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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 blessed 2021 to all Society members and your families!

May I also offer a special salute for a job well done to all of our Desert Storm BRO Veterans, as this year marks the 30th anniversary of the start and end of "The 100-hour War." All military that served with the Big Red One in Desert Storm demonstrated courage and professionalism under extreme environmental combat conditions. Like those who served in other conflicts, they clearly lived up to our motto: "No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty First!"

I thank all of you for your support in making 2020 a financial success as we were able balance our operating budget, and place \$50,000 in the Society Investment Account. Your memberships and donations, combined with the Society staff's excellent work in recruiting corporate sponsors and reducing operating costs, made this possible. Your Society also supported active-duty soldiers' emergency

financial needs, to include donating fifty-two (52) \$50 Fort Riley Commissary gift certificates to soldiers that needed assistance during the 2020 holiday season.

One of the Society's most successful programs is the willingness of our members to donate funds to purchase Society annual memberships for BRO active-duty soldiers. One of our members donated \$3,000 to purchase memberships. This is a great way of getting young soldiers, who might not otherwise join, interested in the Society.

Phyllis and I developed a set of strategic goals for 2021 that will focus our limited resources. These goals are: 1. Increase membership among 1st Division veterans of post-911 service; 2. Information Operations that keep our members informed and reminded of significant dates in Division history; 3. Support for our members; and 4. Support for the Active Division.

I am optimistic about the Society's future. We endured the

COVID crisis, reorganized the management team, and found new sources of revenue. Most importantly, we continued to have members who love this Society and 1st Division, proven by their generous tax-deductible donations to help others.

I encourage you to support our initiative to increase the number of Society Chapters around the country. See details on the Society website and in this issue of the Bridgehead Sentinel.

Congratulations to MG D.A. Sims, our Commanding General, on the initiative to honor BRO Medal of Honor recipients by renaming selected streets on Fort Riley. More information is inside this edition of BHS.

I regretted having to cancel our 2021 reunion in Albuquerque. My earlier email to you provided our rationale. In summary, I would not take the risk of our members developing COVID while in attendance. While vaccinations continue to rise, the risk outweighed the benefits. We

plan to make our 2022 Society Reunion in Fort Worth a memorable experience. I encourage you to reach out to Phyllis Fitzgerald with your ideas as we make plans for a great reunion in Texas!

Our Washington DC Monument initiative to add the 631 names of BRO soldiers lost in post-911 operations is once again moving forward. Congress has approved the "First Act" authorizing revisions to the Monument base and addition of the names. The National Park Service is now reviewing our proposed modifications. Once approved, we will proceed to requesting construction bids. We estimate the need for \$400,000 to make the necessary modifications and currently have about \$250,000 on hand. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to working with you as we continue to support Society objectives.

Keep Your Contact Info Up-to-Date!

We value our members and want to make sure that we keep in touch with you. It is especially important that we have your current address, phone number and email address. If anything changes, let us know!

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

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Letter from the Executive Director

By CW3 (Ret) Phyllis Fitzgerald

Left: Phyllis Fitzgerald during her deployment to Operation Desert Storm with the 1st Infantry Division.

Greetings everyone!

I hope this letter finds you well and staying healthy. I was hoping to meet many of you this year in person but with Covid-19 it was not possible. However, I do enjoy meeting you on the phone, through email and letters, and on social media.

To our Desert Storm Veterans, thank you, job well done and welcome home. It is hard to believe it has been 30 years since the start and end of Desert Storm. Our Division was led under the superb leadership of General Thomas Rhame. He is a great leader and someone that my husband and I respect deeply. The Division accomplished the mission and we returned home to our children and families safely.

Despite the pandemic, 2020 was a great year for the Society. We were able to raise money through raffles, Match Day fundraising, and we received donations from the generosity of our members. We provided commissary gift cards during the holiday season to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Chaplain's office to be distributed to the Soldiers and

families as needed. We also were able to donate to family resource groups in support of events for Soldiers and their families.

You will see in the magazine that local chapters are still being formed. We recently had one stand up in Chattanooga, Tenn. If you want to get involved in a local chapter and there isn't one available, we will work with you to get one started. Thank you to all who have volunteered to lead this effort in your community. Chapters are a way to stay connected, reconnect and meet others.

Our membership continues to hold steady. Thank you to our members who have sponsored Active-Duty Soldiers, bringing them into the Society.

Every day we continue to update our membership database. Constant maintenance is required because we want to stay in touch with you! Thanks to everyone who returned the data sheet with corrected contact information.

Communication is important in keeping our members up to date. I communicate with email regularly. Please check your spam/junk folders often

for emails that will come from the addresses admin@1stid.org and sfid1919@gmail.com. Our website (www.1stid.org) is a good resource for staying current with the Society, Quartermaster, Scholarships, Monument, and much more.

Let's talk about 2021. General Watts and I developed a set of Strategic Goals to guide our activities throughout the year.

We started this year off with our "First Vehicle Raffle" (Jeep Raffle), to raise funds for the Society. The response and support from our members was phenomenal. The plan is to have a vehicle raffle every spring.

Even though the reunion is cancelled, we will have a live virtual raffle ticket drawing and awarding of the plaques to the Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year for 2021 on Saturday, July 31, at Noon (Central time) from Society Headquarters on Fort Riley.

This year is the Big Red One "Year of Honor," an initiative by 1 ID Commanding General MG D.A. Sims to honor the 37 1st Infantry Division Medal of Honor recip-

ients. Streets will be renamed for each one of them. I spoke with some of our members who served with several of our Medal of Honor recipients. The stories that they shared are very powerful and a part of our history we must never forget.

Planning for our 2022 in Fort Worth is in the works. I welcome your ideas and thoughts as we put it all together. "Things are bigger in Texas," the saying goes, so let's make our next gathering the best one ever.

We were all happy to learn that efforts to add the names of 631 BRO Soldiers lost in post-911 operations will have their names added to our Lady Victory Monument in Washington, DC. Thank you to all those who have worked diligently to make this happen. Donations are still needed for this project; please visit the Society's website for a link and more details.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Bridgehead Sentinel. I enjoy your phone calls, letters and emails, and feel honored to be your executive director.



