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19TH REUNION REPORT

The 19th Outpost Harry Survivors Association Took place in San Diego, California, June 10--June 13, 2010. The weather was beautiful, the attendance was high and members and guests of the Association had a wonderful time.

Folks began checking into the Town and Country hotel on Thursday and registering at the OPHSA desk. The reunion began with a social reception followed by a buffet dinner.

President John Ferrara officially opened the reunion followed by VP David Mills recognizing past presidents. Reunion Chairman Jerry Cunningham invited all first time attending members and guests to come forward.

Bob Baker and Glenn Palmedo-Smith gave some information about the film screening "Hold at all Costs" to take place the following day.

The hospitality room was open with many members and guests attending.

Friday morning saw buses transporting members to a nearby theater where we viewed the film. Later in the day we were transported to the Hornblower Harbor cruise dock where we boarded a cruise ship for a champagne reception and dinner hosted by Bob Baker.

Our Memorial Service was held Saturday where members of various units participating in the Defense of OP Harry lit candles in memory of those comrades who were lost.

This was followed by our annual business meeting. Elections were held with David Mills the choice for our new president and Maurice "Fuzzy" Guy as vice president. All other officers were retained.

The afternoon took us to Balboa Park to visit the Veterans Museum where we saw the beginnings of the Korean War exhibit with some of the set pieces used in some of the recreated scenes in the film "Hold at all Costs". Later in the day we gathered in the Banquet room for a reception followed by a reception line, our traditional toasts, blessing by the Chaplain Ed Hanrahan, presentation of a song about OP Harry by Randle Walert and Samia Walert, relatives of Sam Buck.

Our featured speaker was Major General John Singlaub (USA Retired) followed by the presentation of the Infantry Association's Medal of Saint Maurice to Bob Baker.

Sunday morning farewell breakfast officially closed the reunion.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY DAVID MILLS



Greetings from the Valley of the Sun, where almost every day is bright, cheerful and warm.

What a great Reunion! What a great Location! What a great Program! Thank you to all who had a part in conceptualizing, planning and orchestrating the 19th Annual Reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California. Naturally there had to be somebody in charge. And this year Program Chairman Jerry Cunningham outdid himself again, as he

has done in all of his previous undertakings. Thank you Jerry.

A special thank you is in order to Bob Baker who had the vision and the generosity to produce such a magnificent Korean War Documentary entitled, "Hold at all Costs", highlighting the battles fought on Outpost Harry during the waning days of the War. It was very well done and very moving. We were privileged to view it in its entirety at a cinema bought out for this showing by Bob. Top billing as well! Bob could not have made a better choice to direct this film than Glenn Smith who, I believe, managed to capture the essence of what happened there so long ago, its significance, and in the process memorialized forever our Comrades-in-Arms who fought and died for each of us and the people of the Republic of Korea. Thank you Bob!

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) John Singlaub, my battalion commander in Korea, was the speaker at the Saturday Evening Banquet and shared some recollections from his distinguished Military Career. Few Americans alive today have done more for his country than Gen, Singlaub. He is my Hero, a Patriot, and a great American! Thank you General.

What a great Reunion! What a great Location! What a great Program!

Now is the time to begin making your personal plans to be present at the 20th OPHSA annual Reunion to be held at Ft. Stewart in June 2011. You won't want to miss it.

In your service,

DAVE

Your president,

David Mills

REMINDER

The film *Hold at all Costs* is scheduled to be shown nationwide on PBS stations during the Memorial Day weekend at the end of May 2011.

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY ED HANRAHAN

It has been an exciting experience to attend the **Charley Johnson** tribute at the Memorial Day Concert on the capitol grounds in Washington D.C. It was incredible to see such a powerful performance by the T.V. and Movie stars, **Gary Sinise** and **Dennis Haysbert** doing the narration.



When I saw General **Colin Powell** talking to **Don Dingee** and **Bob Hooker** I thought to myself that **Charlie Johnson** is looking down and smiling.

God bless **Don Dingee** and **Bob Hooker** for bringing the Charlie Johnson story to the Nation. Thank you to all the people that were involved in the presentation of the **Charlie Johnson** story. I had the pleasure of meeting Charlie's family. What wonderful people. Bless you all!

We attended the film "Hold at all Costs" on May 31 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. It was still a work in progress but was excellent. Again, thanks goes out to **Glenn Smith**, his wife **Linda** and of course, **Bob Baker**.

