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"For the first time since 1944, the 35th Infantry Division has deployed its two-star headquarters into an overseas theater. Our purpose is to support the national security goals of the United States in Southwest Asia. The Soldiers are ready and engaged in the calling of their time. We move forward in our mission with the assurance of the support from our families and employers," said Major General Braden, Commander, 35th Infantry Division.



35TH DIVISION



Message from Command Sergeant Major Newton

Greetings from Kuwait. The 35th ID (Infantry Division) is on the ground at Kuwait and Jordan. The past two days, Major General Braden and I were in Jordan for the Transfer of Authority. The 35th ID main Command Post will assume mission responsibilities soon. All our Soldiers are doing well and getting adjusted to the 120 degree temperatures in Kuwait. Jordan's weather is a bit more pleasant. Currently, we are getting to know the command teams of our several brigades. Our division strength is massive with units in numerous locations throughout the region. The command team will be spending a lot of time on the road. To keep up on the 35th ID, I encourage you to visit the 35th ID Facebook page. I don't Facebook, but the Public Affairs Officer has been doing a great job keeping up on the posts. Take care. Santa Fe 7.

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President's Message

Greetings members, family, and friends. I hope all are well and you have had a great Fourth of July and are enjoying a wonderful summer. We are getting close to our conference 7-10 September celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Division, and I look forward to seeing you there.

At this moment, MG Braden and his team continue to lead the Division on their path to assuming responsibility for Operation Spartan Shield. This issue of our newsletter will contain a lot of interesting information on the efforts they have put forth, along with their training partners, in ensuring they are ready. After a short period of block leave, they move forward to assume the mission. Of note, they intend to have a series of events the week of 5 August in order to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the activation of the Division in 1917. I look forward to hearing about those events and seeing the pictures. Again, a big thank you to the Division leadership and Public Affairs Office for keeping us informed.

I imagine all of you have been tracking the story of the 35th Division's own S/SGT Gerald Jacobsen, a WW-II MIA who has been recently recovered, identified, and returned to his family. He will be laid to rest at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minnesota, July 14th at 2:30 pm. After so many



BG Bob Windham

years it is great that he will be home and can rest in peace. Many thanks again to Roberta Russo.

Our 100th Conference is right around the corner and it will be great. Make your reservation soon and keep in mind the many other items of interest in close proximity to our hotel; you may want to stay an extra day or come a day early.

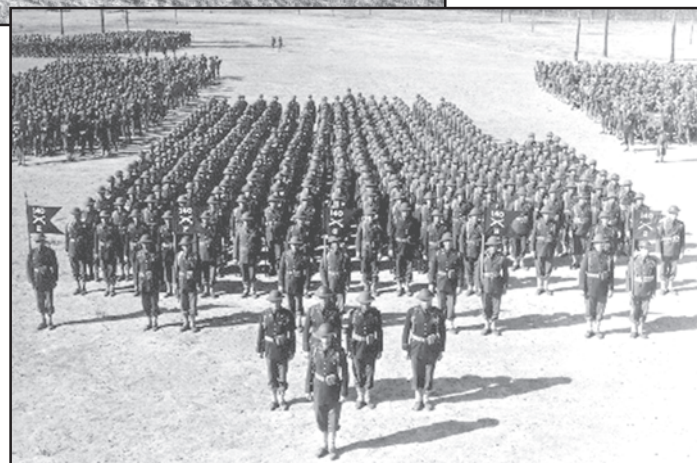
Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page (35th Infantry Division Association) and if you have media partners or newspaper editors who would like information, please provide their full contact data and we will get a news release to them.

As always, a big thank you to our volunteers and our donors-we couldn't do any of this without you. Mark your calendars, 7 to 10 September, 2017, Kansas City, Missouri, I look forward to seeing you there!

BG (Ret) Bob Windham



The 35th Infantry Division forms up on the parade field at North Ft. Hood, Tx., June 8, 2017. It was 100 years ago that the United States joined its allies to fight in WWI. Activated in August of 1917, the 35th Infantry Division was mobilized for the calling of their time.



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Thanks to Contributors

Thanks to the many submitted articles to the Santa Fe "Divisionnaire": This is history and every experience shared in this publication is kept at the 35th Division Museum Library. Years from now, people will research these documents and be amazed at what was accomplished by the 35th Division and our great Veterans contributions to society. Please keep the stories coming. IN addition to WW I and WW II History, stories of the 35th Division's recent contribution to the War on Terror, response to natural disasters and community involvement are needed.

Next Edition

Please watch for the next edition approximately October 10. Let us know if you don't receive it. If you have any suggestions or feedback of any kind, send a note to the Association address or e-mail the COL (RET) Robert Bloomquist at bbloom843@aol.com.

**Planning Committee of the
100th Reunion of the 35th Division**

BG Windham has expressed his vision and desire for the 100th Anniversary of the 35th Division in 2017 to be as grand as the milestone the Division has reached. If you are interested in the planning of this Reunion, we can use the help. Much of the success of the last reunion was due to feedback, ideas, and energy from members outside the geographical area.

**Deadline for the Next Issue
of the
Santa Fe Express
is 20 September**

Please send your favorite reunion stories and pictures to share.

Private Nels T. Wold & Captain Alexander R. Skinker



**PVT Nels T. Wold
grave marker**

**2009 Hall of Fame
Inductee 35th
Division Association**

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Recipient**

The tiny northwest Minnesota village of Winger holds an eternal connection to the 35th Infantry Division. Native son Nels T. Wold grew up in this railroad town and his parents operated the Wold Hotel. The era of his youth must have been a fascinating and bustling time, an era when blacksmith shops worked on buggies, early cars and motorcycles. A time when radios were still in the future and news coursed over the land via local newspapers rich in local content as well as national and international news. Tin Pan Alley sheet music delivered themes of light romance, sentimental journeys and then, beginning in 1914, the war in Europe.

Nels was an energetic and popular lad. Decades ago the late Clara Espeseth shared with me her last memory of him: *"He told me he was going to 'bring the Kaiser's head back on a silver platter!' He was such a handsome boy."*

Judging by his Medal of Honor citation that spirit coursed through his veins on 26th September 1918, the day he was killed in action near Cheppy, France,

The 26th was the opening day of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the battle that became America's bloodiest battle. On that very same day in the same vicinity as Nels another man from your 35th Division, Captain Alexander Riles Skinker, died heroically and was also awarded the MOH.

In Winger, a very special Centennial Commemoration is being planned, to be held the week of 26 September 2018. The event will honor the seven local Winger men who died in World War One and offer special tribute to Private Nels T. Wold at his nearby Elim Cemetery gravesite. Efforts are under way to coordinate a week-long series of events designed to highlight WWI era and the spirit of those who served in the Great War.

I would enjoy connecting with the descendants of Captain Skinker. If any 35th Division Association member has contact with his family, please contact me. Also, it is my strong hope that your association will choose to become involved in the planning for and active participation in our centennial event.

Respectfully yours,

Dean M. Henney

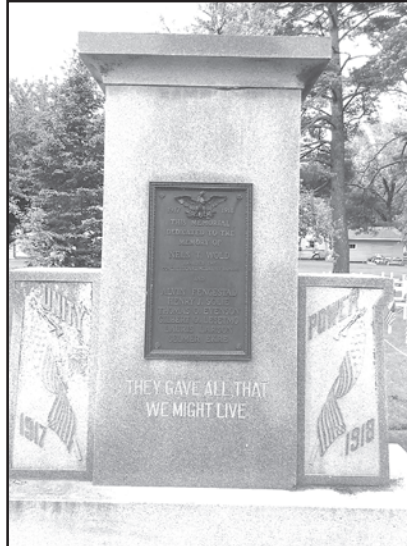
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Winger Memorial Day



Memorial Park



The WWI monument displays the names of the seven men who died in WWI. (The obverse lists the names of 87 local men who served in the Great War.)



