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# 2005 BOSTON REUNION REPORT

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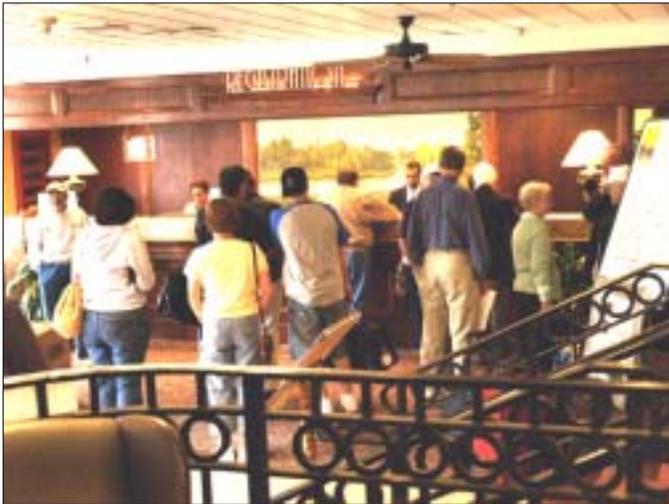
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## 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFENSE OF OP HARRY

Members and guests of the OP Harry Survivors Association began arriving for their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion at the Holiday Inn in the Brookline district of Boston on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

It became apparent quickly that Reunion Chairman, **Jerry Cunningham**, had done another excellent job in planning the details for the comfort and convenience of attendees.

As people arrived from the airport or by car they checked into the Hotel and proceeded to the OP Harry Desk, conveniently located next to the hotel bar, to pick up their registration packages. Many greetings were exchanged in the lobby during the day followed by the Welcome Reception in one of the meeting rooms.



**Check-in Time**

(Bradford)

**Jerry Cunningham** presented the past Presidents of the OP Harry Association who were in attendance, followed by new members and first time attendees along with their guests. Jerry went over the schedule of events for the Reunion for the benefit of all attendees. Hors D’oeuvres and drinks were served at the reception.

Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> dawned cool and overcast as we assembled two busloads of OPHSA members and guests for a tour of Boston. The tour was fully narrated by the drivers who were both native born Bostonians. We saw many historical landmarks in Boston and the surrounding area as the drivers skillfully negotiated the streets of one of the oldest cities in the United States.

Boston was founded in the year 1630, only ten years after the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth, 40 miles to the south. The city is probably the most “European” city in the United States. Our European ancestors, in their fashion, laid it out. Streets were developed along old Indian foot trails, animal tracks and cow paths more than 100 years before the British colonies in the New World became United upon the successful conclusion of the Revolutionary War.

Among the sights along the way were Boston Common, Fenway Park (the home of the World Champion Boston Red Sox), the Old North Church, Paul Revere House, Bunker Hill Monument, Old Ironsides and the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial.

The rest of the day was free time as many members and guests gathered in small groups and explored the

city and nearby restaurants. Some joined in discussions and War stories in the hospitality room where OP Harry photos and stories were on display assembled by Historian **Dick Martinet** and **Gerry Lang**. Some folks brought their own albums, all of which inspired many memories of the young soldiers who served in Korea.

Saturday morning found the whole group in the 'Board Room' for the traditional Memorial Service.

Members of units who participated in the battles were called forward to light a candle in memory of their fallen comrades. **Rhonda Gloom** lit a candle for the father she never knew, who is MIA on OP Harry. His fate has never been determined. Member **MG John Singlaub (USA Ret)** lit a candle in memory of our Greek comrades who perished on OP Harry.

Chaplain **Ed Hanrahan** cited the obituaries of five OPHSA members who passed away in the last year. He reported that he had sent sympathy cards to the next of kin in the name of the Association and has added their names to our memorial plaque, a photo of which will be sent to the families. The ceremony was concluded with the playing of 'Taps'.

After a short break new members and those attending a reunion for the first time were invited to speak about their experiences related to the battles to defend the Outpost. We heard from **John Szarpa**, (5<sup>th</sup> RCT / C co), **Bob Sullivan**, (39<sup>th</sup> FA) and **Jerry Cunningham** (15<sup>th</sup> Reg./ E Co).

After a break, the Ladies retired to the Esplanade room and the members moved to the State Room for the annual business meeting.

The Ladies had a very enjoyable time over coffee, tea, and 'crumpets'. **Rhonda Gloom** spoke about her service on active duty in the Naval Reserve in Kuwait and Southern Iraq. **Joan Singlaub**, the General's wife, figured in the girl talk discussions about her role in a military career. We are sure a great deal more was discussed that we will not attempt to cover in this narrative.

