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PRESIDENT'S CORNER
BY JIM HAFER

Greetings everyone,

All the information regarding the upcoming "Marne Week" - the 100th Birthday of the 3rd Infantry Division came very late.

Not too late to make plans to attend, so make every effort you can to make it. As you can see in this issue of the Survivor Brad has shown the schedule of events for the week long celebration, the hotel arrangements, and the evening banquets.

We will again observe our banquet along with the 15th Infantry Regiment on Thursday November 16th at Fort Stewart. We (OPHSA) will hold our annual meeting in the morning of November 16th at a time yet to be determined.

The 3rd I.D., has planned a very eventful week. Don't miss it.

Hope to see you there.

Jim Hafer.
Hero Rd., Fort Stewart, GA 31314. Dinner will be buffet style and cost approximately $12, which can be paid at the door. RSVP to 2LT Justin French at no later than November 10th at:

justin.l.french2.mil@mail.mil

Check the 15th Regimental's web site for more info at as it becomes available.

Many thanks to Tim Stoy, President of the Society of the 15th Infantry Division, for providing this information as soon as it was available.

You can check for information about the Marne Ball on November 17th on Jekyll Island in either the 15th Regiment or the 3rd Infantry’s newsletter.

TAPS


Born December 6, 1932 in Martinsburg, he was the son of the late William and Pearl Gregory Poole.

Paul served in the United States Army during the Korean War in the 5th RTC. He was a member of the VFW, Outpost Harry Survivors Association, and was a longtime volunteer at the local VA Medical Center.

Paul served as the Sergeant-of-arms for the Outpost Harry Survivors Association.

Jim Jarboe. James F. Jarboe passed away at home in Duarte, California on November 13, 2016. Jim was born on February 19, 1928 in San Rafael, California. Jim served as a combat photographer in the Third Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during his tour in Korea.

Jim was a consummate photographer and used his skills when he joined the Outpost Harry Survivors Association to produce the Newsletters that have been the glue that have held our Association together between (and during) our reunions down through the years.

I encourage you to take some time to browse through the heritage of his newsletters to enjoy the OPHSA history Jim captured. You can find newsletters going back to 2001 on the OPHSA web site. We miss you -- and your camera Jim.

Leonard A. Spirito - “I recently learned of the passing OPHSA member, Len Spirito. He was not able to attend any of our reunions. I will always consider Len one of my all time best friends.” (Jim Hafer - Jim’s complete Eulogy for Len is on pages 7 and 8.)

You can view Len Spitito’s pictures he took while he was in Korea during the battle in the defense of OP Harry at:

http://www.ophsa.org/Len_Spirito/

John Ferrara, 86, of Westfield died peacefully on October 20, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

John served as President of OPHSA.

He is interred in the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center, Vermont.

Gordon V. Carpenter, age 87, of Southport, NY passed away Saturday, September 24, 2016. Gordon was born April 6, 1929 in Elmira son of the late Norman & Fannie (Morgan) Carpenter. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954 and then continued his service in the US Army Reserves.

“Mark H Woods died a year ago. He was the second one buried at new Omaha National Cemetery.

We went to several reunions years ago. He had Parkinson's the last ten years and it was harder for him to get around. He was using walker and wheel chair to go outside, we managed to keep him at home. He was in 5th RCT, A Co. and was on Outpost Harry.

Thanks for all the hard work on the reunions, he enjoyed the ones he went to and actually saw a couple guys that were on Outpost Harry with him.

LaVonne Woods” (Quote from LaVonne Woods. ed)

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

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Outpost Harry Survivor’s Association business meeting was held in the The Central Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg PA.
There were some discussions prior to the business meeting:


2) Discussion about next meeting of OPHSA. June is preferred by many. Difficult to have a reunion in September and include grandchildren.

3) The Carillon dedication will be held on November 11th, 2016 at the Miramar National Cemetery.

The Memorial Service Dedication was given by Eileen LoMonaco followed by the fallen comrade’s candle lighting ceremony:

Doug Jones reported the Charleston meeting minutes and the Treasurer’s Report:

There is $3971.34 left in the OPHSA account.

A bill was submitted by the President for $185.00.

In the past, normally funds to pay for the reunion were required, now those expenses handled by 3rd ID.

Presentation of a plaque – to Jim Hafer for his continued service as president (three years).

Jim Hafer said that we need to recognize Jerry Cunningham again for starting OPHSA in 1991. Jim Hafer recounts that his son, around Thanksgiving 2006, finding the OPHSA on the Internet.

Brad: Lilly Cunningham made a video of the first reunion of the OPHSA. You can view online at on the OPHSA web sit. Jim points out that OPHSA is in violation of the by-laws (presidents can serve two years, no more). Bob Baker asked Jim to serve another year. Jim asks are there any nominations from the floor for another candidate. No nomination and membership asked Jim to serve another year. Jim agrees to serve another year.

Brad makes a motion that the president can serve multiple years, to the election of a president to serve as needed. Jim suggests that the bylaws need to be changed to be a member of the OPHSA (i.e., not restricted to be a veteran). 3rd ID just requires that OPHSA have a president. Change was made last year to include non-veterans as voting members of OPHSA.

Brad’s new motion: the election of the president will be as needed from the current OPHSA membership. Motion carries.

