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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Rhonda Gloodt



Greetings everyone,

Sixty five years ago my father and the men on Outpost Harry fought for their lives and for the freedom of South Korea in a brutal 8-day battle. For the first time in 65 years, the president of the United States and the president of North Korea have met to negotiate a better life for the people of the world. Please send them your prayers.

Rhonda Gloodt

OPHSA 27TH REUNION

The Outpost Harry Survivors Association will hold its 27th annual reunion on **Friday September 28th, 2018** in the **Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel** in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Call the Hotel at **(888) 625-4937** before **August 27th** and mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to get the group rate.

Check pages 8 and 9 to view pages taken from the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's June 2018 Issue of the *Watch on the Rhine* for details of this reunion's events and their prices. Be sure to register *before August 2th!*

JIM HAFER'S CORNER

Our 26th Reunion was a good one. Having at Ft. Stewart during "Marne Week" and the 100th Birthday of the 3rd I.D. worked well.



The entire week was filled with daily activities highlighted by the Ribbon Cutting and dedication of the new 3rd Infantry museum did a job recognizing all of the division's involvement from WWI to date.

After the museum dedication we had lunch in one of the consolidated mess halls. It is unbelievable the way the Army feeds the troops today. Our next visit was to the "China Room" which has been relocated to Ft. Stewart in its entirety from Ft. Benning and is located in an area assigned to the 15th Regiment.

Again, we held our annual banquet with the 15th Regiment Association. We enjoyed a very good meal and an evening program presented by the active duty Regiment.

The dining room was backed with active duty members and spouses from the 15th Regt. We had a lot of time to visit with these fine soldiers serving in the 15th today. The soldiers I visited with were curious about the Korean War and especially "Outpost Harry." You had to be favorably impressed with the quality of the young men and women serving our country today, specifically the 15th Regiment. Our country is in GOOD HANDS with those who are now serving.

Our business meeting was a very important one. To ensure the **Outpost Harry (#53) Survivors Association** continues to thrive and receive the recognition it deserves for so many years we needed to move forward, those steps have been taken, leading the OPHSA toward the future we all hope for.

Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt has graciously accepted the office of President of our association. Most of you know Rhonda's longtime positive involvement with the

OPHSA, along with her husband **Robert**. There is no one more qualified than Rhonda.

For those who do not know, Rhonda is the daughter of **Cpl. Ronald G. Bradley**, a member of the 1st Platoon Company "B" of the 15th Infantry Regiment listed as missing in action while defending "Outpost Harry" on June 11, 1953. As of this date Cpl Bradley is still listed as MIA. Rhonda is well qualified, dedicated and knowledgeable of the history of the defense of "Outpost Harry." We are fortunate to have her accept the office of President of the OPHSA. I know we will all give her our undivided support as she embarks on this leadership role.

Associate member of the OPHSA, **Andrew Bergen** has assumed the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Andrew actually accepted this office at our 2016 meeting in Gettysburg and will serving in this capacity. We are very fortunate to have a well qualified, interested individual like Andrew to fill this office. Andrew is the nephew of **Doug Jones**. Doug is passing on his duties as long time Secretary-Treasurer and has assisted Andrew in accepting responsibility of this office. Andrew - we want to thank you for following in Doug's footsteps.

In closing let me express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving as you Association President since 2014. These four years have allowed me to communicate and have personal contact with many members of the OPHSA, their families and friends. I hope I fulfilled the duties expected of me.

As long as here is a breath of life in me I pledge to continue to inform both the young and old about the Living Hell experienced at "Harry." God bless the men who served there and were able to return home and especially to those who gave "Their All" at a crummy little piece of real estate halfway around the world. The bright side of it all, is we can see what the Republic of South Korea is today - Free people allowed to live as they wish in a civilized country. We helped make it happen.

It's time for me to get on down the road.

Thanks again,

Jim Hafer

OPHSA 26TH REUNION

Note: *As fewer and fewer members are able to attend the OPHSA annual reunions, videos were taken during this reunion and are made available on the OPHSA web site for those who have an Internet connection. You can find links to this reunion's videos on the OPHSA web site at:*

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

Members and guests attended the 26th annual reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association held in conjunction with the **3rd Infantry's 100 year celebration** at Fort Stewart, GA. Our reunion was held in the **Hinesville LaQuinta** hotel 2 miles outside of **Fort Stewart, GA**.

