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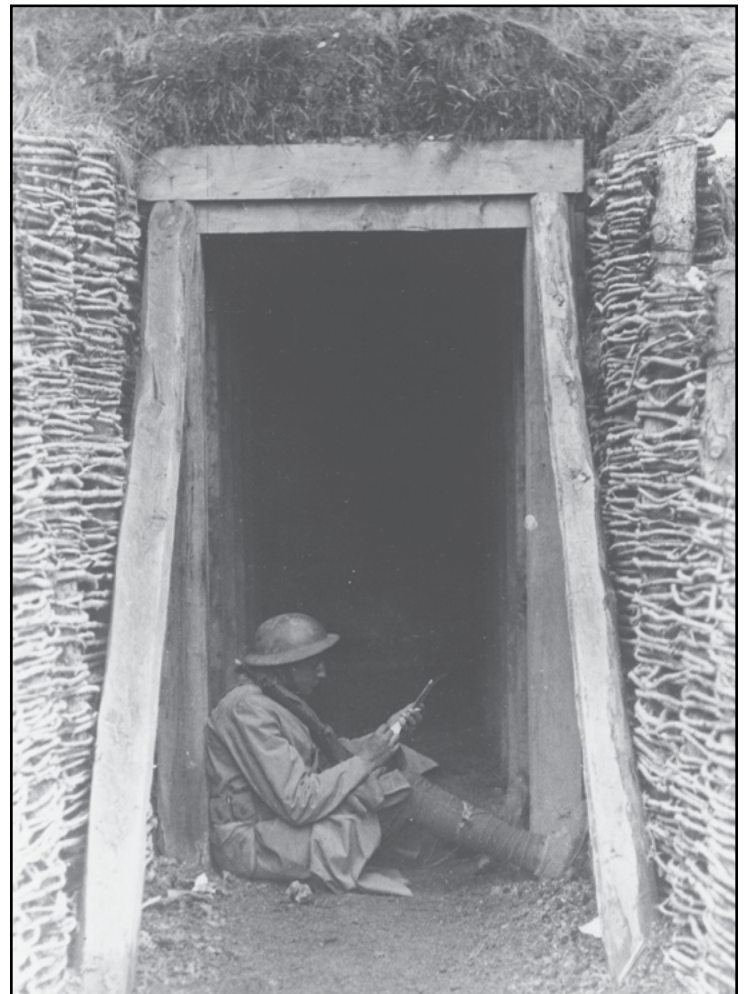
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A U.S. First Division Artilleryman in the doorway of his bombproof shelter utilizes a few peaceful moments in writing to the folks at home. March 7, 1918.



Letter from the President

By LTG (Ret.) Ron Watts

A happy, healthy, prosperous 2023 to all of you! I trust you are enjoying spring wherever you may be.

I welcome back to Fort Riley our Commanding General and all the members of the Division Headquarters who have been deployed to Europe the past several months. Well done! They continue to make us proud and have lived up to the Division Motto: No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty First!

In this space I'd like to update you on the 2023 Society Reunion, the Society's Washington D.C. Monument additions, and Huebner Scholarships.

2023 Society Reunion, New Orleans, August 9-12. Key "Takeaways":

- ALL BRO veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend the reunion.
- Theme: "1st Infantry Division WW II – N. Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Germany, Czechoslovakia." The WW II Museum is in New Orleans and you should plan to visit.
- Best days to attend are Friday

and Saturday; arrive Thursday, depart Sunday.

- Seek out Post 9-11 BRO vets and encourage their attendance.
- Advertise the Reunion by posting BRO Reunion Notices in your local VFW and Legion Halls.
- Reunion details are in this BHS

D.C. Monument Status. We are making progress to add the 631 names of BRO soldiers lost in Post 9-11 operations (Afghanistan: 192; Iraq: 439) and replace the existing plate of DESERT STORM KIA. Key "Takeaways":

- National Park Service (NPS) is close to giving final approval.
- Society hired a reputable company to manage bid process and construction.
- Most of the project should be completed by September 2023
- The McCormick Foundation has provided a \$500,000 Grant for construction. This is in addition to their 50-cent match of every dollar donated.
- Fund status: We estimate the construction will cost about \$950,000. We currently have

about \$285,000, plus the \$500,000 McCormick Grant. The Society Board of Directors approved borrowing additional funds needed from Society investment accounts. We will continue to raise money to reimburse the accounts.

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

Huebner Scholarships. The Society has added a new category for Trade School Scholarships. Key "Takeaways":

- There is a shortage of skilled trade workers in the United States. Some estimate there will be more than 3 million trade jobs open by 2028.
- While college is important for some, the skilled worker is vital to our way of life. Working in a trade career means learning a valuable skill that can offer less debt, lucrative pay, job stability, and overall good quality of life.
- Starting with 2023 Huebner Awards, we will evaluate "Scholarships" for those eligible for Huebner Scholarships to obtain "Skilled Trade School Certification" in trades such as

electricians, welders, mechanics, machinists, tool and die makers, and even programmers. The current College Scholarship Award Program will continue.

- Bottom Line: The Society through the First Division Foundation will now include scholarships to those selected for either college or skilled trades schools. See details for applying at the Scholarships Tab under Foundation on the Society website. Scholarship applications are due by May 1.
- See the article in this BHS for more details

I continue to be optimistic about the future of our Society. However, each of us must reach out to Post 9-11 BRO veterans to explain our objectives and encourage their participation. They are the future of our Society.

I ask that you continue to keep BIG RED ONE active-duty members in your prayers. They continue to deploy globally, perform outstanding tasks in support of our freedom, and serve as great ambassadors of the United States of America! ♥



Letter from the Executive Director

By CW3 (Ret) Phyllis Fitzgerald

Greetings from Fort Riley! 2023 is off to a great start.

Efforts to build membership, share our story and promote the Society of the First Infantry Division continue.

We will be live streaming this year's Memorial Day event via our Society Facebook Page, on Monday, May 29, at 1100 Central time. You do not need a Facebook account to view.

Planning continues for our 102nd annual reunion in New Orleans, August 9 to 13. The registration link is live on our website and 85 people are already signed up. You should to!

I recently emailed those with an active address a couple of flyers promoting this year's reunion. The flyers appear in this issue of BHS. Please share them with others and post in your communities, such as at VFW halls.

We will have three event opportunities in New Orleans: WW2 Museum, City Tour, and Creole Queen Historic Cruise on the Mississippi River. Please sign up—we need to fill the seats (56 seats per bus) to avoid having to cancel any events. Based on signups, we may have to make some adjustments to fill the

buses.

This year, we thought it would be fun to have a paint and sip event on Saturday. If you sign up for this event, all materials are provided to paint a canvas with the 1st Infantry Division patch. You can bring your own drink to the event or enjoy the wine provided by Jim and Lisa Champagne.

Also for fun, August 10 will be "Throwback Thursday"—if you have an old reunion t-shirt please wear it that day! On Friday, August 11, let's all wear a red shirt to signify that those deployed are in our thoughts and prayers. Lastly, on Saturday, August 12, plan to wear the official 2023 Reunion t-shirt.

Key events at the reunion include a Thursday evening welcome party with live music. The conflict breakfast will be on Friday morning with a board meeting in the afternoon. Saturday will begin with a memorial service followed by the General Membership Meeting. The evening will feature a reception and banquet dinner.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. If anyone is interested in volun-

teering, please let me know. More details and a registration form are included on the pages that follow.

You will find updates on our database, membership, monument, chapters, donations, fundraisers, and much more. Please continue to keep us updated on any changes to your addresses, emails, and phone numbers. We want to stay in touch with you.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the Society continues to provide support to Soldiers and families. The Big Red One (BRO) Support Fund is the Society's resource for providing emergency assistance to serving 1st Infantry Division Soldiers who are active members of the Society. These funds provide financial support that is not covered by other agencies supporting Soldiers. The BRO Support Fund also provides non-emergency assistance to units, active-duty Soldiers, and family members on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the fund, along with the Society's monument fund, provides a memorial wreath for any fallen 1st Infantry Division Soldier who has their memorial service on Fort Riley.

