

# 45th Division News

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## 1983 Reunion Set For August 25-27

If you have never attended a 45th Infantry Division Association reunion, this will be a great year to participate.

If you have attended reunions in the past, you already know the enjoyment of being together again with your former comrades in arms of World War II, Korea, or periods in between.

The reunion officially begins Friday morning, August 26, but the fun and fellowship starts by noon Thursday, and continues until the last person has left the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City Sunday.

At least one "command post" for guests will be open by Thursday noon, and unofficial parties and mini-reunions will be going on all over the Hilton Thursday night.

Registration gets underway early Friday morning, and will continue throughout the day. CP's will be open. Each major unit of the division will be represented with its own CP. However, all Thunderbirds are welcome at any command post they choose.

As usual, there will be a large registration bulletin board, where visitors may place their names and room numbers below the unit(s) they belonged to. There will also be exhibits, photos and artwork available for viewing in the registration area.

Buses will be available for tours to the 45th Infantry Division Museum, and to Enterprise Square, a recently opened \$15 million educational and entertainment center designed to interpret the American economic system while visitors are having fun. Special discount tickets to Enterprise Square will be available at the desk for all Thunderbirds and their guests.

Friday night brings an outdoor reception in the pool area, followed by a delicious buffet dinner in the large dining room. Following the dinner, there will be dancing to live



John Embry puts finishing touches on the Lincoln County military display in the work room of the 45th Infantry Division Museum.

## County Military History Display Strong on 45th

A ten wing multiplex display board portraying the military history of Lincoln County has been placed in the Lincoln County Museum in Chandler, Oklahoma, and dedicated before a large group of spectators.

On hand for the dedication were many from out of state, including one four-star Marine general, formerly of Chandler.

The permanent display was developed by John Embry, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Chandler, and a prominent artilleryman of the 45th Infantry Division. Colonel Embry also serves as vice chairman of the 45th Infantry Division Museum.

The exhibit covers Chandler's military history from the time of the

settlement of Civil War veterans in the former Sac and Fox Indian tribal area to the present time. It includes the history of Lincoln County residents in the Spanish American War, on the Mexican border in 1916, and in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Chandler has produced an extraordinary number of key 45th Division leaders.

The four star general present for the event was Gen. Vernon E. Megee, a Marine veteran in the Pacific Theater of Operations, who headed all marine pilots at the time of his retirement.

General Megee, along with James Embry, brother of John Embry, helped to finance the exhibit.

music, bingo and the re-telling of war stories.

Saturday morning's activity will open with a memorial service honoring departed Thunderbirds, followed by the annual business meeting, which will also include reports and awards.

After an afternoon of visiting CP's in the hotel and sites around Okla-

homa City, the reunion will be concluded with the annual banquet, featuring an outstanding speaker and music by the nationally-acclaimed Ginger and Jazz Quartet, a part of the Sweet Adelines organization, women's counterpart to the Barber-shoppers.

An outstanding speaker will climax the reunion.





Former members of the 189th Field Artillery are pictured at a recent reunion in Oklahoma City. At top are Maurice Murphy and Clarice Harrison, Oklahoma City; Ruth Corley, Big Cabin, Oklahoma; and Robert Harrison, Oklahoma City. In the center picture are James O. Morris, Weimer, Calif.; Mrs. Delbert (Hallie) King, Enid, Okla.; and Web Wilders, San Antonio, Texas. In the lower picture are Neal Dodds, Edmond, Okla., and Darlene and Dermott Hartwig, Putnam, Ill.

## 157th Reunion to Tie In With 45th

The 157th Infantry Regimental Association, which has had annual reunions, usually in Colorado, since World War II, will hold its 1983 reunion in connection with the 45th Infantry Division Association reunion August 26 and 27 at the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City.

The 157th Infantry was part of the 45th Infantry Division during World War II, but was reassigned to the state of Colorado following the war, when the 279th Infantry was assigned to the Thunderbird division.

### Luncheon, Style Show are Planned

There will be special activities for the ladies at the 45th reunion, in addition to the Friday and Saturday night dinner-dance.

