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## WORK ON OP HARRY FILM

Ranging far and wide across the U.S., Korea and China, Producer **Glenn Smith** and his camera crew continue to research the OP Harry battles and interview veterans of the battles.

OPHSA member **Stan Carney** was the subject of a film interview near the end of 2008 in his home in Orion, Illinois. He was also the subject of an article that was printed in the Quad Cities Newspapers, the Dispatch and the Argus and on their Quad-Cities Online web site.

The article, written by Stephen Elliott, tells the story of two young buddies in the I&R platoon of the 15th Infantry Regiment who were on patrol near the hill called OP Harry on the night of June 10, 1953. These two young men were **Stan Carney**, now 78, and **Bob Baker**, now 77.

“Alert eyes darted toward any sound, real or phantom, that might mean an unseen enemy all around them was on the move. Everything was quiet.”

Then, as we all know, the silence and darkness exploded into chaos. Over a period of night battles for 8 days, the Chinese tried to take the hill. UN forces, Americans 15th Infantry Regiment and the 5th Regimental Combat Team, attached to the 15th and the Greek Sparta Battalion defended the OP with orders to “Hold OP Harry at all cost.”

With excellent Aerial Recon photos, and other intelligence sources, 3rd Infantry Division Intelligence under Major **John Eisenhower** had determined the Chinese

buildup in the hills north of OP Harry would be directed at the Outpost. At the same time the 65th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division took positions to support OP Harry from the valley just east of Harry and attacked Chinese held hill 412 in a successful diversionary attack. Tankers from the regiments and the 64th Heavy Tanks moved into positions to support the OP and the 65th attack.

The Chinese attacked into an unbelievable, well-prepared maelstrom of artillery fire, mortar fire, direct and indirect fire from heavy machine guns and recoilless rifles from the MLR (main line of resistance). Huge carbon arc searchlights lit the Chinese avenues of approach and numerous parachute flares supplied additional lighting.



This time exposure was made during the night of June 15-16, 1953 from OP Howe. At the left is the Chinese “Star Hill” illuminated by “Moonbeam” (a 60 inch, parabolic lens, 800 million candlepower searchlight) Star is being hit by American mortar fire. The descending parachute flares silhouette the dark OP Harry atop the hill at center. These flares were fired by mortars at the direction of artillery forward observers located on the OP.

Even under these circumstances the Chinese were still able to reach the trenches of OP Harry and engage the defenders in hand-to-hand combat but were repeatedly thrown back down the hill by the defending troops over the course of the several nights of battle.

The Chinese decided after 8 nights of heavy casualties to cease attacking the Outpost.

The Americans and Greeks had suffered over 125 men killed and more than 500 wounded. The Chinese had suffered more than 1,500 killed and an estimated 3,800 wounded.



A Chinese artillery round hits the rear of OP Harry as revealed in this telephoto shot from OP Howe. At bottom center is the supply point and aid station. The foot trail and trench leading upward to the OP was the only access to the OP. All supplies had to be hand carried. Helter- skelter piles of timbers used to reinforce bunkers were hand carried by Korean civilian workers who were hired by the Army. Co A of the 15th regiment was on the hill this day

The outpost remained in American hands and was still in our hands when the truce was signed on July 27th, 1953.

“Throughout their time in the war, Carney and Baker went out on patrols, set up ambushes, and gathered intelligence. They became lifelong friends.”

Many of their memories were buried away until Mr. Baker joined the OP Harry Survivors Association a few years ago and asked his friend, Stan Carney, to join also.

After hearing so many stories from survivors of those battles who still carried the pain of that combat and the loss of friends in their minds, Bob Baker decided that financing a film about that forgotten series of battles would be a fitting tribute to the young men who were wounded and those who did not live to return home.

“Bob wanted this story told,” Mr. Carney said. “It was a forgotten part of the Korean War.”



This cheerful group of young soldiers posed for the camera during a quiet time near OP Harry. Bill Barber, Bob Baker, (with the burp gun) Chris Christianson trying to discourage Stan Carney from pulling a grenade pin with his teeth! It is difficult to picture this group of comedians, armed and ready, out playing a different game in the dark against the communist enemy.

Bob Baker says that he hopes the documentary will air on PBS sometime in 2010. It should be completed in late summer if 2009 and ready for the 60th anniversary of the Korean War the following year.

The film, in a partially completed form, is planed for a theater screening at the OPHSA Reunion in June of this year.

## FREE BOOK STILL AVAILABLE

**Bob Baker's** book is still available to any member on our roster who would like a copy. How do you get a copy?

Send a request by regular mail with your complete mailing address and a \$4.00 check made out to **James Jarboe** to cover packaging and postage to:

**James Jarboe**  
903 Crestfield Dr  
Duarte, CA 91010-2131

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JOHN FERRARA

### A LOOK BACK

Just an aimless reminiscence of the past, in no particular order or location. I guess you can also entitle it "Army Ramblings." I do remember it well.