Parade

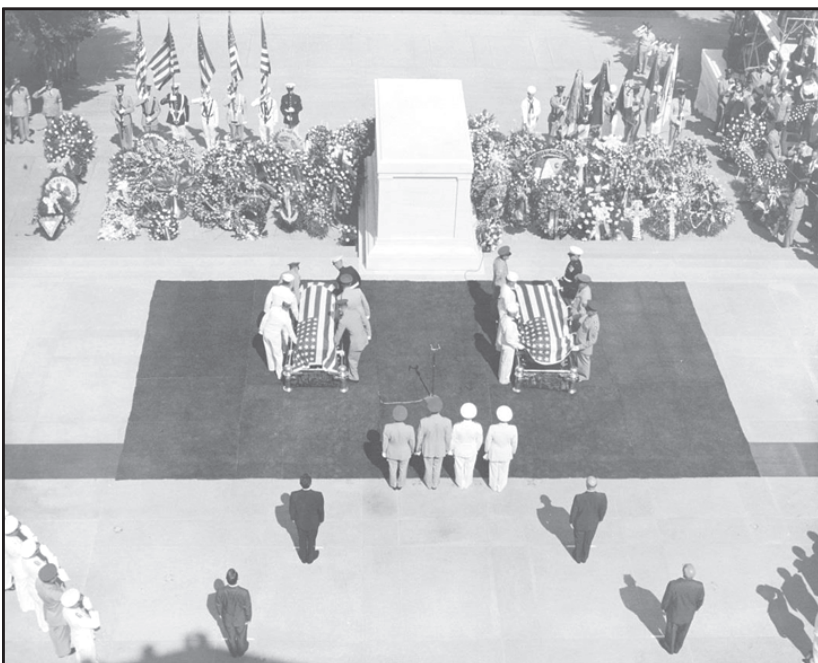


Winger Community Center



Rifle Salute

Unknown Soldiers Laid to Rest, Memorial Day 1958



By Ben Weber

This extraordinary photo shows the burial of the Unknown Soldiers from World War II and the Korean War at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day 1958.

The photo is from my cousin, the late Col. Mark F. Brennan, commander of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," at the time of the burial ceremony. 3rd Infantry is one of the oldest and most respected infantry regiments in the U.S. Army. Its responsibilities include guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns and escorting deceased soldiers and dignitaries to their final rest at Arlington.

Col. Brennan wrote on the back of the photo: "30 May 1958, Arlington Cemetery. The caskets of the two Unknowns are laid above the graves at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Behind the Unknown of World War II on the right is President Eisenhower. At the rear of the Unknown of Korea on the left is Vice President Nixon. Military Chaplains of all faiths are in the center."

Col. Brennan later described this historic moment when he wrote these heartfelt words: "The final service was very short, chaplains from all three faiths saying final prayers before the cannon salute and the rifle volleys. From where I stood on the Amphitheater steps, there were people as far as the eye could see – some movement, but very little, and the chaplains' prayers were easily heard. Once the 21 gun cannon salute began, all movement stopped while all present knew these were the last honors to be paid. It was a very inspiring and emotional moment for all and I shall never forget it as long as I live."

The Serbs, an Old Man, and the Russians

The Russians had forced their way into our 2002-2003 NATO Peacekeeping Mission at Eagle Base before the 35th Division took command of Eagle Base, which was a few miles east of Tuzla. The Russians had then been placed in the north of Bosnia-Herzegovina to patrol the northern Serb dominated area of the country. The Russians viewed the Serbs as “Our Little Brothers” because they shared the same Slavic culture, the same Slavic-based language, and the same Orthodox faith. Because the Serbs had started the war, the Russians were concerned that we would not treat their “Little Brothers” fairly. Our translator was a Serb, which always made me a bit paranoid because I knew whatever we did would eventually find its back-channel way to the Russian command in the north. We were west of Tuzla reconnoitering a valley north of the City of Lukovac, above an abandoned Bosnian military post. The valley had been a Serbian enclave within the country, and when the native Serbs turned on the Bosnians, with whom they had lived peacefully for 500 years, in retaliation the valley of Serbian homes had been leveled by the Bosnian civilian population who literally surrounded the entire valley. Every former house was now only a foundation. The grass had started to grow high, and an old Serbian man with a hand scythe had begun the laborious, difficult task of making a path from the road down to the foundation of his old home. I stopped our armored Humvee and had my Serbian translator ask them what they were doing. His middle aged son responded. “We are clearing a way down to where our old home stood before the war.” I waited until the older gentleman was taking a break and then walked with my translator down to him. “I am glad you are coming back to reclaim your property,” I said. We chatted briefly and then as we were leaving I had my translator tell him, “God bless you.” When she did so, the old man began to cry and to sob. The Bosnians and the Croats and the Serbs were not the only ones who cried after the war. They were later joined by the Russians. When the Russians saw that our NATO peacekeeping mission soldiers were treating the Serbs, the Croats, and the Bosnians all with equal fairness, respect, and dignity, they pulled their forces out of Bosnia and sent them northeast to the bloody, brutal war they were then raging against Chechenia terrorists and civilians in the south of Russia. Some 35th Division friends of mine were invited to the farewell party that the Russians threw before they pulled out of Bosnia-Herzegovina. As the vodka and toasts increased, several of the Russian soldiers began to cry. They did not want to be leaving the more peaceful hostile fire zone in NE Bosnia and go into a raging war where many of their Russian Army friends had already died. I will always remember hearing of the tears of the Russian soldiers, but I can never, ever forget the deep sobs of the older Serbian gentleman who had lost everything in the War of Aggression which the Serbs had needlessly waged against unarmed civilians in an attempt to “Ethnically Cleanse” their country after 500 years of peaceful coexistence.

This article about part of the 35th Division’s mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina was written by Chaplain (Colonel) Ronald Lee Cobb, United States Army Retired, who was the 35th Infantry Division Command Chaplain and then became Command Chaplain of American Soldiers in Eagle Base. He was the oldest American soldier stationed in the country, turning 60 in the middle of the 35th Division’s rotation there, having been given an age waiver by Major General Krase. He retired directly out of Eagle Base and returned home to Kansas, where he wrote his first book, Memories of Bosnia: the 35th Division’s SFOR 13 NATO Peace Keeping Mission. The book is available on Amazon.com.

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Send your story to: Editor
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We will try to print it in the Divisionnaire as soon as the schedule permits.
Murray Leff E-137

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Back to Basics

By: Sgt. Stefanie Fulcher

Part of remaining a ready and resilient force, sometimes requires a shift back to basics, a review of those common core tasks and fundamental skills that transform citizens into Soldiers. In preparation for their upcoming mission in the Levant and Persian Gulf regions, 35th Infantry Division Soldiers from both Kansas and Missouri National Guards, trained to refresh and hone those basic soldier skills during their pre-mobilization training at Ft. Hood, Tx.

“This is my 5th deployment, but the first time I ever had to go back and do squad tactics,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Prock, a 35th Targeting NCOIC. “It brings back standardization, brings us back to the basics that most of us have forgotten since those days in basic training.”

