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OUR 90th YEAR

Seasons Greetings to all
**32ND RED ARROW VETERAN ASSOCIATION
91ST ANNIVERSARY REUNION**

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

Brookfield, Wisconsin September 3-6, 2010

Free Shuttle from Airport to Hotel

Room Rate: \$75 per night (Single or Double) (\$10 additional persons) Plus tax.

For Hotel Reservations Call Toll-Free **1-800-325-3535** or Local (262) 364-1100

Cut off date is August 1, 2010

Brief Schedule of events as follows: (Draft)

Friday: Registration, Local Fish Fry, Hospitality Room

Saturday: Registration, Hospitality Room, Men's and Ladies Executive Board Meetings, Men's and Ladies Luncheons, Men's and Ladies General Business Meetings, Tours **TBA**, Dinner on your own, Evening Entertainment Dancing to the music of the 132nd Band Jazz Combo, Hospitality Room

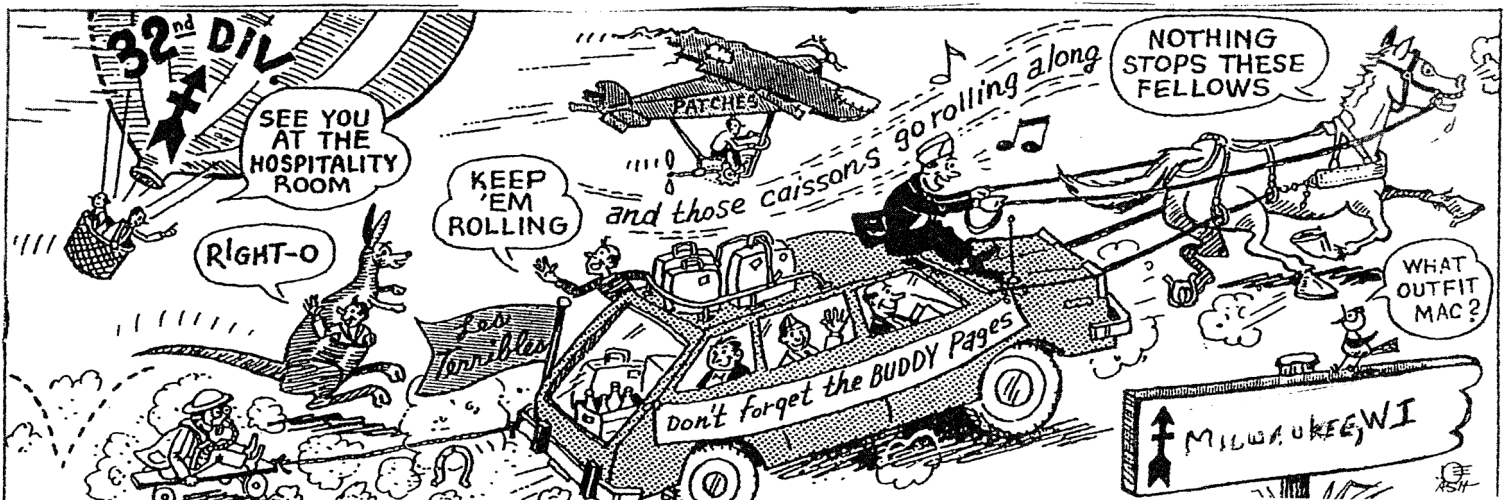
Sunday: Local Church Services, Hospitality Room, Memorial Service, Lunch on your own, Tours **TBA**, Cocktails, Banquet and Program, Raffles, Hospitality Room open following raffles.

Monday: Have a safe trip home, See you next year.

Let's make this reunion one of the greatest!

Plan on attending and bring a friends with you.

Please note: Copy deadline for the June "NEWS" is set at May 15, 2010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Nov09)

Hello, I am Walter Hirsch, the newly elected President for the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association. I would like you to know that, I would have never thought, when I enlisted 1955; I would someday become the President of this fine organization

I would like to say that it has been a wonderful, experience, allowing me to meet many wonderful people along the way.

