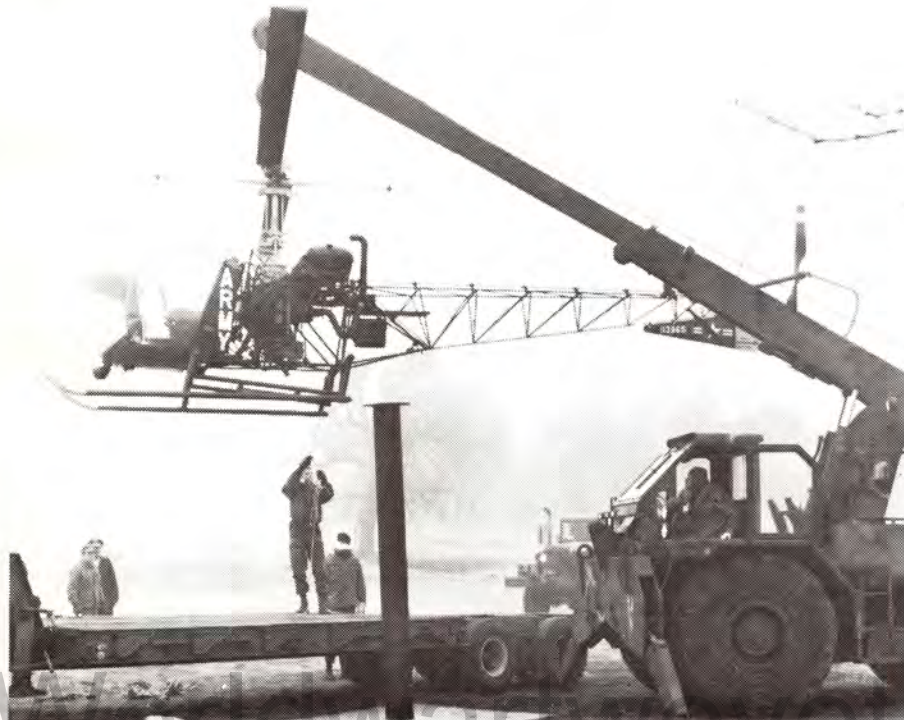


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Military aircraft displayed at the 45th Infantry Division Museum can be seen in the outdoor park, mounted upon steel pedestals, such as this helicopter, which is shown during the mounting operation. The outdoor military park surrounds the museum.

Governors of Four States Invited To 1982 45th Division Reunion

Governors of all four states which furnished National Guard troops for the 1940 call-up of the 45th Infantry Division have been invited to the 1982 Reunion, to be held at the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City August 27-29.

Expected to attend the final banquet of the reunion will be governors of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, which comprised the division from 1923 until the outbreak of World War II.

A big round of activities is planned for the reunion, with an emphasis upon sightseeing, visiting and general fellowship. A big round of ladies' activities is planned.

Although the reunion officially opens Friday, August 27, activity will begin Thursday afternoon as visitors begin arriving, and the huge Gazebo room has been reserved for Thursday

night visiting and activities. Local Thunderbirds will be meeting planes at the airport in order to drive visitors to the convention site.

Friday's activities will include registration, fellowship, visiting, trips to the museum, and optional tours to other city sites.

A highlight Friday night will be the annual reception at poolside, followed by a buffet, games and dancing.

The annual business meeting will be held Saturday morning, to be followed by the Memorial Service.

The final banquet, entertainment, short comments by visiting dignitaries, and a dance will conclude the reunion.

General chairman of the reunion is Paul Robinson, while Hal Adamson is entertainment chairman. Mrs. John Embry heads a ladies activities committee.

45th Association Nets 35% Member Increase

The first six months of the 45th Infantry Division Association membership campaign have resulted in a net increase of more than 600 members, or a 35 percent net gain.