We shared this reunion with the **Society of the 15th Infantry Regiment** and participated in the events at Fort Stewart. The OPHSA 26th annual reunion was held in the lobby of the hotel. The video of **OHPSA's Memorial Service and Business Meeting** is available online on the OPHSA web site at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

Early Arrivals -- Early arrivals enjoyed meeting old friends and socializing in the hotel's lobby and sharing meals in a nearby Applebee's restaurant -- and getting caught up with each other. Go to the OPHSA web site to view the video at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Thursday was the official day of our reunion which was held at 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the hotel. New Arrivals checked into the hotel and joined the early arrivals in the hotel's lobby. We had reserved a room for our reunion in the morning, but elected instead to join the 3rd Infantry's ribbon cutting and celebration of the opening of their new Museum at Fort Stewart. Go to view the video of that event -- and note that one of the displays in this museum was dedicated to commemorating the battle for the defense of OP Harry in 1953 at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

After viewing the 3rd Infantry's new museum, we went directly to the temporary location of the 15th Infantry's **China Room**. It was proudly situated in two rooms, one room not being large enough to hold the exhibit. Go to the video of our China Room visit and the lunch on base; next door to the **Charley Johnson** fitness center on the OPHSA web site at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

We returned to our hotel to hold this year's OPHSA reunion. Go to the video of the memorial ceremony and the business meeting at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

Thursday evening, we joined the **Society of the 15th Infantry Regiment for the Regimental Dinner**. Go to view the video of **David Mill's** and **Tim Stoy's** speeches and photos taken during that event at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 17TH

Most OPHSA members left to return home while others stayed to explore the local area, continue their trip, or participate in the Marne Week Activities

SECRETARY-TREASURER

1992 To Now. This wonderful Association has flourished for 26 years. It is leaving a legacy of the history of a group of men who were called upon to defend a vital Outpost in the Korean war having no option to retreat. **Jerry Cunningham** [Mr. Chairman] has led this Association from the start with complete dedication and for the last four years we could not have found a better leader than **Jim Hafer**. The Survivor was born and managed by the late **Jim Jarboe** with his war time photography and computer skills. We would have been hard put to continue had not **Freeman Bradford [Brad]** picked up the reins as our most competent webmaster and photographer. The annual reunions have created a bonding of men with similar memories and some who in the past had been unable to talk with even their families of their war experiences. At one time we had over 250 members. Time has taken its toll. The youngest member cannot be less than 82 years old.



As both Jim and Brad have mentioned we are most fortunate to have **Rhonda** accept the position of OPHSA president. Her determination to honor her father and to find his remains has been an inspiration. I am also very proud that one of my favorite nephews [Dr] **Andrew Bergen** [scientist of medical stuff I never understood] has taken over job of secretary. Amazing he actually is reporting all the facts...never thought of that...My first reunion was at Ft Benning in 1994 and became secretary 1997 and then treasurer. I will be 90 at our next reunion and am slowing down. I shall continue to look over Andrew's shoulder and see that he doesn't use too many big words. We do have some serious issues to discuss in this year's meeting. We no longer have minimum members to qualify for The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's OutPost 53 requirements. It has truly been an honor to have been your Secretary

Treasurer for these past years.

Doug Jones

The minutes and treasurer's report will be given at the Albuquerque TX reunion (ed.)

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.)

Jack LoMonaco

James Hafer

Don Wills

Sam Buck

James McQueen -- To honor his brother-in-law

Herbert Davis who was killed on OutPost Harry.

