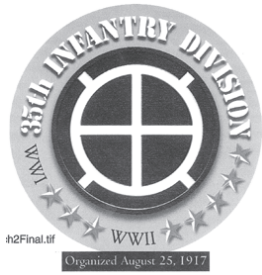


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Message from MG Martin Clay, 35th Inf. Division Commanding General

In my last message to the members of the 35th Infantry Division Association, I expressed confidence that the soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division would continue to demonstrate their professionalism during Warfighter Exercise 26-04.

True to form, the Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division excelled in their Warfighter Exercise performance, demonstrating their ability to fight and win in a stressful, large-scale combat operations environment. All members of the 35th Infantry Division Association familiar with the tactical and operational competencies required for success in a Warfighter Exercise should be proud of the dedication and professionalism of the 35th Infantry Division Soldiers.



The Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division, alongside Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade, 45th Infantry Brigade, 155th Armor Brigade, 35th Combat Aviation Brigade, 110th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 35th Sustainment Brigade and 35th Division Artillery, performed exceptionally well.

As noted in previous messages, the Division's successful readiness build, culminating in Warfighter Exercise 26-04, was facilitated by a dedicated team of enabling partners that included the Mission Command Training Program, First Army, the Mission Command Training Support Program and the Division HST team. The mentorship from the Division's partners, coupled with the clear dedication and drive of the Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division, has positioned them well for the continuation of the readiness build that will propel the Division into its next operational mission in support of U.S. Army Central Command operational missions.

That said, the Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division are not resting on their recent success. Teammates from across the 35th Infantry Division fully understand the operational environment they will be entering, and they are focused on continuing to improve their readiness to fight and win when our nation calls. Key next steps in the preparations associated with pending overseas operations include ensuring each Soldier's individual readiness, as well as continued collective training focused on the overseas environment in which the 35th Infantry Division will operate. Thankfully, teammates from First Army, the Mission Command Training Support Program and the Division HST team will continue with us on this readiness endeavor.

In addition to the 35th Infantry Division's continued readiness preparation, the Division recently partnered with the 35th Infantry Division Association in hosting the Association's annual meeting at 35th Infantry Division Headquarters. The meeting included an always-moving 35th Infantry Division Hall of Fame induction ceremony, as well as an exceptionally well-attended dining out at the Hilton Kansas City Airport. The collaboration among the leadership of the 35th Infantry Division Association and 35th Infantry Division staff ensured that the events were memorable for all, including the family members of the Hall of Fame inductees.

If schedules allow, I strongly recommend that Association Members attend the annual meeting and Dining Out in the future. The events were a great time and a wonderful opportunity to engage in the fellowship of 35th Infantry Division Soldiers, past and present, as well as their families.

Finally, I would like to thank the Soldiers from the Division's Aligned Brigades who participated in the recent readiness symposium. The symposium helps build the connective tissue between the Division Headquarters and the leadership from among its aligned Brigades. The symposium occurred the same weekend as the 35th Infantry Division Association meeting and will help the Division shape its current and future relationships with the 39th Infantry Brigade, 45th Infantry Brigade, 278th Infantry Brigade, 35th Combat Aviation Brigade, 110th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 35th Division Sustainment Brigade and 35th Division Artillery.

Message from Association's President CPT (R) Doug Plummer



CPT (R) Doug Plummer

It was a great honor to receive the Association Presidential Gavel at the 108th Annual Conference of the 35th Division Association and the 35th Division Dining Out. The Dining Out organized by the 35th Division Staff was outstanding. All conference events were well attended by the 35th Division Headquarters current service members and their families, our Association by members and our families and by the family members of the Class of 2026, 35th Division Hall of Fame inductees that we honored.

I extend my appreciation to COL (R) Bruce Becker for his tenure as our Association President through this past year. Special thanks certainly go to MG Martin Clay and CSM Robert Istas for their strong support through the entire past year also. Together the Division and the Association continue to work hand-in-hand to make this possible as each organization works together as a force multiplier with the other. There is so much more to it than just the Conference. Membership is not the challenge - it is the reward of being alive and standing up. To be and to have been a part of and not apart from the history of the 35th Infantry Division going back to 18 July 2017. None are forgotten. The Association will keep a watchful eye over the new details of our 35th Division's history. We will watch as traditions hold and develop. We will encourage and celebrate the esprit de corps of this that we hold dear.

I first fell in with the 35th Division when the formation was re-activated in 1984 as a member of the 1st Battalion 137th Infantry, 69th Infantry Brigade. I was the battalion Support Platoon Leader during annual training at Fort Riley, KS. I took command of B Co. 1/137th during that annual training. Years later, being employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. and working across numerous states, I resigned my commission and left the service for a few years prior to the events of 9/11, just 25 years ago.

I re-enlisted as an NCO in time for the Division Warfighter in 2002. Then the deployment train-up and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina with the G5 Civil Military

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Hall of Fame Ceremony 2026

By LTC (R) Doug Jacobs

Albertini, assigned to the Medical Detachment of the 2nd Battalion, 134th Infantry Regiment; PFC Harry A. Krantz, also assigned to the Medical Detachment, 134th Infantry Regiment; and Sergeant John Robert “Bob” Sirk, assigned to Company C, 134th Infantry, 35th Infantry Division.

According to the new Association President, CPT Plummer, the induction ceremony will most likely be held at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard, the Home of the 35th Infantry Division’s Hall of Fame and Museum.

The public is invited to attend and members of the Kansas National Guard and members of the 35th Division who are available are encouraged to attend as well. Final details of the 2027 Ceremony will be announced at a later date.



2nd Lieutenant Bartley family

On September 12, 2026, three soldiers were inducted into the 35th ID Hall of Fame prior to the Division’s Dining Out at the Kansas City Airport Hilton.

During the ceremony several family members in attendance were allowed to address the gathering of approximately 100 people. The Inductees were COL Richard E. Eckert, MAJ Norvin L. Vogel, Sr. and 2LT Burnett G. Bartley.

Approximately thirty members of Col Eckert’s family attended the ceremony with his son responding to the award and recognition. This is, by far, the largest gathering of one family attending a Hall of Fame induction ceremony in many years. Lieutenant Bartley had six family members in attendance who traveled significant distances to attend.

LT Bartley’s son accepted the award on behalf of the family.

Major Vogel’s family could not attend due to distance and age. His award was accepted on his behalf by the President of the 35th ID Association. The award will be mailed to the family in California.

During the Dining Out, COL (Retired) Bruce Becker, the Outgoing President of the 35th ID Association passed the gavel and leadership to CPT (Retired) Douglas Plummer, the incoming President, for the 26-27 Session.

Three additional soldiers have been selected for induction in September 2027. They are: Corporal Louis T.



COL Richard E Eckert's son, Rick, accepted the award



MAJ Norvin L Vogel award was accepted in his behalf by COL Becker

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Three Distinguished Soldiers Inducted into 35th Division Hall of Fame 2026

Submitted by 1SG Dakota Helvie

2d Lt Burnett G. Bartley, COL Richard E. Eckert, and MAJ Norvin L. Vogel, Sr. were inducted into the 35th Division Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 35th Division Headquarters, Ft. Leavenworth, during the 2026 35th Division Conf. The Hall of Fame is located in the 35th Division Museum, Museum of the Kansas National Guard, in Topeka, Kansas.



Second Lieutenant Burnett G. Bartley, Jr.
1924 - 2013

2d Lt Burnett G. Bartley was the epitome of “The Greatest Generation.” serving through WW II in Co H, 137th Inf, and promoted from Private to Sergeant to 2d Lieutenant. He survived hand-to-hand combat in the battles at Lorraine and the Gramercy Forest. Commanding a heavy machine gun squad he was wounded at Destry, France, on Nov 14, 1944. He recovered quickly and was involved in the capture of 33 towns and the taking of 1500 prisoners as the 137th Infantry fought across Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge. Besides the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, he received many other medals. After the war he became a successful businessman. He passed away on April 3, 2013 after an exceptional life.