In the meantime the members meeting was called to order by President **Floyd Deiwert Jr.** The meeting moved ahead with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Secretary **Doug Jones**, financial report from Treasurer **Sam Buck** The editor's report by **Jim Jarboe**, and the Webmaster's report by **Brad Bradford** followed. Reunion Chairman **Jerry Cunningham**, in his report, announced that the previously considered site for next year's reunion will be Pensacola, FL.

The election produced a new President, **Claude Williams** and Vice President, **Gerard (Gerry) Lang**. Secretary, **Doug Jones** and Treasurer **Sam Buck** agreed (without too much arm-twisting) to serve for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned with the rest of the day free until the banquet scheduled for 6 to 11 that evening.

Several groups headed for interesting sites in Boston via taxi, tour trolleys and subway, and returned in time for the banquet that evening.

After the reception line entered the banquet room a Color Guard from the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans of America posted the colors behind the head table. **Gerry Lang** had arranged for the color guard with the Massachusetts chapter president, **Nick Paganella** of Framingham, MA. Our thanks for their participation.

**Gerry Lang's** lovely granddaughter, **Maura O'Brien** sang the National Anthem.

The head table was introduced followed by toasts offered by various members to the United States of America, our Commander in Chief, to those deployed around the World, to all OP Harry Survivors and Families, and our fallen comrades. The Ladies were seated and then toasted as 'those who give special meaning to our lives'.

The buffet was opened and dinnertime commenced.

During dinner, tickets were sold for our traditional 50:50 raffle and items donated by members. A second round of tickets were also sold for a raffle of items **Rhonda Gloom** brought back from her time in Iraq and Kuwait.

At the conclusion of dinner **John Singlaub**, our speaker for the evening, was introduced. John had a long career in the military starting in WW II with the OSS in Europe and Asia and the CIA in Manchuria at the beginning of the Cold War. Then on active duty with the Army, he described the events leading up to the North Korean Invasion of South Korea in 1950. The intelligence clearly predicted that the invasion was imminent. For whatever reason, the intelligence was not acted upon by the US Administration until the attack came and the UN decided to intervene. The lack of training and the soft life of Japan Occupation forces first thrown into South Korea made the early few months of the War before the Inchon Invasion, a near debacle.

In 1952 **Major Singlaub** was given the command of the second battalion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. One thing in his assignment was especially troubling to him. What was meant by the definition of OP Harry as a "permanent" Outpost? **Col. Stillwell**, regimental commander, made the definition very clear. **Stillwell** stated that OP Harry must be held "at all cost".

**Singlaub** found the morale of the battalion was low, with most soldiers waiting for the truce talks and content to lay as low as possible until the cease-fire. He began rigorous training and hardened the battalion into a powerful fighting unit. He commanded that the defenses of OP Harry be strengthened with stronger bunkers, putting the 10<sup>th</sup> Engineers into the work that many of our members remember. When the Chinese attacked Harry in April and May they were thrown back each time with

heavy losses. During one of these attacks **Major Singlaub** was wounded along the road between OP Harry and the MLR.

After the speech a series of awards were presented to members of the Association. Associate member **Rhonda Gloom** presented an American flag and certificate of authenticity to Chaplain **Ed Hanrahan**. The certificate states the flag was flown into Kuwait on a C-130H Hercules transport on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

Immediate past President **Floyd Deiwert**, in behalf of the Infantry Association awarded the Saint Maurice Medallion to **Richard Kilgen** and to **Leonard Godmaire**. **Hazel Greeby** won the 50:50 raffle. Clocks, Framed sets of Korean War Postage Stamps, and several real collectors items, aluminum mess kits, that were donated by **John Ferrara** went to more members and friends. *Winners of the mess kits must be warned that they will have to supply their own water filled garbage cans and immersion heaters! (inside joke)* Color photos of OP Harry and the sunset on the last day of shooting in Korea were donated by **Jim Jarboe**. **Dick Martinet** was assisted with the raffle by **Floyd Deiwert's** granddaughters **Jesse and Chassidee Stringer**, who also helped out **Rhonda Gloom** with the raffle of the items she acquired in Iraq and Kuwait.

The KWVA color guard retired the colors and the banquet came to an end. **John Singlaub** had brought the last 30 copies of his book, "Hazardous Duty" which were all purchased by members and individually inscribed to them by the author.

The farewell breakfast buffet was in the Esplanade room on Sunday morning. Some folks breakfasted in a relaxed fashion and some said their good-byes and ate hurriedly as those airplanes don't wait for you. Those who elected to stay an extra day or two hopped on the subway and found many interesting sites to see in Boston.

