

# DEADEYE DISPATCH



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Spring, 2008

## Nashville Awaits Deadeyes for July Reunion



Scenic Downtown Nashville

So much to see -  
so little time!

Welcome to Music City! The city of Nashville, Tennessee will host the 2008 reunion of the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association. The reunion begins on July 30 and concludes on August 2, 2008.

Make your hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Select for the association's special price of only \$99 per night. More about the hotel and other information is available inside this Deadeye Dispatch.

With a multitude of outstanding attractions, events, tours, shopping, restaurants and live entertainment, it'll be hard to fit everything in during the reunion.

The registration materials for the events and tours are inside this edition on pages 6 and 7. Be sure to get with your 96th buddies now to plan your trip.

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Grand Ole Opry

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# TAPS.....Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us



Richard Alexander  
Co. A, 383rd Infantry  
Sea View, Washington  
Died December 3, 2007  
By wife Alice

Robert Eugene Allen  
Elliott, Iowa  
February 4, 2007  
By daughter, Kay M.  
Keeton

George Banning  
December 30, 2007

William Franklin Bowman  
Charlottesville, VA  
April 15, 2007  
By daughter, Nancy  
Brennan

Eugene H. Carter  
Company G, 383rd Infantry  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
December 18, 2007  
By wife, Mary

Jerome (Jerry) Connolly  
Company H, 383rd Infantry  
Vero Beach, FL  
March 7, 2008  
By son Phil

William Grady Davis  
Wynne, AK  
382nd Infantry  
January, 2007  
By wife

Noel (Bill) Deets  
Klamath Falls, OR  
Co. K, 383rd Infantry  
By Glenn Stewart

Edward Elliott  
2nd Bn. Hq Company,  
381st Infantry  
Eagle, Idaho  
Died March 5, 2008  
By Family

Richard T. Ellis  
Company C, 382nd Infantry  
February 29, 2008  
By wife, Celia and  
daughters

Albert C. Flick  
Sioux City, Iowa  
Company A, 382nd Infantry  
October 23, 2007  
By son-in-law, John Hittle

Edward Funk  
Muskegon, Michigan  
Co. M, 383rd Infantry  
March 14, 2008  
By wife Gail Funk  
Mr. Funk was awarded the  
Distinguished Service  
Cross, 2nd highest U.S.  
Decoration.

Keith A. Hand  
Hartford, Michigan  
Company H, 382nd Infantry  
October 26, 2007  
By wife, Dorothy

Elias Hill  
Co. F, 383rd Infantry  
Clarkson, Washington  
died March 18, 2007  
by Richard Haglund

Earl Harry Huber  
Saint Paul, MN  
Company E, 382nd Infantry  
November 11, 2007  
By son, Mike

George T. Kern  
San Diego, CA  
September 8, 2007  
By wife, Beverly

George Koons  
Evergreen, Colorado  
96th Signal Company  
December 26, 2007

By George Lisle  
Robert Massey  
Kennedale, Texas  
Company G, 382nd Infantry  
December 16, 2007  
By daughter, Vickie  
Chandler

James Seay Perry  
Pensacola, FL  
321st Combat Engineers  
September 22, 2007  
By wife, Mary

Chester Peterson  
Central Point, OR  
May 25, 2007  
by Richard Haglund

Jack Anthony Pintacura  
Swartz Creek, MI  
Company E, 381st Infantry  
January 21, 2008  
By son, Pete Pintacura

George William Potts  
Springdale, Arkansas  
March 7, 2008  
By David E. Potts

Lee Schaefer  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
96th Signal Company  
September 7, 2007  
By George Lisle

Charles B. Schilliger  
Columbus, Ohio  
Company C, 382nd Infantry  
February 6, 2008.  
By Russell Watts

Edward Shambo, Jr.  
New York, NY  
June 22, 2006  
By wife

Claude Sinnen  
Shakopee, Minnesota  
Company K, 383rd Infantry  
December 12, 2007  
by Robert Siefert

Michael "Chico" Velasquez  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Company D, 383rd Infantry  
Jan 18, 2008  
By son-in-law, Uli Reusser

Ray H. Wagner  
Moses Lake, WA  
Nov. 21, 2007  
Co. A, 382nd Infantry  
by daughter Patrice Shay

Boyd F. Walker, US Army  
Ret. Colonel  
Fresno, CA  
Former Co. Comdr. of  
Antitank Co. 382nd  
Also S-3 of 382nd Infantry  
February 18, 2008  
By Russell Watts

Frank Wallace  
Central Point, Oregon  
96th Infantry Division  
March 21, 2008  
By Richard Haglund

John P. Walsh  
Larkspur, CA  
Company K, 382nd Infantry  
May 5, 2006  
By wife, Rose

Neil Warrick  
Independence, OR  
Sept 5, 2007  
by John Pfaff

Linus C. Westhusing  
Germantown, MS  
Company K, 382nd Infantry  
February 29, 2008  
by R.D. Wagner



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### How to submit a name for Taps

Our Taps information comes from a variety of sources, including emails, notes from family and friends and returned mail from the U.S. Postal Service. We apologize for any information that may be incorrect or incomplete.

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Join the  
Deadeyes!  
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for information.



