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- Promoting the history and heritage of the Big Red One.

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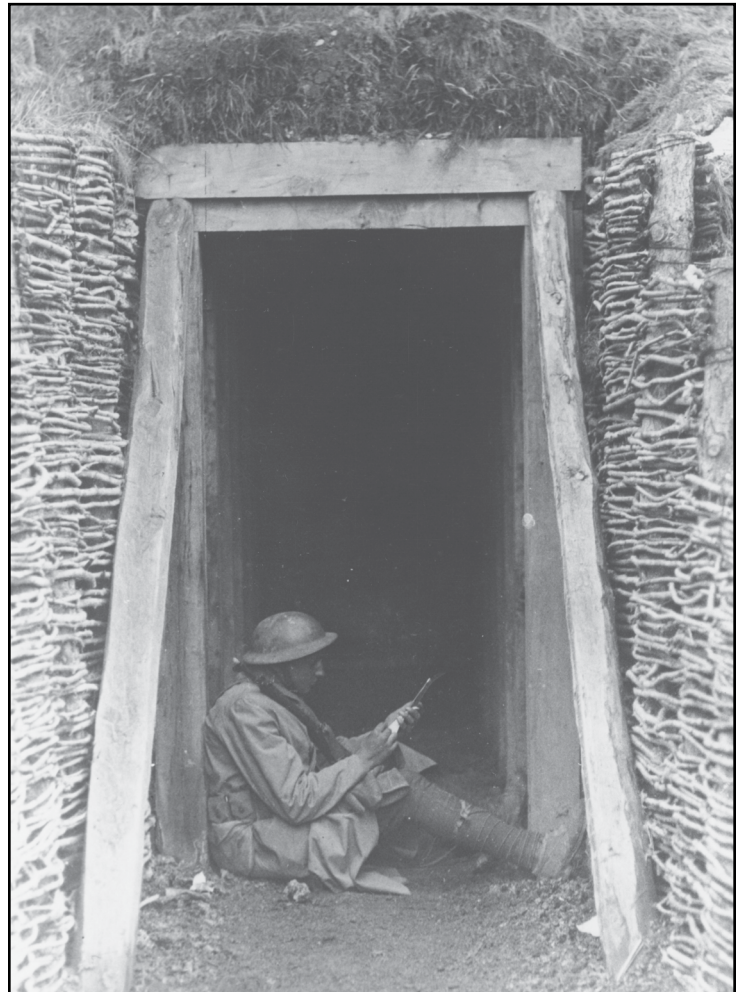
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A U.S. First Division Artilleryman in the doorway of his bombproof shelter utilizes a few peaceful moments in writing to the folks at home. March 7, 1918.



Letter from the President By LTG (Ret.) Ron Watts



A happy, healthy, prosperous 2024 to all of you!

Your Society is making great progress. Monument expansion construction is underway; planning is in full swing for our Albuquerque reunion (July 31-August 4); and the Society continues to support our 1st Infantry Division soldiers and their families, thanks to your generous donations.

First Division Monument

Expansion: I am delighted to report that ground breaking has occurred and construction is underway in Washington. Our construction contractor sees very low risk in having this project done in early May 2024. Major points:

- Granite plinths to hold the bronze plaques containing the 631 names of BRO soldiers lost in Post 9-11 operations (Afghanistan: 192; Iraq: 439)—and replace the existing plaque listing Desert Storm KIAs—are being mined from the granite quarry.

- The current estimated cost of this project is \$1,050,000. We have raised \$985,000 to date, including a very generous \$500,000, plus fifty cents

matching on all other donations, from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which operates the First Division Museum at Cantigny (Wheaton, IL). Society members have been quite generous with their donations as well, and I thank you! For those who have not contributed, if you have \$20 or more available, you can help us over the finish line. See the donation form in this issue of Bridgehead Sentinel. I am confident we will reach our goal.

- The Society will provide further updates via email and social media.

Reunion: The theme of our 2024 gathering in New Mexico is “1st Infantry Division – Year of Victory,” celebrating the accomplishments of the officers, NCOs, and soldiers who have served in the “Big Red One.”

- Best days to attend are Friday and Saturday, with a Thursday arrival. Main events: Conflict Breakfast beginning at 0730 on Friday. Annual Board meeting is 2 pm on Friday. Saturday events: Memorial Service at 0900 followed by the General Membership Meeting. Reception at 6 pm followed by the annual banquet at 7 pm.

- We need your help in advertising this Reunion, especially to BRO Post 9-11 veterans. I encourage you to offer news releases to your local newspaper, radio and TV stations, and your VFW and American Legion posts.

- Note: you must do two things to register. First, complete the registration form and send to the Society. Second, call the Clyde Hotel to make your room reservation. Full details are in this issue.

Huebner Scholarships: These are competitive scholarships for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of veterans who served in the 1st Infantry Division of the United States Army, as well as children of active-duty soldiers of the division and attached units of the 1st Infantry Division. Specifics:

- Scholarships are open to any accredited university, college or trade school. The award is currently for up to \$15,000, payable to the school in four annual installments of not more than \$3,750 per year.

- The Society has added a new category for Trade School Scholarships. We encourage those

eligible that are seeking to learn a “trade” apply.

- Scholarship applications are due by May 15, 2024. See details on the Society website, www.1stid.org.

Our 1st Infantry Division remains busy, and a key part of our national security. The soldiers continue to make us proud by living up to the Division Motto: No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty First!

I continue to be optimistic about the future of our Society. I am proud of the way our members stepped up and helped raise almost \$900,000 to honor the 631 BRO soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan and Iraq by adding their names and units to our First Division Monument in Washington, DC.

Duty First!

Ron Watts

LTG US Army Retired
President



Letter from the Executive Director

By CW3 (Ret.) Phyllis Fitzgerald



Greetings everyone,

This year started out well, and one of the first orders of business was our 4th Annual Spring Raffle in March. We are grateful to our Platinum corporate sponsor Valor Ford of Junction City, Kansas, for offering a 2023 Ford F-150 4x4 Supercab for the fundraiser. Thank you, Dustin Zeck, president of Valor Automotive.

We are working hard to plan a fun and memorable reunion this summer. Plan to attend the 103rd annual reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from July 31 to August 4. Our headquarters will be the Clyde Hotel (formerly the Hyatt Regency). This issue contains full details about the reunion including registration, raffle tickets, and a schedule of daily events. You can also find the information on the Society website, Facebook page, and in the emails we've been sending.

The 2024 reunion theme is "1st Infantry Division – Year of Victory" as we celebrate the

accomplishments of the officers, NCOs, and soldiers who have served in the "Big Red One." Given the theme, we know the command post decorating contest will be highly competitive and one to remember.

As you plan for the reunion, please share details with others who may not know. Let's have a great turnout in Albuquerque!

Work continues every day with building membership, promoting the Society, and sharing our story.