I especially want to thank, The Executive Board Members, Mr. Sorenson, and the Past President, Mr. Ken Wiesner for their encouragement and help. I am also thinking at this time of the 32nd Brigade and all other forces who are serving in the Middle East. Please keep them in your prayers. Pray for a safe return of all of our soldiers who so unselfishly serve our country.

Also at this time, I would like to take the time to remind all members to join us at the Old Timers, at Fort McCoy, WI, the second week of June 2010. Remember also, to attend our reunion which next year will be held in Milwaukee, September 2010. We are hoping to have a great turn out; hoping to see many new and old familiar faces. See you then.

God Bless America,

Walter Hirsch

GREAT WESTERN RED ARROW CLUB

Will hold its annual reunion on May 3-4-5, 2010 at the Spokane Airport Ramada Inn, 8909 Airport Drive Spokane, WA 99224 (509) 838-5211 Room rate \$82.90 Plus Tax double or single Breakfast Average \$8.75 to \$12.95 per person The Hotel Van will take people to the Casino for fun and games. A trip is being planned to the Grand Coulee dam for May 4, Banquet is planned for Wednesday May 5, Our meeting and memorial will also be held on May 5. Hope we have a good turn out. For more information call Carroll and Loratta at (509) 299-3237 or call Art and Pat at 505-250-0795

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Since the 89th Reunion, the Active Newsletter mailing list has declined from 4,938 to 1728. 243 members have reportedly passed on, 145 newsletters were returned 'UNABLE TO FORWARD' or had insufficient or incomplete addresses and 2,822 addressees have not responded to our "Request for Response" so their names have been removed. If you received this Newsletter you are still on the list and will remain there. Our thanks, to those who included a contribution with their Response. Their contributions added up to more than \$2,500 and may help to keep newsletters coming your way for another year.

The cost to your Association for editing, printing and mailing the NEWS is significant. The help of every one is needed to make sure those who want the NEWS, continue to receive it. To help keep our list up-to-date we have included a new CHANGE OF ADDRESS form in the newsletter. The form is now on this issue's last page. You may mail that form to me at 1417 Winners Circle, Grayslake IL 60030-9313. If you prefer, just send an email to RAVAsec@aol.com, either way, I'll get it. Remember, this is an email address, NOT A WEB SITE.

Roy G. Sherwan, Secretary

NEW BOOK PUBLICATION

James Campbell's widely acclaimed new book **The Ghost Mountain Boys - Their Epic Trek and the Terrifying Battle for New Guinea -- The Forgotten War of the South Pacific**, which details the heroism and sufferings of the 32nd Division at Buna and Sanananda, is now available in bookstores and from on-line retailers. Campbell is also working on a documentary film about his summer 2006 experience crossing New Guinea's Owen Stanley Mountains on the Kapa Kapa trail. He expects the film to be aired next summer. To learn more about the book, the film and Campbell's interview from the jungle with National Public Radio, go to his website, ghostmountainboys.com



TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.

All is well, safely rest.
God is high.

Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know.
God is high.