Letter from the CG

by MG Douglas A. Sims

My name is Sims, and I am a Big Red One Soldier, proudly serving among the most capable, cohesive, and ready men and women in the United States Army. Saying (or writing) that never gets old and reminds me of the honor of being in the 1st Infantry Division and the legacy of which I am humbled to be a part. Serving alongside these amazing Americans makes me proud to put on the uniform each day.

I am surprised how quickly the time has passed since my last note to the Society. As I enter my ninth month in command, it's amazing how much the Division has accomplished and how impactful OUR people are to the nation.

With a clear understanding that we are a better fighting force when our people are operating at 100% and working in concert with one another, our number one priority is OPERATION VICTORY WELLNESS. This is a comprehensive and enduring operation to make every Soldier, Civilian and Family member on Fort Riley more resilient and better connected to one another. VICTORY WELLNESS is making the men and women of the

Division stronger as individuals and teams. To do this, we take time each month to focus effort on resilience, building the team, and fostering better connections between Soldiers and Leaders, Soldiers and Soldiers, and with our Families. I firmly believe that when we are completely in the game, we will shoot better, move better, and communicate better. People Always...All Else Follows.

Supporting VICTORY WELLNESS is our current initiative, the Big Red One Year of Honor. This is a year-long effort to commemorate our 37 Medal of Honor recipients through monthly ceremonies, leadership panels, and memorialization of streets on the installation. Each month has a different theme: Valor, Victory or Virtue. Based on the theme, we assemble a panel of men and women, military and civilian, to discuss living lives of honor from that perspective. We were fired up to kick things off in February with SSG (Ret) David Bellavia, our only living Medal of Honor awardee who set the tone for the year. He was simply superb. In March, a Victory month, we had six coaches from the NFL and NCAA Division 1 programs who gave us

their perspectives and reinforced leadership lessons on the field of play. In April, a phenomenal panel of Americans who work with Veterans, the homeless, the food insecure, and COVID patients, brought their views of living lives of honor under the umbrella of Virtue. Through the Big Red One Year of Honor, we are increasing individual character, commemorating the extraordinary Medal of Honor recipients, and celebrating the history of our Division. Incredible.

All the while, YOUR Division continues to provide operational readiness and capability to the country. On April 1, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade assumed responsibility for aviation operations in Europe. They'll be there for nine months, providing U.S. Army Europe with critical support of operations across the continent. In July, we will send 1st Brigade and a portion of the Division Headquarters to join them. 1st Brigade will assume the rotational brigade mission in Central Europe and the Division Forward will provide command and control of the USAREUR effort in the same area of operations.

Back at home, our Division

Artillery and the Division Headquarters were outstanding in a recent Warfighter Exercise and helped III Corps soundly defeat the "Donovians." At the same time, the 1st Sustainment Brigade has been on the move and scattered around the globe, operating in the Middle East and back at home. As to the latter locale, the Sustainment Brigade's continual support to COVID operations has been nothing short of superb. If you've seen significant military support to civilian COVID operations in the news, it's a good bet the men and women of the Sustainment Brigade were there setting up and enabling operations.

Speaking of COVID support, I'm typing this note as Division CSM Ray Harris and I are en route to visit our Soldiers providing vaccination support in Miami, Florida. There are currently two Task Forces from 2nd Brigade conducting vaccinations in Texas and Florida. By the time our Soldiers return they will have administered nearly 1 million shots to American citizens. We were able to visit the team in

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Letter from the CG

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Dallas and were blown away by the effort the 2nd Brigade Soldiers are providing and the response of the people they are supporting. Emotions have been high and appreciation immense, and it's not possible to see the Big Red One on the shoulders of our men and women without getting fired up.

As was the case when YOU supported our country in Europe, in Vietnam, in the Gulf War, in Iraq and Afghanistan, or back at

home in the United States, the men and women of today's 1st Infantry Division are creating history and enhancing the legacy you helped create. CSM Harris and I are incredibly proud to wear the same patch and to lead these Soldiers, NCOs, and officers and to be connected to each of you.

All the best from Fort Riley!
Duty First! People Always...All Else Follows!

1st Combat Aviation Brigade Assumes Authority

By CPT Billy Lacroix, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade



After a nine-month rotation, the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade has officially transferred authority over to the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, on April 1, 2021, at Storck Barracks.

The 1st Combat Aviation

brigade will now support Operation Atlantic Resolve operations throughout Eastern Europe, with most of the brigade's troops and helicopters based in Germany, Latvia, Romania, and Poland.

Keeping up with the 1st Division

Headquarters (REDEPLOYED)

A portion of the DHHB will join the 1st ABCT on a rotational mission in Central Europe in July.

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

The 1st Brigade will assume the rotational brigade mission in Central Europe in July.

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

On October 10, 2020, soldiers from the 2nd ABCT, 1st ID returned home to Fort Riley after a very successful nine month rotation to the Republic of Korea.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade (DEPLOYED)

On April 1, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade assumed responsibility for aviation operations in Europe.

1st Division Sustainment Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

The 1st Division Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion uncased their colors in Afghanistan in February 2019 in support of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom's Sentinel. In November 2019, the 1st ID Sustainment Brigade redeployed back from Fort Riley.

Division Artillery (REDEPLOYED)

Since the 1st Infantry Division Artillery stood up in late 2015, there has been an emphasis on the importance of partnership. The Division Artillery continues to train alongside Division elements as well as outside units. ▀

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

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- An e-subscription to the Bridgehead Sentinel
- Certificate of Membership suitable for framing
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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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BRO REUNION UPDATE: 2021 Reunion Canceled, 2022 in Fort Worth, TX

Mark your calendars for Reunion 2022 in Fort Worth, July 20-24 at the Hilton Fort Worth. Since we've been unable to gather since 2019, let's make 2022

our best and biggest reunion of Society members ever! We look forward to meeting everyone in Texas, where everything is bigger. Visit our website periodically

www.1stid.org where information will be shared regarding the reunion and various other topics.

In the meantime, we need your ideas on what should be included

in Reunion 2022. You can always call our office at 785-579-6761 or email sfidkansas@gmail.com if you have any questions or ideas.