Colonel Richard E. Eckert
1922 - 2009

COL Richard E. Eckert was mobilized for WW II as a Private in Co E, 137th Inf and sent to Camp Robinson, AR. In 1943 he completed OCS and the U. S. Army Parachute School at Ft. Benning, GA. He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Theater during the rest of WW II. In 1948 he re-joined the 137th Inf and served on the 35th Division Staff, while having a great teaching and coaching career. A founder of the KSARNG OCS, he served as its Commandant and as the KSARNG Chief of Staff. After retirement, he served as a Kansas State Representative. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Parachute Badge, and the WW II Victory Medal. He passed away in 2009.



Major Norvin L. Vogel, Sr.
1921 - 2021

MAJ Norvin L. Vogel, Sr. served as a Platoon Sergeant in Co L, 134th Inf, during WW II, fighting through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Holland into Germany as a Platoon Sergeant. He was involved in the Crossing of the Roer River and the capture of Hilfarth as he fought his way into Germany with the 134th Inf. After WW II he transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve, then the Pennsylvania ARNG, receiving a commission and serving as a Battery Commander, Operations Officer, and Signal Officer. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, and WW II Victory Medal. He passed away at the age of 99 on Sept. 11, 2021 in Allentown, PA.

Three Selected for 2027 35th Hall of Fame Induction

Cpl Louis T. Albertini, PFC Harry A. Krantz, and Sgt John R. Sirk have been selected for induction into the 35th Division Hall of Fame in 2027. The selection was made at the recent conference at Ft. Leavenworth, and all are WW II veterans of the 134th Infantry Regt. Their induction will be at the 2027 35th Div Conference in Topeka, Kansas.



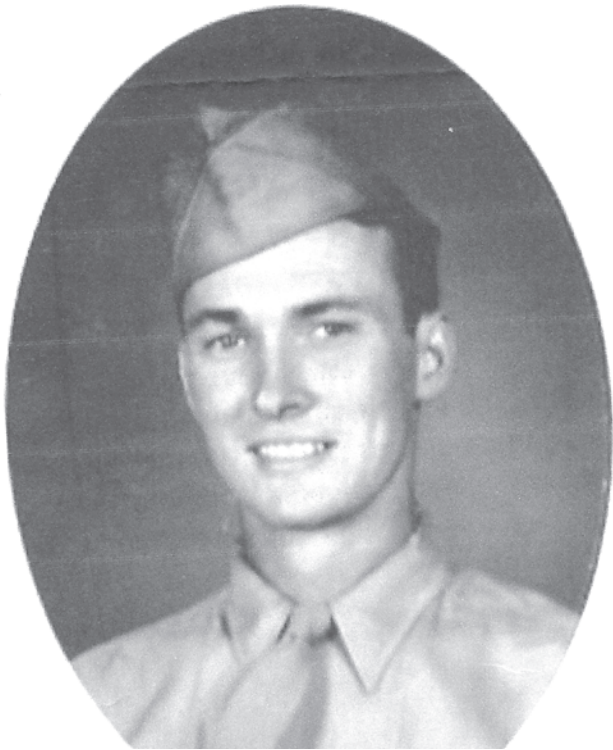
Corporal Louis T. Albertini
1925 - 2019

CPL Louis T. Albertini served with extraordinary courage and devotion as a Combat Medic with the Med Det, 2d Bn, 134th Inf, receiving the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He landed with the unit on Omaha Beach in July of 1944, undergoing significant action in Normandy. On July 30, he was wounded while accompanying troops in the attack, then continued medical care while wounded and under fire. Recovering from his wounds, he again demonstrated exceptional courage while under fire at Luttrebois, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge while helping to evacuate the wounded. He served with the 35th Division until the end of the war and was later awarded the French Legion of Honor.



Private First Class Harry A. Krantz
1920 – 1985

PFC Harry A. Krantz served heroically as a Combat Medic with the Med Det, 134th Inf Regt, from Dec. of 1944 until the end of WW II. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge during the Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 19, 1944. He was wounded in action while serving with Combat Team 134, attached to the 6th Armored Division on Jan. 23, 1945 in Luxembourg. Treated and returned to duty he was awarded the Purple Heart, then a Bronze Star for courageous medical care when 12 soldiers were killed and 21 wounded in subsequent military action of Co C, 134th Inf. Following occupation duty, he was discharged in Nov. of 1945, and returned to his hometown of Chicago. He passed away in 1985.



Sergeant John R. Sirk
1920 - 2015

Sgt John R. Sirk served with distinction as a Rifleman and Squad Leader in Co C, 134th Inf Regt, receiving both the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He joined the unit on Nov. 18, 1944, while the unit was at Nancy, France. Soon they were involved in the crossing of the Blies River and the fighting at Habkirchen, which resulted in Co C receiving a Presidential Unit Citation. On Dec. 30, 1944, while involved with his unit in the Battle of the Bulge, he was wounded by a German 88 round. They had made it nearly all the way to Bastogne. Sent to England for recovery he soon established himself as a helper to other soldiers, also in recovery. Following WW II he returned to Grant County, Indiana, where he farmed the rest of his life. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 95. All his life he considered himself “one of the lucky ones.”

35th Infantry Division Gathers for Annual Dining Out in Kansas City

In the Hilton Kansas City Airport ballroom, dress mess uniforms, service medals, and formal evening gowns set the scene as the 35th Infantry Division held its premier annual gathering, celebrating more than a century of military heritage while charting its future across the heartland.

The annual Dining Out, co-hosted with the 35th Infantry Division Association, brought together soldiers, military families, veterans, and civic partners representing commands across Kansas, Missouri, and partner states throughout the central United States.

The decision to host this year's gala in Kansas City reflected the division's surging attendance and expanding multi-state footprint. With thousands of soldiers distributed across major subordinate commands, brigades, and regional partner units, the venue's ballroom facilities provided the scale needed to host a record-setting crowd while preserving the ceremonial pageantry of a formal military mess. Proximity to major highway arteries and air terminals eliminated logistical friction for commuting units, creating a centralized bridge for personnel across the division's broad geographical territory.

"Securing a venue of this scale allowed us to accommodate more than 280 service members and their families, lifting the strict capacity constraints we faced last year," said Capt. Hannah Byun, Deputy G1. Byun emphasized that bringing personnel together from across the Midwest is vital for fostering organizational alignment and cultivating robust esprit de corps within a geographically separated division.

"Gathering hundreds of families and soldiers under one roof reinforces a critical truth," Byun added. "No matter how distributed our footprint may be, we remain deeply committed to our military heritage and to strengthening our collective bonds."

Honoring Excellence:

2026 Division Leadership Awards

Highlighting the evening's formal program was the presentation of the division's top annual leadership accolades. Maj. Gen. Martin Clay, Commander of the 35th Infantry Division, assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Istas, recognized four standout service members whose performance and technical mastery set the standard across the command.

Command Sergeant Major Jack Elliot Junior Enlisted Award: Presented to Specialist Mercedes Fry, recognized as the division's top junior enlisted soldier for demonstrating exceptional initiative, technical expertise, and leadership potential as an inspiring future non-commissioned officer.

Platoon Sergeant Kenneth Faulkner Non-Commissioned Officer Award: Bestowed upon Sergeant First Class Nicolette Desmond, honored as the division's premier NCO for personifying the Non-Commissioned Officer Creed through operational competence and professional mentorship.

Captain Walter "Hank" Harrington Company Grade Officer Award: Conferred upon Captain Jeffrey Agnitsch, recognized for sustained performance well above his rank and an enduring positive impact on soldiers across the command.

Colonel Angelo Demos Field Grade Officer Award: Awarded to Lieutenant Colonel William Joest for superior operational excellence, mentorship across all echelons, and leading by personal example.

Passing the Torch: Transfer of the Gavel

The gala also marked the formal conclusion of the 35th Infantry Division Association's annual conference. In keeping with decades of ceremonial protocol, Col. (Ret.) Becker transferred the gavel, handing over the brass-plated symbol of executive leadership to incoming Association President Captain (Ret.) Douglas Plummer.