We have covered the outline of the reunion in these few paragraphs. But the individual discussions about our time in Korea or small groups remembering and speaking about some things they had forgotten were at the heart of the reunion experience. We all know that our lives after OP Harry were a gift from Heaven. As we met and heard new stories from other survivors we realized how fortunate we all were to survive those battles. Our generation of then young survivors did not waste the time they received when they survived OP Harry. Their faces may be a little weathered, 52 years later, but the pride in the accomplishment still glows in those faces. Knowing that the enemy we faced did not achieve his goals and, sadly, that the price of defending that hill was paid by those young men, our comrades, who did not survive! We can proudly say, **WE HELD!**

## 14<sup>TH</sup> REUNION ATTENDEES

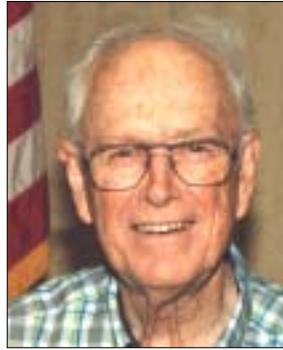
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Bob and Erna Brandon  
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Paul Curtis  
Jim and Collin Day  
Floyd and Iris Deiwert, Jesse and Chassidee  
Stringer  
Don Dingee  
Robert and Peggy Dornfried  
John and Carolyn Ferrara  
Henry Flaak  
Rhonda Gloom  
Len Godmaire and Hazel Greeby  
Paul and Adelene Gregory and daughter Linda  
Bob and Jane Grillo  
Ralph and Phyllis Guptill  
Ed Hanrahan and guests the Kang family: Oksuk, Unki, Christine and Alex and Zenna Mihovan  
Bob and George Hooker  
Jim and Lydia Jarboe  
Doug and Marge Jones  
Richard Kilgen  
Gerry and Joan Lang, Nancy and Maura O'Brien  
Jack and Betsy Lenz  
Gordon and Dorothy Lowery and guests Natali Ehrhart and Pasha Christian  
Martin and Margaret Markley  
Dick and Shirley Martinet  
Jim Moroney  
John and Mildred Pate  
John and Joan Singlaub  
Walden and Cora Storie  
Bob and Virginia Sullivan  
John Szarpa  
Claude, Billie and Mike Williams  
Stanley and Anna Marie Zatorski

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Being able to meet with arguably the "Cream of the Crop" People again was a great pleasure for me and my wife, Billie. Our older son, Mike got to attend for the first time and you folks showed him true friendship and hospitality.



I congratulate those of you who plan these affairs and the many light-hearted moments we can enjoy together. The Memorial Services are good in that the sacrifices made by others should be forever remembered. Tears come easily as memories of friends are renewed.

Our guest speaker, General Singlaub, despite well earned credentials, was still "Jack" to people he met for the first time. His book, *Hazardous Duty*, was recommended to me at the second reunion held at Fort Knox back in 1993. He mentioned in chapter 6 my former Company Commander, Lt. Alan Lichtenberg. (After 40 years I had forgotten his name). I was able to contact him and after some calls and letters, I could piece together parts of a puzzle that I had wanted to know about for years. Alan also shared some 50 photos, a few of which found their way into my scrapbook.

I feel like the reunions offer many opportunities to meet people, who like me, are still putting the past into a better perspective.

We Held!

*Claude Williams*

### **OPHSA does not levy membership dues!**

We depend upon donations to fund our operating expenses. Please send what you are able, to:

**Sam Buck**  
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Make checks payable to **OP Harry Survivors Association**



**We paid a visit to the Korean War Memorial at the Charleston**



**Navy Yard.**

**USS Constitution (Old Ironsides). The oldest wooden warship still afloat**

(Jarboe)

(Jarboe)

## FIRE FOR EFFECT!

**Anthony Sobieski**, son of OPHSA member **Henry Sobieski** has a new book in print. The title is "*Fire for Effect*". As you might surmise from the title it tells the story of artillery forward observers in the Korean War.

Anthony's first book was called "Fire Mission!" the story of the 213<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion in Korea, 1951-1954, Henry Sobieski's unit. It contains first hand interviews with 60 former members of the unit.

The new book contains over 100 interviews with F.O.s who fought in Korea including accounts of action around O.P.s Tom, Dick and Harry.

Both books are \$19.95 ea and can be ordered online at <http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/>

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## A TALE OF THE PIPELINE

To and From "The Land of the Morning Calm"  
By Charlie Scott

On July 20, 1952, we left Seattle, Washington for Korea. We sailed on a converted freighter named the "Pvt. Munemori", which was named in honor of a GI killed in Korea.

The ship held about three thousand men and had three holds. We put our duffel bags in the middle of the hold. The canvas bunks were stacked 12 high and had about 24 inches of space between them. I grabbed one on top so nobody could puke on me.

I remember one poor fellow who was seasick before we left the harbor! He threw up for 17 days.