Loriman Brigham

Joseph Kolgat Jr

Stanley Zatorski

Don Chase

Ronald McQueen

Thomas Flavin

Ralph Guptill

Harry Wollstenholme

David Crosby

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Send your donations to:

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14614 Channel Drive

LaConner, WA 98257-4732

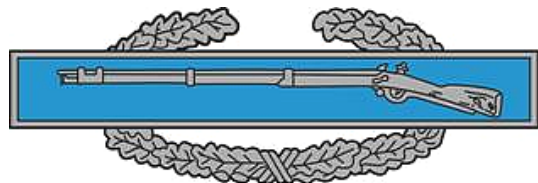
Make your checks payable to:

Outpost Harry Survivors Association

26TH REUNION PHOTOS

Note: *The photos in this section are space limited. To see ALL of the photos and ALL of the videos, refer to the online descriptions of the 26th Reunion on the OPHSA web site at:*

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/



ARRIVALS



Dave Mills, Doug Jones, and Jim Hafer



Doug Jones, Jim Hafer, and Dave Mills discuss postponing the OPHSA meeting the next day to attend the ribbon-cutting for the 3rd ID's new museum



Lillie Cunningham and Rhonda Gloodt arrive



Rhonda and Bob Gloodt, Lillie Cunningham, Shirley and Dave Mills meet at the hotel's entrance



Jim Hafer, Doug Jones, and Jerry Cunningham meet

SEND AN RSVP FOR THE 2018 REUNION TO:

Doug Jones
14614 Channel Drive
LaConner, WA 98257

Or email him at:

Doug Jones <karkelko@wavecable.com>

This is just to let Doug know how many of us and our guests plan on attending this reunion. Thanks.



Rhonda, Shirley and Dave Mills at Applebees



Jerry Cunningham gets a laugh

3RD ID NEW MUSEUM'S RIBBON-CUTTING

Early the next day we head out to Fort Stewart to participate in the ribbon-cutting and opening of the 3rd Infantry's new museum.

We met outside where the opening ceremony was to be held.



Jerry Cunningham is greeted by **Monika Stoy**



Doug Jones gets his greeting from **Monika**



Dave Mills and **Toby Knight**, President of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division



The ceremonial cake's guard? The un-cut ribbon in front



Major Marks and Tim Stoy

As truce talks drew to a close in 1953, small unit actions took place all along the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) as opposing forces attempted to seize the most tactically advantageous positions. The Chinese coveted an isolated hilltop east of the Ch'orwon Valley because it blocked their observation down the Kumhwa Valley and shielded that portion of the MLR from their direct fire. If lost by U.N. forces, the U.S. Eighth Army would have had to withdraw six miles to the next defensible line. For eight nights in June the Chinese People's Liberation Army made determined attempts to overrun Outpost Harry. Each night a different company of the 15th Infantry Regiment, and a tank platoon, repelled them. Typically, a U.S. Infantry company would experience seventy-five percent or more casualties after a determined attack. By dawn on 18 June the Chinese had withdrawn.

The plaque on the Outpost Harry display



The Outpost Harry display



The "Moonlight" search light that lit up OP Harry -- from 10 miles to the rear



Lunch in one of Fort Stewart's "mess halls"



The 15th Infantry's China Room

THE 26TH REUNION'S BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was held in an impromptu setting in the lobby of the hotel. You can view video of the complete business meeting and memorial service online at:

http://www.ophsa.org/26th_Reunion/OPHSA_26th_Reunion_Low_Bitrate.mp4



Doug Jones and Jim Hafer chair the business meeting
15TH INFANTRY'S REGIMENTAL BANQUET



Doug Jones and Monika Stoy in conversation



Jerry Cunningham in conversation with 2 active duty officers during the 15th Infantry's Regimental banquet



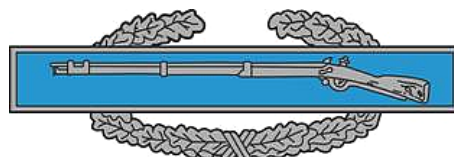
Monika and Tim Stoy in conversation with **Toby Knight**



Dave Mills in serious conversation with **Toby Knight**



Dave Mills speaking at the 15th Infantry's Regimental banquet





**99TH ANNUAL REUNION
SOCIETY OF THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2018**



To be held at the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel is located at 2910 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106. Room rates are \$109 per night, plus tax for single or double occupancy. Breakfast is included in the room rate. The hotel provides free parking and a complimentary airport shuttle. **Call the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel at 888-625-4937 no later than August 27, 2018 to make your hotel reservations. Make sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive the group rate.**