ATHEY, CHARLES W
DUNLAP IL 9/10/2008
129 FA WW2

BALK, GERRIT J
MONROE MI UNK
C 125 INF WW2

BASTA, ALBERT R
MILWAUKEE WI 4/13/2005
HHC 128 INF WW2

BATTUELLO, ANTON J
SNEADS FL 5/2/2009
F 107 ENG WW2

BELIN, LAWRENCE N
PALOS PARK IL 9/6/2003
5TH STA HOSP ATCH WW2

BEVERIDGE, W
STERLING HEIGHTS MI UNK
UNIT UNDETERMINED

BLATZ SR, JOHN T
MILWAUKEE WI 1/8/2008
UNKNOWN WW2

BOGAARD, ROBERT W
HOPKINS MN 4/29/2009
HQ 121 FA WW2

BREUGGEMAN, LEWIS F
HASKELL TX UNK
MED 126 INF WW2

DAVIES, LINCOLN W
OOSTBURG WI 2/7/2009
32 SIG CO WW2

DAWS, WINSTON B
GERMANTOWN TN 3/9/2004
UNIT UNDETERMINED

DEBIASIO, SILVIO
NANTUCKET MA 12/24/2006
B 126 FA WW2

DUX, DEWAYNE
PITTSVILLE WI 6/23/1993
E 1/128 INF BC

GALSTAD, ROBERT C
VERONA WI 8/2/2004
A 129 FA WW2

GREFE, GAYLORD H
MAUSTON WI UNK
SVC 121 FA WW2

HABECK, CLARENCE
MARION IA 9/7/2009
E 128 INF WW2

HALSEY, ROBERT I
NASHVILLE MI 6/6/2008
MED 126 INF WW2

HASSLER, STANLEY
LOUISVILLE KY 5/19/2009
C 126INF WW2

HERRMANN, COL HOWARD P
SUSSEX WI 7/5/2008
I 127 INF WW2

HILL, CECIL M
MERRILL WI UNK
129 FA WW2

HINSON, CLIFFORD W
MEDIAPOLIS IA 9/29/2006
126 FA WW2

HOLTHUS, DONALD W
WOONSOCKET SD 7/20/1993
H 127 INF WW2

HOUK, HUGH S
UNIVERSITY PLACE WA UNK
D 126 INF WW2

IVERSON, LARRY
RICHFIELD MN 9/6/2009
MED 120 FA WW2

KIRK, MELVIN C
SAN MARCOS TX 7/27/2009
CN CO 127 INF WW2

KOOP, HAROLD A
TWO HARBORS MN 5/4/2009
SVC 126 INF WW2

KOWALCZYK, MIKE R
MIDLAND MI 12/28/2007
SVC 126 INF WW2

KRESEN JR, WILLIAM E
RICE LAKE WI Dec-98
HHB 121 FA WW2

LEE, HERMAN
RICE LAKE WI 1/1/09
D 128 INF WW2

LITTLE, DONALD F
MUSKEGON MI 12/9/2008
C 127 INF WW2

LOTT, REV ROBERT A
HONOLULU HI 2009
HHB 126 FA WW2

LYDON, ANTHONY M
THORNTON CO 9/3/2009
K 128 INF WW2

MACOMBER SR, ROBERT C
FALLS CHURCH VA 10/18/2004
A 125 INF WW2

MASCITTI, FRANK
WHEELING IL UNK
HHC 2/127 INF WW2

MEICHER, JOSEPH J
MADISON WI 06/09/09
G 128 INF WW2

MILLER, BUD
LUTZ FL 6/9/2003
SVC 128 INF WW2

MOOSMAN, WILLIAM E
MONROE MI 11/11/1983
C 125 INF WW2

OLSEN, HERBERT
MESA AZ UNK
UNIT UNDETERMINED

PERSZYK, EUGENE A
CLERMONT FL 9/1/2009
SVC BTRY 120 FA BN WW2

PETERSON, MARVIN
MC FARLAND WI Dec-08
UNIT UNDETERMINED NG

PITZNER, JAMES F
LA CROSSE WI 2/29/1996
MED 120 FA WW2

POLCZYNSKI, BERNARD
GRAND MARSH WI 10/15/07
232 TRANS BN BC

PRICE, CLYDE K
LINCOLN IL UNK
HHC 126 INF WW2

REDMANN, DELBERT
PARK RIDGE IL 8/23/2009
MED 120 FA WW2

REVOIR, RONALD E
SCHOFIELD WI 1/21/2009
HHC 1/127 INF BC

RICK, ERWIN J
CROWN POINT IN 5/9/2009
L 127 INF (Ruth - Ladies #2119) WW2

RUTKOWSKI, ALOYSIUS
FRANKLIN WI 2/27/2008
K 127 INF (Aloysius B - dec) WW2

SARNOWSKI, LOUIS T
MILWAUKEE WI 9/16/1994
K 127 INF WW2

SEND DEATH NOTICES TO BE INCLUDED IN TAPS TO: Roy Sherwan, 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association, 1417 Winners
Circle, Grayslake, IL 60030-9313 or send e-mail to RAVAsec@aol.c

