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Fifteenth Infantry Regiment
"The Old China Hands"



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Old China Hands!

The 91st Annual Reunion of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will be held in Washington, DC between 15 and 19 September. Our regimental dinner, at which we will host our friends and comrades from the remainder of the 3rd Infantry Division's units, is being ably organized by Tad Davis. It will be a great event and I encourage all of our members to come and enjoy the nation's capital and our great camaraderie. August will mark the 66th anniversary of Operation Dragon and the highly successful landings in the South of France. We still have some veterans of that great historical event amongst us, and there will be a ceremony honoring them on 10 August at the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. Outpost Europe of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division will be hosting the ceremony as well as several historical seminars in the days prior to the ceremony to educate a broader public on the significance of Operation Dragon, in which our regiment played a significant role. I would very much like to thank Mike Horn for forwarding the article on the Pickett's Mill Battlefield in Georgia. The article reminds us of our regiment's proud Civil War heritage and also of the challenge of preserving our country's historical heritage in the time of constrained budgets. Thanks also to Martin Markley on the excellent account of the June 1953 Battle of Outpost Harry. A documentary on that battle, titled "Held At All Costs" was premiered at the Kennedy Center on Memorial Day, at Fort Stewart, and at the Outpost Harry Survivor Association's reunion in San Diego. It will be released to the general public on Veterans Day this year. Watch for it! The Department of Defense recently commemorated the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War with a ceremony at the Pentagon on 24 June 2009. Our own David Mills was a distinguished guest for the ceremony representing the war's POWs. Major John Singlaub, who as Major Singlaub was David's battalion commander (2/15 IN) during the 24 April 1953 Battle of Outpost Harry, was also present. The Can Do Rendezvous was a great event. I am very thankful to John Burke and Tad Davis and our other association members who were able to attend and show the association colors to our soldiers in the 3rd Battalion, and to LTC Shoemaker and his staff for their hard work in organizing the event especially as the battalion had just returned from the National Training Center and was preparing to deploy shortly thereafter. We should all be happy to read Ken Harvey's report that all is going well in Iraq and that the 1st Battalion will be redeploying on time from what has been a very successful tour of duty in Iraq. I would like to ask you, our membership, to step up and help out in the administration of our association. We are still looking for a membership chairman to replace John Burke, who has been a stalwart of our association since its very beginning and deserves a well-earned rest. We are also looking for a Public Relations officer, an assistant Secretary/Treasurer, and a Constitution and Bylaws chairman. The association does not run on automatic, it takes hard and dedicated effort on the part of your leadership and appointed officers. Don't just sit there, do something! Can Do! Tim.

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- To perpetuate and foster the history and traditions of the Regiment.
- To provide opportunities for uniting past and present members of the Regiment into a close and cooperative alliance.
- To promote morale and high esprit de corps among members of the Regiment. ~ To acquire and maintain a repository of regimental historical memorabilia.
- To perpetuate and foster the history and traditions of the Regiment.
- To assist in the maintenance of monuments dedicated to the units of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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**15th INFANTRY REGIMENTAL DINNER
17 September 2010
Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA**

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association will host their annual Regimental Dinner on September 17, 2010 in conjunction with the reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington. The dinner is open to all members of other Regiments and their guests; seating will be arranged by Regiment. (Note: this will be the only Regimental Dinner held.)

Tentative Program:

5:00 - 5:45 pm No-Host Cocktails, Hyatt Regency Lobby Bar
5:45 - 6:00 pm Move to Hyatt Regency Ballroom Level
6:00 - 8:30 pm Dinner w/Program

Cost: \$38.00 per person (includes tax/gratuity)

Meal will consist of a plentiful buffet w/the following selections.

- Baby Green Salad
- Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
- Pork Loin w/Caramelized Onions
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Mashed Potatoes
- Chef's Selection of Desserts
- Iced Tea/Coffee

Reservations: (\$38.00 per person)

Name: _____ Unit/Regiment: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Mail check with total amount to:

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Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 91st Annual Reunion
“Preserving History”

Sept 15-19, 2010



Washington D.C.

Welcome to Washington, DC! It is a great honor and pleasure for OP 7 and OP 5845 to host the 91st Annual Reunion. We have chosen as our theme “Preserving History” and we will conduct many historical events (not tours) in the greater Washington metropolitan area. This being the 92nd year since the end of WWI, the 65th anniversary of the end of WWII, and the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War we will be honoring the memory of our Marne Men and Women who have gone before us with commemorative ceremonies on the National Mall and in Arlington National Cemetery. **Rock of the Marne! – Monika Stoy, Chairperson.**

Wednesday Sept 15th

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration/Membership Desks Open
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
 Oral history interviews

6:00-10:00 p.m. Presidential Dinner (Must Sign Up Prior)
 Guest Speaker: Army Vice Chief of Staff General Peter Chiarelli

Thursday Sept 16th

9:00-11:30 a.m. *Memorial Ceremonies Arlington National Cemetery
 Lunch
 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Pentagon Visit
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open
 Oral history interviews
 7:00-9:00 p.m. ***Historical Perspectives

Friday Sept 17th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ***WWII, WW, VN Memorial ceremonies
 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Open time/Oral history interviews
 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Regimental Meetings
 6:00-10:00 p.m. Regimental Dinner -15th IN

Saturday Sept 18th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. General Business Meeting
 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. *****Pentagon City Mall or National Museums Visit
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Board Meeting/Oral history interviews
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open
 6:00-11:00 p.m. Banquet

Sunday Sept 19st

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Memorial Service

***Arlington National Cemetery Ceremonies:** Board buses at the hotel and travel to Arlington National Cemetery to participate in ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater and wreath layings at Tomb of the Unknowns and Division Monument, and a remembrance at Audie Murphy's gravesite nearby.