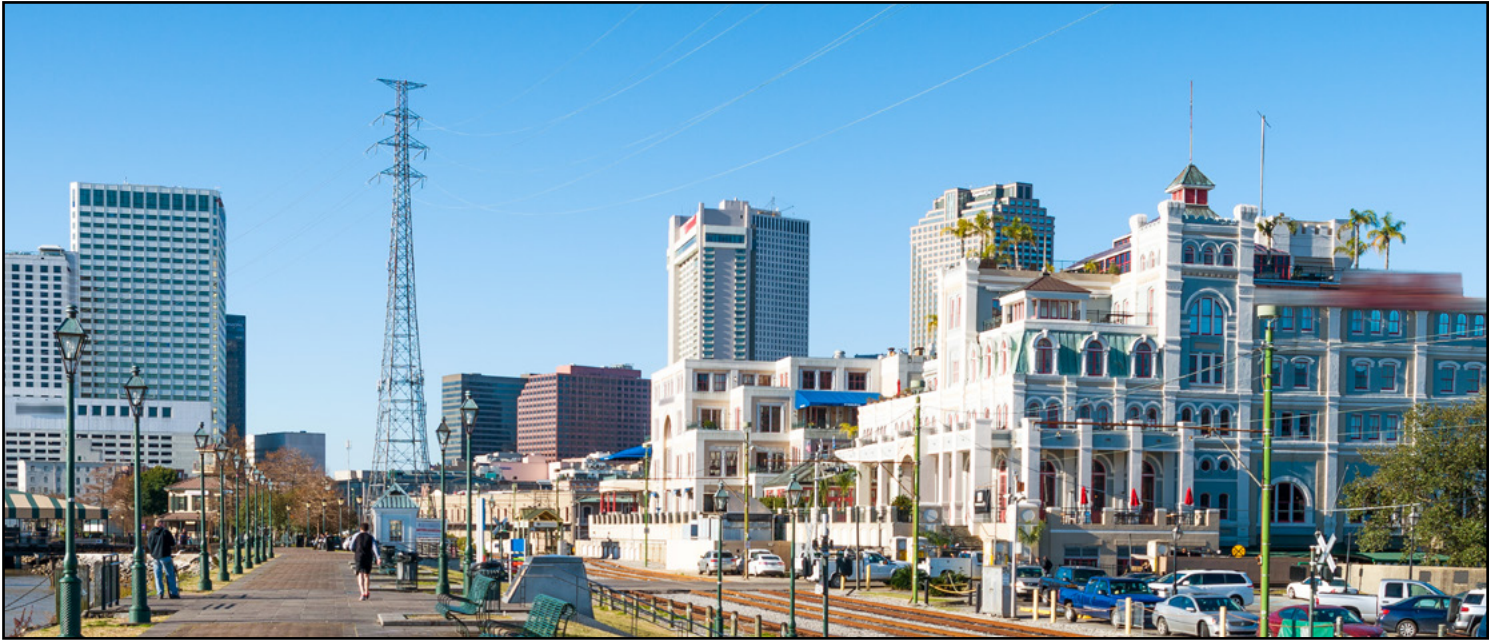
If you are interested in standing up a chapter in your

community, send me an email at sfd1919@gmail.com and I will share how to get it going. This issue contains more information about chapters.

Membership remains steady as you will see inside, along with a breakdown of membership composition. Post 9-11 veterans are replacing Vietnam vets in numbers, and we look forward to their leadership in the Society. We still have a significant number of Vietnam-era members. I encourage all members to consider sponsoring a Soldier or Soldiers—see inside to learn how.

Anytime you have a question, comment, suggestion, or concern, please reach out. We are here to assist. Our website, www.1stid.org, is a good resource for staying updated with the Society, Quartermaster, Reunion, Scholarships, Monument and much more. As a reminder, watch for emails from admin@1stid.org and sfd1919@gmail.com. Please check your junk mail folder, too!

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Bridgehead. Your phone calls, letters, and emails are appreciated. I am honored to serve as your Executive Director. ♥



2023 Reunion: New Orleans, LA

The Society of the 1st Infantry Division's 102nd Annual Reunion is scheduled for August 9-13, 2023, at the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans, Louisiana.

*The theme for this year's reunion is: 1st Infantry Division World War II
North Africa - Sicily - Normandy - Germany - Czechoslovakia*

This will be a sensational reunion with tours and events that appeal to everyone. The premier tour will be the National World War II Museum, where you can explore the most impactful event of the 20th century and the legacy of the greatest generation in thought-provoking exhibits.

A timeless city with a unique way of life, New Orleans is a journey and a celebration. Steeped in European traditions and Caribbean influences, the Big Easy calls curious minds to sweet sounds and savory aromas fueled by 300 years of history. From the moment you arrive, New Orleans will beckon your ears, allure your eyes and enchant your heart. Indulge your senses and explore. We invite you to savor the aroma

of gumbo floating out a kitchen window, follow the sounds of drums and Blues guitar to their source, or stroll a Spanish moss-laden lane to a welcoming historic mansion or hidden courtyard... The city's lagniappe – a little something extra – will stay with you, calling you back to discover the mystery behind a magical city. New Orleans is and will always be a picturesque metropolitan, a culturally rich haven, and an authentic experience.

If New Orleans history was translated to the silver screen, it would be a blockbuster – a story dripping with drama, romance, piracy, intrigue, tragedy, and inspiration. Forever shaped by its European heritage, the city was volleyed between the French and the Spanish from the late 17th

century until the United States bought Louisiana for pennies an acre in 1803. A broad timeline offers a portal into what we see, taste, hear and experience in 21st century New Orleans.

Often called the Crown Jewel of New Orleans, the French Quarter is one of the city's most historic neighborhoods. But you'll find plenty of new mixed in with the old, such as a reimagined French Market, where modern boutiques and artisan cocktails mix with beloved antique stores and quaint restaurants.

We have a full schedule planned for the reunion. Please read through these pages carefully and be sure to register NOW for the events that are of interest to you and your guests. There is limited seating for the tours.

When not on a planned tour, you will have time for your own walking tours of the French Quarter, which occupies a six-by-thirteen block area. We'll be within walking distance of the Mississippi River and there are many places to eat, shop, take photos and visit museums.

The most important reason for attending is to see all your old buddies and to meet and make new friends. Please join us for the free Welcome Party on Thursday night to enjoy some entertainment and socialize. "The Flavors of New Orleans" jazz group will add to a special evening.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope you will join the fun and camaraderie in New Orleans! ♠

2023 Tentative Reunion Program

Wednesday, August 9

9 AM-12 PM.....Quartermaster Open
12-1:30 PM.....Staff Lunch
1:30-5 PM.....Quartermaster Open
1:30 PM.....Unit Meeting w/Society

Thursday, August 10

8 AMUnit Meetings in CP
9 AM-12 PM.....Quartermaster Open
12-1:30 PM.....Staff Lunch
1:30-5 PM.....Quartermaster Open
8:45 AM-1 PM.....WWII Museum 2-Day Pass
8:45 AM-1 PM.....WWII Museum
9:45 AM-1:45 PM.....WWII Museum
9:45 AM-1:45 PM.....WWII Museum w/Movie
9:15 AM-12 PM.....City Tour
1-5 PM.....Creole Queen Historic Tour
6-9 PMWelcome Party

Friday, August 11

7:30-9 AMConflict Breakfast
8 AMUnit Meetings in CP
9 AM-12 PM.....Quartermaster Open
12-1:30 PM.....Staff Lunch
1:30-5 PM.....Quartermaster Open
8:45 AM-1 PM.....WWII Museum 2-Day Pass
8:45 AM-1 PM.....WWII Museum
9:45 AM-1:45 PM.....WWII Museum
9:45-1:45 PM.....WWII Museum w/Movie
9:15 AM-12 PM.....City Tour
1-5 PM.....Creole Queen Historic Tour
2-3 PM.....Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, August 12

8 AMUnit Meetings in CP
9 AMMemorial Service
10 AM-12 PM.....Quartermaster Open
10:15 AM.....General Membership Meeting
12-3 PM.....Paint & Sip
12:45-3:30 PM.....City Tour
1-5 PMCreole Queen Historic Tour
6 PM.....Cocktails/Reception
7 PM102nd Annual Reunion Banquet

2024 Reunion

Clyde Hotel (Heritage Hotels & Resorts)
Albuquerque, NM
July 31–Aug 4, 2024 ■



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 our membership is presented below. It changes daily but generally the total numbers stay close.

On March 30, 2023, we had a total of 8951 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	8206	92%
Active Duty	156	1.7%
Regular Veteran	449	5%
Executive Veteran	0	.3%
Associate	54	.6%
Business Partner	36	0%
Corporate Sponsor	18	0%

ERA Served:

Post 9-11	3928	44.0%
Vietnam *	1994	22.2%
Peace Time	1028	11.5%
Unknown/NA	152	1.7%
Balkans	551	6.2%
Cold War	387	4.3%
WW II *	223	2.5%
Desert Storm	213	2.4%

*Includes widows

Data indicates that Post 9-11 era membership is surpassing 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 New Orleans visit a memorable experience. These are optional events and require pre-registration. All tours have limited seating. If we cannot fill all the seats (56) a tour or tours may be canceled. To avoid disappointment, it is recommended you sign up for your tours when you register rather than waiting until you arrive at the reunion. Sign up early to ensure you have a seat on the tours you wish to attend. If you decide after you arrive at the reunion to go on a tour, check with Quartermaster for availability.