The presidency carries deep historical lineage dating back to World War I veterans, most notably Capt. Harry S. Truman, who commanded Battery D of the division's 129th Field Artillery before serving as the 33rd President of the United States. While early association conferences drew hundreds of World War II combat veterans from the 134th, 137th, and 320th Infantry Regiments, Becker noted that the organization's focus has naturally broadened to champion today's Army National Guard soldiers and their families.

Following the gavel transfer, Capt. (Ret.) Plummer delivered his inaugural address to the mess, reaffirming the association's commitment to family readiness initiatives, soldier benevolent funds, and historic preservation. Becker and Maj. Gen. Clay also presented a special commendation to Operation BBQ Relief in recognition of their recurring volunteer service and support during rigorous field deployments.

Pageantry, Remembrance, and the Dining Out Tradition

"Over the last 25 years, the National Guard has repeatedly proven itself as an indispensable pillar of our joint and total force," said Maj. Gen. Martin Clay. "Our strength does not reside solely within our ranks, but in the families, supporters, and communities whose unwavering backing



Sergeant First Class Nicolette Desmond



Captain Jeffrey Agnitsch



Specialist Mercedes Fry



LTC William Joest

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makes our service possible.”

Addressing the 35th Infantry Division Association Heritage Fellowship, Clay noted that as the division prepares to go downrange next year, preserving heritage and sustaining morale through fellowship remains vital to mission success.

“As we prepare for the operational demands of the coming year, we are reminded that our mission is continuous,” Clay added. “This fellowship is not just a tribute to our past, but a vital reinforcement of the unity and readiness required to answer our nation’s next call.”

Unlike a military “Dining In,” an internal function restricted exclusively to uniformed unit personnel, the Dining Out welcomes spouses, military families, civic leaders, and distinguished alumni into the mess. The evening blended strict military protocol with lighthearted customs.

The formal sequence included the posting of the colors, traditional toasts to the commander-in-chief and the armed services, and the storied “Grog Bowl” ceremony, in which symbolic potables representing the division’s combat campaigns from the Meuse-Argonne to modern overseas deployments were blended into a punch bowl.

“The patch on your shoulder is not just insignia; it is a legacy forged in World War I and carried forward by each of you today,” said Maj. Gen. John Rueger, Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard for United States Army Combined Arms Command.

Addressing the attendees, Rueger emphasized that this historic lineage comes with an enduring responsibility to maintain peak operational readiness.

“Never lose sight of the mission you are trained to fight,” Rueger added. “When our nation calls, the 35th Infantry Division stands ready to deploy, fight, and win; both



TAPS ceremony

at home and across the globe.”

In contrast to the jovial grog ceremony, the room fell silent during the Missing Man Table presentation. The lone, round table set with an inverted glass, a single red rose, and a lemon slice served as a solemn reminder of comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice and those missing in action from World War I to the present day.

Community Philanthropy: Funding Soldier Relief and Heritage

Beyond ceremonial fellowship, the weekend served as a vital philanthropic driver for the force. Attendees participated in the association’s annual benefit raffle, which included a handcrafted wooden American flag coin display and a custom-engraved Sig Sauer P320 pistol bearing the

Santa Fe cross and motto: “Win the Day.”

The proceeds generated during this conference directly fund emergency relief grants, family readiness programs, academic scholarships, and the preservation of the 35th Division Museum. Ultimately, these proceeds are vital to maintaining the historical legacy of the 35th Infantry Division while directly sustaining the welfare, education, and resilience of our soldiers and their families.

Ceremonial dinners have long served as the cultural bedrock of military cohesion, tracing their lineage from ancient Spartan

mess halls and British regimental mess nights through to General George Washington’s Continental Army. The evening transitioned from formal proceedings into camaraderie, with soldiers and association veterans renewing bonds that link generations of the “Santa Fe” Division. As junior enlisted soldiers exchanged stories with combat veterans who wore the same iconic blue-and-white Santa Fe Cross decades earlier, the evening embodied the timeless esprit de corps that sustained the division across two world wars and into the modern era.



Missing Man Table



Color Guard

Message from Outgoing President COL (R) Bruce Becker

As my time comes to an end as President, I would like to thank everyone for making this a successful year. It's been a busy summer. Thank you to all who donated to support the Association and the Division. Due to your support and the car show held at Leavenworth in July, we were able to help the Division keep the cost lower to attend the Dining Out in September.

As an Association we have been able to partner with the Division and sponsor some of their fundraising opportunities. We assisted with the Car Show and provided an online platform for a Flag Coin Holder Raffle. The Associations custom Sig Sauer M17 Pistol raffle was a huge success for the third year in a row. Congratulations to Eric Bishop, this year's winner.

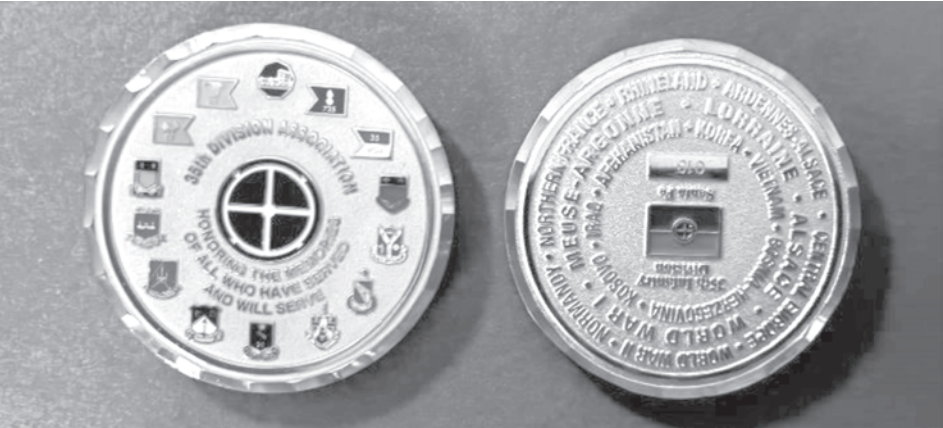
The Division completed a challenging Warfighter exercise at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. They sharpened their skills and are prepared for their upcoming deployment. The Association was able to partner with Operation Barbeque Relief and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to support the Division's MWR day on June 13th. Approximately 450 Soldiers were able to enjoy a BBQ meal.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Association and the Division. There are many out there who have done great things supporting the Division over the years.

--COL (R) Bruce Becker

Note of Thanks to COL (R) Becker

COL Becker, on behalf of the Executive Council and all those you supported this year, thank you for your efforts. The numerous fund raisers you helped coordinate created a stronger operations fund for the association and more affordable experience at the Annual Dining Out. Your personal involvement in fund raising, organizing and attending Operation BBQ relief was superb support to the training soldiers of the 35th. The Facebook account was re-energized by you this year, providing an easier method for supporters to follow the Association and Division. Your assistance in the process of a state award through multiple channels was instrumental in recognition of our Historian's efforts supporting our Veterans and their families.