Membership enrollment between September 1 and March 3 included 679 one year, 245 four year, 40 ten year and 51 life members, totalling 1,015, with about 400 of these being renewals or upgrading of one year to multi-year memberships.

More than 2,500 names of prospective members, not already known to the association, were submitted to the membership chairman as a result of the work of state chairmen, combined with a newspaper campaign.

Both names of prospects and new memberships continue to come in daily.

Membership campaign plans are to continue the present procedure through the 1982 reunion, then to extend the campaign into new areas, said Pendleton Woods, chairman of the membership committee, which continues for a three-year period.

Following the reunion, the campaign will go into a second phase, which will include seeking state chairmen for the 23 states in which we do not now have leaders, promoting the formation of local chapters, which may wish to hold occasional get-togethers in areas where there are enough former T-Birds congregated, and the development of three audiovisual programs dealing with the 45th Division, which can be made available to local groups for meetings.

Why No Monument?

"I was in Washington, D.C. recently and saw the Iwo Jima memorial and the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagle memorial," wrote Joe F. Johnson of Sun City, Calif., "I think our division is as good or better. Where is our Washington Monument?"



This sketch by Norman Maffai of the unloading of ammunition from a jeep in Sicily, is one of more than 150 combat drawings made by Maffai during his tour overseas with the division in World War II.

Norman Maffai Combat Sketches Will Become Special Exhibit at Museum

The combat sketches of Norman Maffai are set for display in a showing in the special exhibits room of the 45th Infantry Division Museum. They replace the Red Cross exhibit, which was on display in the room during the past year.

The display includes sketches made by Maffai, a World War II member of the 158th Field Artillery, principally during the Sicilian, Anzio and Salerno campaigns. His originals were sketched on whatever paper the redleg artist could muster, including lined tablet paper and wrapping paper. Some sketches were made while Maffai was riding in the bed of a moving truck and others

while he was lying in ditches.

Maffai, who is a Franklinville, N.Y. art dealer, attracted the attention of Thunderbirds last year when some of his sketches appeared in the 45th Division News, and as a result, he brought some of them with him in the 1981 reunion. There they attracted even more attention, and favorable comment for their realism.

A short tape recorded narration on the artist and the background for his sketches will be placed in the exhibit room for visitors to hear.

The display will remain in the special exhibits room at least through the remainder of the year.

45th Infantry Division Monument Removed During Mall Construction



Monument during removal

The 45th Infantry Division Monument in Civic Center Park in downtown Oklahoma City, is now removed, and will remain in storage for about two years while the area is being developed into an office mall.

When re-assembled in exactly its same form, it will be located about 40 feet to the west of its former location.

You May Qualify For Anzio Association

The Anzio Beachhead Association sent us a copy of its membership roster, which included a number of 45th Division people, and we have invited those not members of our association to join.

Many of our own members of World War II vintage are eligible also for membership in the Anzio association. For information, write Colonel Joe Lombard at 1246 Old Mill, Orlando, Florida 32806.

158th Plans Reunion

The annual reunion of the 158th Regimental Combat Team (Bushmasters' Association) will be held September 4 at the Howard Johnson Caravan Motel in Phoenix, Arizona.

Marvin H. Clayton, 1970 Sidney Street, Bountiful, Utah 84010, is in charge. The 158th was part of the 45th Infantry Division prior to WW II.

101st President

Jim Royle, formerly of Co. E, 157th Infantry, is currently president of the 101st Infantry Regimental Association.

Calhoun Retires

Bill Calhoun, formerly of Hq. 157th Infantry, recently retired as parks and recreation director for Opelika, Alabama.

T-Bird Seeks Addresses

Edward M. Ledbetter, a new member of the association, is attempting to locate John L. Dunbar and Paul L. Peterson, both formerly of Co. E, 180th Infantry, and neither are on our division association address list. If you know their addresses, write us and we will forward the information to Mr. Ledbetter.

