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OUTPOST HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

18TH ANNUAL REUNION
DETROIT/DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
JUNE 11-14, 2009

We have some good news and more good news!!

The registration fee of \$150.00 per person has been reduced to \$100.00 per person! Anyone who has already sent their payment to **Doug Jones** will be receiving a rebate check from OPHSA. Some late minute moves by **Jerry Cunningham**, our esteemed Reunion Chairman, led him to notify us of the change. Don't ask us how he did it. We don't know.

More good news: Our honored guests will be **Major General Anthony A. Cucolo** and his wife. MG Cucolo is the 3rd Infantry Division Commander. They will be with us from Friday June 12 to Sunday June 14. MG Cucolo will be our speaker at the Saturday Banquet. **Mrs. Cucolo** will speak to the ladies Saturday morning during the Ladies Session.

If any members would like to add something attractive to the reunion events please contact Jerry in writing or phone prior to April 15, 2009

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as you can.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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

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 credited 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, \$100.00 each

After May 27 2009, \$110 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.

There will be a program with a detailed schedule of events in your registration package when you check in on Thursday June 11.

The Reunion schedule is located on the cover

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JOHN FERRARA

"I Fly my Flag Upside-Down"

It's a grand old flag that was presented to me some time ago on a special occasion. I only flew it at certain times such as when my grandchildren were born and my lifelong friend died,

Sad to say, it is now upside down. When a flag is flown this way, it means distress.

I saw the direction our country is going some time ago and have done what I could, such as writing letters, attending meetings, talking to others and groups, and voting where and when necessary. From small town America to Washington D.C., the road we are going down is very scary.

We have shamed our last President and tried to discredit and embarrass our military leaders. Those that are presently in office have destroyed our financial system and put a serious burden on the lives of many. Still we are asked to do more while they misdirect what is really needed to other areas for self-preservation.

I wonder if our present Commander-in-Chief will get the support and backing he needs. I didn't vote for him, but if he fails, our country fails.

There are so many issues that need to be addressed and changed. We are all in the same boat. Hopefully now and at our age, retirement isn't a burden. Health is an issue and whether it's good or bad, we don't need to have financial burdens.

We are a company of men that were there and did it all. We got through the good times and the bad. We are trying very hard to keep the Golden Years bright. We only share with each other the good days of the past year, but I am sure we each have a crisis situation that we live with.

The reunions give each of us a reminder of the past and a flashback to those times that are better left alone. But, they



also show the strength we had then and the strength and determination we have now to be here

We lived in a time when problems were few and duty, honor and country were never in question, whether to our parents, employers or anyone. We always got up if knocked down. It's different today. As difficult as it is to say it, we are in trying times.

I am in hopes that myself and every one of you reaches out and touches what is important to us.

I will share my foxhole with any one of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ferrara".

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY ED HANRAHAN

Now I know how Pat and Freeman Bradford appreciated that special act of kindness that Rhonda McAuliffe/Gloodt performed when she drove them from Iowa to Utah. This was a few years back at the reunion in Des Moines, Iowa due to Freeman's medical problem. Rhonda had no problem with the manual transmission plus pulling a trailer!



After I had a pacemaker inserted in December, I left Plymouth, MA for Florida. Two days after arriving I was driven to a hospital in Largo, FL. I was diagnosed with a severe "Plumbing Problem". It was in the emergency room that I was introduced to my new friend "KATHY". Six hours later "KATHY" and I went home to my Indian Shores Condo together.

Bob and Rhonda had been at the condo a few years back. Rhonda called to see how the new pacemaker was working out. I thought I fooled her on that call and stated, "I am doing OK here by myself."

The next day she called and said Bob had gotten her an "open end ticket" and could be here in 4-5 hours. (I was two days away from checking myself into Tampa General Hospital). That evening she arrived with a van. I was also having vision problems. That meant another trip to an ophthalmologist I had to see in Clearwater. Rhonda put in a lot of mileage between Largo and Clearwater, doing food shopping, and was a great help to me,

Thank you so much Rhonda and Bob. I will never forget what you all did for me.