Seeking ideas for new Division Association Coin

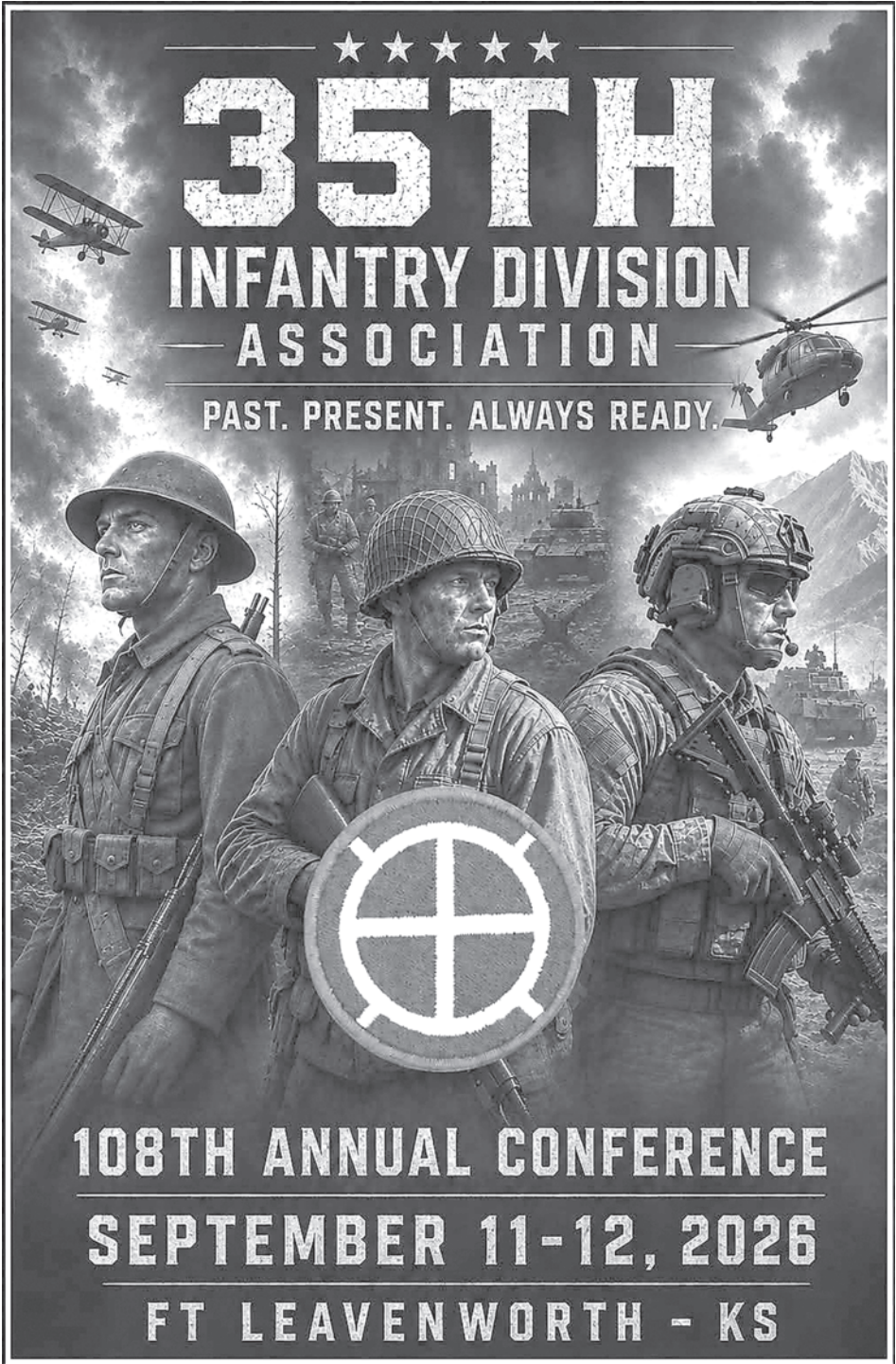
It is time for a new Association coin that portrays the "Past-Present-Future" of the 35th Infantry Division. Please send your ideas, preferable as a graphic, to the Association via 35divassn@gmail.com. The current coin in the picture was designed over a decade ago and included all the deployments and units assigned to the Division over the years.

Appreciation to Reser's Fine Foods for Donation

We extend our appreciation to Reser's Fine Foods for their donations of sides and desserts for the Annual conference members' luncheon in September. They also support the Museum of the Kansas National Guard's events on a routine basis, which is the home of our 35th Division Annex and Hall of Fame. The quality and quantity for these events always exceed expectations.



Hall of Fame reception cake



Poster used for the conference program was designed by Mike H Ven

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Executive Secretary, Treasury and Minutes of Meeting

Executive Summary

Successes: There are some positive trends and unique challenges for the association. The support of the 35th Division leadership for our conference is outstanding. The financial health of the organization allows for continued business as usual, due to generous donors currently supporting the organization. The fund-raising efforts through grant requests and the gun raffle are assisting with operating costs. We have published three “Santa Fe Divisionnaires” per year; with increased support from the 35th Public Affairs personnel and numerous people providing articles, I believe they are worth the value. The relationship between the KSNG Museum and the Association is great. The families of WWII Veterans are still superb supporters. The international relationship is strong, but we lost a great overseas friend this year. The Hall of Fame is still a gem of the organization. Our Historian and International Committee’s perform in an outstanding manner. We receive an increase in inquiries which are answered quickly and helpfully by these two committees.

Challenges: We do have significant challenges we need to address. The Association appears to have moved from a membership supported organization to donor generosity and fundraising. In my opinion, a trend we have seen over several years will eventually lead to the loss of support to continue the organization. We have only 302 current members. Of this number, 270 are life members and 15 international. We have 70 members that are not current with dues and will be dropped from the roles soon. A new Executive Secretary and Treasurer are needed to maintain the administrative requirements of a non-profit corporation. A balance between the compensation the association can afford and the requirements of the position/s and finding the right replacement is essential this year.

Treasurer Report

General status of the Organization.

The 35th Div Association Operating Fund and Museum Operations Investment are sufficient to maintain operations at the current level and even improved this last fiscal year. This improvement, however, is due to fund-raising initiative and the strong market on investments, as annual memberships are declining. The donor appreciation list included in the program and published in every “Santa Fe” shows the generous donors and the purpose they intend the donation to be used for. Transactions throughout the year are captured by category and sent to key leaders or any of the Officers that wish to be included. This 501c4 tax exempt organization has tax year from 1 July to 30 June, and the numbers reported each year are based on our tax year. This year’s taxes were completed by Cummings, Coffman and Schmidtleim, CPAs, in Topeka, KS which file both Federal tax and State (KS) Bi-Annual Report. The Operating Fund and Museum Capital Improvement Fund are consolidated for the income tax, but managed with different rules and members, so I’ve broken it out with additional details by funds.

Operating Funds: The raffle fund raisers help our balance. We received \$480.00 less this year in annual membership fees and the donations to the museum capital improvement fund were up slightly this fiscal year due to some special grants. We continue to capture all donations for publication in the Santa Fe Newspaper and continue to offer categories as an option for members to provide input on the use of funds.

The Museum Capital Improvement Fund: The balance remains healthy, due to some donations, but in large part the investment growth. We presented an annual grant of \$5,000 to the museum fund as normal. The account is managed by Ameriprise Financial and invested in a conservative to low-risk account to grow while accepting little market risk. Members continue to donate to the 35th Museum Capital Improvement Fund to offset the amount of money we draw from our Museum Investment Account. The Association Chairman for this fund is COL (Ret) Robert Dalton. No changes to the amount of funds contributed to the museum nor was the investment strategy changed this year.

Committee Reports and Discussion

The Museum, Hall of Fame, International and Historian Reports are published in the 2026 Fall edition of the “Santa Fe”. The Committee’s discussion during the business session is below:

Awardees: The donations designated as Conference Sponsors were sufficient to pay for the dinner for four awardees we sponsor with a guest, along with the band members. The winner’s pictures of these awards we sponsor are included in this edition.

- CSM Jack Elliott Junior enlisted award – SPC Mercedes Fry
- PLT SGT Ken Faulkner Non-Commissioned Officer award- SFC Nicolette Desmond
- CPT Walter “hank” Harrington Company Grade Officer award- CPT Jeffrey Agnitsch
- COL Angelo Demos Field Grade Officer award- LTC William Joest

Information Operations: The publication of the “Santa Fe” will continue three times a year. With the renewed health of operating funds and increased interest from the 35th Division Public Affairs, consideration to return to four per year is possible if we have enough material. There was a recommendation to look at the value of the website based on usage, cost and the numerous other websites that produce the same information. The board voted to maintain the status quo. The Facebook site reactivated by COL

(R) Bruce Becker was very active and useful this year. Those present in the meeting expressed much appreciated for his efforts.

Fund Raising: One value of an association is the ability to raise tax deductible funds or support events that a government agency cannot do. The Association sponsored a car show and coin rack raffle to raise money to offset the cost for enlisted personnel at the Dining Out. The President, COL (R) Bruce Becker also raised funds and helped organize a cookout for the soldiers at Annual Training.

Memberships and Dues: A concern was raised about continuing to accept Life Memberships due to a likely possibility the Association cannot continue as a tax-exempt corporation. The negative trend in memberships and lack of anyone interested in the Executive Secretary/Treasurer position puts the organization into jeopardy. This issue was tabled and dues will remain the same for now.