Company Holds Reunion

Twenty-three former members of Co. E, 157th Infantry, attended a reunion in Lamar, Colo. during the first weekend in October. Otto Miller was elected president of the company association, and Harold F. Tomlin was elected vice president. Robert Pflanz was reelected secretary-treasurer.



Heard From...

Cyril R. Murphy, Baltimore, Md., is serving as president of the Baltimore chapter of the Reserve Officers Association. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Cyril is also membership chairman for the state of Maryland for the 45th Infantry Division Association.

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George Corkren, who attended the 1981 reunion, and who is membership chairman for Mississippi, wrote that he enjoyed the reunion and hopes to attend next year. George lives at Rt. 2, Box 139, Ackerman, Ms. 39735.

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Calvin C. Wasley, of 34 W. River Styx, Hopatcong, N.J., writes that the reunion is something that he and Mrs. Wasley will never forget. He has agreed to serve as New Jersey chairman for the association.

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Calvin Wasley, who attended the 45th Reunion, renewed his acquaintance with his best Army friend, Allen Walton, after a separation of 35 years. Calvin was "re-discovered" through Walton's son. Allen and Calvin enjoyed a visit in Arkansas while Calvin was en route to the association reunion.

We received a long letter from Jeff Carlton, 2395 Lake Pancoast Dr., Miami Beach, Fla. 33139, who served as an Forward observer with the 158th FA in Europe. He is looking for the address of Robert Perkins, who was from Atlanta, Ga., who was attached to the division as a journalist.

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Sarah Ann "Sally" Stauffer, who was an American Red Cross "Donut Dolly" attached to the 45th from Anzio to Munich, writes commending the association for its special exhibit in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross at the 45th Division Museum and later at the old Union Railroad Station in Oklahoma City. She writes that "The 45th's tradition continues as it honors another fine tradition which we hope we helped to uphold in both areas."

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Rafael Chavez Flores, former Thunderbird who won the Silver Star in World War II, has had to have both legs replaced with artificial limbs, and recently suffered blindness. He lives at 3250 Harrison, San Francisco, Calif. 94110.

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Henry Kilburg, who served with F, C, and Third Battalion Headquarters companies of the 157th Infantry, has retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Final Korea PIO Sends Artifacts

Stewart G. Real, who was the final public information officer for the 45th Infantry Division in Korea, and who coordinated the ceremonies dealing with the return of the division to the United States, has donated to the 45th Division Museum an outstanding collection of historical materials dealing with the return and disbandment of the active army division.

The collection includes a narration of the return of the division on tape; an 8 mm film on the final division review; miscellaneous photos, clippings and souvenir items on the final year in Korea; photos, clippings and a scrapbook on the division's farewell review; and clippings and photos on the return to the United States.

Especially interesting was the parade in Korea, in which each major unit of the division prepared a float to take part in a parade, backgrounded by the stark Korean hills.

This collection from Colonel Real is one of the most outstanding and unique recent additions to our museum collection.

Kenneth O. Surgeon of Abilene, Texas, writes that he and his wife look forward each year toward the annual reunion. "Each year it gets better, and, of course, it is always so good to see old acquaintances."