It all started in Camp Kilmer, New Jersey with a duffle bag so full that I could hardly lift it. It ended several thousands of miles later with a "Johnny" on my back and a hospital in Japan and nothing else.



From the East coast to the West coast and aboard a ship heading for Hawaii. Still carrying a duffle of winter clothes and more. I was now known as a pineapple. I knew I was in the army since my pant-legs were not bell-bottom. I liked the islands and loved the army. They could do what they want with me, I was their property.

Here are some of my flashbacks of earlier episodes and vivid recollections of past events. Things and happenings that I am sure we all share and remember. I choose to remain mundane and not to enter into memories of unpleasantness here. Rifle cleaning kit, never enough to go around. Two dog chains to blouse your pants, two number 10 cans with both ends removed again to blouse your pants.

Double time to the range. Seemed like 20 miles. We did get a smoke break. Take 10, on the way road guards out, road guards in. Hook sewed inside Ike jacket to hook on your belt, you showered with your field gear, and GI brush, when you return from the field, or class, mail was on your bunk, better put your rifle on the right rack number or you would be cleaning someone else's, shave cream in someone's hand while sleeping, short-sheeted bunk, shelter half as a cold barrier, carried your shot record and guarded it. Trainee of the month, proud moment, no fancy boot lacing, no boot zippers, know your rifle number, don't drop it or you sleep with it. Grenade practice, drop it, better kick it down sump hole. Weekend pass class "A" only or civies, in Hawaii. Khaki pants and Aloha shirt okay. (shades of From Here to Eternity). Fatigues not camos also known as HBT. Many weeks later it was "Aloha" and back on the boat.

A short hello West coast, East coast, and West coast again. Back on the boat and another island. My sea-time

was the envy of sailors I have known. Seasick only once. The tour guide called the island Japan. It didn't last long. We had to catch another boat. This time a ferry to the journeys end. The happy hunting grounds of Korea. Here is my hodgepodge of a time and places from the past.

Como wire bunks, breaking M1 clips to load machine gun belts, double EE8 or sound power phones.



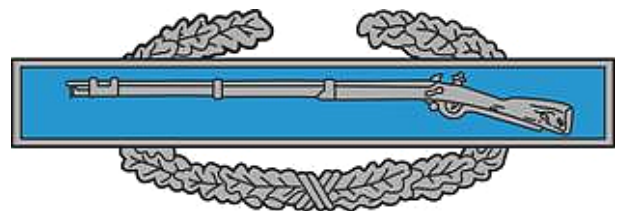
A few charcoal or oil stoves, C rations, sausage patties, ham and lima beans, spaghetti, one can with a biscuit, jelly, candy, two cigarettes, a little T.P., and a P-38. Wrote home for candles and socks. Combat boots with wide leather top flap, ammo dated from

WWII, filling sand bags with an entrenching tool - never saw a long handled shovel. Winter hat, pile lined with dropped earflaps, leather finger gloves with liner no mittens, suspenders for field pants, long-johns and tops, wished for a scarf, no parkas to go around, Mickey Mouse boots okay but your feet sweated, no shoe packs. You taped your dog tags, jumped up and down before going on patrol, pebbles in C ration cans, minute of angle, weapons test fire, corporal stripes got you into NCO club, Aqua Velva, 75% alert more or less, armored vest, old-style over your head, new style, zipper front with plates, HALT! I just have to. Can't believe there is so much. I am amazed that I can go on and on, and I know you can too. This is my memory as an infantry person and many of you that have a different M.O.S. have a lot more language than other areas. Just think as to how many more one-liners we can put in a book. Remember we are going back over 50 years. The troops today are in a different world that we were in. But I guess that's it, we still need boots on the ground that is what counts.

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John Ferrara  
OPHSA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".



## NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY ED HANRAHAN

It is 2009 and OPHSA is still going strong. I had a nice phone conversation with **Bobby Barber**. We were both in the 2nd Plt. of Co 'B', 15th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Bobby comes from Kentucky and we hope to exchange some old photos sometime in the near future.



**Walden Storie** (AKA: Mr. Keene tracer of lost persons) located Bobby and gave me his number. I think Bobby would love to hear from some of the Baker boys.

I know that I missed calling some of our sick members and sincerely hope that 2009 will be a better year. I guess I have to write down all my information now huh?

We, survivors all, greatly appreciate the fact that we are still around. Call it what you may; luck, fate, or for the majority of us, we call it Divine Providence.