TAPS CONTINUED

SARTELL JR, ERVIN J (DOC)
JANESVILLE WI 06/28/09
BAND 121 FA WW2

SAUER, GEORGE G
LA CROSSE WI 6/11/2009
MED 129 FA WW2

SCHENK, PAUL A
CLEVELAND OH 6/16/2007
C 127 INF WW2

SCOTT, JAMES A
CLAY MI 6/18/2009
B 127 INF WW2

SHAFFER, RUSSELL E
WESTMINSTER MD UNK
G 128 INF WW2

SIEGERT, DONALD
ERLANGER KY 8/19/2009
173 FA WW2

STIVERS, WILLARD M
GLENWOOD IA 2/2/2009
121 FA WW2

STODDARD, HARRY G
MADISON OH UNKNOWN
SVC 126 INF WW2

TEBO SR, JOHN J
BROOKFIELD WI 3/9/2009
C 632 TD WW2

WALCUTT, ORVILLE
LAKEVIEW MI 10/16/2008
127 INF

WEISS, LOUIS M
CHICAGO IL UNK
AT 126 INF WW2

WHITE, OMAR O
PERKINS OK UNKNOWN
HHC 127 INF WW2

WILLIAMS, JAMES A
NEENAH WI 1/21/1995
D 127 INF WW2

WINKELMAN, EUGENE W
PRAIRIE DU SAC 6/7/2009
UNIT UNDETERMINED NG

WOJNAR, JOHN J
LAWRENCE MA 3/8/1995
RECON 632 TD WW2

ZINDA, ALLEN E
MILWAUKEE WI Dec-92
HHB 32 DIVARTY WW2

ZWEIFEL, DELMAR C
MOUNT HOREB WI 11/18/2008
K 128 INF WW2



GLENN R HAUGE
701 COLUMBIA AVE
DE FOREST WI 53532-1372
BC CO I 128 INF

GEORGE KALEMKARIAN
2344 GRACELAND ST
SIMI VALLEY CA 93065-2523
WW2 H 125 INF

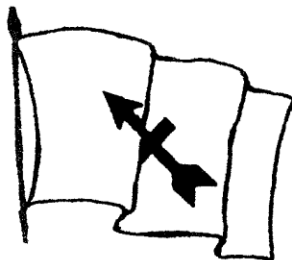
DANIEL J MOLLEY
2903 OAK RIDGE CIR
RHINELANDER WI 54501-9186
OIF/OEF HSC 724 ENGR BN

JIM QUESNELL
8626 W DAPHNE ST
MILWAUKEE WI 53224-5339
BC A 135MED & A 132SIG

JOHN P SAMUELS
W1383 FOSTER RD
OOSTBURG WI 53070-1605
OIF HHC 2/127 INF

JAMES L WOLF
5895 HELM RD
WINNECONNE WI 54986-9789
NG C 2-27 HHC 32ND BDE

SSG ZACHARY ZUEHLSDORF
4208 COUNTY ROAD Z
OSHKOSH WI 54904-9061
OIF C 2/127 INF



HELP our 2010 MISSION - NOW

We have a mission to welcome home the 32nd Brigade This mission was approved by the general membership at our 2009 reunion.

They will be returning home at different times, we are asking for your help to accomplish it by going to various armories (In uniform) to welcome them home.

We plan to hand out 2 Red Arrows decals to each member, advise them what clubs are out there and pass out applications for membership.

