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21ST REUNION INFORMATION

(This is the information Jerry had available at the time this Survivor went to press. Detail times and schedules will be available in your sign-in packet. - Ed.)

The 21st Annual Reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held from June 7th, 2012 to June 10th, 2012 at the Wyndham Garden Columbus Georgia hotel, near Fort Benning, GA.

All arrangements with the Wyndham Garden Columbus Georgia hotel are completed. The Hotel will host the Outpost Harry Survivors Association's 21st Annual Reunion from June 7th through June 10th 2012.

The Hotel has confirmed the OPHSA guest room rates of \$99.00 per night, including taxes. The OPHSA group room rate is valid from June 7th, to June 10th, 2012. These rates are also available three days prior and three days after the reunion, based upon the Wyndham Garden Columbus Georgia hotel's room availability.

COLUMBUS GA 2012 REUNION SCHEDULE

June 4-6 Early Arrivals

THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH

- **Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.** or later
- **Hospitality Room** is open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Registration** - All day

- No-host cocktail hour
- Dinner Buffet
- Evening Event
- Detailed schedules, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH

- A six (6) hour tour at the Infantry Museum. Charter buses will be used for Transportation
- Detailed events, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH

- Memorial Service
- Recollection of OP Harry
- Business Meeting
- Ladies/Guests Sessions
- Four hours free time
- No-host cocktail hour
- Banquet Dinner
- Evening Event: *The evening speaker is not confirmed at this time.*
- Detailed schedules, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

- Farewell Breakfast
- **Check-out time is 12:00 noon.** Those who choose to prolong their stay have three days at the negotiated rate, until June 15 at 12:00 noon, to check out.
- Closing the 2012 OPHSA Reunion.

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 50 (fifty) blocked rooms are already filling up real fast. We're anticipating a very large group

Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: May 10, 2012. When calling the Hotel to book your reservation, please men-

tion the code word “OPHSA” to ensure you get the negotiated rates.

Guest parking: The hotel offers complimentary parking. The parking lot is unable to accommodate large vans, RV’s, motor coaches or any other oversized vehicles.

Check-in time: Check in time is **3:00 p.m.** or later. Anyone arriving prior to 3:00 p.m. will be accommodated as soon as possible, but be advised that there may be a wait.

Check-out time: 12:00 noon.

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 7.

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 your registration fees to Mr. **Douglas Jones** along with a filled-in copy of the registration form prior to checking in at the Wyndam Hotel. Refer to the Registration form on page 7 to register for the 21st annual OPHSA Reunion.

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

NOTE: If anyone has something to add to the reunion program, please contact me **prior to May,15th 2012**. After that date personal requests will not be accepted.

“WE HELD”

Jerry Cunningham
OPHSA Reunion Coordinator

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

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

BY DAVID MILLS



Greetings from the Valley of the Sun, where almost every day is bright, cheerful, and warm. Believe it or not, we are now in the second year of the 60th Anniversary commemorating the effort made by millions of American Military Service personnel in fighting tyranny and preserving Freedom for the people of The Republic of Korea.

The Korean War is often referred to as the “Forgotten War” and it is helpful from time to time to be reminded of the service and selfless sacrifices of the Veterans who fought there. A number of firsts occurred*.

1. African Americans were integrated into combat units in 1950, marking the first time America’s Armed Forces would reflect the diversity of her people.
2. The Korean War marked the first War in which the U.S. Air Force participated as a separate branch of Service.
3. This was the first major conflict conducted by the United Nations forces (an alliance of 21 countries).
4. MASH units, stationed close to the fighting front, reduced deaths due to battle wounds by 50% of World War II figures.
5. Helicopters were introduced and first used to evacuate the wounded and to supply and transport troops.

And let us always remember the cost of American participation: 6.8 million American men and women served during the Korean War, 103,284 American Service Members were wounded during the Korean War, total American deaths for the war were 33,700 killed in action, 7,140 U.S. personnel were interned as Prisoners of War, more than 8,000 American Service Members are still numbered among the Missing in Action, and 131 U.S. Service Members were awarded the Medal of Honor for action in the Korean War.

At the time, while many felt that our efforts may have been in vain, historians now recognize that the Korean War was the decisive conflict that marked the beginning of the end of the “Cold War”. The Korean War was a victory for the United States and the United Nations. The

Armistice ending the war was signed on July 27, 1953. Today the Republic of Korea stands as a modern, prosperous, and vibrant democracy.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

In Your Service, Dave.

*Statistics - DOD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY CHUCK TROUT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and staff of the OP Harry Survivors Association for giving me the opportunity and privilege of becoming your chaplain.

I spent the last few weeks re-reading "Notes from the Chaplain" written by Chaplain Ed Hanrahan. I realize that I have some pretty "large shoes" to fill. I will do my best to take the baton from Ed and hopefully continue the good works that he began.



I went to Korea as a young, care-free, teenager and after the war, came home with a different outlook on life. I can tell you the exact date that I 'matured' over night. It was June 15th, 1953. I was with Company A, 15th Infantry Regiment, located in a trench behind Outpost Harry.

I witnessed soldiers departing the MLR on their way to the outpost. Then, within hours, I would witness "some" of those men coming off the outpost. I, like most of Company A, watched, night after night, the unforgettable sights and sounds taking place on that critical hill. We were close enough to hear, but not help, our comrades fighting so gallantly. We wanted to either join and assist those on the hill or move out of the area because we felt so useless. Then we received orders to move.

Move we did. Not out of the area but to relieve those on the outpost. I will never forget the sights I saw as we walked up the once deep trenches and were assigned to a bunker on the outpost. I ended up in a bunker alone. Remembered the previous nights and what I witnessed from the trenches; made me appreciate the important

things in life. That is the night I mentally and spiritually matured.

