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20TH REUNION REPORT

The 20th Outpost Harry Survivors Association Reunion took place in Savannah GA, June 9 through June 12, 2011. The weather was beautiful, the attendance was high and members and guests of the Association had a wonderful time.

Folks began checking into the Hampton Inn and Suites in Savannah's Historic District on Thursday and registering at the OPHSA desk. The reunion began with a social reception followed by a buffet dinner.

President David Mills officially opened the reunion. Reunion Chairman Jerry Cunningham invited all first time attending members and guests to come forward.

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

Friday was a free day which closed with a a double feature showing of *Hold At All Costs* and a preview of a Korean war documentary being produced by Gyoung Youl Jeong for the South Korean National Television.

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.

The afternoon was free time and the attendees enjoyed visiting and touring historic Savannah or catching up

with comrades in the hospitality room. 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.

Our featured speaker was Major General Abrams, Commanding officer of the 3rd ID, followed by the presentations Certificates of Appreciation to OPHSA members by members of the 3rd ID command staff.

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. THANK YOU, **Jerry "Mr. Chairman" Cunningham**, for selecting such a wonderfully historic and accommodating location to hold the 20th annual reunion of the OPHSA. Savannah, GA, in Springtime, has no equal for charm, beauty, and its famous Southern hospitality. And our reunion lived up to its advanced billing too. It was the right time and the right place to honor the Founding Fathers of our OPHSA, especially those who have finished their journey in this life and have entered eternal rest. Thank You "Mr. Chairman".

THANK YOU, **Major General Robert Abrams**, Commanding General of the Third Infantry Division, for honoring us with your presence and so eloquently sharing an historical overview of the Division's past, present, and expected future role in our nation's defense. Also, for personally presenting 60th Anniversary Certificates of Appreciation to OPHSA members, for service during the Korean War, signed by the Secretary of Defense, **Robert Gates**. Thank You, General.

THANK YOU, Ed “**Father**” **Hanrahan**, for your years of devoted and dedicated service to the members and families as Chaplain of OPHSA. You set the benchmark for all of us to strive toward, demonstrated, continually by your faithfulness to God and comfort to all of us. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation. Thank You “Father” Ed.

In your service,

DAVE

Your president,

David Mills

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY ED HANRAHAN

Our Savanna reunion was one of the best and so nice to see Forrest Gump again!

Thanks to our photo man, **Jim**, for getting the photo of the memorial plaque and prints to me to mail to the families of our recently departed members.

As most members know I have to pass on the Chaplain’s duties to some one else due to health problems. Any one who could volunteer for the appointment to the office of Chaplain should contact our President, **Dave Mills**.

We have come a long way since the first Lords Prayer years back. I personally wish I could continue. It was a rewarding and honorable way to remember all those young people who did not survive the battles for OP Harry and to have the enjoyment of meeting the Survivors at the reunions. I hope to continue to attend the reunions in the future.

We survivors are such lucky, special people to have made it so far in life. From the heart I say Thank you.

The position of Chaplain helped me clear up a lot of false guilt. Why did I make it stuff. I would like to thank the members that kept the grapevine growing. You know who you are, and so do I. Thanks again



To **Jerry Cunningham**: Thank you millions for bringing me along. Your help as a confidence builder was really needed and appreciated.

May God bless you all, and stay well. Please remember our service people all over the World.

I said this before and will always say it: when I go to the reunions and see you all I know that I walk among real heroes. You are all my heroes!

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

Sincerely
Ed Hanrahan

TAPS

Several communication problems led to late reporting of this column. Here are the names of OPHSA members who have passed away in the last several months.

Lawrence Connors, 15th Inf, 1st Bn, Hq Co passed away June 19, 2010 in Raleigh, NC.

Clyde Corsaro, 5 RCT, ‘C’ Co, passed away in 2010 at Liverpool, NY.

Archie Stanley, 10th engineers, ‘B’ Company, 3rd Infantry Division. 2010 in Garrison, KY

Donald Christianson, 15th Infantry Reg., Hdq. Company, I and R Platoon. Originally from Auburn, California, Don passed away in 2011 at a V.A. facility in Southern California.

Jimmy Garcia, 15th Infantry, ‘G’ Company. He left us in early 2011 at a VA hospital in Southern California. Jimmy lived in Sylmar, California.

Jon Heich passed away in January 2011. Here is an excerpt of his obituary published in the Ventura County Star (CA).

Jon Heich, 83, formerly of Port Hueneme, died January 5, 2011 at his beloved Veterans Home of Ventura. The love of his fellow Veterans, the wonderful staff and the friends who became his adopted family surrounded him. We want to thank his doctors, who cared so much, the Assisted Home Hospice and the Veterans Home who made it possible for him to remain in his home.