****Pentagon Visit:** Tour the headquarters of the Department of Defense, the largest office building in the world. **You must have two forms of ID, one with date of birth and photo, i.e., driver's license; the other may be social security card, birth certificate, any club card, anything with the individual's name on it (excluding business cards).**

*****Historical Perspectives:** Guest Speakers will be BG Abrams, Army Historical Foundation; Dr. Jeffrey Clarke, US Army Center of Military History; and Colonel Bob Patrick, Library of Congress Veterans' Oral History Project (Oral history interviews will be conducted in the hotel throughout the week. **Please complete forms that will be sent in your registration packets with biographical data and sign up with Monika Stoy by 1 September).**

******Memorial Ceremonies:** Wreath laying will be conducted at each of these sacred memorials.

******National Museums Tours Pentagon City Mall:** Visit some of the nations' museums, among them, the Smithsonian Museums, all with no admission charge! Pentagon City Mall is one METRO stop from the hotel and offers world-class shopping. Tour Guide: Cath Bacon.

Reunion Committee Chair: C. Monika Stoy, Committee members: Dave Adams, Jim Anderson, Cath Bacon, Martha Hergenreder, Tim Stoy, Sherm Pratt

YES! SIGN ME UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION'S 91ST ANNUAL REUNION!!!

Name/Title/Rank _____ DOB _____
Outpost # _____ Unit(s) _____
Check one or more: WWII Korea Cold War Gulf War Iraq War Peace Time
 Active Duty Associate/Friend
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Name of your Guests _____
President's Dinner Preference Farfalle Pasta w/Chicken Penne Pasta w/Bell peppers
Banquet Dinner Preference Beef Chicken Tilapia Vegetarian
Please list any special needs _____
Emergency Contact information Name and Telephone number _____

Note: Registration fee must be paid by each person attending.

# of Persons Attending	Cost/Person	Sub-Total
Registration	Number of persons attending times fees _____ x \$91.00 = _____	
Sept 15th	Presidential Dinner _____ x \$40.00 = _____	
Sept 16th	Arlington National Cemetery ceremonies _____ x n/c = _____	
Sept 16th	Pentagon Visit _____ x n/c = _____	
Sept 16th	Lunch _____ x \$10.00 = _____	
Sept 17th	Washington D.C. Memorial ceremonies _____ x n/c = _____	
Sept 18th	Banquet _____ x \$40.00 = _____	

Total Enclosed = _____

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PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2010

**Please make your checks payable to:
Society of the 3rd ID 2010 Reunion Fund**

**Mail to: 2010 Reunion Committee
35 Wheatland Drive
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Confirmation of registration and itinerary will be sent by 1 Sep 2010. ***Due to the requirement to sign the transportation contract well in advance of the event registration fees will be non-refundable.*** Call the Hyatt Regency at Crystal City at 1-800-233-1234 as soon as possible to make reservations, **mentioning that you are with the 3rd ID Reunion to be able to secure one of the 100 rooms guaranteed at \$119.00 per night, plus tax.** These prices are not available prior to the reunion, but a limited number of rooms will be available for one day after the event should you choose to extend your stay in Washington D.C. Breakfast is not included in the room price. A complimentary bus from Reagan National Airport to hotel is available. Reduced rate for hotel parking is \$10/day. Those traveling to the museums on the National Mall on 18 August will have to purchase METRO tickets on their own. **There will be no breakfast during the Memorial Service on 19 August.**

For Oral History Project: please bring original photos, letters, and documentation to submit to the Library of Congress. Please keep copies of these records for yourself.

Regimental contacts—a consolidated regimental dinner will be held for all members, friends and guests of all attending unit associations. Regimental dinner arrangements must be made by 15 SEP 2010; reservations will be coordinated by the 15th Infantry Regiment Association, and payments should be made and sent to Bart Viruso, 116 Harriet Rd, North Babylon, NY 11703. PH: (681) 587 0587. See separate announcement in this edition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We encourage all members of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association to send letters to the editor at any time and for any reason. Your letters will be published in the next quarterly edition. We need as much feedback from the general membership as possible and it is certainly welcome. Remember, the Dragon is YOUR newsletter.

Dear Mr. Adams:

The articles about the 15th Infantry Regiment at the Battle of Chickamauga literally hit home with me. I spent my childhood and early adult years roaming the battlefields and monuments at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. The base of Seminary Ridge is exactly one block from the house where I grew up. You can imagine my surprise when I enlisted at 17 and was assigned to the 15th Infantry to discover what the four acorns represented on our unit crest. They were the battles fought around my childhood home. Thank you for a great issue of the Dragon.

SFC Wayne Conley
USA (Ret)





Pickett's Mill Battlefield Added to Endangered List

By Jon Gillooly - jgillooly@mdjonline.com
 (Used by permission of the Marietta Daily Journal)



Note: The 15th Infantry fought at Pickett's Mill as part of King's Brigade. The Regiment encamped at Pickett's Mill for about ten days. The fighting positions of 15th are still visible today. --- Mike Horn, Former Editor, The Dragon

DALLAS, Georgia - Pickett's Mill Battlefield, where Confederates delivered perhaps the most stinging Union defeat of the Atlanta Campaign, has been added to a list of the nation's most endangered Civil War battlefields because of state budget cuts. "It was one of the most fiercely fought battles of the whole Civil War," said attorney Fred "Bowtie" Bentley Sr., who helped save the park from developers in the 1970s. "The Federal troops stood in there and ... the Southern troops caught them in crossfire and just plain wiped them out," Bentley said. The 765-acre state park was put on the Civil War Preservation Trust's annual list of 10 historic battlefields most threatened by development or neglect. The list was released this month in Washington, D.C. Making the list does not mean that there will be added regulations or that further preservation will be required.