To this end we are going to need your help by donating to this project to help us pay for the material and labor to make the Red Arrows. Cost of these items should not exceed \$5,000.00

Additional individuals will be required to work with the committee and visit the armories. Please send your name to Ken Wiesner, 1006 Durango Dr. Hartford, WI 53027, e-mail kwiesner@charter.net, (262) 457-4524

Please send your donations to Al Wiesner, Treasurer, 6165 W. Carolann Dr. Brown Deer, WI 53223-1513, e-mail wieze@prodigy.net (414- 354-6707

we are looking forward to your active participation in welcome home to our young Red Arrow Men.

Help our Troops Now
Money is needed to pay for
Red Arrows Decals.
For returning Troops.

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Chaplain's Corner

Our temperatures are getting cooler... in fact we have had 2 killing frosts, also many flocks of geese are flying south. That means another summer is history, as well as the summer get-to-gathers.

"Old Timers" was especially interesting this past June. We went to the south post airport and viewed an Apache Helicopter. A Missouri ANG Warrant Officer gave us info on the Apache. Depending on the electronics on board, they weigh between 17,000- 20,000 lbs. It is a very complex machine. We were also up in the control tower and then got a tour of the fire station and a demo of fire suppression from one of the large trucks. Back in the mess hall, Brigade Commander Rear Detachment, now in WI, Col. Mike Murphy, Capt. Bill Barthen, Exec. Officer, along with Master Sgt. Kuchelmeister, gave a very interesting overview of the Brigades activities. We also went to the Hardwood Bombing Range. Two pilots from the 115th Fighter Wing, based in Madison, were laser bombing at a range 4 miles from the control tower. The 500 lb. Practice bombs were either hitting the target or never missing by more than 3 meters. Then they did a fantastic air show. This made for a wonderful day for the "Old Timers." These pilots are now serving in the Iraq war zone. At Camp Douglas we toured a facility that teaches Civil Defense Disaster training with mock up cement collapsed buildings and classrooms that can be used for hostage situations. The electronics used are almost unbelievable and so up to date they are as good or better than the FBI has.

Next year "Old Timers" will be during the 2nd week in June. Contact Charlie Williams at, P.O. Box 208, Edgerton, WI 53534-208, for more information.

The Lake Havasu, AZ luncheon will be held at the Elks Club on Thurs. Feb. 18th, 2010. Check with Jack Zuelke. His summer address: 1416 Windmar Dr. Neenah, WI 54956.

Art & Pat Kanter will fill us in on the Great Western RAC as time goes on. Their address is now: P. O. Box 193, Deforest, WI 53532.

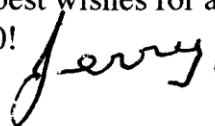
The National Reunion was hosted by the 127th Inf. All went very well! We were honored to have Jim Campbell as the banquet speaker. He's the author of, "Ghost Mountain Boys." He showed a short clip from a forth-coming TV documentary and told of his trek over the Owen-Stanley Mountain Range.

The Memorial Service was held outdoors on Sun morning. State Rep. Kevin Peterson was the guest speaker. He was a Navy Commander and served on Nuclear Submarines. The firing squad was from the American Legion Post #38.

The incoming president is **Wally Harsch**.

The Ladies president is **Laverne Fiscus**.

God bless and best wishes for a wonderful 2010!



HELP LOOKING FOR (Nov09)

The Association is still looking for help in the following positions: Treasurer for the time and place committee, and a National Treasurer.

Al Wiesner is asking for help in taking his place as national treasurer, which he has held for over 20 years. He feels he has put in his time and needs to pass this position on.

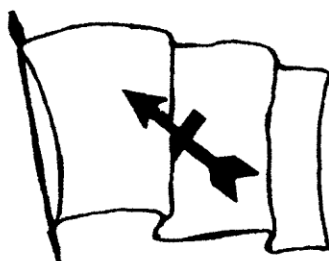
Please take time and consider one or both of these positions. Please contact the president at (414) – 462-8995.

