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**Left to right: Newt Weiss, Leon Goldberg, Joseph Horan, Sam Feinberg, Bob Clark, Jim Bard, John Schaffner, Eric F. Wood, III, Russell Hoff and Harry Martin.**

Continuing the cover story from the last *CUB*, the replica of the monument to Lt. Eric F. Wood, Jr. (589/A) that stands in the woods in Meyerode, Belgium was dedicated on the grounds of the Valley Forge Military Academy (VFMA), on April 30, 2016. Pictured are the 106th Infantry Division veterans and Wood family member who attended the ceremony.

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## President's View . . .

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The year has passed quickly which means our next reunion is soon. Teresa and I are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and hopefully some new ones, too. If you have not made your plans yet for the reunion, it is not too late. When I attended my first reunion with my son Chris in Baltimore in 2011, I was just happy that you allowed me to participate in your annual event. You have no idea how proud I am to have the title, President of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

This week we observed Memorial Day. Not a day to celebrate but to memorialize those who died serving their country. This year I was at the memorial service in Eustis, Florida. Also there were several members of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. One of the VBOB men was Clarence "Bucky" Buckman who was in Division Artillery of the 106th. He was in Schoenberg the morning of December 16, 1944. Mr. Buckman faithfully attends every event he can to recognize those who died for their country. Another member of the 106th who diligently attended Memorial Day services is Damon F. Young. Mr. Young for many years traveled from his home in West Virginia to Camp Atterbury, Indiana to participate in the Memorial Day service representing the 106th. I spoke with him this week and at 93 — he sounds great.



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On Memorial Day many people think of those service members who died storming the beaches of Normandy, fighting in the mountains of Korea, trudging through the jungles of Vietnam or patrolling the deserts in the Mid-East. This year though, I was particularly cognizant of those who died serving their country in more benign circumstances. William T. Sherman stated the obvious when he said, "War is hell." However, it is also very, very cruel. I am reminded of two men of the 106th who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their trip home just around the corner. George Thompson was a 19-year-old kid from Watertown, WI who succumbed to his ailments at Stalag IX B on April 1, 1945, the day before the Americans liberated the camp. Also, Hon Tong who joined the 106th at Fort Jackson and was a Chinese immigrant who could barely speak or understand English. He died when a squadron of Soviet planes



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strafed and bombed the refugee column he and other POWs were walking in — the date, May 8, 1945, the day the German army surrendered. These two men were so close to going home and although not in combat, they gave their life for their country.

It is also important to remember that even in peace time the military is a dangerous occupation. Service members die training for combat. There are aircraft and vehicle crashes and accidents with weapons and explosives. When I served, in my division alone, it was not uncommon for several soldiers a year to die in training accidents. Just this week nine member of the United States Army died when their vehicle was overtaken by flood waters at Fort Hood in Texas. They too died serving their country.

I also want to pay tribute to a soldier who I served with and who died serving his country. On December 18, 1985, our platoon was driving back to the post from a training exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado. It was cold and the tank trails were icy. The vehicle in front of mine was being driven by Christopher W. Arthurs, a 20-year-old kid from

Gastonia, North Carolina. His vehicle hit some ice, spun and flipped over killing Chris instantly. He was scheduled to go home on leave for Christmas two days later. Like Thompson and Tong, and the nine soldiers in Texas, he too gave his life serving his country. Teresa and I had the pleasure of visiting his parents in Gastonia, North Carolina last year just two days before we traveled to Charleston for the 2015 Reunion. It was an emotional visit and it was the first time his family had any contact with a member of Chris' unit since the week he died in December 1985. That is why we need to remember all service members who died serving their country — regardless of where or how they died.

Finally, this is my last President's Letter and I just want to say again how proud I am to have served as the President of the 106th Infantry Division Association. The reunion schedule is full — so be ready — and I believe that you will like some of the scheduling changes the Board made. Also, I am excited that our reunion is combined with the 104th Infantry Division Association; the more the merrier.

**If you received your REUNION paperwork and  
Registration forms in the last CUB:**

***Mail them in today!***

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## Chaplain's Message . . .

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### ***Patriotism***

I was in my local grocery store picking up a few items for dinner when I saw a little old man shuffling along with a cart that only contained a few items. I watched the man who had to have been in his late eighties or early nineties, as he proceeded to the register next to the one I was in. There was nobody in line in front of him because that particular lane was closed and there was no cashier assigned. I watched as the aged man proceeded to put his items on the counter in order to purchase them, not fazed by the fact that there was nobody at the register to wait on him. The old man was dressed in baggy khakis and a plaid shirt covered by a light spring jacket that was decorated with pins marking his rank, unit and branch of service and a POW remembrance pin. On top of his head he wore a hat, not unlike his jacket, decorated with similar pins and crests of his years of service. The embroidery on the hat displayed the words, "WWII and Vietnam Vet."

Upon seeing him, a young cashier started to make her way over from the service counter trying to get the man's attention in order to tell him that the lane was not open but as she made her way over to him a transformation happened. When the veteran looked up at the lady approaching him, her entire demeanor changed and her words went from "Sorry that lane is closed" to "I will be right with you." I watched as she went back over to the service desk and signed out a cash drawer and proceeded to assist him. He finished his transaction and shuffled out the door. I was not too far behind him when I heard the cashier



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say to her supervisor, "My shift doesn't start for another hour but I didn't have the heart to tell the man that the lane was closed."

Throughout the day I pondered about the act of the cashier and thought that the world needed to hear about the mix of emotions this young lady experienced. This emotion defined as the spirit of America, is Patriotism.

First, let's define and understand what patriotism is? According to the dictionary, patriotism is an emotional attachment to a nation, which an individual recognizes as their homeland. This attachment, also known as national feeling or national pride, can be viewed in terms of different features relating to one's own nation, including ethnic, cultural, political or historical aspects. A devoted love, support and defense

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of one's country; national loyalty.

Patriot is the root word of patriotism and derives from a 16<sup>th</sup> century Latin word meaning fellow countryman. In other words, patriots are our neighbors. Another definition given for patriot is a proud supporter or defender of his or her country and its way of life.

In our current days of gender confusion, flag stomping and probably the most unpredictable presidential election, we as a nation, are faced with only one decision — will we allow what is going on in our nation and around the world today to diminish the character and value our nation holds? In other words, will we choose to give up our patriotism over issues such as gender equality and presidential war mongering or will we fight out of love, to keep the spirit of America alive, not just for us but also for the generations to come?

Love is not so much an emotion as it is an action. My mother used to say, "You can say I love you one hundred times but it doesn't mean a thing until you show it." These words ring true

concerning not only our personal relationships but also for the love we have for our country.

If we admit to being patriotic, then we are confessing that we love our neighbor, our fellow countrymen. In saying that we love our fellow countrymen we have to be willing to show acts of kindness and serve each other without regard to our own selfish intentions. In loving and serving our fellow countrymen we display the true heart of a patriot and thereby display the love for our country and living out what it truly means to be patriotic.

Just like the lady in the grocery store, we have to be willing to lay aside our personal agendas, our selfishness and ill-willed intentions and seek to love our neighbor, show an act of kindness or serve the less fortunate in order to restore the greatness of this nation, the greatness that is defined under one word of affection, patriotism.

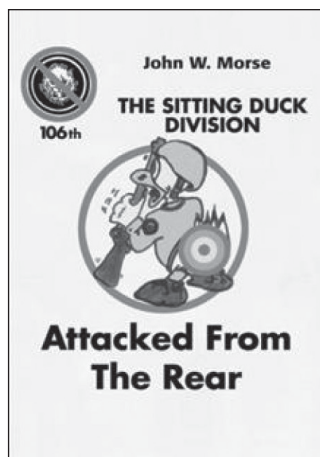
~ Matthew 11:12

Pastor Vincent J. Charron

### **The Sitting Duck Division: Attacked from the Rear**

*By John W. Morse (422/C)*

This is the story of one boy soldier and his fellow GIs from draft to disaster and back. John W. Morse's (422/C) self-published book describes being taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge. This book can be ordered through your local Barnes & Noble book store. The book is priced \$9.95, plus shipping.



## The Adjutant's Message . . .

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The 2016, 106th Division Reunion is fast approaching — Sept. 7–11 at the Sheraton Pentagon City, Washington D.C. The very first event will be the outgoing Board of Directors meeting where they will pursue the direction we shall take in the coming year to include the possible city destination for the reunion 2017.

Wednesday night we are planning a reception in our hospitality room as a get acquainted event for the members of the 106th and 104th Divisions. The reception is for all who can attend and will be quite a start to our joint reunion. We will have finger foods, cheeses, soft drinks, beer and wine, and lots of conversation. Our hospitality room will be shared throughout the reunion (they call it the “Foxhole”). It will be a room to rest and relax and rekindle old relationships and develop new ones.

The two Divisions will share several aspects of the reunion facilities and events. In addition to the Hospitality room/Foxhole we will eat together each morning at the buffet breakfast. We have three tours planned together: Fort Meade and Holocaust Museum, the Kennedy Center (Shear Madness) and the Memorial tour which I expect all of you to attend because it is already paid for with your registration.

Now, all you have to do is get registered and start your planning to get to the reunion. Our goal is to have a large number of 106th veterans and family members in attendance to matchup with the number of 104th veterans and family members expected to attend. As we have said in the past, the children and grandchildren of our veterans are increasingly a very important part of



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our association. Those of you who may have attended as a guest of your veteran parents, you may now need to offer **your help so that they will be able to attend the reunion**. This is important.

To those of you that have lost your veteran, please find a way to attend and you will be so pleased you did. You will find the experience rewarding in that the veterans in attendance will make you feel at home and they will answer the questions you have about life back then. This will help bring back the wonderful memories of your veteran as you sit with and listen to some of his buddies.