Staff Sergeant Arnold “Ray” Lambert November 26, 1920 – April 9, 2021

Ray Lambert passed on April 9 at age 100. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division's 16th Infantry at Fort Benning, GA. A combat medic, Ray participated in three amphibious assault landings with the 16th Infantry (North Africa, Sicily and Omaha Beach), and was seriously wounded on D-Day in Normandy.

Ray was a Purple Heart and Silver Star recipient; a Distinguished Member of the 16th Infantry; and a Life Member of the Society of the First Infantry Division. He was an icon in the U.S. Army and the epitome of profes-

sionalism, volunteering his time to inform current era soldiers of his experiences and lessons learned.

In June 2019, Ray was recognized by former President Donald Trump during a D-Day 75th anniversary ceremony at the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach.

Ray's memoir, “Every Man a Hero,” was published shortly before the anniversary events in France.

A native of Alabama, Ray Lambert died at his home in Seven Lakes, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Linda McInerney.



Above: Ray Lambert speaking at the Memorial Service during the 2019 Big Red One Reunion in Baltimore, Maryland.

Local Society of the 1st Infantry Division Chapters

The effort to form/startup local chapters continue. Currently there are eight (8) local chapters in the states of Indiana, Kansas, New York, New Mexico, and New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Thank you to Mike Holden from Chattanooga, Tennessee for volunteering to get a chapter going in his community recently. A member has reached

out to us recently regarding starting up a chapter in the Los Angeles area.

Hopefully, most chapters will be able to meet in person soon, but in the meantime, zoom, email and phone calls are possible solutions.

The BHS allocates space for local chapters to share updates. This past Fall 2020 readers

enjoyed learning more about some of the chapters.

The Society is available to assist in getting the chapters going. 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 you can email sfidkansas@gmail.com

We salute our members that have offered to get a chapter going in their community.

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

Local Chapter Updates

East Central Indiana Chapter

POC: James Allen
Jallen5749@gmail.com
Phone: 765-969-7977

Update from James: Currently, I am the only member. Anyone in the East Indiana/West Ohio area who is interested in joining, please email or call to learn more.

The Albuquerque/ Sante Fe Chapter

POC: Manuel Alzaga
manuelalzagajr@gmail.com
505-270-4068

Update from Manuel: I hope that you, your family, and your friends are all in good health and in good spirits as we enter the spring season. Speaking of springtime, some of you may remember the high winds and tornados that we experienced at Ft. Riley during the spring months. Ahh, the memories of being blown away on Custer Hill or of chasing your headgear down a dirt road at Camp Forsyth.

I am disappointed that we are not having our annual Reunion this year here in my hometown of Albuquerque. However, I do understand the situation and, of course, your health and safety do come first. If any members are in the New Mexico area, please contact me and perhaps we can all still get together at American Legion Post 49 for dinner and some drinks. I will buy the first round!

In closing, I would like to say how humbled I am to represent the 1st Division and all the fine members that we serve past and present. Please be in touch

Wisconsin Society of the 1st Infantry Division Chapter

POC: Jeff Anderson
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Update from Jeff: He is happy to be assisting in getting a chapter going in his area. He has not received any inquiries about a

Wisconsin Chapter. If you live in the Wisconsin area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to Jeff.

Junction City Kansas Chapter

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The Ohio Chapter is planning to have a golf outing on July 17th at Jaycee's Golf Course, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. This golf outing is supporting the "Save A Warrior" (SAW) program: saveawarrior.org.

Chattanooga, Tennessee Society of the 1st Infantry Division Chapter

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Infantry Rangers, Vietnam '68-'69.
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Update from Mike: As a new chapter in Chattanooga, we currently are establishing our group and recruiting new members. We are working on getting a Cobra pilot's Silver Star upgraded to the Medal of Honor. If you have BRO friends that served and live in the Chattanooga area please let them know that we exist.



Pictured: The Order of Saint Maurice Medallion was presented to SSG Holden (center) by LTC Benny R. (Ray) Adkins, NIA LM 1007 (right) and MG William B. (Bill) Raines, U.S. Army Retired (left).

Executive Director's Recent Highlights

What a year we had! Please allow me to share with you a few things that the Society of the First Infantry Division accomplished in 2020 and so far in 2021.

- **Member Database Scrub.**
Letters were sent to over 9,000 members and we received back over 2,000 forms that have been checked/updated with our database. We continue to receive database letter updates from our members.
- **The Bridgehead Sentinel magazine** (published 3 times yearly) went electronic and may now be found on our website.
- **We used social media** to get word out about the Society and our activities. For example, we used Facebook Live last August to announce our raffle drawing and award the 2020 Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year.
- **We supported the 1st Infantry Division, units, Soldiers, and family members** throughout the year in many ways! Our support included donations to Operation Santa Claus, MWR and Fort Riley 10-mile Run, Holiday Decorating Contest decorations for Barracks, Unit Headquarters, and housing event, 101 Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), Family Resource Group Holiday Tree (for dependent children) and cookie snacks for Soldiers. We also sponsored New Spouse Tours and orientation for our local community, and Commissary Gift Cards in the months of November and December for the Fort Riley Chaplain to distribute to Soldiers and Families.
- **Briefed Soldiers, units, and their families** on how the Society supports them.
- **Conducted community events** and made several videos for MWR and ACS about the Society of The First Infantry Division. The videos were then shared on social media.
- **I have been on our local radio, online news (jcpst) and in our local newspapers** talking about the Society and our members.
- **Our membership numbers are rising** thanks to many of our members sponsoring Soldiers. Donations received so far have allowed over 500 active-duty Soldiers to join the Society.
- **Society was a part of the Armed Forces Community Foundation Match Day** held on November 11, both in person and online. Thanks to the generosity of our members, community members, family, and friends

we raised \$17,474. This will become an annual event with the match day held on Veterans Day each year.

- **Currently we have 18 Corporate Sponsors and 29 Business Partners.** Their generous support of the Society assists us daily.
- **New chapters of the Society** are being formed in communities around the country. Each chapter determines how to conduct meetings, in person or online.