It rained the first 12 days so we could not stay on deck very long. We were served two meals a day, standing up at long tables.

The ship had to stop in the Aleutians at Adak Island for more fresh water. I remember we were allowed to get off the ship and stretch our legs on the long pier. There were MPs with Thompson sub-machine guns stationed at the far end. We all got the message!

We finally arrived at Yokohama and took a train to Camp Drake. We were there for three or four days. I was told that I was going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. The trip to Inchon took three days. On the morning of arrival just before disembarkation they read out about 300 names, including mine, for an assignment change. I was now going to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. I often wonder what might have happened if I had remained with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

Right after part of the OP Harry battles I was rotated out, June 15, 1953. We went to a repo depo near Inchon and must have been there 8 or 9 days. We were wondering why we were not going home. Finally we left on a regular troopship, the "General Ballou". We were told we were going to Seattle....No stop in Japan.

The troopship's 2 page newspaper reported a Chinese drive that pushed the ROKs back and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division being sent to plug the gap to stop the Chinese. The third day out of Inchon we spotted land. (We had been told we were going straight to Seattle!) Are we going back to Korea?

It seems an Air Force Globemaster bringing troops to Korea crashed, killing about 200 men. All planes were grounded for inspection. We were told we were going to Yokohama and then to Camp Drake. They were going to use our ship to bring R & R men and replacements to Korea.

We were given 3 day passes and a "Flying Fifty" to spend in Tokyo. I spent July 4<sup>th</sup> in Tokyo. We slept in the basement of the Ernie Pyle Recreation Center. We were given mattresses and blankets. We had showers

and regular toilets! We went back to Camp Drake and were given another 3-day pass and "Flying Fifty".

We finally boarded another ship and this time we did sail to Seattle. On July 22, 1953 at 10PM we arrived in Seattle. The piers were closed so we looked at the lights of Seattle all night. After 1 year and 2 days I was back in the good old USA!

On July 23 we were taken to Fort Lawton and that afternoon we flew on Flying Tigers Airline to Philadelphia, PA. We arrived in Camp Kilmer, NJ the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> and I was home in good old New York at 2PM!!

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1953 the truce was signed in Korea.

THANK GOD!



*(Editor's note) When with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, Charlie Scott served with the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Headquarters Company. On June 12<sup>th</sup> the Hq. Co. was heavily engaged in moving American KIA and many enemy dead from OP Harry. It was difficult, heartbreaking work. An AP photographer made a picture of the area where enemy bodies were searched for intelligence information and collected for burial. Charlie Scott appeared at the left of this photo. It was only many years later that the photo was published in a book on the battle for Korea. Charlie recognized himself in the photo and was able to get a copy from AP.*

*This was a fitting farewell to the War for Charlie. He rotated out of the Division three days later!*

## NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

As usual the reunion was a great success, with the exception of **Marge Jones** and **John Ferrara's** emergency stay at Mass. General Hospital. Their problems were serious but their willingness to travel to the reunion was, only one word: **Courageous!** God



Bless them and their spouses.

There were also other members who came despite discomfort and medical problems. To those members we say a sincere Thank You. We know who you are!

On the lighter side: no one at the reunion got lost beneath the streets of Boston and had to ride the M.B.T.A. forever, like Charlie did, in the song, "The

Man That Never Returned".

I talked to Richie Kilgen and John Ferrara since the reunion and passed on their condition to e-mail people.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome extended to my family and close friends. They were highly impressed with everyone.

I caught the tail end of a P.B.S. TV show, called "We Called it War" and sent away for the video. It is about Fox Co., 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Reg. in Korea 1951-1952. I am sure you will see some familiar faces and terrain in this documentary. If you are interested you can call your local Public TV station or your local KWVA Chapter for the next showing.

Congratulations to Claude Williams and Jerry Lang as President and Vice President.

Once again a job well done goes to Jerry Cunningham for all his dedication and hard work in making these reunions so enjoyable for all of us.

Please remember in your prayers the victims of the bombings of the London Transit System and our servicemen and women all over the World, as well as our sick and deceased members. May God bless you all!

*Ed Hanrahan*



Ed Hanrahan's friends from Plymouth, the Kang Family, Oksuk, Unki and Alex. Ed is under the OP Harry Cap at the right.  
(Bradford).

## FIRST INFORMATAION, 2006 REUNION

**TO ALL:** I would like to personally invite each one of you and your family and friends to the Outpost Harry Survivors Association 2006 Annual Reunion. The reunion will be held June 15-18 2006 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel. Address: 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. Sam Buck has checked out the Hotel. He and I are excited about the location and accommodations they are offering to our group. Guest Room Rates \$79.00 plus tax. Single to Quad occupancy. More information will be in our next Newsletter or you can call me for more Info. (803) 783-4491.

