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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

Greetings to all Society members and your families!

We are beginning the Society's second century of service to our members and the 1st Infantry Division. As always, there are challenges ahead. We face a declining membership as our Vietnam and Cold War era veterans age, and we have yet to attract in any numbers the BRO veterans who have served our Division and Nation since 9-11. Our Executive Director, Phyllis Fitzgerald has great ideas to address these challenges.

The Society staff reorganization is complete. We now operate with an Executive Director, Secretary – Treasurer, and a part-time

employee. We will be unable to do some previous tasks. However, we have prioritized to take care of members, manage the Reunion, and support our Division. We welcome your ideas.

I encourage you to support our initiative to increase the number of Society Chapters. See details in an article in this BHS.

Our New Orleans Reunion Theme is "Division Return from Vietnam – 50 Years Revisited!" It has been 50 years since the BRO shielded its colors in Vietnam, and returned to Fort Riley. Our speakers will offer insights on events that occurred as the Division returned to Fort Riley. A visit to the WW II Museum, alone is worth the trip. Please come, bring

your friends, and enjoy a great Reunion. (Details in this BHS.)

We continue our efforts to add the 631 names, and their units of BRO soldiers lost in post 9-11 operations (Afghanistan: 192; Iraq: 439). The US House of Representatives passed a resolution, named, "First Act" authorizing revisions to the Monument base and addition of the names. Our "First Act" is included in a National Park Bill. There is no opposition to the resolution. Senator Moran is sponsoring and working to get the resolution passed in the Senate. We are not optimistic that this Bill will pass the Senate before fall elections. We cannot do any work on the monument until the

bill is approved in the Senate, and then by the National Park Service. We still estimate the need for ~ \$400,000 to make the necessary modifications. As of 31 December 2019, we had \$245,000 on hand. Your continued support of donations is appreciated.

The Society gave, on your behalf, twenty \$50 gift certificates valid at the Fort Riley Commissary to soldiers that needed assistance during the Christmas 2019 season.

I look forward to working with you as we continue to support Society objectives. Also, looking forward to visiting with you at our New Orleans Reunion this August!



Commissary Gift Cards During the 2019 Holiday Season

Executive Director Phyllis Fitzgerald presented Chaplain (LTC) David Meyer (Chief, Religious Support Operations, Fort Riley, Kansas Religious Support Office) with 20 commissary gift cards for 1ID soldiers and their families to help them purchase a holiday meal. This presentation of gift cards was made possible thanks to the generous donations of our

members to the Big Red One (BRO) support fund. We thank each of you for your continued support of the Society and for our active-duty soldiers, their families and Veterans. ▀





Letter from the Executive Director

By Phyllis Fitzgerald

Greetings and Happy 2020!

Time sure flies when you are working hard or having fun. I am excited to be your new Executive Director. As a Retired Soldier and a Big Red One Desert Storm Combat Veteran I am extremely proud to have served in the most storied Army Division, the 1st Infantry Division.

We have been working hard at Society Headquarters on Fort Riley, Kansas for our members. I would like to share some of the projects we have been working on.

The first project I would like to discuss is the building of memberships. We have over 10,000 members with over 75% being lifetime members. To increase our membership, we have started setting up local chapters. Emails have been sent out to individuals in multiple states to see if there is interest in the areas where members reside. We have heard back from many members in quite a few states that are interested in a local chapter. The biggest issue though is getting someone in the area to take the lead. We have been successful in setting up three local chapters in Ohio, Indiana and in Junction City. All the details about these chapters can be found on our website

www.1stid.org

With the forming of local chapters, we hope to build membership. The Society has always been a place where our members can connect with one another and stay in contact with the 1st Infantry Division. We all have a responsibility to ensure that the generations that follow us continue the legacy of this great division and being a member is one way.

We have also been engaging the local community businesses and sharing the story of the Society and the Big Red One and its importance to our Soldiers, Veterans and their families. We encourage them to consider joining the Society as a business partner or corporate sponsor. Since the Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization we need members, business partners and corporate sponsors. The need for new membership and partners is vital to carrying on the legacy and honoring our fallen of the 1st Infantry Division. New members can be friends, family,

neighbors, Veteran's, Soldiers or businesses. We welcome everyone. Please support our sponsors; you can find a list on our website and in the *Bridgehead Sentinel*.)

