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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JIM HAFER



Here we go, next year's 24th OPHSA reunion will be held **June 25th - 28th in Charleston, South Carolina**. Our reunion will be held in conjugation with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 15th Infantry Regiment. Association. reunion.

Our business meeting in Oklahoma City dealt primarily with how the Outpost Harry Survivors Association can be perpetuated. The decision was made to seek approval for "Outpost" status with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Incoming President of the 3rd Infantry Division Society, **Joe Bell**, notified OPHSA Secretary-Treasurer **Doug Jones** of approval for the Outpost Harry Survivors Association to become a permanent addition to the 3rd Division Society and will be know as the "Outpost Harry Survivors Association Outpost 35". This means all future OPHSA reunions will be held on dates selected by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, (usually in the month of June).

Membership in the OPHSA will remain as it is; no dues, our financial needs have always been met by voluntary donations and reunion registrations.

However, all future reunions will require membership in the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division (annual, life, or associate). If you do not attend any of the coming reunions, you will **not** be dropped from OPHSA Membership.

For many of the OPHSA members who are already members of the Society of the 3rd I.D. there is nothing more you need to do. OPHSA members from units outside of the 3rd Division are, as members of OPHSA, entitled to membership in the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. This applies to the 5th RCT veterans and other non-3rd I.D. units.

The bottom line is: In order to attend future OPHSA reunions, you will be required to become a member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division!

As members of the OPHSA we will be able to have our own meeting and activities during the joint reunion.

The 15th Infantry Regiment also holds it's annual reunion on the same dates and location of the 3rd Infantry Division.

As time passes on, we as individuals will no longer exist, neither would the Outpost Harry Survivors Association. We are now assured that as long as the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division exists, the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will live on.

There are still some details that have yet to be worked out. Their President **Joe Ball** and their Reunion Chairman **Leonard Collins** have worked closely with us. They even suggested that they charter an OPHSA #53 Outpost (the battle for Outpost Harry was fought in 1953) as a way to perpetuate OPHSA.

To create the Outpost #53 we will need to submit the names of ten member signatures. Outpost #53 would not be required to have quarterly meetings. Our Outpost is not regional. For the annual dues schedule, refer to the 3rd I.D. Application form on page 6

For information on the 3rd I.D. Reunion, see the registration form on page 7 of this *Survivor*.

Additional reunion details, as available, will be included in a future *Survivor*.

This is the whole story in a nut shell. This is how the OPHSA will continue to be a living association.

Jim Hafer

RETURN THE INCLUDED POSTCARD. THIS CARD DOES NOT NEED A STAMP

The current OPHSA membership count is 264. A new roster will be issued on the basis of the replies received by March 1st. We do not want to lose any members so if you want to continue to receive the *Survivor*, please list your name, address, email, and phone number and drop the card in the mail. The postcard is pre-stamped. If the member is deceased, we would appreciate a family member giving that information so they can be properly honored.

2014 REUNION MINUTES

My hearing has not improved since our 2013 meeting therefore neither has the Minutes...

Illustrious President Jim opened the meeting..

Election of officers... **Bob Baker** will be President in 2015 and I guess I am still here.

Fortunately the 2013 Minutes and the Financial report where approved.

I moved we adjourn...No Second... Motion failed.

Pres **Jim** had copies of the OPHSA Constitution and the By Laws.Discussion included whether or not we should continue having reunions. No need for a motion as everybody said YES.

It was moved and 2nd that we approach the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division to see if we could be attached to the 3rd and that all our regular and associated members could retain our identity.

I mentioned that it was time to up-date the Roster. We did not want to lose anyone however there are a great number of members that we never hear from. This also was approved.



There was a guy in a red shirt that made a heck of a lot of the motions....I know that **Sam** has a red shirt

Thanks were given to **Brad** and **Rhonda** for their work on the Survivor.

Finances: We have \$4,924.92 in the OPHSA account.

