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## 23RD REUNION INFORMATION

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

The 23rd Annual Reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held from **June 12th, 2014** to **June 14th, 2014** at the **Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn** hotel, near the Oklahoma City Airport.

All arrangements with the Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn hotel are completed. The Hotel will host the Outpost Harry Survivors Association's 23rd Annual Reunion from June 12th through June 14th 2014.

The Hotel has confirmed the OPHSA guest room rates of \$89.00 per night, plus taxes. The OPHSA group room rate is valid from June 12th, to June 14th, 2014. These rates are also available two days prior and two days after the reunion, based upon the Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn hotel's room availability.

## RESTAURANTS

The hotel provides a free breakfast for two people per room. There is also a restaurant and lounge in the hotel.

Other nearby restaurants are available and offer a variety of menus.

## TRANSPORTATION

The hotel provides a free shuttle bus to and from the airport.

## RESERVATION METHOD

All reservations must be made individually through the Hotel's reservation department by using the contact information on the last page, page 9, of this *Survivor*. Reservations can be made at this time, and early reservation is strongly encouraged.

**Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: May 10, 2014.** When calling the Hotel to book your reservation, please mention the code letters "**OUT**" 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.

**Special Needs:** Check the hotel's web site listed on the back page for detailed information on the hotel's special needs accommodations.

**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 be advised that there may be a wait.

**Check-out time: 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 7.

Your registrations fees pay for the Thursday evening reception's dinner and the Saturday's evening Banquet Dinner. 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 on page 7 prior to checking in at the Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn hotel.

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

## 23RD 2014 REUNION SCHEDULE

### EARLY ARRIVALS - JUNE 10-11

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

- **Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.** or later
- **Hospitality Room** is open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **Registration** - All day

*Detailed schedules, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH

- A morning visit to the **Cowboy Museum**. Charter buses will be used for transportation
- **Noon Buffet** at the Cowboy Museum.

*Detailed schedules, events, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.*

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

- **Memorial Service**
- **Recollection of OP Harry**
- **Business Meeting and Ladies/Guests Session**
- Four hours **free time**. There is a ferry that docks behind the hotel that can provide transportation down the scenic Oklahoma River to downtown Oklahoma City and "Brick Town."
- **Banquet Dinner**
- **Evening Event**

*Detailed schedules, times, and changes for the day's events will be in your Welcome Package.*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

- **Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.** Those who choose to prolong their stay have two days at the negotiated rate, until June 16th at 11:00 a.m., to check out.
- Closing the 2014 OPHSA Reunion.

**NOTE:** If anyone has something to add to the reunion program, please contact me **prior to May 15th, 2014**. After that date personal requests will not be accepted.

Jim Hafer

## WEBMASTER'S CORNER

### BY FREEMAN (BRAD) BRADFORD

While updating the 2004 23rd reunion day 2's slide show to a more modern format, I was aware I was working

with ten year old chunks of OPHSA history frozen in time in those snapshots.

If you would like to revisit old comrades or remember that 10-year ago reunion, you can check it out at:

[http://www.ophsa.org/2004-06-11\\_OPHSA\\_Day\\_2](http://www.ophsa.org/2004-06-11_OPHSA_Day_2)

Brad.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### BY JIM HAFER



Greetings from Oklahoma.

This is a winter none of us will forget. I know a large number of our membership reside in the States that have experienced the most severe weather in recent history.

My sincere hope is that everyone will come out of it unscathed.

Despite the terrible winter conditions, I hope each and every one of you will experience a Healthy and Happy 2014.

Since being elected to this office, I have received several telephone calls and letters from OPHSA members. Some of these came from veterans I've yet to meet. Whenever you have the urge or need to call or write, please don't hesitate to do so.

After my first reunion I thought long and hard about the common bond that we share and the cohesion that exists among us. The impact that "Harry" had on each and everyone of us makes this association what it is today. It is an extremely good feeling to know, long after we are all gone, Outpost Harry will go down in American Military History as one of the most significant victories of the Korean War.

Our 23rd OPHSA reunion is just around the corner - June 12th to June 15th. If at all possible make plans to attend. Reserve these dates for a trip to Oklahoma City. We are making plans for a very enjoyable meeting. You won't want to miss it. Come early and stay late.