# Deadeye News... *Items about the Association*

Scenes from the 2007

# Dining Out

banquet in Salt Lake City



## President's Notes



Major General Jim Collins (Ret.), President  
96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Deadeye Association

This issue of the Dispatch announces the plans for the next reunion to be held in Nashville from 30 July to 2 August. Harriet Nichols and Mary Eleanor Wood Smith have been working very hard to make the arrangements with the Holiday Inn and with Armed Forces Reunion Inc (AFRI) who is managing many of the arrangements for us. We have some really nice tours arranged and several social events that will be enjoyable. I hope many of our members will attend but I also know that health issues are a concern to many and so if you can't be with us this year there is always next year.

Memories. Remembrance. Recognition. Appreciation. Admiration. All these words come to mind right now. The Association has been working for several years to form a legal entity recognized by the IRS as an organization that can accept tax-deductible donations. I call it a foundation and we have been fortunate to have the services of one of our members, Colonel (Retired) Bruce Olson and his law office. They are sorting through all the legal requirements to establish a 501C(3) Foundation that will be dedicated to preserving the memory of the 96th. This process has taken years but I remain optimistic that it will work out.

So your Association is working on a way to preserve our history but what about you? What have you done to preserve your history? What is it that your family will inherit that documents what you have done during your time in the 96th? Is it a shoe box with a few medals, shoulder patches and a picture or two of you when you were younger? Will anyone be able to sort out what you did during your service with the 96th or any other unit? What about your official records and military service history? Are all your medals in order?

Soldiers as a rule are modest and yet our families want to know what we did during our time in the Army and even more so want to have something tangible to look at. We could follow Don Dencker's lead and write a book. Some others have created an oral history and recorded it. I suspect most are still operating out of the shoe box and that needs to change.

Get your records together in one place. Make a copy for each of your children. Get your medals and have them mounted in a shadow box. In fact buy extra copies of your medals and make up shadow boxes for all your children. This avoids arguments later on about who gets Dad's medals.

Our service in the Army is something our families are proud of and so please give them something tangible that they can look at and hold so that they can feel connected to you, so that they can feel proud that their mother or father served their country. It is long overdue, so please get your military records and medals in order. Your families will cherish them and the memories that come along with them.

# Deadeye News... *Items about the Association*



From the memoirs of Ken Staley, K Co, 383rd Infantry, 96th Infantry Division

## Sleepless off Seattle

Our group of infantry replacements sailed out of Seattle one evening early in January 1945 on a relatively small Navy troop ship. Most of us were recent graduates from Camp Roberts, CA, although some of the grads were sent east for a cruise to Europe. Luckily, my three best buddies from basic infantry training at Camp Roberts were on board. They were Floyd Tolleson, of Spokane, WA; Byron Stearly of Ft. Collins, CO; and Jack Swanson of Seattle, WA.

During the night the ship started pitching and rolling more and more. Next morning I went up on the deck to get some fresh air, as I wasn't feeling too good. What a sight! Enormous waves were breaking over the bow as it bobbed up and down. We were in the midst of a winter storm. A lot of other guys had the same idea as I had, and they were 'heaving ho' over the rail. I was soon there myself. What a mess! Vomit from the u-winders was splashing the down winders. I had enough of that and went below to the head (Navy speak for bathroom). It was full of men heaving into the toilets and urinals and

on the floor. After I had completely emptied my stomach, I staggered back to my bunk.

Troopship bunks aren't normal bunks, they are merely stretched canvases, stacked five high and you have someone at your side, above, and below and with someone at your feet and someone's feet at your head. It seemed no one had washed his feet in a while. Imagine what it was like when we were sailing in the tropics! Recently a friend

See "Sleepless" cont. on page 5



Ken Staley, Schenectady, N.Y. artist who served with the 96th, sketched many scenes as he traveled across the Pacific, fought on Okinawa, served in the Philippines and returned home. He and his wife Eliabeth have attended many 96th reunions and he has compiled not only his memoirs but also some of his sketches.

# COME VISIT!

[www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org](http://www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org)



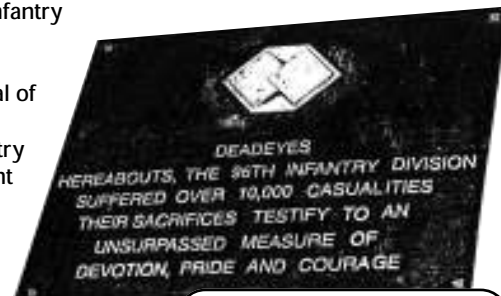
Don't forget to visit your 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn. website, [www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org](http://www.96th-infantry-deadeyes.org). The site currently contains the complete Spring-2007, Fall-2007 and Spring-2008 issues of the Deadeye Dispatch, reunion information and sections which include: Association information, service decorations awarded, Deadeye items available, links to Deadeye units. The former Association website also remains active at: [www.96th-infantry-division.com](http://www.96th-infantry-division.com).

We are looking for a volunteer to help keep our web site updated. If you can help in this regard, please contact Don Dencker at [dizzydon@aol.com](mailto:dizzydon@aol.com), phone 608/837-7479 or Scott Buffington at [scott@mainstreetnews.com](mailto:scott@mainstreetnews.com), phone 706/367-2485.

### Heritage Fund Monument Appeal

A sincere "Thank You" is given to all who to date have contributed to the Heritage Fund Monument Appeal. You have brought the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association

half way to our goal of placing a beautiful Granite 96th Infantry Division Monument adjacent to the Walk of Honor at the new National Infantry Museum located in Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.



**Our Battle Monument on Okinawa**

What we need now are Six significant \$500 donors, plus the continued support of those who can only give smaller amounts. We want to have our monument completed by the Columbus Monument Company, installed at our imposing site, and ready for the 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association Dedication Ceremony in late summer or early fall 2008.