Doug

All of us may attend all functions of the 3rd Inf. The 3rd banquet is held on Sat night.

We were contacted by **Tim Stoy**, president of the 15th inf Assoc. They have their banquet on Friday night... Tim has extended an invitation to all of our members to joining their banquet. They have very few members who attend.

Our business meeting and memorial service will be held on Friday morning. The 3rd I.D. has their memorial on Sunday morning during their farewell breakfast. We are welcome to attend all of the 3rd ID functions ...

That's All Folks

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By Chuck Trout

Facing a new year is the perfect time to look in the mirror and check our attitude. I recall the story of the Indian Chief talking to his grandson. The Chief said, "Inside each man are two wolves who are continually fighting each other. One wolf represents hate, bitterness, envy, jealousy, and resentment. The other wolf represents love, kindness, consideration and forgiveness." The grandson asked, "Which wolf will win the fight?" The Chief said, "Which ever one you feed!" Over the years our brave troops have always feed the right wolf. May God continue to bless America.



Your Chaplain, Chuck Trout

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Herman AQ Brown 5th RCT
Bernard Goodstein 15th Inf

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
David & Carol McCarrol
in honor of **Ziro Pampani**
Loriman Brigham
Egan Fehnel

24TH REUNION SCHEDULE

Our reunion's schedule this year is different than all previous years. This is a summary of the results of the changes described by **Jim Hafer** and **Doug Jones** in their columns.

The major differences to this year's reunion are: reunion dates, events, and schedules are now, mostly, determined by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. The work and responsibility for reunion details are now handled by the 3rd ID staff. (Ed: **Jerry**, *it took a whole infantry division to replace you.*) The OPHSA retains its business meeting and memorial service as they have always been.

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. See the back page of this *Survivor* for hotel contact information for the **Embassy Suites Airport, North Charleston SC** to make your reservations. Mention you are with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division reunion.

Thursday, June 11th

- **2:00 p.m.** - Registration and Hospitality Room opens.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** - No host social hour
- **7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.** President's reception buffet and program

Friday June 12th

- **8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** - Optional bus tour: downtown Charleston and Patriot's Point
- **6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** - Optional Regimental dinner with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association

Saturday June 13th

- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** - Outpost Harry Survivors Association memorial service
- **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** OPHSA Business meeting and Ladies program
- **1:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.** - Optional bus tour to Middleton Gardens
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** - No host social hour
- **7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** - Reunion banquet, program, and awards

Sunday June 14th

- **8:00 a.m. - 10: a.m.** - Memorial breakfast and reunion farewell

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

Outpost Harry Reunion 2015 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 _____

eMail: _____

Your unit during the Defense of OP Harry: _____

Reunion Fees:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Friday night banquet with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association*	_____ X	\$ 47.00	\$ _____

**This event is optional. All Outpost Harry Survivors Association members have been invited by the 15th Infantry Regiment Association to join them during their Friday night dinner.*

Attendees younger than 13 years **FREE**

Voluntary Donation (not required) \$ _____

Net Total \$ _____

3rd I.D. Application for OPHSA Members*

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mail to:

Society of the Third Infantry Division
1515 Ramblewood Drive.
Hanover Park, IL 60133-2230

Date _____

Name _____
Last First MI

Current/Former Occupation _____ BIRTHDATE _____

Spouses Name _____
Last First MI

HOME ADDRESS Street _____

City _____ (ST) _____ (ZIP) _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____