Our Quartermaster offers hoodies, hats, polo shirts and many other items. Please shop the store and use the link on our website to learn more and place an order. If you use the magazine to send in a quartermaster order, please call us first (785-579-6761) to make sure we have the item you want in stock.

This issue of the magazine features recurring articles such as how to update your profile information (address, email,

phone numbers); how to sponsor Active-Duty Soldiers; DC Monument updates; membership statistics; BRO contributions; General Fund contributions; TAPS; and other special articles.

Please keep us up-to-date on your mailing address, email address, and phone number. We want to be able to stay in touch with you!

We have six chapters of the Society throughout the United States and there is plenty of room for more. Look inside for information about existing chapters and to learn how you might start a chapter in your community. Shoot me an email at sfid1919@gmail.com and I will share how to get it going. Chapters can be an effective means of engaging our Post 9/11 veterans and members, the future of the Society.

If you ever have a question, comment, suggestion, or concern, please reach out. We are happy to assist, and your phone calls, letters, and emails are appreciated.

I also encourage you to visit our website, www.1stid.org. The site has everything you need to stay current with the Society, including Reunion news, Quartermaster, scholarships, monument project, and much more.

We will keep you posted via email, too. As a reminder, check your spam/junk folders often for messages that will come from these addresses: admin@1stid.org and sfid1919@gmail.com.

Enjoy this edition of Bridgehead Sentinel. I am honored to serve as your Executive Director.

Duty First!

Phyllis Fitzgerald
CW3 US Army Retired
Executive Director



2024 Reunion: Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Society of the 1st Infantry Division's 103rd Annual Reunion is being held at the Clyde Hotel, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 31 to August 4, 2024.

The theme for this year's reunion is "1st Infantry Division – Year of Victory," celebrating the accomplishments of the officers, NCOs, and soldiers who have served in the "Big Red One."

This will be an exciting reunion with tours and events that appeal to everyone. The premier tour this year will take us to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. The museum was established in 1969 as an intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of

nuclear development through today's peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

The vibrant city of Albuquerque is a treat to visit. Diverse cultures, authentic art and dynamic traditions have shaped the city's centuries-old story. No matter your interests, you will find countless opportunities to explore. Sample traditional New Mexican cuisine that takes minutes to make and hundreds of years to prepare. Experience world class museums. Stroll along Central Avenue under the vintage neon glow of Route 66. Or soar high above the city in the hot air ballooning capital of the world — a sight that is sure to change your perspective.

The Society has a full schedule of activities planned. Please read these pages carefully and make sure to register for all the events that are of interest to you and your guests. There is limited seating for the tours, so early registration is strongly advised!

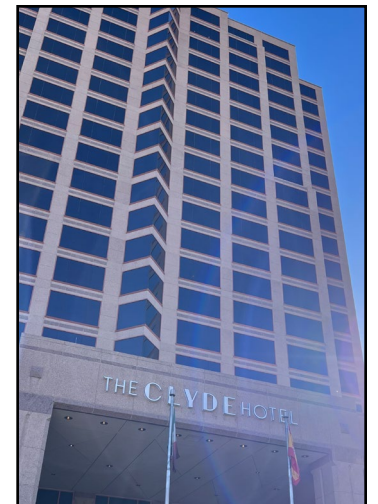
If not on a planned tour, you can take the hotel-provided shuttle to Old Towne where you can enjoy exciting cuisines, shopping, and touring. Or you may just want to walk around the hotel area where you will find places to eat, shop, and take photos, plus museums to visit.

One of the most priceless reasons for attending the reunion is getting to see some of your old buddies and meeting and making

new friends. Please join us for the Welcome Party on Thursday, August 1, from 6 to 9 pm. Enjoy live entertainment, snacks, dancing and socializing. The party is free and all are WELCOME! We will also feature a 50/50 drawing, cash bar, live auction, and silent auction.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please join us for camaraderie, fun and good memories in Albuquerque!

Phyllis Fitzgerald



2024 Tentative Reunion Program

Wednesday, July 31

9 AM-12 PM & 1:30-5 PM.....	Quartermaster and Registration Open
10 AM-12 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)
12-1:30 PM.....	Staff Lunch
1:30 PM.....	Unit Reps Meeting w/Society Staff (Location TBD)
6-8 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)

Thursday, August 1

8 AM.....	Unit Meetings in CP
9 AM-12 PM & 1:30-5 PM.....	Quartermaster and Registration Open
8:45 AM-12:30 PM.....	Tour: Nat. Museum of Nuclear Science & History
10 AM-12 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)
12-1:30 PM.....	Staff Lunch
6-8 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)
6-9 PM.....	Welcome Party

Friday, August 2

7:30-9 AM.....	Conflict Breakfast
8 AM.....	Unit Meetings in CP
9 AM-12 PM & 1:30-5 PM.....	Quartermaster and Registration Open
10 AM-12 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)
8:45 AM-12:30 PM.....	Tour: Balloon Museum
12-1:30 PM.....	Staff Lunch
2-3 PM.....	Board of Directors Meeting
6-8 PM.....	Shuttle to Old Town/Nob Hill and back (every 15 min)

Saturday, August 3

8 AM.....	Unit Meetings in CP
9 AM.....	Memorial Service
10 AM-12 PM.....	Quartermaster and Registration Open
10:15 AM.....	General Membership Meeting
10:15 AM-2:15 PM.....	Tour: Sandia TRAM Ride with Aerial View
6 PM.....	Cocktails/Reception
7 PM.....	103rd Annual Reunion Banquet

Sunday, August 4..... Departure. We hope you had a wonderful time. Safe travels and farewell 'til next year!

2025 Reunion

Marriott Oak Brook
Oak Brook, Illinois
June 18-22, 2025



Society of the First Infantry

Division Member Profile Update

Our database is refreshed daily by either updating a profile, taking a membership payment, creating a new account, or looking up a member in response to an inquiry.

The composition of the Society's membership is presented below. It changes from day to day but generally the total numbers stay close.

On March 1, 2024, we had a total of 8,918 active members, not including business partners and corporate sponsors. Some of our members served in more than one era but this does not change the percentages.

Members:

Life.....	8221	92%
Active Duty.....	151	1.69%
Regular Veteran.....	414	4.64%
Executive Veteran.....	25	0.28%
Associate.....	43	0.48%
Business Partner.....	38	0.43%
Corporate Sponsor.....	18	0.20%

ERA Served:

Post 9-11.....	4023	45.11%
Vietnam*.....	2049	22.9%
Peace Time.....	1026	11.5%
Unknown/NA.....	127	1.42%
Balkans.....	549	6.15%
Cold War.....	392	4.39%
WW II*.....	220	2.46%
Desert Storm/Gulf War.....	220	2.46%

*Includes widows

Data indicates that Post 9-11 era membership is passing the Vietnam era. Given the current composition of our member database, our general fund operates on approximately 5% of member annual dues. The remainder of the Society annual budget is supported by funds from business partners, corporate sponsors, quartermaster sales, donations, and fundraisers.

