

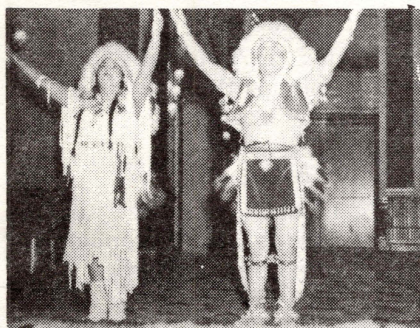
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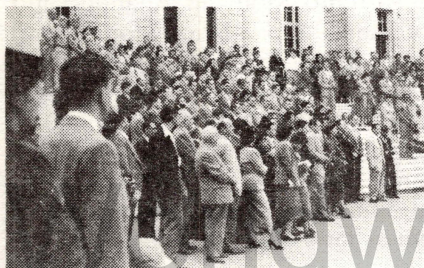
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Remember New York?



The pictures, above and below, were made at a late 1940s reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association in New York. Were you there, and if so, can you find yourself in the picture below?



1981-2 Budget of \$9,475 Approved

A proposed budget, totalling \$9,475, was approved for the Association's fiscal year 1981-82. Approval was made at the general membership meeting at the Association's annual reunion in Oklahoma City.

Budgeted expenses include \$1,500 for printing, stationery and office supplies; \$2,000 for postage; \$25 for the annual OCS Tactics Award; \$2,000 for reunion expenses; \$200 for the president's contingency fund; \$3,000 for publication of the 45th Division News; and \$750 for membership committee expenses.

Anzio Vets to Meet

The Third Annual Reunion of the Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II will be held March 12 and 13 at Orlando, Fla. Anyone who served on land, at sea, or in the air, with the Allied Forces from the initial landing on Jan. 22 until May 29, 1944, is invited to attend.

For information, write Joe Lombard, 1246 Old Mill Rd., Orlando, Fla. 32806.

45th Division Monument in Oklahoma City to be Moved

The 45th Infantry Division Monument, on Couch Drive between Robinson and Harvey in downtown Oklahoma City, is being moved about 50 feet west of its present location to give it a better position in the downtown redevelopment.

When moved, it will be at the west entrance to the atrium covering Couch Drive between new buildings which will be developed by Leadership Properties.

The 45th Infantry Division Association, which raised the funds for building the monument, has signed a contract with the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority and Leadership Properties for its removal at no cost to the Association.

Hal Adamson, first vice president of the Association, represents us in

overseeing the fulfillment of the contract.

In addition to relocating the monument, Leadership will replace the division historical map, embedded in the masonry walk, which tells of the combat movements of the 45th. Leadership will also arrange for re-finishing of the metal Thunderbird emblems at the crest of the red granite monument.

When the project is completed, the 45th Monument will be located within a circular drive at the west end of the atrium.

The total redevelopment project will be completed in about two years, but the monument will be removed and re-set well ahead of the completion of the development.

73 Thunderbirds Accept Local Chairmanship In State Campaign

Seventy-three Thunderbirds have accepted chairmanship of local community recruiting of Association members throughout Oklahoma, and have been seeking names of former Guardsmen as well as wartime division members.

This Oklahoma team is serving under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Bob Morgan, State Adjutant General, who also serves as Honorary Chairman of the campaign and as Chairman of the Oklahoma Recruiting Committee.

Local membership chairmen are James Carpenter, Lexington; Larry Campbell, Edmond; Larry Koch, Muskogee; James Bennett, Bristow; Marvin, Kittell, Norman; Charles H. Ritter, Stillwater; Roger L. Young, Ponca City; Spencer Key, Fairfax; Donald Blossch, Sapulpa; Billy Evans, Cushing; and Charles Connell, Bartlesville.

Others are Levi Dawson, Pawhuska; Lawrence Daylor, Perry; Michael Coplen, Pawnee; Leonard Edmonds, Durant; James Hallmark, Idabel; David Butler, Poteau; Melvin Hunt, Hartshorne; John W. Smith, Holdenville; and Thomas L. Smith, Allen.

Also serving as local chairmen are

Michael Adair, Atoka; Jimmy Branstetter, Tulsa; Kenneth Goodwin, Broken Arrow; Hilip Clouse, Miami; Irvin Schell, Vinita; Jack T. Eagle, Claremore; Paul D. Griggs, Nowata; and Larry Stice, Chandler.

Others serving are Jerry Drake, Pauls Valley; William L. Martin, Seminole; Guy Ellison, El Reno; Babe Milam, Guthrie; Patrick W. Bates, Ada; Benny Wilkerson, Wewoka; John Seifried, Konawa; Kenneth L. Aldridge, Ardmore; Richard A. Sites, Madill; and Bobby G. Beavers, Tishomingo.

