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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JIM HAFER



The OPHSA 24th Reunion will be held on Friday, June 12th, 2015 in conjunction with the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 15th Infantry Association in **Charleston SC** from June 11th through **June 14th**.

The following quotation is from the 15th Infantry's Newsletter, the **Dragon**.

"The 15th Infantry Regiment Association will once again host a Regimental Dinner open to anyone wishing to attend on 12 June 2015 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, SC. We will have an entertaining program mixed with music, colorful updates from the active battalions, and little history mixed in. This will be a fun evening and a great opportunity to visit with friends and old buddies, and make new acquaintances. More information to follow in the March issue of the Dragon and at www.15th Infantry.org web site."

Doug Jones has been in contact with Col. **Tim Stoy**, who many of you know. He is President of the 15th Infantry Regt. Assn. and has graciously extended an invitation for

ALL OPHSA members to join the 15th at their Regimental Dinner on Friday night, June 12th.

No one is excluded from this dinner! If you served with the 5th RCT, or ANY unit other than the 15th Infantry Regiment, it makes no difference. All are welcome.

You will need to register to attend the 15th's Regimental dinner. You can use the Dinner Registration form on page 8 (it's on the back of the OPHSA Registration form) if you have not already registered. If you have an Internet connection, you can also make your dinner reservation online at:

<http://15thinfantry.org/dinner2015orderform.html>

Friday, June 12th, is our **OPHSA Reunion day**. All other activities during this reunion are hosted by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

To attend any of the 3rd I.D. functions, you will have to be a member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and have completed the 3rd I.D.'s Reunion form on page 11 and have sent it to the address on the form, with a check covering the functions you wish to attend.

If you are **not** already a member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, you can join by filling out the form on page 9 and mailing it to the address on the form with a check for your dues. All OPHSA members are eligible to become members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

During our business meeting on Friday we will discuss the requirements we must meet to have OPHSA officially become an Outpost of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division. These requirements are clearly stated in the 3rd ID's Constitution and By Laws and we need go over these requirements with the members present at this reunion to determine what must be done before OPHSA is officially accepted as an Outpost of the 3rd I.D.

Also up for discussion will be the future of OPHSA after we become an Outpost of the 3rd I.D. This business meeting promises to be an important and lively one.

Hope to see all of you in Charleston.

Jim Hafer

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By Chuck Trout

THANK GOD I'M A VETERAN

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,



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

George Weeden: L Company, 15th Infantry Regiment 3rd Battalion.



Lt. **Stanley A. Knapp** (on left) Lt. **John F. Hamilton** (on right) Tank Co. 15th Regt. taken in May of 1953 *(Photo by Stan Knapp)*

TAPS

Homer Hungerford: Died 12/11/2014. He 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 20th reunion, you will remember that he could still wear his Army uniform jacket. How many of us can do the same? He lived in Beaufort, SC.



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.)L

Jack Lomonaco
Robert Graham
Joseph Kolgat Jr
Lincoln Phelps
Leonard Godmaier

Don Chase
Cornelius Hindall
James Hafer
Charles Scott
Albert Cortes

DONATIONS TO OPHSA

Send your donations to:

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14614 Channel Drive
LaConner, WA 98257-4732

Make your checks payable to:

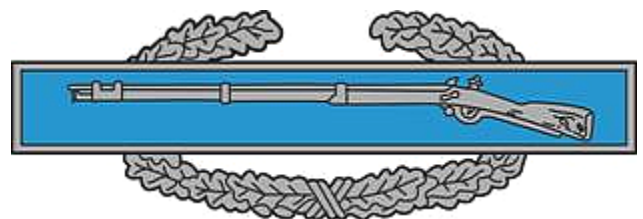
Outpost Harry Survivors Association

SECRETARY-TREASURER

VERY IMPORTANT...As of March 14th I have only received 106 post cards with your names for the new roster. This roster will be printed the last week of April. Copies will be available at the reunion and also will be sent to all members and Associate members of record. The new Roster will be used for all future mailings of The *Survivor*. We do not want to lose any one so **PLEASE** fill out and mail the postcard which was included in the last Survivor. If you do not have it then send me your **Name. Address.. Phone number** and eMail if you have one.



