
63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR

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Annual Report ~ April 19, 2009

President's Message 2009

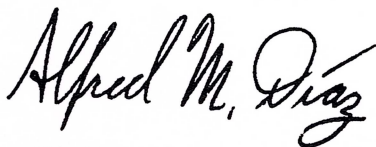
It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve as President of the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) for the past three years. During the past three years, despite mounting losses as our older members pass away, the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR) has experienced a net increase 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 501(c)(19) 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. We need 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, that 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 12-16 August 2009 at the waterfront Ramada Inn, Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA.

I look forward to continued service as a Board of Governors member,



Alfred M. Diaz
Colonel, AUS (retired)

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2008 - 2009

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Counsel to the Board

Brigadier General Robert D. Upp

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Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Wirth	

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43rd Annual Meeting

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the 63rd Infantry Division Association (US Army Reserve) was held on 19 April 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fullerton, California. Approximately 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 Chaplain COL Don Forden, AUS (ret), led us in the invocation. A moment of silence was observed in memory of SGM Howard B. Eighmy, Mrs. Jane Upp, and other deceased members and spouses. A delicious and abundant buffet lunch was served, featuring roast beef and chicken with all the trimmings.

COL Diaz introduced the special guests and the luncheon speaker, Major General Michael James Schweiger, USAR, a 1977 West Point graduate who has served in the Army Reserve since 1984. From July 1996 to February 1997, then COL Schweiger served on active duty as Support Operations Officer, Detachment 1, 311th Corps Support Command, Taszar, Hungary, supporting US and allied forces in Bosnia. After that tour of active duty he served as Commander, 420th Transportation Center, Sherman Oaks, and Commander, 1394th Deployment Support Brigade, Camp Pendleton, then as Chief of Staff, 311th COSCOM, West Los Angeles (July 2001-April 2003). From May 2003 until April 2007, as a BG, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff (IMA), J4, US Forces Korea. From April 2007 until May 2008, BG Schweiger served on active duty as Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, supporting US and allied forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Sinai Peninsula. Since May 2008, MG Schweiger has served as Chief of Staff (IMA), Eighth US Army, Korea. In civilian life, MG Schweiger is Program Manager, Advanced Electromagnetic Technologies Center, Raytheon Missile Systems, Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

MG Schweiger discussed primarily his active duty and IMA assignments in Hungary, Kuwait, and Korea, with particular emphasis on Kuwait (supporting US operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Sinai Peninsula) and Korea. In Kuwait, as Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), then BG Schweiger was responsible for convoy operations into Iraq, civilian contractor finance, troop mail, and other interesting aspects. He was responsible for a vault that contained millions of dollars of US currency intended for local civilian contractors and compensation for collateral damage. He described the expensive precautions being taken to minimize risk to soldiers and civilians driving and escorting convoys into Iraq. He showed pictures of his activities and the stacks of US currency in that vault for which he was responsible. He also discussed extensively the changing situation in Korea and that portion of Asia. US Forces in Korea are being concentrated in a few strategic areas, all south of the Han River, to support and train rather than to fight alongside Korea's Armed Forces. Millions of dollars are being invested in troop and family housing, to convert US service in Korea to three-year accompanied tours of duty. He described planning by Korea for its reunification, the build-up of its ports, and construction of a new railroad from South Korea, through North Korea, into Manchuria, across Asia, and all the way to Europe. He emphasized that modern and emerging Korea must be evaluated, not as a stand-alone nation, but in the context of Asia as a whole.

In appreciation for his service to the nation, and for his presentation to the 63d Infantry Division Association (USAR), MG Schweiger received a plaque. During the annual business meeting, additional awards were presented. SGM Thomas Gorden, Jr., received a plaque for his dedication and service as Assistant Secretary and "Whooze Nuze" Editor. A new award, The Minuteman Award, was presented to LTC Donald L. Wirth in appreciation for his role as an association "Minuteman," serving as Secretary, Editor of "The Blade," and Webmaster.

