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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JIM HAFER



Hope you have planned to attend the OPHSA reunion. If you haven't, it is not too late. Please come if you can.

The business meeting this year will address the future of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association.

The decision to be made this June 14th is of the utmost importance as to how and what action we take to per-

petuate the accomplishments and history of the OPHSA since its inception in 1991.

We need the input from each member who attends to help reach our final decision. It must be done and it should be final. Make your thoughts known. I urge you to be a part of determining our future.

I've been in contact with **Bob Baker** and he has followed up on his promise to create a video of the complete interviews of each person interviewed for the "Hold at all Costs" documentary. At the time this newsletter had to go to press, the following interviews, in no particular order, are ready to view:

- Bob Baker** (55 Minutes)
- Ola Mize** (76 Minutes)
- Brock Lippett** (51 Minutes)
- Newt Gingrich** (17 Minutes)
- Senator Lugar** (33 Minutes)
- Jim Hafer** (50 Minutes)
- Jim Evans** (77 Minutes)
- Ollie North** (62 Minutes)

There are, currently, 17 additional individuals that are in the documentary whose videos are not done and are not listed above. So far the estimated total of videos will be about 25 when they are all finished.

Bob Baker has a crew working on putting these videos together and hopes to have them all completed and available by reunion time.

Doug Jones and myself are looking to have a set up to view all of these videos. There may be a program of the day and viewing time for each available video in your registration packet.

Because of the length of these interviews, we may start the viewing on Wednesday, June 11th 2014 and continue during the free times available during the reunion.

Also a highlight of the reunion will be a demonstration of the proper way to dig postholes for fence building by **Doug Jones**.*

You won't want to miss this.

Jim Hafer
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**To add a post script....*

*.....I had the privilege to preview this edition of the **Survivor** and in particular the excellent message from our esteemed President...You know that for many years I have tried to teach Jim how to be a successful rancher...Like first off he had better get some cows and really he has been coming along right good....He's a little old for learning but you have to start some time....Now as to post holes, I confess that I really do have a post hole digger but danged if I can find it..... **Doug Jones***

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

NOTE: THESE REUNION DATES ARE CHANGED FROM THOSE LISTED IN SURVIVOR ISSUE 65

EARLY ARRIVALS - JUNE 10-11

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

The showing of the "Hold at all Costs" interviews may start as early as Wednesday.

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.

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By Chuck Trout

On 26th of May this year we celebrated Memorial Day. What a special day to honor all those who are no longer with us. The picnics, parades and speeches are important parts of this special day but those who have served have special memories. Memories of those who served so others can have a free country in which to celebrate. On Outpost Harry our brave soldiers held and that is why these same soldiers, although a bit older, will fight again if necessary to preserve the freedoms that so many take for granted. Blessings to you and your loved ones during this special time.

Your Chaplain, Chuck Trout



TAPS

Ola L. Mize, 82, died in his home in Gadsden, Alabama on March 5th, 2014 of lung cancer. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the defense of OP Harry during the attack on June 10th 1953.

The following is his Medal of Honor citation.



The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to
MIZE, OLA L.

Rank and organization: Master Sergeant (then Sgt.), U.S. Army, Company K, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division. Place and date: Near Surang-ni, Korea, 10 to 11 June 1953. Entered service at: Gadsden, Ala. Born: 28 August 1931, Marshall County, Ala. G.O. No.: 70, 24 September 1954.

