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Major General Donald F. Ferrell

New Adjutant General Appointed

Donald F. Ferrell, Oklahoma newspaper publisher and former State Senator was promoted to the rank of Major General by Governor Henry Bellmon, becoming the first Air National Guardsman to serve as the Adjutant General of the Oklahoma National Guard.

Governor Bellmon and Ferrell's wife, Sally, pinned the two-star rank on the new Adjutant General after being sworn in by State Attorney General Robert Henry. The ceremony was held in the Blue Room of the State Capitol Thursday, January 15.

'I am proud of General Ferrell and his service to this state and our nation, Governor Bellmon said. "I know him to be a dynamic leader and a very competent administrator, I will look forward to working with him as the Adjutant

As Ferrell begins his assignment, the Oklahoma Guard's strength for both the Army and the Air is over 11,000 members.

"I appreciate the confidence that Governor Bellmon has expressed and I am very happy to be a part of the Oklahoma National Guard again," the new Adjutant General said.

"This is an exciting time to be the Adjutant General of the Oklahoma National Guard. Today the guard plays such a vital role in the defense of this nation," Ferrell said. "Units of both the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard continue to deploy to sites around the world training with our active duty counterparts.'

Increased emphasis is being placed on the guard to be ready in the event of a national emergency. "The guard continues to receive new and updated equipment into their inventory and the funds to give our guard members the training needed to operate the equipment," Ferrell said.

From the President

A word of thanks goes out to our new editor of the news letter Herman Wilson and to BG Rex Wilson, Eva Lou Moon, and Noma Strickland for their outstanding efforts in getting the newsletter back on schedule where we will have the four editions annually that we have promised.

We have, since, the reunion, made some strides in gaining new membership and renewing some of our old memberships, thanks, to BG Wilson again who has found a new toy, our computer purchased by the Association a year ago. He has all the membership records input plus he and Neal Dodds have input all the financial information on disk and they keep it up on a weekly basis. Our life memberships now number 561 and our total paid membership is 5400 (531 deceased).

Bill Hughes, our Publicity Chairman, has sent notifications of the reunion to nine military oriented publications which should get the word out on the reunion, 27-30 August. He is sending notification to more, so if you see the notification, please clip it out and send it so we know the word is getting out.

Our reunion chairman this year is William G. (Bill) Evans, the 1st VP and in the July issue of the newsletter should be able to give you a run down on what to expect this year from the reunion.

Also advance registration and other information concerning the reunion will be mailed in a separate mail out in June 1987.

The principal speaker for the reunion will be MG James B. McGoodwin, Commander 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard. He was a member of H Company 179 Infantry during Korea.

We have talked with some airlines to arrange for discount tickets up to 45% off for round trip to OKC and return from any of the 48 contiguous states if travel is done between 24 and 30 August. (More information to be furnished in June.)

A rewrite of the constitution and by-laws is being undertaken which will take some of the ambiguous requirements out and will make it a much more compact and complete document. This will be ready for the business meeting during the reunion and will require a vote of approval from the membership.

The theme for the reunion is going to be "45th Back to Germany" since elements of the 45th BDE will train in Germany this Annual Training period. The 45th Infantry Brigade Commander and or his representative will present a slide video program during our business

I encourage you as members to contact your buddy and have them come with you or meet you at the reunion.

Still looking for more Korean era members, Lets Keep The 45th Division ASSN Alive.

Your President

Jimmy R. Jones

Reunions

45th Inf Div Cav Recon Trp WWII (Sept-Albuquerque, NM), Paul Hughes, 4111 Avon N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 344-1519.

CO I, 180 Infantry Regt, July 10 and 11, 1987, Williamsport, PA. Contact: Jack M. Hitesman, 336 East Mountain Ave, South Williamsport, PA 17701 (717) 323-3950.

A Co 120 Engr Bn, May 1987 (Members who served 1950-1952-Korean War). Contact: Mr. Anthony DiPalma, 1430 Thieriot Ave, Bronx, New York City, 10460, (212) 829-1329.