Thirty five (35) rooms have been blocked for our use. We have access to more if needed. So, book early. These rooms will not last long. Please check-out the Hotel on the web: marriotthotels.com

"WE HELD"

*Jerry Cunningham*  
OPHSA Reunion Planner

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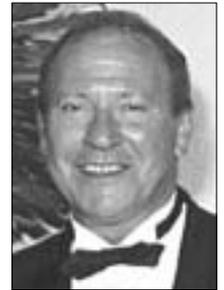
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## TAPS

Since our last Newsletter was published we have received word of the passing on July 1, 2005, of member **Paul W. Weibel Sr.**, 71, of Bethlehem, PA.

Paul served in 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 'A' Co.

Paul and wife Dorothea had celebrated 51 years of marriage last December.



**Wayne J Bailey**, 72, passed away November 25, 2004.

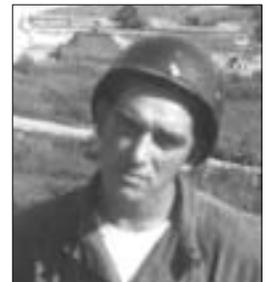
Wayne's Newsletter came back from the Post Office as undeliverable. With the gracious help of Paul Gregory we were able to locate his family only to learn of his passing.

Wayne served with the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT/ C Co. as a combat medic.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn, one daughter, two granddaughters, four sisters and one brother. We do not have a recent photo of Wayne. This one, with a Korean background, shows a certain displeasure with his surroundings.

He is in a better place today.

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*TAPS continued from page 6*

The passing of Member **Jim Clark** was noted in the January issue of this Newsletter. He passed away in November, 2004 in Chicago. Iim served in the 937 Field Artillery, Hq. Btry. in Korea. His unit fired many rounds in support of OP Harry.

When he left the Army Jim Clark became a commercial photographer in the Chicago area. He was very active in the Korean War Veterans Association.



1953



2004

We received these pictures of Jim from his wife Beverly for which we are very grateful.

*We pray that all our departed comrades rest in Peace. (Ed.)*

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## SEEING THE MEDICS

Marge Jones, who became ill on the trip to Boston for the reunion is home and comfortable. She spent three weeks in the hospital in Boston and then was flown home to Washington with husband Doug. She spent more time in an Everett, WA hospital but is now home and comfortable.

John Ferrara, who was hospitalized in Boston during the reunion, recovered well from the problem. He and his wife Carolyn spent some time in Maine after returning to Vermont. John is enjoying life and feeling much better than he has in a long time.

Rich Kilgen, attended the reunion in Boston but upon returning home to Pennsylvania developed a heart problem that required surgery. He is feeling much better now and chomping at the bit to get back to swimming and golf!

Past President Francis Riley is in the process of moving. His son, Marine Colonel Mike Riley let us know that his five children are establishing a residence for him at an assisted care facility in Stuarts Draft, VA.

Mike has promised to send the new address to us as soon as Francis is settled. In the meantime Francis can be reached at (703) 517-4718.

*We wish all our members and families who may be ailing, a quick and comfortable recovery.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome Three new members to OPHSA.

**James D. Steinle** lives in Scranton, PA and Clearwater, FL with wife Barbara. He served in Korea with the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Reg., E Co.

**Samuel M. Kier** is a new Associate Member. He is an author with a recently published novel about the Korean War. He served in the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT in 1954 as they returned to the US at Ft. Lewis. He lives in Pacific Grove, CA with wife Betty.

New member, **Robert H. Baker**, lives in Rancho Santa Fe, CA with wife Sherrill. His time in Korea was with the Hq. Co. of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

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*Don Chase, inspired by our OP Harry reunions, wrote the following poem for the Boston reunion. The photo shows Don as he read the poem at the Memorial Service.*

### Reunion Shadows

*By Don Chase*

At every reunion there is an undercurrent of sadness,  
For it's focus is on things long gone by.  
Never forgotten again and the people involved,  
Who left a legacy of camaraderie that never has died,

Aged in memories from the distant past,  
Are brought to the fore and put on display.  
As tales are retold about the battle once engaged in,  
When youth was at its peak and carried the day.

Pictures will be created of many memorable scenes,  
Some slightly tempered by the passage of time.  
But still very vivid in the eyes of it's owner,  
Having been deeply etched in the recesses of the mind.

Names will be recalled of those who are absent,  
Bringing forth images of faces that never knew age.  
Yet kept in the thoughts of all who are here,  
Because they are much more than just a name on a page.