Recent economic difficulties have not spared the park from the fiscal challenges plaguing state parks across the country. Following the most recent round of budget cuts last July, the park was forced to reduce its hours significantly, and is now only open three days a week. Of its original staff of five, only one full-time employee remains. Adding to the site's woes, it was inundated by floodwaters that stood up to 15 feet deep in some areas last fall. Portions of several walking trails, including three footbridges, were destroyed and a portion of the foundation of the mill that gave the battle its name was swept away, according to the trust. In 1971, Bentley, along with four others, including the late Cobb Board of Commissioner Chairman Phil Secrist, learned that Georgia Kraft, formerly North Georgia Timberland Company, was planning to sell the property to a developer. The five men bought the property from Kraft and sold it to the state, which turned it into a state historic park. "The state made a study of the battlefield site and found that it was the only battlefield site that was completely enclosed within the land that was purchased," Bentley said. "Fortunately we saved it. But, now, in addition to being placed on the endangered list, Bentley is hearing rumors that the state might sell the park. "Now, I'm hearing rumors that they may not keep it," he said. "And if that's true, then I'd love to have somebody's head because we worked too hard to save it in the first place and, number two, the state worked too hard to keep it like it was, and it's preserved just like it was at the time of the battle." Trust spokeswoman Mary Koik said Pickett's Mill was not placed on the list because of rumors that it might be sold, but because with reduced state funding, citizens don't have the opportunity to visit it that they did in the past. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources reports that park visitors can travel roads used by Federal and Confederate troops, see earthworks constructed by these men, and walk through the same ravine where hundreds died. On May 27, 1864, the Federal Army, having been stopped in its advance on Atlanta two days earlier by the Battle of New Hope Church, attempted to outflank the Confederate position. Some 14,000 Federal troops were selected for the task, and General Howard was given command. After a five-hour march, Howard's force reached the vicinity of Pickett's Mill and prepared to attack. Waiting were 10,000 Confederate troops under the command of General Cleburne. The Federal assault began at 5 p.m. and continued into the night. Daybreak found the Confederates still in possession of the field. The Federals had lost 1,600 men compared to the Confederate loss of 500. The Confederate victory resulted in a one-week delay of the Federal advance on Atlanta, according to the DNR. Senate Majority Leader Chip Rogers (R-Woodstock) called it unfortunate that the site has joined the list of endangered battlefields. "At a time when American students seem to be falling behind in their knowledge of history, we need to do all

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we can to preserve places like Pickett's Mill. A place where young people can touch and feel the struggles of their ancestors," Rogers said. If the state needs funding, Bentley said they can look elsewhere. "Sell the Capitol. It's less important," he said. "That is the most asinine thing I have ever heard, because of all the sites that we've had in this area, that one is the most perfectly preserved and the most important in that sense than any other site we have, including the Kennesaw Mountain because it's preserved better than the Kennesaw Mountain site," he said.

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DRAGON Families and Friends:

Everything remains on track here in Iraq. For the most part, Iraq continues to work its way through the election process. As the new Government of Iraq is being formed, we are continuing to conduct our daily operations. This means a lot of effort spent by Hardrock and Crusader to move the Provincial Reconstruction Teams in both Diwaniyah and Najaf to improve the daily life of the Iraqi citizens. A lot of their effort has been spent lately on projects to improve schools, electrical supply, and water treatment for the local citizens. Baker continues to train the Iraqi Army and Customs Police and has been instrumental in training the Commando Companies for the 8th Iraqi Army Division. Eliminator has shifted much of their attention to the main highway that connects Baghdad and Basra and has really gained ground working with the Iraqi Highway Patrol. Hellraiser remains in charge of force protection, but is expanding their mission to be responsible for eastern Diwaniyah to replace the 543rd MP Company (they have been here since we arrived) who is redeploying to Fort Drum. Phantom remains our workhorse and does everything needed to keep the Dragons going day after day. Destroyer remains down at Bucca. We had hoped to get them back in April, but that is not going to happen. They will remain there until we go home. They continue to support a Joint Interagency Task Force working to reopen Iraq's only deep water port as well as provide force protection to Bucca and southern Basra. We have begun our planning for the last third of our redeployment. We will conduct Tank and Bradley gunnery in the beginning of June. We have worked out an arrangement where we will shoot in a remote desert area of Najaf. We will use that time at gunnery to also conduct simultaneous training of the Iraqi Directorate of Border Enforcement (like our Border Patrol). This should be a great event for our young leaders and will enable us to retain our big gun proficiency. We have also undergone some personnel changes. After 5 years in Eliminator Company, we finally made Rock Gardner move up to be the Battalion Assistant S3 after the Eliminator Change of Command here at COS Echo on 21 May. Rock and Oedies have done a magnificent job in Eliminator and I am truly thankful for all their efforts. Jason and Meredith Wood are the new command team for Eliminator and I know they will do a great job continuing the tradition of great command teams left by the Gardner's. Jason has been patiently waiting his chance for almost two years in the Battalion S3 shop and is a trusted member of the Dragon Team. The Gardners will remain with us until January when they will shift to the Career Course on Main Post. Clarence and Shelly Matthews are still scheduled to leave Baker Company, but due to a delayed deployment of some new Captains to Brigade that Change of Command will be shifted to June. We also had to say Farewell to Anthony and Tanya Williams, while we hate to see them leave, Anthony will be moving to 1-10 FA to take command of B Battery. He has been an incredible officer and we were lucky to have him with us.