ANZIO BEACHHEAD VETERANS of WWII. Eighth annual reunion 26 thru 29 March 1987, Orlando, FL. Anyone who served from the initial landing on 22 January 1944 until the breakout on 25 May 1944 is invited to attend. Contact: M.E. Hohl, Secretary, 2633 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223.

CO A 120 Medics, WWII. Reunion July 17, 18, 19, 1987. Contact: Mrs. Fred Cannon, 702 E. Main, Cushing, OK 74023. (918) 225-1034.

CO D 179 Inf, will hold its annual reunion in Norman, OK at the Holiday Inn, August 7 and 8, 1987. Contact: Ray Wall, 8508 S. Ross, Okla. City, OK 73159 for further information.

189th FA Reunion. The 189th FA Bn, to include the 202nd FA B and 645 TD Bn will hold its annual reunion in the Marriott Hotel in Okla. City, OK May 8, 9, 1987 contact Zane Ambrose, 4325 Curzon, Ft. Worth, TX 76107. Activities will include socializing, followed by registration, Ladies Activities (to include tour and luncheon), a business meeting Saturday morning and with a banquet Saturday night.

157th Infantry Association: September 15-20 in or near Chicago, IL. (Specific information will be available by summer).

THE FIRST NATIONAL VETERANS UNITY CONFERENCE, a first of its kind in America will be held from May 4th to the 10th, in Los Angeles, Calif, it was announced today by Tony Diamond, Executive Director of BRAVO, Brotherhood Rally of American Veterans Organization, host of the Conference. Contact: David Parks (818) 999-4174, (213) 207-4475.

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New Editor Assigned

Pendleton Woods, the newsletter editor and publisher for the past eight years, has resigned due to the need to pursue other tasks. Pen has been considerate of the Association in performing this volunteer task in an outstanding manner, and we appreciate his efforts.

The new editor is Herman Wilson. Herman has been editor and publisher of several weekly newspapers in Oklahoma and we are pleased to have him on board for this important task.

Composition, typing and other preparatory functions will be performed by the association volunteer staff (Eva Lou Moon, Noma Jo Strickland and Rex Wilson). Art work, typesetting and printing services will be performed and/or monitored by Herman Wilson. This newsletter is our first effort, and we are not promising anything except getting it printed and mailed on a timely basis.

Your Annual Membership Is Now Due

See Newsletter address label for expiration date of your dues.

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Letters to the Editor

RE: JAMES CRENSHAW, Headquarters Company, 45th Division, January 1951 through May 1952, Motorpool NCO, ssan: 226-44-1718, id# military service # US 51063231

Dear Sir.

Our agency has been working with a gentleman who served two years with the 45th in Korea. He has been unable to locate any of his military and medical records. All communications with the records Center in St. Louis have failed as have any V.A. records.

We are wondering if you could be of any assistance or might be aware of any unit records for

the period he served.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The gentleman is a life-time member of your association.

Sincerely, Thomas M. James, Managing Director, P.O. Box 1284, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (804) 971-8449

I thought that you may be interested in hearing of an incident that took place in Paris, France a few months after the end of WWII. I was visiting the Napoleon Shrine. There was a large crowd outside of the masoleum structure and a Moroccan military band was providing some music. I was not prevented from entering the building probably because I wore an American uniform or the police thought that I was part of the ceremony. Once inside, I set up a camera to take a shot of Napolean's casket. A group of French dignitaries entered, among them were the French military hero, General LeClerc along with the mayor of Paris and other French VIPS.