May God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America.

Jim Hafer  
2401 South Western Ave.  
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044 - 8738

## NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### THANK GOD I'M A VETERAN

By Chuck Trout

When you look at my body, what do you see?

An old man, over the hill, or the real me?

I realize that I am not as young as I used to be,

Don't get hung up on age, let me identify what you see.

My many wrinkles reminding me of the trenches in Korea,

Where so many soldiers died serving their country.

My gray hair reminds me of the minus 20 degree-the cold, the snow;

Then an inexperienced teenager, at the time so young-now so old.

I move slower now, similar to the way we walked in Korea, sometimes;

especially while on patrol, walking where we expected land mines.

My failing eyesight reminds me of the Korean morning mist and fog;

Straining to detect the enemy; Is that a man? No, only a log.

Then some evenings when there was no moon; no visibility at all;

Is that an enemy soldier? No, just some trees standing tall.

Then the sound of a tank, noisy engines roaring from afar;

It's the enemy! No it's our own, we can tell by a white star.

The wart on my arm reminds me of the outpost where we were dwelling;

Completely bare, no trees or vegetation due to mortar and artillery shelling.

My hearing, slowly fading away, much poorer than when I was young;

Is that only due to aging or was it caused by the firing of my M-1?

If I stand after seated for awhile, I can hear the bones in my back;

Similar to the sound an approaching enemy makes, causing a twig to crack.

These teeth are not mine, my real ones are somewhere over there;

For sixty years I have been eating soft foods; a steak I



wouldn't dare.

War can be ugly, but it is not the ugliest of things to see; Uglier yet, is the man who feels he has nothing to fight for and leaves that to you and me.

You will see me stand tall when our anthem plays-our flag passes by;

I will be thinking of those who served, who sacrificed, who died.

I can look back now and feel content for serving my country;

I believe I did make a difference; yes, even aging, elderly me.

Your Chaplain, Chuck Trout

## TAPS

**Richard R Kilgen**, 78, died on November 19, 2013.

Richard R. Killgren was a veteran of the Korean War, serving his country proudly. Assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment, he saw combat in the Iron Triangle. In June 1953, he was a survivor of the battle Outpost Harry. He was one of the men that held the hill with courage, tenacity and faith. He had numerous decorations, including the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bravery Gold Medal of Greece. In 1999, he was elected as the 8th president of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association during the Reunion in Washington D.C. He was an avid New York Yankees fan and loved the game of baseball.



**Rubin (Ruby) Baum**, passed away late on Saturday, September 22, 2012 after a car hit him while hailing a taxi. Ruby served as a Medic attached to the 10th Engineers, C Company. He was a double purple-heart recipient.



**Francis Xavier Riley, Jr.** of Manassas and Fredericksburg, Va. and formerly of Glens Falls, NY died peacefully Saturday afternoon, February 15th, at the age of 87 after a 10 year battle with Alzheimer's. Francis was a veteran of the Second World War and Korea, Francis served

two combat tours during the Korean War, and received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during his first tour.

Upon his return to the Korean theater he served with the 10th Engineers at the bloody battle of Outpost Harry. Francis served as president of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association in 2003-2004. He was also a Charter Member of American Legion Post 10, Manassas and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1503, Woodbridge, VA.



*May our fallen comrades rest in everlasting peace. (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 23 years, we could not operate the Association. Thanks to all! WE HELD! And with your support we are still holding. (Ed.)

<b>David McCarroll</b> (In memory of <b>Zino Pampani</b> )	<b>Jack Coffee</b>
<b>Charles Herch</b>	<b>Dan Wender</b> (In memory of <b>Joe Wender K Co</b> )
<b>Joseph Kolgat Jr.</b>	<b>Jim Hafer</b>

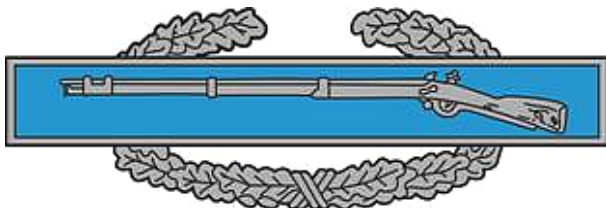
### DONATIONS TO OPHSA

Send your donations to:

**E. Douglas Jones**  
**14614 Channel Drive**  
**LaConner, WA 98257-4732**

Make your checks payable to:

**Outpost Harry Survivors Association**



## OPHSA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

12-31-12 To 12-31-13

<b>Bank balance</b> 12-31-12	\$ 9108.44
<b>Expenses</b>	
Survivor	\$ 1292.99
Web Site	142.48
Hospitality Rm	286.45
OPHSA Banner	536.37
Hats	513.95
Buses	3270.00
Wreaths & Plaques	207.76
Double Tree Hotel	2703.16
Jerry & Lilly	2500.00
Ft Meyers Lunch	2874.00
Hilton Hotel	1655.01
Hilton Banquet	3461.28
Misc	150.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,443.45</b>
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$15,502.00</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b> 12-31-13	<b>\$ 5016.04</b>

Doug

## 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.)

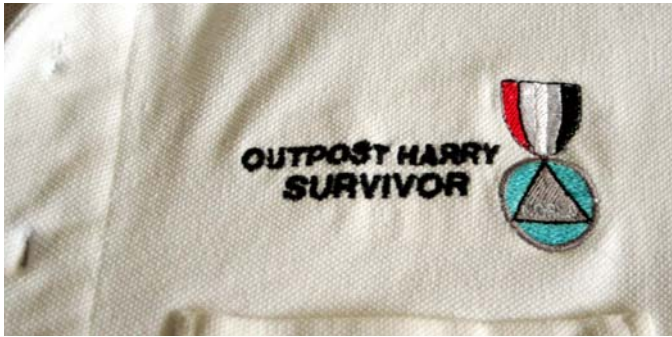
Send no money with your order. When the order is complete Floyd will ship it to you with an itemized invoice for payment.

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

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

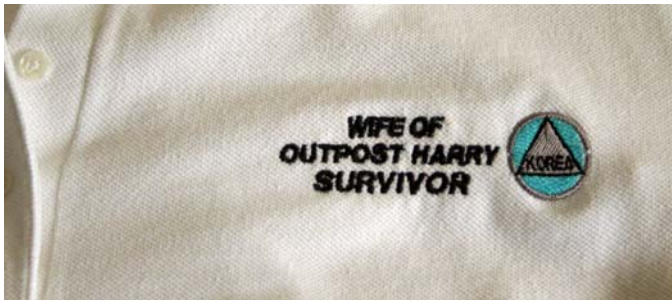
**Rhonda Glodt, Associate Editor**  
**1147 Vernon Place**  
**Marco Island, FL 34145**





**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: floydiris@frontier.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, **Doug Jones**. The badges will be available at 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 Doug Jones 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:

**E. Douglas Jones**  
**14614 Channel Drive**  
**LaConner, WA 98257-4732**

Make your checks payable to:

**Outpost Harry Survivors Association**

**NOTE:** *Orders will NOT be processed if not received on or before May 15, 2014*

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE 8/19/1953?

**RHONDA MCAULIFFE-GLOODT**

The newspaper clipping, on the next page, was found among the keepsakes that **Dave Mills’** mother had saved through the years. Dave had never seen this article until his mother passed away and the family was going through her keepsakes in 2011. On August 19, 1953,



everyone believed Dave had been killed in action in April 1953 on Outpost Harry. Dave's family had received notification of David's death in April 1953. David Mills name was read along with the other killed in action and missing in action soldiers at this memorial ceremony. The memorial ceremony was held by **Col. R. F. Akers Jr.** on August 19, 1953 in the hills of Korea, just days later, Dave Mills would be released from a North Korean Prisoner of War Camp.

**James McQueen**, an Outpost Harry member, was a young soldier with the 15th Infantry in L Company. He was one of the soldiers standing at attention during the memorial ceremony. He remembers how the names of each fallen soldier echoed through the hills of Korea as they were read. A memory he will never forget. It was at this ceremony that he heard the name of his best friend, **Herbert L. Davis**, read. This was the first he knew Herbert had been killed. Herbert was killed on Outpost Harry June 11, 1953. Herbert's sister, **Ottie** age 18, was the only one home when the soldiers came to their house with the news of Herbert's death. Upon James McQueen's return home, James and Ottie dated and were married. They will have been married 60 years in December 2014.