Look for some exciting new things in 2021. And remember, please keep me posted with your current address, phone number and email address. We wish everyone good health and safety.

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Above: PFC Allen Gary from Phoenix City, AL, a member of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry. The unit was patrolling an area near the Cambodian border (1968).

The Black Scarf Battalion

***Written by a Staff Sergeant of B Company,
1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment in 1967.***

There's a Black Scarf Battalion in Vietnam
In this Black Scarf Battalion, every man is a man.
Around their necks the black scarf they wear,
a symbol of strength of those who care.
Fathers would be proud of this generation.
For they are a product of a great land and nation.
They have fought and they have won,
And they will stay until the battle is done.
Their leaders are proud of the impossible task.
None have to be told, none have to be asked.
No one can see the misery they bear,
for it's all hidden beneath the scarves they wear.
They surely have answered freedom's call.
For there are many Black Scarves a-hanging from the wall.
Some are tattered, some are torn, willed to sons yet unborn.
They want no fame, no fanfare or glory.
Their mission is as old as the infantry story.
Perhaps someday history will record
and the Black Scarf Battalion shall have its reward.

Gene Ramey: World War II and Korean War Veteran

By Gene Ramey

I was born February 11, 1928 in Olympia, WA. When approximately 6 months old my mother moved her little family (consisting of herself, my oldest brother, Buford (then 4 years old) my next older brother, Hubert (3 years old) and finally me to Redwood Falls, MN.

After I enlisted in the Army I was eventually sent to Europe where I was with the 1st Medical Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division located, at the time, in Regensburg, Germany. While in Germany (Army of Occupation) I met and married a German girl, Ingeborg Elfrieda Michael, and brought her and her young son, Ulrich, back to America. She was a war bride. We had one child, Diane, born April 1, 1949. This marriage lasted 3 years and ended in divorce in 1951.

I stayed in the army and in 1949 or early 1950 I applied for, and was accepted, to Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Ft Riley, KS. The course was 24 weeks. After 12 weeks I was released from the candidate class and reassigned as a Staff Sergeant to the same school I had attended. This was a blow to my pride and I was somewhat perplexed as the assignment to the school made

me an instructor of candidates; my first group of students I had to instruct was the very same class from which I had been released. I did not become an officer in the army but was good enough to instruct future officers! Unusual circumstance but I learned to live with it. My tenure as an instructor began the same time the Korean War began in June 1950. I remained at Ft Riley for 2 years with the OCS cadre preparing officers (2d Lt's) who were almost always sent to Korea as platoon leaders.

In 1952 I was reassigned from OCS to Korea as a replacement for the 160th Infantry Regiment of the 40th Infantry Division. I spent 9 months in Korea and having gained sufficient points to qualify for transfer, I opted to go to Japan.

After the Army, I concentrated on my profession as a bill collection agent and became well known in Oakland for integrity and knowledge of collection law. I retired from the collection industry in 1993 and have lived in my same home since 1959.

My story has more to tell but I haven't finished living it yet!



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Thanks to our membership, 2020 was a great year for our sponsorship program. We were able to provide paid memberships to many Active-Duty Soldiers thanks to your generous contributions.

It really does take 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.

Many thanks to the members listed below.

*Tom Copeland
Manual Soto*

Growing Society Membership Opportunity

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Society Support to Soldiers and Families

The Society of the First Infantry Division makes donations every holiday season for Active-Duty Soldiers and their families. In 2020, thanks to our members' generosity, the Society donated 52 (\$50.00) Commissary gift cards to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Chaplains. They, in turn, distributed the cards to the Soldiers and families.



Fort Riley to Honor Big Red One Medal of Honor Recipients

First Infantry Division Commander, MG D.A. Sims, has announced a program to honor 1st Infantry Division Medal of Honor recipients.

The program involves monthly celebrations of the 37 BRO Medal of Honor awardees. Panels will discuss living lives of honor, including men and women who have displayed great valor in combat, those who have helped battle homelessness and food insecurity, and family members who demonstrate honor in their daily lives.

In a separate but related initiative, the BRO kicked off a Big Red One Year of Honor on 16

February with SSG (ret) Bellavia, the only living Medal of Honor awardee, visiting Fort Riley to begin the year-long commemoration. Throughout the year, ceremonies will include speakers from USMA, USNA, and USAFA football coaches who will participate in a panel.

Also during 2021, Fort Riley officials will rename 37 streets on Fort Riley in honor of our MoH awardees. At each month's commemoration we will rename the streets for the recipients of that particular month. By the end of 2021, all 37 will be honored with newly designed MoH signs.

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Update: First Division Monument in Washington, DC

The Society has taken another step towards redesign and the addition of names and units of BRO soldiers lost in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Senate and the House of Representatives have approved the "First Act" -- MODIFICATION TO FIRST DIVISION MONUMENT -- and the President has signed into law as a part of the 2021 Defense Budget. Key points:

(a) The Society of the First Infantry Division may make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in President's Park in the District of Columbia to honor the dead of the 1st Infantry Division in:

- Operation Desert Storm;
- Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn; and
- Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Modifications to the First Division Monument may include construction of additional plaques and stone plinths on which to put plaques.
- Federal funds may not be used for modifications of the First Division Monument.

The next step in the process is to obtain approval of the design from the National Park Service (NPS). Society representatives met with NPS officials, 2 February 2021. Key take-aways from that meeting:

1) Secret Service has closed access to the roadway and walkway to the north of the memorial. It is expected to remain closed. NPS noted that there has been discussion about the

addition of a new path to provide a handicapped accessible route to the memorial. The additional pathway would be constructed by NPS.

2) New materials must match materials of the existing memorial, to the extent possible.

3) Construction will likely require the replacement of the hedge row. If so, this would need to be done as a part of the proposed construction project.

4) Important to match the text/ font of the old plaques, the patina on the bronze, and the phrasing of the way the names are listed.

5) NPS intends routine cleaning and maintenance of the existing memorial this year.

6) The next step will be a submission through NPS prior to an inter-agency work session. At this session, the Society will present the proposed project.

7) The process will require a finding under NEPA of no significant impacts. NPS will process this and anticipates no difficulties with NEPA.