A significant Donor's contribution of \$500 or more will be honored by the placement near our monument of a memorial brick which recognizes the donor's generosity. The brick will bear the donor's name and hometown or military unit. Should memorial bricks not be available, other recognition of the significant gift will be provided.

The monument will have text honoring the memory of our comrades killed on Leyte, Philippines and Okinawa, Japan and all Deadeyes who fought with valor and distinction to defeat Imperial Japan. The monument will also have in color inscribed in granite our double diamond patch, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Please make your check payable to: 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association, with the notation: Heritage Fund Monument, Mail to: Jim Black, Treasurer, 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association, P.O. Box 581254, Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Amount: \$500.00 or \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# Today's Deadeyes... News from the 96th Regional Readiness Command

## SSG Mark Lawton...

# First 96th RRC soldier KIA in Iraq remembered

The article below is reprinted from the Fall, 2007 "Deadeye," the 96th Regional Readiness Command, Fort Douglas, Utah magazine.

## A HERO IMMORTALIZED Dedicated to the Memory of Staff Sergeant Mark A. Evans Lawton

By Maj. Corena Gardner, 96th HHC PAO

Building 3450 at 7335 Womack Street on Fort Carson, Colo., is now the Mark A. Evans Lawton Armed Forces Reserve Center. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in March to name the building for the first Army Reserve Soldier from Colorado to be killed in combat in the Global War on Terrorism. Staff Sergeant Lawton was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star with "V" for valor, and a Purple Heart. Mrs. Sherri Lawton and their two sons, Dustin and Tanner, Maj. Gen. Peter S. Cooke, (commanding general 96th RRC) along with family, friends and Soldiers were in attendance. The Lawton Armed Forces Reserve Center was built and dedicated in 2004, and will serve the Soldiers of the 651st Regional Support Group (RSG), the 5025th Garrison Support Unit (GSU) and several other reserve units.

graduated from Moffat County High School in Craig. His military career began in 1983 when he enlisted in the Army as a fire support specialist. He served in Germany before leaving active duty in 1985. In 1988 Lawton joined the Marine Corps as a general equipment operator. He served in Okinawa and Operation Desert Storm. He left the Marines after seven and a half years and moved back to Colorado. Mark was employed by Kennecott as a heavy machinery operator. In 2000 Sgt. Lawton joined the Army Reserve. He served as a squad leader in A Company, 244th Engineer Battalion in Grand Junction, Colo. Mark loved being a Soldier and his troops knew it. Despite not being required to mobilize, Lawton felt he had to serve with his unit and volunteered to deploy with them.

**The Last Convoy**  
Lawton was killed on August 29, 2003 while participating in combat operations to liberate Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Master Sgt. Steven Leitch

During a convoy mission north of Suaydat, from Forward Operating Base Normandy, to Forward Operating Base Pacesetter, his convoy was ambushed by insurgents with rocket-propelled grenades (RPG's) and small arms fire. Lawton was mortally wounded while riding in the passenger side of the lead vehicle. Other Soldiers injured in the attack included: Pvt. Keith Deutsch from Minnesota, Sgt. Kenneth Favorite, Pfc. Tyler McWilliams and Spc. Michael Werthington all of Colorado.

Even after the loss, Sherri continued to support the Soldiers of her husband's unit. Each day she would place small U. S. flags and yellow ribbons on the fence and gate at her home in Craig. She also sent care packages and letters to

the deployed members of A. Co. until they came home.

All but one Soldier.

American Legion Post #62 Not only has an Army Reserve Center been named after Lawton, but also an American Legion Post in his hometown of Craig, Colo. On August 22, 2006, Sherri, along with her parents and sons, traveled back from Wasola, Mo., to attend the re-dedication of the Mark Anthony Evans Lawton. American Legion Post #62. The event included a flag-lined journey which was traveled by many Soliders of A Co., 244th Eng. Bn. Grand Junction, Colo., the 96th RRC and Fort Carson, along with their heavy engineer equipment, a helicopter fly-over courtesy of the Colorado Air National Guard, high school

friends, and 60 motorcyclists from the American Legion Riders. The hall was packed with supporters and emotions were high as tribute was given to Lawton. Sherri received a ceremonial boxed flag from a past Legion Department Commander, Neal Thomas. During a luncheon with Soldiers, friends and family, heartfelt stories about Lawton were shared.

With the naming of the Reserve Center at Fort Carson, and the American Legion Post 62 in Craig, Lawton's life, family, service, devotion, and ultimate sacrifice will be immortalized throughout time. It has been said, there is no greater sacrifice than to give your life for your friends. The Soldiers of A Co. 244th Eng. Bn. agree that Lawton was a true friend.



SSG Mark Lawton... first 96th RRC soldier killed in action during the current war in Iraq.

## Staley's "Sleepless off Seattle" continued from page 4....

of mine, who had participated in some of the early battles of the South Pacific, said that the troopships he was on didn't even have indoor heads. They were two-by-four wood structures attached to the top sides of the ship. He said the troopships were like slave ships must have been.

Once I got to my bunk I was so sick I stayed there for three days. On the second day, I heard my name called to report to the galley for Kitchen Police duty. I told Stearly, "I don't care if they shoot me, I'm not going." Stearly was feeling good and liked to be in the vicinity of food, so he volunteered to go in my place. "Private Stearly reporting," he mumbled. "OK, Stearly, start peeling potatoes," the officer replied.