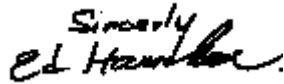
Well, after 38 consecutive days “KATHY” and I went our separate ways. She was also known as “Foky” Catheter, and I don’t miss her at all. Thanks for your calls during my medical problems.

I am finally getting caught up on sending out get-well cards to our members in need. Spring is here and before you know it we will be at the reunion.

Let us all please remember to put on our prayer list Sherrill Baker who is seriously ill, John Ferrara, Curtis Halvorson, Alice Smith, wife of member Ralph Smith Jr. and all the members of OPHSA .

To our troops we send our prayers and hope that the hostilities all over the World will soon come to an end.

Happy Easter to all. See you in Michigan

Sincerely


DOCUMENTARY FILM REPORT

News on the “*Hold At All Costs*” movie front; Director **Glenn Palmedo-Smith** and his crack film-crew just returned from three weeks in New Orleans, Alabama, Washington DC, London and Greece. He's interviewed on this trip -- **Dr. Allan Millet**, (Historian, University of New Orleans), Medal of Honor recipient **Lee (Ola) Mize**, Military Historian **Michael Slater**, **Maj. Gen. Ret. John Eisenhower**, veterans' advocate **Oliver North** and Greek veterans **George Pagomenos**, **Konstantinos Pissiotis**, and **Demetrios Papadopoulos**.

“John Eisenhower said that in the second week of June 1953 he couldn't wake up early enough to discover if Outpost Harry held or not. Every morning he was shocked to find the post had indeed held. While many of the other outposts fell one by one, for ‘eight nights those men held that dirt! It was amazing!’” Palmedo-Smith stated, describing what the General said on tape.

Palmedo-Smith asked Greek Veteran, Demetrios Papadopoulos, of Aigion, Greece, why he chose to fight the communists in Korea, “I fight, because when I was little boy, the Nazis and their tanks goose-stepped right in front of my house on way to our tiny village...” as he pointed to the very street he still lives on, “An officer, he came to my father and pointed to our five cows, chewing happily by the roadside, right here on this very property. The Nazi, then pulled out his Luger pistol and shot each cow in the head, twice! In two seconds! He then demands my father to sign a paper and accept 500 marks. My father, he refused. The officer, he then put the gun to my father's temple and he said ‘Sign immediately or I will shoot you!’. My father, yes he sign, but now you ask me, ‘Why do I fight the communists? Eh!’” Demetrios said to Palmedo-Smith without blinking.

“Oliver North was so generous with his time and knowledge. He's a pro on camera, we hit a home run with him. The two historians, Millet and Slater, painted the battle as if the audience were actually there. The Greeks capped off the final days of the battle with gallant, emotional fervor.

Executive Producer **Bob Baker**, an Outpost Harry survivor himself, who's funding the project, added, “With the nineteen other interviews already shot, we believe this battle will be told like no other. By examining this particular engagement fully, the greater conflict of the Korean War itself will be told to a hungry audience, tentatively to be aired on PBS in June-2010, the 60th anniversary of the start of The Korean War!”

“I hope to go to China within weeks, to interview a half-dozen Chinese vets who were on Star Hill in the closing months of the war. It will be riveting to go back and forth between all veterans, with narration filling the gaps.” added Glenn.

On the narration front, CD voice of the *The Coldest Winter* book, **Edward Herrmann**, has agreed to provide narration for the film. Bob and Glenn are most confident that a fairly decent version of the finished product will be viewable at the upcoming reunion Friday afternoon in Dearborn, Michigan this June.

“This is war, as never told before!” Glenn added as a cap off to this report.

Glenn sounds very excited about the material thus far generated! He has certainly gotten me excited. I can't wait to see the preview he and Bob Baker will have for us at the reunion in Dearborn in June. Don't miss it!!

James Jarboe, Editor.