The business meeting included the nomination and election of new Association Board of Governors members for the term 2009-2011. Those re-elected to the two-year terms are MG Jerry J. Josten, COL Alfred M. Diaz, LTC Beverley A. Houghton, MAJ Raymond H. Edgerly, and MSG Ulric L. Grigsby, Jr. Also elected to the Board of Governors, as a replacement for SGM Howard B. Eighmy who passed away, was BG Charles K. Ebner. At its next meeting on 20 August 2009, the Board of Governors will elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of the association for the coming year.

MG Bruce A. Casella, Commanding General of the new 63d Regional Support Command, Moffett Field, CA, and the deactivating 63d Regional Readiness Command, Los Alamitos, CA, asked about the possibility of establishing a Northern California chapter of the Association in the vicinity of Moffett Field. COL Diaz asked for a motion to permit the Board of Governors of the Association to write such an amendment. Upon motion made and seconded, the Annual Meeting authorized the Board of Governors of the Association to write such an amendment.

COL Lydia Collins and LTC Beverley A. Houghton 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 6 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. Three Years membership \$25.00, we gained 1 new, three year member. If you want to join for a year the cost is \$10.00. We had 1, year renewal. 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: A successful year! For the calendar year 15 April 2008 to 20 April 2009. Our bank balance on 20 April 2009 was \$7380.22 compared to \$6166.17 on 15 April 2008. This favorable situation is due to the increase in donations. Twenty six persons donated \$50.00 or more and fourteen other persons also made donations. Total donations were \$1605.39. This does not include the prized donated by individuals for the Raffle. As everything else, the cost of maintaining our organization keeps rising. For example: our last Annual Report cost \$1254.00. This represents a 161/2% increase of cost compared to the previous report. The Board of Governors meets each quarter, at their own expense, to carry out the business of the Association. A 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** summarizes 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 2008 and 15 April 2009.

The following members donated \$50.00 and above

MG Michael Schwieger
COL Jame Pitcher
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In Memory of SGM Howard Eighmy
In Memory of BG Bill O'Brien &
In Memory of COL Tom Allen
In Memory of MSG Ulric Grigsby, Sr. &
In Memory of Ulric Grigsby, III
In Memory of COL Albert Mendonca
In Memory of Mrs. Joyce D. Wright
In Memory of SGM Howard Eighmy
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In Honor of MAJ George R. Elder