Jon was born in Chicago, IL. Little was known of his early years. He proudly joined the Army during WWII and served in the Philippines. Three years after he was

discharged the Korean War broke out and Jon re-upped, waived his second Basic and three weeks later was on a plane headed to Korea where he joined the 3rd Recon Company, 3rd Infantry Division. He was an OP Harry Survivor and recipient of the Purple Heart. Jon was a life-time member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Korean War veterans of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jon was buried with military honors, January 16th 2011 at Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura, CA. Jon always wore his garrison cap and kept true to his motto: "I will always remember".

William Nowitzke, 15th Infantry, 'E' Company, passed away this year. William lived in North Brunswick, NJ.

Demetrios Papadopoulos GEF Sparta Bn. died December 28th, as reported by his wife Katy in a letter to Martin Markley in February of this year. Demetrios lived in Aigion, Greece. Our deepest sympathy to the families of these gentlemen who have moved to greener pastures. May they rest in peace!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Gerald Haight is a new Associate Member. He and wife **Barbara** live in Pleasant Valley, New York. He is a Korean War Veteran, though not involved in the defense of OP Harry. He has been very involved in the **Charlie Johnson** Foundation and is pleased to be an associate member of OPHSA.

Joseph Fishman was a member of C Company, 10th Combat Engineers during the Defense of OP Harry. Past President of OPH

Robert O Ponte was with G Company 15th Infantry. He and wife **Doreen** attended the reunion in Savannah. It was a pleasure to meet them. They live in Saint Charles, MO.

Homer Hungerford was with A Company, 15th Infantry during the battles in the defense of OP Harry. He also served in WW II and Vietnam as well as Korea. If you saw him at the reunion banquet you will remember that this tall gentleman can still wear his Army uniform jacket. How many of us can do the same? He lives in Beaufort, SC.

A new Associate Member, **Cynthia Francis**, joined us at the reunion attending with her friend, member **Donald Will**. Cynthia is a writer and poet who lives in Keystone Heights, FL. After meeting Don and hearing the details of the Battles for OP Harry she was inspired to write a poem she called "Eight Days in June" that we published in the *Survivor* after the San Diego reunion.

Welcome to our new members. We hope to see you all at our next reunion that is being planned for June 2012 in Ft. Benning, GA. (Ed.)

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 20 years, we could not operate the Association. Thanks to all! WE HELD! And with your support we are still holding. (Ed.)

John Lody
Paul Gregory
Ed Hanrahan
George Pruette
Lennie Lessor
Homer Hungerford
Albert Cortez
Don Patton
Cornelius Hindala
Joseph Kogat Jr.
Patrick Carbone
Don Dingee
Norman Maulbeck
John Singlaub
Sam Buck
Jack LoMonaco
Lupe Carroscos-Perez
Laura Schuldt
James McQueen
Martin Markely
James Hafer
Jack Coffey

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Jerry Cunningham
F. Walden Storie
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Gerald Kuhn
Jim Jarboe
Dave Mills
Ray Anderson
Leonard Lessor
Emory Walker
James Fields
Steven Sullivan
Roy Sauer
Curtis Halvorson
Harold Starr
Donald Chase
Gerald Lang
Donald Will
Kenneth Friend Jr.
Joseph Kolgat Jr.
Paul Jastraub

2011 20TH REUNION ATTENDEES

Here are the members and guests who attended the 20th reunion in Savannah GA, June 9th to June 12th, 2011.

John and Carolyn Ferrara

Don Dingee

Sam and Enolia Buck (Continued on next page)

Doug Jones and Ruth Taylor
James Sr. and Ottie McQueen
 Ron and Lisa McQueen
 Ken and Margaret McQueen
 Mike and Barbara McCallum
 Steve and Kim McQueen
John Lody
Paul Gregory and Linda Ashton
Ed Hanrahan and Kerry Green
Homer Hungerford
Jack LoMonaco and Eileen
James Hafer Sr.
James Jr. and Paige Hafer
Stanley and Anna Marie Zatorski
 John Zatorski
 Dawn Zatorski
Jerry and Lillie Cunningam
 Latasha Lo Dickerson
 Micah Dickerson
 Jaylin Smith
 David Smith
F. Walden and Cora Storie
 Sandy Bergheger
 Haley Bergheger
Freeman Bradford
Gerald Kuhn
 Karen Boggess
Philip C. Smith
 Maureen and Richard Cofunio
Jim and Lydia Jarboe
 Sara Jo Vorhis
David and Shirley Mills
Ray and Frances Anderson
Leonard and Priscilla Lassor
James and Cora Fields
 Brenda Hardin
 Bill Hardin
 Allison McCowan
 Charles McCowan
Stephan Sullivan
 Ginnie Sullivan
Roy Sauer
Gaylan Williams
Curtis and Marjorie Halvorson
Harold Starr
Robert Grillo
 Teresa Whitmore
Donald Chase
 Ellen Chase
Edward Intenmann
Gerald and Joan Lang
 Janet Liston
 Janel Liston

Nancy Obrien
Maura Obrien
Donald Will
 Cynthia Francis
Kenneth Friend Jr.
John and Sarah Ross
Robert and Doreen Ponte
Rankin Burchfield
 Gary Burchfield
Paul Gregory
 Linda Ashton
Ed Hanrahan
 Kerry Green
Maurice (Fuzzy) Guy and Carol
Rhonda and Robert Gloodt

2011 MEETING MINUTES

June 11th, 2011

Here I am in Savannah ready for another go at the minutes [well sort of...] Chairman Jerry talked briefly of the plans for the balance of the reunion ...In Jerry's case, "talk" and "briefly" normally do not go together



President Dave pounded the gavel.... In 19 years we have never had a gavel but Dave came through... A true sign of progress

Financial statement was read and fortunately passed... I think that I made the motion.... The 2nd too...