We'd like to try something different this year and we hope everyone will participate. We all likely have shirts from past reunions so let's wear a past reunion t-shirt/shirt on Thursday, August 10. Fridays are known throughout the military as "Red Shirt Friday." Let's all wear a red shirt on Friday to remember all who are deployed. On Saturday (before the banquet), please wear your official 2023 Reunion t-shirt if you choose to purchase one.

Welcome Party – Thursday, August 10, 6 PM

Please join us for a fun and free Welcome Party at the hotel on Thursday evening. Socialize and enjoy live music by "The Flavors of New Orleans," a jazz band.

Conflict Breakfast Friday, August 11, 7:30-9:00 AM

\$32 per person. Charles Street Continental breakfast will consist of Orange, Apple and Cranberry Juices, Sliced Seasonal Melons and Fruits, Freshly Baked Muffins and Morning Pastries, Fruit Preserves and Butter. Fluffy Scrambled eggs, Smokehouse Bacon and Breakfast Potatoes. Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, and a Selection of Specialty Teas.

102nd Annual Reunion Banquet Saturday, August 12

101st Annual Reunion Banquet, beginning at 6pm Saturday, August 12, at the Astor Crowne Plaza Grand Ball-

room. Enjoy a cocktail reception at 6pm followed by the 102nd Annual Reunion Banquet beginning at 7 pm.

\$57 per person/child meals \$25. (Each meal includes, salad, dessert, coffee, and tea).

Entrees:

Beef: Grilled Flat Iron Steak | Mushroom Demi-Glace Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Fish: Fresh Gulf Fish | Herb Beurre Blanc Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Chicken: Pan Seared Breast of Chicken | Mushroom Sauce Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetarian Plate: Portobello and Vegetable Short Stack | Roasted and Grilled Zucchini, Squash, Eggplant, Red Onion, Pepper, Wilted Spinach, Pesto Oil Rice Pilaf

Child Meal: Chicken Fingers, French Fries, and Cut Fruit

The National World War II Museum, New Orleans

We have tours scheduled for Thursday and Friday. You can sign up for tour only, tour with movie or a 2-day pass. The registration form has pricing and time details. The museum has two onsite dining establishments. The Jeri Nims Soda Shop is a counter-service restaurant with grab-and-go choices as well as hot options. It serves breakfast and lunch each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The American Sector Restaurant is a full-service restaurant and bar with lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Through exhibits, multimedia experiences, and thousands of personal accounts,

the museum takes visitors on an immersive tour of World War II in every theater of war. To learn more please visit the museum website: nationalww2museum.org/

New Orleans City Tour

A 2 ½-hour city tour will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Pricing includes transportation and tour guide. See registration form for pricing and times.

If you have never been to New Orleans or have and want to see it again, this is the tour for you. Licensed tour guides give a thorough overview of New Orleans culture, history, and architecture, including the French Quarter, Creole/Treme area, cemetery, hurricane-affected areas, City Park, Lake Pontchartrain, Garden District, St. Charles Avenue and Uptown Area.

New Orleans, LA

Creole Queen Historical Cruise on the Mississippi

Sign up for a historic tour on the Creole Queen on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. For pricing and tour times, see registration form. Food and drinks are available for purchase on the cruise.

From the heart of the French Quarter, cruise to a time when life was as slow and graceful as the current of the Mississippi River. Boarding takes place at 1 Poydras Street. Once there, board and enjoy a 2.5-hour cruise on the Creole Queen with a narrated history of the river and Port of New Orleans. We'll also stop at the Chalmette Battlefield where you can step off the steamboat and tour the grounds.

Paint & Sip Event at the Hotel, Saturday, August 12, beginning at Noon

Enjoy an afternoon of painting, great company and sipping wine (courtesy of wine purveyors Jim and Lisa Champagne). A canvas, paint and expert instruction will be provided as we create original artwork featuring our Society of the First Infantry Division logo with a background that is uniquely New Orleans. For pricing and to sign up, see registration form.

Policy for Priority for Attendance at Selected Events

For the 2017 & 2018

Reunion, the Society Board of Directors approved a policy to give priority for attendance at selected events to Society members registered to stay at the Reunion Hotel. We shall continue that Policy for the 2023 Reunion

1. Priority for available seats to scheduled events shall go to those paying registration fee and renting rooms at The Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. The Society will make exceptions, on a case-by-case basis for those driving RVs or residing within daily commute distance of the Reunion Hotel. The Society Staff shall 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, Banquet, and Tours.

3. After the Registration Cut-off date of 10 July 2023, remaining tickets to all events will be sold on a first come basis to those who paid Reunion Registration Fee.

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

This policy was established by the Board of Directors in 2017. They have determined it will remain in effect for 2022. ■

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 18 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!

Holly Dzwilefsky
Richard Edwards
Mahlon Hile
Randall Hoffman
Maj. Trent D. Laviano
Louis Murray
Boundary Oak Distillery LLC

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!

☐\$15 ☐\$30 ☐\$60 ☐\$100 ☐\$150 ☐Other \$ _____



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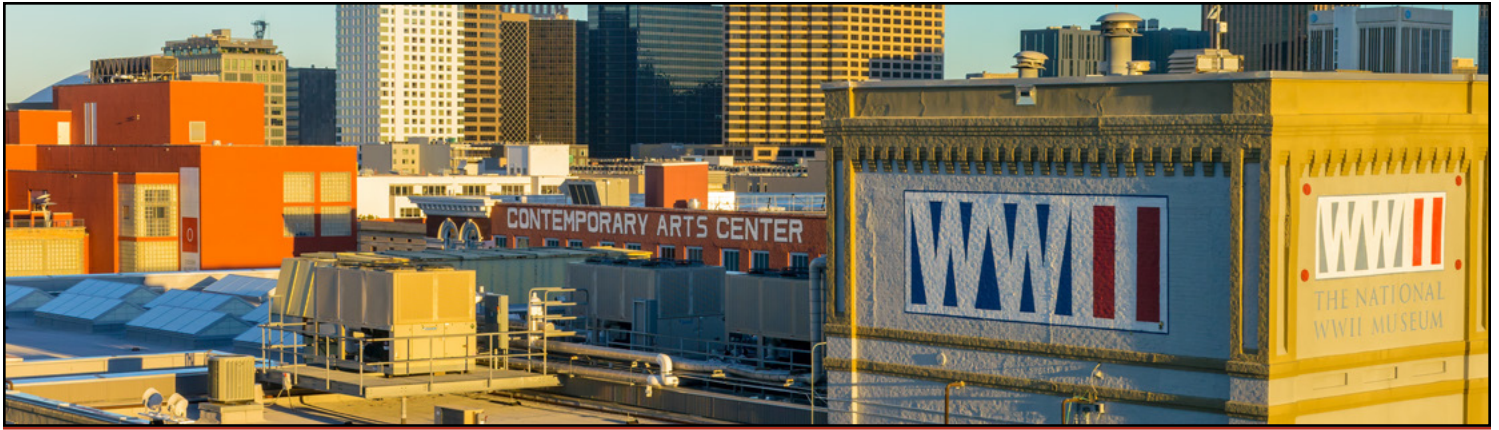
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Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Please make your check payable to: Society of the First Infantry Division.
Mark it "BRO SUPPORT FUND" and mail it to:
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Your contribution is 100% deductible for income tax purposes.

Admin and Logistics



Our hotel

The Astor Crowne Plaza is the location for our 102nd Annual Reunion, August 9-13, 2022. Check-in will be at 4:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am. The hotel address is 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Transportation from Airport

Airport Shuttle is available with a round trip discounted rate of \$40 per person (round trip), \$20 per person (one-way) from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to the hotel. To book shuttle service, click here: <https://www.viator.com/tours/New-Orleans/Louis-Armstrong-New-Orleans-International-Airport-MSY-Private-Transfer/d675-131112P43>

Parking for those who may be driving

Parking is available at the hotel through Premium parking. They offer a safe and secure valet garage at 716 Iberville Street, located behind the Astor Crowne Plaza. Rates are \$20 per night for standard size vehicles with a \$10 surcharge for oversized vehicles (trucks, mini vans and larger).

The link to make reservations is <https://premiumparking.com/P145>

Or: Hotel Valet parking is available for \$55.22 per day/night (inclusive of all taxes), payable to the hotel once you arrive. Oversized vehicles may be valet parked for \$66.49 per day/night (inclusive of taxes).