I look forward to seeing you Sept. 7–11, 2016 at the Sheraton Pentagon City, Washington D.C. The registration forms were in the last *CUB* or can be accessed on our website. Do not hesitate to call me with questions 765-346-0690 or any board member listed in this *CUB*.

Don't miss out!

Randall Wood, Adjutant

106th Infantry Division Association

## **Memorial Tour Included in Registration Package for 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion Attendees**

On Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9:30 am to 3 p.m. a Memorial Tour is planned for all Reunion attendees. This tour is automatically included with your registration.

You will visit our nation's War Memorials during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Stop at the Lincoln Memorial and visit the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials. Enjoy a maritime movie at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center, built to honor the sailors of the U.S. Navy.

Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade

Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, D.C. and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy *lunch on your own* at the Reagan Building food court — named one of the “best family food courts” in D.C.

After lunch, free time will be allowed at the World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

**Note: A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.**

*If you haven't done it yet —  
**Make your plans NOW!!***

to join us for the  
**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion**  
of the  
**106th Infantry Division Association**

at the  
**Sheraton Pentagon City – Washington, D.C.**  
from  
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We are all painfully aware that the time for relating and recording our war-time experiences is growing short. I can only advise, "Do it now!" As an example, I recently received the following story from a dear friend, the son of my good buddy of 589/A, Don Humphrey. Don never wrote his story down and found it difficult to talk about, so his family now "grabs for straws" whenever a veteran of The Bulge speaks out. Bob Humphrey noticed this article in his local newspaper and sent it along to me since it is 106th Inf. Division history. There just may be a buddy of Peter Taddeo out there who will remember him and make that very important contact.

*From The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH)  
Page A-04, on 9 May 2016*

### ***Memory of War Remains Clear for Soldier Wounded in Battle***

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*Peter Taddeo initially didn't even know he'd been wounded when a four-inch piece of shrapnel tore into his thigh. But others did. "Jesus, Taddeo got it already!" a soldier shouted.*

*Taddeo's unit, the 106th Infantry Division, had been on the line for less than a month when he got hit in December of 1944.*

*The division was stretched thin across a 24-mile front, holding its part of an Allied line that had been pushed back by the Germans during World War II's Battle of the Bulge. Action in their sector had largely consisted of artillery duels, according to Taddeo, 95, of Mayfield Heights.*



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*"We got shelled, they got shelled," he said. "Every so often each side would throw a bomb, just to harass the other one. This is how I picked up some of it."*

*He'd been moving through the woods when a tree burst — an artillery round exploding in the branches overhead — first hit him. A medic patched up his wound and Taddeo staggered forward, wondering why he couldn't keep a grip on his rifle, unaware that shrapnel had also slashed into his arm. Suddenly another artillery shell smashed into the trees. Taddeo hit the ground as hot steel blasted through both ankles. A surgeon would later tell him he could slide a "tomato can" through the hole in one leg.*

*When he'd enlisted in the Army in 1942 after attending East Tech High School, "I wasn't nervous at all, in fact I was a little bit excited," Taddeo*

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recalled. "I was going away and for a while I thought it was more like the Boy Scouts than anything else. But it turned out a little different."

When Taddeo found out his unit was headed for the war in Europe, his brother Joe, who would serve with the Army Air Forces, joked: "For crying out loud, Pete, what the hell did you do, did you lose something over there? If you did, I'll go over there and get it for you."

Taddeo shipped out with an outfit jokingly renamed "the hungry and sick" (instead of the hundred-and-sixth) by its members until they got to Belgium when it stopped being funny.

The winter was brutally cold and food in short supply. Taddeo recalled mixing his compressed puck of GI oatmeal with a small square of candy to create what he called "chocolate polenta."

Life at the front was tense. "Yeah, oh yeah," Taddeo said. "Most of it is artillery and every so often you throw off a few 30-calibers just to keep the rifle warm, I guess." After he was wounded, Taddeo was flown to a hospital in England. When the temporary cast on one leg was removed, doctors found maggots feeding on the wound.

Shipped back to the U.S., Taddeo spent four years in assorted military hospitals as physicians tried to save his left leg.

During that time he made trips home on furloughs, married his childhood sweetheart, Betty, and they started a family. But the repeated operations on his leg eventually drove Taddeo to the limit of his patience. Taddeo recalled telling a doctor, "I want to get the hell out of here. I want to go home. I've got a wife and I've got a child there. I don't

care what the hell you do."

When finally told that gangrene had spread to the point where his lower left leg would have to be amputated, "I says, "Come on, let's go right now," Taddeo said. "So they did, they took the limb off," he added. "I worked rather quickly, training myself to walk on it and I managed and I got home."

Taddeo and Betty (who died 16 years ago) raised five children including Pat, who remembered how his father worked two jobs to support the family. One job involved office duties and the other consisted of carpentry work, typically adding roof space to bungalows. His son recalled, "I'd go to a job with him and he'd be on the roof running around. He didn't let the [prosthetic] leg deter him too much." His father grinned and said, "Many times I used it for a wedge to hold boards up." Taddeo said he isn't bitter about having to use an artificial leg. In fact, "I've had as much fun with the damn thing as I had when I had both legs," he said. The statement brought a smile to his son's face and he recalled the time when his father was sitting around a campfire with a bunch of his friends and they were running out of wood. "So my dad took his leg off and threw it in the fire, as a joke, you know," he said, laughing. "People who didn't know he had a prosthetic leg were a little bit taken aback."

When Pat was reaching draft age during the war in Vietnam, his dad had one bit of advice — join the Navy. "Maybe it's not safer, and maybe it is, but you eat better, you sleep better and you don't have to do like I did one

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*morning in France," Taddeo said. "I just lay down on the ground and fell asleep, and when I woke up I felt something like a pillow under my head. It was a half-dried cow plop. I said 'holy cripe!'" There are other reminders of the war other than his missing leg. Good memories and bad.*

*Taddeo said he tries not to summon the bad memories. He avoids war movies. He remembered watching one, against his better judgment, and recalled, "They'll show a guy with a rag, holding his stomach with a bloody, sloppy red. That's enough to scare the hell out of you and bring back memories." Yet in looking back,*

*he regards his military service as an education. "I learned, one way or another, to be a better man," he said. The camaraderie of the service represents one of the good memories, but in recent years those memories have wilted as his old buddies died.*

*At one point Taddeo, seemingly frustrated with bearing the weight of the past, tearfully noted, "Why am I remembering?" Because he still can, and despite the loss of a leg and bygone buddies, Taddeo has no regrets regarding his service. "Yeah, when you look at it being a part of life, yeah, I'm proud of it," he said. "I think a good portion of us learned from it."*

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## **A Sequel to the Eric F. Wood III Monument story in the last issue of *The CUB***

*by John Schaffner*

Yes, we did it. There were twenty of us at Valley Forge Military Academy & College (VFMA&C) for the official dedication of the monument created to honor 1st Lt. Eric F. Wood, Jr., former Ex.O. of Battery A, 589th FABn. Not all of us were veterans of the 106th Division, but all have a close connection.

On Friday evening, some of us met for dinner at a nice restaurant at the King of Prussia Mall. (What a huge place that is!) There were Leon and Elaine Goldberg, Harry Martin and Jackie Coy, Jim Bard, and Lil and me. It was a delightful "kick-off" for the event.

The next morning we, all 20 of us, proceeded to the Valley Forge Military Academy (VFMA) Post to participate in the activities arranged and sponsored by the VFMA&C Alumni Association,

N.E. Ohio Regiment. We registered as guests and had some time to view the displays in the museum area of Mellon Hall where the new monument currently resides. Mr. Tom Goldblum, Director of Alumni Relations, welcomed us with a short speech to acquaint us with our surroundings and the day's schedule of events. Then all of the 106th veterans and Eric F. Wood, III, gathered around the monument for a photo-op session. Also present for the ceremony were immediate members of the Wood family. The plans are for the monument to be placed on the Post at a conspicuous location at a later date with appropriate ceremony.

The next events were on the drill field and consisted of a "Manual of Arms" competition between Alumni

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**Original monument in the village of Meyerode, Belgium in 2008 before restoration work.**



**Eric F. Wood, III with the new replica monument for his father at the dedication ceremony on April 30, 2016, Valley Forge Military Academy, PA.**

and Cadets, a Drill Team Demonstration and a Regimental review. Also, awards were presented to deserving Cadets, VFMA Staff and Alumni for outstanding accomplishments and service to the Academy.

Everyone then retired to Mellon Hall for a nice BBQ Luncheon. Sandwiches, salads, drinks and desserts were made available and comfortable seating was provided for all.

The Alumni Homecoming Weekend carried on late into the night, but it was time for us to bid adieu and head home. The weather participated and the VFMA provided golf cart transportation for those of us needing it. It was great to be with our old buddies who we don't see enough of. I call it a privilege.

Following is a list of our group who were there: John and Lillian Schaffner, Joseph and Patrick Horan, Harry Martin and Jackie Coy, Leon and Elaine

Goldberg, Sam Feinberg and his son Frank and friend Bob Clark, Newton Weiss, Susan Weiss, Joan Tracy, Russell Hoff, Jerry and Susan Hoff, Steven Hoff, Tom Hoff and Jim Bard.

*P.S. This just in per conversation with Hugh Roberts Class of '56.*

A "rubbing" of the monument stone will be made and forwarded to me. We will display it at the reunion and have all of the attending vets, and any other attendee who will want to, sign it and it will be sent to Carl Wouters, our rep in Belgium, to be displayed with the other memorabilia surrounding the replication of the monument and the dedication at the Academy Post.