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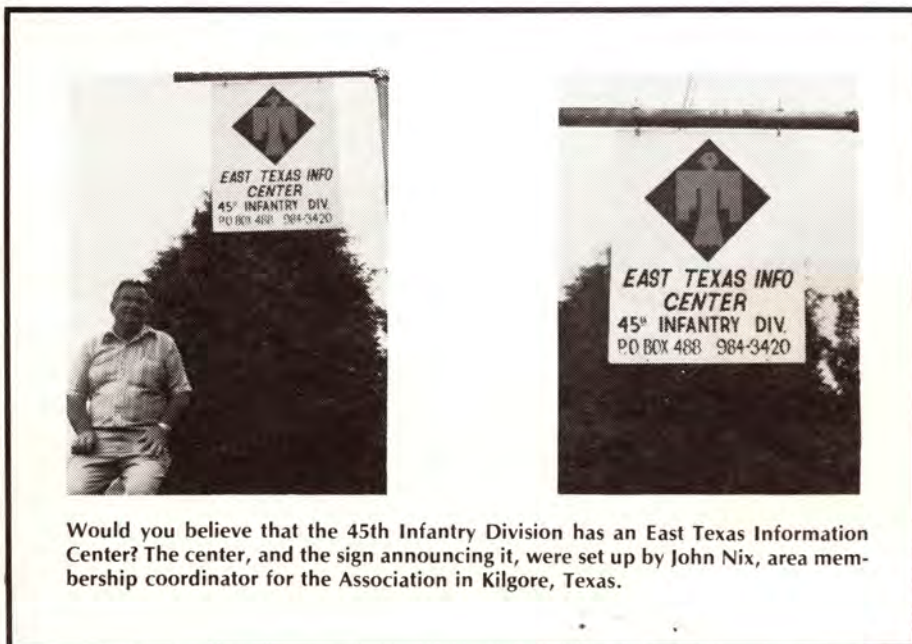
"As usual, both my wife and I had a great time at the reunion, seeing old friends, and making new ones," wrote Willard C. "Bill" Olson of Minneapolis, MN.

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"I am in favor of your drive to locate former members of the 45th, hoping it may provide a means to bring together more associates who formerly worked together, side by side, in a common effort," wrote Walter Sardinha, of Scottsdale, Ariz. Walter has retired and he now spends a good deal of time traveling.

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"I certainly enjoyed myself at my first reunion, and will be there next year," wrote Bob Renner, in accepting the Iowa chairmanship of our membership campaign.



Would you believe that the 45th Infantry Division has an East Texas Information Center? The center, and the sign announcing it, were set up by John Nix, area membership coordinator for the Association in Kilgore, Texas.

JAMES D. SHI, JR.

James D. Shi, Jr., formerly of Co. M, 157th Infantry, died in Peachtree City, Ga.

HARVEY H. SIEBERT

Harvey H. Siebert, who had been with Service Company, 157th Infantry, died in Batesville, Indiana.

CARL R. TYLER

Colonel Carl R. Tyler, who was a WW II member of Service Company, 179th Infantry, and who following the War was highway patrol chief and later head of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, died late in January.

HARVEY E. VOCKE

Harvey E. Vocke, who served with Co. E, 157th Infantry, died in Pittsburg, Calif.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, a former member of the 160th Field Artillery, died July 20, 1981.

HARLEY WEST

Maj. Gen. Harley West, who was S-2 of the 90th Infantry Brigade upon the induction of the 45th Division into WW II before being transferred to War Department General Staff, then to Sixth Army, died in January. Following the war he rose to major general, commanding the 49th Armored Division in Texas. He is past national commander-in-chief of the Military Order of the World Wars.

WILLIAM LEROY WILLSEY

William Leroy Willsey, who served with the 189th and 158th Artillery battalions until captured by the Germans on Anzio, died last September in Oklahoma City.

WILFORD W. WILSON

Wilford W. Wilson, who was with Anti-Tank Company, 157th Infantry, died in Aurora, Colo.

COY WRIGHT

Coy Wright of Wichita, Kansas, a former member of the 45th, died recently. He had been a full-time technician with the Kansas Army National Guard, and attended the association reunion last year. His death was reported by COL Rex H. Bartlow, another former T-Bird.