OP HARRY SHIRTS

OP Harry shirts available on special order from **Floyd** and **Iris Deiwert** who have graciously offered to process orders for our OP Harry white, short sleeved, polo shirts embroidered with the OP Harry Logo on the left and the name on the right.

Floyd said he received several inquiries about the shirts during the reunion. He has sent us the size and price information for both men's and women's shirts. (Prices subject to change. Check with Floyd or Iris when ordering.)

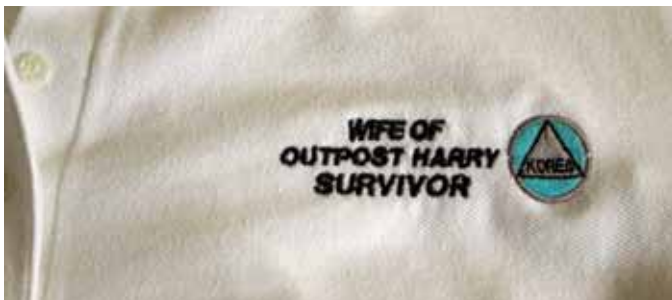
Send no money with your order. When the order is complete Floyd will ship it to you with an itemized invoice for payment.

Members shirts have “Outpost Harry Survivor” and the OP Harry Memorial Medal embroidered above the left pocket.



Member OP Harry shirt, left logo

Spouses and family members shirts have “Wife of Outpost Harry Member”, “Son of Outpost Harry Member”, “Daughter of Outpost Harry Member”, etc. with the OPHSA emblem.



Ladies OP Harry shirt, left logo

Men’s shirts (no embroidery, with pocket)

Small to X large	\$15.50
XXX Large	\$19.00
XXXX Large	\$21.75

Lady’s shirts (no embroidery, no pocket)

Small to X Large	\$10.55
XXX Large	\$14.00
XXXX Large	\$15.75
XXXXX Large	\$16.00

Embroidery costs are:

Left Logo

Either men’s or lady’s	\$6.00
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Names (The name goes on the right)

One name	\$4.00
Two names	\$5.00

Floyd and Iris Deiwert
1186 E. Meadow Dr.
Greensburg, IN 47240-7700
Phone: (812) 662-0021
Email: floydirts@etczone.com

.ORDERING REUNION BADGES

For those attending your first OPHSA reunion, a copy of the registration form you filled out and sent to our Secretary/Treasurer will be sent to our Historian, **Richard Martinet**. Richard has blank badges that will be sent to a vendor close to him and will be mailed to the reunion site in time to be inserted into the registration package that will be waiting for you when you check in at the OPHSA desk in the hotel lobby.

For those of you who have had badges but somehow misplaced them, you should send \$15.00 to Richard Martinet to have replacements badges made. The first time attendees’ badges are free.



Sample Reunion Badges

The badges are 2x3 inches, Infantry Blue background, with the name of the member, where you live, and your unit engraved in white. Spouses or relatives will have names and location as seen in these samples.

For replacements, send the required information and \$15.00 to:

Richard Martinet
10045 Gardenside Dr.
Waite Hill, OH 44094-6952

Orders will NOT be processed if not received on or before May 24, 2009.

OPHSA MINUTES 2008

By E Douglas Jones, OPHSA Secretary/Treasurer

The reunion was held at the Renton Holiday Inn [Seattle]

The business meeting was called to order by our illustrious President Jerry ... that’s Jerry Lang... Not to be confused with Jerry Cunningham, our long serving, more than efficient Program Chairman... I told him that we really didn’t have to introduce the officers as we did all that last year and nothing has changed.... He introduced us anyway...

More importantly he did welcome our new members.

As usual old business and new seemed to blend together at any rate between my tape recorder and my hearing aids, neither of which work all that well. Here's the result ... Jerry C discussed the planning necessary to putting on our reunions and that he is starting on the next reunion as soon as this one is over... In the past he has always held us in suspense as to where the next reunion will be and now he tells us before we even ask... It will be at the Dearborn Hyatt Hotel. Dearborn is a suburb of Detroit, June 11th to the 14th... He again emphasized the need for as early a registration as you can make...



