstetter
SGM Victor Johnson
COL Michael Cornwall
Mrs. Sylvia Bremer
MG Theodore Paulson

COL Chung Gong
LTC Bruce Huntley
LTC George Dutton
LTC William Hodges
LTC James O'Doud
In Memory of SGM Harper Wren
In Memory of COL Ralph Hill
In Memory of COL Milton Bremer
In Memory of MG Berwyn Fragner



LTC William Hodges, CW4 Layland Carson, MAJ Raymond Edgerly and LTC Donald Wirth — The Welcoming Table

COL Alfred Diaz - Opening the 42nd Annual Meeting —
“Call To Order”



Members listening to our Guest Speaker



LTC Martin B. Spann Guest Speaker

LTC Martin Spann, Guest Speaker, awarded
Plaque of Appreciation by COL Alfred Diaz



SGM Boris Meneghelli, LTC Martin Spann, COL
Emmett Drennen & SSG George Hofstetter



MG Ted Paulson — Discussing 63rd Inf. Div Artifacts



LTC Ron Rallis & Mrs. Sherry Rallis



Mrs. Sherry Rallis — 63rd Inf. Div Commemorative Tea Pot and Tea Cups



MG Ted Paulson receiving 63rd Inf. Div
Eagle Award for Meritorious Service from
COL Alfred Diaz

New Life Members
COL Richard Garza, MG Bruce Casella &
SGM Sherry Eason



COL Lydia Collins receiving last minute
advice from SGM Howard Eighmy



GENERALS' TABLE

MG Bruce Casella, MG Jerry Josten, MG Ted Paulson, Mrs. Pat Paulson, MG Robert Lame, Mrs. Jane Upp, BG Robert Upp



MSG Ulric Grigsby & Mrs. Jeanene Grigsby

COL Michael Schirm, Mrs. Patricia D'Angelo (daughter of Rosemary Murray), Mrs. Rosemary Murray & LTC William Hodges





MG Ted Paulson & CW4 Patrick Cleary



CW4 Raymond Ross & MAJ James Helms



MSG Ulric Grigsby, SGM Sherry Eason & SGM Thomas Gorden, Jr.



LTC Wesley Blasjo, Mrs. Pam Mitchell & Mrs. Omer Pointer (Mother of Pam)



LTC Ken Lindley & Mrs. Judy Lindley



COL Richard Garza, CW4 Layland Carson, Mrs. Marcia Carson & SFC Steven Carson



Mrs. Ernestine McDonald (widow of FSG Herman McDonald)
& Iesha Brown (daughter of FSG Herman McDonald)

Judy Dugas (guest of James Wright), Mrs. Rae Ann Wirth &
LTC Donald Wirth



COL Abe Goldman & Mrs. Madeleine Goldman



LTC Beverly Houghton, LTC Milton Houghton



COL (CH) Donald Forden, Mrs. Donna Kish



COL (CH) Donald Forden — Delivering closing Invocation



COL Lydia Collins — Conducts the Raffle

MG Bruce Casella picks a winner, COL Ewens holds ticket basket, MG Josten looks on



MG Robert Lane — Winner



CW4 Layland Carson

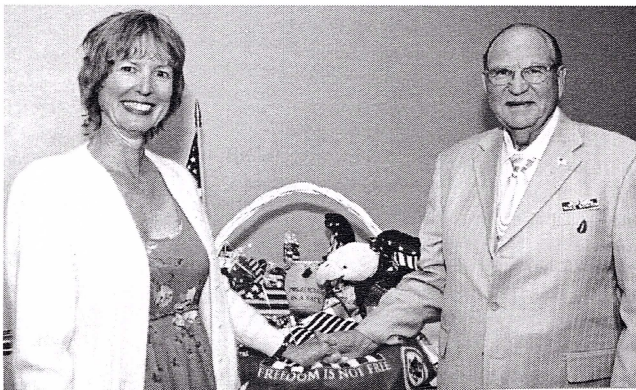
Raffle Winners



COL Ewens & MAJ James Helms - Winner



Col Ewens & LTC Bev Houghton - Winner



SPECIAL RAFFLE BASKET

Pam Mitchell - Donor, COL Michael Schirm - Winner

More Raffle Winners



Mrs. Jean Huntley



Mrs. Martha Diaz



Mrs. Tami Daricek



CW4 Raymond Ross



Mrs. Marcia Carson

In Memoriam — 2008

We lost one of our dedicated Board Members



FSG Herman McDonald, Mrs. Ernestine McDonald

Whooze Nuze

COL Alfred M. Diaz (Commander, 6386th RTU, Logistics)

Our President stated that this is his story.