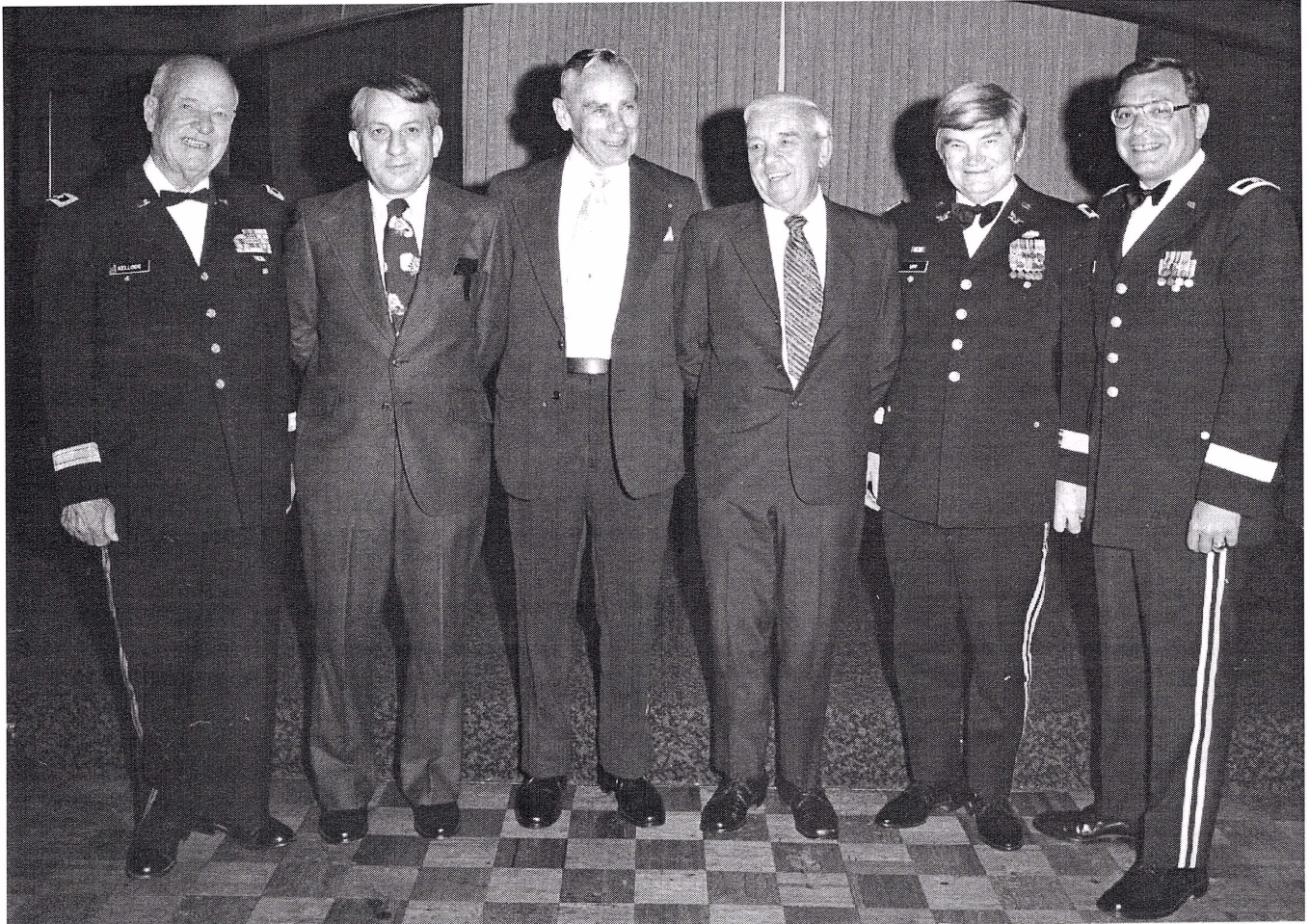
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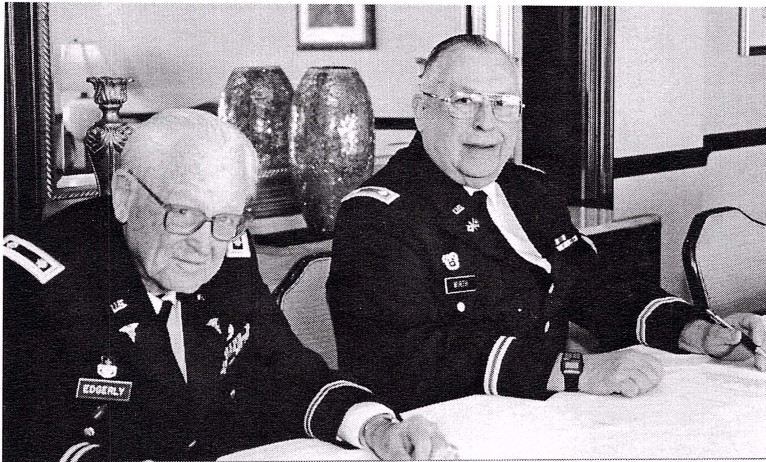
MG Ted Paulson
MG Robert Lame
COL Fred Ebel
COL Emmett Drennen
LTC George Dutton
COL Alfred Diaz
LTC James O'Doud
SGM Sherry Eason

63rd Infantry Division Commanders



FORMER COMMANDER'S OF THE 63rd INF DIVISION

(left to right) MG Henry Kellogg, MG Louis Kaufman, MG William Hixson, BG Stewart Hall, BG Robert Upp, MG Berwyn Fragner



MAJ Ray Edgerly & LTC Donald Wirth check in members for the 43rd Luncheon of the 63rd Infantry Division.



Members getting reacquainted before the luncheon.



Col Alfred Diaz and BG Robert Upp



Our Guest Speaker:
MG Michael J. Schweiger

Ssg George Hofstetter asking a
question of our Guest Speaker MG
Schweiger



COL Alfred Diaz presented Plaque of appreciation
to MG Michael Schweiger



LTC Don Wirth introducing CSM Thomas Gorden, Jr.