Three days later I was feeling bet-

ter and Stearly appeared at my bunk-side with a large orange, I ate it -- the most memorable orange I have ever eaten. Feeling better, I went up on the deck. The sun was shining, the seas were quieter and it was warmer. In two or three more days we were in Pearl Harbor. With our baggage, we climbed into open rail cars and were hauled up to an Army camp in the hills; that was a pleasant change from the cold, damp weather of the Seattle area. However, we were quarantined for three days and on alert for four days and then hauled back down to the docks. So much for glamorous Hawaii!! I saw Hawaii again on a vacation with my late wife, Mona, in 1974.

Recently, Herman Buffington, whom I first met on Okinawa, told me about his experience on that

stormy voyage. He said he was seasick all that first night and about 5:00 a.m. some Lieutenant came to his bunk and ordered him to report to the galley immediately for KP duty. He said, "No, I can't go. I'm dying!" A little later the Lieutenant came back and ordered him to report to the galley, or he would be court-martialed. Herman again protested, but pointed out that the Lieutenant seemed to be in good shape. The Lieutenant left, and then sent guards to get him. The guards escorted Herman to the dreaded galley. As soon as they left, he found a space to hide under a large sink, although it was wet with drainage and stank. At night he sneaked back to his bunk. Then in the morning the guards came back and escorted him again to the galley. He reclaimed his hiding place. This routine continued a few days until a sailor told him



that he was going to die unless he started eating something or went to the sick bay. So he gave Herman some crackers and orange juice.

They stayed down, so he had more and was soon able to perform his KP duties.

# REUNION REGISTRATION

## 96<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.armedorcesreunions.com/96inf](http://www.armedorcesreunions.com/96inf). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 28, 2008. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before meeting. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.  
PO Box 11327  
Norfolk, VA 23517  
ATTN: 96<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Naming Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/28/08**

TOURS	Price Per	# of People	Total
WEDNESDAY: FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH	\$ 79		\$
FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH - CHILD'S PRICE: 11-12 YEARS	\$ 67		\$
FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH - CHILD'S PRICE: 4-10 YEARS	\$ 61		\$
THURSDAY: GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE	\$ 80		\$
GENERAL JACKSON - CHILD'S PRICE: 4-11 YEARS	\$ 69		\$
FRIDAY: HERMITAGE MANSION AND LUNCH	\$ 54		\$
HERMITAGE MANSION AND LUNCH - CHILD'S PRICE: 4-11 YEARS	\$ 49		\$
FRIDAY: GRAND OLE OPRY	\$ 59		\$
GRAND OLE OPRY - CHILD'S PRICE: 4-11 YEARS	\$ 49		\$
SATURDAY: CITY TOUR	\$ 31		\$
CITY TOUR - CHILD'S PRICE: 4-11 YEARS	\$ 26		\$
WEDNESDAY: WELCOME RECEPTION	\$ 4		\$
<b>HOTEL FUNCTIONS</b>			
THURSDAY: BEER BUST AND DINNER (POPK SANDWICH, BEANS, CHIPS) - CASH BAR AVAILABLE	\$ 19		\$
CHILD'S PLATE (UNDER 12)	\$ 15		\$
THURSDAY: BEER BUST ONLY (NO DINNER) CASH BAR AVAILABLE	\$ 2		\$
FRIDAY: PRE-GRAND OLE OPRY DINNER (SANDWICH AND SOUP BUFFET)	\$ 17		\$
CHILD'S PLATE (UNDER 12)	\$ 14		\$
SATURDAY: ASTP LUNCHEON (TRIO SALAD PLATE)	\$ 17		\$
SATURDAY: WOMEN'S LUNCHEON (TRIO SALAD PLATE)	\$ 17		\$
CHILD'S PLATE (UNDER 12)	\$ 14		\$
SATURDAY: LUNCH WITH 96 <sup>th</sup> FRIENDS (TRIO SALAD PLATE)	\$ 17		\$
CHILD'S PLATE (UNDER 12)	\$ 14		\$
SATURDAY BANQUET (PLEASE SELECT YOUR ENTRÉE BELOW)			
FLANK STEAK	\$ 36		\$
GRILLED CHICKEN	\$ 27		\$
BAKED SALMON	\$ 37		\$
CHILD'S PLATE - CHICKEN/JEF (UNDER 12)	\$ 15		\$
<b>MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON</b>			
	\$ 11		\$

Total Amount Payable to **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

PLEASE PRINT: NAME (for name tags) \_\_\_\_\_ BATTERY \_\_\_\_\_ RRC Yes  No   
REGIMENT \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST NAMES - Please list additional guests addresses and email addresses (if known) on the back of this form.  
PH. NUMBER ( ) - - - - - FIRST 96<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION ATTENDEE? YES   
MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS?  YES  NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).  
DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER ( ) - - - - -  
EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.  
Register online and pay by credit card at [www.armedorcesreunions.com/96inf](http://www.armedorcesreunions.com/96inf)

# 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Deadeye Association Reunion - 2008

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion • July 30 - August 2, 2008 in Nashville, Tennessee