There are alternate parking options within 6 minutes walking distance from the hotel. They are either the Parking Management Services located at 918 Gravier Street (504-566-1000) or Premium Parking Service located at 1010 Commons Street (504-565-5546). You will need to pay for parking at the garage of your choice.

Schedule

If you are unable to attend the entire event, no problem. The core of reunion events take place on Friday and Saturday, August 11-12. Join us for those days as your schedule will allow. You'll have a great time!

Spread the Word!

You can help spread the word about 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 how many members from your unit attend. Judging for the CP decorating competition will take place on Friday, August 11, at 1500. The theme for this year's CP competition is 1st Infantry Division, World War II: North Africa - Sicily - Normandy - Germany - Czechoslovakia.

Reunion Registration Fees

Registration, received before July 10, is \$50. Registration received after midnight July 10 is \$65.

NOTE: Reunion registration fees are nonrefundable

Hotel Reservations – PLEASE NOTE – This is a change from years past.

All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by calling and mentioning you are coming to the reunion of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division

Toll Free: 1-877-408-9661. The block code to provide when you call is SFQ

Booking website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50441679>

The cutoff date to secure your hotel room reservations at our group rate is July 12. We encourage you to register early to take advantage of the Society's special rate! After August 15, hotel rooms will be based on space and rate availability and you will need to contact the reservation desk at the hotel directly at 504-962-0500.

If you make reservations and then need to cancel them, you will not be charged if you cancel 72 hours prior to arrival and a confirmation number is obtained from the hotel. Cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will be subject to a one night's room and tax cancellation



charge. All cancellations must be made through the hotel at Toll Free: 1-877-408-9661 (or local 504-962-0500).

Handicap Accessible Rooms

If you require special room accommodations, please contact the hotel directly when making your room reservations. Toll Free: 1-877-408-9661 (or local 504-962-0500). Select 0 and ask for in-house reservation.

Reunion/Tour/Hotel Cancellation/Refunds

Reunion registration fees are

non-refundable.

Tours, if you cancel by July 10, are fully refundable. After July 10 no refunds.

Weather

Average temperatures in New Orleans in August are in low to mid 90's during the day with the humidity levels close to 100%. Nighttime lows average around 78 degrees, rarely falling below 74. Chances of rain on any given day are relatively high ranging from 60% at the beginning of August to 46% at the end

of August. You might want to pack comfortable, loose-fitting, summery clothes, but remember that Gulf Coasters like to cool their indoor spaces to Arctic levels, so bring a layer of some sort (cardigan, pashmina, light jacket) for restaurants, museums, and other indoor attractions.

Confirmation

You will receive an email confirmation of your registration (if you have email). 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 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. All registration forms will be available with registration at the reunion site. ■

Keep Your Contact Info Up-to-Date!

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address?

We value our members and want to make sure your membership profile is up to date.

It is especially important that if you move, change your phone number, or change your email

address that you inform us so that we can update our records.

We want 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. Here are the ways to submit changes:

Contact us:

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P.O. Box 2307
Fort Riley, KS 66442
785-579-6761

sfidkansas@gmail.com or
sfidqm@gmail.com ■



Letter from the CG

by Major General John V. Meyer, III

Dear Big Red One Soldiers, Families, and Friends,

We are home! The Division Headquarters and DIVARTY redeployed in February after maintaining a division presence in Europe for over 21 months. We are glad to be back at Fort Riley--the best place to live, work, deploy from, and return home to.

Since the last update, the 2nd Brigade deployed to Europe to support our partners and allies. Our Soldiers are focused, trained, and ready to participate in multi-national training exercises to enhance interoperability. Their efforts in Europe are important and our Soldiers are making a difference every day.

1st Brigade hosted Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB), Expert Soldier Badge (ESB), and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB)

training and evaluations for Soldiers across the Division. We proudly awarded 134 Soldiers with 67 EIBs, 59 ESBs, and 8 EFMBs. Our Soldiers demonstrated their warfighting mastery and increased overall unit readiness.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade is staying busy in the Flint Hills sky, on the ground, and in our local community. Our Soldiers joined the K-State Baseball team for a military appreciation game in March, invited students from a local elementary school to tour our hangars and learn about the many opportunities available in Army Aviation, and celebrated Women's History Month with a flight crewed by 27 women over the Division Headquarters to the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum.

1st Division Sustainment

Brigade remains engaged with JRTC support, deployment and redeployment support, but is focused on development of our leaders through training expertise and classes on topics such as ethical leadership, finance, and nutrition.

In January, we kicked off the Year of the NCO. This year will focus on the "Backbone of the Army" to build cohesive teams that are highly trained, disciplined, and fit to fight. We hosted a Division NCO induction ceremony in March to induct 50 NCOs into the corps. Throughout the year, we will host panels with guest speakers, "best of" competitions, and classes focused on developing our NCOs to be experts in their craft, stewards of the profession, prepared to defend our country, and care for our

Soldiers and Families.

Lastly, I want to recognize our amazing volunteers. We recently held the second iteration of the Volunteer of the Quarter award ceremony where we recognized 15 Soldiers with Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and 19 civilians for their outstanding and selfless service. We will continue this recognition every quarter, and then gather for a Volunteer of the Year dinner in May. There are so many Soldiers, Family Members, and D.A. Civilians who dedicate their time to others in our community and that is just one reason why Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division are so special.

Duty First! People Always... All Else Follows! ▀



Pictured: U.S. Army noncommissioned officers of the 1st Infantry Division Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard (CGMCG) stand at an exhibit entrance at the First Division Museum in Wheaton, Illinois, Mar. 10, 2023. Soldiers of the CGMCG visited the museum to gain a better understanding of the division's history.



***Above:** Soldiers of 82nd BEB, 2ABCT, 1ID salute during a change of command ceremony Jan. 23, 2023, Zagan, Poland. The 2/1 is among other units assigned to the 1 ID, proudly working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in Europe.*



***Above:** Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. conducted an all-female flight flyover and visited the Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchison, Kansas, to celebrate the achievements of women in aviation.*

Keeping up with the 1st Division

Headquarters (REDEPLOYED)

Division Headquarters recently returned from Europe, maintaining a presence in the region for 21 months.

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

1st Brigade hosted Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB), Expert Soldier Badge (ESB), and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) training and evaluations for Soldiers across the Division.

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (DEPLOYED)

In January, 2nd Brigade deployed to Europe, working alongside NATO allies and regional security partners to provide combat-credible forces to V Corps, America's forward deployed corps in the region.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

After the Brigade's return from Europe, it has been staying busy in the Flint Hills sky, on the ground, and in the local community.

1st Division Sustainment Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

The 1st Division Sustainment Brigade remains engaged with JRTC support, deployment and redeployment support, but is focused on development of our leaders through training expertise and classes on topics such as ethical leadership, finance, and nutrition.

Division Artillery (REDEPLOYED)

The DIVARTY HQ redeployed from Europe in February along with the Division Headquarters after a 21 month deployment. ▀

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL Effective For 2023



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Fort Riley, KS 66442

Phone: 785-579-6761 www.1stid.org



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TITLE: _____ NAME: _____
First MI Last Suffix Jr., II, Etc.

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☐ O5 TO O8 \$50

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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 1st Infantry Division with others and invite them to join.

Thank you for sponsoring Active-Duty Soldiers. ▀

Growing Society Membership 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"

Mail to: Society of the First Infantry Division

P.O. Box 2307

Fort Riley, KS 66442

Or go to our website: 1stid.org

(select the Sponsor New Member link on the home page)



Scouting Out a Bright Future

The Society of the First Infantry Division is the Charter Organization for Pack 260, Troop 60, and Troop 66. All three are exceptional Scouting organizations that offer a range of activities and events to their members.