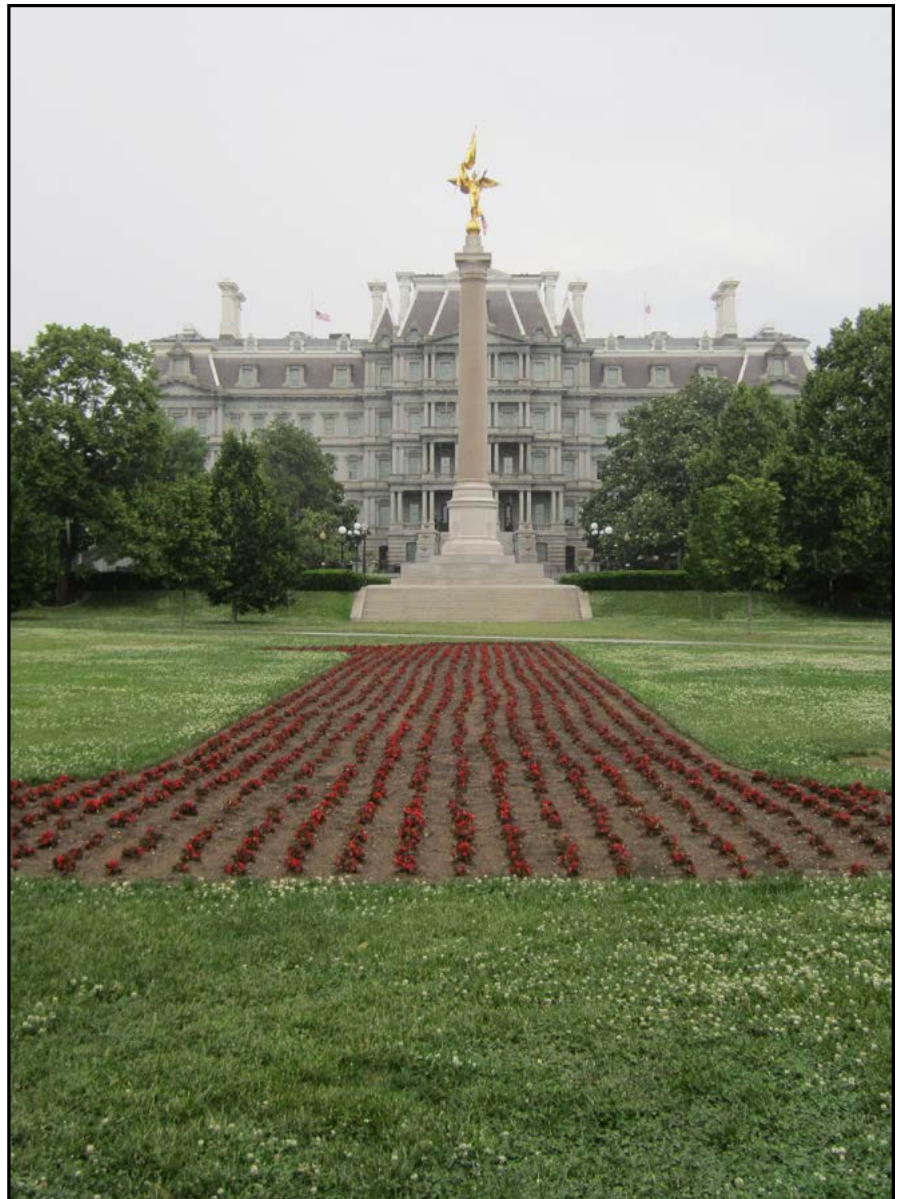
8) NPS reminded that after

all the reviews/approvals are in place, and prior to issuance of construction permits, the Society must certify that all construction funds as well as 10% maintenance fee are in the bank.

While no milestones exist for NPS final approval, the Society is ready to move forward with requests for bids, once NPS approves the project.

In summary, the Society

continues efforts to add the 631 names of BRO soldiers lost in post-911 operations (Afghanistan: 192; Iraq: 439), and provide space for names from future conflicts. Construction estimates the need for \$400,000 to make the necessary modifications. As of 28 February 2021, \$248,317 is in the construction fund. We appreciate your continued donations.



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Spring 1991

Operation Desert Storm: A Retrospective

The following article appeared 30 years ago in the Spring 1991 Edition of the Bridgehead Sentinel. At the time, the article was breaking news reporting the official timeline of events after the BRO's success during the operation.

AUGUST 1990

Iraq invades Kuwait. President Bush announces Operation Desert Shield. In anticipation of being called for duty in Saudi Arabia Big Red One staff begins planning for deployment. Vehicles' camouflage is changed from European color scheme to Desert Sand.

In an eight day period contract painters repainted 843 vehicles - only a small portion of the Division's equipment. Desert camouflage battle uniforms are ordered.

NOVEMBER 1990

First Division is ordered to prepare to deploy to Saudi Arabia. Some members of the Division learn of their coming deployment while watching CNN on TV. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas and Army Chief of Staff Carl Vuono visit Division at Fort Riley. Dole said, "The Big Red One has a proud history. They have been there first and they have been there when the going gets tough. The troops are ready to go, morale is high. We are sending our best." General Vuono commented, "I've talked to a lot of soldiers, sergeants and officers throughout the time I've been here, [Fort Riley] and what's impressed me most is their attitude. They're going about their

business with quiet confidence. You can see it in their eyes and hear it in their voices - the belief that they're trained and ready."

Soldiers and their families were invited to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner in the Mess Halls. Four hundred and eighty army cooks prepared 5,300 pounds of turkey, 1,200 pounds of baron of beef, 600 pounds of ham plus shrimp, cornish hen, duck--a total of 15,000 pounds to feed the troops and their families.

Non-divisional units left Fort Riley for Saudi Arabia bringing the total non-divisional soldiers leaving Fort Riley to 800. Other reserve units arrive at Fort Riley for training before shipping to the Middle East.

Division units coordinate with Union Pacific Railroad to ship Division equipment to the Port of Embarkation. It will take an estimated 1400 freight cars to deploy the Division. The 701st Support Battalion was the first to load followed by the 1st Military Police Company and the 121st Signal Battalion.