On August 19, 1953 **Florence Bradley** gave birth to a daughter, **Rhonda Ronald G. Bradley**, Florence's husband was missing in action on June 11, 1953. Ronald's name was read at the memorial ceremony and carried through the hills of Korea on the same day as his daughter was born. This article was published on September 4, 1953. Twenty years later on September 4, 1973, Ronald Bradley, still MIA, had his first grandchild, **Laura**.

On August 19, 1953 many of the men who fought on Outpost Harry were in Hospitals recovering from wounds received during the battle. Thank God these men survived! They are now able to tell the history of what happened on a hill in Korea called Harry.

# 'Their Deeds Honor Our Dead,' Colonel Says of Four WNY Men

## Commander of 'Can Do' Regiment Salutes Troops In Services; but One Area Soldier Turns Up as PW

By **BUD WACKER**

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS Staff Reporter

**FIFTEENTH INF. REG., Korea, Sept. 4 (By Airmail).—**The restful notes of "Taps" echoed from hill to hill here back on Aug. 19 as 3600 GIs, Greeks and "Katusas" (Korea Augmentation Troops, U. S. Army) of the "Can Do" Regiment held memorial services for their dead, including four Western New Yorkers.

Flags of Greece, Korea, the United Nations and the United States, rippled by a soft breeze, made a colorful backdrop in a vast natural amphitheater for the simple military service under a cloud-dappled sky.

"Ours is a rather close family, and today we are here just as any family would assemble to show its love for one who has departed," said Col. R. F. Akers Jr., regimental commander.

The 15th between Jan. 29, when it moved into the line, until the armistice on July 27 had 30 Katusas, 56 Greeks and 190 Americans killed in action at the Eagles Nest, Outposts Dick and Harry and in the Kumsong salient when it stopped the last Chinese offensive of the war.

"Death may claim only the body," continued Col. Akers. "The

deeds of the individual are perpetuated in the memory of the living."

"Today we feel the presence of our fallen comrades because we remember in all of its stark vividness the mark of their achievement and the full measure of their deeds.

"Our dead are honored by their own deeds. They also remind us and our people back home that they died that all men might walk in the presence of God, secure in the knowledge that he is judged as an individual and not as a group."

Then, as the regiment stood at attention, Capt. William R. Miller, the regimental adjutant, read the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice or are missing. Included were the names of:

Pfc. Otto E. Marschke of Court St., Geneseo, N. Y.

Pfc. Harold G. Spencer of 39 West Hazeltine Ave., Kenmore, N. Y. (Reported missing in The News June 27, 1953.)

Second Lieut. Fussell A. Sieder of 35 Curtis Pl., Fredonia, N. Y.

Pfc. W. Mills of Houghton, N. Y.

[Several days later Pfc. Mills was returned by the Communists as a prisoner of war.]

And as each name was called the hills picked it up and seemed to cherish it before echoing it.

There were prayers by Jewish, Protestant, Catholic and Greek Orthodox chaplains and the chorus of Greek soldiers sang the ancient Greek hymn "May Your Memory Be Eternal."

The Greek Battalion band—the Greek Battalion serves with the 15th—played the national anthems of the three countries and a guard of honor rendered military honors.

And as the notes of "Taps" bounced from hill to hill, I thought it must be a small measure of consolation to the loved ones of these departed soldiers that there still are others who haven't forgotten the sacrifices these men made.



Thanks to the men who fought for South Korea, South Korea is a free and prosperous country today. The soldiers' sacrifices have not been in vain.

## Outpost Harry Reunion 2014 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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[ ] 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, 2014*	_____ X	\$ 90.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2014*	_____ X	\$100.00 each	\$ _____
<i>*Attendees 13 years old and older</i>			
Attendees younger than 13 years	<b>FREE</b>		
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		<b>Net Total</b>	\$ _____





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### The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....

**WE HELD!**

The Outpost Harry Survivors Association's **23rd Reunion** will be held in Oklahoma City OK at the **Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn.**



### **Oklahoma City Airport Holiday Inn**

4401 Southwest 15th

Oklahoma City, OK 73108

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<http://www.holidayinn.com/okairport>