Survivor Jim [aren't we all] was much appreciated for his excellent quarterly "Survivor"... He mentioned that as we have about 260 members it was very important to notify him of any changes of phone, address etc... Also he needed input from the members. Stories and pictures from the War.

Brad's professional Web is attracting more and more visitors...

Rev. ED [Chaplain extraordinaire] also needs input on those sick or departed...

Bob Baker related that his backing of Archangel films simply did not work out to his satisfaction... He has decided to finance our documentary himself... He introduced Glenn Smith, a professional movie producer, who will have a completed film by 2010... Thanks Bob. This is truly above and beyond...

After two great years President Jerry is stepping down... We elected our good friend John Ferrara for a two year hitch as our next Pres. ...with able assistance from Dave Mills as his VP... Jerry, not finding a gavel managed to adjourn the meeting.... John.... next year I will bring you one...

EDJ Secretary /Treasurer

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

Or

THERE BE ANGELS AMONG US!

The expression "We've got your back" is a modern Army term expressing the same meaning as "We've got you covered" It is an expression of brotherhood usually found in war time when life or death was faced by a patrol or an outpost in the dark depths of an inky black Korean night. Many

of those young men survived the fear and enemy contacts with uncommon courage and the knowledge and trust that their comrades were a cohesive unit working together toward a military objective and everyone's survival.

This is the first in a series about Survivors lives in more recent times, and the angels who have come to their aid. (Ed.)

Since the last reunion in Seattle our Chaplain, **Ed Hanrahan**, a life-long bachelor, was already planning his yearly snowbird flight from Massachusetts to a Florida townhouse. He can no longer drive so he is dependent on feet or friends for transportation. Shortly after his trip home from the reunion he and his friend **Zina** were going out to dinner when he had a heart problem occur.

An angel was at hand for Ed because Zina saw that he got transported to a hospital where he awoke. Whatever the problem was, quick response helped him tremendously! A heart specialist was available and Ed received a pacemaker that quickly improved the problem.

After being released from the hospital, Ed prepared for his trip to Florida and flew down after receiving approval from the cardiologist.

After a short time at his townhouse Ed had another health problem crop up. He was taking taxis to visit the doctor and having a tough time without someone to "get his back."

ENTER ANGEL NUMBER TWO

Rhonda McAuliffe/Gloodt called to see how Ed was doing. *(Here is a quote from an email we received from Rhonda. (Ed.) "When I found out the problems that Ed was having in Florida I asked him if I could come out and be of some help. I am very happy to say that Ed has recovered. He is doing quite well taking walks down the beach and has started to gain some of that weight back that he lost. His strength is back and he feels like a new man! Amazing what friendship does for a person!" (Yes Rhonda. Amazing what a visit from an angel all the way from Nebraska can do!*



Ed Hanrahan and Rhonda McAuliffe/Gloodt

ENTER ANGEL NUMBER THREE

We do not know the circumstances of **Ed Hanrahan** and **Oksuk Kang**'s meeting. Sufficed to say they have been fast friends for years. To continue our story: When Rhonda left Florida Oksuk had been keeping tabs on Ed and he decided to extend a hand to his friend and our Chaplain. Oksuk is now in Florida with Ed and will help him get ready to fly back to Boston and see that he gets back to Plymouth safely in April. We spoke to Mr. Kang recently and found that he is not having the best of times in his business in Plymouth. He moved from Korea in the late 70's and had a photographic processing and printing business that he has closed because of the rapid advance in digital cameras. He has opened a small convenience store with which we wish him much success. He did give his time at the right time for an old friend, for which his comrades and friends in the OP Harry Survivors Association are very grateful.

There are a lot of Good Angels out there. If you have a favorite angel story share it with the *Survivor*.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

Listed below are the names of people who have sent donations to help us keep perking. We have not had to levy dues since the inception of the Association. It is with the generosity of these folks and all the others over the years, and the labor of your officers (who are all volunteers) that keep us in the "business" of remembering those who died or brought home daily reminders, either physical or mental, of their time in the Korean War.