LTC Wirth presented CSM Gorden, Jr. a plaque for his dedication and service to the Organization



COL Alfred Diaz presented a new award, *The Minuteman Award*, to LTC Donald Wirth in appreciation for his role in the Association



Members listening to our guest speaker



LTC Earle D. Sweeney, LTC James Wright

COL Lydia Collins, Rose Diaz (Col Collins' sister),
CSM Arnold Greenberg





Mrs. Madeline Goldman, MG Bruce Casella, COL Abe Goldman, BG Ronald V. McDougall, LTC Donald Wirth



Mrs. Sheila Schweiger, CW4 Layland Carson, Mrs. Marcia Carson, SFC Steven Carson, CW5 Ray Benson



LTC James Wright, Jean Spilman (guest of James Wright), Mrs. Rae Ann Wirth



MG Robert Lame (back to camera), MG Paul Mock, Mrs. Sheila Schweiger, MG Michael Schweiger,
MG Jerry Josten, MG Ted Paulson



Mrs. Martha Diaz, BG Chuck Ebner, MG Bruce Casella



Ms. Diana Diaz, daughter of COL Alfred & Martha Diaz



MAJ Ray Edgerly, Mrs. Rosemary Murray, Mrs. Dorothea Edgerly, Mrs. Tami Daricek



MSG Ulric Grigsby, Jr., Mrs. Jeanene Grigsby



Isha Brown (daughter of FSG Herman McDonald), Mrs. Ernestine McDonald (widow of FSG McDonald)



CW4 Patrick Cleary, Mrs. Kathenne Drennen, COL Emmett Drennen

Raffle Winners



LTC Bev Houghton, Winner BG Robert Upp



LTC Bev Houghton & Winner Donna Kish-Forden



Mrs. Tami Daricek



Mrs. Rosemary Murray



Mrs. Jean Spilman

More Raffle Winners



LTC Ken Lindley



MAJ James Helms



CSM Arnold Greenberg



CW4 Layland Carson

More Raffle Winners



Special Raffle Baskets donated by Pam Mitchell in memory of her late husband, LTC Don Mitchell



Winner COL (CH) Don Forden



Winner COL Richard Garza with Pam Mitchell



Winner SFC Steven Carson with Pam Mitchell

In Memoriam — 2009

We lost one of our most dedicated Board Members. We miss you, Howard!



SGM Howard Eighmy and Jenny Eighmy, rest in peace. We miss you both!



Tami Daricek ~ Thank you for bringing Howard and Jenny to our meetings & Annual Luncheon ~ Dedicated Care Provider

Whooze Nuze

COL Alfred M. Diaz (President) last 63d assignment, Commander 6386th RTU (Logistics).

COL Diaz stated that here's my story. A few years ago when the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) held its national convention in Kansas City Missouri. We were taken by bus to an event at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri. On both bus rides I had the privilege of sitting next to MG William F. Ward, a retired Chief of the Army Reserve. General Ward related to me how during Operation Just Cause, the December 1989 US intervention in Panama, there was an urgent need for Spanish speaking US Army Reserve officers, experienced in banking, to supervise the reopening of the banks in Panama. The goal was to reopen all the banks in Panama by the Monday morning following the US intervention, to avoid a possible collapse of the Panamanian economy. There were many officers with Spanish surnames and banking experience in the database of the Army's Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). But very few of their records confirmed proficiency in Spanish. They had not been tested. General Ward was told by personnel officers that therefore the Army Reserve would not be able to provide the required number of bankers from the IRR. By coincidence General Ward is fluent as a Spanish linguist. He obtained a listing of all officers in the IRR with banking experience and Spanish surname and began phoning them. He spoke with them in Spanish, testing their proficiency. Those officers from the IRR who passed General Ward's Spanish test were issued voice orders to report rapidly to an aerial port of embarkation, such as McGuire Air Force Base or Travis Air Force Base. At those air bases they were issued their paper orders and flown to Panama. All the banks in Panama opened under US supervision the following Monday morning. This story related to me by General Ward is a historical example of an effective use of the Army's Individual Ready Reserve. Unfortunately, the Army's Individual Ready Reserve has deteriorated significantly in numbers of personnel since the day when MG William F. Ward was Chief of the Army Reserve.