New Treasurer/Executive Secretary Position: The advertisements and search for a new Executive Secretary and Treasurer for the past four years have been unsuccessful. It is required to meet the administrative requirements of a non-profit corporation. A balance between the compensation the association can afford and the requirements of the position, and finding the right replacement is essential this year. It was also approved to keep the position in Topeka, KS due to the importance of the close relationship with the museum where the 35th Annex and Hall of Fame are located. This and the decline in memberships are a priority to sustain the corporation.

Executive Council Vacancies and Nominations:

CW4 Carl Bush has asked to resign as Sergeant of Arms due to health reasons. The vacancy was left open pending nominations for a replacement.

LTC (R) Joe Pehlman was approved as the 2d Vice President.

Submitted to the attendees for review prior to being printed as official notes of the meeting. --Robert D Bloomquist COL (Ret) Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Kansas National Guard Patriot Medal Awarded to Roberta Russo, Association Historian

BG Paul Scheider, Adjutant General of Kansas, approved the Kansas National Guard Patriot Medal for Roberta Russo, our Association Historian, for “exceptionally meritorious service spanning over 20 years of dedicated devotion to Kansas Army National Guard Soldiers, Veterans, and Families”. The award will be presented to her on Patriots Day, 2027 at the Kansas National Guard Museum, Home to the 35th Division Hall of Fame in Topeka, KS. She has spearheaded critical historical research for both the heroes and families of the 35th Division units of past wars and maintained vital partnerships with multiple POW/MIA recovery agencies. Among other achievements, the citation describes that “...rigorous archival research, innovative website management, and active collaboration with federal recovery organizations have proven instrumental in preserving the legacy of the 35th infantry Division and repatriating missing-in-action Service Members”.



Passing of the Association President's Gavel from COL Becker to CPT Plummer

SGT Robert James Goldsworthy, WWII hero, reported missing 82 years ago has been identified and buried in his hometown

(Submitted by Roberta Russo)

Sergeant Robert James Goldsworthy, of the 35th Infantry Division, who had been missing in action since December 17, 1944, has been officially identified and accounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

He was born June 5, 1922, in Lake Linden, Michigan. Goldsworthy registered for the draft on June 30, 1942, at age 20. He entered active duty on January 13, 1943, and served as a Rifleman with Company B, 320th Infantry Regiment. During the fighting at Saint-Lo, France, on July 27, 1944, he was wounded but returned to duty just days later, on August 2, 1944. He was promoted to Sergeant and Squad Leader on August 25, 1944.

By December 1944, the 35th Infantry

Division had been in continuous combat for five months, fighting its way across France and into Germany. On December 14, Goldsworthy's unit crossed the Blies River and captured Bliesbruck after intense fighting, continuing their advance north toward Reinheim, Germany. In the early morning hours of December 18, after hours of fierce combat, the enemy finally withdrew. It was during this action, on December 17, 1944, that Sgt Goldsworthy was killed near Reinheim. His remains were not recovered at the time.

After the war, in January 1949, Graves Registration Service teams returned to the area and interviewed local residents, including the Burgomaster of Reinheim and a local priest. They learned that several American soldiers killed in the battle had been buried in the Gersheim Cemetery, about a mile and a half northeast of Reinheim. They

were later exhumed and reinterred at the Lorraine American Cemetery in Saint-Avold, France.

One of those unidentified soldiers was buried as Unknown Soldier X-849, later confirmed to be Sgt Goldsworthy. Because DNA technology was not available at the time, identification was impossible. Following advances in forensic science, his remains were exhumed for renewed testing. On September 18, 2025, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Unknown Soldier X-849 had been positively identified as Sgt Robert J. Goldsworthy.

After more than 80 years, Sgt Goldsworthy has finally been accounted for and was honored for his service and sacrifice. He was buried next to his sister, Glayds E (Goldsworthy) Mukavetz, at Maple Hill Cemetery, Lake Linden, Michigan.



Sergeant Robert James Goldsworthy

Message from Association President CPT (R) Douglas Plummer continued from page 1

Affairs Section for the SFOR-13 rotation. I was able to follow that up in short order with two nearly back-to-back deployments to Afghanistan as a member of the 105th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment on Bagram airbase and at the Theater Command Headquarters in Kabul. Then, the 35th Division Artillery Embedded Training Team deployed, and I again served embedded with the Afghan National Army 203rd Corps in the Paktika and Paktia provincial areas on the Pakistani border.

From November 2007 to September 2011, I was a member of the Kansas Army National Guard Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element located at Kansas Regional Training Institute (RTI) in Salina, Kansas, and platoon sergeant with A Co 2-137th in Lawrence, Kansas. I have no clear idea of how many units and what numbers of Soldiers we had a hand in working and training with to prepare for the many deployments in the various theaters that required our nation's commitments over those 5 years.

It was while I was there that I was introduced to my wife Cheryl and we were married in July of 2011. I continued my career at the RTI until my retirement in March 2015 at the age of 60. Cheryl is still working as an elementary 3rd grade teacher in our hometown of Minneapolis, KS. I expect that she will retire in the next year or two. We are involved with kids and grandkids scattered across the state and down into Mississippi. We are happy to watch the growth, the development, and the challenges of what it is that is going on from our point of view.

In our hometown, I currently serve on our district school board as the at-large member, as well as the county committee on aging, the local emergency planning committee, the county conservation district. I am a member of our local Noon Lions Club and Cheryl teaches and serves on the school site council and our community library board.

I took on this responsibility with the 35th Division Association and the path to filling this position as its President because I believe and I feel strongly that citizenship is hard work. These kinds of opportunities to take on a commitment like this are rewarding, challenging and beneficial in more ways than we can truly see individually. Serving in any positive capacity is worth it.

With the Division deployed under the leadership of MG Clay and CSM Iestas, my goal is to support them where we can. They can be assured that the Association will see its way to having a presence here on the homefront. We will make ourselves present with all who choose to attend the 109th Conference at the Kansas National Guard and 35th Division Museum on September the 11th, 2027 in Topeka. With the Division rear-detachment to whatever extent that might be, it will be an event that we can all be proud of and share. We will celebrate and put a focus on the first responders that have continuously answered the call since before and after 9/11 up to today. We will be in contact with the headquarters rear-detachment and others as needed through this deployment. Whatever it is, the Association will work to strengthen our position and be present with every step. Win the day!



Nebraska National Guard Museum tour group

International Liaison Committee Column

September 25, 2026

The heat wave that scorched Europe caused some schedule readjustments for the only World War II Museum in eastern France.

However, it didn't deter the Nebraska National Guard Museum tour group from following in the steps of the 134th Infantry Regiment in World War II. One of their first stops was at the Espace De Memoire museum near Nancy France. Additional stops were made at the various monuments to the 134th across France.

If you are interested in going on one of their tours, contact Executive Travel at 402-435-8888. They are already planning for 2027.

Paula Baker is the American correspondent for the World War II study in Eastern France. By chance, she was visiting friends in France in 2001 when the world received news of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Institutions across Europe paid their respects. Paula reports that "as a representative of the United States, whose father died in the Liberation, I received a great deal of attention and sympathy." Today they remembered what happened 25 years ago

Our friends in Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands are busy preparing for their winter activities. They are building displays, going on maneuvers, and outlining their activities for the upcoming year.