Other changes include:

CPT Cronkhite has shifted from the Scout Platoon to become the BN S-4; I know he will do a great job as Dragon 4. 1LT Speers has replaced CPT Cronkhite as the Scout platoon leader. CPT Wagstaff will become the Battalion Mortar Platoon Leader once CPT Cronkhite comes back from EML in June.

1LT Lively will move from 2nd Platoon, Hardrock to become the Battalion Key Leader Engagement Officer. 2LT Lacey will move down to replace LT Lively as 2nd platoon leader in Hardrock. CPT Outlaw joined us as the new Battalion Fire Support Officer. There will be some other adjustments later in the deployment as some of our leaders finish up their time in position.

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I would like to thank everyone at home who supported our Best Sapper Team (SGT Shields/SGT Hanks) that competed at Fort Leonard Wood, they did a great job and moved farther in the competition than we have ever done before. The same

applies to both of our Best Ranger Competition Teams, they both not only finished they came in 17th (SSG Bach/SGT Vasquez) and 23rd (SSG Cash/SSG Shedd) out of the 41 teams. All three teams did an incredible job of training in theater, redeploying, finishing their training and representing the Battalion. We are proud of all of them. We will continue our operations here in Iraq, we will maintain our focus on our Security Force Assistance mission to enable the Iraqi Security Forces to protect their people as well as maintain our support for improving the civil capacity of the Government of Iraq. The Dragons will do everything we can to maximize our time here and continue to provide our soldiers every opportunity we can, ranging from schools at home, to combatives and EMT training here, access to college and FAST Class improvements.

For the most important information to the families; as of right now (written as of 22 May 2010!!), we are still on schedule for our redeployment. For timelines that means that our Torch Party (40-50 Soldiers) will be flying home in the last week of August, our ADVON Part (another 40-50 Soldiers) will be flying home in the first part of September and the remainder of the Battalion will be flying back throughout September. As of right now, we will all be home before our 365th Day. Upon arrival, the Dragons will each get a 48 hour pass after they arrive and then we will conduct reintegration training at Benning. Between arrival and block leave we will be accounting for equipment and returning to a garrison environment. Those Soldiers who have accumulated Admin Leave can begin that on 19 NOV. Those Soldiers who have not will begin Block Leave on 3 DEC through 3 JAN. Bottom line is that most weeks prior to leave will be 4 day weeks with most Fridays as training Holidays. Block leave in December means that the Soldiers will be home when children family are on Christmas Break. As always, I want to thank the Rear Detachment and the Families for everything. There is absolutely no way we could accomplish our missions here without you. Thank you.

VR,
LTC Ken Harvey DRAGON 6
1-15th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division

"CAN DO!"

GOING BACK TO KOREA

Contributed by Martin Markley

Upon arrival in September 1952 assigned to the 15th Infantry in North Korea where the regiment was defending Outposts Tom, Dick and Harry in the Iron Triangle. It was defensive "Trench Warfare." Limited offensive action and reconnaissance patrols, Tom and Dick were platoon size and Harry company size. The outposts were attack many times by the CCF and were always held. During March, April, May, and June 1953 larger and more attacks were made against Harry while the 15th Infantry companies defended it. Reports from high staff sections had been correlated and evaluated, and the higher commanders were assured beyond any reasonable doubt that Outpost HARRY was to be attacked by numerically superior Chinese force. It was ordered that the K Company a experienced and battle tried unit, be made responsible for the Outpost HARRY sector no later than the 6th of June. K Company prepared to meet the onslaught of the Chinese by improving the trenches, bunkers, communication and defensive fire. Outpost HARRY was situated 425 yards northeast of the MLR. The hill was approximately 1280 feet high and was about 320 yards south, and part of a larger hill mass occupied by the enemy, referred to as STAR HILL. The outpost had a good view of the enemy terrain and his avenues of approach to the MLR. Since the elevation of the outpost is greater than that of any friendly -held terrain within an area of a mile, the position provided early warning of enemy approach to the main battle line.

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The outpost had a communications trench from the supply point forward 315 yards to the forward observer bunker on the northernmost slope. Here the trench joined another trench which makes a complete circle around the forward position of the outpost referred to as The Loop. Approximately 80 yards to the rear of The Loop, along a finger of the ridge running to the right side of the outpost, an additional trench extended approximately 110 yards. This finger was mutually supporting with The Loop position and helped protect the avenues of approach into the outpost. The left side of the outpost is steep enough to afford a natural barrier to the attacking enemy. Aerial reconnaissance from 1 June to 8 June showed much increased enemy activity including construction of new ant-aircraft artillery positions, self-propelled gun revetments, artillery positions, supply bunkers, personnel bunkers, a new bridge and road improvements along the enemy main supply routes. An enemy offensive was obvious. During the same period prior to the attack of 10 June, increased personnel sightings were reported during daylight hours. During the period of darkness, an increasing number of vehicle lights were reported, generally in the rear areas moving toward the enemy's main battle positions. Prior to the attack CCF artillery battalions positioned to fire into the 3rd Infantry sector disclosed the enemy to be employing 102mm rocket for the first time in this area. Also during this period was increased enemy counter battery fire on friendly artillery positions. Incoming artillery and mortar rounds increased from an average of 275 per day to 670 per day during the 4 to 5 days prior to the initial attack on the outpost. During the attacks on HARRY, a tremendous volume of rounds fell in the entire regimental sector, including service units and regimental headquarters.