Jim recounts that the 3rd ID membership had a discussion about the 3rd ID Membership Bylaw, which is: eligibility of 3rd ID association membership, veterans, spouses, child, grandchild relationship, or anyone with a special interest or affiliation. Associate members have voting rights and recognition and may be nominated to serve in all offices except for the presidency. The reason for change based on recent IRS regulations, probably to do with non-profit regulations. OPHSA members are members of OPHSA or 3rd ID, Outpost 53 members.

Being a member of the 3rd ID does not change one’s OPHSA membership.

Doug Jones states that there is a bank account for the 3rd ID Outpost 53, with $120 dollars in it from the 3rd ID. Member makes a comment that the equity should be split among the Outposts of the 3rd ID.

Cutting the paper printing of the Newsletter which used to cost 600 dollars, dropped most of the hard copy printing costs, dropped to 120 dollars. Brad notes that when the Newsletter is released, Brad sends out an e-mail to those with e-mails, and a three page maximum (6 pages of content) to those without e-mail. There are 48 people without e-mail addresses. It was a quarterly publication – now less frequent. Note that the Newsletter has a dual role with both the OPHSA and 3rd ID Outpost.

A trip to Fort Stewart, GA, with the 3rd ID for the 100th anniversary of the 3rd ID Regiment Association, could serve as both the OPHSA and the 3rd ID Outpost 53 meetings. The 3rd ID would take care of reunion planning. There were 13 people who preferred that the OPHSA reunion occur in conjunction with the 3rd ID. A motion was made, a second and a member asked that the 13 votes be counted towards the motion which carries. A couple of members would go to San Antonio as well.

Brad/Rhonda says that OPHSA roster is now at 128/129.

Doug Jones

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THANKS TO DONORS

The list of names that follows are the members who helped us pay the bills for our reunions, our newsletters, and our web site. Without them and the other members who sent donations to our Secretary/Treasurer, over the last 26 years, we could not operate the Association.
Thanks to all! WE HELD! And with your support we are still holding. (ed.)

NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Bergen - Associate Member
John C. Campbell

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Send your donations to:

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

Make your checks payable to:

Outpost Harry Survivors Association

MIRAMAR NATIONAL CEMETERY

On November 11, 2016 at the Miramar National Cemetery the dedication of the Veterans Tribute Tower & Carillon was attended by OPHSA members in the picture below in addition to Dave Mills and Bob Baker.

Freeman Bradford, Jim Hafer, John Lodi, and Doug Jones

The plaque commemorates the 15th Regiment and the 3rd Infantry Division for their Holding at All Costs Outpost Harry during the 8 day battle against numerically superior enemy forces.

You can view a video of Bob Baker’s speech at this dedication at:

Individual members registered and checked into the hotel then socialized in the 3rd I.D. hospitality room and the hotel’s atrium.

Third Infantry’s hospitality room. Tables, drinks, and munchies

A group in the hotel’s atrium having conversations

After a day of free time, the attendees gather for the evening meal and entertainment with the 3rd I.D.

B.G. Andrew Schafer Jr. spoke at the President’s Reception during the 97th Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

Early on Friday morning we boarded busses at 9:00 a.m. for a tour of the Gettysburg National Park.

Our first stop was at the Park’s Exhibition Hall where we had the chance to look at displays from the Battle of Gettysburg’s time.

Bob Gloodt, Jim Hafer, Sam Buck, and Stanley Zatorski having a conversation in the exhibition’s hallway

After our time at the exhibition center, we again got in our bus and went to the Gettysburg battle grounds.

A volunteer guide gave us a very comprehensive tour of the Gettysburg battle.
The stops on our tour were overlooking the scene of the battles fought at Gettysburg.

A statue of Warren overlooking the Gettysburg battle fields.

**DAY 3 FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

On Saturday OPHSA had their business meeting and candle memorial ceremony for our fallen comrades in the morning.

After the business meeting, we had free time until we joined the 3rd I.D. for their banquet and Awards ceremony.

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**SUNDAY MORNING**

Sunday morning a memorial breakfast concluded this reunion.
Jim Haffer’s Eulogy for Len Spirito was submitted in his cursive handwriting.

We recently learned of the passing of OPJSA member Leonard A. Spirito. Few of you knew him but he was never able to attend any of our reunions.

I feel the need to tell you some things about him. We were very close friends and elected to be assigned together to the 15th Regiment Tank Company where we served together for a year. We literally became inseparable. We ate a lot of C-Rations, smoked many packages of cigarettes, drank our quota of beer and somehow found time to fire many, many rounds of 90mm ammunition. We really bonded.

Len enlisted in the army at the age of 15 and completed a tour of duty in Europe attaining the rank of MSGT. before applying for the Armored Officers Candidate School at Fort Knox. He graduated the summer of 1952 and accepted a Regular Army Commission. Len arrived at the 15th Tank Co. as a 2nd Lt. assigned to the 2nd Platoon as platoon leader.
During our time at Outpost Harry, Jen was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry. From "Harry" we moved and served together at the Kumsong Salient. A short time after the truce was signed Jen became Company XO and later on Company Commander, and I was promoted to Company XO. We really had a great year together. Jen went on to actively serve our country retiring as a Full Colonel. Jen was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery this year. I will always consider Jen one of my all time best friends. Have a good ride partner, we will miss you.

Jim Hafer
15th Regt. Tank Co.