Our 19th reunion was another great one. The resort was beautiful. The day trips, the boat dinner cruise and the trip to the museum and another look at the film was very enjoyable.

I'll stop here. I know that **Jim Jarboe** will describe the reunion activities.

Sadly Jim also informed me of the passing of LTC **Lawrence P. Connors**. Lawrence passed away on June 19th 2010. A sympathy card and letter was sent to his family. The memorial books and pictures of the memorial plaque will be sent out soon.

Please remember in your prayers our sick members and always our Military people serving the World over

Sincerely
Ed Hanrahan

TAPS



We lost **Jim Evans** on May first of this year in Williamsburg, VA. Jim had just completed and published the book he was writing about his time in Korea, including leading A company of the 5th Regimental Combat Team in defending OP Harry in the June 1953 battles. He was receiving radiation treatments for cancer. But lost a short battle with pneumonia.

Jim was interred at Arlington National Cemetery in August of this year.

Robert Sullivan died on September 1, 2010 in Gainesville, VA at Virginia Hospital Center.

A funeral service will be held at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel on December 10th at 8:45 AM. Interment will follow in Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors.



The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Outpost Harry Survivors Association.

That thoughtful request has added over \$1,200.00 dollars to our treasury in the memory of our fallen comrade.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of these two fine gentlemen who have moved to greener pastures. May they rest in peace!

May our fallen comrade rest in everlasting peace. (Ed.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Gerald Haight -- A Battery 156th FA

John Kvanduch -- A Co. 15th Inf

Robert Ghee -- Associate

Paul Jastraub -- 58th FA

Abraham Friedman -- 3rd Med, 3rd div

Louis & Geraldine Molella -- Associate

THANKS TO DONORS

The list of names that follows are the members who helped us pay the bills for this reunion. Without them and the other members who sent donations to our Secretary/Treasurer, over the last 19 years, we could not operate the Association. Thanks to all! WE HELD! And with your support we are still holding. (Ed.)

Jerry Cunningham
Martin Markley
Ed Hanrahan
Sam Buck
Jim Evans
Dick Martinet
Joseph Kolgat Jr.
Edwin Kurtz
Pat Carbone
Jack Coffey
Joseph Zipprich
Thomas Chilcott
Don Patton
Paul Gregory
Philip Smith
Jon Heich
Emory Walker
Ralph Guptil
Leonard Godmaire
Maurice Guy

Ray Anderson
Lee Philips
Charles Sperow
James Jarboe
Donald Chase
Gordon Lowery
Gerald Dewispelare
Leonard Lassar
David Crosby
David Mills
Claude Williams
James Fields
Curtis Halvorson
Warren Sessler
Charles Patton
Stanley Zatorski
Thomas Ceretto
Harold Starr
Frank Harris.

2010 19TH REUNION ATTENDEES

Here are the members and guests who attended the reunion in San Diego, June 12th to June 15th, 2010.

- **Gerald and Joan Lang**, Guests Nancy O'Brian & Maura O'Brian
- **Samuel Kier**
- **C. Brock Lippitt**
- **Jerry and Lillie Cunningham**
- **Ed Hanrahan**
- **Stanley and Anna Marie Zatorski**. John and Dawn Zatorski
- **James and Cora Fields**
- **Bob and Dita Baker**
- **Major General John Singlaub (USA Ret.) and wife Joan Singlaub**
- **Freeman and Patricia Bradford**
- **James and Lydia Jarboe**
- **Willie Maddox**, Michael Maddox
- **Bob Hooker**, Col. George Hooker
- **Curtis and Marjorie Halvorson**

- **Donald Christianson.** Larry, Jim, Ronald and Ron Christianson
- **David and Shirley Mills**
- **Frank and Amelia Scarcella.** Anthony, Gracie and Michael Scarcella
- **John Lody and Pat Lody Ching**
- **James Hafer.** James Hafer Jr., Paige Hafer
- **Francis and Sandra Collete**
- **James and Helen Herrera** Paul and Donna Kramer
- **Jae Taek and Marie Kim**
- **Glenn and Linda Palmedo-Smith**
- **Rhonda McAuliffe/Gloodt and Bob Gloodt** Laura Ayers, Lonnie Hoschar, Elizabeth McAuliffe Florence Bradley, Jackson Ayers, Cody Ayers
- **Don Wills**
- **Hal Adamson**
- **John and Carolyn Ferrara** John D. Ferrara
- **Arthur and Elaine Elkington**
- **Warren Sessler**
- **Doug Jones and Ruth Taylor**
- **Leonard and Priscilla Lassar**
- **Edwin and Betty Kurtz**
- **Sam and Enolia Buck** Howard Buck, Samia Whalbert, Randle Whalbert
- **Martin and Margaret Markley**
- **Robert L. Grillo** Teresa Whitmore
- **James and Minnie Steffan**
- **Walden and Cora Storie** . Sandra Bergheger, Haley Bergheger
- **Harold Starr.** K.C. Starr

Never-the-less Pres. **David** is now at the helm and took off running. [He returned shortly] and the 2010 meeting got underway....