One of the most highly anticipated events in Pack 260's calendar is their Blue and Gold Celebration, an event honoring the organization's anniversary and

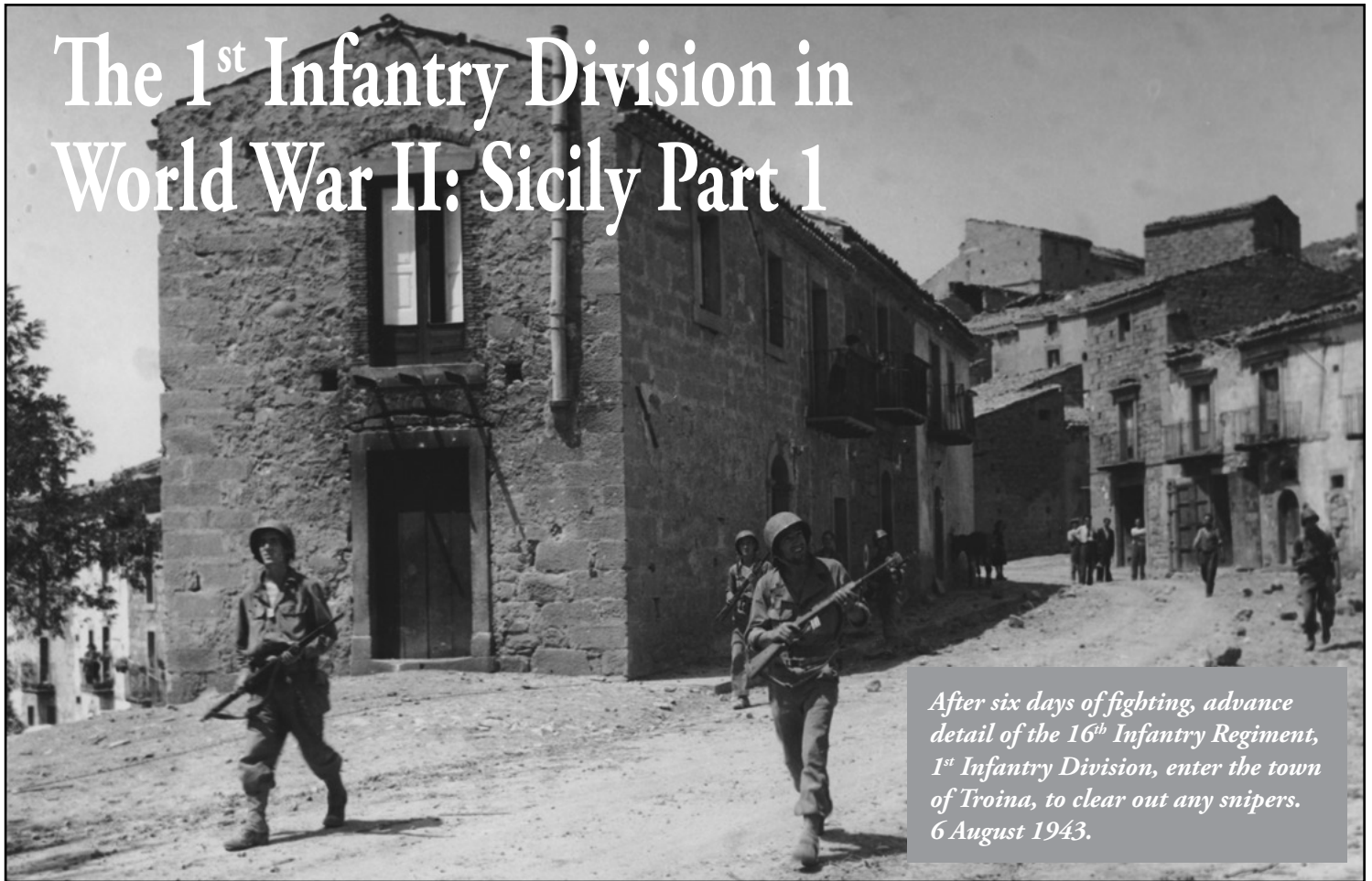
the hard work of it Scouts. Pack 260 also hosted their renowned annual Pine Wood Derby, where Scouts build and race their own miniature cars. These events, combined with camping and hiking, enable Scouts to build their skills and develop lifelong friendships. They also learn to be self-reliant and responsible—key attributes that serve them well later in life. ▀



Crafting Distinction



The 1st Infantry Division in World War II: Sicily Part 1



By COL (Ret) Greg Fontenot

Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily, occurred on 10 July 1943 in accordance with a decision by the UK and US at the Casablanca Conference in January. Invading Sicily was the means for taking the war to Axis territory in 1943. The Allies had to conclude the campaign in North Africa before they could mount Husky. The end in North Africa came on 12 May 1943, when nearly 275,000 Axis soldiers surrendered at Tunis. Although planning for Husky began soon after the Casablanca conference, some of the units earmarked for the campaign, including the Big Red One, could not prepare until after the Axis surrender.

The 1st Infantry Division (ID) entered combat in WWII when it

landed in Algeria on 8 November 1942. In the ensuing months, the division fought across Algeria and Tunisia. The campaign cost the Big Red One 634 killed in action and 3,916 wounded. These numbers don't include soldiers injured or killed in non-battle accidents or the hundreds who suffered from malaria.

Not long after taking Oran, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in command of the Allied Force, ordered the 1st ID into Tunisia piecemeal. Lieutenant General K.A.N. Anderson, who commanded the First British Army, used the division as a fire brigade sending units hither and yon. This left Major General Terry Allen and his staff unemployed and led to misuse of the

division. After Kasserine Pass, Eisenhower ordered the division reassembled under Lieutenant George S. Patton Jr. at II Corps. Major General Omar N. Bradley served as Patton's deputy.

Thus, Allen got his division back. He and Brigadier General Teddy Roosevelt led brilliantly at El Guettar. Flamboyant and wildly popular with their troops, both provoked Patton and Bradley. Although Patton and Allen were friends, Patton's vanity and insecurity led him to goad Allen. On one occasion, he urinated in Allen's slit trench and dared him to use it.

Bradley regarded Allen, Roosevelt and the 1st ID as prima donnas. Bradley respected Allen's combat leadership but regarded

him as "possibly the most difficult commander I had to handle throughout the war." Allen thought Bradley "a sanctimonious bastard." Despite an unhappy relationship with Bradley and a tempestuous one with Patton, both regarded the 1st ID as first rate and necessary for the success of Husky. Patton, when assigned to command US forces in Sicily, asked Eisenhower for the 1st ID saying, "I want those sons of bitches."

In May, the 1st ID trucked back from Tunisia to Oran to rest, train and integrate replacements. 1st ID veterans had a high opinion themselves, believing

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In Memoriam

Donald C Andrezjwski

Sewickley, Pennsylvania
April, 5, 2023
16th Infantry, CW

Harry Carrel Jr

Excelsior Springs, MO
March 12, 2023
HHC/ 2-33FA, VN

Karl "Chris" C. Dona

March 27, 2023
West Melbourne FL
C, 2-28 InfVN
Life Member

Gerald Griffin

Leesburg, VA
March 10, 2018
A/2- 16 INF, VN

Timothy E. Hebert

Coos Bay, Oregon
HHC/1-2IN, VN

James (Jim) Hicks

The Villages, FL
August 27, 2022
8-6 FA, VN

Jack Kimora

Highland, CA
February 10, 2023
A Co/2-16 INF, VN

Stanley Kober

Ho-Ho-Ho, New Jersey
December 9, 2022
A Co/2-2 INF, VN

Ron Labinski

January 1, 2023
1st Eng BN, PT

Victoria Maranto

Point of Rocks, MD
January 5, 2023
B Co/121 Signal BN, PT

William Middlesworth

Marietta, Georgia
C/1st EN, VN

Lyn Cini

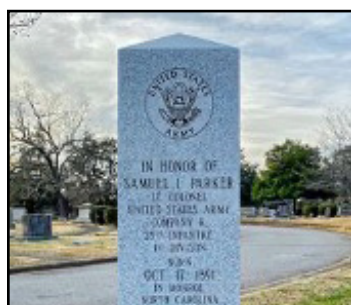
Williamsburg, Va
March 29, 2023
Artillery, VN

Frances "Stoney" Stone

Dallas, Texas
January 15, 2023
1-28 INF, VN

Jimmy Young

February 5, 2023
B Battery/1-7FA,
RTO with the 18th Inf, VN



WWI Medal of Honor Recipient Honored

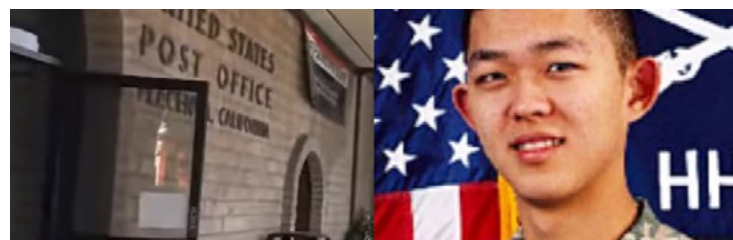
The Society was contacted some time ago in reference to a cemetery grave in Concord, North Carolina. The gravesite belonged to Colonel Samuel I. Parker, a 1st Infantry Division WW1 Medal of Honor recipient who served in K Company, 28th Infantry Regiment. The person said there was only a marker on the ground for Col. Parker and suggested he should be honored on a grander scale.