The trip to Houston, Texas, takes about 48 hours. At Houston the equipment was loaded on ships for the three-week voyage to Saudi Arabia.

Volunteers at the Fort Riley Family Assistance Center open

a child supervision facility. The facility, equipped with cribs and a playroom, "baby sits" children while the parents are handling the paperwork involved in the deployment.

Secure storage facilities are provided for automobiles belonging Division soldiers deployed to Saudi Arabia.

DECEMBER 1990

The New York Times, on December 5, prints a photograph of 1st Division troops landing in Saudi Arabia. By year's end about 6,000 Big Red One soldiers are in Saudi Arabia. Troops arrived by air using a total of 52 aircraft. Deployment used huge C-5 and C-141 military aircraft as well as civilian equipment. On Friday, December 21, the colors of the Big Red One were cased and replaced by those of the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) signifying the departure of the Division from Fort Riley and U.S. Army Garrison's responsibility for the post.

The Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley, working shorthanded because of personnel being deployed to Saudi Arabia, resumes normal operations as replacement doctors are assigned.

JANUARY 1991

Three flights in mid-January completed the Division's deployment to Saudi Arabia. Total division strength is approximately 12,000. Operation Desert Shield becomes Operation Desert Storm as U.S. and allied planes begin massive bombing raids on Iraq. The first Big Red One soldier to die on Operation Desert Storm was PFC Rueben G. Kirk III, 19, of Dunlow, WV. Kirk was killed when the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle he was driving was hit by a van driven by a Saudi Arabian civilian on January 29. Kirk was with Battery D, 25th Field Artillery. On January 28 the Big Red One used the Army Tactical Missile System for the first time. The Missile, which has a range of 60 miles, scatters 950 bomblets over an area larger than a football field. The 13 foot long, 2 foot in diameter Missile is fired from a self-propelled tracked "weapons platform". The launcher can also fire Multiple Launch Rocket Systems missiles.

FEBRUARY 25

The Big Red One spearheads the VII Corps break-through into Iraq.

KLIK Radio in Vietnam

By Tim Abney

Serving the men of the 1st Infantry Division's Iron Brigade, this is KLIK 1330 on your AM dial. Stand by for 5 minutes of news from AFVN and come on back for more of your favorite music... The time is XX:00 AM (or PM)."

I would throw the switch that would feed AFVN's audio to our airwaves and there would be three loud beeps followed by a slightly louder and higher pitched beep... "This is AFVN News compiled from major networks, news services and military sources."

How many times did I do that? I can't even begin to guess.

I was honored to be a broadcaster at KLIK from November of 1967 until July of 1968. Everyday during that time I was one the air between 3 and 9 hours per day. KLIK had an 18 hour broadcast day and for most of the time I was on the air there I handled the 6-9 AM and 6-9 PM shifts. Then came the 1968 TET Offensive. Midnight-3:00 AM was added to my schedule as KLIK became a 24/7 operation.

In late October of 1967 I was a couple of days back on the Lai Khe base camp from the boonies and I was happy to be listening to KLIK because I liked the music they played much better than AFVN plus they had a more home town sound due to their jingles which were professionally recorded for them.

Lon Carruth was on the 3-6 PM air shift and between records had said that "One of our guys is heading home and we need a replacement. We're looking for someone with a little broadcast experience so if you think you might fill the bill stop over and see us at brigade HQ."

I had been hanging around at 2 local radio stations in San Bernardino, CA, KFXM and KMEN and had been given some interesting opportunities there. I walked into the station and asked if they were still looking for someone with a little broadcast experience. They said they were.

I told them I had as "little as anyone" and they promptly took me into their studio and told me to watch the guy that was on the air.

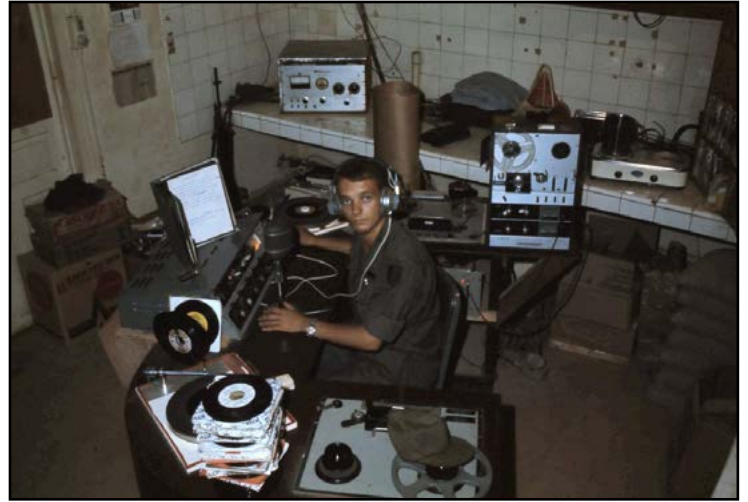
After about 20 minutes Lon asked me if I thought I could run the equipment... "Piece of cake" was my reply.

"OK, sit down and take over."

I had been in the studio for 20 minutes and I was on the air. It was a few minutes later that I realized I was alone. I didn't see another soul there for almost 2 hours when Lon, Phil Dubs and Ken Klepeis (who I had taken over from) walked in and told me they had been drinking beer at a nearby EM Club and listening to KLIK and had decided that I was "their boy."

I'll have our OIC have you TDY'd to KLIK and this will be your job. I didn't really think it would happen but in just a few days my platoon leader told me I now belonged to 3rd Bde HQ.

KLIK was block programmed, meaning we had 3 hour segments of Top 40, Soul, Country and Western, Jazz, Easy Listening, Show Tunes, Folk Music and even Classical Music on Sunday mornings. We also had Volunteer DJs who handled some of these shows. There was Paige Pinkette who did the 3-6 PM Soul show M-F and Jim McDade who handled "The Country Corner



Above: We were also alone there a lot and being only about 100 yards from the village wire which was compromised a few times while I was there. As a result we always had loaded weapons in the studio. Note the loaded M-14 and M-16 in the far corner. The AFVN guys were shocked by this. Most of them never even saw a weapon.

from Noon-3 PM M-F. Both of those guys were fantastic at entertaining the troops and got loads of requests.