To accomplish this extensive training and skill review, both Kansas and Missouri sent their Pre-mobilization Training, Assistance, and Evaluation (PTAE) teams to prepare the division Soldiers for the mission ahead.

“We’ve worked with Missouri PTAE before and we have a really good working relationship,” said Sgt. 1st Class Justin Zimmerman, a Kansas PTAE team member.

Although both states’ PTAE teams strictly adhere to the Regionally Aligned Forces Training Guidance put out by the U.S. Army Forces Command, they both have different methods and ways of training certain aspects of the required material.

“So coming together and creating the right training solution can be a challenge,” said Zimmerman. “But it also always allows us, as trainers, the opportunity to learn new teaching techniques and ultimately give even better training to the Soldiers.”

A few of the skills and tasks reviewed throughout the two week-long training included; weapons qualification, drivers training, combatives, first-aid, warrior tasks, land navigation, and self-development training.

“We have individuals who are experts in each one of these fields,” said Cpt. Jason Price, Headquarters and Service Company commander. “We consistently see individuals lend their additional experience and knowledge beyond what the basic course supplied.”

“The 35th has been great, and isn’t exactly your typical unit going through PTAE,” said Zimmerman. “There’s every walk of life from engineers, to field artillery, to lawyers, so you have this broad mix of knowledge that everyone gets to share from.”

Although Soldiers attend monthly training drills at their home stations, focus is more often-than-not on job specific tasks. Sgt. Jacob Paxton, from the Missouri Army National Guard, with 35th ID’s geospace section said, “I enjoyed doing the hands on portion- being out in the field, because we don’t get to do that every day.”

“I think PTAE helps to strengthen team and unit cohesion, and serves to set expectations and standards for the mission ahead,” said Maj. Jordan Clark, a Kansas Army National Guard member with 35th ID’s Aviation section.

Unit cohesion and integration of Kansas and Missouri is essential for the 35th’s mission success overseas. Merging a unit that has historically been split among multiple armories across separate states poses a set of unique challenges in and of itself.

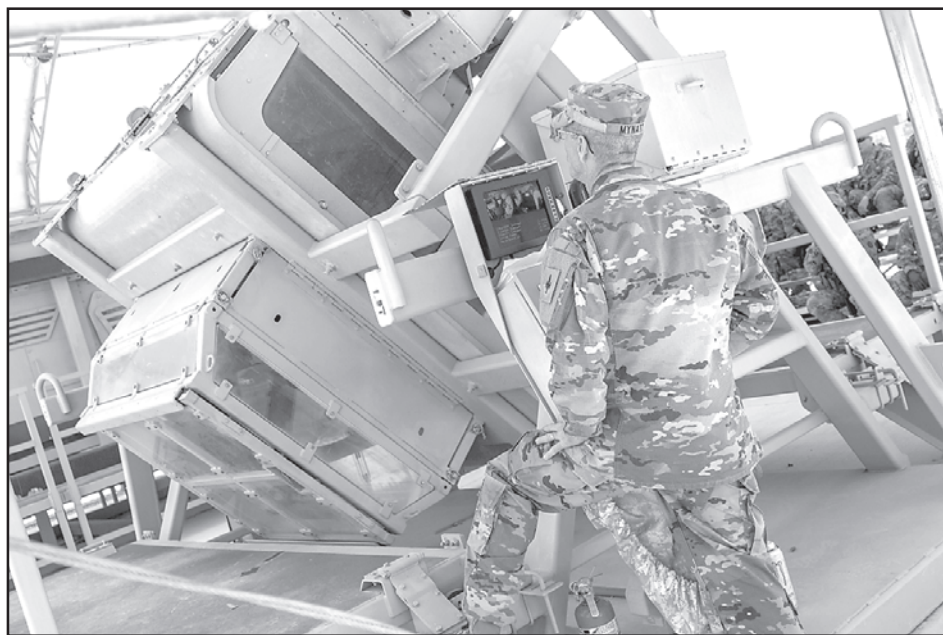
“I think one challenge has been combining troops and not knowing all the faces in the formation,” said Cpt. Price. “But it’s surprising how quickly that gets resolved and how quickly you start to get to know the people in your ranks.”



Brig. Gen. Jeff Van, 35th Infantry Division deputy commanding general, takes a few minutes to discuss with Soldiers some tactics for responding to a direct fire ambush during pre-mobilization training at Ft. Hood, Texas.



Staff Sgt. Heidi Stotler and Sgt. 1st Class Matt Howard practice tactical team movement techniques at Fort Hood, Texas, May 4.



Soldiers of the 35th got shaken up and turned head-over-heels inside the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, a simulator that trains troops to properly and safely exit and secure a Humvee in the case of a rollover.



During the hand grenade portion of pre-mobilization training, soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division practice the appropriate stance for grenade throwing May 2, at Ft. Hood, Texas.

World War II vet fights for Purple Heart

BY MARK LAWTON
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Sixty-nine years after he was injured in World War II and 15 years after he first applied, Russell Duller of Northlake is still seeking to be awarded the Purple Heart medal.

On April 30, 1945, Duller was patrolling a road in Rhineland, Germany. A sergeant in an Army reconnaissance unit, he was picking up German soldiers who were trying to get home before the Russians caught them.

“I was driving because my driver was sick that day,” said Duller, now 90.

It was afternoon and he was driving on a narrow lane through woods with Fred Kane and two others, Peek and Helbock.

“I was driving our Jeep with Kane sitting next to me and Peek and Helbock in the rear when we hit a mine,” he wrote in his journal. “Our Jeep was demolished. The whole front end was blown off. We found the bumper about 30 yards to the left, the fender about the same distance to the right. We were never able to find our right wheel.”

Everyone but Duller was blown out of the vehicle.

“All of a sudden, boom!” said Duller. That’s all I remember. I got up and started running away. I was kind of knocked unconscious but still moving. We didn’t have our wits about us.”

The leg of Fred Kane was badly broken. He was sent to a battalion hospital and that was the last Duller saw of him.

He found Helbock and Peek lying on the ground, but ultimately they suffered minor injuries. Along with Duller the three went to a field hospital.

“A doctor told me my right eardrum was broken,” Duller said. “It would heal. From the field hospital, we were sent back to the company the same afternoon. That was the way most of the field hospitals worked. As soon as they could get you out, you were back on duty.”

When the war in Europe ended, Duller’s unit was broken up. He was on board a ship to Japan when World War II ended. He was discharged on Feb. 16, 1946 and returned to his wife in Melrose Park.

The couple had two boys and a girl. Duller went to work for a printing company in Chicago and in the 1950s started a printing company named Bank Forms Inc. with a partner in Melrose Park.

While enlisted, Duller had been awarded several campaign medals but never an individual medal. Forty-four years later, that began to bother him.

“My grandson was a cop up north,” Duller said. “I was his hero. He always wore my dog tags. He said to me, ‘I read in your journal when you were hurt and they blew up your Jeep, but I don’t see where you got

the Purple Heart. Why didn’t you ever get it?’”

A Purple Heart is awarded to soldiers who were wounded by enemy action. Duller applied for the medal in 1999.

“They keep telling me there is no record of it,” Duller said “There was a big fire in St Louis that burned up many of the records.”

Duller is referring to a fire July 12, 1973 at the National Personnel Records Center, part of the National Archives. According to the National Archives website, the fire destroyed 16 million to 18 million military personnel records, or about 80 percent of records of those who were discharged between 1912 to 1960. No duplicate records were maintained Duller, however, thinks there are other records that would verify his injury.