Other local chairmen are Leonard Johnson, Enid; William R. Lynn, Lawton; Leslie Blalock, Anadarko; David Gleason, Duncan; Marvin Lindsey, Chickasha; Donnie Gray, Altus; Ronald C. Roberts, Mangum; Gary D. Jones, Hollis; Alan Maynard, Weatherford; and Kenneth Nunnemaker, Clinton. Also, Woodrow Carter, Hobart; Thomas D. Aytes, Blackwell; Kent Arnett, Alva; Norman Fletcher, Woodward; Gus Altebauner, Watonga; Don Pendleton, Tonkawa; Arthur Baldridge, Okmulgee; John Shropshire, Euaula; Beny C. Cox, Wagoner; Dennis Hardesty, Haskell; and Charles E.

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1983 Reunion of 157th Infantry Association To Be Held Jointly With 45th Association

The 1981 Reunion of the 157th Infantry at Colorado Springs was a smashing success, with record attendance from 35 states and the Republic of France. Many had never been to a previous reunion.

At the close of the meeting it was decided that the 1982 Reunion will be held in the Denver area and that the 1983 reunion will be a joint meeting with the 45th Infantry Division Association in Oklahoma City.

A special guest at the reunion was

Jean B. Pierre of Chaumont, France. Jean, as an 18 year old member of the French resistance (FFI), joined the regiment as an unofficial member of Company D in France and served with that company until he was seriously wounded near the German border.

At the reunion banquet he was presented with the Colorado Meritorious Service Medal by Colorado's adjutant general, John L. France. Through the generosity of a number

Financiers Meet in OKC

The 45th Division Finance Section held a mini-reunion in connection with the Association reunion in August. Ross H. Routh, World War II Finance Officer and later assistant adjutant general, keeps in touch with former section members through an occasional newsletter.

Company Meets

Company E, 157th Infantry, held its annual reunion at the Cow Palace in Lamar, Colo. October 2-4.

Engineers Meet

Co. A, 120th Engineer Bn., Korean War era, held its second reunion in October. Anthony DiPalma, 1430 Thieriot Ave., Bronx, N.Y., was in charge.

Krasowski Manages Hotel

Stephen W. Krasowski wrote from the Sorrento Motel in Atlantic City expressing appreciation for being elected to the Association's board of directors. He also wrote for a list of Thunderbird items for sale. He said if any 45th men want to gamble in Atlantic City to get in touch with him at the hotel and he will take care of them as far as lodging goes.

Post-Reunion visit

Elbert J. Vickers, formerly with Co. C, 179th Infantry, and who now lives in Lynn, Mass. (74 Rockaway St.), wrote after attending the reunion: "I had a marvelous time and everybody was friendly. Those who had anything to do with the reunion should be congratulated. Next year I am bringing my wife with me." Following the reunion, Elbert visited with six men from his former company.

First Reunion

Stan Carbaugh, of Bend, Oregon, who is serving as Oregon membership chairman, wrote that he enjoyed the convention — the first he had ever attended. He is an independent businessman in Oregon.

of association members, he was entertained royally in Colorado and elsewhere.

Later he went to South Carolina, where Thunderbird Bud McMillan took him on a grand tour of the South, including Disney World in Florida. Jean is a school teacher in Chaumont, France.

279th Group Honors Colonel John Hillman

John Hillman, former commander of the 279th Infantry Regiment and later the first battle group, 279th Infantry, when battle groups were formed, was the honored guest at a reunion of the 279th in Okmulgee early in September. The day was proclaimed John Hillman Day in Okmulgee in his honor.

More than 100 former and present members of the 279th attended the reunion.

Extended Visit

Wilbert W. Mercer, of Bellingham, Wash., made an extended visit in Oklahoma following the reunion, not returning home until mid-October. He has accepted state chairmanship for our membership campaign.

Early Bird

Johnny Nix of Kilgore, Texas, didn't wait for our membership campaign to get started, but placed a notice in his local newspaper as soon as he returned from the reunion, with immediate results. He mailed us a clipping from the Texas newspaper.

Dedication Impressionable

"I was very impressed with the dedication of the 45th Museum and enjoyed the hospitality at the reunion, wrote Elmer L. Graves of Warwick, R.I., who is serving as our Association's Rhode Island membership chairman.

Local Membership Chairmen

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Summers, Henryetta.

Others are Howard Crawford, Okemah; Billy G. Wallis, Tahlequah; Tyrone Lillian, Stilwell; Chester Phillips, Kingfisher; Clifton Barger, Shawnee; Donald Logan, Marlow; Ronald Burkey, Mnco; Robert Treadwell, Healdton; Billy S. Warrington, Walters; Richard Krouse, Sperry; and Thomas Sudduth, McAlester.