Other Telephone (_____) _____

E-MAIL Address _____

3ID Units served with* _____

Served From _____ To _____ Rank _____

DUES INFORMATION			
Circle Appropriate Entries- Life members must enter BIRTHDATE.			
ANNUAL DUES MEMBERSHIP		LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP	
DOMESTIC	OVERSEAS	DOMESTIC	OVERSEAS
\$20.00	\$35.00	Age up to 39 - \$400	Age up to 39- \$1280
		Age 40-49 \$350	Age 40-49 \$925
MEMBERSHIP CLASS		Age 50-59 \$300	Age 50-59 \$685
REGULAR	ASSOCIATE	Age 60-69 \$250	Age 60-69 \$475
		Age 70-79 \$200	Age 70-79 \$310
ACTIVE DUTY		Over Aae 80 \$150	Over Aae 80 \$275
Dues apply to both Regular and Associate members			

CHECK NUMBER _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

Referred or recommended by The Outpost Harry Survivors Association

OUTPOST _____ SOCIETY ID _____ Roster Manager will fill in these items

*Outpost Harry Survivors Association Applicant 5th RCT, GEF, 15th Inf. etc.

3rd I.D. Reunion Registration Form



96TH ANNUAL REUNION
SOCIETY OF THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION
 Charleston, South Carolina
 JUNE 11-14, 2015



★ IF YOU SERVED IN THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE _____

UNIT SERVED IN _____ OUTPOST _____ PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE: WWII _____ KOREA _____
 COLD WAR _____ GULF WAR _____ IRAQ WAR _____ AFGHANISTAN _____ PEACE TIME _____ ACTIVE DUTY _____

★ IF YOU ARE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★
 FOR ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PLEASE USE A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: YES _____ OUTPOST _____

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: YES _____ OUTPOST _____

★ IF YOU ARE A GUEST FILL OUT THIS SECTION ★
 FOR ADDITIONAL GUEST PLEASE USE A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE _____

NAME _____ PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE _____

ADDRESS OF REGISTRANT _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BANQUET MEAL SELECTION: BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: _____

	REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (PER PERSON) _____ X \$25.00 = _____
THURSDAY JUNE 11 TH ~ PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION BUFFET DINNER	_____ X \$45.00 = _____
SATURDAY JUNE 13 TH ~ LADIES PROGRAM	_____ X No Charge
SATURDAY JUNE 13 TH ~ BANQUET DINNER	_____ X \$47.00 = _____
SUNDAY JUNE 14 TH ~ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST	_____ X \$ 7.00 = _____
OPTIONAL TOURS	
FRIDAY JUNE 12 TH ~ City Bus Tourists' Tour (Seven attractions: See facing page)	_____ X \$29.00 = _____
SATURDAY JUNE 13 TH ~ Middleton Place (See facing page)	_____ X \$29.00 = _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____	

NOTE: It is suggested that men wear jackets to the Awards Banquet

★ PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2015 ★
 PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

Society of 3rd Infantry Division
 2010 Worcester Lane
 Garland TX 75040

- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by May 21, 2015
- A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event are non-refundable.
- Call the Embassy Suites (843) 747-1882 no later than May 20, 2015 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive your group rate per night of \$129.00 plus tax.
- The Embassy Suites (North Charleston Airport) is located at 5055 International Blvd., North Charleston SC 29418
- These prices are available two days prior to and two days after your reunion, depending on availability, should you choose to extend your stay.



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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....

WE HELD!

Embassy Suites Airport/North Charleston, SC



5055 International Boulevard,
North Charleston, South Carolina, 29418

Phone: 843-747-1882

FAX: 843-747-1895

eMail: CHSEM_DS@hilton.com

*Call the hotel no later than **May20, 2015** to make your hotel reservations*

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The OPHSA Roster has become corrupted down through the years as people move, change their phone number, and their email address. A new roster is going to be created with only the

names of those who have returned this information -- either by U.S. mailing a filled-in copy of this page to **Doug Jones** or by using the stamped, self-addressed card in the printed copy of *Survivor* #67.

If you wish to remain on the OPHSA Roster, please fill out and send in either this page or the *Survivor* insert card.

Thanks.

Doug



OP HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

Rhonda Gloodt, Associate Editor
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Marco Island, FL 34145

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

eMail Address: _____