We reached out to our 28th Infantry Regiment (Mike MacDonald) and shared this information. Mike then contacted

American Legion Riders Chapter 51 (Concord, NC) and learned a fitting memorial had been put in place.

Research on Col. Parker, visits with family members, and fundraising was conducted by members of Chapter 51. On Veterans Day in 2021, a proper monument was unveiled at Oakwood Cemetery with family and community members present.

Col. Parker's Medal of Honor is located at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL. 🇺🇸



Post Office Renamed After BRO Soldier Killed in Iraq

*Image and News Credit: Carl Samson,
Yahoo News, December 19, 2022*

A post office in Placentia, California, has been renamed after a fallen Korean American soldier.

U.S. Army Private First Class Jang Ho Kim died in a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad on November 13, 2006.

In February 2022, U.S. Rep. Young Kim (R, CA-39) introduced the bill to rename the building. The bill passed, designating the facility as "PFC Jang

Ho Kim Post Office Building."

Kim immigrated to the U.S. from South Korea in 1990. He graduated from Valencia High School and attended Fullerton College before enlisting in June 2005.

PFC Kim was first stationed in Germany as part of the Army's 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, before deploying to Iraq. 🇺🇸

Local Chapters—Society of the First Infantry Division

Currently there are seven local chapters in the states of Indiana, Kansas, New York, New Mexico, New Jersey, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The BHS allocates space in each issue for local chapters to share updates and photos from

their gatherings.

The Society is available to assist in getting new chapters started. We help by reaching out to our members and advising them that a chapter is being formed in their area, along with

point of contact information. If you are interested in getting a local chapter going in your area, email or call us (785-579-6761) at Society headquarters; or email sfidkansas@gmail.com

We salute our members who are maintaining a chapter or starting one in their community.

Chapters with POC information are listed below and on our webpage: 1stid.org/chapters ▀

Local Chapter Updates

The Society's regional chapters are listed below, along with POCs if you are interested in joining or learning more. Notes and updates are included for chapters that reported in.

Indiana:

East Central Indiana Chapter
POC: James Allen
Jallen5749@gmail.com
765-969-7977

Wisconsin:

Wisconsin Chapter.
POC: Jeff Anderson
jeffoakvalleyfarm@gmail.com
608-381-3791

Kansas:

Junction City Kansas Chapter
POC: Phyllis Fitzgerald
sfid1919@gmail.com
785-579-6761

The chapter met on February 1st at one of the Society's Corporate Sponsor locations, Godfrey's Indoor Ranges and Tactical Supply. Attendance was good with nine Society Members (eight on site and one via Zoom). After the Pledge of Allegiance

the meeting got underway with Phyllis giving an update on the Society. Areas covered included membership, Society fundraising efforts and events, the upcoming 102nd annual reunion, and the Big Red One Support Fund. She also spoke about the D.C. Monument and efforts to add the names of 631 Post 911 soldiers and a new Desert Storm plate. Fundraising for the monument project continues.

The guest speaker was Nate Butler, who spoke via Zoom. He is member of the Society and the District 68 Kansas House Representative. He discussed active bills in the House that affect veterans, including HB 2036. The latter, if passed, would create a property tax exemption for retired and disabled veterans who reside in the state of Kansas.

If you live in the Junction

City/Fort Riley area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to Phyllis.

New York:

Western New York, SSG David Bellavia Medal of Honor Chapter
POC: John B. Long
marinawoolcock54@gmail.com
716-877-6818

New York/Fort Dix New Jersey
POC: Antonio Maria
black_lions66@yahoo.com
973-477-9360

Ohio:

Southeastern Ohio Chapter
POC: Mike DeBolt
1infdivseo@gmail.com
740-252-1485
Home office address:
1434 Linden Ave
Zanesville, OH 43701 ▀



Above: The Society's Junction City, KS Chapter.



Oregon Society Chapter Gathers

Bob and Karen Morris hosted a coffee in January and celebrated the birthdays of five of these Veterans.

From left: Dennis Gronich, 1-26 INF; Kim Brun, 1-26 INF; Dan Rom, 3rd Marines;

Mike Weinstein, 1-18 INF and our Honorary Blue Spader for actions at Ap Gu; Pierre White, Marines; David Koch, 1-26 NF; Steve Randleman, 1-26 INF; Bob Morris, 1-26 INF. ▀



Pen Pal Program

Members of The Society of the First Infantry Division are corresponding via regular mail with soldiers of C Troop, 5-4 CAV/2 ABCT/1ID. Prior to their deployment to Europe, 1SG Jeremy Cook and the Executive Director visited to discuss ways that the Society could be of assistance while they were gone. Hence the pen pal program was developed. There were 44 troopers on the list who wanted a pen pal and thanks to our members,

all 44 have been connected to a Society member. A few soldiers have two Society pen pals due to the positive response of our members.

1SG Cook provided an update to the program. "The pen pals are doing good; some responses take a while because some troopers have been sent to schools or are tasked out as part of our mission here training our partner force. ▀

Big Red One in Sicily: Part 1

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Above: MG Terry Allen awards his troops

they had no peers. They found that Oran, which they had liberated, was overrun with rear area soldiers assigned to the Mediterranean Base Section. These worthies not only wore comfortable Khakis while combat veterans wore woolen uniforms, but also set the rules. This led to a "second liberation" of Oran featuring brawls often started by Big Red One troops and general indiscipline. Although Allen took steps to keep his troops in line, this further exacerbated friction with Bradley.

Even before returning to Algeria the division began absorbing replacements including a group of experienced soldiers brought over from 3rd ID. Walter Ehlers, a combat veteran of 3rd ID, joined the division in March. A year later in Normandy he earned the Medal of Honor.

Replacements arriving from the States joined after weeks in transit. Upon arrival, they soon heard "critiques" or after-action reviews of combat operations in

Tunisia.

The division established a "battle school" where veterans and new replacements alike received an orientation on the history and traditions of the 1st ID. Training tasks included "intensive physical conditioning, special instruction in infantry weapons, scouting and patrolling, night combat, and platoon combat exercises." Allied Force Headquarters established centers that taught both amphibious and ground combat operations.

Planning and training occurred simultaneously. The Division provided detailed maps both of the beaches and inland as well as considerable intelligence on the Italian and German defenses along with surprisingly accurate enemy order of battle information. Generally, the Allied Force knew that the Italians would defend the beaches while the Germans provided the bulk of mobile forces inland. By the end of May, a dozen Allied divisions were ready. ▀



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2023 Spring Raffle Results

The 3rd Annual Jeep Raffle was converted to a 50/50 raffle due to insufficient ticket sales. Five-hundred tickets went on sale January 30 and on March 30 the drawing was conducted and livestreamed on our Society of the First Infantry Division Facebook page from Valor Automotive, a corporate sponsor, in Junction City, Kansas. We thank Valor Ford for partnering with the Society.

The winner of the 50/50 was Society member Major Carlos Trujillo. He served with the 1st Infantry Division starting with 1-18 Infantry then with Bravo Battery, 1-7 FA during Iraq and

his last position with the 11D was with the 2nd ABCT Fires Cell. He is currently stationed at Fort Sill at the Fires Center of Excellence. Congratulations to Major Trujillo and thanks to all who participated in this year's fundraiser.

Major Trujillo asked if we could remember his Soldiers who were lost on June 6, 2011, at JSS Loyalty. Their names were Spc Michael Cook, Spc Robert Hartwick, Spc Emilio Campo, Spc Christopher Fishbeck, and Pfc Michael Olivieri. Spc Marcos Cintron passed away on his way back to the United States. ♠



Pictured: Major Carlos Trujillo during deployment with the 1st Infantry Division. Major Trujillo is also the winner of the Society's Spring Jeep raffle.



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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

Yes/No

Guest Name Badge

Name on Badge _____

Is this their first Reunion? Yes/No

Yes/No

Guest Name Badge

Name on Badge _____

Is this their first Reunion? Yes/No

Yes/No

HOTEL RESERVATIONS– PLEASE NOTE –This is a change from years past.

All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by calling and mentioning you are coming to the reunion of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division. **Toll Free: 1-877-408-9661 - The block code to provide when you call is SFQ**

Booking website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50441679>

The cutoff date to secure your hotel room reservations at our group rate is July 12. We encourage you to register early to take advantage of the group rate! **After August 15, hotel rooms will be based on space and rate availability, and you will need to contact the reservation desk at the hotel directly at 504-962-0500.*

Handicap Accessible Rooms - If you require special room accommodations, please contact the hotel directly when making your reservations. Toll Free: 1-877-408-9661 (or local: 504-962-0500).