General LeClerc caught sight of the 45th patch on my jacket and told his group that he must stop to meet a friend. (I never met the general). He told me that he fought along side the 45th and considered the division the best he fought with. He asked whether I cared to take a photo of his group and called his group to assemble for a shot. He related to his group the accomplishments of the 45th Division in its effort to liberate France. He sure made me feel proud to have served

with the 45th. Allen Cohen, 5200 Lima Pl, Orlando, FL 32807

Left service in 1952 at the end of the Korean War. Entered the University of Oklahoma and studied Architecture. Reentered service as a PFC and completed OCS (Fort Sill) in 1958 as a 2d Lt Artillery. Served in the 82d Abn Div, and the US Army Special Forces until 1967. During this time completed a tour with the Green Berets in Vietnam. Served on the staff of the US Army Europe during 1967-1970. Served a second tour in Vietnam on the staff of the US Marine Corps III MAF and with Headquarters US Army 24th Corps. Retired in 1974 and completed a degree (BS) in Business Management. Employed as the Senior Army Instructor Junior ROTC at Lumberton Senior High School in Lumberton, NC since and also completed a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. Presently employed as a Senior ROTC Instructor at the High School Level. Walter J. Campbell, 6412 Newcastle Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

I have been reading your paper for some time now and this is the first time I have let you know that I find it very interesting. I keep looking for faces and names of those I served with while with Co F, 279th Infantry from the early days of December 1950 until leaving the unit in Korea, June 1952.

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I wanted very much to attend your last reunion, but because of other commitments was not able to.

I joined the 279th at Fort Polk as a young recruit and retired 22 years later. My first love was the 45th Division and I upheld it throughout my military career. I am proud to have served her. While stationed in Texas in the late 60's, the Division came there for their annual summer training and I was able to visit my past unit and meet many of my comrades and it brought back many memories.

Keep up the good work. The Division ranks high on my list of all Divisions I served with. **John W. Hill**, Route #7, Box 211 Kingston, North Carolina 28501.

Former Tech Sgt (Battlefield promotion to 2d Lt). Harold Cullen and his wife stopped in York to visit me this past summer. He is from Cristfield, Maryland and was in A Co 180th inf, 45 Div. I have been a podiatrist here in York for the past 36+ years. Will probably retire in 1988 when I will be 65 years old. Would like to travel west at that time for an extended vacation, so maybe I'll get to stop in to see you then. **David H. Summers**, 4 Eastern Blvd, York, PA 14702.

I was one of few of our Division that came home to a Ticker Tape Parade on lower Broadway in NYC. On April 1954 the First Division to come as a Division from Korea. Everyone that paraded was not from the 45th. They were from different outfits that were scheduled to rotate at that time.

We assembled at Ascom City and from there boarded the Gen. Nelson M. Walker at Inchon, for a 35 day cruise (ha-ha) to Hawaii thru the Panama Canal to Cartage Columbia, SA, to drop off some Columbian Troops then on to Puerto Rico to drop off more troops, then on to Stapleton, LI, NY, where I was greeted by my family, then on to Camp Kilmer, NJ, to be outfitted for the parade, then the parade on April 1954. After the parade I was asigned to the 287th R.C.T. at Ft Devens, MA., and then my Hon. Discharge on Sept 1, 1954. If anyone from my outfit, Co M, 180th, would care to contact me I would appreciate hearing from them. **Eugene L. Evans**, 223 Conant St., Hillside, NJ 07205

I currently am serving as a Stinger Missile Platoon Leader in the 1st Armor Division. I am stationed at Schwabach, West Germany. When I return to the States in December 1988, I plan on returning to the 45th. I can't wait to come back to work with the Fine Soldiers of the Fighting US. **Jeff Patten**, C Btry, 2-59 ADA, APO NY 09142.

Wants Info on Francis H. Doherty

I have just recently learned of the 45th Infantry Division Association, and that the organization publishes a newsletter.