*See accompanying story and additional photos on page 28 and 29 of this issue of The CUB.*

## ***Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .***

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Make checks payable to “***106th Infantry Division Association***” and mail them to the Treasurer:



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PO Box 140535  
Dallas TX 75214  
*sheaner1@airmail.net*  
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Please report all changes of address and deaths to the Association Membership Chair:



**Jacquelyn S. Coy, Membership**  
121 McGregor Ave.  
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856  
*membership@106thinfdivassn.org*  
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### **Do you have *Will* power?**

*Interested in helping the 106th Infantry Division Association but feel overwhelmed by the thought of writing another check or giving up your assets today?*

A simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure we can continue our work for years to come is a gift in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest. By including a bequest to the 106th Infantry Division Association in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission until the Last Man Standing.  
Next Steps:

- 1 Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor
- 2 If you include the 106th Association in your plans, please use our legal name and federal tax ID.
- 3 Legal Name: *106th Infantry Division Association, Inc.*

*Federal Tax ID Number: Please contact Mike Sheaner for our federal tax ID number*

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### **106th Challenge Coin — *Have You Gotten Yours Yet?***

You can read more about it and see a color image of the coin on the association's website at [www.106thInfDivAssn.org](http://www.106thInfDivAssn.org) The coins cost \$10 each, plus postage.

Adjutant Randall Wood is the contact person for the purchase of the coins and you may order them at any time. They will be sent directly to you when the payment is received.

Any questions or orders may be emailed to Randy: [woodchuck01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodchuck01@sbcglobal.net) or call 765-346-0690.

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## Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

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“We were once Brothers...” and will remain so forever. Once, brother carried brother through the trials of training at Camp Atterbury and endured in battle on the Schnee-Eifel of Belgium and Germany. Support the 106th Infantry Division Association by making a Memorial or Honorary contribution in the name of your brother, friend, father or spouse.

New membership applications are available for everyone in your family. Membership is only \$10 and is open to all veterans and people (of every generation) and comes with full voting privileges. We

encourage all family members to join to help honor our veterans and continue the legacy of the 106th.

Contact: Membership Chair, Jacquelyn S. Coy, [membership@106thinfdivassn.org](mailto:membership@106thinfdivassn.org) or Treasurer, Mike Sheaner, [sheaner1@airmail.net](mailto:sheaner1@airmail.net).



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## Life+ and Memorial/Honorary Contributions *Essential* for Keeping this Organization Going

Your gifts are essential to maintaining *The CUB* magazine in its current format with high-quality content and tri-annual delivery. The cost of printing and mailing each edition of *The CUB* exceeds our current level of giving. Therefore, we encourage all readers to make an annual contribution, as you are able, to help defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Contributions make it possible for the Association to meet yearly expenses and host Annual Reunions. Please consider making an annual Life+, Memorial or Honorary donation to the Association today.

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## LIFE PLUS+ Club

Those Members who contribute to the LIFE PLUS+ Club will have their names (*only, no amounts will be shown*) published in the next *CUB*.

You can donate as much or as little as you can and as often as you like.

By donating, you are helping perpetuate the 106th Infantry Division Association.

**To those Members from whom we haven't heard for a long time — please take the time to join this exclusive club. *Thank you!***

Send your contribution, check made payable to *106th Infantry Div. Association*, to:

**Mike Sheaner**

**Treasurer, 106th Infantry Division, PO Box 140535, Dallas, TX 75214**

# ***Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .***

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## **Treasurer's Report: February 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$17,378.67</b>
Money In:	\$1,305.40
Money Out:	\$3,633.38
Difference:	<b>\$2,327.98</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$15,050.69</b>

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## **Association Membership As of June 1, 2016**

<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>1,105</b>
Membership Veterans	650
Associate Membership	455

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### **LIFE PLUS and REGULAR DONATIONS:**

John Aalsburg	81st Eng.	Charles D. Fehnel	81st Eng/A
James P. Adsit	422/D	Stanley Kurek	423/F
Frank Armiger	Associate Member	August Macaluso	424/K
Louise Awalt	Associate Member	Col. Leo T. McMahon, Jr.	
Robert N. Bare	422/B		Associate Member
Sophia B. Beltz	Associate Member	James J. Reinkober	Associate Member
Willis Bouma	422/D	Herbert A. Rosenberg	424/L
Xavier Bryche	Associate Member	John S. Starmack	423/SV
Virgil L. Collins	423/CN	Grace Trueman	Associate Member
Wayne Dunn	Associate Member	Damon F. Young	423/D

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Ed and Mary Rigby                      422/A

### **HONORARY DONATIONS:**

*In honor of Thomas D. Reda, 422/Medic*  
Bob Faro

*In honor of my dear friend and hero,*  
*John Schaffner, 589/A*  
Madeleine J. Bryant

## Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

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### MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

*In memory of my husband, Jacques W. Bloch, 422/K – held at Stalag XI-B*

Jean H. Bloch and Family

*In memory of my parents.*

Francis L. Plumly, 422/F

*In memory of Duncan T. Trueman, 424/AT, to whom the 106th was so special.*

Grace Trueman

*In memory of my husband, Charles N. Schenck, III, forward observer in Battery B, 590th FA BN. Taken to Hammelberg, Germany as a POW where he rode out on one of the tanks during the ill-fated rescue attempt of Gen. Patton's son-in-law but was recaptured.*

Anne Finlay Schenck

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**If you need registration forms for the 2016 Reunion, contact:**

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**or call Wayne Dunn at 410-409-1141**

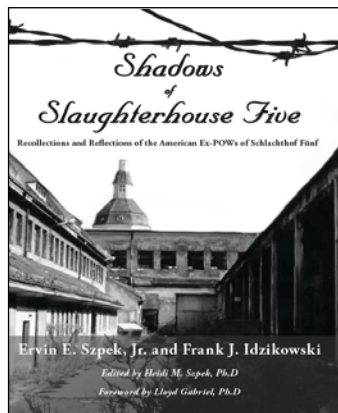
**For additional information about the reunion visit: [www.afr-reg.com/106inf2016](http://www.afr-reg.com/106inf2016)**

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## Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

*From Ervin Szpek Jr., Non-Veteran Member*

Ervin Szpek Jr. (Associate Member) is pleased to announce after many years of research that his and his colleagues' book on the infamous *Arbeitskommando Slaughterhouse Five* has been released. Nearly every man of this POW work camp (near Dresden, Germany) originated from the 106th Infantry Division including former 106th Association President, Gifford Doxsee. The book is their story, in their words and accounts for nearly every POW at the camp. It also chronicles the recollections and reflections of the 150 American Ex-POWs, many of whom are members of the Association. Newly released by iUniverse press at [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com), the book is also available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.BarnesandNoble.com](http://www.BarnesandNoble.com). With best wishes for 2016 and with appreciation for your efforts — thank you.



## **Returned Issues of the Latest *CUB of the Golden Lion***

Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy asks that the following names (and partial addresses) be listed in this issue of *The CUB* in hopes that anyone reading this issue might know the people listed and can get word to them that their address listed with the Association is incorrect or out-dated. If you know anyone on this list (or if you know they are deceased) and can get word to them, please ask them to **contact Jacquelyn directly at the address listed on the inside cover of this issue** with an updated mailing address. Thank you.

**Michel Gerard**, Belgium

**John F. Clevenger**, Hopkins, MI

**Clifford Birdsall**, Vernon Rockville, CT

**Nicholas Spagnola**, Crown Point, IN

**Clarence J. Ungerman**, Pittsburgh, PA

**Richard T. Lockhart**, Chicago, IL

**Sol Monter**, Sunrise, FL

**PLEASE NOTE:** Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy is working to update the Association's roster with veterans and their units. If you use email, please email her directly at [membership@106thinfdivassn.org](mailto:membership@106thinfdivassn.org). In your message, please let Jacquelyn know your name and 106th Infantry Division unit. Thank you.

Ms. Coy would like to acknowledge Rick Barrow (Associate member), who has been researching names for her, as well as Herb Eidelman (424/SV) for his continued assistance. Ms. Coy asks, "If anyone else wants to join in, it would be most helpful."

To the widows of Golden Lions, if you would wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your husband please let Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy know. Her contact information is located above, in this box.

*CUB* Staff occasionally receive **requests to stop the mailing** of their issue of *The CUB*. If you no longer want an issue to be mailed to you, **please contact Jackie Coy, Membership Chair**.

**Thank you** to all who have responded so enthusiastically to our call for financial support of the association. The "Last Man Standing" campaign is in full swing and going strong. If you have not already made a Life+, Memorial or Honorary contribution this year, please mail it to Mike Sheaner, treasurer, who's contact information is on the inside cover. Let's keep it going.

**Mike Sheaner, Treasurer and Jacquelyn S. Coy, Membership Chair  
for the 106th Association members**

### Please Let us Know Your Preferences!

To reduce the cost of communicating with members, we would like to take advantage of using email delivery whenever possible. General correspondence (i.e. annual reunion paperwork) and sending *The CUB* as a PDF, or link to the website, are two examples where an impact can be made. In addition, we would like to gather your email address. Please respond to the following:

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IN WORLD WAR II  
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### ***From the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion***

Hello, my name is William A. McWhorter and I am the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion (The CUB)*. I am an admirer of your outfit and hope that I can assist in keeping open the lines of communication for our Association. Please send news items that you would like reviewed for

potential inclusion in upcoming issues of *The CUB* to me. Whenever possible please send them to my email address ([williammcwhorter17@gmail.com](mailto:williammcwhorter17@gmail.com)). If you do decide to send them via postal mail, if possible, please **TYPE OR PRINT** your messages (it helps me get names spelled correctly). Thank you.