New Multi-Year Members

The following persons subscribed to multi-year memberships in the 45th Infantry Division Association between October 1, 1981 and February 1, 1982.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Batey, Dana D.
Bickford, Franklin
Bracy, Russell E.
Clarke, Finley K.
Cordell, Lloyd B.
Dahl, John L.
DeRubeis, Victor E.
Fletcher, Robert F.
Henthorn, Robert L.
Isler, Jack J.
Hattr, Harlos V.
Hirsch, Arnold W.
Krieger, Ralph M.
Mahon, Max
Marler, Danny G.
McPherren, John M.
McWhirter, Johnny L. B.
Miller, Malcome C.
Norris, Cletus G. Sr.
Ruhl, Joseph C.
Schultz, Howard R.
Severs, Barto M.
Ward, James Mrs.
Wheeler, Ed
Young, Albert L.
Yorty, Edwin R.
Yosicky, William C.

10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Ashbaugh, Clyde W.
Bateman, Carl G.
Bell, Richard R.
Bowman, Willie J.
Brown, Jacob H.
Carlson, Arthur G.
Caron, Wilfred J.
Cherry, Joseph C.
Ciccione, Paul M.
Cole, John C.
Cory, Frank A.
Curry, Corrie B. Jr.
Frohman, Merle A.
Hefner, Hal L.
Hirsch, Emanuel
Hodges, Robert M.
Jones, Ervin B.
Kobyiski, John A.
Koonce, Calvin E.
Ledbetter, Edward M.
Lee, Robert E.
Martin, Albert C.
Mitchell, John T.
Pahdocotty
Plank, John J.
Pope, William O.
Ridge, Jewel W.
Texeira, Alfred J.
Wells, Gene E.

FOUR YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Anderson, Kenneth W.
Archibald, Charles B.
Atkins, John D.
Aurich, Arlano E.
Barlow, Wesley J.
Barrow, Thomas O.
Bear, Roland H.
Benedum, Marshall W.
Bevington, Frank C.
Bollinger, Bobby R.
Bowersox, J. L.
Briggs, Larry
Brink, Lawrence
Briscoe, Francis E.
Brown, Lewis M.
Bugala, Albert T.
Burke, Ray R.
Burskey, Frank
Buske, Harold E.
Byrom, John W.
Calhoun, William J.
Campbell, Kendall E.
Christensen, Calvin J.
Christiansen, Irving
Clark, Richard P.
Craig, Leslie L.
Crawford, Vernon B.
Crickenberger, Carl W.
Davis, George C. Jr.
Davis, Merle L.
Dean, Howard K., Jr.
DeNatale, Raymond J.
Dohner, Marlin H.
Dunagan, Raymond A.
Dunham, Charlie
Elbert, Leonard M.
Estes, Howard
Evans, Edward L.
Evers, Horace T.
Fairchild, Robert P.
Fairley, Donald R.
Ferguson, Edward E.
Flaherty, Patrick J.
Fleming, James C.
Foley, Francis W.
Ford, Leroy E.
Fry, Philip H.
Gabrini, Robert E.
Graffagnino, Peter C.
Greene, Billy R.
Griffin, James V.
Gwaltney, Robert L.
Haggard, John E.
Hallett, Kenneth A. Jr.
Hamilton, Leroy G.
Hamilton, Robert H.
Harris, Woodfin (Woody)
Hatchett, W. A.

Hayes, Ira S.
Herrion, Johnny R.
Hightower, Glenn R.
Hill, Edmond B.
Hinson, Jimmie N. Jr.
Horde, Melvin C.
Hoyt, Frederick H.
Hundertmark, William
Jarka, William B.
Johnson, Charles R.
Johnson, Lester L.
Jones, Douglas W.
Joyce, William E.
Kilburg, Henry W.
Klote, Edward J.
Joehn, Vernie W.
Large, Arthur E.
Martin, Bill E.
Martin, Paul D.
Mathias, George C.
Mathies, Orville A.
Maupin, Charles F.
Maurer, Ennis B.
McAllister, Donald D.
McIntyre, Clair V.
Mckibben, Dave C.
Mercer, Wilbert W.
Mick, Dennis
Monti, Alfred L.
Moore, Glen H.
Morganti, Angelo
Morris, Eddie L.
Morton, John K.
Munsey, Charles W.
Muzny, Marilyn J.
Nagel, Arthur G.
Norman, Albert F.
Owen, Harry J.
Owen, Sank E.
Panetta, Adolph
Paris, Merlin D.
Parsons, R. C.
Peckinpaugh, Clarence E.
Peters, Raymond C.
Pfeister, Luarens P.
Porter, Otis M.
Posey, James L.
Powell, Chester A.
Prince, Gilbert F.
Randall, Kenneth B.
Reed, Floyd W.
Reilly, James A.
Ray, Bruce E.
Rice, Norval O.
Rice, T. S.
Ringgenbert, Eill C.
Roberts, Allan L.
Robertson, James L.
Root, Lauren E.