So once again Lord, we give thanks and praise to Thee.

The following ex-GI put it this way:

" This is what I found out about religion: It gives you the courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis and the confidence to leave the results to a Higher Power. Only by trust in GOD can a man carrying responsibility find repose."

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Please remember our military people in your prayers. Pray for peace and understanding in this dangerous world and keep in touch with a member or members.

Oh yeah, Santa Claus gave me an electronic gift this year. It's good for 7 to 11 years, A St. Jude Pacemaker, and I have red rosy cheeks to prove it. Thanks for your calls. Stay well and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

Ed Hanrahan  
OPHSA Chaplain

*Sincerely  
Ed Hanrahan*

## PICTURE THIS

There is a story behind this picture that was sent to the Survivor by Jerry Cunningham.

Two photographers from Chicago, Mole and Thomas, came up with the idea to make "living photographs" of patriotic symbols to help sell war bonds during the First World War. They worked with the National Guard, Army Marines & Navy in producing many of these photos that included portraits of President Wilson, famous landmarks and many unit emblems from all branches of the service.

Original prints were given free to buyers of War Bonds.



This photo of the Statue of Liberty is composed of 18,000 men and was taken from the top of a specially constructed tower on the parade field at Ft. Dodge, Iowa in July, 1918. The temperature that day was 104 degrees. It had already taken a week to prepare the parade ground for the photo.

The picture was outlined on the ground in distorted form to allow the perspective from the camera point of view to produce an un-distorted image on the film. Thus the torch took 12,000 men whereas the body, head and base (closest to the camera) took only 2,000 men to form

## THANK YOU DONORS

Listed below are the members who have donated funds to our OPHSA Treasury during the last quarter of the year 2008. As you all know we do not charge dues. The Association is dependant upon donations to plan the reunions, publish the 'Survivor' and the OPHSA website.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the folks listed below for their invaluable support for OPHSA.

**Edwin Kurtz,  
William Partington  
Frederick Knepper  
Joseph Kolgat Jr.  
Hal Adamson  
Paul Curtis  
Lawrence Connors  
Egan Fehnel  
Roy Sauer**

**John Szarpa  
Norman Maulbeck  
Peter Chacho  
Charles Herch  
Theodore Vlahos  
Wm. Dannenmaier  
Cornelius Hindall  
James McQueen**

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### HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

#### Notify:

**James F. Jarboe  
903 Crestfield Drive  
Duarte, CA 91010-2131**

If you have changed your **E-mail address**, notify the same guy at:

**jarboejnl@charter.net**

## 2009 18TH ANNUAL REUNION

### HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Dearborn  
600 Town Center Drive  
Dearborn, MI 48126-2793  
313) 593-1234--Fax: (313) 982-6799

All arrangements with the above Hotel have been completed. The Hotel will host the Outpost Harry Survivors Association 18th Annual reunion from June 11 through 14, 2009. The Hotel has confirmed the following guest room rates: \$103.00 per night. Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes (which are currently (14%). Room rate is valid from June 9 to 16, 2009 for those who might desire to spend more time in the Dearborn/Detroit area.

### RESERVATION METHOD

All reservations must be made individually through the Hotel's Reservation Department by calling (313) 593-1234, or 800-233-1234. When calling please mention the **Outpost Harry Survivors Association** to receive your group discount rate.

- Early Arrivals Date: June 9th 2009
- Late Departure Date June 16th 2009

### CUT-OFF DATE

The "cut-off date" is May 27, 2009. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability at the Hotel's prevailing rates and will be credit to the Group's Guest Room Block... Early reservations are strongly encouraged. Last minute reservations may not be possible.

### REUNION PRE-PAY REGISTRATION FEES

**Before** May 27 2009, \$150.00 each

**After** May 27 2009, \$160 each

The above fees apply to attendees 12 years old and older.

All children 11 years or younger are free.

You may use the convenient Registration Form included on page 7 of this newsletter.

Secretary/Treasurer Douglas Jones, is accepting registration fees at this time. Please send your fee to:

E. Douglas Jones.  
14614 Channel Drive,  
La Conner Washington. 98257-4732

### NOTICE THE ABOVE CUT-OFF DATES

Your registration fee will pay for Thursday Evening Reception dinner, Saturday Evening Banquet dinner and Sunday Morning Farewell breakfast.