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### **Just a reminder . . .**

If you have pictures, an article, or some other form of information you would like included in a future issue of *The CUB*, the due dates are as follows:

**October 1, 2016** — mail date November 30, 2016 (to include reunion photos and remembrances)

**January 1, 2017** — mail date March 15, 2017 (issue will include reunion paperwork)

**May 1, 2017** — mail date July 1, 2017

#### **Articles and pictures can be mailed or emailed to:**

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### **Visit the 106th Association's Website!**

*By Wayne Dunn*

To complement the wonderful websites that are already out on the Internet, including our own members Jim West ([www.IndianaMilitary.org](http://www.IndianaMilitary.org)) and Carl Wouters ([www.106thinfantry.webs.com](http://www.106thinfantry.webs.com)), the association has launched our own website at [www.106thInfDivAssn.org](http://www.106thInfDivAssn.org).

This is where you can find: info on upcoming events; copies of the membership application for your family to join; the complete latest issue plus additional photos and articles from *The CUB*.

Also look for our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn](https://www.facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn).

This is where you can find up-to-the-minute information and where you can connect with friends and make plans for the next reunion.

If you have any additional reunion photos or information that you would like to see on the website or Facebook page, please contact the Webmaster, Wayne Dunn at [Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org](mailto:Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org) or 410-409-1141.

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## Jim West and the *www.IndianaMilitary.org* Website

Associate member, Jim West (OGL-Officers, 2004) has created an excellent website at <http://www.indianamilitary.org>. It is hoped that this website will increase awareness of the 106th Infantry Division Association and perhaps our membership. The site has had 1,674,874 visitors to date. It is rated as the largest private site in Indiana at more than 50 gigabytes of unaltered history and is the largest depository of local historical photos. Check it out at your earliest convenience.

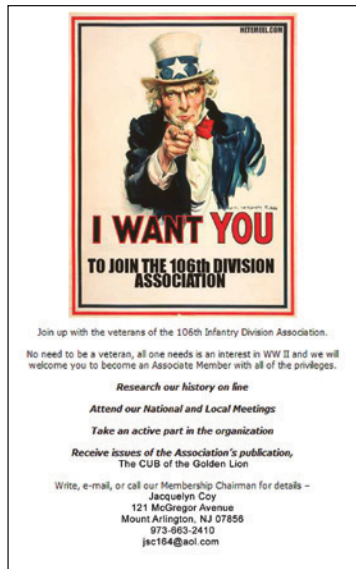
In addition to a very large section devoted to the 106th Division, it also contains information on Camp Atterbury (Indiana) and all the divisions that trained here in World War II and Korea. They include the 28th, 30th, 31st, 83rd and 92nd Infantry Divisions, plus Fort Benjamin Harrison, Freeman AAF, Atterbury/Bakalar AFB, the German and Italian POWs held at Camp Atterbury and Wakeman General Hospital. There is also a section for the several German Prisoner of War camps where some 106th members were held. There are dozens of 106th diaries and personal remembrances.

The 106th Roster at <http://tinyurl.com/106th-INFDIV-Roster> now contains information on 17,481 Veterans with 363 individual photos. If you visit the website, listed above, and a photo is not shown for an individual and the family has one available, all they need do is email a scan of him to Jim West.

All 106th General Orders have been reviewed and all the information has been added to the Roster. These General Orders allowed for the addition of 513 previously unknown names to be added and a huge amount of service numbers and other data were added. All the original General Orders are available for viewing on the website. These were made possible by a friend, John Bowen, of the 31st Division Association (Camp Atterbury, Korean War).

Every available issue of the 106th *CUBs* are available on the site, in addition to the Camp Atterbury *Camp Crier*, published when the 106th was there. Find the *Camp Crier* under the section for Camp Atterbury. You can email Jim at [imo@indianamilitary.org](mailto:imo@indianamilitary.org).

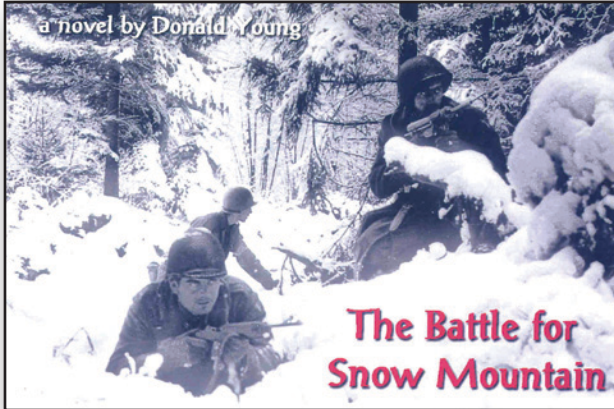
Jim would like to thank the "AmVets of Indiana." Through their generosity of support and hosting of the entire website, they are making it possible for the 106th to have a presence on the Web.



## **THE BATTLE FOR SNOW MOUNTAIN**

by Donald Young

*The Battle for Snow Mountain* is a comic novel — based on Young’s experience — which gives a surreal picture of the German attack on the 106th Division in the winter of 1944.



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*The Battle for Snow Mountain* by Donald Young  
can be purchased by April 1, from Pocol Press, 6023 Pocol Drive,  
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It can also be ordered at *Amazon.com*, \$17.95, ISBN 978-1-929763-48-1

## Order of the Golden Lion Committee

This award is provided in three classifications depending on the qualifications of the recipient. The most prestigious is “**Commander Class**” issued in gold finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time.

The second is “**Officer Class**” issued in silver finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time.

The third is “**Companion Class**” issued in bronze finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully in the capacity of assistance in the operation of the Association.

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The Chairman of the Order of the Golden Lion committee will poll the members of the Board of Directors for recommendations for the OGL awards. The President or Chairman may select additional members to the committee.

Nominations will be submitted in a format suitable for composing a formal citation to accompany the award of the medal. This must be done in ample time



prior to the next Reunion in order for the manufacturer to produce the medal(s) on time.

All citations should be kept confidential between the nominator and the Committee Chairman prior to the actual awarding ceremony.

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John Schaffner is the Chair of the Order of the Golden Lion Committee. Send nominations to:

John Schaffner (589/A)  
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**If you need registration forms for the 2016 Reunion, contact:**

**Mike Sheaner, Treasurer at [sheaner1@airmail.net](mailto:sheaner1@airmail.net)**

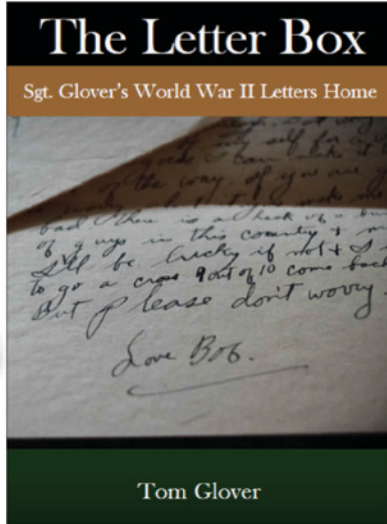
**or call Wayne Dunn at 410-409-1141**

**For additional information about the reunion visit: [www.afr-reg.com/106inf2016](http://www.afr-reg.com/106inf2016)**



# THE LETTER BOX

## Sgt. Glover's World War II Letters Home



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## **Remembrances by Col. Leo T. McMahon Jr.**

*Golden Lion, Colonel Leo McMahon Jr. wanted to share the following note with the readership of The CUB.*

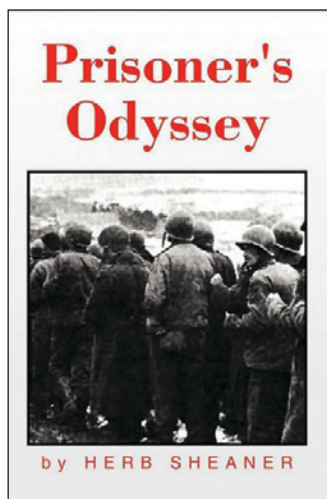
I am a life member of the association. My father, the late Brig. Gen. Leo T. McMahon, was the 106th Infantry Division Arty [commander] from approximately December 1943 at Fort Jackson, SC until the summer of 1945 in Germany. During the occupation, he was moved up to command the XXIII Corps Artillery.

In January 1944, as a 19-year-old technician, 5th grade (same pay grade as a corporal) I had a furlough and visited dad for a few days at Fort Jackson.

There was cold, sloppy-wet snow on the ground.

As dad had done after World War One, I was integrated into the regular army after World War II and served for thirty-three years (1943-1976) through World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War.

I wish to thank (and I know dad would too) the members of the younger generation for doing so much to keep the 106th Infantry Division Association going!



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## **Prisoner's Odyssey**

*by Herb Sheaner (422/G)*

*Prisoner's Odyssey* is a story of survival, hunger and reflection from a teenaged prisoner of war inside Germany near the end of WWII. From capture at the Battle of The Bulge to the final escape from his German guards, Herb Sheaner allows us a glimpse into the despair and agony of being a prisoner in a foreign land. During World War II, Herb Sheaner served as a private first class in Company G, 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division.

After receiving ASTP training at University of Alabama, he joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in Indiana where he earned Expert Rifleman honors and was designated Co. G Sniper and Regimental Scout. Fifty years later he recalls his experiences.

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## Silent Hero

By Michael Mangiaracina, grandson of George P. Mangiaracina



**Me and Grandpa — Chicago, IL 1985.**

George (Grandpa) was a medic in the 106th Infantry Division (422D). Shortly after returning from the war he met my grandmother, Mary. It was love-at-first-site and they married soon after. Decades of wedded bliss went by resulting in five children who were eventually followed up by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In all this time, Grandpa very rarely spoke of his war experiences.

In fact, Grandpa almost never even received the medals awarded to him.