“If they went ahead and went back to division records, every day they have day records where they post activities of the day and what happened that day,” Duller said. “The staff sergeant had an aide who did that. I think if they took the time to do it they could trace records that went that far back.”

That hasn’t happened, so Duller has sought help elsewhere. Among others, he’s sent letters to Veterans Legal Support, Gary Sinese Foundation, columnist John Kass at the Chicago Tribune, senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, President Obama, and US. Reps. Tammy Duckworth and Mike Quigley.

Of all of those, only Quigley’s office helped, but not with Duller’s main goal. A staff person helped Duller get a \$130 a month pension for a training injury when Duller was enlisted.

Duller knew Fred Kane came from Chugwater, Wyoming (population 212). He ran an advertisement in the local newspaper asking for anyone with information about Kane to contact him. He received a letter from a former neighbor and friend of Kane’s who said Kane had received the Purple Heart Medal on June 22, 1945, six weeks after being released from the battalion hospital. Kane, however, had died in the late 1970s.

Duller’s wife died in 2005. A year later he moved to Casa San Carlo retirement home in Northlake. In the next few months he’ll begin serving as the president of the Residents Council.

“I think I’m being written off as a 90-year-old kook who is chasing around,” Duller said. “I’ve earned the Purple Heart) and never been awarded it. I want the pride of wearing the medal.”



Russell Duller of Northlake at home.



A photo of Russell Duller of Northlake surrounded by campaign ribbons from his World War II service in the Army.
photos by Mark Lawton, Sun-Times Media (Illinois)

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Taking bids on "Golden Spike" revolver

MG Jack Strukel Jr. and Janet Gayle have donated a Cased Colt Single Action Frontier Scout revolver, “Golden Spike” , 1869-1969 Commemorative, .22 cal., 6” barrel, blue finish with gold cylinder and ejector rod housing. The intent is to raise funds by selling to highest bidder, with a \$500 minimum. Bids are accepted until 4:00PM on 9 Sep 2017. It can be seen at the KS National Guard Museum in the 35th Division Annex. Search the internet for additional details on this collectors item.



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International Liaison Committee Column

July 3, 2017

A flyover heralded a big event in Mortain, France, on June 2. Members of the "Santa Fe Normandie" association attended a special celebration for that memorable battle. An American general, two colonels and the vice consul from Rennes participated in the event. French military members and civilians also were present. The 35th Division marker provided by the "Santa Fe Normandie" group was moved adjacent to the marker for the 30th Division.

World War I remembrances are evident throughout France. Claude Rozet of the Association France-USA-Orleans sent a packet of information in French and English describing regional activities to honor the 100th anniversary of the American participation in World War I.

The department of Loire and Cher (southwest of Paris) is celebrating the centenary with events from March to December 2017. The region is renowned for its arts and culture, especially the castles in the Loire valley. It was the center of support facilities for American troops in WWI. A ton of materiel accompanied every American soldier who debarked in France.

The departmental association of France-United States published an extensive booklet in English highlighting some of the history. The booklet included establishing automobile and airplane factories and building railroads. The supply base was capable of supplying all the needs of two million soldiers. The website is www.franceusa.org.

Rozet's own group in Orléans organized an exhibit of documents from French and American archives and the department of defense.

The museum of the association of l'Espace de Memoire Lorraine 1939-45 opened for the season April 29 and will be open until October 28. Hours are 2 to

5 p.m. on Saturdays and second Sundays. Visits at other times may be arranged through the museum website "espacedememoire.fr." English translation is available.

Exhibits of special interest to Americans are focused on the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Americans in WWI and the 100th anniversary of the creation of the 35th Infantry Division.

Memorial Day services were attended by our friends at the American Military cemeteries in Europe. Constant Goergen placed the American World War II Network (AWON) wreath at the Luxembourg Military Cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg. Richard van Kessel visited the grave of his adopted soldier, Donald Giles from Nebraska City, at the Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands. Guy Reichert and members of his group attended the ceremonies at the Lorraine Military Cemetery. Guy is getting school children involved in adopting graves at this cemetery.

An announcement flyer about the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the 35th Division Association has been sent to our European friends. Another mailing is planned. A big thank you to all our friends for their support of the 35th Infantry Division.

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Paula Evans Baker, daughter of Pvt. Richard H. Evans, F-134-35, KIA 9/30/44 dicknell35@hotmail.com
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Memorial day services at the American Military Cemetery at Margraten



Grave of Donald Giles from Nebraska City, Nebraska, adopted by Richard van Kessel



Young Liam van Kessel at Giles gravesite



World War I display



World War I buttons



New 35th Division Display at Museum

Ceremonies and grave adoption in Northern France

(By Guy Reichert and
edited by Mike H. Ven)

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, local children from the Hellimer school in France, honored the fallen soldiers on the American War Cemetery in Saint-Avoid, France and especially the soldiers of the 35th Division. They all adopted a grave of an American soldier that lost his life during the several battles in Northern France

After they gathered at the Cemetery, they began the ceremony. A short speech on behalf of the 35th Infantry Division was read by REICHERT Guy, president of the association "The Gates of Memory". Three of the school children were accompanied by their comrades when they layed down flowers while shots were fired in honor of the fallen. After a minute of silence, taps were played on a bugle. Then the Americans and French hymns sounded through the silence of the Cemetery, accompanied by the singing of the French children.

The following graves of the soldiers are adopted:

-PFC LA SALLE EDMOND C. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/11/1944 - Adopted by TARILLON-BOYART Raphaël from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

-PVT ALEVIS GEORGE D. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 10/10/1945 - Adopted by BECKER Emie from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

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-PFC COOPER SAM P. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 09/20/1944 - Adopted by JUNKER Quentin from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

-PFC FERTITTA HENRY J. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/11/1944 - Adopted

by TARILLON-BOYART Matthieu from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

-PFC JAQUISH GEORGE E. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/14/1944 - Adopted by SCHIEL Adam from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

-SSGT KOREJSZALEOPOLD F. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/13/1944 - Adopted by MALICK Pauline from Diffembach lès Hellimer, France

-PVT BELL JOHN W. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/17/1944 - Adopted by REICHERT Gérard from Valmont, France

-PVT GUENTHER DAVID A. (134th Infantry Regiment) KIA 09/23/1944 - Adopted by REICHERT Brigitte from Valmont, France

—PVT ANDERSEN GUSTAVE J. (137TH Infantry Regiment) KIA 10/11/1944 - Adopted by BEHR Noémie from Petit-Tenquin, France

-PFC BUSSE MARVIN E. (137TH Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/24/1944 - Adopted by LAGRANGE Adrien from Erstroff, France

-SGT DAVIS CHARLES W. (137TH Infantry Regiment) KIA 11/22/1944 - Adopted by HOUPERT Hugo from Hellimer, France

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-PFC BRUIN LOUIE T. (161TH FA BN) KIA 12/09/1944 - Adopted by EYNIUS Alice from Diffembach les Hellimer, France

-SSGT PETERSON WALTER C. (219TH

FA BN) KIA 09/17/1944 - Adopted by OCCHIETTI Romain from Hellimer, France

-TSGT WOODS JOHN T. (35TH CIC) KIA 11/08/1944 - Adopted by REMILLON Jean from Hellimer, France

-TSGT WRIGHT EVERETT E. (35TH SIG) KIA 11/10/1944 - Adopted by REMILLON Claudine from Hellimer, France

-PFC GLOMB MURRAY F. (358TH Infantry Regiment-90TH Infantry Div.) KIA 11/08/1944 - Adopted by ALBERT Adrien from Hellimer, France

On May 6th, 2017, Guy Reichert represented the association of the 35th Infantry Division at the ceremony of Albestroff in France, organized by "The Memory of France" with their flag bearers Aurore HK, Manon Wilhelm, Jean-Luc Rosenberger, Didier Florecke and their President Marie-Laure Hoerth, of the section of Veterans Victims of War in Saint-Avoid and its surroundings, to honor the American soldier Fred W. BROWN of the 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division who died on November 19, 1944, during the Liberation of Albestroff.