The enemy disposition at this time were not pinpointed; however, it was well known that there were in contact two unidentified battalions of The 22nd Regiment, 74th Division, in the left sector and two unidentified battalions of the 221st Regiment, 74th Division, in the right portion of the 15th regimental sector. The 221st Regiment, 74th Division was located in the sector immediately opposite outpost HARRY. Reserves capable of intervention in the outpost HARRY action were the two reserve battalions of regiments in contact with the 15th Infantry in the left sector, as well as three battalions of the 220th Regiment, and not located which were in the 74th Division reserve. The concentrated enemy drive lasted for a week and was to cost the Chinese dearly for every engaged minute. At 1330 hours on the night of 10 June the first CCF sightings were reported, and each sighting was engaged by mortar and artillery fire. At 2130 hours an ambush patrol west of OP DICK in the sector of the Greek Battalion reported Chinese numbering approximately 250 coming of JACKSON HEIGHTS (in front of OP TOM). Mortar and artillery began falling on the 15th MLR as well as outposts DICK and HARRY. After a short but intense firefight in the vicinity of Outpost DICK, including 2000 rounds of enemy artillery and mortar fire, the enemy withdrew. This was recognized as a possible enemy feint, and all units were alerted. At 2245, while attention was still focused on Outpost DICK, word came that the CCF were in the trenches on Outpost HARRY, bitter hand to hand combat was engaged in by members of Company "K", 15th Infantry and the Chinese were killed or driven from the trenches. The Chinese reinforced their attack four more times during the early morning hours, and as late as 0430 hours 11 June, were in the trench on the northern side of the outpost. In addition to a composite reserve local reserve committed by the 3rd Battalion commander, Companies "E" and "C" 15th Infantry were committed to reinforce. One platoon of tanks from Heavy Tank Company, 15th Infantry, and one platoon of infantry were committed to the valley east of Outpost HARRY as a diversionary force. This tank-infantry team proved to be of great value in channelizing the enemy attack. About 0530 the morning of the 11th, a daylight CCF attack in battalion strength was repulsed by elements of the outpost. An hour later, evacuation of dead and wounded began. This continued through the daylight hours. Colonel Russell F. Baker Jr., Regimental commander, reorganized placing Company "B", 15th Infantry, on the outpost, and placing responsibility for defense of this section on the 1st Battalion. The day continued with intermittent shelling of the outpost.

On 12 June at 0005 hours the Chinese moving through their own and friendly artillery gained the trenches in the rear of the outpost: hand to hand fighting followed. At 0032 hours the CCF gained the trench on the northern slope of the outpost while friendly forces held the southern trench. Bitter fighting ensued and the CCF made numerous

attempts to reinforce through the protective artillery ring. Company "B", 5th Regimental Combat Team, was used to reinforce. One platoon of tanks from Heavy Tank Company, 15th Infantry, and one platoon of infantry were committed to the valley east of Outpost HARRY as a diversionary force and again this force was highly successful in channelizing the enemy attack. At daybreak, about 0545 hours, the enemy withdrew and all action ceased. Evacuation of the wounded and

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dead was begun and Colonel Akers took immediate steps to reorganize for renewed attacks, placing Company "A" 5th Regimental Combat Team on the outpost. On the night of 12 June at 2200 hours, enemy artillery and mortar fire preceded a CCF attack on the outpost which was broken up by friendly defensive fires. CCF were in the trench for a short time but were forced to withdraw. Fighting ceased at 2247. However at 0208 the CCF attacked from the north, northeast, and northwest of the outpost. Bitter hand to hand fighting ensued as the enemy gained the trench on the northern slope of the outpost. Company "L", 15th Infantry, reinforced and by 0450 hours the enemy was driven from the trenches and forced to withdraw. A platoon of tanks from the 64th Tank Battalion plus one platoon of infantry were dispatched to the valley east of outpost HARRY and operated successfully as a diversionary force. All action ceased with the exception of friendly counter battery and counter mortar fire. Evacuation of wounded and dead was begun, and the regimental commander took immediate steps to reorganize for renewed attacks, placing Company "C", 15th Infantry, on the outpost. Daylight hours were utilized to clean the trenches and refurbish weapons' positions in anticipation of another attack during the hours of darkness. On the night of 13-14 June, at approximately 0255, enemy artillery and mortar fire preceded a CCF screening action against the outpost from the east and west for the purpose of protecting recovery of their dead. This screening force was broken up by friendly defensive fires. Action became sporadic, with light enemy artillery and mortar fire falling on the outpost and MLR. By 0440 the enemy withdrew and all action ceased. The regimental commander took immediate steps to reorganize for renewed attacks, placing Company "G", 15th Infantry on the outpost. During the night of 14-15 June, at about 0125 the Chinese moving through friendly artillery and defensive fires, gained the trenches on the rear of the outpost, and intense hand to hand fighting followed. At 0222 hours friendly forces held the outpost with the enemy reinforcing in the bitter hand to hand action. Company "E", 15th Infantry, was committed to reinforce. One platoon from Heavy Tank Company and one platoon of infantry were again dispatched as diversionary force. At 0345 the enemy withdrew and action ceased; the regimental commander again reorganizing for new attacks, placed Company "A", 15th Infantry on the outpost. The night of 15-16 June was a quiet night on the outpost, and the following morning the regimental commander placed the GEF Battalion in the area of the outpost HARRY sector in order that his US battalions, all of which had suffered heavy casualties, could refit and reorganize. During the night of 16-17 June there was no significant action, permitting much needed engineer work on the outpost to be accomplished by Company "P", GEF Battalion and elements of Company "B", 10th Engineer (C) Battalion. On the night of 17-18 June, the Chinese returned at about 0052 hours, moving through BOTH their own and friendly artillery and mortar fire to attack Outpost HARRY from the northeast and northwest. The enemy was repelled and forced to withdraw, but stayed in the area. At 0240 the enemy attacked from the north under intense artillery and mortar fire. The CCF gained the trenches of the outpost on the northern slope at 0313. Bitter hand to hand fighting ensued, with the enemy making numerous attempts to reinforce through the protective artillery ring. Company "N", GEF Battalion was committed to reinforce. One platoon of tanks from Heavy Tank Company, 15th Infantry Regiment, and one platoon of Greek Infantry were dispatched to the valley east of Outpost HARRY as a diversionary force. By 0402 hours the enemy was forced out of the trenches on the outpost, and all action ceased with the enemy withdrawing, having fired 22,000 rounds in support of this attack. The enemy forces employed against Outpost HARRY during the period 10-18 June were tabulated by Intelligence Sections to be substantially as shown in the following table:

10-11 June A reinforced CCF regiment (Approx. 3,600 CCF)
11-12 June A CCF Regiment (approx. 2,850 CCF)
12-13 June A reinforced CCF regiment
13-14 June An estimated 100 CCF
14-15 June An estimated 120 CCF
15-16 June Negative
16-17 June Negative
17-18 June A CCF regiment.

During this period the entire 74th CCF Division was utilized against this position and at the end of the engagement was considered combat ineffective. Enemy rounds fired in support of their attack during the period 10-18 June amounted to 88,810 rounds over 81 mm size: friendly mortar and artillery units in conjunction with friendly tank fires were 368185 rounds over 81mm size."

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Company K, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division (Third Award) is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Surang-NI, Korea during the period 10 June to 11 June 1953. Defending a critical sector of the battlefield, the company was subjected to repeated attacks by numerically superior Chinese Communist Forces. Enemy assaults ranging from company size to a reinforced regiment were directed against the company's position in repeated waves in a desperate attempt to take the critical outpost (Harry). By massing his strength in depth, the enemy was at times successful in penetrating friendly positions, but was consistently pushed back by members of this company following rigorous hand to hand combat. On the night of 10 June, a reinforced regiment, employing small arms fire, automatic weapons and grenades, and supported by 20,000 rounds of artillery fire and mortar fire, launched the initial assault of a series of new attacks on the position. Although having sustained over 200 casualties in their initial attempt to overtake the outpost, the enemy was determined to seize the key terrain at all costs and charged repeatedly throughout the night of 10 June and the following morning. During the height of the battle the trenches at times were overrun, but met with the inspired close-in fighting of the beleaguered but courageous members of **Company K, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division**, in fulfilling their assigned mission reflects great credit on themselves and upholds the highest traditions of the military service.

Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division (Third Award) is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Surang-NI, Korea during the period 11 June to 12 June 1953. During the night of 11 June, while occupying a vitally important outpost (Harry), the members of this unit successfully repelled several determined attempts by the Chinese Communist Forces to overtake their position. The enemy, moving up through its own artillery and mortar fire in an attempt to seize the key terrain occupied by **Company B**, assaulted the outpost repeatedly with forces up to regimental strength. With reinforced firepower, the enemy at times was successful in penetrating friendly lines, but was subsequently expelled by the members of the defending unit in bitter hand to hand combat, thereby re-establishing the outpost line. On two separate occasions the assaults by the hostile forces were beaten off by close-in fighting and aggressive counter attack, causing the enemy forces to turn back with heavy casualties. By early morning of 12 June, the enemy had been forced to withdraw from the entire position and cease action. The extraordinary heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed of the members of **Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division**, in fulfilling their assigned mission reflects great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.



Photo of Outpost Harry taken by James Jarboe, June 15, 1953.



2010 Can Do Rendezvous

Contributed by John Burke

LTC Jeffrey Shoemaker and the officers and soldiers of the 3rd Battalion hosted the 2010 Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Stewart and Savannah May 12-14, 2010. The Rendezvous took on added importance since this was the first Rendezvous since the 1st Battalion hosted at Fort Benning in 2007. The event had been postponed due to deployments to Iraq and the 3rd Battalion being inactivated in recent years. Those veterans and spouses fortunate to attend experienced a very enjoyable mustering of past and present. Those present represented all the periods of service from World War II to the present, including Korea, Cold War, and Southwest Asia to the most recent deployment. The Rendezvous started out with the reunion of two veterans who had not seen each other since the Korean War. Frank Johnson, Jr. who served in L Company, 3rd Battalion, 1949-1951, was reunited with his Company Commander Corbin Davis. The Rendezvous began with a Welcome by the Battalion visit of the Battalion area, a visit the troop billets of today's soldiers, and a tour of the 3rd Infantry Division Museum where numerous items are identified with the 15th Infantry Regiment. Next came a scrumptious lunch at the Battalion Dining Facility (For old timers, that's Mess Hall) for the past veterans and current active duty soldiers. After lunch there was an impressive static display of weapons and equipment used by the battalion. At each weapon or piece of equipment soldiers described the capabilities and use of each item in detail. The group then was introduced to several training simulators and permitted to work them. Later, the group attended a promotion ceremony and a Mixer. Attendees were free to join with old comrades that evening. Golfers and duffers, both young and old, hit the Hunter Army Airfield Golf Course on Thursday. The entire course was filled with 15th Infantry golfers. Two lieutenants of the 3-15 really set the tone as they were dressed in plus fours, vests, neckties, and the works. All had a great time. A Live Fire Demonstration scheduled for the morning of the 14th was cancelled because the necessary weapons and equipment had not returned from Fort Erwin where the battalion had recently conducted training and tests. Most attendees took advantage of the time with tours of historic Savannah.