Doug Jones



(See the 24th Reunion Schedule on page 10)

PFC CHARLES R. JOHNSON FITNESS CENTER

On August 26, 2014 the dedication ceremony for the PFC Charles R. Johnson Fitness Center was held at Fort Stewart GA.

OPHSA members **Don Dingee**, **Dave Mills** and **Charles Johnson's family** attended the dedication ceremony for the newest 80,000 square foot Fort Stewart fitness center.



Don Dingee, Juanita Mendez (Charles Johnson's sister) and Dave Mills in front of the Silver Star Fitness Center sign

You can see more details of this ceremony on **Charles Johnson's** web pages on the OPHSA web site at:

http://www.ophsa.org/Memorials/Charles_Johnson.htm

A slide show of pictures taken during the dedication ceremony is also available on the OPHSA web site at:

www.ophsa.org/2014-08-26_Dedication_Ceremony

OPHSA'S 23RD REUNION 2014

The 23rd annual reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association was held in our President **Jim Hafer's** home town of Oklahoma City, OK from July 11th to July 14th, 2014.

Fourteen members and their families attended this reunion.

EARLY WEDNESDAY ARRIVALS

The early arrivals had time to explore Oklahoma City. The Hotel was located on the Oklahoma River and there was a paved trail that followed along the bank of the

river. A short walk down the trail from the hotel was the dock that the river boat docked. Some of the early arrivals walked down to the river and found that the locks on the river between the boat's dock malfunctioned.



Jim Herrera and Jack Lo Monaco



Eilleen Lo Monaco and Samia Walert

Later Rhonda and a small group did get to ride the river boat -- and Rhonda, a licensed pilot, got to drive it.



Harold Star, Stan & Ann Marie Zatorski, Lawrence Wolf & Daughter Ilana Aronowitz with Rhonda Gloodt at the helm



Sam Buck, Bob and Rhonda Gloodt, and Stan & Ann Marie Zatorski

THURSDAY

Thursday was a free-time day.

Following individual registrations and check-in, members socialized in the hospitality room, the lobby, and hallways.



Gordon & Dorothy Lowery and Family at the Holiday Inn

FRIDAY

Friday morning the group visited the Cowboy's Hall of Fame museum.



Waiting for the bus in front of the Hotel



Jim and Helen Herrera. Jim passed away after this reunion

The museum was both a surprise and delight as it was an equal to any that we saw during our trip last year to Washington D.C.



This iconic statue greeted us as we entered the museum

We were on an open schedule so we all were allowed the time to view the museum.



One of the many art exhibits in the Cowboy Museum

It would take many days to really see all of the exhibits and art in the Cowboy Museum.



One of the many full-scale recreations of the frontier Oklahoma City in the museum



A fence, around the bombing site, with memorial mementos put there by the public



Jim Hafer and Emory Walker taking a break

We had a buffet lunch at the museum before leaving the museum and going to the site of the Oklahoma Federal Building Bombing site.



Jack & Eileen Lo Monaco and Freeman Bradford



Emory Walker, Curtis and Marjorie Halverson enjoying lunch in the Museum's buffet

The visit to the site of the bombing of the Oklahoma Federal building by an American terrorist was an extraordinary experience similar to visiting the site of the terrorist's attack on New York's Twin Towers.



The reflecting pool where the building stood with the hillside behind the pool covered with memorials for each the people killed by the bomber - with a special section for the children killed in the ground floor nursery

The afternoon and evening were spent viewing the videos of the complete interviews made for the *Hold at All Cost* documentary.



Watching the *Hold at All Costs* interview videos in the Hospitality room



Lawrence Wolf and his daughter Ilana Aronowitz watching an interview

This was Lawrence Wolf's first reunion. He passed away shortly after attending this reunion.

SATURDAY

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year during this reunion the OPHSA memorial service was held honoring our fallen comrades.



The Reunion Attendees gather for the memorial service



Lawrence Wolf and his Daughter Ilana light a candle for the 5th RCT

BUSINESS MEETING

Following the Memorial Service, President Jim Hafer conducted the membership meeting. There followed a discussion of the Oupost Harry Association's future.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



Entertainment was provided by Cowboy Jim Garling



Jim and Cora Fields enjoy the banquet

SUNDAY

An informal Sunday-morning breakfast concluded this reunion.