Mr. President mentioned that Warren Sessler was ill and could not attend the reunion... Warren agreed to be our temporary historian.... It was suggested that all our memorabilia be either loaned or given to the new museum at Fort Benning.... Much discussion on Loan or Give... No decision... Lets face it... 20 years from now who will care.... I'll be 103 and do hope that I will not still be the secretary.... Motion made by John Ferrara and seconded by Ray Anderson that Fort Benning be contacted.... Passed.... In 12 years this might be the first motion that I got correct...

It was moved by Brad that the by laws be amended to include and define the Web Master function to ease the flow of information from all members and visitors to our web site.... I think that I had four or five seconds....

Walden Storie read his very moving poem.... Thank you Walden....

Lennie displayed and explained the "The Last Man Bottle" which was encased in it's sealed capsule..... Mention not made as to its exact content or proof..... We all hope that what ever libation contained there in will be extremely well aged before it is consumed.....

Jim Hafer handed out OPHSA decals to one and all that he had made.....

It was mentioned that Fort Benning was selling engraved Bricks for \$1000 each to raise money for the new museum.....

Lastly, Ed Hanrahan said that his health has forced him to step down as our ChaplainHe has served in this post for many years and has been an inspiration to us all... Thanks Ed....

That's all folks,

E. Douglas Jones Esq

INVITATION TO VIEW OP HARRY



Outpost Harry June, 2011

When we were at the DMZ fence in front of Outpost Harry, (see *Survivor* #58) the Korean Military asked me if the men from Outpost Harry could come there for a reunion to see Outpost Harry. I told them that the men would have a hard time walking up the steps to the Korean Outpost (*OP Howe*) and they told me they would carry the men up the stairs! (*Joeng repeated this invitation while he was at the Reunion ed.*)

I know there is a lot of red tape involved in setting up a visit for a group of men on the DMZ near Outpost Harry but if it is possible it is worth it!

I asked **Jeong** if he could come to the Outpost Harry Survivors Reunion in June 2011 to meet the Survivors. Jeong showed up at the reunion with film in hand. We were able to see parts of his film on the DMZ, which our group found fascinating! Jeong is doing a wonderful job with his film. It will be finished soon and shown in Korea, then there are plans for it to be shown around the world. There is much interest in his film! I am hoping he will be at next year's reunion to show the finished film!

Jeong told me that he felt welcomed by the Outpost Harry men. He was touched to be included in the lighting of the candle for the KATUSA's that had lost their lives on Outpost Harry.



Gyoung-Youl Jeong lighting memorial candle for fallen KATUSA during the battle for OP Harry

The Outpost Harry Survivors have not seen the last of **Gyoung-Youl Jeong** who is doing his best to see that the sacrifice of those who fought for freedom for South Korea has not been forgotten!

We'll be walkin and we'll be talkin,

Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt

20TH REUNION 2011 PHOTOS

(Note. The following pictures are just some of the photographs taken during the 2011 Reunion. All of the reunion photos are available for viewing on the OPHSA web site at:

<http://www.ophsa.org>



Early arrivals got together at Uncle Bubbas Oyster House. (From rt) Don Chase, Ed Hanrahan, Kerry Green, John Ferrara, Jack LoMonaco and Eileen Lo Monaco.



Lydia Jarboe Shirley Mill, Dave Mills, Sam Buck, Enolia Buck and Carolyn Ferrara/



Don Dingee, Ray and Frances Anderson looking for the right room numbers.



Philip Smith and Maureen Cofunio peruse the reunion program



Sarah Jo Vorhis, the Jarboe's granddaughter.



Allison McGowan and Bill Hardin, guests of Jim and Cora Fields at the evening welcome buffet.



The first evening gathering. If you were there you are in the picture. Well maybe just an ear?



A few words from Harold Starr



Paul Gregory and daughter Linda Ashton



Rhonda McAuliffe, introduces Jeong Gyoung Youl, assistant editor of the Korean newspaper "The Chosunilbo Daily" who showed excerpts of a documentary he is making about the DMZ for South Korean TV.



First time reunion attendees: Richard Corfunio, Phillip C Smith, Maureen Corfunio. Stephen and Ginnie Sullivan, Eileen and Jack LoMonaco, Karen Boggess, Gerald Kuhn, Kenneth Friend Jr, Doreen and Robert Ponte, Homer Hungerford, and Cynthia Francis

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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



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

The **21st Annual Reunion** of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held in Columbus Georgia and Fort Benning.

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