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Tour Descriptions on Page 9

3:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>96<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN - 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REUNION</b> JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2008 HOLIDAY INN SELECT, NASHVILLE, TN
TBD	<b>Tuesday, July 29</b> Reunion Registration open
TBD	<b>Wednesday, July 30</b> R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion. History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion. <b>Reunion Registration open</b> FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH (description follows) <b>Reunion Registration open</b> "Welcome Reception!"
8:00am - 11:00am	<b>Thursday, July 31</b> Directors Meeting R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion. History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion. <b>Reunion Registration open</b> GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE (description follows) <b>Reunion Registration open</b> Group Dinner Beer Bust / Cash Bar
TBD	<b>Friday, August 1</b> R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion. History Room. Hours will be posted at the reunion. HERMITAGE MANSION AND LUNCH (description follows) <b>Reunion Registration open</b> Banquet Seating Assignments collected at the Reunion Registration Desk Pre-Opry Buffet Dinner GRAND OLE OPRY (description follows)
8:30am - 10:45am	<b>Saturday, August 2</b> General Meeting / Bronze Star Ceremony Memorial Service Ladies Luncheon ASTP Luncheon Lunch with 96 <sup>th</sup> Friends - Those not attending the Ladies' or ASTP lunch are invited to attend CITY TOUR (description follows) R & R Room (USO Room) Hours will be posted at the reunion. Catholic Mass - all are invited Cash Bar Banquet dinner
1:30pm - 4:30pm	<b>Sunday, August 3</b> Farewells and departures

## HOLIDAY INN SELECT HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

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# Reunion 2008... Nashville, Tennessee

## Nashville... History, Museums and Music

Nashville was founded by James Robertson and a party of Wataugans in 1779, and was originally called Fort Nashborough, after the American Revolutionary War hero Francis Nash. Nashville quickly grew because of its prime location, accessibility as a river port, and its later status as a major railroad center. In 1806, Nashville was incorporated as a city and became the county seat of Davidson County, Tennessee. In 1843, the city was named the permanent capital of the state of Tennessee.



Display at the Country Music Hall of Fame

By 1860, when the first rumblings of secession began to be heard across the South, antebellum Nashville was a very prosperous city. The city's significance as a shipping port made it a desirable prize as a means of controlling important river and railroad transportation routes. In February 1862, Nashville became the first state capital to fall to Union troops.

Though the Civil War left Nashville in dire economic straits, the city quickly rebounded. Within a few years, the city had reclaimed its important shipping and trading position and also developed a solid manufacturing base. The post-Civil War years of the late 19th century brought a newfound prosperity to Nashville.

These healthy economic times left the city with a legacy of grand classical-style buildings, which can still be seen around the downtown area.

It was the advent of the Grand Ole Opry in 1925, combined with an already-thriving publishing industry, that positioned it to become "Music City USA". In 1963, Nashville consolidated its government with Davidson County and thus became the first major city in the United States to form a metropolitan government. Since the 1970s, the city has experienced tremendous growth, particularly during the economic boom of the 1990s under the leadership of Mayor (now-Tennessee Governor) Phil Bredesen, who made urban renewal a priority, and fostered the construction or renovation of several city landmarks, including the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Nashville Public Library downtown, the Sommet Center, and LP Field.

The Sommet Center (formerly Nashville Arena and Gaylord Entertainment Center) was built as both a large concert facility and as an enticement to lure either a National Basketball Association or National Hockey League (NHL) sports franchise. This was accomplished in 1997 when Nashville was awarded an NHL expansion team which was sub-



High Kickin' at the Grand Ole Opry

sequently named the Nashville Predators. LP Field (formerly Adelphia Coliseum) was built after the National Football League's (NFL) Houston Oilers agreed to move to the city in 1995. The NFL debuted in Nashville in 1998 at Vanderbilt Stadium, and LP Field opened in the summer of 1999. The Oilers changed their name to the Tennessee Titans and saw a season culminate in the Music City Miracle and a close Super Bowl game.

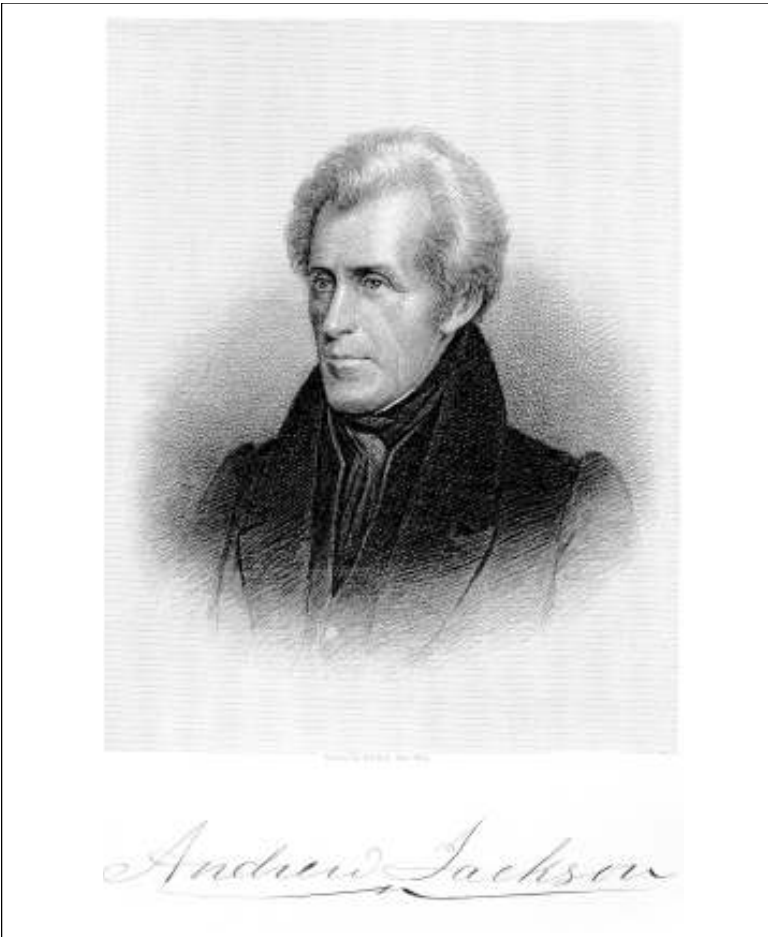
Today the city along the Cumberland River is a crossroads of American culture, and easily the fastest-growing part of the Upper South and the territory between Atlanta and Texas. Currently, there are many plans of building multiple residential and business towers in the downtown area, including the Signature Tower. If constructed, this will be the tallest building in both Nashville and Tennessee surpassing the AT&