(Photos by Bradford)  
**Secretary Doug Jones is introduced by President Floyd Deiwert at the business meeting for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.**



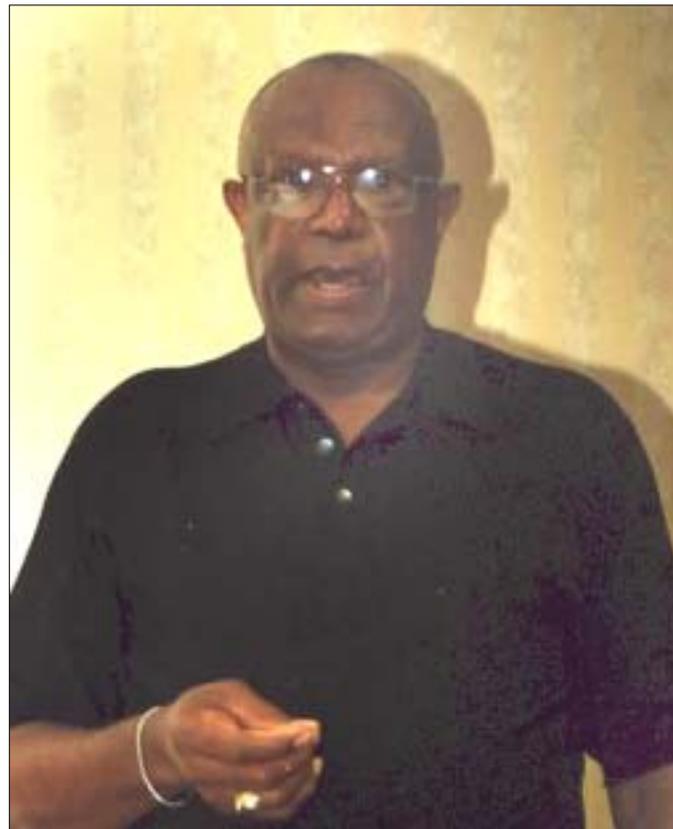
(Photos by Bradford)  
**Sam Buck presented the Treasurer's report. Note he is smiling. That is a good sign! Jim Jarboe gave the Editor's report.**



(Photos by Bradford)  
**Claude Williams was elected President and Gerry Lang V.P.**



(Photo by Jarboe)  
**Walden Storie makes his point as Gerry Lang looks on.**



(Photo by Jarboe)  
**Jerry Cunningham, Reunion Chairman, announces next year's Reunion Site.**



(Photo by Bradford)  
**Martin and Margaret Markley step out at a tour stop in the Charleston Navy Yard**

## **Special Note:**

**The minutes of the business meeting will be published in the October issue.**

# A GOOD LOOK AT BOSTON IN OUR SPARE TIME



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Just out of the subway at Copley Square, everyone wants to go in a different direction!  
(L-R) Enolia & SamBuck, Ray Anderson, Walden Storie, Shirley Martinet, Cora Storie Dick Martinet, Billie Williams, Frances Anderson, Claude Williams and Mike Williams.**

Boston has so many historic sights it was difficult to decide where to go first. Some folks came early and stayed over after the reunion. The city was founded only 10 years after the Mayflower landed in Plymouth about 35 miles south of Boston.. The public transportation is quite good, as long as you don't try to drive a car.

This 375 year old city is an amazing combination of the old and the new as well as the in between!

Here is the ultra modern John Hancock Building just across the street from Trinity Church.

The photo is by Freeman Bradford.





(Photo by Bradford)

**The “Splendid Splinter” Ted Williams, with a fan in bronze. The statue is in front of Fenway Park, the home of the World Champion Boston Red Sox.**



(Photo by Bradford)

**Paul Curtis concentrating on a picture on one of the tour stops.**



(Photo by Sam Buck)

**Lydia Jarboe, Enolia Buck and Jim Jarboe at the entrance to that little downstairs neighborhood bar “Where everyone knows your name”.**



(Photo by Bradford)

**Billie and Claude Williams during a tour stop at Boston Commons.**

# THE OPHSA MEMORIAL SERVICE, 2005

The Saturday morning Memorial Service was well attended by members and guests. After an introductory prayer by Chaplain Ed Hanrahan members of units that took part in the battles to hold OP Harry came forward in groups as a designated member lit a candle in memory of the men who did not survive. If no one from a particular unit was in attendance the Chaplain or person designated as a proxy lit a candle. Each lighting was followed by moment of silent prayer by all.



(Photo by Jarboe)

**5<sup>th</sup> RCT:** Clyde Corsaro, Paul Gregory, John Pate, John Szarpa, Len Godmaire, Jack Lenz, Paul Curtis, Ron Caswell



(Photo by Jarboe)

**15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Reg.:** Jerry Cunningham, Doug Jones, Martin Markley, Bob Dornfried, Dick Martinet, Ralph Guptill, Jack Singlaub, Stan Zatorski, Bob Hooker, Don Chase, Gerry Lang, Don Dingee, Walden Storie, Hank Flaack, Rich Kilgen, Tom Ceretto, John Ferrara, Jim Day, Freeman Bradford, Bob Brandon.