Lennie [founding father] discussed the KWVA and the origins of OPHSA...

Nominations opened for a new VP....**Maurice “Fuzzy” Guy** was proposed. Nomination to approve was seconded by **CIA Sessler**...Not sure who made the motion but I know that it wasn’t Fuzzy.

President David discussed the “Hold at All Costs” film and it was moved by Sessler [he was busy] and 2nd by **Sam Buck** [who had enough family at the reunion to hold one of his own] that **Bob Baker** be made Honorary President for life....Passed by one and all....Other discussions with reference to possible honors for both Bob and our illustrious film director **Glenn Smith**.

Jerry welcomed Sam’s **Korean buddy Kim from Australia**.

John was thanked for his two years as President and **Dick Martinet** was thanked for his many years as historian...His health forced him to resign...**Warren S.** is temp Historian...All officers remain the same.

Almost forgot....Rev ED opened and closed 2010.

Bye Now

Doug...[**E. Douglas Jones**] sometimes just [Hey You] OPHSA Secretary/Treasurer.

2010 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes are getting shorter every year...Maybe because I’m getting deafer....Old secretaries always say “the shorter the better”.

Jerry opened the meeting as he always does.

He then turned the meeting over to the President, as he always does. But Lo, a change had occurred.... Outgoing President **John** and incoming President **David Mills** had previously passed the gavel...[This didn’t really happen because we have never had a gavel]....



The following poetic tribute to the brave men who defended OP Harry was read at the Memorial Service during the reunion by member Don Wills, a close friend of the writer. (Ed.)

EIGHT DAYS IN JUNE

By Cynthia Francis

(In Honor of Those Who Fought and Fell at Outpost Harry in 1953)

For eight long days in June
Near the 38th parallel
Defending Outpost Harry
A few served their time in hell

The price of freedom isn’t free
Sadly, many men were lost
Remember to say a prayer
For those who paid the cost

When we climbed that wretched hill
Looking at us, 'way back then
We were barely more than boys
But we came back down as men

Our enemies outnumbered us
They played tricks inside our head
"You'll die today in No Man's Land,"
The communist broadcasts said

For eight long days in June
Harry ran red with blood
Retreat was not an option
From the endless heathen flood

The Chinese and North Koreans
Swarmed our position, like rats
Across their own dead, they poured
While we desperately fought back

With machine guns, rifles, tanks
Fire and death – how it smelled!
We even fought hand-to-hand
For that hellish hill we held

Though hungry, thirsty, dirty
With fallen comrades all around
Each sunrise brought fresh horror
Bodies littered that hateful ground

For eight days in June, we fought
And too many did not return
From countless acts of bravery
Our place in history was earned

Somehow, we held it 'At All Costs'
But the price was those good men
And thanks to Harry's Survivors
The world remembers them

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DONATIONS TO OPHSA

Send your donations to:

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LaConner, WA 98257-4732

Make your checks payable to:

Outpost Harry Survivors Association

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Member Don Will reads the Cynthia Francis poem. *Eight Days in June*, at the 19th

19TH REUNION 2010 PHOTOS

(Note. The following pictures are just some of the photographs taken during the 2010 Reunion. All of the reunion photos are available for viewing on the OPHSA web site at: http://www.ophsa.org/19th_Reunion - Ed.)