On May 8th, 2017, Guy Reichert represented the association of the 35th Infantry Division, at the ceremony of Férange-Ebersviller in France, organized by Mr. CHEVAL Jean Luc and REICHERT Guy, who was the Chief of Protocol during this ceremony. With the presence of associative flag bearers from the region and the association of the Hubersbusch, the ceremony commemorated the Liberation of the town and the end of the second World War.





Memorial day in Saint-Avoid, France

(by Guy Reichert -
edited by Mike H. Ven)

On Sunday, 28th of May 2017, Guy Reichert from Hellimer, France represented the 35th Division at the Annual Memorial Day service at the American War Cemetery in Saint-Avoid, France. The weather was excellent and the master of ceremony was Mrs Lilian Pfluke from the American Overseas Memorial Day Association. The program of this year's edition was as follows:

Presentation of Colors:	39th Movement Battalion.
National Anthems:	'La Marseillaise' & 'The Star Spangled Banner'
Flyover:	37th Airlift Squadron
Welcoming Remarks:	Superintendent, ABMC
Opening Remarks:	Master of Ceremony, AOMDA
Invocation:	Chaplain Erik Nelson, 86th AW/HC
Welcome Address:	Mrs. Véronique Bour Mas, representing Mayor of Saint-Avoid.
Guest Speakers:	Mrs. Paola Zanetti, Deputy of Moselle BG Richard G. Moore Jr., Commander, 86th Airlift Wing Ms. Amy P. Westling, Consul General of the United States of America
Memorial Jewish Prayer:	Rabbi Jonathan Blum, Israeli Military Chaplain
Memorial Legion Prayer:	Chaplain Logan
Veterans of Foreign Wars Prayer:	Chaplain Scott Hammond
Benediction:	Father Joseph Muller

Guy Reichert was in charge of the Patriotic French Flags Bearers and their Associations. Mr Reichert, Mr. Marc Muller and Mr. Philip Nisi, from the "Les Portes de la Mémoire Association" in France, layed down flowers on behalf of the 35th Division Association to remember our soldiers who are buried there. It was a special moment in remembrance of those who never came home. The sound of "Taps" played on a bugle, made that moment even more intense. While the last notes were played, a minute of silence started. Let us never forget the price of freedom!



THE YANKS CAME

By Paula Evans Baker

"Over There," George M. Cohan's 1917 song promised that the "The Yanks are coming...and we won't come back 'til it's over, over there."

By 1919, singers were wondering: "How You Gonna Keep 'em Down on the Farm (After They've Seen Par-ee?)."

Both American and French culture were changed forever during the cataclysm known as WWI in the States. It is the Great War in Britain and the Grande Guerre in France.

I own a copy of the special edition of "L'Est Republicain" of Nancy, published in 2008 for the 90th anniversary of the WWI Armistice. Titled "Merci, America," it provides 24 pages of information about American involvement in the Grand Guerre.

The question of what to call the American soldiers was one issue to be resolved. The French were "poilus" (the furry ones). The Brits were "tommies" (after Kipling's "Tommy Atkins"). The French tried "sammies," for Uncle Sam. U.S. Commander in Chief John J. Pershing hated that nickname. He insisted on "doughboys." Many of the US servicemen in France had been with him in the Philippines. In the humidity, the dust on their uniforms stuck to them like powdered sugar on doughnuts.

The newspaper selected six Americans as "Celebrities of the Front." Two have ties to the 35th Division. The greatest was President Harry S. Truman. He was a captain in the 129 FA of the Missouri National Guard that was incorporated into the 35th Division in 1917. The newspaper noted that the Truman Museum contains the poppy that Truman picked at Fort Douaumont in eastern France. There is also a "bluet" (similar to a forget-me-not) that he brought from Verdun.

George Patton, commander of the Third Army in WWII, was a Captain in WWI when he led the US Tank Corps, described as a "new kind of armored regiment."

Another military celebrity was Douglas MacArthur who arrived as a Colonel in 1917 and left France as a Brigadier General. The death of Pilot Quentin Roosevelt, son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, was cited as evidence that the Americans were fully engaged in the war.

Two American ambulance drivers exemplified those who would gain fame in the arts after the war. One was writer John Dos Passos and the other was artist and innovator Walt Disney.

The newspaper noticed the differences in American and French culture as detailed in a newly published book, "Lafayette, Nous Voila!" ("Lafayette, We Are Here!"). The book was published by "Editions Italiques."

The French were amazed and dismayed at the segregation of races as practiced by the U.S. Armed Forces. However, they were delighted at the music that came out of the different traditions. The jazz that came out of the "brass band" took France by storm. The band came from the 396th U.S. Infantry "Harlem Hellfighters." Led by Lt. James Reese Europe, the musicians traveled over 2,000 miles performing for American, British and French soldiers. It also took the sounds of New Orleans to French civilians. Bandleader Europe was the first Black artist in history to lead a performance in New York's Carnegie Hall.

"Lafayette, Nous Voila!" claimed that the Americans brought the 20th century to France. It listed technological marvels such as radios, centralized telephone systems and wrist watches. Hygienic innovations were indoor toilets and, brushing teeth after each meal. The only comment about American food was that they brought "corned beef."

Two years before WWII broke out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, dedicated the Meuse-Argonne Memorial at Montfaucon, France. His words, written for WWI conflict, remained true for the next time the Americans arrived, in 1944.

"Although the seas divide us, the people of France and the United States, unite us today in common devotion to freedom and democracy."

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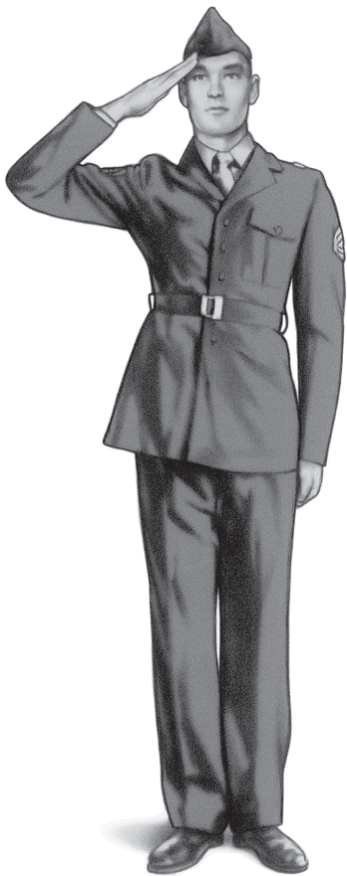
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	3:00- 4:30 pm	Nominating and Executive Committee Meeting (Committee Members)		
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	8:30- 0945 am	Annual Meeting		
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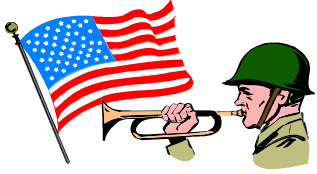
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_____	9:30am-1:00pm	WWI Museum (with lunch on your own in cafeteria)	\$15.00	_____
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_____	6:00- 6:30pm	Social -Cash Bar		
_____	6:30- 8:00p m	Banquet – Honoring our Fallen, Awards & Program		
_____		Beef: Strip Steak, Roasted Garlic, with Mashed Potatoes	\$50.00	_____
_____		Fish: Pan Seared arctic char	\$50.00	_____
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_____		Children’s Meal (Golden Chicken Strips with fries)	\$15.00	_____