—(Photo by Jarboe)

**Chaplain Ed Hanrahan** looks on as **Jack Singlaub**, who was a 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bn. Commander in battles on OP Harry lights a candle in memory of members of the Greek Battalion who died in the battles.



(Photo by Jarboe)

**10<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers: Ray Anderson and Claude Williams**



**MIA/POW: Rhonda Gloodt** lit a candle to honor her father who is MIA on OP Harry



**15<sup>th</sup> Reg Medical Co.: Gordon Lowery and Bob Grillo**



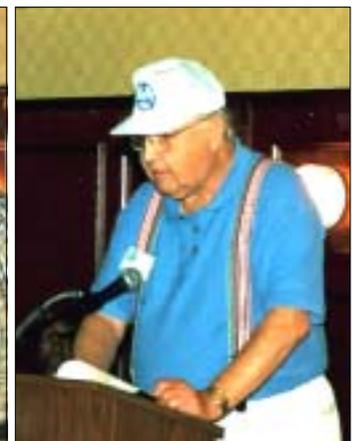
(Photo by Jarboe)

**39<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery: Bob Sullivan and Sam Buck**

After the conclusion of the Memorial Service with the playing of "Taps", the mic was open for anyone who would like to speak of personal remembrances of OP Harry. We heard from John Szarpa and his time on the OP with 'C' Co, 5thRCT. Bob Sullivan read some excerpts from a book that were very similar to the experiences he had as an FO for the 39<sup>th</sup> FA. Jerry Cunningham described his experience as just joining 'E' Company of the 15<sup>th</sup> IR. He found himself on a hill whose name he did not know. Later he knew the name but wished he didn't.



**John Szarpa**



**Bob Sullivan**

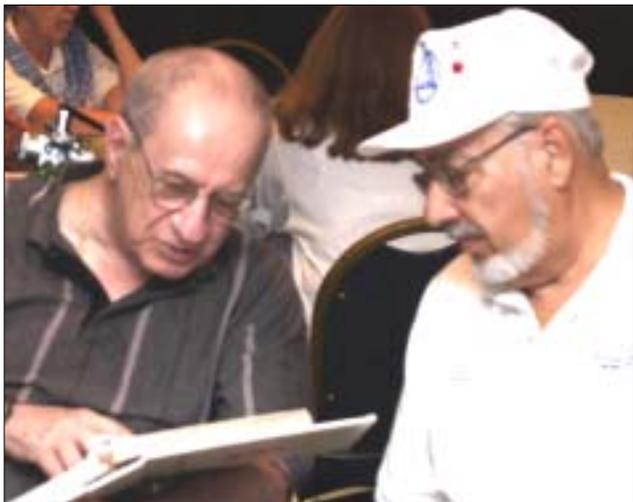
## HOSPITALITY ROOM

This room is where the members and guests tend to congregate between scheduled events. The Association supplied soft drinks, beer and wine. Retiring President Floyd Deiwert presented a gift of beverages used for mixing your own cocktails and high balls. We had photographs, albums of clippings and maps collected for our historical files by Historian Dick Martinet that provided the starting point of many conversations as we compared notes and improved our understanding of the battles in defense of OP Harry.



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Jerry Cunningham and Jack Singlaub comparing notes in the Hospitality Room**



(Photo by Bradford)

**Photos stimulate memories for Clyde Corsaro and Len Godmaire.**

Boston was a perfect location for our reunion. The city and surroundings reach back in history to the beginnings of our country. We appreciate that we participated in more recent history making. The historians always have problems in finding documentation to research. The material we have

collectively assembled tells the story of those battles from the view of the participants. Who better to ask, than the soldier who saw it first hand? "What was it like?"



(Photo by Bradford)

**Len Godmaire, Jack Lenz and Sam Buck are probably not talking about the weather!**

While the members talked of artillery and machine guns, the Ladies worked at projects of their own.



(Photo by Bradford)

**Carolyn Ferrara and Lydia Jarboe discussing one of Lydia's knitting projects. We'd like to know how she got those mean looking needles onto the airplane!**

### Web sites of interest.

<http://www.ophsa.org>

<http://www.kwp.org>

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

# THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



Members of the Massachusetts KWVA Color Guard posted the colors.

(Photo by Bradford)



The head table. Immediate past President Floyd Deiwert and Iris Deiwert, MG John (Jack) Singlaub, USA Ret., Joan Singlaub, President Claude Williams and Billie Williams, Lillie Cunningham and Jerry Cunningham.