Quartermaster Frank Kopling would like to pass his job to some one new, Contact Frank at phone number (262) 538-4108

Robert L. Owens id looking to hear from anybody who served Co G 128 Inf (New Guinea) at Buna. Please contact him at 1008 Zepher Street, Plainfield, TX 79072

Eugene Pentiuk is trying to keep the memory of the 125th Infantry alive. He is looking for anyone who remembers the 125th Inf in WW2 . Please contact Eugene at 2106 Wyatt Circle, Punta Gorda, FL 339-8149 or call (941) 637-7928
EUGENE PENTIUK

Drew & Diane MacDonald father has some lost rings he found with his metal detector. He also has a ring (32nd Div/127 Inf) that he found in Southeastern WI. If owner can identify, I will return it. Additional Info about the rings can be found at jsonline.com/news/Milwaukee/50178377.html
Please contact D&D MacDonald at MacDonald Law Office LLC, 4650 W. Spencer St. Appleton, WI 54914
DREW AND DIANE MACDONALD



MEMORIALS (Nov09)

In loving memory of my father Edward A. Pfeiffer, who served in Co H 126th Infantry (New Guinea and Australia) Along with Hugh Meikle. They will be missed by family and friends.
SUSAN J. PFEIFFER

In memory of my brother John Wojnar who served in 632nd Tank Destroyer Bn. WW2 He passed away 3/8/95
EDNA McMULLEN

In loving memory of Anthony M. Lydon who passed away 9/3/09. He served in Co K 128th Inf WW2. He is survived by Rita (Wife), daughter Shannon (Mike), Grandson Anthony Helmey. He will be missed by all.
RITA LYDON

We The 32nd RAVA are going to visit returning troops. Our Red Arrow Veterans are to visit Armories and thank our returning veterans. We are getting Red Arrow decals to give them. Ken Wiesner and Al Wiesner (Brothers) are heading Up this committee, We are in need help for

1. Donations
2. persons to visit armories
3. Visit armories to get information before troops return In January.
4. Get this info to Ken Wiesner.

Hope to see all at the Great Western Red Arrow Reunion in Spokane WA. In May 2010.
Allen Wiesner Treasurer.



32nd Red Arrow Veterans Association - Financial Report
August 26, 2008 thru August 31, 2009

Starting Balance	34,654.38
Receipts	
Memorials	1,135.00
Interest	1,407.70
Red Arrow Sales	1,426.84
Villa Verdi Trail	20.00
New Members	570.00
News	7,370.33
Web Page	288.53
Sub Total	12,218.40
Disbursements	
Misc.	65.25
Computer/Office Supplies	277.68
News	4,366.70
Postage Return News	250.00
Postage News	1,529.03
Postage Misc.	386.07
RA Sales Postage	525.00
Web Page	284.20
Villa Verdi Trail	250.00
Secretary Seed Money	100.00
Sub Total	8,033.84
Year End Balance	38,838.84
Check Book	36.09
Certificate of Deposit	21,594.08
Money Market	17,208.67
Consolidated funds	38,838.84
Villa Verdi Fund	3,083.09
News Fund	6,224.60
Associations Funds Available	29,531.15
All Funds are located at the National City Bank in Theinsville, WI	
Al Wiesner, Treasurer	

Please Help us Now

Send you name to Ken Wiesner
 1006 Durango Dr. Hartford WI 53027
 Let us know which armory you can Visit.
 To get a kit for returning troops

Treasurer Report.

Hi to all Red Arrow Veterans and Widows.
 I must thank you for all the donations received this year. Our best year in many years.

Still looking for a new treasurer.

"REMEMBERING"

On September 11, 1933, I enlisted in the National Guard. During my indoctrination I learned I was in the 32nd Division. The more I learned the prouder I was to wear the Red Arrow.