Warren Sessler and Dave Mills at registration desk



Doug Jones at work registering while supervised by our President



Hal's Tanker's boots



Reception Dinner



Entering the *Hold at all Cost* showing



Hal Adamson and Jim Hafer doing Tanker talk



Audience ready for the showing



Hold at all Cost Director, Glenn Smith, introduces the film



Loading onto the cruise ship for an afternoon voyage on the San Diego Bay



Bob Baker answers questions



Jerry Cunningham



Lydia and Jim Jarboe



Sam Buck makes an introduction of Samia and Lee Whalert



Coming into port



The Tankers Table



Disembarking the cruise ship



The party winds down



38th Parallel warning sign



Sgt. Kim and Howard Buck



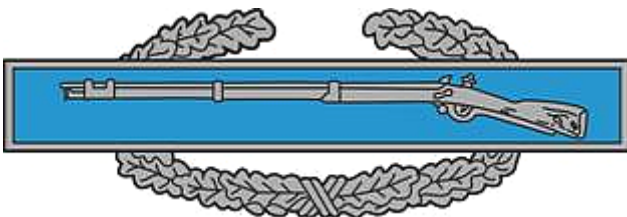
Jerry Cunningham presents General Singlaub a plaque



Dave Mills congratulates Bob Baker on becoming OPHSA Honorary President for life



Dita Wentzel, Bob Baker's bride-to-be, putting his St. Marice medal on Bob



20TH REUNION INFORMATION

(This is the information Jerry had available at the time this Survivor went to press. Future information or changes will be available in the March 2011 issue of the Survivor. - Ed.)

The 20th Annual Reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held from June 9 to June 12, 2011 in Savannah Georgia at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Savannah's Historic District.

Refer to this Survivor's back page for the location and contact information for the Hotel. Use OPHSA Code: (OUT) when making your reservation to ensure you get the reduced room rate for our reserved block of rooms.

SAVANNAH GA 2011 REUNION SCHEDULE

June 6-9 Early Arrivals

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH

- Check- In time 4:00 p.m. Or later
- Hospitality Room Open-9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Registration - All day
- Cocktail Hour
- Dinner Buffet
- Evening Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

- Registration/ free time - Touring Savannah and/or relaxing in the hospitality room. (*Other events may be added on Friday, but are not confirmed at this time.*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

- Memorial Service
- Recollection of OP Harry
- Business Meeting
- Ladies/Guests Sessions
- Four hours free time
- Cocktail Hour
- Banquet Dinner
- Evening Event: A Salute to the Eleven Founding Members

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- Farewell Breakfast
- Check-out time 11:0 a.m. Those who chose to prolong their stay have three days at the negotiated rate, until June 15 at 11:00 a.m., to check out.
- Closing the 2011 OPHSA Reunion.

All arrangement with the Hampton Inn and Suites have been completed. The Hotel will host the Outpost Harry Survivors Association's 20th Annual Reunion and first Anniversary from June 9 through June 12th 2011. The Hotel has confirmed the OPHSA guest room rates of \$119.00 per night. Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state taxes, which is 13%. The OPHSA group room rate is valid from June 9, to June 12, 2011. These rates are also available three days prior and three days after the reunion, based upon the Hampton Inn's room availability.

Reservation Method: All reservations must be made individually through the Hotel's reservation department

by using the contact information on the last page of this *Survivor*. Reservations can be made at this time, and early reservation is strongly encouraged. Our thirty (30) blocked rooms are filling up real fast. We're anticipating a very large group

Reservation Cut-Off Date: May 10, 2011. When calling the Hotel to book your reservation, please use our code: "OUT" to ensure you get the negotiated rates.

Guest parking at the Hotel: is **\$8.00** per day.

Check-in time: Check in time is **4:00 p.m.** or later. Anyone arriving prior to 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as soon as possible, but should be advised that there may be a wait.

Check-out time: Is **11:00 a.m.**

PLEASE NOTE: Arrangements can be made for baggage storage with the Hotel's front desk staff.

For **Registration fees**, refer to the Registration form on page 11.

Your registrations fees pay for the Thursday evening reception's dinner, Saturday's evening Banquet Dinner, and the Sunday Morning Farewell breakfast only. You are responsible for all other meals.

Please send you registration fees to Mr. **Douglas Jones** along with a filled-in copy of the registration form prior to checking in at the Hampton Inn Hotel. Refer to the Registration form on page 11 to register for the 20th annual OPHSA Reunion.

Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual OPHSA member.

"WE HELD"

Jerry Cunningham
OPHSA Reunion Coordinator

Outpost Harry Reunion 2011 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and
voluntary donations to:

E. Douglas Jones
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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, 2011*	_____ X	\$80.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2011*	_____ X	\$100.00 each	\$ _____
*Attendees 16 years old and older			
Attendees 15 years old and younger		FREE	
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		Net Total	\$ _____

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With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....
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The **20th Annual Reunion** of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held from **June 9 to June 12, 2011** in Savannah Georgia at the **Hampton Inn and Suites** in Savannah's Historic District.



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