International Liaison Committee

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Marilyn Bowers Jensen, daughter of PFC Rex M. Bowers, C-134-35, KIA 01/25/45 mbowersjensen@msn.com

Col. (retired) Thomas Arnhold, 35th Infantry Division, arnholdtom@gmail.com

How to research your ancestor’s military record

Submitted by COL (R) Thomas Arnhold

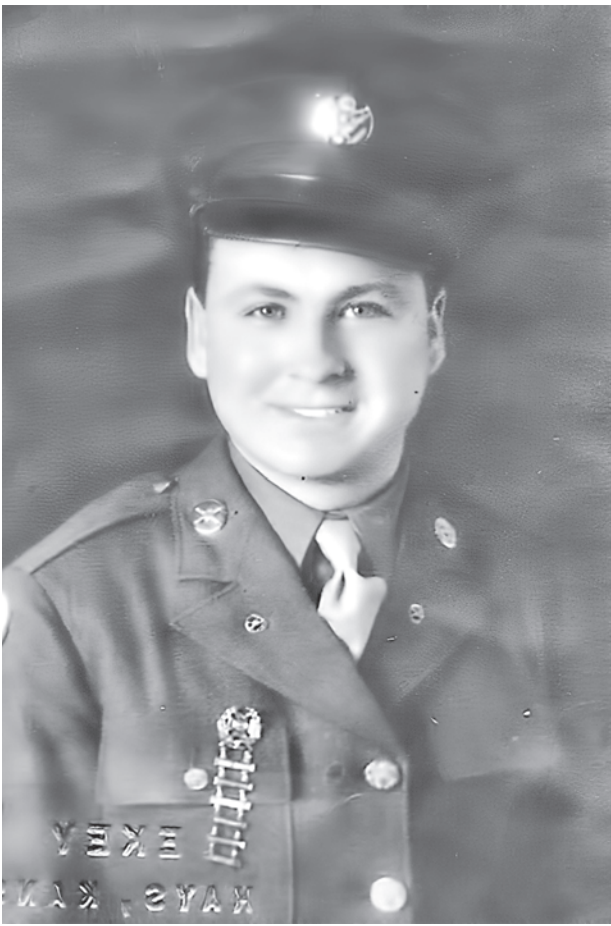
During World War II, my father, Richard Arnhold, served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. My dad was a man of few words and, when it came to his military service, he was even more reluctant to speak. On a rare occasion, we kids might drag a few snippets from him about his military career. After he passed away, I took it upon myself to research his military service. Unfortunately, I knew little about how to go about delving into his military experiences. After a lot of trial and error and on-the-job-training, I was able to piece together the details of his time in the U.S. Army.

I was amazed at some of the information I learned. For example, my grandfather wrote a letter to the Secretary of Defense asking that my dad be excused from military service. The actual letter was in my dad’s personnel file. I learned my dad was court martialed and reduced in rank and forfeited two months of pay for secretly trying to inform my sister, via a smuggled letter, where he was serving in the Pacific. The purpose of the article is to give you a few hints on how to research the military career of a parent or grandparent.

To research your father’s records, start by requesting his Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) from the National Archives (<https://www.archives.gov/research/military>). As his child or grandchild, you are considered his next of kin, which gives you legal access to his files. Before you submit your request, collect as the following information, if possible: 1. Your father’s full name used during his service, 2. His Service number or Social Security number, 3. Branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, etc.). 4. The unit he served in and 5. His dates of service and date/place of birth.

Once you have acquired the foregoing information, you have a few ways to request the OMPF: 1. Online: Submit your request using the eVetRecs System, 2. By Mail or Fax: Download and fill out Standard Form 180 (SF-180). Sign the form and mail or fax it to the National Personnel Records Center. The address is on the form. I would advise sending a cover letter asking for ALL of the servicemember’s personnel records. If you do not do so, the National Archives will only send you limited documents.

A catastrophic fire in 1973 destroyed roughly 80% of U.S. Army and Army Air Forces records from WWI and WWII. If your relative’s records are lost, don’t give up. The NPRC will often provide alternative documents, such



Corporal Richard A. Arnhold
in World War II

as separation documents or final pay vouchers. Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps records were largely unaffected. In the case of my father, some of his records were burnt around the edges.

If you are looking to piece together his unit history, several online databases can fill in the gaps: Enlistment & Draft Records: Search enlistment records for free on FamilySearch.org. Historical Photos & Operations: Use Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/>) to find draft registration cards, casualty reports, and missing in action logs. Unit Histories: Check The National WWII Museum in New Orleans (<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/>) for excellent guidance on tracing a veteran’s journey through different campaigns and accessing war diaries.

I found some records of my father’s at the Eisenhower

Library in Abilene. In order to research there, you must go to the Eisenhower Library website at <https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research-overview> and follow the instructions. Do not just show up and expect to be let in the library to do research.

I also made a trip to the National Archives in St. Louis. In order to research military records there, you must get approved as a researcher. If you have a desire to do this, then go to <https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research-overview> and follow the instructions. During World War II, each unit commander made a daily written report. If you have your ancestor’s unit information, you can read what happened to the unit each day in the unit report. If you go to the Eisenhower Library or the National Archives Center in St. Louis, give yourself plenty of time to research. Many of the records are still on microfilm. Both facilities were in the process of digitizing the records when I went there a few years ago.

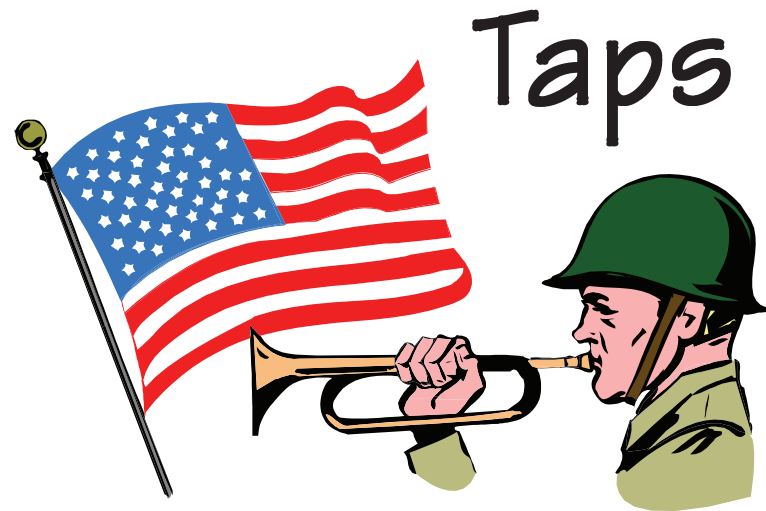
Don’t be afraid to broaden your search. Many military units have their own website, even if the unit is no longer in existence. Many states have a military history website. My father’s unit originally started out as a Rhode Island National Guard Coastal artillery unit. The Rhode Island National Guard website had a considerable amount of information about when the unit was formed, when and where it rained for World War II, etc. Sometimes just Googling the name and city your ancestor was from or his name and the name of his unit will provide you with information.

If you prefer not to do the research yourself, there are some professional researchers who will research your ancestor’s military records for you. Their fees are fairly high, but they generally can get you the information more quickly than you will be able. Be sure you understand what information you are being provided and what your fee will be. A few of these are Golden Arrow Research (<https://www.goldenarrowresearch.com/>), Ancestry Pro Genealogists (<https://www.progenealogists.com/military-record-research>), National WWII Museum Historical Research Services (<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/wwii-research-services>), Brian Rinehart (<https://www.apgen.org/users/brian-rhinehart>), Veteran Voices Military Research (<https://veteran-voices.com/military-research-services/>) and Global Military Research (<https://globalmilitaryresearch.com/>).

If you decide to research your ancestor’s service in the United States Military, be patient and do not expect it to be a quick process. I guarantee that your research will turn up some fact of interest you never knew before.