Tours and Special Events

We have arranged several tours to make your Albuquerque visit a memorable experience. These are optional events and require pre-registration. To avoid disappointment, we recommend signing up for tours when you register rather than waiting until you arrive at the reunion. Signing up in advance will ensure your place on the tours of your choice. If you decide after you arrive at the reunion to go on a tour, check with Quartermaster for availability. **Please note: All tours have limited seating (56) on coach transportation. Tours that are below capacity may be canceled.**

Optional “dress code” - We all probably have one or more T-shirts from past reunions. Please consider wearing one on Thursday, August 1. Fridays are known throughout the military as “Red Shirt” Friday, so let’s all wear a red shirt on August 2 in support of those who are currently deployed. On Saturday (before the banquet), wear your 2024 reunion T-shirt if you choose to purchase one.



Welcome Party – Thursday, August 1, beginning at 6 pm

Please join us for the Welcome Party to enjoy some entertainment and socialize. It is free and everyone is invited! We’ll have a live band, 50/50 drawing, live auction and silent auction.

Conflict Breakfast – Friday, August 2, beginning at 7:30 am

Start the day right with a hearty breakfast of sausage or bacon, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, yogurt, cereal, and breakfast pastries. Cost is \$30 per person.

103rd Annual Reunion Banquet - Saturday, August 3, beginning at 6 pm

Our annual dinner is the perfect way to wrap up a wonderful weekend. Cost is \$57 per person or \$25 per child. Entrée choices are listed below. Each meal includes

salad, dessert, coffee, and tea.

Entrees:

Beef Plate: Beef Stew over Whipped Herbed Potatoes

Fish Plate: Pan-seared Salmon over Rice Pilaf with Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, and a Lemon Dill Cream Sauce

Chicken Plate: Grilled Pesto Chicken Breast with Whipped Herbed Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetarian Plate: Vegetarian-Udon Noodles with Broccoli and Napa Cabbage

Child’s Plate: (for ages 5-12): Chicken tenders, fries and chocolate chip cookie.

Shuttle Service - Wednesday, July 31 to Friday, August 2

Beginning Wednesday, July 31, and through Friday, August 2, from 10 am to noon and from 6 to 8 pm, The Clyde Hotel offers free shuttle service to either Old Town or Nob Hill every 15 minutes.

The shuttle will pick you up outside the lobby area and drop you off at the appointed stops. They will pick you up at designated points (they will advise where the pickup points are) and bring you back to the hotel. <https://www.visitalbuquerque.org/about-abq/history/historic-old-town/>

The National Museum of Nuclear Science & History - Thursday, August 1

Enjoy a tour to the Nuclear Science & History Museum. You have the option of touring on your own or taking one of the three guided tours. The History Tour explains how nuclear chemistry shaped our future. The Science Tour focuses on the peaceful applications of nuclear technology such as medicine and nuclear power. On the General Tour, you get an overview of the museum’s exhibits and a docent will

provide a brief history of the Manhattan Project and the Trinity Test. A Museum Store is on site. <https://www.nuclearmuseum.org/visit>

Albuquerque International Balloon Museum - Friday, August 2

Tour this “uplifting” museum at your own pace and learn about the fascinating world of hot air balloons. The museum celebrates the vision, spirit, and history of balloonists and other flyers. Permanent and rotating exhibits include:

- Early Ballooning: information and artifacts on the first balloon flights in the 1700s
- Balloons in War: information and artifacts on military ballooning in the Civil War, World War 1 and 2
- Trans-Oceanic & Around the World Flights:

Record breaking gondolas and gas balloons

- Canopy of Color: A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta

- Artic Air, the Bold Flight of S. A. Andree: The story of the first attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon in 1887

- In Their Words: Stories by women on the ground and in the air

- Bryce Risley, Focusing Beyond Balloons: Photography show with images and stories from the hot air ballooning community.

A Museum Shoppe is on site. <https://balloonmuseum.com/>

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway - Saturday, August 3

Enjoy a scenic tram ride up the mountain – a trip to remember! At the top, spend just over an hour hiking to observation points and taking pictures. A restaurant is available, too. <https://sandiapeak.com/>

103rd Annual Reunion Banquet - Saturday, August 3

A special evening in the Clyde Hotel's Grand Pavilion Ballroom begins at 6 pm with a cocktail reception followed by dinner at 7 pm.

Policy for Priority for Attendance at Selected Events

The Society's policy is to give priority for attendance

at select reunion events to members who are registered at the official reunion hotel.

1. Priority for available seats to scheduled events shall go to those paying registration fee and renting rooms at The Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque. The Society will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for those driving RVs or residing within daily commute distance of the hotel. The Society staff will adjudicate other special cases.

2. Available tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to those specified in paragraph one above. Ticketed events under this policy include Conflict

Breakfast, annual banquet, and tours.

3. After the registration cut-off date of June 30, remaining tickets to all events will be sold on a first-come basis to those who paid the reunion registration fee.

4. Society members not registered and not staying at The Clyde Hotel may attend the Welcome Party, Memorial Service, and the General Membership Meeting.

This policy was established by the Society's Board of Directors in 2017. It remains in effect for 2024.



Admin and Logistics



Hotel

The Clyde Hotel will host our 103rd Annual Reunion, July 31 to August 4, 2024. Check-in begins at 4:00 pm and check out is 11:00 am. The hotel is located at 330 Tijeras Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Airport Shuttle Options

1. You can email American Limo directly at infoamericanlimosabq.com and they will respond back with pricing. Or you can go to their website, American Limos, and fill out the form and they will email you back with details. Or call them at 505-877-7576.

2. For other options, visit https://www.shuttlefare.com/albuquerque_airport_shuttle_abq

Parking (FREE)

Parking is available at the hotel. When you check in, ask for parking. There is additional

parking on the south side of the hotel and at Plaza Parking. Please inquire at the desk when you check in for more details.

Schedule

If you are unable to attend the entire event, no problem. The core of reunion events take place on Friday and Saturday, August 2-3. Join us for those days as your schedule will allow. You'll have a great time!

Spread the Word!

You can help publicize the reunion by sending the news release in this publication to the editor or pressroom of your local media. Go ahead and make copies and mail or fax them to all the newspapers, magazines, TV, and radio stations that you can.

Unit Command Posts

The 2nd, 16th, 18th, 26th/28th Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry/Armor/Recon and Headquarters & Support Units

will operate Command Posts (hospitality rooms) for their units. Veterans from units not listed are welcome in any CP. The size of your CP room will be based on the number of members from your unit attending. Judging for the CP decorating competition will take place on Friday, August 2, at 1500. The reunion theme applies to the competition: "1st Infantry Division – Year of Victory, celebrating the accomplishments of the officers, NCOs, and soldiers who have served in the "Big Red One."

Reunion Registration & Fees

To register for the Reunion, go to <https://www.1stid.org/annual-reunion>. Registrations, received before June 30, are \$55. **Registrations received after midnight on June 29 are \$65.**

NOTE: REUNION REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Hotel Reservations are the responsibility attendees.