COL Herman P. Velasco last command, HQ.CO. Commander, 3rd BDG 15th INF.

COL Velasco stated that this story has to do with a training exercise at Camp Roberts in the late 1960's. The principal players were Major Ralph Lueveno S-3, 3rd BDG, 15th INF. and COL Ralph Hill, the BDG Commander. I was a company commander at the time and was present during this incident.

Ralph Lueveno was given the assignment to conduct a live firing exercise on the known distance range. The start of the exercise was to commence at 08:00 hrs.

Anyone involved in the logistics of moving men and equipment to the field will appreciate the complexity of the move. The company commander got their men up early, fed them and marched them to the waiting trucks for movement to the range. Upon arrival, the men were given the assigned position on the range. The ammo was distributed and all was in readiness.

Ralph was stationed at the command tower and giving the order "Ready on the right, ready on the left, commence firing". At precisely 08:00 hours, the first rounds went down range.

Colonel Hill was in the rear aboard his jeep watching all the proceedings from atop his jeep. When the first rounds were fired, he looked at his watch and seeing it was exactly 08:00 hours, commenced to run to the control tower, climbed up and gave Ralph a big kiss and hug. Needless to say Ralph was flabbergasted. He thanked the Colonel for his congratulation and ordered him off the tower, as Ralph needed to concentrate on the safety of the exercise.

I was a company commander at the time and a friend of Ralph. We had many a chuckle and beer over the years recalling this incident. Both Ralph and COL Hill have passed and I remember them both affectionately.

Mrs. Ernestine McDonald (wife) of MSG Herman C. McDonald 311th COSCOM.

Mrs. McDonald stated that the happiest day of my life was when I got married to my husband, Herman C. McDonald. The next happiest time in both our lives was having the opportunity to raise

children. We were also extremely happy when our children graduated from college. Then, we thought we could not get any happier but we were wrong because we had grandchildren who changed our lives for the better. However, in between the happy times, we had some sad times. Our son passed after a lengthy bout with leukemia, and that broke our hearts. As you know I recently experienced one of the saddest times of my life, the death of the love of my life, MSG Herman C. McDonald. I am looking forward to one of the happiest time of my life, which will be when my oldest grandson graduates from high school and look forward to attending college this fall.

COL Terry L. Stacy last command, AG, 763rd ORD BN.

This is his statement. Five of our children served in the military with assignments in England and Italy. Three grandsons are in the military now, with assignments in Korea, Kosovo and Iraq. So far, 7 years in Iraq, all three grandsons are Airborne qualified. My grandchildren can tell you all that you want to hear about war.

COL Abram F. Goldman assigned WWII Staff Duty.

COL Goldman stated that he is retiring from a 20 year career with the CA State Board of Equalization, as Assistant Executive Secretary for Property Taxation. In 1980 and 1982, I spent one year with Prime Minister's office working as consultant in Malayasia and then another half year working in Jakarta Indonesia. Following these efforts, moved to Palm Desert to enjoy desert living. Bernice Cannon, my long time wife, passed on after a long period of Alzheimer's. I have been married to Madeleine since May 2002.

I recently undertook a new task as an appointed member of the Riverside County Assessment Appeals Board starting May 2002. In view of the dramatic changes to property within the County, this has been a substantial task for the County to adjust its property tax rolls with the appeals Board offering an avenue for direct taxpayer complaints to be reviewed. We shall be present at the next meeting of the 63rd group. I am going on 89 years.

MG Robert Lane, last 63d assignment, S-4, 63d AVN BN.