Remembering 35th Infantry Division Deceased in 2026



MG (R) Paul Collins	Former CDR 35 th Inf. Div.
Martin Duehring	35 th Inf. Div.
CW4 (R) Donald Case	35 th Inf. Div.
2 nd LT. (R) Armando Aries	137 th Inf. Regt.
SGT Roert James Goldsworthy (MIA)	320 th Inf. Regt.
Frances Kathryn Rueger	Wife of MG (R) James Rueger TAG-KS & Mother of MG (R) John Rueger, Fmr Cdr.
T/SGT James E. Gadsey (MIA)	Co I 134 th Inf. Regt.
LTC (R) Erich G. Cambell	35 th Inf. Div.
Kelly Duckworth	Wife of BG (R) Alex Duckworth DCdr
CPT (R) Homer Pederson	69 th Bde./2-130 FA
CSM (R) Robert “Bob” “Leny” Lewis	169 th Spt. Bn.
Ardena Louise Bartlow	Wife of COL (R) Rex Bartlow
Graham R. Kelly	CDR/Conductor 35 th ID Band
CSM (R) George Edward Stevens	161 st FA Bn./35 th Inf. Div.
SFC (R) Jeff Masterson	169 th DSSB
1LT (R) Richard Dean Carlson	635 th Ar. Bn.
SGT (R) James “Jimmy” Martin Cole	2 nd Bn. 130 th FA Bde.
SFC (R) Jan F. Brandt	137 th Inf. Regt.
Clarence “Nody” Anthony Rayton	137th Inf. Regt.
CW4 (R) Indulis “Indy” Dambro	69 th Inf. Bde.
Robert L. Breinig	35 th Inf. Div.
1SG (R) Jeffrey Charles Beam	35 th Inf. Div.
LTC (R) Leslie (Buster) Chambers	69 th Inf. Bde./2-130 th FA Bn.
1SG Garrett Temple	35 th Infantry Division
SFC Jason Ledbetter	35 th Infantry Division
SGT Jermaine Goodwine	35 th Infantry Division
Claude Rozete	France, 35 th Assn Liaison
Michael A. Yannaghas	France

35th DIVISION ASSOCIATION NEW MEMBERS 2026 September 2025-August 2026

New Annual Members

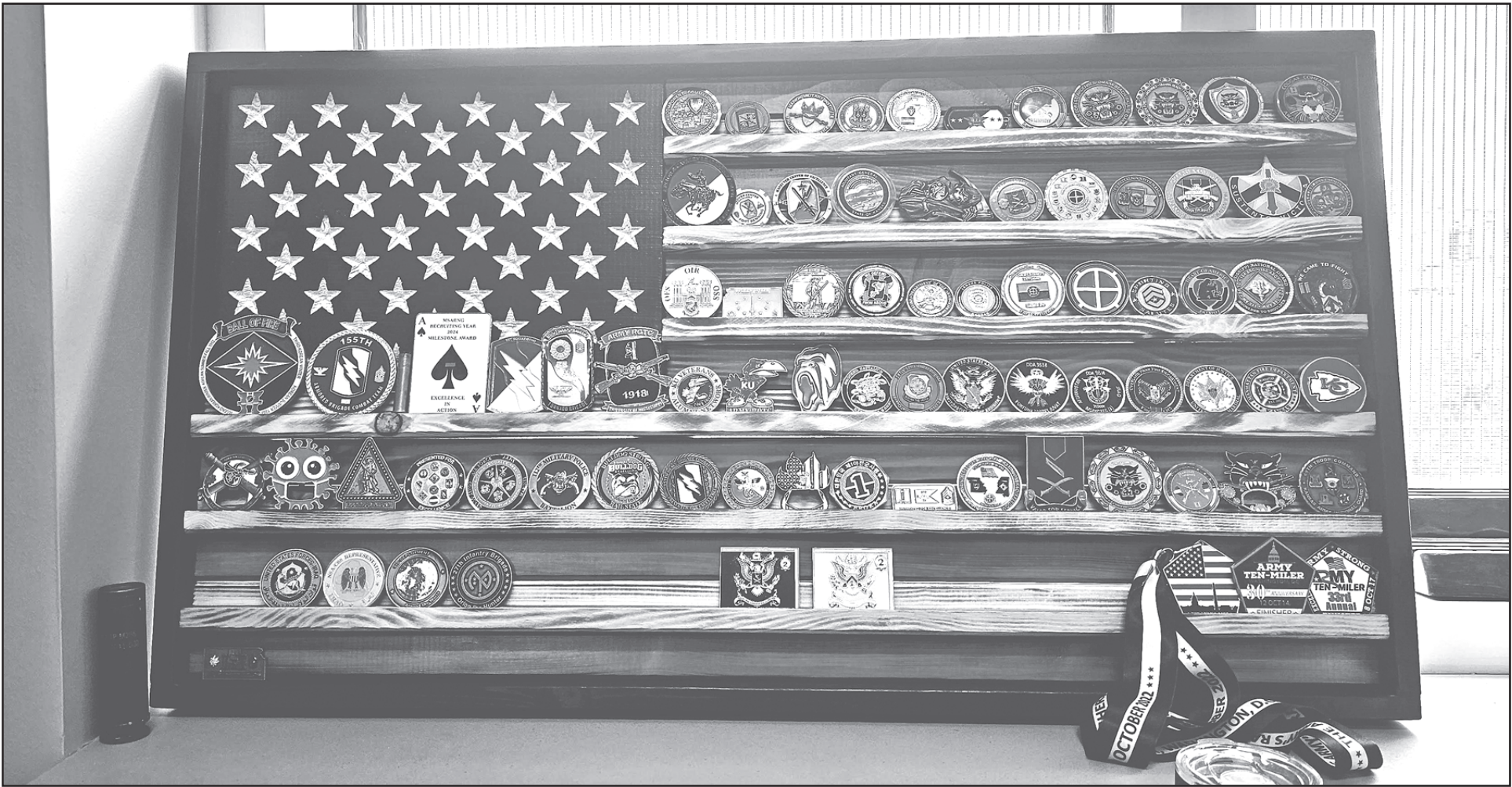
- Lisa Irgang
- LTC Wesley Dickman
- Barbara Schrader

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- LTC (R) Dale P Bauer
- SFC (R) Dwain Bauer
- CPT Hannah Byun
- LTC Lynette M Ham
- CW2 Travis Lamar
- BG Brady Leonard
- COL Mark Turner
- COL (R) Mathew Twombly
- SGM David Wichman
- BG Carlin Williams

Deadline for the
Next Issue of the
Santa Fe Express is
15 January 2027





American Flag Coin Rack drawing winner

A beautiful American flag coin rack donated by MSG(ret) Mark Wilson was raffled during the 35th Division Association Conference at the 35th Inf Div Dining Out. The winner of the rack was CPT Gabe Greco. Congratulations! The profit from the raffle will benefit the soldiers for their Annual Family Diner in December.

**Historian’s Report -
September 2026**

Submitted by Roberta Russo

35th Infantry Division Research Center Website (www.coulthart.com/134)
All available WWII era 35th Infantry Division original documents have now been posted. This includes Morning Reports, General Orders, After Action Reports, Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs), Unit Journals and many others. Those that reference individual soldiers are indexed by name. Photographs, maps, unit histories and other reference materials are also available on the website along with biographical information about individual soldiers. Some WWI information and reports have also been posted.

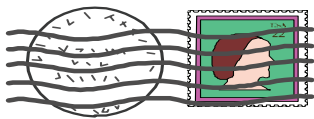
Research Assistance
I have continued to assist veterans and their family members with military history research. This includes reconstructing service histories from available records and suggesting other possible sources of information.
When possible, I request a photograph of the veteran and, with the family’s permission, post the photograph and biographical information on the website.
Anyone seeking information or research assistance can contact me at roberta.russo@yahoo.com or 847-571-4160.
WWII 35th Division Battle Deaths
The 35th Infantry Division suffered 2,970 battle deaths during WWII. Biographies and photos for 805 of these soldiers have currently been posted on the website mentioned above. More will be added.
Missing in Action Project
Research continues on the forty-two 35th ID soldiers who remain missing in action from WWII. Their Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) have been obtained as have the IDPFs of possibly related unknown burials (known as X files).
Any significant progress will be reported to the Association.