All hotel reservations must be made online using the link below or you may call the hotel directly and mention you are attending the reunion of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division.

Booking Website:
2407INFANT

Hotel Desk:
505-302-6930. Please provide the group code: 2407INFANT

The cutoff date to secure your hotel room reservations at our group rate is July 8. We encourage you to make your registration early to take advantage of the group rate! **After August 5, hotel rooms will be based on space and rate availability and you will need to contact the reservation desk at the hotel directly at 505-302-6930.*

If you make reservations and then need to cancel them, call the hotel directly at **505-302-6930**.

Handicap Accessible Rooms

If you require special room accommodation, please contact the hotel directly when making your reservation.

Service Pets are FREE

The fee for non-service pets (up to 60 lbs) is \$75 for the first night (per pet) and \$35 for each night after (per pet).

Reunion Registration, Tours, and Hotel Refunds

- Reunion registration fees are non-refundable.

- Tours, if you cancel by June 30, you will receive a full refund. **After June 30 there are no refunds.** (Event transportation buses have been secured by this point.)

- If you need to cancel your hotel reservation, cancellations made 24 hours prior to arrival will be refunded. Cancellations made less than 24 hours before the arrival date will be charged for one night's hotel stay including tax. You will need to contact the hotel.

Weather

The average temperatures

in Albuquerque in July and August fluctuates from mid to high 80s. In August, the average relative humidity in Albuquerque is 41%. August's average heat index (real feel) is computed to be a tropical 86°F. Long-standing exposure and activity could induce a feeling of tiredness and lead to heat cramps.

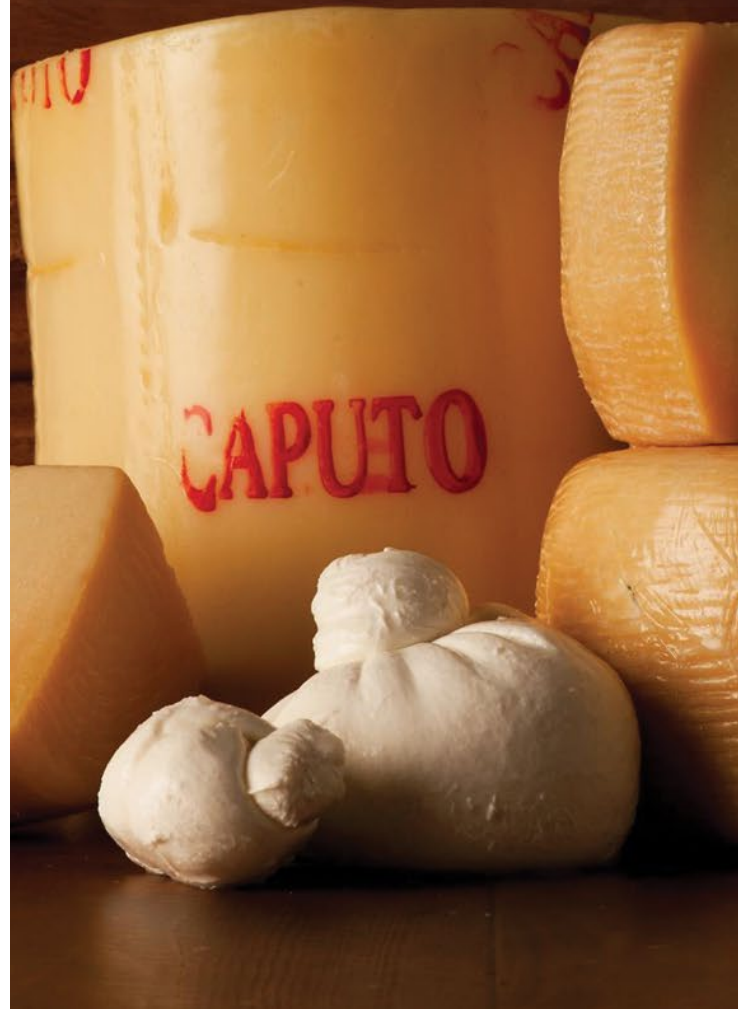
Consider packing comfortable, loose-fitting, summery clothes and comfortable shoes.

Confirmation

You will receive an email confirmation of your registration (if you have an email address). Please review it carefully to be sure you signed up for all the activities and functions you are interested in, as there is limited seating at several events. The Saturday night banquet sells out quickly, so please sign up for that early. If any activities you are interested in are not on your confirmation then you did not sign up and pay for them. Call us immediately (785-579-6761) to make any corrections or additions to your registration.

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2024 BRO Reunion Registration Form - PAGE 1
Clyde Hotel, 330 Tijeras Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
July 31 – Aug 4, 2024

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

MY ERA WHILE SERVING IN THE BIG RED ONE – circle one or more

WWII Vietnam Cold War Desert Storm Balkans Peacetime Iraq Afghanistan

REUNION NAME BADGE (please print)

Your Name Badge

Name on Badge _____ *Unit _____
Is this your first Reunion? Yes/No (*will sit with unit at banquet)

Spouse/Guest Name Badge

Name on Badge _____
Is this their first Reunion? Yes/No

Guest Name Badge

Name on Badge _____
Is this their first Reunion? Yes/No

Guest Name Badge

Name on Badge _____
Is this their first Reunion? Yes/No

Hotel Reservations – are made by you. Below is the link and phone number.

All hotel reservations must be made online with the link below or you may call the hotel directly and mention you are coming to the reunion of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division.

Booking Website: [2407INFANT](#)

Hotel Desk: (505) 302-6930. Please provide the group code: 2407INFANT

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If you make reservations and then need to cancel them, you will need to call the hotel directly.

Handicap Accessible Rooms: If you require special room accommodation, please contact the hotel directly when making your reservation.

Service Pets: FREE, if non-service pet (up to 60lbs), 1st night is \$75 per pet and each night after is \$35 per pet.

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2. For other options, visit https://www.shuttlefare.com/albuquerque_airport_shuttle_abq

REGISTRATION FEE (NO refunds on Registration Fee**)**

All adults (age 18 and over) MUST pay the registration fee.

Number of people in your party: Adults _____ Children _____

Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$55/ea = \$ _____

Late registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$65/ea = \$ _____
(applies to registrations received after midnight June 29)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: If your **2024** Membership dues are not paid up, please include your dues here:
Annual \$35 _____ Executive \$65 _____

*****NO dues required for current Life Members*****

REGISTRATION & DUES SUBTOTAL \$ _____

TOURS AND EVENTS: There are 56 seats on each bus, we need to fill them by June 30 (if not, some tours may be cancelled).