T Building, and will also become the tallest building in the USA outside of New York and Chicago, surpassing the Bank of America Plaza in Atlanta.



### Interesting facts about Nashville

A replica of The Parthenon, the famous ancient Greek building in Athens, Greece, stands in Nashville's Centennial Park. Because of this, Nashville is known as "the Athens of the South."



Nashville was the home of former President Andrew Jackson. His house, the Hermitage, is located here.



# Reunion 2008... Nashville, Tennessee

## REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

### FRANKLIN TOUR AND LUNCH

Wednesday, July 30

Step back in time to the Civil War for the Battle of Franklin tour. This was the site of the five bloodiest hours of the Civil War. The tour will include the Carter House, built in 1830, by Fountain Branch Carter. The home is registered as a National Historic Landmark. Also included will be the Carnton Plantation, an antebellum mansion, located in Franklin. This house became a hospital for Confederate soldiers during the War and the only cemetery for both Northern and Southern soldiers. Lunch will be at Monelle's in downtown Franklin between the two home tours. **This tour requires a minimum of 25 people.**

9:00 am board bus, 3:30 pm back at hotel  
**\$79/Person includes bus, guide, admissions, and lunch.**  
**\$67/Children 11-12 years / \$61/Children 4-10 years**

### GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, July 31

Enjoy a ride along the Cumberland River on a 300-foot long vessel styled in the grand tradition of the paddlewheel riverboats that cruised the great Southern waterways in the 1800's. The General Jackson Riverboat is the world's largest showboat. Enjoy a full buffet lunch as you cruise up the Cumberland to downtown Nashville, 14 miles round trip. You'll also be treated to true hand-clappin', toe-tappin' Nashville entertainment.

11:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel  
**\$80/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**  
**\$69/Children 4-11 years**

### HERMITAGE MANSION AND LUNCH

Friday, August 1

Tour the stately manor of our seventh President, Andrew Jackson. Only the Jackson family has lived there and almost all of the furnishings are original. You will be guided by costumed interpreters, weaving tales of Jackson's colorful and controversial life and stories of his family and the slaves who lived and worked there. The tour will highlight the complete restoration of the mansion just as it appeared in 1837. Walk through Rachel's Garden, which contains a variety of shrubs and flowering plants typical of the time period. The tour will also include a film, museum, church, Jackson's tomb, and original log cabins. Enjoy a lunch buffet, after the tour, at the *Cabin by the Spring*, located on the Hermitage grounds. There is a walk (approximately 3 blocks) from where buses will unload to the Mansion. Please wear comfortable shoes!

9:00am board bus, 1:00pm back at hotel  
**\$54/Person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch.**  
**\$49/Children 4-11 years**

### GRAND OLE OPRY

Friday, August 1

Board bus for the Grand Ole Opry. Country's grandest show begins: a live country music radio program that is aired from the Grand Ole Opry House. The Opry has not missed a Saturday broadcast since it began in 1925; it is the longest-running live radio show in the world. Sit back and enjoy an American Institution at its entertaining best.

7:00pm board bus, 11:00pm back at hotel  
**\$59/Person includes bus, escort, and show.**  
**\$49/Children 4-11 years**

### CITY TOUR

Saturday, August 2

Depart for a professionally guided city tour of Nashville to include a "drive-by" of the following: State Capitol, Country Music Hall of Fame, and WWII Museum, with a brief stop. Continue on the see Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, Vanderbilt University, the Parthenon, Two Rivers Mansion and the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Your guides will entertain you with interesting facts, colorful legends, and amusing anecdotes of "Music City" and her people.

1:30pm board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel  
**\$31/Person includes bus and guide.**  
**\$26/Children 4-11 years**

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

#### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the nonrefundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

## REUNION EXTRAS

If you plan to attend the reunion this July and any of the following items apply to you, please fill out where appropriate and return this form to the following address **before June 1**. This is VERY important.

### PRE-ORDER FORM

I want to preorder 96th Deadeye items:

This year, we are trying to get an idea of what items people want to have available for pickup in the USO room. No money needs to be sent, just a true request and a gentleman's agreement to buy when in Nashville at the reunion or a request to have the items mailed to you after the reunion.

	Size	No.
Light Jacket with citation	S M L XL XXL	
Childrens' Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Ladies' Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Men's Polo Shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Adult T-shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Childrens' T-shirts	S M L XL XXL	
Embr. Handkerchiefs		
Deadeye Medallion (\$30)		

### ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR ITEMS

We need the following items brought to the Nashville Reunion:

YES, I will bring some of the following to Nashville!