(Photo by Jarboe)



**Maura O'Brien**  
Granddaughter of Vice  
President Gerry Lang sang  
The National Anthem

(Photo by Bradford)



**MG John (Jack)  
Singlaub** was the  
featured speaker for  
the evening.

(Photo by Bradford)

## AWARDS!

A special surprise gift from Rhonda Gloodt was presented to Chaplain Ed Hanrahan. Rhonda has just recently returned from active duty with her Navy Reserve group that spent several months in Kuwait and Iraq expediting the movement of supplies to our troops in the field..



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Rhonda Gloodt presents a flag and framed certificate to Ed Hanrahan**



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Floyd Deiwert, immediate Past President of the OP Harry Survivors Association presented the Medallion of the Order of Saint Maurice to fellow Survivor, Rich Kilgen, on behalf of the Infantry Association.**

St. Maurice was a Roman officer who refused to order the slaughter of innocent people by his soldiers.

He paid with his life for that decision but later was declared a martyr and a Saint. He is designated the patron Saint of the Infantry.

An awardee must be submitted for approval by a member of the Infantry Association with documentation on his military career.



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Hazel Greeby joins Len Godmaire and Floyd Deiwert after the Order of St. Maurice presentation by Floyd.**

**Martin Markley, one of OPHSA founding Fathers, announces three Service Awards.**

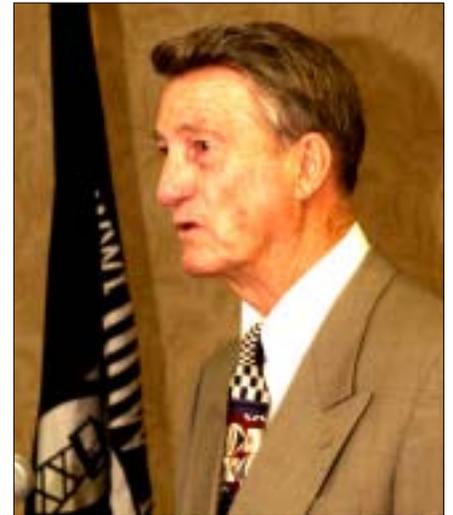


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**Sam Buck, Treasurer, Doug Jones, Secretary and Freeman Bradford, Webmaster display their awards for service to the Outpost Harry Survivors Association.**

## AND THE WINNER IS...!

The raffles followed the banquet. The traditional 50:50 drawing was first. Several donated items went next followed by drawings for items acquired in Iraq and Kuwait and donated by Rhonda Gloodt.



Winner of the 50:50 drawing was Hazel Greeby, seen here accepting the green stuff from Dick Martinet.



(Photo by Bradford)

Rhonda Gloodt was assisted by Chassidee and Jesse Stringer, granddaughters of Floyd and Iris Deiwert.



(Photo by Bradford)

Joan Singlaub announced that Jack had a few of his books for sale and would sign them for the buyers

## SNAPSHOTS



(Photo by Bradford)

Jack Singlaub signing his book, "Hazardous Duty".



(Photo by Bradford)

These survivors were an endangered species in Korea. Bob Sullivan, Sam Buck and Jim Moroney were all Forward Observers with the 39<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. All were wounded at OP Harry.



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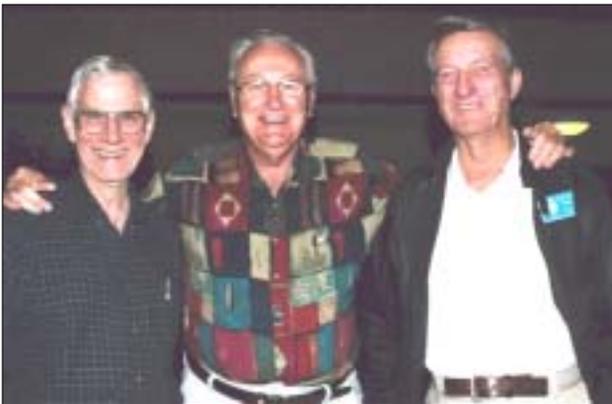
Adalene Gregory, daughter Linda and Paul Gregory

## MORE SNAPSHOTS



(Photo by Bradford)

**Jerry Cunningham introduces new members Virginia and Bob Sullivan, Sallie and Tom Ceretto and John Szarpa.**



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Freeman Bradford, Sam Buck, Martin Markley**



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Claude Williams and son Mike Williams**



**Gordon Lowery**



**John Ferrara**  
(Photo s by Bradford)



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Ed Hanrahan, Joan Singlaub, Ray Anderson, Jack Singlaub**



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Arlene and Ron Caswell**

**We hope to see you all next June in  
Des Moines, IA**



(Photo by Jarboe)

**Lydia and Jim Jarboe.**