My father, PFC Francis H. Doherty, was a member of the 45 Division (Company L, 157th Inf) and was killed in action on March 29, 1945, in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

While I do have a copy of the book, "The Fighting Forty-Fifth", I have never corresponded with anyone who might have served with and knew my father during his active duty. I'd therefore, very much appreciate a copy of your newsletter, and any other information the Association might possibly have concerning my father. Contact: Ed Doherty, P.O. Box 525, Durhan, NH 03824

Thunderbirds Re-United

Tom Duncan, Puryear, Tennessee and Art Donovan, Melrose Park, III., who were in the same squad in B Co, 180 RCT through Anzio and France were finally reunited in October. What is ironic about this long separation is that Tom often visited a friend who lived on the same block as Art. The meeting stirred up almost forgotten memories of shared combat experiences and names of comrades, both those who survived and those who did not. Tom and Art agreed that there was one common memory that never faded. That is, how fortunate they were as green replacements to learn the game under such great leaders as Ike Middleton, Jack Garner and Ernie Childers.

Were You a Member of Co D 157th Inf.

Two long-time combat veterans of Co D, 157th Infantry have been collaborating in a very unique hobby for the past two years. Raymond Latham (Columbus, GA) and Ralph Fink (Hershey, PA) are working to relocate veterans who served with Co D at anytime during WWII. Ray and Ralph have set a goal of 166 members. This would put the unit at full company strength according to WWII T/O. Currently the list consists of 145 dues paying members, 46 confirmed deaths since 1945, plus 39 names and addresses of men who have chosen not to become active members. Anyone having knowledge of Veterans who served in Co D, 157th Inf, 45 Div, during WWII are urged to drop a post card with the information to Ralph W. Fink, 19 Williamsburg, Hershey, PA 17033.

CLEARANCE SALE

Puerto Rico's Fighting 65th U.S. Infantry Book

\$5.00

"Oklahoma Today" (45th article)

\$2.00



Seated left to right: Donald Oldham, Ross Routh, and Ernie Brown. Standing left and right: James Adler, David Rose, and Robert Stewart.

Ross Routh Honored on 80th Birthday

Brig Gen Ross H. Routh celebrated his 80th birthday on 4 January 1987. Six former Thunderbirds who served under his command in World War II in the Division Finance Section Paid him a surprise visit at his home in El Paso, Texas on his birthday. The six former finance section members were Donald Oldham and James Adler, Oklahoma City; Anse H. (Eddie) Speairs, Beaufort, SC; Robert Stewart, Tuscon, AZ; Ernie Brown, Charlotte, NC and David Rose, Chicago, II. Oldham, Adler, Speairs and Brown all retired from military service with the rank of Colonel.

General Routh served as the only Finance Officer of the Division during World War II. He was mobilized with the

Division in September 1940 and served until the end of the war. He mobilized with the Division again in 1950. In the assignment of Division Chief of Staff. He was later assigned as the Eighth Army Finance Officer in Korea and served in that capacity for three years. Between the Wars and after the Korean War, Gen Routh served as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for Oklahoma.

General Routh retired in 1965 after 38 years of Military Service. His last assignment was Assistant Adjutant General of Oklahoma.

Many individuals have been assisted in their military careers by Gen Routh's sphere of influence, knowledge and leadership.

Surprise Membership

Mrs. Mervan Benson bought a membership in the association as a surprise for her husband Mervan Benson and sent the following information:

Mervan was a Thunderbird from 1950 to 1956. He has been back in Mountain, AR, for the passed 16 years and has completed 15 years with Weyerhauser Company. He and wife Jackie have five daughters, two Grandaughters and six Grandsons. Mervan had a Triple By Pass in May 1983. He is looking forward to retirement in three more years and plans to just enjoy life and do some traveling. Mervan says he is sure gonna try and make the 87 Reunion.

Commander Honored by 158 FA Association

The 45th Infantry Division Association Educational Fund has received a very generous donation of \$675.00 from the WWII Svc Btry 158 FA Assn in memory of LTC George W. Nikkel (Ret), their WWII Battery Commander from 1941-1944, who died September 3, 1982.

The 158th Assn fund was suggested by the new Association President, Ira S. Hayes, and established by the membership in honor of LTC Nikkel through contributions at their annual reunion in 1983. A Vote of the membership at the annual reunion in 1986 approved the donation to the Educational Fund. This fund is exempt from Federal Income Tax and is administered by the Officers and Board of Directors of the 45th Infantry Division Association.