His daughter discovered that men from his unit who fought in the Battle of the Bulge had been awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star. In 1985, my aunt asked Grandpa if she could write to her congressman requesting his medals. Grandpa reluctantly agreed. Months later George was finally recognized for his actions in WWII when he received his medals at an



award ceremony at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

However, even after receiving his medals, George never really opened up about his experiences. Grandpa passed away in 1990

without ever sharing his story.

Fast-forward to 2005... I was a Police Officer with the Libertyville, IL Police Department with a proud grandmother. Grandma decided to give me my grandfather's medals and I was completely honored by her graciousness. At the same time, I was puzzled on what experiences he went through to earn them. I began to question the entire family and research anything and everything I possibly could. I was quickly able to find the 106th Infantry

Division Association and joined immediately. I even wrote a letter which was published in a previous edition [of *The CUB*]. I was able to educate the family in more details on what Grandpa generally went through, but with all of this information I was finding, I still had a very big void — not knowing exactly what Grandpa went through. I knew my Grandfather was



**A General awarding Grandpa medals at a ceremony in 1985..**

a silent hero and I wanted to honor him as much as I possibly could.

Fast-forward another 10 years to a day in August 2015. On a beautiful summery day, I would receive a phone call from my excited, yet nervous Grandmother. The reason for all of the nervous excitement was because she had just received a phone call from a man (Retired Deputy Sheriff Pat Fahey) from South Dakota who was claiming to have met a man who said he was a close buddy of Grandpa. Fahey advised Grandma that this man said he had served with Grandpa in the Battle of the Bulge. Pat also said some very compelling things to Grandma and she wasn't sure what to make of it. She was not sure if it could be some sort of fraud or someone who really knew her husband. I told her I would call to verify the legitimacy. It did not take long to realize this man legitimately knew my Grandfather. I called Grandma back and confirmed it was true and said we have to find a way to go and meet this man.



**Me and Grandma starting our adventure in South Dakota.**



**Some of Grandpa's Military documents which were vital in researching his story along side various medals and badges awarded to him.**

I knew this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to fill the voids of Grandpa's war story that the family had. With the great idea from another one of George's daughters, the idea of a GoFundMe page was thought of. Donations quickly came in to pay for Grandma's airfare and hotel. The entire family was completely excited and nervous at the same time.

In August of 2015 Grandma and I flew to South Dakota to meet Grandpa's buddy, Junior Anderson and the man responsible for the reunion, Pat Fahey.

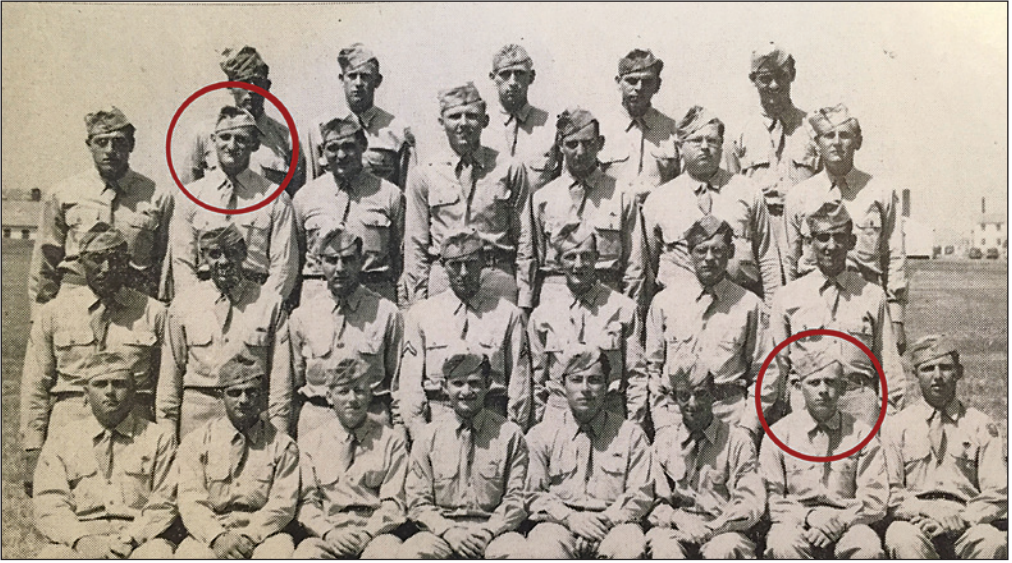
We spent the weekend with Junior and the Fahey family. In speaking with Pat, he told us that he recently met Junior and wanted to do something nice for him. Junior said he had been searching the last 70 years for a buddy whom he served with in the war and would appreciate it if Pat could help him locate his friend. Pat told Junior he would do his best and he did just that. He used his vast knowledge of police experience and discovered that his friend



**A tearful reunion — Grandma meets Junior Anderson for the first time.**

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**George Mangiaracina (left) with Junior Anderson (right) pose with the Medical Detachment 422d before entering the War.**

George had passed away in 1992 but was able to track down his wife (Grandma). It was at this point they reached out to Grandma and the reunion was set into motion.

I knew this trip was a blessing and that we were able to fill the void Junior had in his life along with the void that Grandma and our family had. The trip turned out to be one of my greatest life experiences and even more special to Grandma. The trip was filled with laughter and tears. In speaking with Junior, I felt like I was speaking with my Grandfather. Pat was able to find video footage on the Internet of the day the men were liberated from Stalig IXB. He was watching the video while I spoke with Junior about that day and discovered a three-second clip of Grandpa, up close, smiling and smoking a cigarette! Words cannot express what was going through our minds and hearts. What a blessing! After 70 years, meeting Grandpa's friend and finding video of the day he

was rescued! We left South Dakota with wonderful new stories of Grandpa and a lot to share with the family.

Just when we thought our adventure was over I received an email from the Executive Producer of the CBS58 news in Milwaukee, WI. Apparently the producer found our GoFundMe page and thought it was a great story. He contacted me and asked if my Grandmother and I would be willing to do an interview for him. I said absolutely — as long as Grandmother was okay with it. When

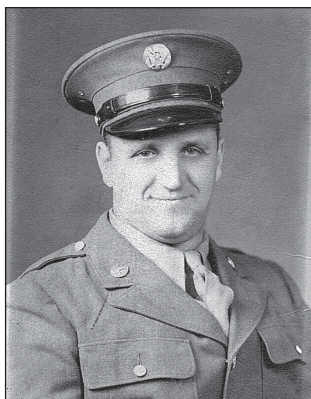


**CBS58 news in Milwaukee, interviews me for their news cast.**

I told Grandma, she was beside herself with excitement and agreed. We were interviewed by a wonderful reporter and the executive producer decided to run our story initially on the weekday morning news but then also in more length on the Sunday morning news. CBS58 did an absolute wonderful job of putting this story together.

The whole experience was an absolute blessing and words cannot express the feeling of satisfaction I have being able to be part of this reunion.

I want to personally thank every member of the 106th Infantry Division. You are all Heroes and I only wish my generation had half the courage yours did. I've learned of many of the



experiences you went through and my heart mourns for you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God Bless all of you. If anyone recognizes my Grandfather or served in the 422D and has pictures or stories to share, please email me as I continue to look for more information. Thank you.

My only other request to all of you is that you share your stories with your families. Please do not let your history fade away. Your history is what shaped your families and this Nation. Be proud of that and know America loves you and appreciates what you've done.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

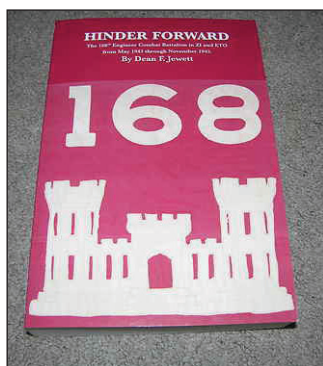
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## Hinder forward: The 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in ZI and ETO from May 1943 through November 1945

By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)



*Note:* the cover may not look like the pictured image.

Dean F. Jewett has written a book about the 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. The book is 456 pages and sells for \$75, which includes postage, sales tax, etc.

New copies are only available through Mr. Jewett at P.O. Box 148, Saco, ME 04072 or by phone at 207-284-6778.

Used copies are available online through outfits, such as *Amazon.com* or *Ebay.com*.

## Visiting the Valley Forge Military Academy to Honor Golden Lion Lt. Eric F. Wood *(From the Cover)*

by Joan Tracy



Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa, hosted their annual alumni weekend April 29 – May 1 and included the dedication ceremony of the Eric Fisher Wood, Jr. monument. Eric graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in 1937.

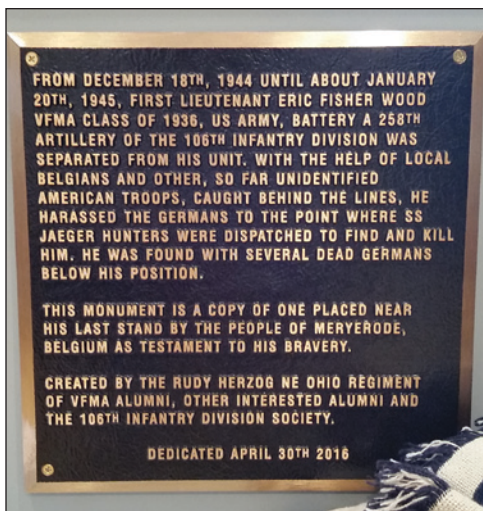
The monument at Valley Forge Military Academy is a replica of the stone cross in village of Meyerode, Belgium which commemorates the location where Lt. Wood, Jr. gave his life during the Battle of the Bulge.