***No refunds after June 30, 2024, on Tours and Events (the buses are paid for by this date).**

Thursday, August 1 (8:45 am to 12:30 pm)

Nuclear Museum # _____ people @ \$40/ea = \$ _____

(8:45 am) Load Bus (56 max#) (Trans Rented Coach)

Thursday Total: \$ _____

Friday, August 2

Conflict Breakfast # _____ people @ \$30/ea = \$ _____

Friday Conflict Breakfast Total: \$ _____

Friday, August 2 (8:45 am to 12:30 pm)

Balloon Museum # _____ people @ \$20/ea = \$ _____

(8:45 am) Load Bus (56 max#) (Trans Rented Coach)

Friday Total: \$ _____

Saturday, August 3 (10:15 am to 2:15 pm)

Sandia TRAM Ride - Aerial View # _____ people @ \$45/ea = \$ _____

(10:15 am) Load Bus (56 max#) (Trans Rented Coach)

Saturday Total: \$ _____

103rd ANNUAL REUNION BANQUET

All adult meals include Salad, Dessert, Coffee, or Tea - Enter number of meals desired in each box.

- Beef Stew over Whipped Herbed Potatoes
 Pan-seared Salmon over Rice Pilaf with Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, and a Lemon Dill Cream Sauce
 Grilled Pesto Chicken Breast with Whipped Herbed Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
 Vegetarian-Udon Noodles with Broccoli and Napa Cabbage

Total Meals # _____ @\$57= _____

- Child's plate (ages 5-12) (chicken tenders, fries, & chocolate chip cookie)

Total child meals # _____ @\$25= _____

Indicate by circling the unit you wish to be seated with

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Letter from the CG by Major General John V. Meyer, III



Dear Big Red One Soldiers, Families, and Friends,

After a bitter Kansas winter, we are excited to welcome the warmer weather and longer days. The Division is ready to continue training operations as we prepare for multiple National Training Center rotations, host the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB), Expert Soldier Badge (ESB), and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) training and evaluations, as well as welcoming a new Division Commander at the end of June.

The Division recently concluded a successful Warfighter Exercise in support of V Corps, a testament to our collective readiness. This exercise not only tested our systems but also fostered cohesion and interoperability with our European partners. Additionally, 1st Brigade played a pivotal role in Project Convergence Capstone 4 at the National Training Center, demonstrating our adaptability and proficiency in using emerging technologies alongside our legacy equipment.

In January, we embarked on the Year of Victory. This year, we are committed to educating our Soldiers and families about our rich legacy and inspiring the next generation of leaders and Soldiers. We look forward to celebrating and supporting this year with Victory Week, "Best of" competitions across the Army, 1ID competitions, and excellence in gunnery. We are fostering a competitive culture in the Division, developing our warfighters, and making a positive impact on our communities.

Fort Riley will have Soldiers participating in the Army's prestigious competitions this spring and summer; we look forward to placing in "Best" Ranger, Tank, Sniper, Sapper, and Medic. 1st Brigade will also host the III Armor Corps Best Squad Competition, bringing in Soldiers from across the entire Corps to compete in rigorous events here at Fort Riley.

As I prepare to change command in late June, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support over the past two years. It has been an honor to serve alongside some of our Nation's finest Soldiers, leaders, and community members. My family and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the historic Big Red One again. Fort Riley is more than just an Army post, it is our home. Thank you.

No Mission too Difficult, No Sacrifice too Great, Duty First!



Membership Sponsorship Program

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Membership Sponsorship Program. We continue to provide paid memberships to many Active-Duty Soldiers thanks to your generous contributions.

It takes all of us to have a successful Society and

we thank our members for such generosity. I encourage everyone to share your Big Red One story and the story of the Society of the First Infantry Division with others and invite them to join.

Thank you for sponsoring Active-Duty Soldiers.

Let's Grow the Society! Here's an Opportunity

Support an Active-Duty E-1 to E-7 with a one-year Membership (\$10.00) into the Society.

Make checks payable to the SFID "Sponsor Active-Duty Soldier"

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Fort Riley, KS 66442

Or go to our website: 1stid.org
(select the Sponsor New Member link on the home page)

Society of the First Infantry Division Support and Donations

Thank you to all members and sponsors who donated to the Big Red One Support Fund. Your generous donations enable various activities, events and programs for our 1st Infantry Division soldiers and families. Here are some recent examples of the Society's support:

- Donated \$500 to assist a 541st DSSB soldier with airfare to take his mother home to Kenya for burial.

- Sponsored 11 soldiers in the ranks of E1-E4 (10) and E5-E6 (1) to attend the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Year of the NCO Ball.

- Provided 50 commissary gift cards in \$50 increments in both November and December of 2023, for a total gift of \$5,000. The cards were entrusted with the Division and Garrison Chaplains offices for distribution to active-duty military families in the grades of E6 and below who needed extra

help during the holiday season.

- Sponsored the Victory Wellness event in April 2024 for HHBN soldiers and families.

2024 Spring Raffle



The Society's 4th Annual Spring Raffle took place on March 19, 2024. Platinum corporate sponsor Valor Automotive of Junction City, Kansas, donated a Ford F-150 4x4 Super Cab Truck for the fundraiser. Alas, the truck raffle was converted to a 50/50 cash raffle due to insufficient ticket sales. Still a success, the drawing was

conducted and livestreamed on the Society of the First Infantry Division Facebook page. We thank Valor Ford for partnering with the Society.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Joe Martin, a lifetime member of the Society of the First Infantry Division. He served in 4/37 Armor during

Desert Storm; HHC, 2nd Brigade in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and HHBN during Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).

Thanks to all who participated in this year's fundraiser.



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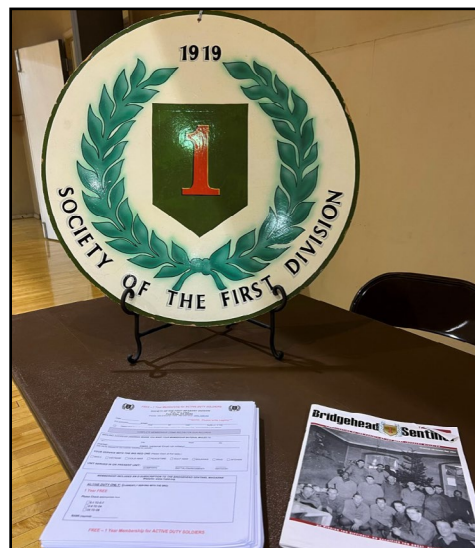
Society News

Free 1-Year Memberships

On December 1, 2023, Society Executive Director Phyllis Fitzgerald gave a briefing to A & C Companies of the 541st DSSB, Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Phyllis shared the history and the mission of the Society, and the link to our website to learn more about the Society of the First Infantry Division. After the briefing, a free 1-year membership was offered to all who attended, resulting in 17 new Society members.



PFC Tanesha Ollie, A Co, 541st DSSB, Sustainment Bde, receiving a 1-year free membership in the Society of the First Infantry Division.



Keep Your Contact Info Up-to-Date!

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? If so, please let us know.

We value our members and want to make sure that we keep in touch with you. It is especially important that if you move, change your phone number or your email address that you inform us so that we can update your member profile.

When we send out emails or post office mail, we get a significant number of returns, whether it is from a bad address, or a bounced/bad email address. The same is true

with phone numbers, if we need to call you and the number is no longer in service, we have no way of talking to you.