On the evening of the 14th the Regimental Dinner was held at the host hotel, Marriott Savannah Riverfront. Over 500 current members of the 3-15 and Rendezvous attendees were present. The evening began with a Soldier Social in the lobby and a reception in the main ballroom. Mess Call began with Posting of the Colors, singing of The National Anthem, and Invocation by the 3rd Battalion Chaplain. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was 1LT John Hurd, the 3rd Battalion S-1. John Burke, representing the Association, made a presentation of troop support items from the Association to all members of the 3-15 for their upcoming deployment. The items were having brushes with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association crest affixed. Guest speaker for the evening was Addison Davis IV, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, the Association Vice President and former Commander if the 1-15. The attendees departed with the knowledge that Regiment's legacy lives on with the outstanding performance of the present day Can Do Soldiers.

2010 Can Do Rendezvous Photos

Courtesy of John Burke



Clint & Diane Taylor



Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnson



Len & Priscilla Lassor



SFC West & CSM Twomey



Philip Fiumara, Jr. & 1-15 Trooper



Joe Todisco & Happy Hour "Friends"



Clint Taylor, Joe Todisco & Color Guard



Reception Line



Joe Todisco, Frank Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Corbin Davis, Diane Taylor, Clint Taylor, Pennie Burke, Henry Burke



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Contributed by Chaplain Chuck Trout

We are free today thanks to some very brave men and women who served, and are currently serving, in our military. That includes the active duty troops and veterans who are reading this article. We must also give thanks for the families and loved ones of our military who have been there for us with their support and prayers.

As we celebrate this fourth of July, let us not forget the men who were very instrumental in founding our great nation. Allow me to tell you what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence.

They all signed and pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Five signers were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army and another two had their sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

Twenty four of these men were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and plantation owners; men of means and well educated. Carter Braxton of Virginia was a wealthy trader who watched as his ships were swept from the sea by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in the Congress without pay while his family was continually in hiding. His possessions were all taken from him and poverty was his reward.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over his home for his headquarters. He urged General George Washington to open fire. His home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed, his wife jailed, where she died a few months later.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His field and his mill were laid to waste. For years he lived in caves and returned home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

Together, our God, our founders, our military, and our loved ones made possible the best nation in the world. It is up to us to keep it that way!

So please take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July Holiday and silently thank all the above. No wonder they say, "Freedom is not free". Blessings, Your chaplain, Chuck Trout

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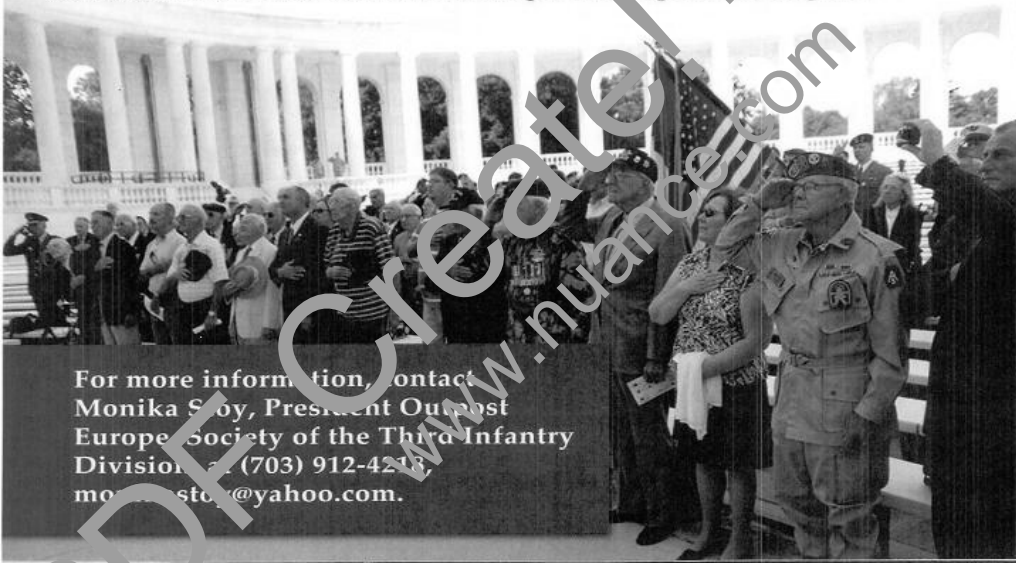
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Ramatuelle 7th Army Monument and 3ID Plaque on 15th Infantry's Landing Beach

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Pentagon Marks 60th Anniversary of the Korean War