What a blessing to be among "you" same brave men who "held" and now, nearly 60 years later, to be able to serve as your chaplain. You are truly the "Survivors."

Pray for our brave military and their loved ones who wait for their safe return. Blessings and thank you!

Chaplain Chuck Trout

TAPS

It is with a heavy heart that we name the OPHSA members who have passed on since the last *Survivor* was published.

His wife, Diane, notified us that **Thomas H. Burkhalter** had passed away suddenly on December 23, 2010 in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Thomas served 20 years in the Army and retired a Colonel. In Korea and on OP Harry he served with K Co of the 5th RCT. He also served in Vietnam and in Germany.

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Retired Colonel **Robert C. Tart Jr.** served as CO of 15th Inf/B Co at OP Tom. Later, during the defense of OP Harry, he was wounded in battle and evacuated to a hospital in Japan.

He left us on July 12, 2011 in Columbia, South Carolina. His final resting place is the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia South Carolina

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William O. Partington left this Earthly environment peacefully on July 14, 2011 in his home at New Tripoli, PA surrounded by his family, including his wife Dolores of 55 years.

During the defense of OP Harry Bill was with a recon group of the 15th Infantry/Hq Co.

He was buried with full military honors on July 23, 2011.

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Dean E. Mulligan passed away September 29, 2011 at his home in Tuscola, Illinois in the presence of members of his family.

Dean was a member of 15th Infantry/G Company during the defense of OP Harry. After his return home he

became manager of a large Grain Co-Op. Later he joined an insurance agency, retiring in 2003.

Dean was the OPHSA Sgt at Arms for many years.

Dean's final resting place is Gridley Cemetery Gridley, Illinois

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OP Harry Survivor past President **Foiest Walden Storie** passed away December 13, 2011 at Kettering hospital.

During the OP Harry battles Walden was a member of 15th Infantry/B Company. He was wounded and partially buried in a collapsed bunker on OP Harry.

Upon his recovery and discharge from the Army he worked for General Motors for 33 years

Walden was buried in Springboro Cemetery Springboro Ohio with full military honors December 17, 2011

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We extend our deepest sympathy and best wishes to the families of these comrades of ours. It is impossible to imagine what our lives would have been like if they had not survived those nights on that hill of horror.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

- Joseph Fishman** - C Co. 10th Engr
- William C. Cole** ASSOCIATE member - His brother-in-law **Dick Tate** was in Baker Co of the 15th and was KIA on Harry June 11/12
- Richard E. Turner** - K Co. 5th RCT
- Thomas F. Fitzpatrick** - B Co. 25th Inf
- John C. Campbell** - 15th Inf Hdq Co S2

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

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.)

Linda Clark	Joseph Kolgat Jr.
Phillip Smith	William Cole
Fillmore Earney	Michael and Georgia
Egan Fehnel	Vivino
Eugene Foresber	Jim Hafer
Lee Philips	Lupe Carrasco-Perez

OPHSA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

12-31-10 TO 12-31-11		
Bank Balance	12-31-10	\$ 5,417.40
INCOME		
Donations		\$ 4,368.00
Registration		6,880.00
Cash at reunion		1,218.00
	Total	\$17,883.40

EXPENSES		
Survivor		\$ 1,731.99
Programs		558.34
Hospitality Room		424.31
Bob Baker Plaque		114.34
Website		129.79
Badges		407.59
Hotel Catering		6,017.97
Audio Visual		578.87
Refunds		320.00
	Total	\$10,283.20

Bank Balance	12-31-11	\$ 7,600.20
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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

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 **Richard Martinet**. Richard has blank badges he will send to a vendor close to him. The badges will be mailed to the reunion site in time to be waiting for you in your registration packet 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, 2012.*

20TH REUNION PICTURES

Here are some pictures of events that were not included in the last issue of the *Survivor* due to lack of space.



Attending OPHSA founders light a candle and salute the founders who have passed on. Shown, left to right, Jerry Cunningham, Donald Chase, and Sam Buck. The missing founders are MSG Herbert Cramer, Sgt. Reginald (Rab) Burgess, Capt. Daniel Braucher, and Capt. James Evans



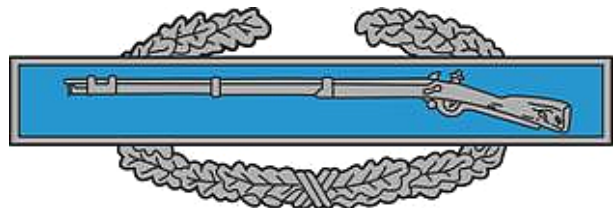
Paul Gregory receives his Certificate of Appreciation from the Secretary of Defense in recognition of his service during the Korean War presented by Major General Abrams



Lillie Cunningham receives the Shield of Sparta "For Faithful and Significant Service to the Infantry's Soldiers and Families." presented by Major General Robert B. "Abe" Abrams Commanding General 3rd Infantry Division



Walden Storie, past OPHSA president, and his wife Cora chat with Sgt. Watson of Major General Abram's staff.



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**

Outpost Harry Reunion 2012 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and
voluntary donations to:

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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, 2012*	_____ X	\$80.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2012*	_____ 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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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



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

The **21st Reunion** of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association, will be held at **Fort Benning GA** from **June 7th, 2012** to **June 10th, 2012** at the **Wyndham Garden Columbus Georgia** hotel.



Wyndham Garden Columbus Georgia
4027 Veterans Court
Columbus, Georgia 31909
Phone: 706-507-1111
Reservations: 877-999-3223
Web site: www.wyndhamgardencolumbus.com

For up-to-date reunion information go to:
www.ophsa.org/newsletters