- Love gifts for the active duty guys and gals and their families in today's 96th RRC
- Bingo Prizes for children and adults
- Door prizes and table gifts for Beer Bust and Banquet
- Ladies' aprons (to be used and returned)
- Playing cards... Can be used at reunion and/or donated to active 96th RRC personnel
- We need old 96th items to recycle to help raise money for the association. If you have any old 96th items you could part with, bring them and donate to the association.

### VOLUNTEER

Yes, I will help in the USO Room

We need help with USO Room and Merchandise sales. Short shifts and any help is appreciated. We especially need men and ladies from second and third generation Deadeye Reunion members. Job description: smile, talk with old friends, make new friends, be there, sit and say hello to our 96th friends, and our new RRC families. Sam, Sis, and Harriet need you! Any day, any time for any length of USO visit!!!!

**For any of the above items, please fill out the information above and return the entire form before June 1 to to one of the following:**

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OLD ADDRESS	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	State Zip
Phone	_____
Email	_____

NEW ADDRESS	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	State Zip
Phone	_____
Email	_____

# Now is the time to... Join the Deadeyes!

## 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association Membership Application

Membership is open to 96th Infantry Division "Deadeyes", their families, friends, and members of the general public who support and are interested in promoting and perpetuating the legacy of the 96th Infantry Division from its beginning in World War I up to the present day 96th Regional Readiness Command.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Those that previously served in the 96th DIV/ARCOM/RSC/RRC and are not currently assigned to a unit:

- 1 year -- \$18.00
- 2 years -- \$34.00
- 3 years -- \$48.00

Those currently assigned to a unit in the 96th RRC or those assigned to another command that previously served in the 96th RRC:

- 1 year -- \$8.00 (yearly renewals are the same amount)

Family members or friends of former 96th Soldiers (WWII or Desert Storm):

- 1 year -- \$10.00 (yearly renewals are the same amount)

----- Detach and Return with Payment -----

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THAT REPRESENTS YOUR STATUS:

- 96th Veteran - Previously served in the 96th Inf Div/ARCOM/RSC/RRC
- Current member of a 96th RRC unit
- Prior service in a 96th unit and still on duty
- Family/Friend of the 96th

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

<p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> 96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association</p> <p><b>Mail application to:</b></p> <p>96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association P.O. Box 581254 Salt Lake City, UT 84158</p>
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# Deadeye News... *Items about the Association*

## New Oklahoma Memorial Dedicated

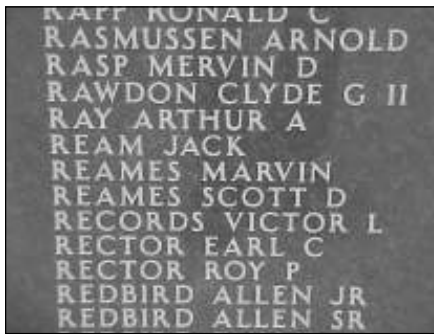


Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, home of Deadeye Marvin Reames (383rd, K Co.), celebrated Veterans Day, 2007 by dedicating its new Military Service Memorial. The memorial honors Kingfisher County soldiers from World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam. On the south end stands the statue of the fallen soldier.

Memorial committee member A. J. Johnson said the idea started four years ago, although it had been discussed for more than a decade. "We started to think we needed to do something appropriate and we began to expand," he said.

The group plans to have enough funding left over to establish a perpetual care fund to maintain the memorial. There are 4,000 names on the memorial and others from Kingfisher County can be added.

The memorial site is one mile west of Kingfisher on Oklahoma 3.



96th Infantry Division Deadeye Assn. member Marvin Reames honored on Kingfisher Memorial

New Oklahoma Memorial shrouded in winter snow



## Buckeye Chapter to hold reunion in May

The Buckeye (Ohio) Chapter of the 96th Infantry Division will hold their 2008 reunion at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio on May 17, 2008, the first Saturday following Mother's Day. All Deadeyes and members of attached units are welcome.

For information contact: Russell Watts, 5107 Sassafras Rd., Columbus, OH 43229-5259, Phone: 614-848-9808 or James Knight, 6023 Landing Pond Place, Grove City, OH 43123-9444, Phone: 614-801-1775.

## Nashville Trivia...Test your knowledge of our 2008 reunion site

**Q. On what Eve was Nashville founded?**

A. Nashville was founded on Christmas Eve 1779.

**Q. Name the 7th and 11th presidents that lived in the Nashville area.**

A. Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk.

**Q. What is the shape of the driveway at President Andrew Jackson's home Hermitage?**

A. The drive is in the shape of a guitar.

**Q. Which Nashville captain gave the American flag its most famous nickname?**

A. Retired Captain William Driver brought his trusty flag "Old Glory" home to Nashville in 1837.

**Q. What was the original name of the Grand Ole Opry?**

A. The WSM Barn Dance.

**Q. What was the longest home of the Grand Ole Opry?**

A. The Ryman Auditorium.

**Q. Portions of 16th and 17th Avenue South are known as what Nashville area?**

A. Music Row.

**Q. Who was the King of Country?**

A. Roy Acuff.

**Q. Who is Mr. Guitar?**

A. Chet Atkins.

**Q. What Nashville musician had a guitar-shaped swimming pool?**

A. Webb Pierce.

**Q. Who became famous as the featured female singer on Porter Wagoner's Show and now has her own theme park in the Smokey Mountains?**

A. Dolly Parton.

**Q. What popular female singer started out as a tour guide at the Country Music Hall of Fame?**

A. Kathy Mattea.

**Q. What singer used to wash dishes at the Nashville Palace and is now credited as beginning the movement of New Traditionalists?**

A. Randy Travis.

**Q. What country music star was known as the Father of Bluegrass Music?**

A. Bill Monroe.

## Past President's Notes



Tom Roby, Past President  
96th Infantry Division Deadeye Association

Greetings to all members of our honored group of Past Presidents of both our former Reunion Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. The years of service you have given to our organizations has not gone unnoticed. The successes you achieved in keeping our organization alive for over fifty years are really appreciated.