By Elaine Wilson - American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 24, 2010 – Flanked by Korean War veterans, many proudly bearing the medals and insignias of their military service, defense officials commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and saluted the veterans during a ceremony held at the Pentagon here today. “Americans have always been defined by their courage and character and incredible optimism about their country and its values,” said Joseph W. Westphal, undersecretary of the Army and the event’s keynote speaker. “Korean war veterans are examples of that.” The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when North Korea launched an attack on South Korea in an effort to place all of Korea under communist rule. By September 1950, the efforts of U.N., United States and South Korean forces held the North Koreans in check at the Pusan Perimeter. The war would last three years. Afterward, Korea would remain divided into a free, democratic South and a communist-dominated North. The United States since has had a “long and proud” relationship with South Korea, Westphal said. During the past 60 years, more than 3.5 million Americans have served military duty tours in Korea, Westphal said. The 28,500 U.S. service members who serve in South Korea today, under the leadership of Army Gen. Walter L. Sharp, he said, exemplify the nation’s ongoing commitment to the defense of South Korea. South Korea “is a critical ally, a valued partner, an honored friend of the United States,” he said. Westphal paid tribute to Korean War veterans, and shared the story of Ronald Rosser, who flew in from Ohio to attend the ceremony. In January 1952, he said, then-army Cpl. Ronald Rosser’s unit, Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, was stopped by heavy fire while assaulting enemy hill positions near the town of Ponggilli, Korea. Armed with only a carbine and a grenade, the 22-year-old Rosser charged the enemy position. Three times he ran out of ammunition and three times he returned to the hill. Although injured himself, he then helped deliver other wounded service members to safety. Rosser single-handedly killed at least 13 of the enemy that day, and for his actions was awarded the Medal of Honor. In an interview after the ceremony, Rosser, now 81, said it was an honor to serve “and in a small way” assist 50 million South Korean citizens to enjoy the benefits of a free and democratic society. “Not many people can say that,” Rosser said. Westphal urged Americans to never forget veterans like Rosser. “Let’s never forget freedom is not free and we can never stop thanking those who have paid and continue to pay that price so that we can enjoy the liberty and pursuit of happiness,” he said. Han Duk-soo, ambassador of South Korea, also spoke at the event. Thanks to the courage of Korean War veterans, the ambassador said, “Korean flags still fly over the Republic of Korea and the Korea-U.S. alliance, an alliance forged in blood, is still strong and valued by both sides today. This is why we call the Korean War a true victory.” “You won freedom, democracy and prosperity for our nation,” the ambassador told the Korean War veterans. Today, South Korea serves alongside the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan and the waters of Somalia, the ambassador said. “As the U.S. partner and friend, South Korea is and will be by your side,” he said. “Through your bravery and sacrifice you veterans made that possible.” “So today, we honor you and the 36,000 of your brothers-in-arms who gave their lives so that Korea could be free,” the ambassador continued. “For that, the Korean people are eternally grateful to all of you and all of them.” The ceremony’s pageantry contrasted with the reception many Korean War veterans received upon their homecoming. “We came home and no one knew where we’d been,” said Jack Keep, who served in the Navy during the Korean War. “This is a great honor after all of those years, to have this recognition,” Keep continued. “It’s a blessing to our families to have their fathers and grandfathers honored as well.” “We appreciate the attention,” added Keep’s friend, Charles Hoak, an Army Korean War veteran. “It shows we’re not forgotten.” Today’s ceremony marked the beginning of the Defense Department’s three-year observance of key events of the Korean War that will culminate with the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice on July 27, 2013.



David Mills and MG Jack Singlaub 24 June 2010 at DOD 60th Anniversary of Beginning of Korean War Ceremony at the Pentagon



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The Korean War Veterans Memorial was authorized by Public Law 99-572 on Oct. 28, 1986, "to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Korean War, particularly those who were killed in action, are still missing in action, or were held as prisoners of war." The law established an advisory board of 12 veterans appointed by the president to coordinate all aspects of the memorial's construction. The site is located adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial directly across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The American Battle Monuments Commission managed the project and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided assistance. The architect of record is Cooper Lecky Architects. President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young Sam dedicated the memorial on July 27, 1995. Since the dedication several modifications have been incorporated: a kiosk to provide shelter for National Park Service personnel and a computer system with a kiosk, using the "Honor Role," which was accessible to the public. Correcting accessibility issues and replacement of the lighting in the statuary and along the mural wall with a state-of-the-art fiber optic system were required. Reconstruction of the pool and tree grove by the National Park Service and Corps of Engineers to improve tree maintenance and operate the reflecting pool was completed in July 1999. The overall cost for the design and construction of the memorial and kiosk was \$6.5 million.

Statues:

There are 19 statues sculpted by Frank Gaylord of Barre, Vt., and cast by Tallix Foundries of Beacon, N.Y. They are approximately 7'3" tall, heroic scale and consist of 14 Army, 3 Marines, 1 Navy, 1 Air Force. They represent an ethnic cross section of America with 12 Caucasian, 3 African American, 2 Hispanic, 1 Oriental, 1 Indian (Native American).

The juniper bushes are meant to be symbolic of the rough terrain encountered in Korea, and the granite stripes of the obstacles overcome in war. The Marines in column have the helmet chin straps fastened and helmet covers. Three of the Army statues are wearing paratrooper boots and all equipment is authentic from the Korean War era (when the war started most of the equipment was WWII issue).

Three of the statues are in the woods, so if you are at the flagpole looking through the troops, you can't tell how many there are, and could be legions emerging from the woods. The statues are made of stainless steel, a reflective material that when seen in bright sunlight causes the figures to come to life. The blowing ponchos give motion to the column, so you can feel them walking up the hill with the cold winter wind at their backs, talking to one another. At nighttime the fronts of the statues are illuminated with a special white light; the finer details of the sculpture are clearly seen and the ghosts appear.

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