The unveiling of the replica cross was held in the school's museum located in Mellon Hall. Nine veterans of the 106th gathered around the cross for a photo session. Following the photo

session, the veterans, family, friends and guests moved into the ballroom in Mellon Hall for the dedication program and comments from various speakers. Lt. Wood's son, Eric F. Wood III, thanked all of us for attending the dedication. He mentioned that when veterans visit the monument in Meyerode, Belgium, notes and flowers are left, and the notes have interested messages.

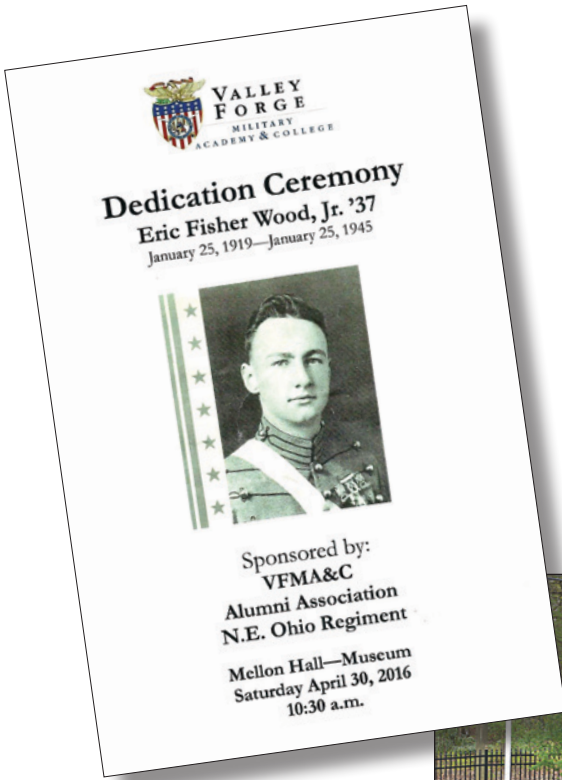
From Mellon Hall, we moved to the parade ground for the cadet parade in review. The 106th veterans enjoyed front row seating to view the parade and the bleachers behind them were filled with graduates from the class of 1946 to 2015. The biggest group came from the class of 1966, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The day ended with a buffet luncheon under several tents.



*Inscription on the plaque of the monument dedicated at Valley Forge Military Academy.*





*Program cover from the dedication ceremony.*



*While waiting in the grand stands for the event to begin, some had brought along a book about *The Battle of the Bulge* with John Schaffner's picture in it for him to autograph. Behind John is his wife Lillian and behind her is Association Vice-President Leon Goldberg's wife, Elaine.*



*The marching band exiting the Parade Grounds at the homecoming ceremony at Valley Forge Military Academy.*

*The drill team enters the Parade Grounds at the homecoming ceremony. Behind them is the World War II memorial on the at Valley Forge Military Academy.*

## **Veterans and Family of the 106th Infantry Division TATTOO\* Requests**

With space in *The CUB* at a premium, yet Reunited Buddies and Their Families an important commodity, the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion* created the following list [*In Their Own Words, most often*] of inquiries submitted to him in hopes of helping people get in touch with the 106th I.D. Association Family. The following are requests for information. Feel free to contact them if you believe you can be of assistance. *The CUB* staff has received permission from all listed below to print their inquiry and their contact email (phone and address when available).

In addition, Non-Veteran member Connie Pratt Baesman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery), has been one of three people helping to manage the 106th's online "message board" (set up by Jim West) for people to write an inquiry, looking for comrades, or for people who might have known a relative who is now gone. Sadly, some inquiries sit unanswered when the answers may be out there with a reader of *The CUB* who doesn't use a computer. The list has gotten quite long and Connie has asked that whenever there is room in *The CUB* we add a few of the requests. You can find messages like these below, along with other searches on the 106th Message Board at the following Web address: <http://106thdivision.proboards.com/index.cgi>

\*The original meaning of **military tattoo** was a military drum performance, but subsequently it came to mean army displays, or a form of gathering more generally. For our Association, letting members know that someone would like to speak with them is "why we do this! So keep sending in your stories, as an old friend may find you!" — Susan Weiss (Publisher of *The CUB*) and William McWhorter (Editor of *The CUB*)

### **Sgt. Vernon R. Anderson**

My late uncle was Sgt. Vernon R. Anderson who passed away on February 24, 2009 of colon cancer. According to the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland, his serial number was #36650674 and he was classified grade code: 4. He served in WWII in the European Theatre. He reported for duty on December 21, 1944. Captured during the Battle of the Bulge, he was held at the German POW camps: "An Der Lahn" (Stalag 12A), Hessen-Nassau, Prussia 50-08 "Bad Orb," Camp 089 (Stalag 9B) and Hessen-Nassau, Prussia 50-09. His date when he was released back into Army custody was May 4, 1945. My aunt (Vern's wife) recently passed away after approximately a decade of Alzheimer's. These photos were with her effects.

If there's anyone that possibly knew my uncle, they are welcome to contact me at the following e-mail address: [ea.kowols@comcast.net](mailto:ea.kowols@comcast.net). Thank you very much,  
Elizabeth A. Kowols (nee Harding)

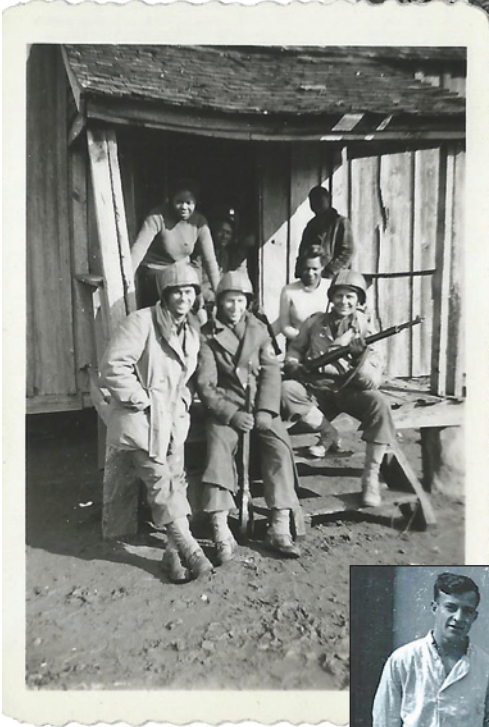
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*I think these are my uncle's "mug shots" from the Army.*



*My uncle is on the left. Forest of Ardennes (?).*



*My uncle is seated at right, with rifle held horizontally. Forest of Ardennes wood cabin (?).*

*My uncle is far right. This looks to be post-POW, possibly England before returning home.*





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## **Eustis, Florida Memorial Day 2016 Celebration**

The 106th Infantry Division Association was represented at the Memorial Day service at Ferran Park in Eustis, Florida on May 30; Clarence “Bucky” Buckman of the 106th Infantry Division Artillery was there along with Brian Welke, Association President. Also there with Mr. Buckman were two of his Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) friends Bob Spaulding and Bill Blankenberg. The VBOB members placed a wreath for the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. Also present was the family of Fred Parks (K/423) and his great-grandson Dalton Kimmons assisted Bob Spaulding with the laying of the wreath.



*Left: Dalton Kimmons and Bob Spaulding with their escorts from the Eustis High School Junior Air Force ROTC Cadets.*

*Left to right: Clarence “Bucky” Buckman, Brian Welke, Bob Spaulding and Bill Blankenburg.*





ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF  
***CAPTURED AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE***

BY RUSS LANG

**Captured at the  
Battle of the Bulge**



Memoir of a P.O.W.  
by Sgt. E. Russell Lang

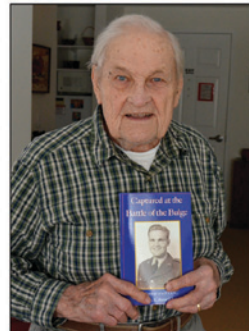
In December 1944 a young American soldier's division, newly-arrived in Europe, was sent to the front line to a quiet position on the Belgian- German border. Days after their arrival the Germans launched the great counterattack that came to be called the Battle of the Bulge. Russ Lang and his regiment were soon encircled. They attacked until their supplies and ammunition were exhausted, then held out until circumstances forced them to surrender.

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### **The Importance of a Mini Reunion**

Our veterans will always remember December 16, 1944, when they were thrust into the chaos of war. The years may have thinned the ranks, but those that remain still have the pride of knowing they played an instrumental part in slowing — and ultimately defeating — the German war machine.

As it becomes more difficult to travel, it is of critical importance that mini-reunions be held wherever our vets can join in. Any city, town — or even in someone's home — would be a fine place to gather to honor, cherish and remember all of our veterans. ***Plan one in your area today!***

**Contact Mini-Reunion Chair Wayne Dunn at [host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org](mailto:host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org) and he can assist you with members in your area.**

### **Chicago Stalag 4B Association Holds Reunion**

*By Erv Szpek, Jr.*

The Chicago Stalag 4B Association met on April 22 for their 29<sup>th</sup> reunion luncheon to celebrate the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Stalag 4B on April 23, 1945 by the Russian Army. Although it was a small reunion of family and friends with only two Ex-POWs present, Bob Slavin of the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and Jim Radocha of the 1<sup>st</sup> Army Medical Corp, the gathering was worthwhile to reflect on Stalag 4B. Bob Slavin was also a POW at Slaughterhouse 5, Dresden.

Attending as guests were Jim's wife Katherina and Bob's lady friend and ballroom dance partner Helen Smiles, along with my wife Donna and her parents Ray and Annette Kleppin. Ray is a Korean War airborne veteran who shared some of his experiences.