MG Lane stated that he is "absolutely retired". This is his story. After our 2008 gathering, we drove through the poppy preserve in the Antelope Valley on our way back to Pine Mountain Club. Absolutely gorgeous! Best we had seen in many years! Went out to Anacapa Island with an Elderhostel group in May and to Lake Cachuma in the RV afterward. June found us in Loden and Copenhagen with a Norwegian cruise between the cities and enjoying the trip with the Paulson's as traveling companions. August gave us the opportunity to experience the Napa Valley wine train and Monterey Bay Area with the Paulson's and the Scott's. September found Lynette and I on a cruise from Alaska thru the north pacific and the Japanese Islands. We took an RV trip thru Utah and Colorado in October and November and stopped in Blanding, UT, at the Edge of the Cedars Museum for an Elderhostel group effort in helping catalog Indian artifacts. Learned more about pottery sherds than I ever expected! Spent most of the winter in our Mesquite, NV home and making trips to California to visit kids and new granddaughter. Who says retirement is not fantastic! Looking forward to seeing all at the 19 April bash!

LTC George Dutton (Document Control Officer)

LTC Dutton stated that he is still active in the Verdugo Hills Barbershop Chorus and just finished putting on his third Christmas show.

That his wife is still active in the Sunland Woman's Club and serves as 1st Vice President.

My oldest grandson should finish his doctorate in telecommunication this December.

Our son Tom has received an award for his work with University students in Over the Rhine in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sorry to hear of the Headquarters being moved north.

Rear Admiral B.S. Sparks.

Stated that I had a bad year health wise with numerous hospitalizations. Do no more traveling to meetings, dinners, or conventions. Now I have a full time gentleman as my in house "baby sitter."

Keep the Association going.

LTC Earle D. Sweeney (Commander 139th Ord. Battalion).

The best story of my life; though I have many memorable events in my duty with the 63rd Infantry Division has been experiences with many very fascinated individuals in various assignments within the division. As evidenced by this annual affair, my story continues; though I greatly miss our buddies who are not with us at this annual, but I'm so glad to be with those who are able to be in attendance at this 43rd Annual event. My story in total, involves my Army National Guard and Reserve duty which took me to such memorable duty stations as Fort Lewis, WA. Camp Roberts, CA, Ft Lee, VA, Redstone, AL. Beale Air Base, CA, Camp Ripley, MN. Not to forget Fort Leavenworth, KS for Command and General Staff College. It was and is an honor to be a part of this 63d INF Division. Pat, my wife and I have seven grand children and seventeen great grand children and still reside in Duarte, CA.

COL Russ Park, last assignment PAO.

We celebrated New Years Eve asleep in the President's cottage, with the Pacific Ocean on one side and Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii on the other. This spacious house is situated atop a knoll on Marine Corp Base, HI. We were in the middle of a week stay on this island. On our favorite island Molokai, we flew kites, Toured the coffee plantation, watched whales, and relaxed.

In April we took a five week driving trip on the east coast. We began in Washington, DC. Attended the Army Reserve 100th Anniversary celebration which included an interesting ceremony on the Capitol lawn, the two day conference for the Reserve Ambassadors, and a gala dinner.

MAJ John J. Tappe.

Last assignment G-3 Air. MAJ Tappe said that there is not much to tell, the years go by and we WW-II types get older, much older, if we are still here! Never the less Rhodyne and I are going East in October to visit our oldest son, and also spend some time in Alexandria, VA. and Washington DC..

Also for the 3rd and 4th time Gettysburg. Will plan to stay at Corlist Barracks. It's a great place to

billet. My best to all

Brig. Gen. Robert D. Upp. Last 63d Assignment, Staff Judge Advocate.

GEN Upp stated that, my beloved wife, Jane, passed away December 19th, so it has been a little tough for me lately.