PARKING is available at the hotel and through Premium parking. They offer a safe and secure valet garage at 716 Iberville Street, located behind the Astor Crowne Plaza. Rates are \$20 per night for standard size vehicles with a \$10 surcharge for oversized vehicles (trucks/mini vans or larger).

The link to make reservations is <https://premiumparking.com/P145>

Or: Hotel valet parking is available for \$55.22 per day/night, payable to the hotel when you arrive. Oversized vehicles may be valet parked for \$66.49 per day/night.

Airport Shuttle: <https://www.viator.com/tours/New-Orleans/Louis-Armstrong-New-Orleans-International-Airport-MSY-Private-Transfer/d675-13112P43>

REGISTRATION FEE (no refunds) & MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Number of people in your party: Adults _____ Children _____

Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$50/ea = \$ _____

Late Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$65/ea = \$ _____

(Received after midnight July 10)

MEMBERSHIP DUES – If your **2023** Membership dues are not paid, 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 July 10 (if not, some tours may be cancelled).

No refunds after July 10 for Tours and Events.

***For the 2-DAY PASS ONLY for the WWII Museum tour, please select Grp 1 Bus 1 on Thursday 8:45 AM, it is the same bus (Grp 1) and time for Friday.

Thursday, 10 August (2 DAY PASS ONLY select same event on Friday 11 August)

****GRP 1 BUS 1 - WWII Museum**

2-DAY (10&11 Aug) Pass Self-Guided Tour

(8:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$55/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 10 August

GRP 2 BUS 2 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour

(8:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$35/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 10 August

GRP 3 BUS 1 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour

(9:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$35/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 10 August

GRP 4 BUS 2 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour w/ MOVIE

(9:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$42/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 10 August

GRP 5 Bus 3 - City Tour (9:15am-12:00)

_____ people @ \$30/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 10 August

GRP 6 Bus 4 - Creole Queen Historic Cruise (1:00-5:00)

(food/drink available for purchase on cruise)

_____ people @ \$55/ea = \$ _____

THURSDAY TOTAL \$ _____

Friday, 11 August

Conflict Breakfast

_____ people @ \$32/ea = \$ _____

Friday, 11 August (2 DAY PASS ONLY this goes with the 2 DAY pass from Thursday 10 August)

****GRP 1 BUS 1 - WWII Museum 2-DAY Pass Self-Guided Tour**

*if you signed up for 2xday pass, this is your bus for day 2 (8:45am)

(food/drink available for purchase at museum)

Friday, 11 August

GRP 2 BUS 2 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour

(8:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$35/ea = \$ _____

Friday, 11 August

GRP 3 BUS 1 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour

(9:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at the museum)

_____ people @ \$35/ea = \$ _____

Friday, 11 August

GRP 4 BUS 2 - WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour w/ MOVIE

(9:45am) (food/drink available for purchase at museum)

_____ people @ \$42/ea = \$ _____

Friday, 11 August

Grp 5, Bus 3, City Tour (9:15-12:00)

_____ people @ \$30/ea = \$ _____

Friday, 11 AugustGrp 6, Bus 4 Creole Queen Historic Cruise (1:00-5:00)
(food/drink available for purchase on cruise)

_____ people @ \$55/ea = \$ _____

FRIDAY TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday, 12 August

City Tour (12:45-3:30)

_____ people @ \$30/ea = \$ _____

Saturday, 12 AugustCreole Queen Historic Cruise (1:00-5:00)
(food/drink available for purchase on cruise)

_____ people @ \$55/ea = \$ _____

Saturday, 12 August

Paint & Sip Event at the hotel (12:00-3:00)

_____ people @ \$50/ea = \$ _____

SATURDAY TOTAL \$ _____

102nd ANNUAL REUNION BANQUET**All adult meals include Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Enter number of meals desired in each box.**

- ☐ **Grilled Flat Iron Steak** | Mushroom Demi-Glace Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- ☐ **Fresh Gulf Fish** | Herb Beurre Blanc Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- ☐ **Pan-Seared Breast of Chicken** | Mushroom Sauce Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
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total adult meals # _____ @ \$57 = _____

☐ Child meal (ages 5-12) (chicken tenders & mac & cheese) total child meals # _____ @ \$25 = _____

Indicate by circling the unit you wish to be seated with

2nd 16th 18th 26th 28th CAV/Recon/Armor
 Artillery Avn/Engrs HQ/Support Units

BANQUET SUBTOTAL _____**REGISTRATION & DUES SUBTOTAL** \$ _____**EVENTS AND BANQUET SUBTOTAL** \$ _____**GRAND TOTAL** \$ _____

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Society of the First Infantry Division Support and Donations to the First Infantry Division.

Thank you to all our members and sponsors who donated to the Big Red One Support Fund. Thanks to your generous donations, we provided support to various activities and events that support our 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and families. Below is a summary of some of the events:

- Provided 119 commissary gift cards in increments of \$50.00 each totaling \$5950.00 to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Post Chaplain to distribute to families in need during the holidays.
- Sponsored meals for ten 1-4 Cav Soldiers in the ranks of E-1 to E-6 to their holiday ball.
- Sponsored meals for the Combat Aviation Brigade Honor Guard to their holiday ball.
- Sponsored meals for ten 2-34 Armor Soldiers in the ranks of E-1 to E-6 to their holiday ball.
- Donated a \$100.00 to the Geary County Food Pantry. ▀



Pictured: Check presentation to the Geary County Food Pantry

Soldiers Volunteering in our Communities

For over 9 years our Executive Director has been setting up, leading, and doing community volunteer projects in Junction City. This volunteer effort also involves 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and dependents which are in addition to the Veterans, community members and

students that participate.

Here some pictures (not all inclusive) of some of the events that Soldiers have volunteered in.

The Society of the First Infantry Division and our communities are thankful for our Soldiers and their desire to volunteer and be a part of our community. ▀



Pictured: C CO, 541st DSSB Raked and cleaned up a Vietnam Veteran Yard.



Pictured: 1-5 FA hanging holiday lights on street light poles in downtown Junction City and taking down Veterans Day Banners.



Pictured: A/1-16 INF raked leaves at the Buffalo Soldier Monument and received some history on the Buffalo Soldier.

**Fellow members, please use this membership form to approach businesses
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SOCIETY OF THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION

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Fort Riley, KS 66442

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With a donation of \$2,500 or more, each Platinum Level membership receives a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative numbered print, a Society membership certificate, window decals for your business, e-copies of the *Bridgehead Sentinel* (BHS), and a full-page advertising space in the BHS. Additionally, we give you (4) banquet dinner tickets at our annual veteran's reunion.

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With a donation greater than \$1,500 and less than \$2,500, each Gold Level membership receives a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative number print, e-copies of the *Bridgehead Sentinel* (BHS), a 2"x5" advertising space in the BHS, a Society membership certificate, and two (2) banquet dinner tickets at our annual veterans' reunion.

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With a donation between \$500 and \$1,500, each Silver Level membership receives a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative numbered print, e-copies of the *Bridgehead Sentinel* (BHS), a 2"x5" advertising space in the BHS, a Society membership certificate, window decals for your business, and a banquet dinner ticket at our annual veterans reunion.

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BUSINESS APPLICATION/RENEWAL

DATE: _____

TITLE: _____ NAME: _____
(RANK OR MR./MRS./MS.) (FIRST) (MI) (LAST) (SR./JR/II/III etc.)

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

WEB PAGE ADDRESS: www._____ WILL BE LINKED ON OUR WEBSITE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

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(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE +4)

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL: _____

Benefits of a Business Membership are:

- Your business name, address & phone featured in the business supporter link on our webpage
- You will be listed as a supporter in the Bridgehead Sentinel magazine emailed when published and available year-round on our webpage: www.1stid.org
- 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.

Century Club members will be recognized in the Bridgehead Sentinel throughout the year.

The Society of the 1st Infantry division is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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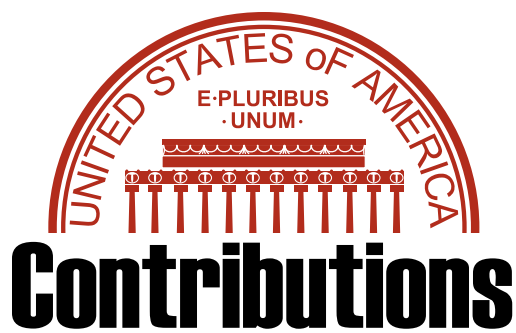
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We thank all who have responded to our requests for support of our SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Your generosity will enable us to fulfill our obligation to the children of all Big Red One Soldiers who have lost their lives in combat—over 200 children to date—and to the children and grandchildren of our 1st Infantry Division Veterans.