Horton is Recruiter

Jim Horton, Breckenridge, Texas, is into our Association membership campaign big, having requested 25 membership applications. If any of you need applications, write Bob Armstrong at the Association address, or simply collect the \$5 check, made out to the Association and send it to Bob with full name, address, Zip Code and former Thunderbird unit.

President's Corner

By Harlos Hatter

The membership drive, ably directed by our Adjutant General, Robert Morgan, honorary chairman, and Pendleton Woods, general committee chairman, is in full swing and producing excellent results. The outstanding work by state and local area assistant committee chairmen is hereby acknowledged and most appreciated.

Mike Milligan, chief of staff of the Oklahoma Military Department, is committee chairman for membership activities in the active units of the Oklahoma National Guard.

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The 45th Infantry Division Museum is a busy place indeed, with expanded activities and displays. For you who have not visited the museum, acknowledged by experts as one of the outstanding museums of its kind in America, you are missing the experience of a lifetime. Admission is free and the museum is open daily, including Saturday and Sunday afternoons. One of the many areas of emphasis at this time is our biography file. We need a biographical sketch and a photo from every former member of the 45th Infantry Division. Just draft a biographical sketch and send it to the museum, and the staff will organize and type it for filing.

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Urban renewal and redevelopment in downtown Oklahoma City necessitates relocation of the 45th Infantry Division Thunderbird monument, located on Couch Drive between Harvey and Robinson Avenues in downtown Oklahoma City. The monument will be relocated approximately 50 feet west of its present location. It will be completely refurbished and erected in a park-like setting of its own. Your association first vice president, Hal Adamson, is overseeing the relocation project, ably advised by museum chairman Fred Daugherty on historical background and Bill Henderson on legal matters.

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Intensive plans and actions are already underway for the 37th 45th Infantry Division Association reunion. Paul Robinson is general reunion committee chairman. Added emphasis on ladies activities is gaining planning momentum.

Anzio Veterans Will Meet in Florida in March 1982

For some years there has been an organization called "Anzio Beach-head Veterans of World War II," which holds annual reunions in

Florida. Next meeting will be in March, 1982. Contact is Joe A. Lombard, 1246 Old Mill Road, Orlando, Fla. 32806.

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Robert C. Armstrong Secretary
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T-Bird Deaths

JOHN H. MCCASLAND

The 45th Infantry Division Association lost one of its most devoted and hardworking members with the death of John H. McCasland, one of the true legends of the 45th. He served as Provost Marshall in Europe and Korea, then as Chief of Staff as full colonel until retirement. He was for many years Oklahoma City Postmaster. His principal activity following retirement was the 45th Division Museum.

ROGER MAUS

Roger Maus, whose National Guard service included Mexican Border duty, World War I, and World War II, died recently. As a full colonel he was U.S. Property and Disbursing Officer and 120th Quartermaster regimental commander when the 45th was a square division. He was one of few remaining pre-World War I Guard pioneers.

JAMES BRATTON

James Bratton, who rose from a private in the 180th Infantry prior to World War II up to the inspector general's post with the 45th, died in early January following a long illness. This veteran guardsman was a prominent and highly respected McAlester attorney.

GEORGE A. KARG

George A. Karg, who had been with Co. D, 157th Infantry, died in Denver, Colo.

PAUL D. FANCHER

Paul D. Fancher, Hamersville, Ohio, a World War II Thunderbird, died April 8. He had planned to attend the 1981 reunion.

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(Through September 20, 1981)

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Sass, Norman Holt
Turnbo, George W.
Turner, Harold Ira
Youell W. Ray (Sie)

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Pueschel, Clement
Sardinha, Walter A.
Skoo, Clinton L.
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Synan, William E.
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Fesler, John F.
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Fry, Lee E.
Gage, John L.
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Gravel, Lawrence
Hagy, Wiley E.
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Hawkins, William E. Jr.
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Hurd, James M.
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Otero, Luciano A.
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Winner, Tom G.
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Wood, Ovia C.
Wood, Woody C.
Wright, Coy

JURDY PAUL MORGAN

Jurdy Paul Morgan, first sergeant for Hq. Co, 1st Bn., 179th Infantry in World War II, died October 4 in Houston. He was buried in Ardmore, OK.

DAVID S. CHOCKLETT

David S. Chocklett, formerly of L Company, 157th Infantry, died in Roanoke, Va., where he was living.

BILL J. ROSS

Bill J. Ross, former Thunderbird from Dewey, Oklahoma, died June 2.

ANDREW M. RONDELLO

Andrew M. Rondello, formerly of Anti-Tank Company, 157th Infantry, died in Elmhurst, N.Y.

EVERETT R. CLARK

Everett R. Clark, former Thunderbird living in Tahlequah, died October 23, 1980.

THIM FINLEY

Thim Finley, Marlow, OK, who was a sergeant in the MP Bn. in World War II, died September 7.

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