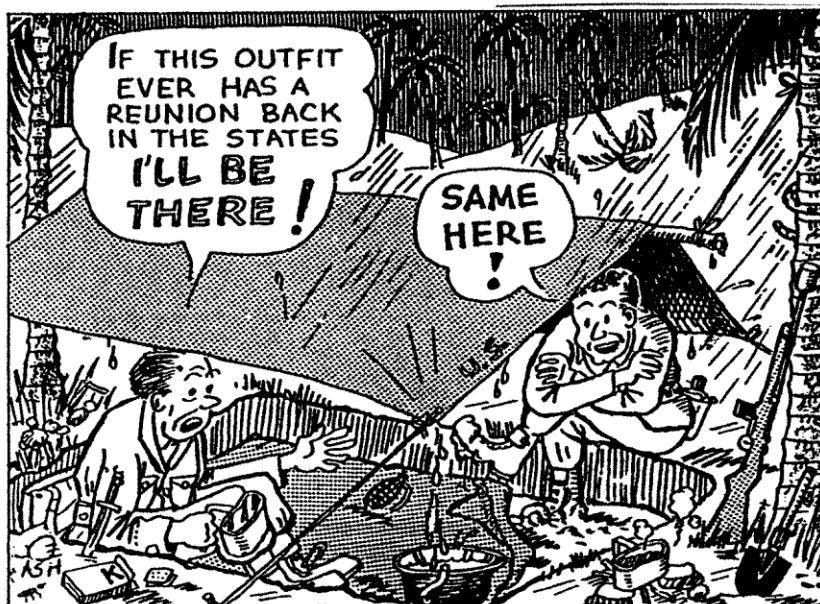
A lot has happened over the years. From strike duty to maneuvers and war. As a Red Arrow Veteran now, I am proud to know the Vets of the Berlin Crisis and if I last long enough I may even get to know some of the Red Arrow Brigade.

As I recall all that happened in the past "75" years there are some sad memories but even more happy ones. It seems each reunion helps us remember the happy times.

I remember many events too many to list. My son sent me a badge and on it, it says, "I've Survived Damn Near Everything."

Bill DeMers
 Past President

A Dream Come True



Remember me?

Hello, Remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you - because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading every one, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart - remember?

And you, I remember, were standing there, straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute.

Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart – remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I've added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now, somehow, I don't feel as proud as I used to feel.

When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around you shouting; they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around, and when he didn't see anybody else take off their hat, he quickly put his on again.

Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam!

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

32nd Division Arrives in Australia
May 14, 1942

The 32nd Infantry Division arrived in Adelaide, South Australia on May 14, 1942 after a 23-day zig-zagging convoy from San Francisco. No stops in Hawaii or New Zealand, as other later convoys would enjoy, for we were too vital to stopping the Japanese in New Guinea.

On April 22, 1942 a huge convoy of tall gray ships slipped silently across San Francisco Bay through the Golden Gate and vanished into the twilight. On that day, 66 years ago, although the Japanese did not realize it, their aim of conquest in the Pacific was doomed, for those ships carried the men who were to be the “Heroes of Buna and beyond”, the young men of the mighty 32d Infantry Division.

Before we could enjoy any part of this beautiful city of Adelaide, we were A-bagged off the ships, hurried-up-and-waited in long lines along the wharf till large box-like Aussie Army trucks lumbered up to load us in.

“Where we going” was the shout to tall, husky Aussie soldiers (who we learned were called “mates” or “mites” in the Aussie-English tongue.)

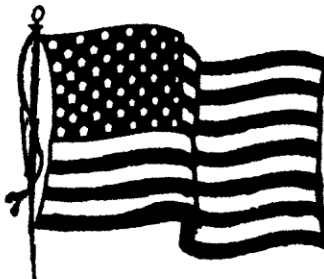
“Well, mitey, its in the bloody outback, but a bit of a resort-plice—all scrubbed up and noice.”

If this was a “resort-plice” then don’t show us the wilderness. We were unloaded amid eucalyptus trees and bamboo, to see an uneven line of corrugated tin huts, which were to be our barracks. No cots, we each grabbed a hay-filled burlap sack which would be our bed. Some called it the Aussie version of a Beauty-Rest mattress. One stove was at the far end of each hut and the nights were cold. We called these huts an Aussie version of wind tunnels.