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Henry Grady Morgan, Jr. 35th, 320th

On May 6th, 2017, Henry G. Morgan Jr (USA Retired), died peacefully in Fairfax County, VA, surrounded by family following a brief illness. Born in Dallas, TX, in 1920, LTC Morgan (Hank) was five days short of his 97th birthday. As a child during the Great Depression, Hank's family moved around quite a bit, living in Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama. One of his earliest passions was the Army, which resulted in his enlisting in the Texas Army National Guard at age 17 while still a student at North Dallas High School. Following graduation from high school, Hank became a full time soldier in the National Guard while seeking an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He received that appointment in 1940 and graduated from West Point in June 1943 as a 2LT of Infantry. With the nation at war, Hank was sent to Camp Rucker to train soldiers from the 35th Infantry Division. The Division came ashore at Normandy the first week in July, 1944. Hank fought relentlessly against the German enemy, but his combat experience ended abruptly when he was severely wounded in the final moments of the Battle of the Bulge, January, 1945. He spent the next three months in a hospital in England recovering from his wounds. His medals earned during the War included three Purple Hearts, Bronze Star Medal with Valor, and numerous campaign and service medals. The rest of Hank's 23 years on active duty were spent in various commands and locations, including war-torn Berlin, where he met his beautiful bride-to-be, Evelyn Higgins, an American government employee working

for the "Office of Alien Property". They were married a few months shy of 70 years.

Hank's love of history made his second career an easy choice: high school history teacher. For 16 years the classrooms of T. C. Williams and George Washington were filled with "living history" lessons from a man who had "seen this and done that". He was often spotted driving a yellow school bus in the summer time headed to Williamsburg or Jamestown for an extended field trip. And his involvement with things historical was not limited to teaching high school students. Hank was an active member and leader in the Alexandria Historical Society. He was often requested to reenact reading the Declaration of Independence on the front steps of the National Archive Building. And he and Evelyn regularly danced in a colonial cotillion in period attire.

Hank was also a dedicated servant of the Lord. Whether a member of the St James Church congregation, the Vestry, the choir, or a volunteer for any of countless volunteer efforts, nearly every Sunday for the last 52 years at St James Church felt Hank's presence and leadership.

Surviving Hank is his wife Evelyn, three sons David, Peter, and Michael, daughter Janet, eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and a host of cousins, uncles, and aunts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint James Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon, 5614 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA, 22309 or the West Point Association of Graduates WPAOG.org. Burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

S/SGT Gerald L. "Jerry" Jacobsen

Missing in Action-WWII; Coming Home After 73 Years

April 19, 1917 - July 15, 1944

Darling Husband and beloved son, brother and uncle. Age 27. Died in combat in the 35th Infantry Division assault on St. Lo, France on July 15, 1944. Also deceased are his parents, Charles and Anna; and siblings, Charles, Robert, Howard, Harold "Russ", Lester, Richard, Phyllis Ekstrand, and Donald. Survived by his wife, Catherine; sister, Jacquelyn LaBathe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family.

Jerry entered the Army in 1942, and married Catherine the following year; sixteen months later, he was shipped overseas. Jerry faithfully wrote Catherine every single day he was gone. 10 days after arriving in France, about a month after D-Day, Jerry was assigned to an isolated forward observation post. The position was shelled by German artillery and communications were lost. At the end of the battle, scores of soldiers were missing, including Jerry, and many of the fallen were unidentifiable. Jerry was officially listed as missing in action, and subsequently designated as deceased a year and a day later. Meanwhile, an unidentified body was interred in a grave in Normandy marked "A Comrade in Arms, Known But to God"; 73 years later exhumed and identified as S/SGT Gerald L. Jacobsen.

The Jacobsen family sacrificed much for their country. Six of Jerry's brothers also served in combat, five in WWII and one in Korea and Vietnam; two of them, like Jerry, also gave their lives – Robert in WWII and Donald in Vietnam. Through the persistent efforts of Jerry's dedicated family, he has finally been identified and at long last is coming home to be laid to rest.

Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 380 E Little Canada Rd, Little Canada. Visitation from 4-8 PM Thursday 7/13 at Mueller-Bies Funeral Home (Roseville), 2130 N. Dale Street at County Road B, and at the church from 9-11 AM Friday 7/14. Committal Service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Assembly Area #2, at 2:30 PM Friday 7/14.

A very special thank you to all involved in finally bringing Jerry home.



S/Sgt Gerald L. Jacobsen WWII 35th Infantry Division Soldier Returned Home After 73 Years

By Roberta Russo

Little did I know when I first began researching the forty-four 35th Infantry Division soldiers still Missing in Action from WWII that it would result in the return of one of our fallen heroes who died during the battle for St. Lo. I was thinking of writing a series of articles about our MIAs for the Santa Fe Express newsletter. To learn more about them I requested copies of their Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs). These files usually include a soldier's military service history, and in the case of an MIA, information about the action during which they went missing. S/Sgt. Gerald L. Jacobsen's was one of the first files I received.

S/Sgt. Jacobsen was last seen alive July 15, 1944, at a forward observation post near St. Lo, France. Two bodies were recovered near the observation post. One was identified as a soldier known to be with Jacobsen at the time of the battle. The other body was believed to be Gerald Jacobsen but there was not enough evidence to confirm his identity. Initially interred at a temporary military cemetery at La Cambe, France, Unknown Soldier X-481 was ultimately buried at Normandy American Cemetery on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach.

The discovery of this possible connection is what led to my quest. I contacted the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the responsible government agency, and was told they felt the circumstantial evidence was fairly weak. I disagreed with their assumption. All my additional research and analysis continued to link X-481 with S/Sgt. Jacobsen. I reached out for assistance to Jed Henry, a fellow WWII Historian who had worked other successful MIA recovery cases and Jeff Ballion, an investigative reporter from Fox 9 News of Minneapolis (Jacobsen's hometown). We contacted the Jacobsen family and learned they had never given up hope of finding Gerald. They submitted DNA samples in 2008 but were never told about the possible link between Gerald and X-481. When we told them about this possible connection they filed a formal request to have Unknown X-481 disinterred for DNA testing.

This request initially met with delay and resistance from the DPAA. Fox 9 Minneapolis ran TV news stories and several members of Congress were contacted and intervened in an attempt to expedite the case. Gerald Jacobsen's surviving widow and sister, both in poor health, desperately wanted closure during their lifetime. Persistence paid. Unknown Soldier X-481 was disinterred for DNA testing on November 21, 2016. The Jacobsen's were officially notified on June 9, 2017 that DNA testing confirmed the identity of Unknown X-481 as S/Sgt. Gerald Jacobsen.

Seventy-three years after his death in France S/Sgt. Gerald L. Jacobsen will be returned home to Minnesota. He will be buried with full military honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on July 14, 2017.