After graduating from college with an ROTC Commission, I spent 7.5 years as a Reserve officer on extended active duty, and then completed an MBA at Harvard Business School. In 1972, after graduating from HBS, I moved my family to Southern California where I joined the Security, Plans & Operations (SPO) staff section of the 311th Support Brigade (then subordinate to the 63rd ARCOM). Subsequently I commanded the 139th Ammunition Battalion and the 6386th RTU (Logistics).

In the past two years, in addition to serving as President of the 63rd Infantry Division Association (USAR), I have become a member of the original 63rd Infantry Division Association founded by veterans of the division during World War II. During its annual reunion in 2006, the 63rd Infantry Division Association (WW-II) voted to accept individuals who have served under the flag of the 63d Infantry Division in the US Army Reserve as eligible for full voting membership. During our 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) 2007 annual meeting, we extended reciprocal membership eligibility to WW-II veterans who served under the colors of the 63d Infantry Division.

I have attended two reunions of the 63d Infantry Division Association (WW-II), their 58th held in 2006 in Fort Mitchell, KY, and their 59th held in 2007 in Tacoma, WA. During their 58th reunion I was elected to a three-year term on their board of directors, representing the US Army Reserve. Their 60th reunion will be 20 thru 25 August 2008, at the Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN. We encourage dual membership in both 63d Infantry Division Associations.

One of the pleasures associated with attending reunions of the 63d Infantry Division Association (WW-II) is listening to their war stories. One war story was particularly amusing. During the final days of WW-II in Europe before the Germans surrendered, two young American soldiers were sent on patrol into no-man's land and got lost in the fog. After

deciding to surrender to the Germans, they stumbled into a group of Germans who instantly dropped their weapons and surrendered to them. They ordered the Germans to go toward the US lines and were led by the Germans back to safety. They were welcome as heroes for capturing several German prisoners and were awarded medals for bravery. The story was told to me by one of those two American GI's.

LTC Donald L. Wirth (CDR, Company B. 163rd Signal Battalion)

Our Secretary makes this statement.

Here is my story. June 2007 saw Rae Ann and I traveling in the motor home to McCloud, CA for two weeks of round dancing. We visited my brother, Ken and family at Placerville, CA and our grandson, Brion at Rockland, CA, on the trip north as well. We also visited friends in Grants Pass and Medford, OR.

We came home in mid June. We got new kitchen countertops and did other home fix up and landscape improvements. We have been active in the computer club, photo clubs and church choir. I volunteer at the computer club in Oceanside once a month for a couple of hours helping answer peoples questions about using their computers and computer problems.

Rae Ann and I went to Temecula, CA for our 49th wedding anniversary and stayed at a bed and breakfast. We are planning for a family gathering for two nights at the same B&B with our sons, daughter-in laws, my brother and wife and Rae Ann's sister and husband this coming August for our 50th Anniversary. We will have an anniversary dinner with as many grandchildren that can come, and a day of wine tasting.

We left for Mesa and our round dancing the 1st of November. We have a great time dancing there. We were active in our church choir and were in two of their concerts. I got busy with the photo club and we went on several field trips to a Monarch butterfly exhibit and two Native American archeological sites. I entered two photos in their photo contest and won third place for my Bee and Flower picture.

We returned to Oceanside on 24 March, a few

days early because my driver's license expired on the 25th, so we stopped on the way home at DMV in Blythe, CA.