We were together for 60 years, two of them completely alone on overseas trips. In 1954-65, we took a sabbatical leave and traveled around the world, commercially in Asia and with our own car in Europe and Africa. In 1969-70 we spent a year in France as students, again with a vehicle picked up in Germany. So that I would not lose a year for military retirement, I made a deal with the Army JAG School to do a thesis among former British colonies about non-judicial punishment then and now. I wrote requests for appointments to 13 different countries. In New Zealand, Major Brandon, their legal office talked with me at lunch and dinner and the next day took me as an honored guest to the Parliament in session. In Australia, Navy CAPT Douglas, our defense attaché, arranged interviews for me with the Army, Navy and Air Force legal officers. Wing Commander Toby Nichols, the RAAF chief legal officer was in the process of rewriting their article 15, so we had a long conference. The next day he took me to the Canberra Australia School and we had lunch with their faculty. Then I gave a speech on USA Military Justice to a group of students. There were Visa problems at embassies in Australia. Burma wouldn't give me one until I explained my mission and they limited it to 48 hours. India told me that they were at war with Pakistan but a current agreement allowed for the transfer of refugees and stamped one. The Pakistanis said "NO", until I told them India had approved, so they relented. Singapore has no army, but a strong police force. The US defense attaché was COL Shepherd, a JAG school former teacher whom I knew, so we were on common ground. After a short session with the Malaysian officer, LTC Chan, in Kuala Lumpur, who gave me an English translation of their code, we went to Bangkok. A wire there said that I was now a full Colonel.

When we landed in Rangoon, COL Karns, US

Army Attaché, said they were under house arrest, but met us. When he asked for my interview, they gave him permission to be our escort. COL Soloman, the Burmese JAG and I had a long session. He asked me to stay over so that he could show me around, and I mentioned the 48 hour limit. He offered to waive that but we were on a tight schedule. COL Karns had a problem. His housemaid was Indian, but there were no saris for her to wear available in Burma. He asked me to buy some in Bombay and give them to the attaché in Nepal who would put them on a US courier plane to Burma. I got them in India and when we got to Katmandu, I went to our embassy and looked at my host. He said, "There can only be one Bob Upp in the world", and I replied, "There can only be one Elton Duran in the world". We were both Captains, company commander in the 143rd Infantry in Unalaska in the Aleutians in WWII, and roommates at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, when rotated back. I had not seen or heard from him since. It's a small world. He was a personal friend of the crown prince of Nepal and had just shot a 6foot tiger on a hunt with him. The prince entertained us at dinner and talked about his experiences with the Chinese on setting their boundary stakes between the countries. In New Delhi, India, Brigadier Matthews, their JAG cancelled his entire afternoon appointment to spend the time with me discussing military law. Leaving India was a problem, since the war was on. However, Pan Am was flying a plane load of Pak refugees and agreed to let us aboard. It was kind of wild with kids running up the aisles, even during takeoff, and when we got to Karachi, no agent was there to meet us. I called Cooks and they said that it was impossible for me to be there, but they finally sent a car. Jay Lennox, who taught with me at City College was on a Ford exchange at the University of Karachi and entertained us. He said that an interview was set up for me at Rawalpindi with the Pakistan JAG. When I arrived, JAG Brigadier Kazi set up the afternoon for us. He introduced me to two of his officers who had attended US JAG School. Major Bostan, one of them, insisted on being our host, and after the interview drove us all around. He said that his father was a war lord up in the mountains on the Afghan

border and wanted to take us up there, but no time was available. Back at the hotel was a note from the US Ambassador inviting us to his home for dinner. After some time in Iran, we arrived in Baghdad, Iraq. The Army attaché said that he hadn't made an appointment, as their military was not cooperative. At my insistence, he made a call and they quickly agreed and said that it would be on Saturday AM. He said the embassy would provide my transportation. Major General Abdul Khaliq Drubai, Iraqi JAG was very pleasant, but this was the only time that I needed an interpreter. He gave me their manual in Arabic. I got in trouble with Colonel Robinson, our Army attaché. He was newly married and Jane and I offered to take his bride with us on a trip to Babylon and Basra. Our driver/guide, Abdul, was not the fastest in the world and we got back quite late. The Colonel felt that we had been kidnapped and was quite angry.

After visiting Middle East countries, Turkey and Greece, we flew to Paris, picked up our own car, drove around Europe and North Africa and wound up in London for my next interview.

LTC Appleby, the British JAG, set up an appointment with me at the Defense Library in London. We were met there by the Military Librarian who provided me with all of the historical detail about British non-judicial punishment. It was a big help. Things were a little lighter in Ireland. COL. Moran, their JAG met me. He said they had written to me twice at the US JAGC School, but both letters had been returned. He took me to lunch and then to his club with two young officers to drink Irish whiskeys. (We out drank the boys). Then they took me to a courts Martial of a Sergeant for being drunk on duty. It was interesting, but I asked "for being drunk?" They said, "No, because he couldn't hold it." After a year, back in the USA, I went to Ottawa to keep an appointment with the Canadian JAGS. It felt like old home week. That was how I kept my year active while away.