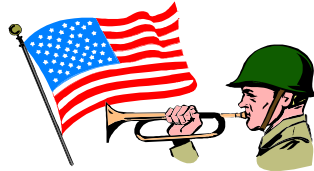
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Maurice J.A. Markworth

Co. L, 134th Inf. Reg.

Maurice J. A. Markworth, 97, of Palmyra died Saturday, June 10, 2017 in Londonderry Village, Palmyra. He was the husband of the late Julia E. Sabo Markworth who died in 2007.

Born in Britt, Iowa on March 7, 1920, he was the son of the late Otto F. and Bertha V. Welty Markworth. He was a retired U. S. Army Personnel Management Officer.

Maurice was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and Prisoner of



War. He was a member of the Lebanon Valley Bible Church and loved traveling.

Surviving are two sons Vernon O. husband of Susan Markwoth of Boerne, TX, Robert A. husband of Lee Ann Markworth of Euless, TX, three daughters Patricia K. Michalski of New Braunfels, TX, Janice M. Horness of Roland, Iowa, Joan E. wife of Randy Head of Jacksonville, FL, four step-sons Kerry J. husband of Vicki Reigle of TX, Kenneth L. husband of Karen Reigle of Palmyra, Michael D. husband of Heidi Reigle of Palmyra, George A. Reigle of PA, over 40 grandchildren and over 30 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a step-daughter Debra Rodriguez, a brother Kenneth Markworth, and a sister Kathryn Bilyeu.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will be held in South Belle Grove Cemetery. A viewing will be held on Friday evening from 7-9 PM and on Saturday from 10-11 AM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Lake Hart Drive, Orlando, Florida 32832.

WWII Veteran

Maurice Markworth Remembered

I want to let you know that World War II veteran, CWO 4 (Ret.) Maurice Markworth passed on June 10, 2017. His son, Bob, of Euless, TX, notified me by a letter that contained the document attached to this email.

Mr. Markworth was a Sergeant, and Assistant Squad Leader, to my uncle, Staff Sergeant Charles P. Gentile, during the Battle for St. Lo. He was assigned to 2nd Platoon, Co. L, 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division. Mr. Markworth was captured on July 17, 1944, along with others, when they ran out of ammunition and were surrounded. He was held at Stalag III C. When his camp was overrun by the Russians, he was sent to Poland and escaped the Russians with the help of the Polish underground. He made his way back to American lines and was repatriated. After the War, Mr. Markworth made a career of the Army, rising to the rank of CWO-4.

He was a very friendly, unfailingly kind, grounded man of high integrity and honor who served our country with great pride.

Charles R. Gentile

Lieutenant Colonel

Henry G. "Hank" Morgan

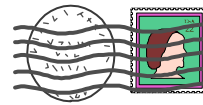
Lieutenant Colonel graduated from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, in 1940. Assigned to the 320th Inf Regt, 35th Division, in 1943, he landed on Omaha Beach on July 6, 1944 as Platoon Leader in Co B. The battles at Mortain, the Gremercy Forest, and the Ardennes followed. Wounded on July 11, he rejoined the unit, was wounded again on Nov. 9, and again on Jan. 15. He became the battalion commander during combat action, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge and two Bronze Stars. After WW II, he remained in the Army, retiring in 1968 with 28 years of service and reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In retirement, he has been active in the 320th Inf Regt and 35th Division Associations.

35th DIVISION ASSOCIATION NEW HALL OF FAME NOMINATING FORM

See page 16. It can also be found at the following web address:

http://www.35divassn.org/nominating_form.aspx

Mail Call



A SALUTE AND A THANK YOU — JEAN MIGNON

Those words are the title of an article which appeared on PAGE 36 in the Summer 2016 edition of the TWENTY-NINER NEWSLETTER. The article was written by The Reverend John Schildt, National Chaplain of the 29th Infantry Division. This is the first paragraph:

A little man with big heart, a man with a smile and a wealth of knowledge. A warm friend and one of St. Lo's distinguished citizens. That's Jean Mignon.

In Saint Lo, Sunday, the second of October 2016, official homage was paid to Jean for his years of devotion to La Chapelle de la Madeleine and what it signifies. Among those officially present were approximately fifteen Americans, members of the Association Saint-Lo-Roanoke 44, the mayor of Saint Lo and elected officials. In the presence of Jean and the others, General Theodore Shuey of the 29th Division presented a Plaque of gratitude to Jean in appreciation of his devotion and dedication to the memory of the soldiers who liberated Saint Lo. Local and Regional Press were there and articles with photos of the General presenting the Plaque subsequently appeared.

John was a boy when his family had to flee to safety several times during the combat for liberation. Memories of these battles stayed with him throughout his life and civil service for the City of Saint Lo. Articles were published in our own Newsletter, providing details about Jean's devotion to the restoration of an abandoned chapel as a Museum dedicated to the men of both Divisions. Perhaps some of you have visited La Chapelle de la Madeleine. Perhaps some of you have met Jean. If so, I believe you will have found the results of this one man's efforts to be a veritable monument to American Veterans of both divisions. Jean has met with veterans whenever possible and has given lectures, interviews, etc. for the Press and Public.

Sadly, with age and failing sight, Jean has found it necessary to step down from active leadership involving the Chapel; however, those who know what Jean has done over the years have not forgotten.

The Reverend Schildt closed his tribute to Jean with the following words, which I quote:

"Friend Jean, thank you so much.

We salute you for all you have done for us and meant to us. May God bless and keep you as you have gone above and beyond the call of duty."

(Reprinted from last issue due to publisher's error. Our apologies).

April 10, 2017

Attn: Richard J. O'Brien,
Historian

Sir:

I am writing for information concerning a cousin who served in WW II in the 35th Infantry Division. I knew him only when I was a young child, but I vividly recall he wore two shoulder patches, the 35th Division "Santa Fe" patch and the Tank Destroyer patch. He sent me several souvenirs way back then, but I lost track of him years ago. I am quite certain he went in at Normandy early on, and fought in the Ardennes.

His name: Robert Bayer, or perhaps spelled Beyer.

Any information you could provide would be greatly appreciated

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137th INFANTRY REGIMENT

137th News

2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 37th Infantry Regiment participates in National Training Center Rotation

The 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment of the Kansas Army National Guard is participating in a National Training Center combat exercise at Fort Irwin, California, May 18 through June 15.

The 2-137th CAB is training as a part of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard, to demonstrate the U.S. Army's Total Force Policy. Approximately 5,500 Army and Air Force personnel are participating in the joint exercise.

An NTC rotation simulates the tough, realistic operational environment that America's military forces may face in combat. The training is relevant and adaptable to emerging threats and technologies. The exercise presents scenarios with potential adversaries our nation could face and include guerilla, insurgent, criminal and near-peer conventional forces.

"Our motivated Soldiers have been working hard and training for more than a year in preparation for this exercise," said Lt. Col. Jason Nelson, 2-137th CAB commander. "They are ready to demonstrate their exceptional skills and continue to build our partnerships with other units and states."

The 2-137th CAB is headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas, with Headquarters Detachments in Topeka, Junction City and Wichita. Company headquarters are in the following locations: Company A, Emporia; Company B, Lenexa; Company C, Wichita; and the Forward Support Company in Manhattan. Units operate the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the M1A2 Abrams tank.

High-resolution video and photos of the exercise are available for download on the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System website at <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/155NTC17>.



134th INFANTRY REGIMENT

134th News

Lincoln, Ill.
May 22, 2017
Sir,

I am writing from our new home. Alice and I have moved to senior citizen center in Lincoln, Ill. Only 20 miles from Middletown and my only regret, I had to leave our dog "Bingo" but the grandkids have moved in so he has a home.