Citation: M/Sgt. Mize, a member of Company K, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. Company K was committed to the defense of "Outpost Harry", a strategically valuable position, when the enemy launched a heavy attack. Learning that a comrade on a friendly listening post had been wounded he moved through the intense barrage, accompanied by a medical aid man, and rescued the wounded soldier. On returning to the main position he established an effective defense system and inflicted heavy casualties against attacks from determined enemy assault forces which had penetrated into trenches within the outpost area. During his fearless actions he was blown down by artillery and grenade blasts 3 times but each time he dauntlessly returned to his position, tenaciously fighting and successfully repelling hostile attacks. When enemy onslaughts ceased he took his few men and moved from bunker to bunker, firing through apertures and throwing grenades at the foe, neutralizing their positions. When an enemy soldier stepped out behind a comrade, prepared to fire, M/Sgt. Mize killed him, saving the life of his fellow soldier. After rejoining the platoon, moving from man to man, distributing ammunition, and shouting words of encouragement he observed a friendly machinegun position overrun. He immediately fought his way to the position, killing 10 of the enemy and dispersing the remainder. Fighting back to the command post, and finding several friendly wounded there, he took a position to protect them. Later, securing a radio, he directed friendly artillery fire upon the attacking enemy's routes of approach. At dawn he helped regroup for a counterattack which successfully drove the enemy from the outpost. M/Sgt. Mize's valorous conduct and unflinching courage reflect lasting glory upon himself and uphold the noble traditions of the military service.

Gerard “Jerry” Lang, a past OPHSA president, died on April 23, 2014. His daughter, **Nancy Lang O'Brien**, sent the following email.



Hello Brad,

I am writing to let you know, that my dad, **Gerard F. Lang**, passed away suddenly Wednesday, April 23 at the age of 82. We are deeply saddened during this difficult time. We know our dad was very proud of his Korean War service and his service on the night of June 10, 1953. We were truly blessed that he survived that battle and was able to continue his family legacy.

We know dad would want his brothers in comrade to know of his passing.

(Jenel Liston, his granddaughter, wrote this essay in 2007 and won a \$1000 college scholarship)

One thing that has influenced me personally and completely changed my outlook on life is my Grandfather’s story of his service. He is a veteran who fought in the Korean War. He put his life on the line for our freedom and he is a hero.

My grandfather's name is **Gerard Lang** he was a member of King Company 15th Infantry Regiment, he fought on a hill called Out Post Harry In Korea on June 10 and 11, 1953. He went through some traumatic experiences and for years he kept them bottled up inside. On that hill the soldiers ran out of ammunition, and were forced to partake in hand to hand combat. By the time the battle was over only 12 men left the hill alive and one of those men was my grandfather.

Whenever I hear stories about my grandfather I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of pride. He went through experiences that many people couldn't even imagine and he did it with honor courage and bravery. For 50 years after this life changing event he never spoke of the battle at Outpost Harry or the Significance it had on the outcome of the Korean War. He was at the VA one day and he met a man who suggested he join a support group. He did, and there he found a connection to the men who he fought with him on Out Post Harry. He joined the group Outpost Harry Survivors Association. He has held positions of both President and Vice President. Now thanks to him and others it is possible for all the remaining survivors to share their stories with one another. A website (OPHSA.org) was set up and reunions

are now held annually in different parts of the country so all the men could reconnect on a personal level and console one another in a way they cannot with anyone else. They can let out their emotions and be connected to the only other people who can truly understand what they went through so they no longer feel so alone in the world.

The example my grandfather has set with his own involvement has led me to get involved. I know one person's actions can make a difference. No matter what anyone says my grandfather is a hero in my eyes and there is no medal or award in the world that can express how honored I am to have him in my life.

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.)

Gordon Lowery
Loriman Brigham
Joseph Kolgat J
Egan Fehnel
Jack Lamonaco
James McQueen
Cornelius Hindall

Frances Anderson (in memory of Ray)
Don Will
Curtis Halverson
Paul Gregory
James Field

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

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

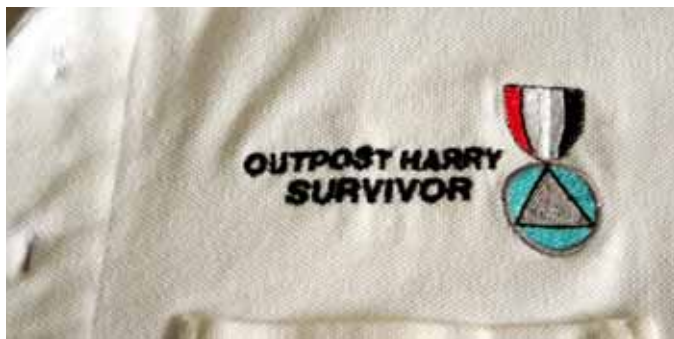
for both men's and women's shirts. (Prices subject to change. Check with Floyd or Iris when ordering.)