Rusch, Adam D.
Sanders, Barney L.
Schindler, Charles K.
Sitarz, Mitchell J.
Smith, Arthur C.
Smith, Jay E.
Stam, Dick W.
Stamas, Louis N.
Stark, V. Hassell
Steeds, Emmett R.
Steinhagen, Henry A.
Stemmons, Kenneth P.
Stevenson, Erwin F.
Stevenson, Frank, Jr.
Strange, Glen L.
Sutterfield, James D.
Talkington, Willis R.
Thomas, R. H.
Thomas, Walter V. Jr.
Thornton, Walter G.
Tillman, Corbin
Timpiano, Albert
Tippis, Harold G.
Truett, John D.
Tyson, Donald H.
VanStuck, William
Waite, Douglas W.
Watson, Truman F.
Westfield, Fred M.
Whitman, Bill
Whittier, Wallace E.
Wienke, Frederick A.
Wood, Morris G.
Wrede, Richard E.

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Thunderbird Deaths Reported

ORVILLE ASHMORE

Orville Ashmore, Thunderbird veteran with more than 42 years service in the 45th Infantry Division died in McAlester February 17. He had been a teacher and counselor in McAlester schools for 28 years, and was vice principal of the junior high school at the time of his retirement.

HERB AUSTIN

Herb Austin, former Thunderbird and a Division Association member from Lebanon, Pa., died September 4.

LELAND JOSEPH BALDWIN

Leland Joseph Baldwin suffered a fatal heart attack November 21. He was living in Custer, S.D.

GEORGE BARFOOT

George Barfoot, a former member of Co. E, 157th Infantry, died recently.

BARNEY FERRIS BARGER

Barney Ferris Barger, World War II Thunderbird, died in Lookeba, OK, late in 1980.

LAURENCE W. CAPPELL

Laurence W. Cappell, who was a captain with the 45th Infantry Division in WW II, died October 20 of cancer and a heart attack. He was international sales director for Ames Company of Elkhart, Indiana.

LEAMON I. COLE

Leamon I. Cole, formerly of 2nd Bn. Hq., 157th Infantry, died in Canon City, Colo.

JAMES M. CRABTREE

James M. Crabtree, a section chief and first sergeant in B/160 FA in WW II, and battery commander with the 171 FA in Korea, died early in January. He is former warden of the Ouachita Training Camp at Hodgens, Oklahoma, and was living at Savanna at the time of his death.

EDWARD H. DEMCO

Edward H. Demco, who was a master sergeant heading the transportation section of Service Company, 180th Infantry, in World War II, died May 11 in Tulsa, where he was maintenance superintendent at the Automotive Products Division of UOP, Inc. He had retired from the military in 1974 as CWO-4.

JIMMY DUNN

Jimmy Dunn, former member of Btry B, 160th FA, who lived in McAlester, died recently.

MILLARD J. ELLINGTON

Millard J. Ellington, Blackwell, a former Thunderbird, died Sept. 15.

STEPHEN E. EMRICK

Stephen E. Emrick, formerly of Service Company, 157th Infantry, died at Gardner, Mass.

GILBERT W. FINLEY

We received belated word from Ethelyn Finlay of Poncha Springs, Colo, that her husband, Gilbert W. Finley, who served with the 45th Division, died in 1968.