Principal special event will be a luncheon and style show at the Hilton Inn West, which will feature the "Fife Collection" from Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Phyllis Fife is chief designer for the collection of contemporary women's clothing, with designs adapted from the Southeastern Indian cultures.

Approximately eight young ladies will be modeling the clothing.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$5, and may be purchased at the registration desk.

### Reunion Registration Cost are Announced

TYPE REGISTRATION	ADVANCE	PAID AT DOOR
Member & Guest Fri-Sat	\$80.00	\$85.00
Additional Guest Fri-Sat	\$38.00	\$40.00
Member only Fri-Sat	\$42.00	\$45.00
Member & Guest Fri only	\$45.00	\$47.50
Additional Guest Fri only	\$15.00	\$15.00
Member & Guest Sat only	\$52.50	\$50.00
Additional Guest Sat only	\$20.00	\$20.00
Member only Sat only	\$32.50	\$30.00

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Registration includes meals, as shown above, and events, and does not include hotel rooms. Hotel reservations may be made directly with hotel.



## 45th Museum Brings Exhibit to Capital

"Always Forward: The 45th Infantry Division in Combat" is the title of the special exhibit in the National Guard Heritage Gallery of the National Guard Association Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit was prepared by the staff of the 45th Infantry Division Museum, and was placed in the Gallery July 14.

Dedication ceremonies and a reception for the new Thunderbird exhibit were held on the afternoon of July 18, with a delegation of members and veterans of the 45th Division and Oklahoma National Guard attending.

The exhibit will remain on display in the gallery throughout the remainder of 1983.

It will cover in panel boards and display cases the history of the 45th Division, beginning with the mobilization prior to World War II, and continuing through the Korean War.

There will be uniforms of both eras on display, along with some German uniforms and arm bands.

A special display featuring the Congressional Medal of Honor Winners of the 45th Infantry Division will be a part of the exhibit.

A number of the original Bill Mauldin cartoons will be on display in the gallery.

The total display will have three exhibit cases and seven panels.

## New Exhibits are Installed Outdoors

A third row of concrete pads for large outside displays has been poured at the 45th Infantry Division Museum. A total of seven pads has been added.

Among vehicles going on the new pads will be an army ambulance and a 2½ ton truck. Others are planned.

When completed, there will be a total of more than 40 outside displays at the museum.

New identifying signs are being made for all outdoor exhibits, and will be in place by the time of the reunion.

## President's Message

By Hal Adamson  
National President

One of my most gratifying experiences this year has been the response to a letter suggesting the purchase of life memberships.

Many members already holding four and ten year memberships have increased them to life memberships.

The fact that many who have purchased life memberships are well over 70 years old, but are so dedicated to the 45th that they desire to make a contribution which will benefit the association in perpetuity, really gives one a warm feeling and sense of appreciation for those so dedicated.

In accordance with our by-laws, all life membership payments are invested, and only the interest earnings are used in the operation of the association.

However, of special significance is the fact that at its present rate the annual earnings of life memberships, since the invested account went into effect, are equal to the total amount received in 150 annual memberships.

This will go a long way toward assuring continuing financial stability of the Association long after we old timers have gone on to a much bigger reunion.

If you are not now a life member of the 45th Infantry Division Association, think about it. Your influence and support can be perpetuated. A life membership is only \$75.00 and can be mailed to your association secretary, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

I look forward to seeing all of you the last weekend in August.

## Southern Europe Tour is Planned

"45th Division Returns" is the theme of a southern European tour being developed by Galaxy Tours of Pennsylvania, to begin September 15.

The tour will begin in Sicily, where the 45th began its combat 40 years ago. It will include Italy and southern France.

John Embry, a past association president, who made the tour five years ago, reported it to be a fine experience.

Full price, including air fare, is about \$2,244 per person, while a portion of the tour is available for a lesser price.

For a brochure and full details, write Galaxy Tours, P. O. Box 45, King of Prussia, PA, 19406.

## Battery Plans Reunion

Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, will hold a reunion at Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City during the annual 45th Infantry Division reunion August 26-27.