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1st Infantry Division D.C. Monument Status

The National Park Service Planning Commission has approved the changes to the 1st I.D. Monument in Washington DC that will allow the addition of 631 BRO soldiers lost in Afghanistan and Iraq; and rework the Desert Storm plaque.

The Society has hired a firm to manage the bid process and oversee actual construction. Tentative milestones for completion are:

tion are:

- Request for Proposal (RFP) released to contractors: 14 April
- Proposal Due Date: 4 May
- Contractor Selection: 9 May
- Start Construction: 1 August
- Construction Completion: 31 August 2023

We shall keep Society members informed of significant changes to the milestones.

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

I want to do my part in reaching the Society Goal:

Check Payable to: Society of the First Infantry Division

___ \$1,000. ___ \$500. ___ \$300. ___ \$100. ___ Other: \$___
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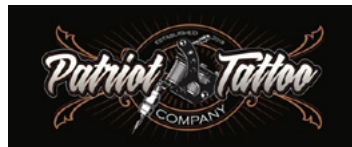
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Desert Storm



5-1st ID Baseball Cap
Vietnam w/Ribbons



6-1st ID Baseball Cap
(Black or White)



7-1st ID / SFID Visor



8-1st ID Flag



9-Bumper Stickers
(DS / Iraq /Afghanistan
/ Blank)



10-Baseball Cap - Vietnam



11-Desert Storm Coin



12-Society Coin



13-Ladies Charm
(chain not included)



14-Lady Victory
Broach



15-Lady Victory
Lapel Pin



16-Lady Victory
Necklace



17-Lapel
Pin



18-Mini Badge
CAB



19-Mini Badge
CIB, CIB 2nd



20-IID Golf Towel



21-1st ID Red Blanket or
Society Blanket



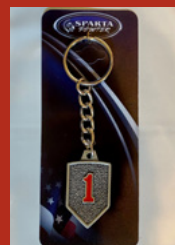
22-Shoulder Patch



23-1st ID Coin



24-IID Key Chain



25-Window Cling -
(Served, or Member)



26-Coffee Cup, 1st ID or
Lady Victory



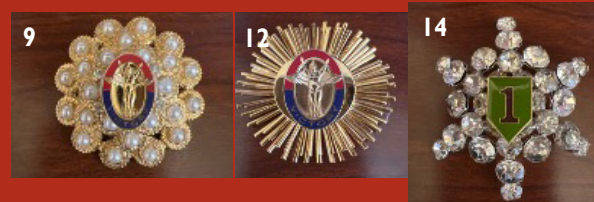
29-IID Socks



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30-Tie Tac 1st ID/LV



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32- Pull-over Hoodies



33-Men's
Golf Shirt



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Golf Shirt



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Hoodie



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State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Item #	Cost	Qty	Circle Size/type	Circle Color	Total
1 Auto License Holder	20.00		Metal		
2 Auto License Plate	15.00		Metal		
3 Baseball Cap	20.00			Wht	
4 Baseball Cap-Desert Storm	20.00				
5 Baseball Cap-VN w/Ribbons	20.00				
6 1 st ID Baseball Cap	20.00			Blk / Wht	
7 1 st ID/SFID Visor	22.00		1st ID / SFID	Wht / Blk	
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9 Bumper Sticker	5.00		DS / Iraq / Afghanistan		
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12 Coin-Society of the 1 st ID	11.00				
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18 Miniature Badge	12.00		CAB		
19 Miniature Badge	12.00		CIB/CIB 2 nd		
20 1 st ID Golf Towel	20.00			Red / Green	
21 1 st ID Red Blanket	20/22		1 st ID / SFID	50" x 60"	
22 Shoulder Patch	4.00		Red / Subdued / Desert		
23 Coin 1 st ID / Lady V	15.00				
24 IID Key Chain	8.00				
25 Window Cling (Lg. Inside)	6.00		Served, or Member		
26 Coffee Cup (11 oz)	12.00		1 st ID or Lady Victory		
27 Print (Centennial)	25.00		18" x 36.5"	Unframed	
28 1 st ID Brooches	25.00		9/ 12 / 14		
29 1 st ID Duty First Socks	12.00				
30 Tie Tac	10.00		1 st ID/ LV		
31 1 st ID 8oz. Flask	15.00				
32 Pull-Over Hoodie	32/35		Call for sizes	Rd/Blk/Grn	
33 Golf Shirt Men's	40.00		Call for sizes	Rd/Blk/Grn	
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Museum Notes

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

MCCORMICK RESEARCH CENTER

Visit Our “65 Years” Special Exhibit!

Saluting Cantigny's 65th anniversary with must-see First Division artifacts and storytelling

Visitors to the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park are about to get an eyeful. A special exhibit called “65 Years,” opening May 27 and running through Labor Day, boasts no fewer than 465 artifacts arranged in surprising ways, creating a dynamic visual experience for all who step into the transformed lobby space.

For a sense of drama, the objects are presented in a countdown format starting at 65, a nod to Cantigny Park's 65th anniversary year now in progress. Like the military museum itself, the blockbuster exhibit combines history, storytelling and cutting-edge curation to make a lasting

impression on guests.

Visitors will learn about the original museum, housed in the former horse stable that is now the Cantigny Visitors Center. When opened in 1960, two years after the park, it was called the Cantigny War Memorial Museum of the First Division. The present-day and much larger First Division Museum opened in 1992 and received a major renovation in 2017.

“65 Years” also highlights the museum's leadership and key changes through the years.

“The exhibit is meant to be nostalgic for all the families and guests who have come to the

park for generations, as well as a chance to share our deep connection to the First Division and its members,” said Jessica Waszak, assistant curator.

That connection begins with Colonel Robert R. McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor, who served in the First Division during World War I. The museum honors his legacy and the service and sacrifice of all military veterans, telling their stories and the story of America's military experience through the lens of the 1st Infantry Division or “Big Red One.”

The items in “65 Years” represent the mundane and the

momentous, from boots, helmets and cigarette lighters to heroic patches, medals, and flags. They depict the everyday lives of soldiers while commemorating exceptional lives of service and sacrifice for our country.

Some of the nearly 500 artifacts will be on public display for the first time. The objects are organized in 15 categories, with emphasis on soldiers' personal stories. Underlying the exhibit is the trust that artifact donors extend to the First Division Museum in its role of stewarding precious family memorabilia and narratives. ■



These artifacts from “65 Years” are among nearly 500 in the exhibit.

From left:

A .32 caliber German Dreyse Model 1907 pistol that belonged to SGT Lawrence A. Bednarz, who served with the 745th Tank Battalion during WWII.

John J. Pershing Painting, gift of Marjorie Banks and Ruth Levy.

Bridgehead Sentinel



From Top:

This Medal of Honor, awarded to Henry Frank Schroeder for his actions during the Phillipine Insurrection on September 14, 1900, is the oldest medal at the First Division Museum.

Army green uniform jacket worn by Gen. Vincence K. Brooks as a Major General and Commander of the 1st Infantry Division between April 2009 and May 2011.



Above: Visitors exploring the newly-opened First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in 1960.

Let Us Preserve and Share Your Story

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park continually seeks artifact donations related to the 1st Infantry Division.

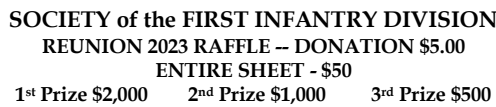
In addition to World War I and World War II, we are especially interested in Cold War, Vietnam, Balkans, Gulf War, and Desert Storm artifacts. Such objects, particularly when well-documented, help to tell the story of the Big Red One.

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tion collection.

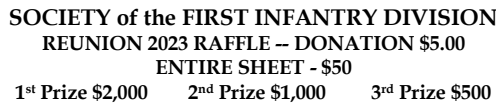
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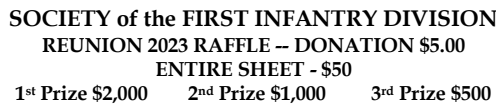
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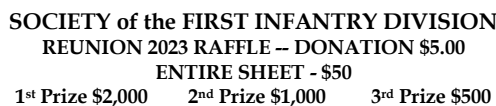
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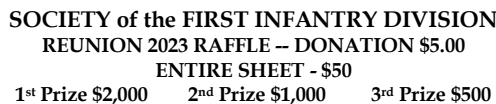
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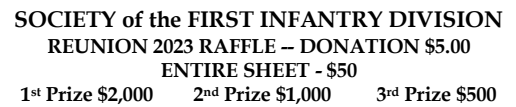
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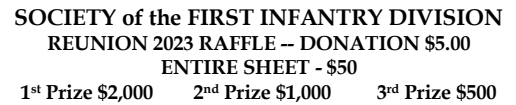
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