35th Division Museum Report

Submitted by BG (R) Ed Gerhardt

The 35th Division Museum, a part of the Museum of the Kansas National Guard, had 19,463 visitors in 2025, and is on track to be close to that in 2026. It is open Mon-Sat, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. It has no paid staff, and 40 volunteers provide maintenance, exhibit, special events, and hosting support. Two libraries provide research and reading opportunities.
New exhibits in 2026 include two on Annual Training Sites over the years; a large display area for newly-acquired weapons, both individual and crew-served; a new flight simulator; and many additions to existing exhibits. Events have included a Heartland Salute to America’s 250th, a Retiree Briefing, a Vietnam Veteran Recognition Breakfast, a Korean War/GWOT Veteran Recognition Breakfast, a Car & Truck Show, a Scouts in Aviation Day, a free Veteran’s Breakfast, a Trunk or Treat with Family Programs, an Easter Egg Hunt with Family Programs, Quarterly Brown Bag Luncheons with speakers, monthly coffees, and many other activities.
Projects in the works include the delivery of a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter on Oct. 14, extensive new outside lighting beginning on Sept. 14, installation of a back-up generator, installation of two new Outside Exhibit Covers, installation of several new exhibit cases now on order, installation of a Civil War howitzer recently accessioned, and work on drainage areas around the Museum.
Groups who meet in the Museum on a regular basis include American Legion Capitol Post 1, the Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club, the National Railroad Veteran Retirees, the Vietnam Veterans of America-Kansas, the Rolling Thunder Chapter of MPVA, the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide Applicator Testing, the Enlisted Assn. of the Kansas National Guard, the National Guard Assn. of Kansas, the Kansas National Guard Foundation, the Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame, the Civil War Round Table, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Arab Shrine units, the Kaw Valley Chapter of MOAA, and others.
CSM Jeremy Byers, the Curator, and volunteers continue to provide response to frequent historical inquires and to accession recent donations.
The 35th Division Association has provided their 2026 annual \$5,000 donation for operation and improvements to the Museum.

Mail Call



Dear Friends

Since Claude ROZET passed away on the night of December 25th , 2026, I am the only one to enjoy reading *The” Santa Fe” Divisionnaire* both on the computer and in its paper copy. It keeps me in touch with the Association and all its activities to remember those who fought for our freedom.

As you may know the Association FRANCE ETATS-UNIS is a nation wide community devoted to the relationship between the United States of America and France ; it was created in 1945 .

Its Honorary Presidents are the President of the French Republique and the Ambassador of the United States of America in Paris .

Over the years , Claude Rozet managed to invite several Ambassadors to Orléans , and each time , we had a great friendly day .

He also managed to have a representation of the US Army for local historical ceremonies like V-VE DAY (May 8th) and August 16th (Liberation of Orléans by General Patton’s Third Army)

In May 2026 , once again , we had the pleasure to welcome some officers and soldiers from the 52nd Strategic Signal Bn stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

I will send you a few pictures during Joan of Arc military homage showing the US and French soldiers marching down some streets of Orleans .

Next August, we should welcome again a delegation from Stuttgart with their new Commander ! (change of command was on June 18th , 2026, at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart)

If it is not a problem for you , I will carry on giving you some news from Orléans over the coming weeks and months.

With my respectful and friendly regards ,

Françoise BERARD-ROZET

**Photos below shared by Françoise BERARD-ROZET
MAY 8th, 2026 VE DAY ceremonies / Joan of Arc Festival**



Marching up Joan of Arc Street : the French Gendarmes followed by the 52nd Strategic Signal Bn Color Guard from Stuttgart , Germany



Near Orléans Holly Cross Cathedral : Friendly gathering of the 52nd Strategic Signal Bn Color Guard and the French 43rd Signal Bn Color Guard from Orléans, France

International Liaison Committee Report for Executive Committee

September, 2025

There are almost twenty European groups who continue to honor and recognize the 35th Division. They regularly meet the groups or individuals connected with the 35th Division and take them to the battlefields of their relatives. They hold special memorial services on the date of the liberation of their communities, they visit American National cemeteries and build museums highlighting the 35th Division’s World War II experience. They all receive copies of the Divisionnaire and share it with their friends. They regularly submit articles for publication.

On several occasions they have attended the reunions of the Association. They send their wishes for another successful Reunion.

Colonel Thomas Arnhold’s work with his associations in recent combat zones has expanded and enhanced the efforts of the International Committee.

Submitted by:

Paula Evans Baker, daughter of Pct. Richard H. Evans, F-134-35, KIA September 30, 1944

Marilyn Bowers Jensen, daughter of PFC Re M. Bowers, C-134-35, KIA January 25, 1945

Col (R) Thomas Arnhold, 35th Infantry Division



LTC Eric Bishop wins drawing for 2026 Pistol

This was our third year conducting a Pistol Raffle, and it was a great success with the best outcome yet as a fundraiser for the 35th Div. Association. The drawing was held during the 35t Division Association Conference at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Kansas City, MO.

*The Santa Fe Sig Sauer Commemorative M17 pistol winner for 2026 was
LTC Eric Bishop. Congratulations!*

*We thank COL (R) Bruce Becker
for coordinating this fundraiser.*

Special Acknowledgement and Donor Appreciation

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foundation and individuals for their financial contributions.

These are donations made in addition to the Annual or Life membership dues.

September 2025 - August 2026

Donors \$5,000

- The Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation (Operating Expenses)

Donors \$2,000

- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Jan 2026 Edition of the Santa Fe Divisionnaire)
- Titan Protection Security, Overland Park, KS (Car Show Sponsor)

Donors \$600

- COL (R) Robert and Betty Bloomquist (Div. Family Dinner, Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors \$500-\$550

- LTC (R) Ricky Dodson (Car Show Sponsor)
- CSM Robert Istas (Div. Family Dinner)
- CPT (R) Douglas Plummer (Op. Expenses, Hall of Fame, Div. Family Dinner, Conf. Sponsor)

Donors \$400

- Diana D Hardison (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors \$350

- * Carol Freeman (Div. Family Dinner)

Donors \$300

- COL (R) Roger Aeschliman (Conf. Sponsor, Op. Expenses)
- COL (R) Bruce Becker (Div. Family Dinner, Conf. Sponsor)



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Donors \$200

- SGM Magen Albert (Div. Family Dinner)
- Ceo Bauer (Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Rolland Hill, PFC, KIA 14 July 1944)
- Rosemary Corbett (Op. Expenses for printed paper, Museum Op. Expenses, in memory of 1st Lt. Martin H Huschka)
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- COL (R) Malen (Butch) Dowse (Div. Family Dinner)
- MG John Rueger (Conf. Sponsor)
- Roberta Russo (Div. Family Dinner, Conf. Sponsor)
- COL (R) Matthew Twombly (Div. Family Dinner)

Donors \$120-\$150

- COL (R) Mike Dennis (Div. Family Dinner)
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- COL (R) Paul Waters (Div. Family Dinner)
- COL (R) Ron Winchell (Op. Expenses)

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- Paula Baker (Honorary Attendee)
- LTC David Duehring (Op. Expenses)
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35th Division Hall of Fame Nominating Form

At this time, there are eight (8) nominations for the 35th Division Hall of Fame consideration in 2027. They are CSM Gale D. Beck, PFC Martin H. Duehring, 2d Lt Theodore Dulchinos, 1st Lt Stevie F. Fox, COL Frank Korte, Staff Sgt Craig Schoeller, Staff Sgt Ralph L. Shear, and CPT Edwin S. Young.

Members of the 35th Division Assn., as well as others, are encouraged to submit additional nominations for the 35th Division Hall of Fame for induction in 2027. Nominators must sign the nomination form and provide data for future contacts.

Three things are required for the nomination:

1. The completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form below.
2. Separate page(s) of the biography of the nominee giving military service and emphasizing what the nominee did in service in the 35th Division and/or 35th Division Association to merit induction into the Hall of Fame.
3. A photo of the nominee

Supporting documents such as copies of award citations, listings of military awards, copies of his/her service records, letters of support, family information, civilian work, etc. are also appreciated. The 2028 class to be inducted will be selected at the Annual 35th Div Assn Conference in 2027.

Send nominations to **LTC Doug Jacobs, Chairman, 35th Hall of Fame Committee, 125 SE Airport E. Drive, Topeka, KS 66619, or e-mail at office@kngmuseum.org** so as to arrive not later than 1 August 2027.

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Rank/Title of Nominee:

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee (if living):

Name & Address of Next of Kin (if deceased):

Nominee Date of Birth:

Nominee Date of Death:

Nominee List of Military Awards:

Nominator Name:

Nominator E-Mail:

Nominator Address:

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35th Division Association
P O Box 5004, Topeka, KS 66605



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