We want to be able to stay in touch with you, but we need your help.

Please contact us with any changes in your status as soon as possible so that we can update your member profile.

Email us at: sfidkansas@gmail.com
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BRO SUPPORT FUND

The Bro Support Fund

The Big Red One Support Fund is the Society's own fund that provides assistance to serving 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and their families in non-emergency situations—our 1st Infantry Division Foundation's McCormick Grants program handles the emergencies. As the Global War on Terror has progressed, the number of needs and assistance programs have multiplied dramatically, yet there are often needs that fall between the cracks. These situations are the reason the BRO Support Fund exists.

If you would like to donate to the BRO Support Fund, please use the coupon on the left or the membership renewal application on page 10 to do so. With your generosity, help and support, the Big Red One continues to take care of its own!

Century Club

Welcome to the new members of the Century Club! These are members who have donated \$100 or more toward the Big Red One Support Fund. Thank you for partnering with us to support our division!

Frederick & Catherine
Dunford
Keith Erickson
Mahlon & Claire Hile

James Jensen
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BRO SUPPORT FUND

Yes . . . I want to help our Society help the Soldiers of the BIG RED ONE!

Here is my TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to the BRO Support Fund!

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(NOTE: Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized as **Century Club** members in the Bridgehead Sentinel.)

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* * * * * **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** * * * * *

General Gordon R. Sullivan (Ret), 1937-2024

Just after 2024 began, we received the sad news of a great soldier's passing. Gen. Sullivan, who served as president of the Society of the First Division from 1996 to 2003, died on January 2 at age 86. Below, Andrew Woods, research historian at the First Division Museum at Cantigny, provides a look back on Sullivan's extraordinary life of leadership and service.

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan was born in Boston on September 25, 1937. He graduated from Norwich University in 1959, earning an ROTC commission as a 2nd Lieutenant of Armor along with a B.A. in history. He would later receive master's in political science from the University of New Hampshire.

Sullivan's first assignment after Norwich was with the 2nd Armored Division. His initial overseas tour was Korea, 1961-62, followed by two combat tours in Vietnam starting in 1963. His career overseas assignments also included four tours in Europe.

In 1975, LTC Sullivan commanded the 4th

Battalion, 73rd Armor, 1st Infantry Division (Forward), in Germany. He was later appointed Chief of Staff, 11ID(F). He left the Big Red One for a year in 1977 before returning as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Operations), 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, through 1979.

For a year beginning in 1988, MG Sullivan served

as Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division. REFORGER 1988 in West Germany prepared 11ID soldiers for large-scale operations.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono promoted Sullivan to 3-star Lieutenant General and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in 1989. Just one year later he

received his 4th star and a promotion to Army Vice Chief of Staff.

In 1991, Gen. Sullivan was appointed the 32nd Chief of Staff of the United States Army—the senior general officer in the army—and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He held this position until his retirement on July 31, 1995.



Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan in 1992

Speaking at Gen. Sullivan's retirement ceremony, Secretary of Defense William Perry remarked: "I've known many of our military commanders from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. I know of none bolder than Gordon Sullivan ... He is an intellectual whose superb mind is tempered with uncommon common sense ... I know of none who are better leaders... He will be missed greatly."

After retiring from military life, Gen. Sullivan spent two years in the business world before joining the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) as president in 1998. He led the organization for 18 years, adding the title of CEO along the way.

"Gen. Sullivan was a true American hero and an Army legend," said retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO. "As the 32nd Chief of Staff of the Army, he led the service through critical times with strength and a clear vision, ensuring soldiers and their families had the best training and resources."

Gen. Sullivan co-founded the Marshall Legacy Institute in 1997 and served as president (and later board chair) of the Army Historical Foundation. During his time as chairperson, he led the successful capital campaign to build the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Va., which opened in 2020.

Also in his post-Army life, Sullivan applied his remarkable intellect in becoming a leading authority on the national security implications of climate change, chairing the CNA Military Advisory Board.

At the 1996 BRO Reunion Gen. Sullivan was unanimously elected president of the Society. He passed the presidential torch to LTG Thomas Rhame at the 2003 reunion.

Throughout his life, Gen. Sullivan remained devoted to his alma mater. He served on the Norwich board of trustees for many years, and chaired the university's board from 2003-2006.

Gen. Sullivan's awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and Combat Infantryman Badge.

In 2021, speaking in his hometown of Quincy, Mass., Gen. Sullivan remarked, "There's nothing like being in a uniform and serving the United States of America. I have told many people, if I could do it again, I would. And I am not kidding."



On July 4, 1991, Gen. Sullivan (far right) officiated the Homecoming Celebration Victory Review at Fort Riley for soldiers of Operation Desert Storm. He is pictured with LTG Thomas Rhame and Kansas Senator Bob Dole. (photo by Phyllis Fitzgerald)



Gen. Sullivan's life of service continued well beyond his 1995 retirement from the Army. He is shown here at the 1st Infantry Division's 2017 Victory Banquet at Fort Riley. Infantry Division.

Brigadier General William J. Mullen III (Ret), 1937-2024

BG Mullen, who served with the Big Red One for nine of his 33 years of active duty, passed away on February 11, 2024, in Carmel, Calif. He was 86.

A second-generation Army officer, BG Mullen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1959. He went on to command the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany and deployed with them to Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm.

BG Mullen first deployed to Vietnam in 1962, returning there in 1966 as a BRO soldier. That year, on August 25, then-Captain Mullen distinguished himself while serving as company commanding officer during a combat operation in Binh Duong Province. He received the Distinguished

Service Cross for his heroic actions and devotion to duty.

also a Ranger and Master Parachutist.



Beyond the battlefield, BG Mullen's military career included staff positions at the Pentagon, U.S. Central Command in Tampa, and U.S. Forces Command at Ft. McPherson, Ga. He was

In addition to the Bachelor of Science degree he received at West Point, BG Mullen earned a master's of Foreign Affairs from George Washington University, awarded while

he was a student at Naval War College in Rhode Island. He also graduated from Army War College in Pennsylvania.

After retiring in 1992 as Brigadier General, Mullen spent 10 years developing training material for the U.S. Army as a civilian contractor. From 2015 to 2016, he served as National Commander of the Legion of Valor, America's oldest veterans service organization comprised of recipients of the two highest honors for valor in combat.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, BG Mullen received the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, two Distinguished Service Medals and two Soldiers Medals.

Remembering a Friend



Joan Hicks Creighton passed away peacefully on March 17, 2024, at age 91, in Prairie Village, Kansas. She is remembered fondly, especially at Cantigny (Wheaton, IL), where she was director of the Robert R. McCormick Museum and Public Affairs, from

1986 to 2000. During that time Joan's husband, Major General Neal Creighton, served as president and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Cantigny's "parent" organization. General Creighton, who died in 2020, was Commanding

General of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley from 1982 to 1984. Joan leaves behind daughters Linda, Lisa, and son Neal, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Society and Cantigny extend their condolences to the entire Creighton family.