I continue to be active in the 63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR as a member of the Board of Governors, (Secretary, Webmaster) for our website, www.63rdinfdivusar.com, and editor of our quarterly newsletter, The Blade. I wish that more of the Association members would come to our Annual Brunch Meeting because it would be nice to see them again. Too often, we meet at someone's Memorial Service.

MG Theodore W. Paulson (CG, 63d ARCOM)

Stated that the Paulson family is in good health and doing fine. 2007 was a year of staying home and taking short trips within the United States.

The Lames, Scotts and the Paulson's continue to meet several times during the year for short trips and we enjoy our friendship together.

Pat had a major operation on a foot during the year to remove an extra bone in her foot that had broken loose and was causing major problems with tendons etc. She is in great condition now.

We enjoy life with our family and five grandchildren, and are planning on having a great 2008

COL W.T. (Tom) Allen (Asst. G-1)

COL Allen statement is, we are sorry we will miss the meeting this year, because a family gathering takes us to the Washington DC. Area.

2007 was a great year, with visits to the mid west and east coast and the wife's trips tracing the family tree. I've finished another year as President of the Friends of the Agoura Hills library. Thanks to our fund raising we have turned a good library into a great one.

BG David C. Henley (Public Affairs Officer)

General Henley stated that he was affiliated with old 15th Corps and 63d ARCOM, serving the latter as public affairs officer in the early 1970'S.

Earlier had been CO of USAR Radio Station in Van Nuys. I transferred to Nevada National Guard, was PAO and Military Aide to Gov. of Nevada and then was Civil Defense Coordinator for the Guard,

and promoted to BGEN. Now retired. Was 72 years old on 10 FEB 2008.

We sold our Nevada daily and weekly newspaper

Group 3 years ago, but I continue writing my weekly "My Turn" column and I am on the Board of Western Nevada College, a branch of the Univ. of Nevada System. I am a trustee of Chapman University in Orange, CA., and on the Board of Newport Harbor Nautical Museum.

My wife Ludie and I are in constant travel.

In the past year we have been to Lebanon, Cyprus, Morocco, Italy, France, England, Russia, Romania, Jordan, Turkey, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu (former New Hebrides). We travel independently and I write columns about our adventures. We're off to China, with a stop in Guam. Recently was in Marshall Island as well.

I am also a member of former White House Military and Social Aides. I had been Social Aide during President Richard M. Nixon's second term. I am also an Honorary Consul of Uruguay.

Have 3 children and 3 grandchildren and live in Newport Beach full time

LTC Harold F. Pellegrin

LTC Pellegrin's son Martin wrote to say that his father, LTC Pellegrin was a long time staunch supporter of the 63d INF Assoc, who passed on

a few years ago. Just two years ago he was joined by his sweet bride of 62years, Ruth (my mother). I've been receiving your Association news at my address since then, always interested to hear about your activities and see the names of friends my Dad mentioned so often.

Their legacy(and yours) goes on, as our son SPC Jeff Meier is currently serving in Kuwait/Iraq with the CAARNG. He is an ASV gunner with Bravo Co, 1-160th INF out of Glendale, doing convoy security 24/7 on that infamous stretch of highway known as Hwy 1 in Iraq. They call themselves the Bad Voodoo platoon, and SFC Toby Nunn posts a milblog called Northern Disclosure, which describes the adventures of our boys. Giving us a feel for daily life in the sandbox. They will finish their tour (God willing) in May or June this year, hopefully before the summer heat arrives once again

in Kuwait.

Please them all in your thoughts and prayers, and especially the grandson of one of your own.

Jeff and Grandpa Pellegrin had a very special fondness; I know Grandpa is proud of his service, and proud that he chose the Army Infantry in his footsteps.

COL Erle H. Frady Jr.

Mrs. Frady writes to say that she can't write well any more, but that she always enjoys reading the Blade, and thanks you for sending it to her.

Mrs. Frady was one of the first to join and send \$50.00 to our 50 dollars club. We all thank you Mrs. Frady.

MAJ John Tappe (G-3 Air)

MAJ Tappe stated that there is not much to tell as he gets older. The strokes took a toll, so no more golf. Rhodyre is still playing though at 78! Went east twice recently, the Berkshires in October, and to #1 sons wedding in December, he is 55.