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.

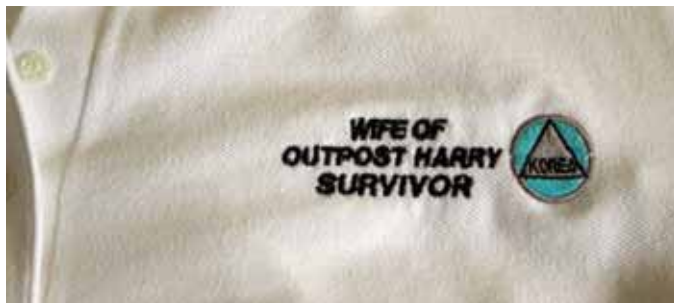
If you want a copy of our current membership list, mail a stamped, self-addressed # 10 envelope to:

Rhonda Gloodt, 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

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 for this reunion if not received on or before **May 15, 2014**

THE WEBMASTER'S CORNER

This column is addressed to those members who have an Internet connection. There have been some changes in the way that the OPHSA *Survivor* newsletter is distributed and timely information is made available via the Internet.

This newsletter, for example, and all future *Survivor* newsletter will be put online on the OPHSA web site in the Newsletter page of the OPHSA site at the same time the newsletter is sent to the printer for printing and distribution.

The time difference between the availability to view your *Survivor* online and to get your printed copy via U.S. Mail has been a long as a month recently.

For example, this newsletter was available online on 5/14/2014. The URL (Internet address) for all OPHSA newsletters is:

<http://www.ophsa.org/newsletters/>

Oh yes, the online version of the newsletters is in full color instead of the black and white printed version. For example, the URL above, in color, is blue indicating that you can click on it and you will automatically be taken to the OPHSA site's newsletter page.

If you don't have a computer, or you don't have access to the Internet, you can usually find one at your local public library or senior center.

Give it a try.

NEWSFLASH

The NewsFlash is used to pass on urgent or timely OPHSA information. It, by its nature, is available only to those members who have a current, correct email address listed on the OPHSA roster.

If you have a valid email address and you have NOT been getting *NewsFlashes*, send me an email with your correct email address and I will add you to the *NewFlash* email list.

NewsFlash #27

May 14, 2014

OPHSA Survivor Newsletter Issue 66

The May 2014 *Survivor* is now online and available for you to read. The highlights of *Survivor* Issue 66 are the following:

- **Bob Baker** is making available the full interviews of each of the people who were interviewed for the "Hold at All Costs" documentary. The run time for each interview averages about about one hour. Bob has a crew doing the production work and currently has 7 videos completed. When finished, there may be as many as 25 video. Bob plans on having them available for viewing at the upcoming reunion in Oklahoma City.
- The scheduled discussion for the business meeting is to determine the future of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association. Bob Baker has volunteered support, and others are suggesting various plans. It will be discussed and a decision will be made by attending members of this reunion's business meeting.

If at all possible, you are encouraged to attend this reunion and participate.

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If you receive an email with something that looks like the latest *NewFlash* above, you have gotten a *NewsFlash*. This one went out to all participating members on May 14th, 2014.

NEW STUFF ON THE OPHSA WEB SITE

I'll be experimenting with putting OPHSA related videos on the OPHSA web site that you can stream to your computer,

iPad, smart phone, etc. This will happen over time as it takes time to prepare a video and get it on line.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me.

BTW, all *NewFlashes* that have been send are stored on the OPHSA website at:

<http://www.ophsa.org/NewsFlash/>

Brad.

Outpost Harry Reunion 2014 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and
voluntary donations to:

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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 _____ 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	FREE		
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		Net Total	\$ _____



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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

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