***L-R seated:  
Helen Smiles,  
Bob Slavin, Jim  
and Katherina  
Radocha. L-R  
standing:  
Ray  
and Annette  
Kleppin, Erv and  
Donna Szpek.***

# *Forced March from the Bulge to Berchtesgaden*

Major John J. Mohn  
106th Division, 422nd Infantry,  
1st Batalion, HQ Company

Major John J. Mohn (then Captain) was taken prisoner at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, along with 7,000 other men. As prisoner camps were too full and the German officers were unsure what to do with so many prisoners, Mohn's POW group was forced to march 1,200 miles.

He was liberated three times, twice recaptured. His final liberation was on May 2, 1945 at Gars-am-Inn. Of the 7,000 men he was only liberated with about 100 men.

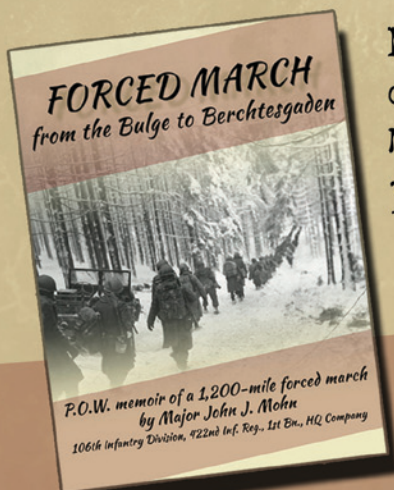
John Mohn recorded his POW experience in a memoir. Unfortunately Mohn passed away in January 2005. His book was never published.

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**ASHER, ALBERT L. 423/K 3BN**

—Date of Death: February 24, 2013

He was born in the house William Albert Asher built for his bride, Edna, in Okmulgee, OK. After returning home to Oklahoma after World War II, where he was interred by the Germans as a POW at the Battle of the Bulge, he carried on his father's career in the oil field. He worked for only one company that had many names from the time he began work in Tulsa at the age of 17 until his retirement in 1985 in Crane, TX: Tidal Pipeline, Tidewater Oil Company, Getty Oil, Texaco and then Chevron. His Christmas card list remained active with many of these oil field friends who have graciously kept up with him in his many retirement meanderings. He was a quiet, private man who asked for little in life, and in death asked only that "you do what you need to do" to remember him. He leaves behind his wife, Dorothy, two children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Neighbors here in the hollow will think of him and remember a man who loved living here and driving his little Boston Terrier around in the golf cart, stopping to visit anyone who was out and about.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

**BELTZ, RICHARD H. 106/RECON**

—Date of Death: August 1, 2014

My husband was not a member of the 106th Infantry but was a Staff Sergeant in the 106th RECON until he was recruited by the OSS as a radio operator. Immediately after he was recruited, his 106th RECON Troop was sent out to fight in the Battle of the Bulge. This bothered him all of his life, that he was not there with his men. The 106th RECON troop was always in his heart and several years after the war was over, in an American Legion Magazine, he read about the reunion of his troops and wrote for information. From then on we were invited and attended all the reunions and he became the writer of a newsletter for them. Thanks to our God he was not wounded in the war and he received the French Legion Medal of Honor. Dick died August 1, 2014, very peacefully at our home with our choir singing his favorite hymns. He is so greatly missed and I know he would want me to wish your *CUB* magazine and your members all the best.

*Reported by his wife, Sophia*

**BOOKHEIMER, MERRILL E.**

**591/FABN/HQ**

—Date of Death: December 31, 2015

*Reported by his wife, Mary Lou*



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### **BOSCHERT, PAUL V.**

**590/FABN/HQ**

—*Date of Death: June 26, 2012*

*Death reported via returned CUB*

### **BOWERS, WALTER H. “BILL”**

**591/C**

—*Date of Death: April 2, 2011*

Walter H. “Bill” Bowers, age 89, of Troy, NC died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Forrest Oakes Health Care LLC. Mr. Bowers was born December 25, 1921 in Norwood. He lived the majority of his life in Montgomery County. He was a graduate of NC State University where he received his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture and Master’s Degree in Education. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice A. Bowers and his sister, Elizabeth B. Byrd. He was the Vocational Ag teacher for Montgomery County Schools from 1949–1954, Cooperative Extension Agent from 1954–1966, Cooperative Extension Development Agent from 1966–1973 and was the only one to hold this position — Extension Cooperative Director from 1973–1981. He was a beloved agent in this county, instrumental in getting a grant for the Social Services Building and also for getting county water. After he retired, he was the County Planning and Development Coordinator for a few months. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Troy, where he was a former member of the Adult Choir, Deacon, trustee, Church Treasurer, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Sunday School teacher of the men’s Steadfast Class and a member of the Senior Adult Group. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving

from 1942–1946. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. He is survived by a son Walter, a daughter Laura and two grandchildren.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

### **CLOWER, ROBERT G. 424/CN**

—*Date of Death: December 22, 2015*

*Reported by his step-son, Jim Pinciotti*

### **COSTA, ANTONE D. 423/MEDIC**

—*Date of Death: March 22, 2015*

*Reported by his family*

### **DiRENZO, PETER L. 106th/SIGNAL**

—*Date of Death: October 9, 2015*



Peter L. DiRenzo of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Mayfield Village, Ohio, passed away on October 19, 2015, at the age of 94. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, served in the 106th Infantry

Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia, and is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

*Reported by his daughter, Patti Anderson*

### **FOSTER, GEORGE C. 424/I**

—*Date of Death: December 18, 2010*

*Reported via returned CUB*

### **GARD, PAUL D. 422/HQ/2BN**

—*Date of Death: January 23, 2009*

*Death reported via returned CUB*

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### **GINTHER, KEITH**

**422/C**

—*Date of Death: July 27, 2014*

WWII vet Keith Ginther, born Aug. 26, 1921, spoke to *Great Falls Tribune* [Montana] writer Kristen Inbody in 2011 about his Christmas night at a German-run POW camp. The radio station *Our American Network* recently aired the interview and it is available at the link below: <http://www.ouramericannetwork.org/story.php?title=WWII-POW-Recalls-Silent-Night>

The original article can be found at: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/life/my-montana/2014/07/31/christmas-war-pow-recalls-silent-night/13406997/>

*Death reported via returned CUB*

### **HUBER, EDWARD J.**

**424/CN**

—*Date of Death: January 3, 2013*

Edward J. Huber, 90, of South Bend, IN, passed away Thursday morning peacefully in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Dave Wilhelm. He arrived in Raleigh just a month ago, having lived in South Bend all his life. He was an avid Notre Dame football fan. Edward married Doris Wendel in 1942 during his first furlough from the Army. A World War II veteran, he served in France, Belgium and Germany with the 106th Infantry Division. He retired from Bendix/Allied Signal after 35 years working as a wheel and brake systems engineer. He was a devoted member of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in South Bend. Edward is survived by two children, Janet Wilhelm and Thomas Huber, as well as four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

### **JARLOCK, EDWARD S.**

**423/MEDIC**

—*Date of Death: April 22, 2011*

Mr. Edward S. Jarlock of Saginaw, MI, beloved step-father, grandfather and uncle, passed away Friday, April 22, 2011 at his home, age 87 years. Edward was born October 2, 1923 in Chicago, IL. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, was a Prisoner of War, awarded the Purple Heart and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. Edward married Dottie Urban and she predeceased him on September 15, 1987. He then married Margaret Bailey on April 28, 1990. She predeceased him on April 29, 2009. He was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Surviving are four step-children, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

### **KERNITZKY, LEONARD I.**

**106/SIGNAL**

—*Date of Death: January 21, 2016*

Lennie, as he was affectionately known, passed away on January 21, 2016 at age 91. He was a member of the 106th Signal Company from the activation until the end of the war. On November 11, 2015 he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for his service during WWII. Originally from the Bronx, N.Y., he lived in Miami, Florida. He'll be missed by many. Husband of the late Carolyn Fordansky and Roz Boniske. Survived by his daughters Robin and Cindy and his grandchildren.

*Reported by Carl Wouters*



**KLEIN, JAMES “BUDDY” J.**  
**589/FABN/HQ**

—*Date of Death: May 5, 2012*

James J. Klein, 90 of La Crosse, WI, passed on May 5, 2012, in his own home of 58 years. He was born in La Crosse on June 13, 1921, went to Holy Trinity grade school and graduated from Aquinas High School in 1939. He went to La Crosse Vocational for machine shop. In high school, Jim excelled in basketball and baseball. He played on the Heilerman’s Old Style Lager Team in 1938 and his team won the Junior Baseball Southside Championship. Jim was an avid World Ham Radio Operator. In 1939 Jim and friends drove to the San Francisco World’s Fair. He was surprised to find his call postcard displayed at the ham radio exhibit. James married Lois I. Burns at Holy Trinity Church on September 5, 1942. They divorced late in life. James actively entered the Army on March 7, 1943. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 20, 1946. In WWII, James served in Europe with the 106th Infantry Division in the 589 Field Artillery Battalion as a forward observer for the artillery. His unit was the first one hit by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes. He fought in the Bulge until the Germans were driven back to the original line. He received three Bronze Battle Stars, a Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, two Overseas Service bars and a Good Conduct Medal. In 2009, James flew to Washington, D.C. on the Freedom Honor flight, accompanied by son-in-law Bob Riel, where he was celebrated at the WWII Memorial. This

emotional experience opened a door for his family to finally hear his war stories and appreciate another way Dad was their hero. James is survived by five children, four grandchildren and two great-grand-children.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

**KLINE, JOHN** **423/?**

—*Date of Death: June 9, 2016*

Born January 25, 1925, John Kline, from Burnsville, MN, was the first editor of *The CUB*. He played four years of Varsity basketball while at Glenn High School, Terre Haute, IN. He then served in the military, his service starting with ASTP at the University of Alabama, then on to the 106th Infantry Division in 1943, as a machine gun squad leader. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW.