Contact Art Masten, 10 NW Ninth St., Oklahoma City, 73102, (405) 232-8693 for details.



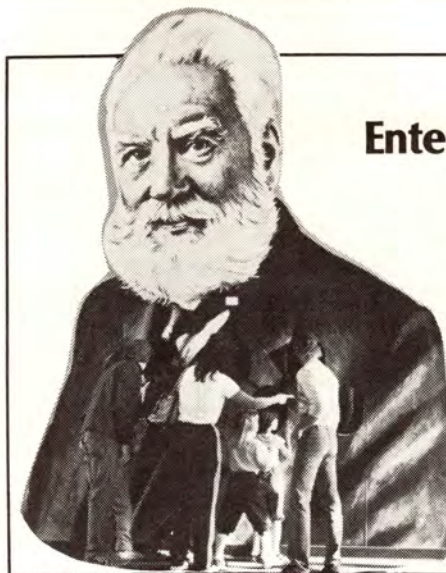
The excellent combat drawings of Norman Maffai will remain on exhibit in the 45th Museum through the end of the year. Prints are on sale at museum, and here at the del. former 7 First A



## Pennsylvania Group Will Be Organized

A Pennsylvania chapter of the 45th Infantry Division Association is being organized. It comes as a result of the enthusiastic response received from new members of the association recruited by Arnold W. Hirsch, Pennsylvania membership chairman.

Organizational meeting will be Saturday afternoon in the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City August 27, with the time and place being announced by Hirsch at the business meeting.



## Enterprise Square , USA

Enterprise Square, a 60,000 sq. ft., \$15 million entertainment and educational center, which interprets the American free enterprise system through the world's largest audiovisual show, role playing by visitors, interacting with talking machines, and a time tunnel into the past, is Oklahoma City's newest attraction, and is one-of-a-kind in the nation. Pen Woods, editor of the 45th Division News, who also serves as projects and promotion director for Enterprise Square, has arranged for discount tickets for all Thunderbirds and their families wishing to visit it. Buses from the hotel to Enterprise Square are expected to be available.



## Thunderbird Deaths are Reported

### WILLIAM DOUGLAS

William Douglas, formerly of Battery F, 160th Field Artillery Regiment, who later transferred to the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, died last November at his home in Russell, Kansas.

### HERMAN DOUGLAS

Herman Douglas, who served in Hq. Battery, 171st Field Artillery in World War II, died last April. He lived in Wellston and was a ranger at Thunderbird Lake. He was brother of William Douglas, who died five months earlier.

### JAMES BOYLE

James Boyle, who served with Btry. B, 171st Field Artillery, and who lived in Philadelphia, died December 11 following a heart attack. His widow, Betty, wrote that "Jimmy had a deep regard for all the Thunderbirds, and never forgot the five years he served in the war. He was proud to be one of you."

### ALBERT NICKERSON

Albert Nickerson, who served with the 45th in Korea, died of cancer February 10. He is survived by his widow, Charlotte.

### WALLACE ADAMS

Wallace Adams, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry, died recently. His home was in Akron, Ohio.

### CLYDE D. ASHE

The death of Clyde D. Ashe, who was a member of Company C, 157th Infantry, has been reported. He lived in Concrete, Washington.

### JAMES W. DURHAM

We are sad to report the death of James W. Durham, who served with Company G, 157th Infantry. He was living in Martinville, Virginia.

### WILLIAM F. KIERNAN

William F. Kernan, who was a member of Cannon Company, 157th Infantry, died recently in Long Island City, N.Y.

### VERN D. MORROW

The death of Vern D. Morrow, who was a member of Company E, 157th Infantry, has been reported. He lived at Sheridan Lake, Colorado.

### JOHN P. NAIRN

John P. Nairn, Company D, 157th Infantry, died recently. His home was in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania.

### WILLIAM M. "Clell" NUNNERY

The death of William M. "Clell" Nunnery, who was a member of Company E, 157th Infantry, has been reported. He lived in Wiley, Colorado.

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