In Memoriam



Glen Baumgartner

Springfield, VA
February 5, 2024
VN

Jorge D Esquilin

Kansas City, MO
December 17, 2023
1-4 CAV Squadron
VN

Benjamin Jones

Mobile, Alabama
December 18, 2023
Iraq

Alvin Meloy

Leesburg, FL
December 31, 2023
HHB, DIVARTY
VN

Ernest G. King

Tahlequah, OK
October 29, 2023
HHC, 26th IN
WWII

William "Bill" Harvey

Bexley, OH
March 31, 2024
B Co, 1-2 INF
VN

Stanley B. Kozakewicy

Stratford, CT
November 20, 2020
HHC, 2-26 IN
WWII

Lon Maggert

Raleigh, NC
January 27, 2024
HHC, 1st BDE &
11D Chief of Staff
DS

Richie Martinez

Big Indian, NY
January 11, 2024
Aco, 1-26 INF
VN

LTC (R) Mark Saunders

Highlands Ranch, CO
December 28, 2023
1st Inf Division
VN

Larry L. Taylor

Signal Mountain, TN
January 28, 2024
1-4 CAV
MOH recipient
VN

Local Chapters of the Society

Currently there are six chapters of the Society, located in the states of Indiana, Kansas, New York/New Jersey, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The Bridgehead Sentinel is pleased to provide space in each issue for

chapter news. We encourage local chapters to keep us all updated about their activities.

We also want to help establish new chapters. If you are interested in starting one, please let us know! Call

or email the Society: 785-579-6761 or sfidevents@gmail.com.

Chapters and their POC information are listed below and on the Society website.

Local Chapter Updates

Our local chapters always welcome new members. To join one or find out more, reach out to the contacts listed below via email or phone.

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Wisconsin Chapter
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The New York/Fort Dix Chapter gathered for brunch on February 18 with eight in attendance—five veterans and three family members. Tom Swenticky and his family plan to hold a brunch every other month, the next one being in April. For more information email Tom at toms0066@aol.com.



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Fellow members, please use this membership form to approach businesses in your community to join the Society as a business member!

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- An e-subscription to the Bridgehead Sentinel
- Certificate of Membership suitable for framing
- A window decal signifying your support

Annual Membership Fee: \$200

I would like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ Beyond my regular dues.

I would like to become a CENTURY CLUB member with a donation of \$_____ (\$100 minimum) to the BRO Support Fund which is used to assist Active Duty Soldiers in need.

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Platinum Level:

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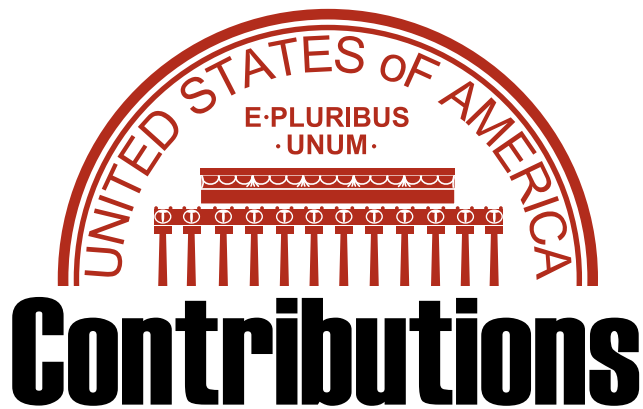
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First Infantry Division Monument Fund Drive



- First Division Monument located west of White House
- Each Conflict contains names and units of 1st ID KIAs
- 12,947 Names on Monument (WWI – Desert Storm)

- Modifications needed to add Iraq and Afghanistan BRO KIAs
- Fund Drive Goal: Raise \$400,000 for Modifications

Society Goal: Redesign, Add Names, Dedicate in 2022

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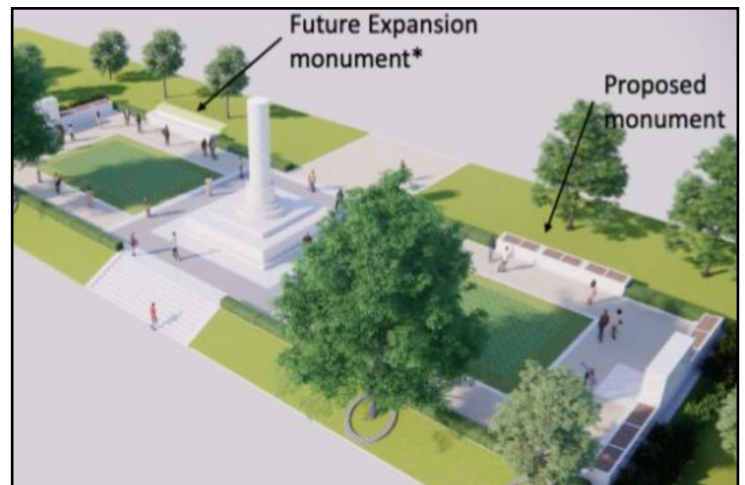
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Monument Construction Summary

Construction is underway! Thanks to all who have contributed to this important task of adding the names and units of the 631 Big Red One soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The basic design of the First Division Monument in Washington DC remains unchanged. Granite plinths, similar to those already holding plaques listing those lost in WWII and Vietnam, will be added, along with the BRO KIA name and unit on plaques mounted on top of the pillars. The existing Desert Storm plaque will be replaced with one matching the existing plaques. All of these will be located where it says “proposed monument” in the artistic rendering below. Additional granite plinths will be added to accommodate BRO KIA in future operations as indicated by “future expansion.”



Individual names, along with their units will be displayed by OIF, OEF, and Desert Storm mounted on top of the granite plinths. Example plaques are below.



We were fortunate that the quarry that provided the granite used for previous monument updates is still open. The construction contractor was able to match the new granite needed for the bases with the older granite. The bronze plate containing the names and units are complete, as is the new version of the Desert Storm bronze plate.

The contractor has a high degree of confidence that the monument expansion will be complete by mid-May 2024.

We have now turned our attention to a monument expansion dedication ceremony, and have tentatively selected Sunday, May 26, at 11 am, for the event. We are awaiting Secret Service and National Park assurance that we can conduct the ceremony at the monument, not from a distant field. We envision a one-hour ceremony, with Gold Star families in attendance. When details are

finalized we will inform Society members via email and social media.

We are still raising funds to complete construction with a projected need of \$75,000. Thanks to all who have contributed. Those desiring to make a contribution to this worthy effort may mail a check to 1st Infantry Division Foundation, PO Box 607, Amber, PA 19002; or go to the Society's website (www.1stid.org) to donate using a credit card. At the top of the home page, click on the Foundation tab. You will then see a Donation Opportunities area on the right. A \$20 contribution from members who have not yet donated should get us over the finish line.