Thank you, gentlemen, and may God bless you all! (Ed.)

Charles Scott	Jerry Cunningham
James Hafer & Son	Joseph Kolgat Jr.
Loriman Brigham	Ed Hanrahan
Joseph Zipprich	Sam Buck
Jack Coffey	Jim Evans
Pat Carbone	Thomas Chilcott
Martin Markley	Don R. Patton
Edwin Kurtz	Tony Sobieski
Walden Storie	

AUTHOR DONATES BOOK TO OPHSA

Anthony Sobieski, son of OPHSA member **Henry Sobieski**, has donated a copy of his newly published book, *A Hill Called White Horse* to be raffled during our reunion.

We took a peek into the book and find it a very detailed account based on many interviews with survivors of the 10 day battle. (Ed.)

All you artillery guys will be fascinated by the feeling of reality that Tony injects into his story of the 213th artillerymen who supported the 9th ROK Infantry Division in the early days of Oct. 1952.

The book is \$19.95 hard-bound and \$14.95 soft cover.

You can order from Tony directly:

Anthony Sobieski
267-240-6875
raven299@verizon.net

OPHSA FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
12-31-07 to 12-31-08	
BANK BALANCE* 12-31-06	\$ 5452.22
INCOME	
Donations	\$3741.00
Registrations	3300.00
Cash at Reunion [caps, badges, donations]	1304.67
Raffle	532.00
	\$13797.89
EXPENSES	
Liquor License	\$ 30.00
Buses	380.00
Catering	1096.98
Programs	558.68
Holiday Inn**	3689.96
Survivor	1735.36
Web Site	128.70
Hospitality Room	231.34
Ladies Retreat	32.73
Boeing Future of Flight	504.00
U.P.S	266.58
	\$9654.33
Bank Balance 12-31-08	\$4143.56
*[\$6216.14 less outstanding checks of \$763.92]	
**The full cost of the Holiday Inn was \$6103.46. Member Bob Baker covered the rest.	

Statement prepared by E. Douglas Jones, OPHSA Secretary/Treasurer.

DONATIONS TO OPHSA	
Send your donations to:	
E. Douglas Jones	
14614 Channel Drive	
LaConner, WA 98257-4732	
Make your checks payable to:	
Outpost Harry Survivors Association	

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 _____ ZipCode _____

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	\$100.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2008*	_____ X	\$110.00 each	\$ _____
*Attendees 12 years old and older			
Attendees Age 11 years and younger		FREE	
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		Net Total	\$ _____

OP HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

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REUNION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

Check-in: TIME: 3:00 P.M.

Check-out Time: 12:00 P.M.

Check in with OPHSA Registration desk in Hotel Lobby to receive your registration package.

Reception Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

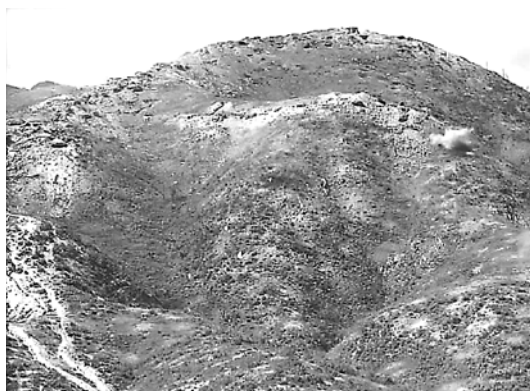
Memorial Service: Recollections of OP Harry and Business Meeting to include Ladies Meeting, Banquet Dinner. Evening events.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

Sunday Morning Farewell Breakfast and End of the 2009 Reunion.

Note: *If you have not already done so, be sure to register for the Reunion using the form on page 7. The form is also available on the OPHSA website in the online version of this Survivor in the Newsletters section of the OPHSA web site.*

The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



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