After the war, John worked with International Harvester Company and DeLaval Cream Separator Company traveling to 44 counties in Indiana and Illinois. Later he was involved as an employee of a specialized Commercial Contractor’s Insurance Agency (WI). He purchased the agency and later went to work as Safety Coordinator for one of his largest clients in Apple Valley, MN. He retired from there and moved a few miles away into Burnsville, Minnesota (15 miles South of Metropolitan Minneapolis, MN), where he enjoyed his retirement, golf and computers.

*Reported by Carl Wouters*

*Feel free to send your favorite remembrances of John when he was the editor of The CUB, to William McWhorter for inclusion in a special tribute report to be in the next issue.*

## Memoriam . . .

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**LANE, WELDON B. 423/HQ/2BN**

—*Date of Death: Unknown*

*Death reported via returned CUB*

**MAGIERA, EDWARD J. 423/H**

—*Date of Death: July 15, 2014*

Edward J. Magiera, age 93, passed away Tuesday, at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. He was born October 10, 1920 to George and Anna Magiera in Libertyville, IL. His early life was spent in Gurnee, IL where he graduated from High School. Following high school Ed served in the Army during WWII as a mortar gunner. During the Battle of the Bulge, Ed was captured and spent seven months in captivity as a POW, until the end of the war. After the war he served as a Military Policeman. He was married to the late Margaret Dibble. Following their marriage they resided in Union Grove. Ed had two careers — he worked at Johnson Motors until retirement and was also a full-time farmer. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. Ed is survived by his brother Leo of Ocala, FL and a sister Irene Carey of Winnetka, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, eight brothers and sisters. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center Palliative Care Unit for their care and compassion for Edward and a special thank you to the VA for the care they give all the veterans nationwide. Services will be held at a later date at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

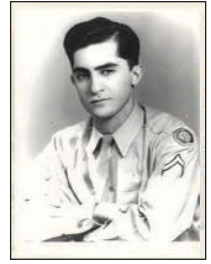
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**MARINO, ANTHONY J.**

**422/1BN/HQ**

—*Date of Death:*  
*December 29, 2015*

Anthony (Tony) Marino, 94, of Jackson Twp., NJ and formerly of Valley Stream, NY, passed away peacefully on



Tuesday, December 29, 2015. He was born in Brooklyn NY on September 18, 1921. Tony served in the United States Army during WWII (1942-1945) as a Corporal in the 106th Infantry Division. He was on active duty at the Battle of the Bulge where he was taken prisoner of war. He worked in the nuclear power field and retired from Gibbs and Hill, New York, NY, after three decades, where he had moved up the ranks from office boy to draughtsman and finished as a lead design engineer. In Valley Stream, he spent his days in his large garden and volunteering at the church. His work ethic was second to none and was always there for his family. It was his time. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Concetta (Tina) Marino, four children and five grandchildren.

*Reported by Carl Wouters*

**MOSLEY, REV. RONALD A.**

**423th & 424th**

—*Date of Death: January 28, 2016*

Rev. Ronald Mosley, 96, of Marietta, GA, and Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016. A local Celebration of Hope, Joy, Peace and Faith was held on Saturday, Feb. 5. Rev. Ron

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Mosley is a decorated WWII veteran and served as a front line Chaplain with the 106th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, wounded twice at the famous Battle of the Bulge and received the Bronze Star for heroism. His other decorations include the Purple Heart, European Theatre Service Medal, Victory Medal and U.S.A.R. Medal. He is also the author of "The Kit Bag," a publication that contains a selection of interviews done by Rev. Mosley during his early years as he sat down with veterans of WWII, armed only with a great understanding of the stories they told and a tape recorder. He was quoted saying, "I had a wonderful time recording the war adventures of sacrifices and service. Our war veterans opened up. I let them talk, and talk they did." These interviews have now been captured in a book that will remain a lasting legacy to those who went to war and returned and those that paid the ultimate sacrifice. He has written columns for newspapers for over thirty years. After "The Kit Bag," he wrote a column called "Consider This" which is now the book, "Walk With Me." Rev. Mosley is preceded in death by his first wife, Eloise Mosley. He is survived by this wife, Priscilla Mosley of Marietta, GA. Children: Professor Ronald A. Mosley Jr., Professor Gordon Mosley and Katherine E. Mills, three step-children and 10 grandchildren scattered throughout the United States and Australia. He was under medical care through the Veterans Administration Hospital in Decatur, GA. He wanted to let all persons know what wonderful care he received there.

*Reported by his wife, Priscilla*

### **PEROS, GEORGE 590/FABN/2BN**

*—Date of Death: June 10, 2012*

George Peros (August 18, 1924) age 87, of North Ft. Myers, FL. Born in Toledo OH. Raised in Detroit. Beloved husband of Georgia for 64 years; father of Michael George and Sandra Lee Lewis, grandfather of Stephen Michael, brother of Lee Hodgins, Catherine Finazzo and the late Evangelia-Vagie Karlis. George proudly served in WWII in the U.S. Army. He first served in the 106th Inf. Div. when it was formed at Ft. Jackson SC. He was transferred out of the Div. at Camp Atterbury, IN and sent to the ETO. There he was trained to be a Military Policeman and served with three military Police Battalions as a radio operator. These units were also part of the Communication Zone of the European Theater of Operations. He served in England, France, Germany and Luxembourg. George's career was in the trucking industry in management in the Detroit and Pontiac areas. Memorial Tributes may be made to: VFW, 406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111-9801

*Death reported via returned CUB*

### **SCHECTER, IRVIN M. 422**

*—Date of Death: Unknown*

*Death reported via returned CUB*

### **SMITH, WILLIAM E., SR. 423/M**

*—Date of Death: January 23, 2014*

William Edward Smith, Sr., age 89, of Pittston Twp., PA, passed away Thursday morning at home. Survived by his loving wife, Rosella, the couple would have celebrated their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb. 2. He

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was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth, in 1995. Born in Slocum Twp. on April 29, 1924, William was the son of the late John and Louise Smith. An Army Sergeant during WWII, he was once held captive as a Prisoner of War by the German Nazis in 1945. A decorated War Veteran, he earned the Good Conduct, the American Theater, EAME Theater and the WWII Victory Medals for his courageous service to our country. A member of the POW Keystone Chapter of NEPA, he was also a life member of the VFW. Prior to his retirement, he worked for the Atlas Chain Company of West Pittston. He was a member of the Moosic Assembly of God Church. Loved by many, he will be dearly missed. He is also survived by his son, William, his daughter Lana, his step-daughter, Kim, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

### **STEFAN, THEODORE** 422/A

—*Date of Death: December 18, 2013*

Theodore was born on October 22, 1924 and was a resident of Rollingbay, Washington.

*Death reported via returned CUB*

### **TWAROK, ANTOINETTE “TONI”**

—*Date of Death: February 2, 2014*

Widow of Paul Twarok (424/A)

*Reported by Jackie Coy*

### **WESTFALL, PAT N.** 424/K

—*Date of Death: October 5, 2015*

Mr. Westfall was born on September 6, 1925 in Aspermont, TX. He grew up in west Texas and graduated from high school in Ira. He was drafted into the Army at the age of 18 and began his 20-year military career. He was a decorated infantryman, being awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart after having fought in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII. He later served in the Korean Conflict, again being awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor after surviving the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. This was a brutal 17-day battle in freezing weather, which few survived. Those that survived the victorious battle were nicknamed the “Chosin Few.” He married the love of his life, Rose Ann Newby on June 11, 1949 in Temple. He retired from the Army in 1963, where they settled in Somerville, TX and started his next career with Texas A & M University in the Horticulture Department. He retired from Texas A & M after 15 years of service. He then worked as a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Somerville for 10 years. After his final retirement they moved to Levita in 1993, where he enjoyed gardening, his pecan orchard and his family. Pat’s faith was demonstrated in the way he lived his life, supporting and attending various churches in the communities in which he has lived. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Rose Ann, two daughters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

*Reported via Jackie Coy*

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### ZULLO, OSCAR A.

—*Date of Death: March 5, 2016*

Golden Lion Oscar Zullo passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, in Attleboro, MA. Oscar was born August 26, 1922 in Ginestra Italy, son of Adolpho and Assunta (D'Agostino) Zullo. He served in the United States Army, 106th Inf. Division during World War II in the European Theater. Mr. Zullo owned and operated Rudy's Cleaners in Natick, Framingham and Ashland for many years until his retirement. He resided in Spring Hill, FL for 30 years before moving to

Attleboro to be near his children. Oscar is survived by his children, Rudolph Zullo of Natick, Charlene Saunders and her husband Frank of Medway, Deborah Secinaro and her husband Tony of Attleboro; his sister, Nance Albano and her husband Edward of NY; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and extended family in Indiana. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Helen E. (Lux) Zullo and by his daughter-in-law, Mary Zullo.

*Reported by Jim West*

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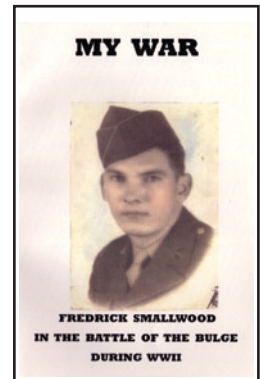
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### **MY WAR**

*by Fredrick Smallwood*

This is the story of my experiences as a young boy from a small town in south Georgia with the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. I was initially in the A&P Platoon of 1 Bn. Hq. Co. of the 423rd Regiment. I was one of the few who made my way through the German lines back to the Allied lines at St. Vith.

Books are \$15 plus \$4 for shipping. You can contact me at [fsjs@mchsi.com](mailto:fsjs@mchsi.com) or P.O. Box 1923, Bainbridge, GA 39818.





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