Another show was on 6-9 PM on Sunday and Wednesday nights when the American Red Cross Volunteers came in and did a request and dedication show that was our most popular feature and frequently went over its allotted time. It seems that American women were much more popular than any of the rest of us... I wonder why?

One thing we didn't have were the restrictions that were put on AFVN as far as music they weren't allowed to play. We played it all, including War Protest songs and drug related songs. There have been those who doubted that, but I can prove it because I have airchecks.

We added an FM signal in May of 1968 provided a much improved sound with 125 Watts on FM to augment our 50 watt AM

signal.

Two times during my 6-9 PM shift we had 122mm rockets land within 50 feet of the front door of the station. After the 2nd I went on the air after the needle had bounced completely off of the record that was playing and said "If you don't like what I'm playing just call in a request." A little comic relief as my nerves tried to settle back down.

A couple of months after I left Vietnam and the US Army, one of those rockets found its mark and hit the roof directly above the studio. It sent the DJ on the air, who survived, home with his golden ticket. I heard later that he said the 1 inch thick plywood that the console counter was built from saved his "manhood."

I've been told they had the FM back on the air in a few hours and the AM a couple of days later proving that 1st Division soldiers always put "Duty First."

We would like to thank these donors for their contributions which have enabled us to provide more scholarship opportunities this year.

CPT Mike Weinstein (C/1/7FA, B/1/18, DIVARTY, VN 66-67)

Mike served as an artillery forward observer in B/1/18 for ten months. He then served with Division Artillery as an aerial observer flying in Bird Dogs for eight months. He was the A.O. on 1 April 1967 at the Battle of Ap Gu. Mike was with his infantry company when the soldiers began passing the helmet for a fallen soldier's child and the legacy continues.

After leaving the army Mike went on to become a high school teacher and football coach. He served on the scholarship committee at his high school. Education is extremely important

to Mike and his family and that is why he has set up this scholarship to assist young people to achieve their goals.

Since serving in the 1st Division was such an important part of his life, he has set aside a generous yearly grant to be paid each April 1st. With this grant we are able to add an additional four scholarships each year to the six we now have in place. Mike is hoping other members will join him in his efforts to fund even more scholarships for the direct lineal descendants of the Big Red One Soldiers.

LT Harvey Shein (8/6FA, VN, 66-67)

Harvey made a generous contribution to the scholarship fund this year. As we were working out the details and discussing our scholarship program, he decided he would match this year's check for the next three years to fund another

student.

This year the Foundation will be awarding 11 scholarships thanks to the generosity of these two members and all of the other members who send contributions continually to help sustain our scholarship funds.

BRO Soldiers Volunteer to Support Community Activities

Volunteering is a way for BRO Soldiers to get involved with Fort Riley communities. The Society's executive director has organized volunteering events for over 7 years, and 1st Infantry Division units reach out to her for volunteer opportunities. Several recent events involved Soldiers from Bandit Troop, 1/4 CAV and HHC/1st Engineers.

Bandit Troop, 1/4 Cavalry volunteered to hang and take down holiday lights around the Junction City community in November 2020 and January 2021. Soldiers also assisted with decorating a Christmas tree with

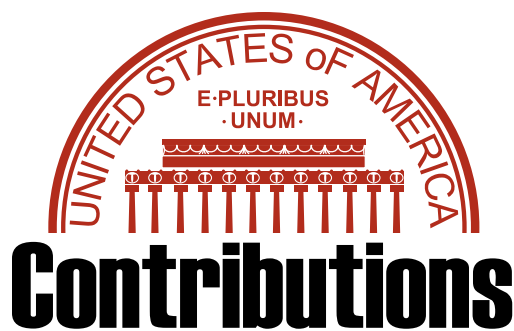
1 ID homemade wood patch ornaments in one of our Business Partner store fronts (Tom's Menswear). They provided everything needed to decorate the tree and outside the store. In January, Bandit Troop, 1/4 Cavalry removed the decorations.

In December 2020, HHC/1st Engineers Soldiers devoted several hours to a trash cleanup project in Junction City. It was a great event and the Soldiers enjoyed volunteering.

At each event, General Watts shared his appreciation with the Soldiers for not only serving but for volunteering.

1st Infantry Division Soldiers are always looking at ways to be involved in the communities that are outside of the gates of Fort Riley, and volunteering is one way. We appreciate them and the Society of the First Infantry Division is grateful to be a part of, and host 1st Infantry Division Soldiers volunteer opportunities.





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 180 children to date—and to the children and grandchildren of our 1st Infantry Division veterans.

Following is a list of contributors to the 1st Infantry Division Foundation Scholarship Fund and 1st Division DC Monument Fund since 1 Nov 2020. Duplicate names indicate additional contributions.

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First Infantry Division Monument Fund Drive

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Reminder

REMINDER

We continue to work toward adding the names of the fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan to our DC Monument. The Robert R. McCormick Foundation matches our contributions 50 cents on the dollar. If you are able, please contribute using the coupon included in the paper. Thank you for your generous support.

The books in this section are not published by the Society of the First Infantry Division, but they are BRO-related or may be of interest to members of the Society.

If you have written a book about the 1st Division, and would like it in the BRO Books Section, mail a copy of the book to:

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Darkness Bravo: A Soldier Remembers

By Edward R Fedrick

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Darkness Bravo: A Soldier Remembers follows the events of the First Infantry Division (the Big Red One) during the author's two tours in Vietnam 1966-1967 and 1968-1969.

He recalls the sheer terror, pain, grief, and physical hardships that come with combat in a foreign country. This is a story of duty, honor, country, patriotism, love of one's fellow man, and camaraderie. It demonstrates how a soldier fights for his country but more so how he fights for the lives

of the men he serves beside.

Battles the author participated in and remembers include Operation El Paso, Operation Attleboro, Operation Charleston, Operation Cedar Falls, Operation Junction City, and Operation Manhattan. ▼



World War II



Hi,

I work on a website that commemorates fallen American soldiers in Czechoslovakia. It is a virtual memorial that tells their stories (mnofu.com).