Just reading the recent issue of Divisionaire and read the article on Murray Dickson, the baseball pitcher.

When the 35th Div. was still in Germany in the month of July, the 134 and my company C were stationed near Coblenz. On July 1, 1945, we had an event at a sports stadium in Coblenz.

The 1st Battalion, 134 Infantry received a unit citation for St. Lo. C Company, the 1st platoon of D Company, 134th, and the 1st Battalion, 320 Infantry received one for the battle of Mortain.

Later in the afternoon the 35th Div baseball team played the 106th Div. We won, 5 to 3. The pitcher for the 35th was Murray Dickson.

The 134 later received another unit citation for the Ardennes.

One thing I remember about Coblenz was a huge statue of German Kaiser Wilhelm overlooking the Rhine. It was made of metal and had several holes in it made by solid shot artillery fire, undoubtedly by some G.I.'s.

Our new address is 201 Stahlhut Dr. Lincoln, Ill.

We intend to attend the reunion in August.

Sincerely,
Jim & Alice Graff



635th Armor Regiment and 137th Infantry Regiment Scholarship Announcement

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee I am announcing **four \$500 education scholarships** available from the 635th Armor Regiment and 137th Infantry Regiment Scholarship fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship grants to direct descendants, legally adopted children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of those that served honorably, to assist the recipients in attending accredited schools of higher learning. Applications will be accepted **30 September 2017**.

Eligibility for scholarships is linked to honorable service of parents and/or grandparents in the following past and present military organizations:

1st, 2nd, or 3rd Battalions of the 137th Infantry Regiment.

1st or 2nd Battalions of the 635th Armor Regiment.

2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment.

635th Tank Destroyer Battalion (WW II).

The primary criteria upon which grants will be decided include: Scholastics, aptitude and involvement in the many forms of extracurricular activities (in and out of school), participation in civic and community services, career intentions with a special emphasis on service to state and nation, and for consideration, "financial need". Contact COL (Ret) Robert Bloomquist at bbloom843@aol.com or 785-234-2688 for the application form or questions about eligibility.

This joint scholarship fund evolved from the 635th Armor Regimental Scholarship fund held at the Topeka Community Foundation which assists in managing the funds and providing donors with proper documentation for their tax exempt donation. Scholarships have been granted over the years to a wide range of students, to include descendants of WW II Veterans (635th Tank Destroyer Battalion), and former and current members of the 635th Armor Regiment or 2-137th Infantry Regiment. Recipients of these scholarship funds have reflected immense appreciation for the assistance and have honored their recognition through exceptional effort in their post high school academic endeavors.

The Scholarship Program is managed by former members of the 137th Infantry and 635th Armor Regiments along with Infantry and Armor Officer and Enlisted representation from the 2-137th Combined Arms Battalion (CAB), Headquartered in Kansas City, KS.

This and next year's scholarships are made possible by the generous donations of the following supporters.

(1) Personal donations of \$1,000 from MG (R) and Mrs Jack Strukel Jr. and the continued generous annual gift from LTC (R) and Mrs Larry Farmer.

(2) Members of the 137th CAB raised \$2,350 with two events. One was an auction at the dining out and the other was from the Dirty Kansa/Spur Ride hosted by CSM Harmon and Emporia own Co D, 2-137th CAB. Articles on the Spur Ride were published in both the 35th Division "Santa Fe" and KSNG Plains Guardian.

The committee in conjunction with the Topeka Community Foundation manages the 137th/635th Regiment Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in donating to this scholarship, you may contribute via www.topekacommunityfoundation.org or mail to Topeka Community Foundation, ATTN: 635th/137th Scholarship, 5431 SW 29th Street, Suite

300, Topeka, KS 66614-4486. Contributions are income tax deductible and easy to accomplish. 100% of the administration fees are paid by investment return or covered by a board member, so your entire contribution goes to the scholarship.

If you want information on the committee representatives, periodic updates on the fund or scholarship applications please contact COL (R) Robert Bloomquist at 785-234-2688 or bbloom843@aol.com.

Robert D Bloomquist
Colonel, US Army (Ret)
Committee Chair



**Deadline for the
Oct-Nov-Dec
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is Sept 20**



35th Division Association
Format and Content Required for Hall of Fame Nomination
Effective for Nominations Submitted in 2017



The following information is required in the order shown.

Date: _____

Nominee: (Must have a service connection with the 35th Infantry division at any time from 1917 to date.)

Name: _____

Rank: _____ Military unit: _____

(Must be a unit of the 35th Infantry Division or a unit attached or assigned to the 35th Infantry Division.)

Address, if living: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Date of Honorable Discharge: _____

Military Awards. (Check all that apply; attach copy of citation):

☐ Medal of Honor

☐ Silver Star Medal

☐ Purple Heart

☐ Distinguished Service Cross

☐ Legion of Merit

☐ Distinguished Service Medal

☐ Bronze Star Medal

Next of Kin, Family Member or Friend (if nominee is deceased):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Personal History: Briefly explain nominee's family, siblings, education, place of birth _____

Enlistment, Training and Deployment: Briefly explain when the nominee joined the Army, where he trained and where he was deployed. _____

Why the Nominee Deserves to Be Selected to the Hall of Fame: Provide a written narrative describing how the nominee contributed significantly to the achievement, tradition or history of the 35th Infantry Division and/or the 35th Infantry Association. Describe how the nominee contributed to his community, state or nation. _____

Attach a listing of sources, such as combat histories, letters, documents and maps, which support the nominee's significant contribution.

Nominator: (Members of the 35th Division or others may nominate a Hall of Fame candidate.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Submit Nomination Packet: To be considered at the 2017 Annual Conference, nominations must be received by 1 August 2017. Mail nominating information, supporting documentation and a photo of the nominee to:

Ben Weber
Hall of Fame Committee
6510 Suson Oaks Drive
St. Louis, MO 63128

Nominations approved by the Committee in 2017 will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2018 Annual Conference.

Questions: Contact Ben Weber at 314-849-4022 or bweber131@att.net

35th Prepares to Deploy to Middle East



Proper technique is key. Sgt. Amber Fullbright pulls the pin of a dummy grenade during the hand grenade training at North Ft. Hood, Tx. The 35th Infantry Division conducted pre-mobilization training in preparation for their upcoming deployment to the Levant and Persian Gulf.



Master Sgt. David Mundy dons his protective mask and Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) outfit during pre-mobilization training in preparation for their upcoming deployment to the Levant and Persian Gulf. Soldiers from the 35th Infantry Division practice Soldier skills such as; employing hand grenades, reacting to chemical and biological attacks, and team movement procedures.



ROLLOVER! ROLLOVER! ROLLOVER! Soldiers of the 35th got shaken up and turned head-over-heels inside the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, a simulator that trains troops to properly and safely exit and secure a Humvee in the case of a rollover.



No training is complete without a little range time. Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division qualified with their assigned weapon systems during their pre-mobilization training at Ft. Hood, Tx.



Over 30 employers from Kansas and Missouri arrived at Ft. Hood, Tx., on May 17 to visit with their respective employees as part of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Boss Lift." The Boss Lift is an event that recognizes civilian employers of Soldiers and Airmen and gives them an opportunity to see what their service members do in preparation for mobilization.



35th Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Victor J. Braden, and 35th Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Major Tim Newton, prepare the "Santa Fe's" colors for casing in preparation of the division's trip overseas in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.