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Museum Notes

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

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From their harrowing landing on Omaha Beach and on through the treacherous French countryside, soldiers of the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division pursued nothing but victory. This summer, the First Division Museum at Cantigny commemorates the extraordinary events of D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Nothing but Victory

Members of the Society are cordially invited to experience a first-of-its-kind exhibit that could only be possible on the grounds of Cantigny here in Wheaton, IL. Opening to the public on June 6, the 80th anniversary of D-Day, “Nothing but Victory” combines art and history to tell a captivating visual story of the “24 hours that changed the world.”

Working with exhibit partner Bridgewater Studio, First Division Museum curators have assembled a compelling diorama across the Cantigny landscape, simulating the man-made and topographical features that 1ID soldiers encountered in Normandy.

The first 300 yards of the exhibit take visitors across Omaha Beach, a strand featuring sculptures and metal silhouettes of soldiers, troopships, a landing craft,

“hedgehog” obstacles, and tethered barrage balloons. Interpretive signs paint a picture of the chaos and extreme peril on the beach as our soldiers advanced with enemy fire raining down. Profiles of actual soldiers are included.

A popular Cantigny attraction called Butterfly Hill represents the high bluffs that soldiers on the beach risked their lives to ascend. At the top, visitors will find a captured German “pillbox” draped with a giant American flag.

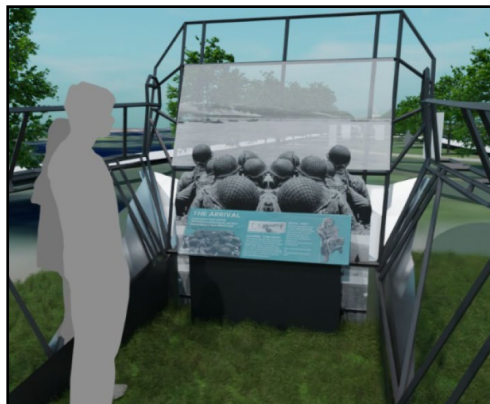
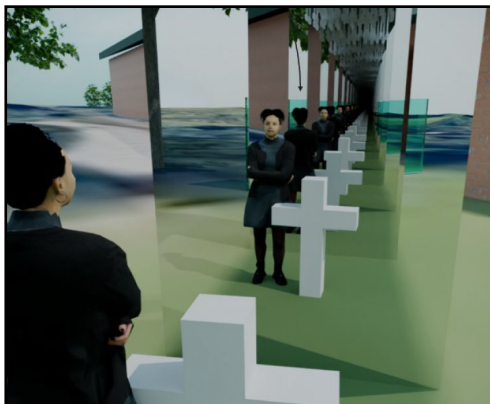
The exhibit trail then leads into the French hedgerows, where D-Day soldiers continued their determined surge in the name of freedom.

“Nothing but Victory” concludes in the courtyard behind the First Division

Museum. There, visitors will gaze into mirrors creating the illusion of an endless row of white crosses, approximating the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer. The museum courtyard features a replica of Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves, the bronze statue in the center of the Normandy memorial.

Inside the museum, a complementing exhibit highlights the D-Day experiences of seven well-known personalities (see adjoining article).

Special tours and lectures honoring the 80th anniversary of D-Day are scheduled this summer as well. Please visit the events calendar at FDMuseum.org for details.



These artistic renderings from Bridgewater Studio foretell what Cantigny visitors will encounter on the grounds this summer. “Nothing but Victory” commemorates the 80th anniversary of D-Day and Operation Overlord.

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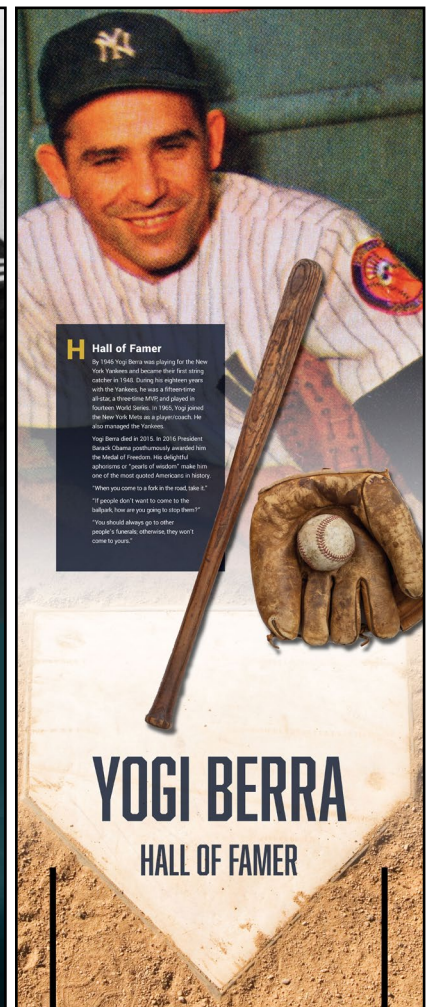
A second, must-see D-Day exhibit is inside the First Division Museum. “Over Land, Over Sea, Overlord” highlights the experiences of well-known personalities. As the shadow of war loomed large, men whose names were synonymous with fame and accomplishment were compelled to contribute to the fight against oppression.

The special summer exhibit explores the personal stories of seven famous men-turned-soldiers, revealing a profound intersection of celebrity and sacrifice. Their actions during Operation Overlord are an enduring testament to the indomitable human spirit and the universal call to defend liberty in the face of adversity.

The featured servicemen are Yogi Berra, James Doohan, Medgar Evers, Sam Fuller, Bobby Jones, David Niven, and J.D. Salinger.

More information about the First Division Museum D-Day exhibits and associated events is online at FDMuseum.org. The exhibits open to the public on June 6.

Two-sided biographical panels like these are included in the exhibit, located in the First Division Museum lobby.



Welcome, Kevin West

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Kevin West has joined the Robert R. McCormick Foundation as Military Liaison. This part-time position was created to steward the Foundation's relationship with the greater 1st Infantry Division community, including active-duty soldiers, military families, the Society of the First Infantry Division, veterans of the Division, and Division leadership at Fort Riley, Kansas. West will advise McCormick and Cantigny leadership, Cantigny being an operation within McCormick, on subjects relevant to the military community.

With a 20-year background as a Big Red One soldier, officer, and civil servant, West will be

an asset to the Foundation in our work with veteran service organizations, grantmaking, and employment/training initiatives, as well as other engagements important to the community. He will also support the First Division Museum at Cantigny, providing advice on collections, exhibits, and programs.

Before retiring from the Army in 2009, West distinguished himself as a field artillery officer, serving in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom with the Big Red One, and taking part in missions in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq with other U.S. Army units. His military career reached its high point when he took command of the 1st Infantry

Division's 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, known as the Alexander Hamilton Battery.

West earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Missouri Western State University and a Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning from Kansas State University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army's Command and General Staff College, and the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's German language program.

A resident of Manhattan, Kansas, West is active in community service. He is engaged

with the military and veteran communities as the treasurer for the Officers of the First Division and is a founding board member and current president of the Armed Forces Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.





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