Usage of Shotguns by the Army

For some time, I have been researching the procurement and usage of shot-guns by the military services. I am slowly writing a book on these unusual weapons. My work relies heavily on veteran's recollections of how shotguns were used by the services for combat, security, aerial gunnery training, or recreational purposes.

I would like to hear from any 45th Infantry Division Association members who have first-hand recollections concerning the use of shotguns by the Army in the European Theatre of Operations during World War two. If any of the older members of your association recall anything about the use of shotguns by the A.E.F., that information would also be of great interest. Also, I am seeking photos from any time period showing shotguns in use by Army or National Guard Personnel.

Whatever publicity which you might be able to give my research in an upcoming issue of 45th Division News will be greatly appreciated. CONTACT: Eric H. Archer, 6940 Bristol Drive, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Former Thunderbird Serves as College Dean Overseas

Mr. Don L. Martin, formerly of Seminole County, Oklahoma and a member of the Thunderbird Division from 1958-61, is currently serving as the Dean, Central Texas College, Pacific Far East Campus. Mr. Martin's office is located in Yokota Air Base (Fussa), Japan, and he supervises delivery of college, basic skills and military related training programs on Guam, Okinawa, Diego Garcia, and in Korea, Republic of the Phillipines and Japan. His students are primarily active duty servicemembers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and their family members in the Pacific and Indian Ocean Region.

Don is the son of the late Paul Martin, longtime Seminole County educator, and Mrs. Martin of 1913 Grisso Dr., Seminole, OK.

Hello From 180th

I cherish all of the friends that I made while I was a member of Service Co., 180th Infantry in WWII. To all of them who may be members of the Association I want to say - Hi Fellows.

It has been several years since the wife and I attended an Association Reunion, but those we did attend leave wonderful memories, and we sure were treated great. I can say I sure am proud to have been a part of such a great Division, and only wish I was closer to it now.

Emil Hessel



Thunderbird Deaths



BROADWATER, ESTON D.

Cresaptown, MD, was killed in an automobile accident July 13th, 1986. He was an active member of the 45th Inf Div Association. His death was reported by his daughter, Ruth L. Hayes.

BOONE, KENNETH C.

Died in 1986. He was in the 700 Ordnance Co and was a member of the 45th Inf Div Assoc. His home was in Okla. City, OK.

BUTTERWORTH, JIM

Died Dec. 19th, 1985. The information was just received from Mrs. Grace Butterworth, Griffin, GA.

CROUSE, MARION

Macomb, IL. Former WWII Commander of 1 Bn, 179th Inf, died 31 Aug. 1986 in Vermont, IL. LTC Kenneth Metcalf, former Division Chaplain, officiated at the services.

FESLER, CHARLES

Essex Falls, NJ. A former member of 158th FA Bn, WWII. This information was received from COL Beverly Finkle.

FIELDS, MAX C.

Oklahoma City, OK. He was a member of Btry A, 189th FA Bn in Europe in World War II. He died 5 Nov, 1986.

HEMPERLY, LEE D.

Harrisburg, PA. Died 24 July 1986. A Member of the 279th Infantry. At his request, he was buried in his last Army Uniform of which he was so very proud.

JOHNSON, JOE

Sun City, CA. Died in September 1986 at the Veteran's Hospital, Loma Linda, CA.

Brown, Gilbert L.

Butterworth, Jim

Crouse, Marion

Fesler, Charles

Fields, Max C.

Furman, H. W. C.

Hemperly, Lee D.

Hopping, Melvin

Kostek, Edward T.

Milton, Hugh M.

Phillips, Clyde E.

Schneider, Nick

Tindle, James E.

Reed, Jean Russell

Thorsell, Burton C.

Weldon, Quincy K.

Wells, H. G. "Pete"

Williams, Robert "Big Boy"

Merithew, Maurice E.

Moroney, John "Jack"

Partee, Woodrow W.

James, Jess J.

Johnson, Joe

Larson, Jess

Hevland, Wayne, Jr.