Planning only local (south west US) travel for now. We hate to fly! We are fortunate, neither of the Ramona wildfires got to us. In fact, the fire 3 years ago came closer, about an 8 iron shot.

Sorry, but I won't make the annual meeting.
Best to all.

Rear Admiral B.S.Sparks (Honorary Member 63d INF)

Admiral Sparks's statement. I am still active in a score of military and charitable organization. I do not travel very much so I can't make the Annual meeting. Lost my wife and two of my children in the recent years, but my #5 daughter is now living with me. Say hi to all my 63d friends.

CW4 Haskell R. Beck (1SGT HQ CO 4th BAT.27th INF)

CW4 Beck stated that his last 63d assignment was as 1SGT of HQ CO, 4th BAT, 27th INF in Long Beach, CA. When the 63d Division was deactivated in December 1964 I enlisted in the California National Guard and advanced to the rank of First Sergeant E8. In September 1972 I applied for and was appointed to CW2 in the 40th INF Division. In

August 1987 I went on an active Guard/Reserve (AGR) tour to Washington, DC with the National Guard Bureau. I finished up my tour at the Defense Manpower Data Center in Monterey, CA. I retired from the military in March 1996 when I reached 60.

I went to work with Household Credit Card Service in Salinas, CA. in September 1996 and retired from there in June 2004. I became a Tax Professional with H&R Block in December 2004 and still work the tax season from 2 January through 15 April each year.

MG Robert A. Lame (S-4 63d AVN BN)

This is MG Lame's story.

Our best news is that our daughter, Rochelle, and her husband Dave Wagner finally decided to provide us with our first grandchild- Georgia Paige Wagner, just 4 days prior to last years annual meeting. We are of course absolutely delighted, and are not resisting the temptation to spoil her in every possible way. We returned to our Mesquite, NV. Winter quarters right after last years meeting and moved into a new home in late May. The small, but adequate condo was sold and I have my RV garage and work area to enjoy. We met the Paulson's and Scott's in Page, AZ, in June for a few days and then returned to Pine Mountain club, CA. for the summer. September saw us take the RV to Lake Cachuma for a gathering with old friends and families from the days of Indian Guides/Princesses when the kids were young. We left Cachuma for a couple of weeks in No. CA. and No. NV. to enjoy RV'ING with other family. We returned to Mesquite in mid October for the winter with monthly time-outs to return to central California and get a granddaughter fix. Looking forward to seeing all on the 13th of April.

COL Charles E. Estermyer (Communication Officer 1st BDE)

COL Estermyer stated that Lue and I are still living in Sun City, Las Vegas, NV. Both of our daughters live within a 1-mile radius.

I have macular degeneration and have been classified as legally blind, so we have had to restrict our travels. All of our travels now are cruises. Our

last one was in February 2008, when we had an 11day cruise down the Mexican coast.

There were a group of 65 people from our church, including our daughter Jane, her husband Rob, and a cousin of mine and his wife. We were able to enjoy it very much and are looking forward to the next one. One exception to our cruise travels is a tentative plan to spend 2 weeks in France in September with both of our daughters.

With my poor eyesight, I do not drive anymore and Lue's driving is restricted. Unless one of our daughters has time off from work, we do not stray far from home. It will not be possible for us to join you at our next association meeting. We wish all of you the best of health and happiness.

If you are visiting or passing through Las Vegas, please call us and let's get together for a visit. Our telephone number is 702-254-1039.

LTC George L. Dutton

LTC Dutton message is, dear friends and family, we have had a few highs and a few lows, but we're still grateful for many blessings. One of our highs was being able to attend our granddaughter's wedding at the Broad moor in Colorado Springs in June. Kate (Dave's daughter) and Brandon is a special couple. Brandon graduated from the Air Force Academy 2 days before the wedding. They are now living in Oklahoma at Vance Air Force Base, where he is taking flight training.

Another high was having Grandson Nathan and his mother Jani both receiving their Masters degrees. Nathan is going on to earn his doctorate in telecommunication, we hope soon! We're so proud of both of them.