Our President Jim Collins and the current Board of Directors want to take advantage of your historical perspectives of our organization. Our goals include perpetuating the legacy of our 96th Infantry Division as well as honoring all those who wear or have worn our double diamond patch. As we struggle with creating our identity, we need your ideas and support.

A number of monuments have been built in remembrance of our departed comrades. How do we make sure that they are maintained whether they are in the Pacific, at military bases in this country or wherever. How should we create a source of money to finance this sacred duty? Should we continue to erect monuments when local groups want it done? Should there be a standing committee to address these issues and make a permanent record of the program?

We currently have a "soldier's relief fund" on our balance sheet of the current organization. We work with the Reserve organization and its affiliates to identify servicemen and their families who are in dire financial straits. So far, we have disbursed wee amounts of money and feel that we need to publicize this program and arrange for future funding. Do you have any ideas?

All members of our original organization became life members of our new organization if they were life members in the Reunion Association and its auxiliary. Obviously, we don't collect any more dues from those life members. If we can substantiate the need for funds, is it fair and reasonable to ask our life members to allocate some donation each year for the future financial needs of the organization?

We are going to have our annual meeting in Nashville this year. If you can make it, please come and visit with your friends and help us make these decisions. Thanks.

**Q. What country music entertainers went into the sausage business?**

A. Jimmy Dean and George Jones.

**Q. Name the Nashville museum that houses Elvis' gold cadillac and piano.**

A. Country Music Hall of Fame.

**Q. According to the Lovin' Spoonful, how many guitar pickers are there in Nashville?**

A. 1352.

**Q. Who is the only country recording artist to be elected**

**twice to the Country Music Hall of Fame?**

A. Roy Rogers.

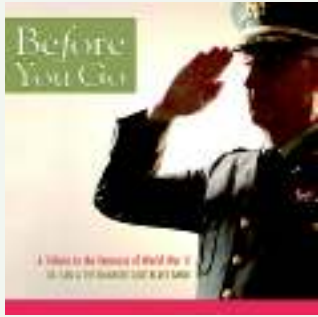
**Q. After drinking a cup of locally produced coffee in Nashville, which U.S. president coined the phrase 'good to the last drop'?**

A. Theodore Roosevelt.

**Q. Although this now famous coffee is still enjoyed everywhere, it was served for the last time at the hotel where it got its start on December 25, 1961.**

**What was the name of the Nashville hotel?**  
A. The Maxwell House Hotel.

# 96<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DEADEYE ASSN. ITEMS



## "Before You Go"

A Tribute to WWII Veterans

[www.managedmusic.com](http://www.managedmusic.com)

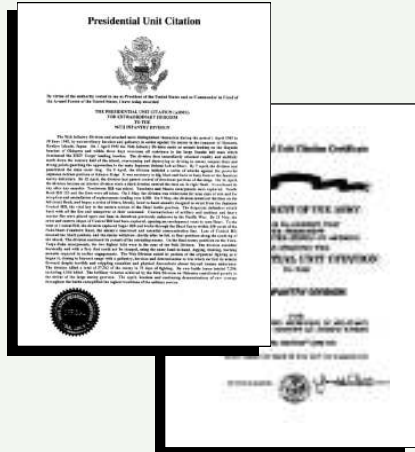
Check out this touching tribute to the veterans of World War II. The song can be purchased from the web site or by calling Managed Music toll-free at 1-888-426-7529. Their address is Managed Music, 6 NE Fisher Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33483.

## Bless Our Soldiers



Jaden's CD, God Bless Our Soldiers Tonight, can be ordered online ([blessoursoldiers.com](http://blessoursoldiers.com)) through PayPal for \$10 plus shipping and handling. Or call toll-free 1-888-893-7193.

Jaden sang at the Dining Out in Salt Lake City



## 96<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Division Presidential Unit Citation Documents Available

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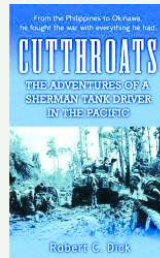
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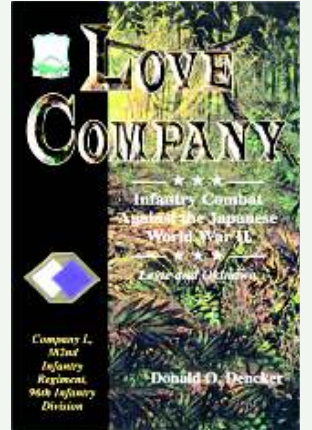


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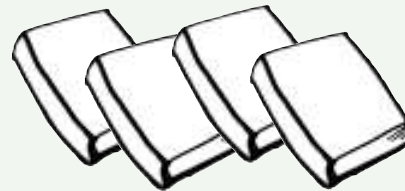
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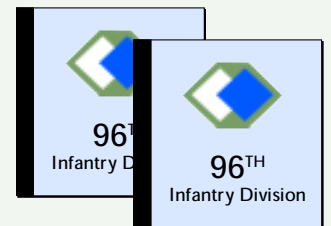
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