Gerken, Harold

Cybulski, Stanley

DeMairo, Anthony

Edwards, Charles R.

Cook, Woodrow W.

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KOSTEK, EDWARD T.

Hatfield, MA. Died Oct 11, 1986. He went overseas with 189th FA Bn World War II.

LARSON, JESS

Washington, DC. Died February 1987. He was inducted as Commander, 160th FA Bn from 1940 to 1943. He received the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart. Full military services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel in Arlington National Cemetery.

MERITHEW, MAURICE E.

Kempner, TX. He was a member of Co A, 120th Engr Bn during WWII. He died in 1986.

MORONEY, JOHN "JACK"

Fort Lauderdale, FL. Served in Co G, 180th Inf Regt in WWI!. He died in October 1986.

REED, JEAN RUSSELL

Hot Springs, AR. A former judge of Oklahoma's Industrial Court. A veteran of WWII, Reed retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after receiving the Silver Star and Purple Heart for action in Sicily and Italy.

WILLIAMS, ROBERT "BIG BOY"

Portland, OR. A member of Co A, 645th TD Bn in Europe. He died on Sept. 30, 1986.

COOK, WOODROW W. KIRPATRICK

Colonel Woodrow W. Cook (Woody), US Army Retired, 69, died November 10, 1986 at the Andrews Air Force Base Hospital, Washington, D.C. of complications resulting from a long bout with cardio-vascular disease and cancer. He was a resident of Upper Marlboro, MD. He was born in Wetumka, OK. Colonel Cook was inducted with the Division in September 1940. Colonel Cook served in Korea on two separate tours in 1951 and 1969; served as

Armish MAAG in Teheran, Iran in 1958-60, as Adjutant General, Headquarters, US Army Europe in Heidelberg, with intermittent Continental US assignments as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the Military District of Washington. After 32½ years of service Colonel Cook was awarded the first plaque ever given to a Colonel upon retirement by the officers and men of the famous Old Guard of Arlington Cemetery and Fort Myer, Virginia.

WELDON, QUINCY K.

Carthage, TX. He was a member of Hq Btry, 189th FA Bn during WWII. He died quietly on June 11, 1986, and was buried in Carthage, TX, June 14th, 1986

FORMER NMSU PRESIDENT DIES

Gen Hugh M. Milton II of Las Cruces, NM, a Pre-WWII Thunderbird and former undersecretary of the Army and 12th president of New Mexico State University, died January 27, 1987, at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX. He was 89. Milton was named assistant secretary of the Army in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1958, he was appointed undersecretary of the Army, putting him in charge of Army operations throughout the world. He continued in the job until he retired from the military in January 1961.

PHILLIPS, CLYDE E.

Lahoma, Oklahoma, deceased March 1987. Clyde was a Division Korean veteran. He served in 179th Inf during the Korean War. He later was assigned as S-4 3rd Bn 179th Inf and a staff position in Division Headquarters. Clyde was a US Postal service employee in Enid, OK. He was better known to friends and associates as "FIELD RANGE".

Taps Blessing, William Boone, Kenneth C. Broadwater Eston D. Considerable progress has been made in several areas of the museum's opera Considerable progress has been made the security fence and gate on the South

in several areas of the museum's operation, according to Ed Reber, Chairman, Board of Directors. Seven new display cases have been purchased, installed, and filled with artifacts from the WW-II period. Work is underway on improving and up dating displays in the Korean Room & the Reaves American Weapons Collection.

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A leading museum conservationist was employed to inspect all areas of our operation and to recommend improvements in the methods, procedures, and facilities to preserve our irreplaceable assets. Particular attention was given to the Bill Mauldin cartoon collection and applicable recommendations have been implemented. A new custom built sharp freezer has been donated to treat all fabric, paper, and other items susceptible to insect infestation already in or subsequently added to the museum's collections. Other suggestions will be followed which may be within our financial means when time and staffing permit. Another area being given attention is our audio/visual and motion picture capability - VHS Video cassette features, such as Victory at Sea, The World at War, the WW-II CBS series narrated by Walter Cronkite, etc., are being procured to be shown on a large screen TV, a VCR, and a Video Player donated to the museum. Our AV slide show and motion picture films will be converted to VHS format and other historical military cassettes will be purchased as finances become available.