J. MORRISON FITZGERALD

J. Morrison Fitzgerald, who was a lieutenant colonel with the 120th QM in WW II, died recently in the VA Hospital in Temple, Texas.

FORTUNATO GARCIA

The death has been reported of Fortunato Garcia, formerly of Co. E, 157th Infantry.

LELAND E. GORD

Leland E. Gord, who was a member of Co. I, 157th Infantry, died at Goodland, Kans.

EDWARD H. GRUGEL

Edward H. Grugel, who served in Service Btry, 160 FA, died February 3 at Veterans Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, two children, and five grandchildren. The death was reported by Philip Troester.

FLOYCE D. HARDEN

Floyce D. Harden, who was a member of Service Company, 157th Infantry, died at Fulton, Mo.

LEROY B. HATTENSTY

Leroy B. Hattensty, former Thunderbird who lived in Ardmore, OK, died Dec. 3, 1980.

WILLIAM E. HENDRIX

William E. Hendrix, of Oklahoma City, former Thunderbird, died June 21.

PRESTON C. HURT

Preston Connaway Hurt, a WW II veteran Thunderbird from Norman, Okla. died late in January. Pallbearers were

45th Division comrades Doug Thomas, John Burress, Loren Butler, Kenneth Barnard, Ralph Brendle, and Tellis Vaught.

ANOFIE JAQUEZ

Anofie Jaquez, a former Thunderbird from Aztec, N.M., died in 1980 at the age of 85, after four years of confinement with illness.

HENRY W. KEGEL

We were informed in a letter from James Kegel that his father, Henry W. Kegel, died in Anchorage, Alaska several years ago. Henry served with the division in Korea as First Sergeant of Heavy Mortar Company, 279th Infantry, remaining in the army after the war to become a sergeant major.

HAROLD KLEINDIENST

Harold Kleindienst, died in Florida in mid-1981, his widow, Frida, reported. A retired lieutenant colonel, in the Army Reserve, he was 65 at the time of death. "He loved his country dearly and served it well, and was also very proud to be a Thunderbird," his widow wrote.

KEYS LEVI

Keys Levi, of Muskogee, died November 30.

WARREN E. LINDSEY

Warren E. Lindsey, of Krebs, OK, who was a staff sergeant in the 45th Division in World War II, died October 2. He was past department commander of the state Disabled American Veterans.

VIRGIL E. MERRITT

Virgil E. Merritt, World War II and Korean War Thunderbird, who remained in the army following Korea to complete 29 years service and retire as a CW4, died recently at his home in Lawton, OK.

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- Harlos Hatter President
- Robert C. Armstrong Secretary
- Pendleton Woods Editor

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President's Corner

By Harlos Hatter

Intensive planning for this year's reunion continues. Your association board of directors and reunion committee expect this to be a most interesting, entertaining and fun-filled reunion weekend. Indications are that attendance this year will far exceed all recorded attendance in the recent past. I suggest that you get your pre-registration forms for the reunion to Bob Armstrong without delay. I also suggest that you get your motel reservations in as soon as possible to assure accommodations at the reunion center in the Hilton Inn.

Added emphasis is being placed on ladies' activities during this reunion. Planning is intense and continues under the able direction of Jeannette Embry, ladies activities chairman. Plans call for a guided tour of the Oklahoma City area in air conditioned buses, including historical, cultural and interesting sights. A highlight will be a Dutch treat luncheon during a stop at one of the most modern shopping malls in this area. All cost of the tour will be borne by the association except the luncheon. It is requested that intention to participate in this tour be included in pre-registration forms, or forwarded under separate cover to Jeannette Embry, 216 NW 33, Oklahoma City 73118.