In August we were able to enjoy a paddleboat trip down Ohio River with some good friends. We enjoy the easy relaxing time on this beautiful American Queen. We went from Pittsburgh to Louisville.

I am dealing with my Alzheimer's and medication is helping a lot. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's in September, and the medication is helping so much. I am back singing with my Barbershop Chorus.

We spend a lot of time doctor's appointments, but that's just the way it is now. We will enjoy our

church family, going out to lunch and going to Starbucks for coffee.

We hope your holidays were filled with all kinds of good things.

CSM William R. Sanders (CSM 63d ARCOM)

CSM Sanders say's greeting from green country in America's heartland and a very fond hello to those I served with and for.

Our year 2007 for the Sanders family was brought with all of the good and bad aspects of life as a cattle rancher in Northeast Oklahoma. The only thing missing is a plague of locusts-Biblically speaking of course. The year 2006 was a rainfall disaster, which greatly reduced our ability to produce hay. Lo and behold 2007 was a complete gusher and the communities surrounding our ranch were declared disaster area due to catastrophic flooding. This all took place after a major ice storm wreaked havoc with the ranch causing major damage to our native pecan grove and the loss of our fruit crop.

We did experience periodic rainfall the spring and summer months and was able to bale significant hay which will help sustain our cowherd until green grass time in the spring of 2008.73 inches of rain and the normal annual rainfall is 58. Finally, after feeling blessed, we were hammered once again with another major ice storm just two weeks before Christmas, which resulted in the loss of about 25 acres of pecan trees and native trees. The area looks like the end result of an aerial bombardment and most likely will never recover. Life is good.

On a more positive note, Mary and I made a hurried trip to California to deal with some legal issues posed by Mary's older sister who reside in a beach condo in Oceanside. We were also able to spend several days of quality time with our daughter Gail and our grandson Ryan. Shortly thereafter, we traveled to Wyoming where we spent a week at the Torrington County Fair cheering for our two granddaughters as they competed on their horses. Our oldest granddaughter, Codie Marie, is virtually unbeatable regardless of where she competes.

In addition to her arena accomplishments, she was the high point champion on her 4H equine judging team that won the Wyoming High School

championship. Our youngest granddaughter is following in her sister's footsteps and earning her own reputation. Grand kids are a source of great pride for Mary and I.

On a more personal note, I am in the process of recovering from total hip replacement surgery.

One word describes it – WOW.

Best wishes to all for a grand 2008.

BG Robert D. Upp (Staff Judge Advocate)

The General's story.

Many of you have experienced officers like my friend, COL T. During WWII, my first tour of combat duty was as an Infantry Company Commander in the Aleutians. After the Japanese left with a little help from us, the Army disbanded my unit, the 4th Infantry Regiment, mostly Alaskan soldiers, and reassigned the newcomers from Addax to Unimak.

I was given CO A of the 138th INF Regiment, a Missouri National Guard unit. Friends told me that COL T.; the commander was a "toughie". I went to his office to tell him that I was ready for duty. He ordered me to hold my salute and said that I should straighten my hat a little. I recognized his type so I snapped to, rendered his kind of salute and said, "Sir, I apologize. I will try not to make that mistake again".

On a "williwaw" day of freezing weather and snow blowing in about a 45MPH wind, he ordered me to take the company out and fire on the range. In this blizzard, I had fires built in oil barrels, so that unoccupied men could keep warm. COL T. drove up in his sedan, jumped out and put me on the carpet. He wanted to know why "ready men" weren't standing behind the firer and the waiting man standing next.

I said it was due to the weather, but he told me to do it by the book. I said, COL, you sent me out to run this range and I'm doing it my way. If you don't approve, then replace me". I thought that ought to get me a court martial or a ride back to the lower 48. A few days later, at a lecture a 2LT gave in a Quonset hut; I was sitting in the back of the room to check it quality. COL T. came in the back door and sat down beside me. He said that he couldn't hear. I asked a nearby man to tell the COL

what was being said. There were other incidents of that nature, and we were all happy when they told us that we were shipping back to Camp Shelby Mississippi. We were now rid of COL T.