Our highest priority need is to complete the security fence and gate on the South side of the museum property to prevent intrusion on the property when the museum is closed and to avoid thefts and vandalism on the aircraft, vehicles, and guns on display in the Military Park. This will cost from about \$23,000 to \$35,000 depending on the methods employed. Security inside the museum needs improvement by having more volunteers on duty to provide roving surveillance throughout the display areas.

To obtain funding and support not presently available the new Adjutant General of Oklahoma, MG Donald E. Ferrell, suggested forming a 45th Inf Div Museum Society composed of past and present members of the 45th, Oklahoma Military Dept, historians and other friends of these groups. This recommendation is presently under study.

Individual fluorescent light fixtures have been installed over each exhibit case in the Reaves Gun room which has vastly improved the visibility of the items and labels on display.

It is planned that the museum will be open for the three Veterans holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day) with appropriate ceremonies to be conducted for each. MG Ferrell will be the principal Speaker on Memorial Day. Arrangements are being made by Museum Board members Scott Wells and Jim Bruno.

Help We Are Lost

We have lost mailing addresses of the following listed individuals. There are several members with long term paid memberships. We would appreciate your assistance in locating these lost Thunderbirds.

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| Blair | OK | 1987 |
| Statin Island | NJ | 1992 |
| Jenks | OK | 1987 |
| Endicott | NY | 1986 |
| Okla. City | OK | 1986 |
| Tahlequah | OK | 1987 |
| Okla. City | OK | 1986 |
| Okla. City | OK | 1987 |
| Bartlesville | OK | 1986 |
| New Salem | PA | 1993 |
| Topeka | KS | 1986 |
| Houston | TX | 1986 |
| Lawton | OK | 1987 |
| Lawton | OK | LIFE |
| Thomaston | ME | 1989 |
| Tulsa | OK | 1986 |
| Earlsboro | OK | 1986 |
| Okla. City | OK | 1986 |
| Seoul | Korea | 1986 |
| Marlborough | CT | 1992 |
| Bartlesville | OK | 1986 |
| Bristow | OK | 1986 |
| Ada | OK | 1986 |
| Ft. Lee | VA | 1986 |
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| Norman | | 1987 |
| Ada | OK | 1987 |
| Muskogee | OK | LIFE |
| Enid | OK | 1986 |
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| Stillwater | | 1986 |
| Springfield | | 1987 |
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| Owasso | | 1987 |
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Looking for Buddies

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Charles F. Morrison, 1206 Elmwood, Gainesville, TX 76240 would like to hear from any member of the 45th Recon Co. in the Korean War.

Items for Newsletter

We need your continuing support in providing information on items of mutual interest for the newsletter.

News items should be brief (one page preferred and if typed, double spaced to preclude retyping.

You may submit pictures, but submit only copies that you do not want returned.

This is your newsletter and you will control the contents, so lets get it rolling.

Reunion Data

Data on the 42nd Annual Reunion to be conducted at the Hilton Inn West, 1-40 and Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK, 27-30 August will be forwarded by a first class mailing early in June 1987.

All necessary forms for registration, hotel reservations, transportation requirements, etc., will be included in the mailout.

Old Friends Meet

James C. Bonsell, 712 N. 6th St.,
Bellwood, PA 16617, writes that he
recently was reunited with a boyhood
friend, James B. Domenick, RR 4,
Tyrone, PA 16686. They entered the
Army together in 1943 and were
assigned to the 45th Infantry Division
as replacements during the Sicilian
Campaign. Bonsell was assigned to
Company F, 180th Infantry, Domenick
to Company A, 179th Infantry. They
did not see each other again until
February 1987. They would like to
hear from anyone who remembers
them.

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