Most of the former subordinate units of the 45th Infantry Division plan mini-reunions during the division association reunion. Those units which have not already indicated that they will do so, please contact Bob Armstrong at 3501 Military Circle, NE, Oklahoma City 73111 for advice and assistance in planning and conducting such a mini-reunion. We are especially interested in favorable responses from the 180th and 158th regiments.

Results of our membership drive far exceed our fondest expectations. Credits go to Maj. Gen. Morgan, honorary committee chairman, Pen Woods, membership committee chairman, and the state, area and local chairmen. Also credit goes to your past president, Ray Standifer, who conceived and implemented the idea for this committee organization.

A recent communication from John Nix, area membership coordinator of Kilgore, Texas, advises that he has a large 12 inch Thunderbird sign in his yard which reads, "East Texas Information Center, 45th Infantry Division Association." Great going, John. Let's have more of the same from other Thunderbirds out there. This is the most effective way to spread the word and bring many of the "lost Thunderbirds" back into the fold.

Unknown to many of our members is the fact that the 45th Infantry Division Museum sponsors a memorial fund. Contributions are utilized in accordance with the instructions of the donor, and are tax deductible. All contributions will be greatly appreciated. Such contributions greatly enhance the prestige of the museum.

Our 45th Infantry Division Museum is recognized as the outstanding military organizational museum in the nation. It is certified by the American Association of Museums — a distinction not achieved by some active military installation museums. Visitors come from all over America, and some from foreign areas.

The permanent staff consists of only four individuals: the Oklahoma Military Department advisor, the director-curator and two assistants. All other duties are performed by a staff of volunteers. I have been appointed chairman of volunteers. We are currently short and urgently need a minimum of 20 volunteers to work a four-hour shift weekly. We particularly need workers weekends. Persons desiring to volunteer should contact me at the museum or at my home address, 3205 NW 52, Oklahoma City 73112.



Thunderbird Deaths

IGNATIUS "Iggy" MIZERIK

Ignatius "Iggy" Mizerik, of Whiting, Indiana, who served with Hq. Btry 160th FA Bn. in WW II, died February 9. He was retired from Inland Steel Company and was active in the American Legion.

PHIL MULLER

Phil Muller, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., who lost both legs fighting with the 45th in France, and who was past commander of the South Carolina Disabled American Veterans and past national service office of DAV, died November 26.

GILBERT G. OSTRANDER

Gilbert G. Ostrander, formerly of Co. A, 157th Infantry, died at Greeley, Colo.

EUGENE S. PRICE

Eugene S. Price, who served with Co. A, 157th Infantry, died at Brighton, Colo.

WILLIAM A. PULLMAN

William A. Pullman, of Beaver Falls, Pa., died July 17, 1980, his wife reported to us last month. "He was proud to have been a member of the 45th Infantry Division," she wrote.

RUFUS W. "BILL" RENFRO

Rufus W. "Bill" Renfro, Delaware, OK. was killed accidentally on the job Nov. 11, and was buried in Nowata. He was a Korean War member of Btry A, 145th AAA. He served with the Army Air Corps in WW II.

ELLIS B. RITCHIE

Colonel Ellis B. Ritchie, who served in the 180th Infantry in WW II, died in El Paso December 2 and was buried in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

JOE M. ROBERTSON

Joe M. Robertson, former Thunderbird, died February 9 in Camarillo, Calif.

JOHN J. ROMERO

John J. Romero, who was a member of Co. L, 157th Infantry, died at Albuquerque, N.M.

GOFF RUSSELL

Goff Russell, of Ruthven, Iowa, died recently.

THOMAS U. SANDERS

Thomas U. Sanders, once of Co. G., 157th Infantry, died in Denver, Colo.

JOHNNY P. SESSIONS

Johnny P. Sessions, Idabel, who was a platoon sergeant in Co. G., 180th Infantry, in WW II, and later was a captain with another division in Korea, died recently in Seaside, California. The death was reported by his good friend, Blake H. Rhodes, of Asheville, N.C., also of Co. G.