At Shelby, a messenger told me to report to COL T. at Headquarters. I did as told, gave him his old salute and found him quite friendly. He said to me, "Bob, (a big surprise) I'm being assigned to the 65th INF Division as a Regimental Commander. They told me that there was a Major slot open on my staff and that I could bring my best Captain over to fill it. I've decided that you are that man, so welcome to the 65th". I couldn't think of a way out to say how happy I was with the assignment. We got the orders and two days later COL T. broke his leg playing volleyball. He stayed home and I went to Europe with the division. I never got the Major slot, but was happier as a combat CO.

LTC Kenneth R. Lindley (Div Arty)

LTC Lindley stated that the past year has been routine except for one week in late October 2007. As you may recall it seemed like all of San Diego County was being consumed by wild fire. Fallbrook was no exception as we were a part of the fire known as "the Rice fire". We were evacuated around noon on Monday OCT 22nd and returned home on Saturday afternoon OCT 27th. Over 200 homes were destroyed, 9000 acres burned and about 500 acres of avocados destroyed.

When we returned home we saw that fire had come within about 100 yards from our house from three sides. However, we received no damage. Three of our neighbors on our road were not as lucky as they lost their homes and many neighbors lost trees, fences, and sheds it was a scary time.

Gardening, travel, golf and church continue to keep us occupied.

COL Russell E. Park (Recruiting & Retention)

COL Park stated that they spent the year staying in our great country seeing friends and family and enjoyed again the places we have been before and exploring new sights.

January we were in Hawaii for four weeks, one week in Kaneohe at the Marine Air Station, one week on the big island with a three day stay at the

Eisenhower House at Kiluea Military Camp, and two weeks back on Oahu at Fort Shafter.

Great seeing old friends and soaking up the island life.

Judy's sister was out in February and they toured the new Getty Villa in Malibu and the Huntington Library, Botanical Gardens, and Art Collection in the Pasadena area.

March had us doing local things so we could spend April in the Southeast. We flew to Atlanta, rented a car, and drove south to Jacksonville, FL.

We had a fun visit with friends from Hawaii and saw their son play baseball. Spent a day at St Mary's on the Georgia coast, a tour of Warm Springs with all the FDR memorabilia, and a visit and tour of Callaway Gardens. In Atlanta Russ attended the annual Ambassador conference. Judy spent a day at the Art Museum, a day at the Botanic Garden where the fantastic huge bug sculptures were on exhibit. My niece took time from school to have brunch and Russ and I had a delightful evening with his cousin in Conyers. We kept Atlanta as our base as we toured Stone Mountain, Andersonville and the POW Museum, Etowah Indian Mounds. Two days in Chattanooga with cousins before returning home.

We traveled north, visited our friend from Lompoc at their English style Tea Room in Shelter Cove, and had a delicious tea. Spent a day in San Francisco to see the new de Young Museum and a day visiting friends in Portola. Russ visited a major Army Reserve exercise at Camp Parks and at Fort Hunter Leggett.

July in Coronado, August in Chandler, Arizona at the Wild Horse Pass Sheraton for an Army Leaders Conference. September was catch up again. October was the Miramar Air Show. The Thunderbirds were featured this year. Russ worked with the Army recruiters for four hard days. November was Thanksgiving at our house. We had Keith's niece as our guest. We will have Christmas in Jenn and Keith's new kitchen.

Girl's day out this year has been for plays, art exhibits, and the Edward Scissor hands ballet.

We send all of you our love and may the spirit of the season be with you all year.

SGM Thomas Gorden Jr. (SGM MAT SEC 311th COSCOM)

There are a few things important that has happen in my life. On April the 1st I was installed as the Exalted Ruler of Pasadena Elks Lodge where over 300 of my family and friends attended my Inaugural Ball, which was held at our lodge. I am still doing part time teaching safety classes for the LA School, and volunteer work with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). And I am still enjoying working with the 63d INF. DIV ASST USAR as your asst. secretary.

We again thank every one for your input into our Whooze Nuze.

You are important to us. If you didn't have a message this year, we are looking for your message next year.

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