LTC Donald Wirth, last 63d assignment, CDR, CO B, 163rd Signal Battalion.

LTC Wirth said that here is my story.

Rae Ann and I went to our granddaughter's graduation from California State College at

Humboldt in mid May. We then visited my brother in Placerville for a week and went to McCloud, CA. for two weeks of round dancing. We came home in mid June. We celebrated our 50th Weeding Anniversary in Temecula at a Bed & Breakfast with my brother and his wife, Rae Ann's sister and her husband, and our three boys and their wives. We hired a limo and went wine tasting in the Temecula Valley. That evening we had a dinner for the whole party and as many grandkids as could come. It was great having the family all together.

We returned to Mesa on the first week of November. We got busy dancing and having fun. Our middle son, Tom and his wife came to Mesa to visit us and we went to Sedona, AZ. Then drive to Williams, AZ and took the train to the Grand Canyon. We returned to Oceanside, CA. on 30 March.

I continue to be active in the 63rd Infantry Division Association, USAR as a Secretary and Member of the Board of Governors, 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.

COL R.H. Keagy, Last 63rd Assignment, Commander 109th MED DET.

COL Keagy stated that he left command of the 109th in 1980 to take on the IMA job with the 6th Army Veterinarian as the IMA, one year later I was ordered to be the IMA to the veterinary chief of the veterinary Corp. This position I held for nine years. Following that I continued on in the veterinary HQ. as an IMA until I reached 60 years of age in 1995.

During the last 8 years I became active in the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and participated in the (CIOMR), an organization to which RTA belongs and made up of representatives from NATO countries! I have continued to attend the meetings of CIOMR and have served as the VP of CIOMR in the US, ROA and also for a 3 year position as the Assistant Secretary General of CIOMR.

I am also a member of the Military Order Of

World Woes (MOWW) and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and I am the current Commander of the G/A Omar N. Bradley Chapter of (MOWW)

For the past 6 years I have chaired the ROTC & JROTC awards for ROA, MOWW and MOAA for many units in the Los Angeles Area. I currently provide awards from RTA 50 high schools and 7 ROTC units and about 20 awards of MOWW & MOAA to high schools and 7 ROTC unit. I am retired as a small animal veterinarian. I practiced in Beverly Hills from 1959 thru 2007.

SGM Thomas Gorden Jr. last assignment 311th COSCOM Transportation SGM.

I am still working with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). DOD, and I am still your Assistant Secretary on the Board of Governors.

LTC Beverley Houghton, AUS (Ret)

I have been retired since 2003 from the Reserves. My last assignment was as the Command Nurse for the then 63d RSC. As I was there at the time of 9/11, I was directly involved in support of the early mobilizations of our units. Since I also worked as a civilian for the TRICARE contractor, I spent many hours doing briefing on TRICARE both in and out of uniform. Prior to this assignment I was with 359th CSH and 349th HUS, serving as the Chief Nurse of these sections. My introduction to the military was in 1981 when I joined the Army National guard and was assigned to the 143d Evacuation Hospital. I served as the Asst. Chief Nurse and the OIC of the Physical Examination Team during my time there. In 1993 I transferred to the USAR. My only "activation" was during my National Guard days when I was the OIC of a state mobilization setting up a 25 bed hospital in the middle of a Fire Camp in Northern California in 1987.

Despite my somewhat limited career experience, I have a passion for the military and have remained very involved in veteran organization activities. Since my retirement I have served as the President of the Dept of CA, Reserve Officers Association and concurrently as the

Chairperson for the California State Commanders Veterans Council. My current activities range from being a member of the Regional Military Affairs Committee at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos and a volunteer at the newly established Veteran Services Center to the position of US Secretary General for The Confederation of Medical Reserve Officers, which is a NATO sponsored organization comprised of NATO member nations.

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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