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If you want a copy of our current membership list, mail a stamped, self-addressed # 10 envelope to:

**James F. Jarboe  
903 Crestfield Dr  
Duarte, CA 91010-2131**

# 2009 18TH ANNUAL REUNION SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JUNE. 11

- Registration
- Hospitality Room Open
- Cocktail Hour
- Dinner Buffet
- Evening Events

## FRIDAY, JUNE. 12

- Individual tour or relax in the hospitality room
- Theater preview of the OPHSA Documentary film
- Individual dinner

## SATURDAY, JUNE. 13

- Memorial Service
- Recollections of OP Harry
- OPHSA Business Meeting
- Ladies & Guests Session
- Cocktail Hour
- Banquet dinner
- Evening Events

## SUNDAY, JUNE. 14

- Farewell buffet breakfast
- Close 2009. Reunion

“WE HELD”

Jerry Cunningham  
OPHSA Reunion Planner

<p><b>DONATIONS TO OPHSA</b></p> <p>Send your donations to:</p> <p><b>E. Douglas Jones</b> 14614 Channel Drive LaConner, WA 98257-4732</p> <p>Make your checks payable to:</p> <p><b>Outpost Harry Survivors Association</b></p>
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# EDITOR’S NOTES - - - P.S.

We have recently spoken to Chaplain **Ed Hanrahan**. Being one of our “snow birds” he has flown south to Florida, Indian Shores, to be exact. His phone number there is (727) 593-0826. He has been a bit under the weather recently and we are sure he would appreciate talking to some of his buddies.

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Speaking to **Martin Markley** a couple of days ago we found out about one of his little tricks to go along with his regular daily walks. He takes a different route each time and takes a little notebook with him in which he writes the location of any graffiti he might see. He then emails the city office in Fullerton, CA that usually cleans it up in four or five days!

Speaking to Martin also reminded us that it is fulfilling to check the guestbook on our website ([www.ophsa.org](http://www.ophsa.org)) on a regular basis. Many relatives of Korean War veterans find the site and put entries in the guestbook asking if we have anybody who might have known a relative who was on OP Harry.

We suggest that those of you out there that have access to the Internet check the guestbook on our site every couple of weeks. You may be able to make contact with folks you served with, or their relatives. It can lead to a very interesting experience for you!

If you would like to be informed when new entries to the guestbook appear, email our webmaster, Freeman Bradford, to set you up to receive this notification.

**[webmaster01@ophsa.org](mailto:webmaster01@ophsa.org)**

<p><b>Tips from the Webmaster</b></p> <p>If you have a <b>Skype</b> connection you can contact your friendly webmaster, Brad, at <b>brad94303</b> or your friendly <i>Survivor</i> editor, Jim Jarboe at <b>jimj1929</b>.</p> <p>For those not familiar with Skype, it is an absolutely free live video connection between your computer and anyone in the world who also has Skype on their computer. Great for staying in touch with grandkids, relatives, and friends -- no matter where they are. If you'd like more Skype info, email your webmaster at:</p> <p><b><a href="mailto:webmaster01@ophsa.org">webmaster01@ophsa.org</a></b></p>
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## Outpost Harry Reunion 2009 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and  
voluntary donations to:

E. Douglas Jones  
14614 Channel Drive  
La Conner, WA 98257-4732



Make checks payable to:  
**OP Harry Survivors**  
**Association**

Member Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Children(s) Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Attending Guest(s) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check here if this is your first Outpost Harry Survivors Reunion

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Your unit during Defense of OP Harry: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reunion Fees:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration <i>Before</i> June 1, 2008*	_____ X	\$150.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2008*	_____ X	\$160.00 each	\$ _____
*Attendees 12 years old and older			
Attendees Age 11 years and younger		FREE	
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		<b>Net Total</b>	\$ _____

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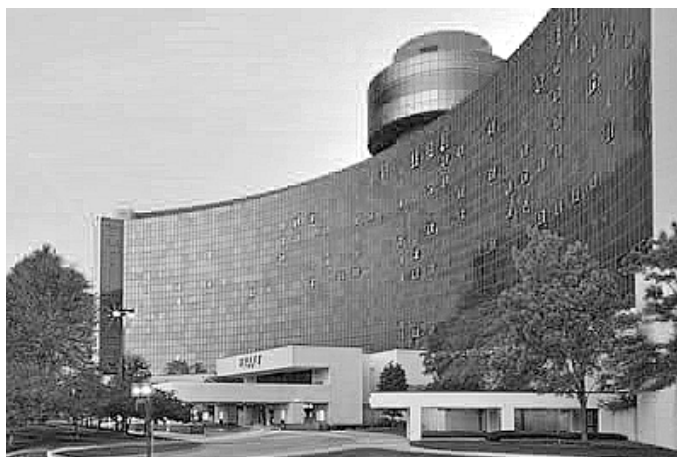


**The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----**



With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....  
**WE HELD!**

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Dearborn, MI 48126-2793  
[www.dearborn.hyatt.com](http://www.dearborn.hyatt.com)

More information will follow in later issues of the *Survivor*, as it becomes available.