(Remember, we were first of all who would follow, so we were lucky to have a tin-roof over our heads).

This was the beginning of our 3-year ordeal in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines,

George J. Fries
32nd Signal Company Historian
41 Midvale Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94597



2009 Reunion Financial Report

Income

Registration \$5,309.00
Program Books \$1,165.00
Tips \$111.00
Reunion Donations \$663.00
32nd News Donations \$703.00
32nd Ladies Donation \$60.00

Total Income \$8,011.00

Disbursements

Program Book \$1,076.64
Banquet & Memorial Program \$22.97
Hotel Charges \$3,653.59
Reunion Flyer (420) \$105.84
Icebreaker Goods \$516.50
Guest Speaker Room \$110.64
Lamers Bus \$150.00
Refunds \$70.00
32nd Donation Disbursement \$763.00

Total Disbursements \$6,469.18

Net Balance \$1,541.82

REMEMBERING THE OLD DAYS

I enjoyed reading the reunion newsletters, except for "Taps". At least my name was not listed there.

I also read some newspaper articles that were sent to me. I even got a card signed my many of you. I loved it. I hope to make the next Great Western Red Arrow Club reunion.

Then alone came "Patriots Day". It was also my anniversary; Seventy Five years ago on September 11, 1933, I enlisted in the National Guard. After getting out of the Army I joined the 32nd Division Veteran Association as a life time member., got my moneys worth. I attended my first reunion in 1948 and always kept the 32nd and Red Arrow things to be proud of.

I don't know if I've out lived all of the old timers yet; but I don't think there are many left that joined before 1933.

If there are any of you out there I would like to hear from you.

WILLIAM DE MERS
1855 Miramonte Ave. #26
Mountain View, CA 94040

SHOW RESPECT FOR THE FLAG

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Never let the flag touch the floor or the ground.
Fly the flag only in the daytime.

Keep the flag clean.

Do not use the flag to cover a table or for clothing.

Fold the flag carefully when you put it away.

Fly the flag on these **national holidays**:

Memorial Day	Flag Day
Independence Day	Armed Forces Day
Veterans Day	Washington's Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday	

When an important American dies, fly the flag "**at half mast**" (halfway up the pole).

The **flag upside down** means distress or danger.

FLAG FACTS

June 14, the anniversary of the day (June 14, 1777) when Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag of the United States



The flag has **three colors**: red, white and blue.
Red is for **courage**.
White is for **purity**.
Blue is for **loyalty**.

There are **50 states** in the United States, and **50 stars** in the flag.

There are **13 red and white stripes**. The stripes are for the 13 states in 1776, when the United States was a new country.

No one is sure who made the first "Stars and Stripes." Most people think it was a woman named **Betsy Ross**.

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LADIES of the 32nd Red Arrow Vet. Assoc.

The 90th annual reunion was held in Appleton, Wisconsin September 25-27, 2009 hosted by the 127th Infantry Veterans Association and for the first time joined with the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association.

This was a wonderful way to meet new friends. Those of you who could not be there missed a good time.

Thanks to the ladies who made up the beautiful baskets for the raffle. The raffle brought in \$779.00 which the ladies gave to the men for the National Newsletter.

Any one wishing to join the ladies of the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association are most welcome. A lifetime membership is only \$5.00. Please join.

Hope to see you at next years reunion to be help in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Betty Thompson
1st Vice President

P.S. In Memoriam

Past President Fran Andersen, 87 passed away June 23, 2009 in Zebulon, Georgia Her husband, Howard Andersen, preceded her in death. She was an active member of the Ladies of the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association and served as president of the Ladies in 1992. A memorial of \$105.00, in her memory, was collected from the ladies of the 32nd and has been given to 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association, For those of us who knew her, she will be missed.

FORT MCCOY OPEN HOUSE 2010

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