OPHSA REUNION 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Mail form, with your voluntary donations

to:

E. Douglas Jones
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 _____ ZipCode _____

eMail: _____

Your unit during the Defense of OP Harry: _____

REUNION FEES:

No OPHSA reunion fees are required for this reunion. All services for this, the 24th OPHSA reunion are covered by your payments to the appropriate **Society of the 3rd Infantry Division** and the **15th Infantry Association** for the selected activities and services you chose on the following forms.

However, as always, your voluntary donations are appreciated and are used for OPHSA operating expenses such as the printing and mailing of the *Survivor* newsletter and for covering the expenses of keeping the OP Harry web site online. We are, as always, a volunteer association with all officers and appointees serving with no monetary compensation.

Voluntary Donation (not required) \$ _____

Note: You do not need to fill out the reverse side of this form if you have already made your Friday night 15th Infantry Regimental dinner reservations.

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENTAL DINNER - 12 JUNE 2015

Cost: \$47.00 per person (includes tax/gratuity)

Cocktails (Cash Bar): 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Dinner/Program: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Note: If you have Internet access, a quicker, simpler, and a much more direct way to register is to use the following online links to make your reservations:

This link allows you to register and pay online by credit card or PayPal.

<http://15thinfantry.org/dinner2015payment.html>

This link allows you to complete, print, and mail a registration form with a check.

<http://15thinfantry.org/dinner2015orderform.html>

Be sure that your check, made out to the **15th Infantry Regiment Association** and the registration form are mailed by **5 June 2015**

Dinner Choices:

1. Low Country Shrimp and Grits or
2. Smoked Turkey Ravioli
3. Special Dietary Need (Please include type of need in name line)

Your Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Guest Full Name _____ Dinner choice number _____

Total number of dinners: ____ x \$47.00 per person (includes tax/gratuity) = Total Cost: \$ _____

REUNION FORMS

These pages have the various forms available for those members who don't have Internet access. If you **DO** have Internet access, the quickest and easiest way to register is to use the forms available online.

For the **Society of the 3rd Infantry Division**, go to:

<http://www.warfoto.com/3rdiv.htm>

For the **15th Infantry Regimental** dinner go to:

<http://15thinfantry.org/dinner2015orderform.html>

3rd I.D. Application for OPHSA Members*

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

Mall 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 Age 80 \$150 | Over Age 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.

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24TH REUNION SCHEDULE

Our reunion's schedule this year is different than all previous years. 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 OPHSA retains its business meeting and memorial service on its reunion days 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. If you are a 3rd I.D. member, mention that you are part of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division reunion when you make your reservation.

NOTE: Friday, June 12th, is the OPHSA Reunion day. Actives on all other days are with 3rd ID and you must be a member of the Society of the 3rd ID and have submitted the 3rd ID Reunion Registration form to participate in those events. They are marked with an *asterisk** below.

Thursday, June 11th

- **All day** - Outpost Harry Survivors Association Registration and Hospitality room opens.
- ***2:00 p.m.** - 3rd ID 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

- **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
- **Free Time**
- **6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** - Optional Regimental dinner with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association

Saturday June 13th

- ***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.** - 3rd ID Reunion Banquet, program, and awards

Sunday June 14th

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

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NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Where so many soldiers dies 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





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 11TH ~ PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION BUFFET DINNER _____ X \$45.00 = _____
 SATURDAY JUNE 13TH ~ LADIES PROGRAM _____ X No Charge
 SATURDAY JUNE 13TH ~ BANQUET DINNER _____ X \$47.00 = _____
 SUNDAY JUNE 14TH ~ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST _____ X \$ 7.00 = _____
OPTIONAL TOURS
 FRIDAY JUNE 12TH ~ City Bus Tourists' Tour (Seven attractions: See facing page) _____ X \$29.00 = _____
 SATURDAY JUNE 13TH ~ 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.



OP HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

Rhonda Gloodt, Associate Editor

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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



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

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eMail: CHSEM_DS@hilton.com

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