I am looking to get in contact with veterans or family members of 1st Infantry Division soldiers who served in Czechoslovakia during World War II.

Any help would greatly be appreciated! Thank you very much for your response and your help.

Sincerely,

David Foud
Monuments of the Unknowns -
mnofu.com
Email: fouddavid@gmail.com

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ROBERT A. ALEKSIUNA

Burr Ridge, IL

NOV 28, 2020

A BTRY/7th FA, VN

FRANK BERGSTOL

OCALA, FL

FEB 12, 2020

2ND BDE, VN

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COLD WAR

JACK DUNCAN

GLADSTONE, OR

MARCH 27, 2021

26 INF, VN

JAMES A. FOSTER

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JVC CO, WW2

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WILLIAM HOBERG

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5TH FA, CW

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1ST MED, VN

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RONALD MARLEY

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If you would like to donate to the BRO Support Fund, please use the coupon below 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!

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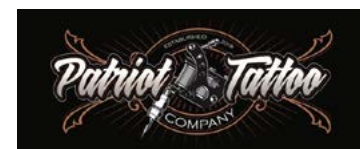
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First Annual Spring Fundraiser



Left: Lonnie Moore's son, Caleb, a Kansas State University student, picked up the Cherokee for his raffle-winning dad, who lives in California.

Our "First" Spring Fundraiser (Vehicle Raffle) was a success thanks to our members, corporate sponsors, business partners and supporters of the First Infantry Division. With your support The Society of the First Infantry Division had a net profit of \$19,193.00. Tickets (500) sold out in less than 7 days. Winners were drawn live on our Society Facebook page and notified immediately.

Vehicle raffles are a great way to raise funds for the Society and

hopefully will be an annual event.

Our grand prize was a 2021 Jeep Cherokee, provided at cost by our Corporate Sponsor, Valor Automotive. Seven additional prizes were drawn.

Here are the lucky winners and their prizes:

1. Glock 43, 9mm – Ray Droessler – Life Member, HHT 5-4 CAV (Iraq)

2. His and Her Society of the First Infantry Division Hoodies –

Raymond Rodrique - Life Member, 2-16 Infantry (Vietnam)

3. 100th Anniversary Print and 1-year membership in Society – Jason Agosto – Regular Veteran, HHB 1-5FA (Desert Storm)

4. 100th Anniversary Stein – Bryan Horspool – Life Member, C/299 BSB/2 Bde (Iraq)

5. M&P Smith and Wesson 40mm – George Villanueva – Life Member B/1-4 Cav (Vietnam)

6. 2 Baseball Caps and 2 Society Challenge Coins – Steven Self -- Life Member, HHC 2-34 AR

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7. 100th Anniversary Print and 1-year membership in Society – Edward Czubernat -- Life Member, 1 MP (Vietnam)

8. 2021 Jeep Cherokee Latitude LUX 4x4 – Lonnie Moore, Life Member, C/1-16 Inf (Iraq)

Congratulations to all the winners! THANK YOU to all ticket buyers, Valor Automotive and those who assisted in making our fundraiser a great success. You are all ROCK STARS!

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Nuremberg Trials 75th Anniversary Exhibit

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, a series of tribunals held after World War II to bring Nazi criminals to justice. Soldiers from the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division were responsible for guarding the infamous prisoners and ensuring they did not escape justice through suicide.

In addition to fighting the

Nazis, soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division witnessed their crimes when they liberated Zwodau and Falkenau, both sub camps of the Flossenburg concentration camp. Zwodau was set up in 1944 by the SS for the production of air force equipment. At the time of its liberation, Zwodau held some 900 to 1,000 starving female prisoners and Falkenau housed

60 prisoners. The 1st Infantry Division procured food from the neighboring areas and provided badly needed medical attention to the survivors.

This exhibit focuses on the International Military Tribunal, the twenty-four high-ranking Nazis who were tried, and the role of the 1st Infantry Division. Included are artifacts from the museum's

object and archival collections relating to the Tribunal.

The Nuremberg Trials were the first time in history where an international court sentenced people to prison and death. The Tribunal set the stage for a later International Court of Justice, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and two Geneva Conventions.



Pictured: Artifacts and displays of the Nuremberg Trials exhibit at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. Artifacts include signatures from Nazi officers and a photo album from a soldier who served as a guard during the trial.

Upcoming First Division Museum Virtual Events

Here are some free virtual events that don't require a trip to Illinois! The First Division Museum has been offering these events to our visitors through Zoom and only require free registration ahead of time for the video link.

Just click the links to visit the event page for more information and registration (Bridgehead Sentinel digital edition only) or visit fdmuseum.org/events/ for a calendar list of these events.

Coffee with the Curator: General Brooks Collection

**Friday, May 28
10-10:30 AM**

View newly donated artifacts from General Vincent K. Brooks in this virtual visit to the Collections Department.

Click here to register.

The First Code Talkers: Native American Communicators in World War I

**Thursday, June 3
7-8:15 PM**

The First Code Talkers explores the origin of Native American Code Talking – the use of Native

American languages for secure military communication in the US Armed Forces – in World War I. This presentation will look at how the codes developed, their structure, use in combat, all groups presently known to have used them in the Great War, and recognition to the present day.

Click here to register.

A Conversation with the Generals

**Tuesday, June 8
7-8:30 PM**

Join current and former Commanding Generals of the United States Army 1st Infantry

Division for a roundtable discussion on leadership moderated by First Division Museum Executive Director Krewasky A. Salter.

Click here to register.

Veterans Voices with Charles Norman Shay

**Saturday, June 12
11 AM-12 PM**

Join us as Shay shares his D-Day memories. Historian Christophe Gosselin will moderate and share more about the history behind Shay's service in World War II.

Click here to register.



Above: Hans Lammer, former Reich Chancellery chief, is escorted from the courtroom by 1st Infantry Division Soldiers after being sentenced to 20 years in prison.



Above: 1st Infantry Division Soldiers in white helmets and belts guard the defendants of the International Military Tribunal (IMT) or first Nuremberg Trial.