Thursday September 27th

2:00pm Registration and Hospitality Room Opens

5:00pm-6:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour

6:00pm-8:00pm ~ President's Reception Dinner

Friday September 28th

9:00am-4:30pm ~ Optional ~ Old Town/Lunch/Winery & Tasting

5:30pm-10:30pm ~ Optional ~ Sandia Casino

Saturday September 29th

8:30am-10:30am ~ General Membership Meeting

9:00am-10:30am ~ Ladies Breakfast

10:30am-12:00pm ~ Executive Committee Meeting

1:30pm-4:30pm ~ Optional Tour National Museum of Nuclear Science & History

6:00pm-7:00pm ~ No Host Social Hour

7:00pm-10:00pm ~ Reunion Banquet, Program, and Awards

Sunday September 30th

8:00am-10:00am ~ Memorial Breakfast and Reunion Farewell

Optional Tours

Old Town & Winery Tour with Tasting

Friday September 28th

9:00am-4:30pm

Price \$38.00

Old Town today looks much like it did when it was built centuries ago. Stroll the Plaza, visit the museums, or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered. **Lunch will be on your own in Old Town.** After lunch we will visit the Casa Rondeña Winery for a tour and wine tasting.

Sandia Casino

Friday September 28th

5:30pm-10:30pm

Price ~ No Charge

Spectacular Sandia Resort and Casino offers a refined and sophisticated atmosphere inspired by Albuquerque, New Mexico's pueblo culture. If you plan on going on this tour you must sign up on the registration form so the casino can send the appropriate transportation. **Dinner will be on your own at the casino.**

National Museum of Nuclear Science & History

Saturday September 29th

1:30pm-4:30pm

Price \$35.00

The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History was established in 1969 as an intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today's peaceful uses of nuclear technology. Visitors can explore how nuclear science continues to influence our world. The museum strives to present, through permanent and changing exhibits and displays, the diverse applications of nuclear science in the past, present and future.

For More Information Contact:

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COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!



99th Annual Reunion Society Of The 3rd Infantry Division Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 27 – 30, 2018



Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Name _____ Preferred Name On Badge _____

Associate Member: Yes Outpost _____

If You Are A Guest Fill Out This Section

Name _____ Preferred Name On Badge _____

Name _____ Preferred Name On Badge _____

Please List Any Special Needs: _____

In Case Of Emergency Notify: _____

Registration

- Required Registration Fee (Per Person) X \$39.00 = \$ _____
- Thursday September 27th ~ President's Reception BBQ X \$45.00 = \$ _____
- Saturday September 29th ~ Ladies Breakfast X \$7.00 = \$ _____
- Saturday September 29th ~ Banquet Dinner X \$50.00 = \$ _____
Banquet Meal Selection: Beef _____ (or) Chicken _____ (or) Vegetarian _____
- Sunday September 30 ~ Memorial Breakfast (Please mark if you will attend.) X NC = \$ _____

Optional Tours

- Friday September 28th ~ Old Town/Lunch/Winery & Tasting X \$38.00 = \$ _____
- Friday September 28th ~ Sandia Casino X NC = \$ _____
- Saturday September 29th ~ Nuclear Tour X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Payment Is Due No Later Than August 27, 2018

- Please make payment payable to **The Reunion Brat**
- Send to: **The Reunion Brat, 16817 Mountainside Drive East, Greenwater, WA 98022.**
- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 27, 2018
- A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 15 days of the event will be non-refundable.
- Call the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel no later than August 27, 2018 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the 3rd Infantry Division to receive your group rate of \$109 Single/Double plus tax.
- The Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel is located at 2910 Yale Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
- Room prices are available 3 days prior to and after your reunion depending on availability should you choose to extend your stay.

Cancellation Policy

- By sending in this form, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy
- 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 will be non-refundable. Cancellations can ONLY be requested over the phone at 360-663-2521. You will receive a cancellation number; no refund will be issued without this number. Please make sure to keep this number for verification of your cancellation.