You will also note when viewing our website, we have been updating it with informing information for our members and the public.

Another project we have been working on is updating our membership database and we can use your assistance. If you move, change phone numbers or email address, please notify us so that we can update your profile. This helps to ensure that you receive correspondence from us.

Beginning with Spring 2020

edition, the Bridgehead Sentinel magazine will be sent electronically. This change is more cost effective and timely. If you do not have email and prefer a hard copy let us know and a copy will be mailed to you.

This year the annual reunion will be in New Orleans. We have events planned for the WWII Museum, city tours and steamboat tours, plus you will have the opportunity to venture out on your own. (See details in this BHS). Reunions are a great time to visit with old friends, make some new friends and share Big Red One stories with each other. I look forward to seeing you in the Big Easy. ♥

Growing Society Membership Opportunity.

Support an Active duty E-1 to E-7 with a one year membership (\$15.00) into the Society.

Make checks payable to the
Society of the First Infantry Division
"Sponsor Active Duty Soldier"

Mail to: Society of the First Infantry Division
P.O. Box 2307
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Letter From the CG Major General John S. Kolasheski

My name is John Kolasheski and I am a Big Red One Soldier, proudly serving in America's First and Most Historic Division. While it has only been a few months since my last update, your Division has remained hard at work generating combat readiness at home and supporting our Combatant Commanders abroad.

This fall, we were proud to welcome home our 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, and 1st Sustainment Brigade from their deployments. 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and a majority of the Combat Aviation Brigade returned from Europe after serving side-by-side with some of our closest Allies and Partners in support of US Army Europe's Operation Atlantic Resolve. The Sustainment Brigade Headquarters and 1-1 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (Apache Helicopters) served with distinction in the Middle East in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel

and Operation Inherent Resolve. We are glad to have everyone back at home safely and are very proud of all of their accomplishments.

As units return home, others go forward to continue the proud legacy of our Division. The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team is in the midst of deploying troops and equipment to the Korean Peninsula. For the next nine months, our Troopers will train alongside our 8th Army and United States Forces Korea teammates. They are a well-trained and well-led fighting force who is prepared to answer if our great Nation calls. Additionally, our Gray Eagle Company (Fox Company), which flies unmanned aerial systems, is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

During this time of transition, the IID Forward European Command Post continues to support Operation Atlantic Resolve from Poland. The previous forward commander, Colonel Phil Brooks (Deputy Command-

ing Officer-Maneuver), returned home to Fort Riley just in time for Christmas. Colonel Tom O'Connor (Deputy Commanding Officer-Support) assumed command of IID Forward and is ready to lead members of our Division staff and the 1st Cavalry Division through an upcoming series of challenging multi-national training exercises. After supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve for the past two years, we will transfer authority of our European mission to the 1st Cavalry Division in June 2020.

At the end of January, our Division bid farewell to an exceptional Non-Commissioned Officer (who some of you may know) — Division Command Sergeant Major Craig Bishop. Command Sergeant Major Bishop's contributions to our Division are too numerous to list and the Bishop family will always be proud members of the Big Red One. While we said goodbye to one great Army leader and family, we are privileged to welcome another, Command

Sergeant Major Ray Harris. Command Sergeant Major Harris is no stranger to the 1st Infantry Division, having served with the Big Red One previously on multiple occasions, including 19 months in combat. Command Sergeant Major Harris, his wife Leah, and children Jaydon and Riley, join us from Fort Hood, Texas. While Command Sergeant Major Bishop left some big shoes to fill, I know that Command Sergeant Major Harris is up for the challenge.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my gratitude for all this organization, as well as many others, do for our Division. Rest assured—our Soldiers, civilians, and families remain dedicated to protecting the legacy founded, and upheld for generations by all the proud veterans of the Big Red One. You are and will forever remain a key piece of our history. ▀



Above: On March 3, 2020, 2-34 Armored Regiment, 1st ABCT conducted a Change of Command between incoming commander, LTC Kenneth P. Selby, and outgoing commander, LTC Joseph Ruzicka.



Above: On March 4, 2020, the 2nd ABCT, 1st Infantry Division and the 3rd ABCT, 1st Cavalry Division conducted a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.



Above: On Feb. 26, 2020, MG John Kolasbeski, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, meets with COL Bryan Chivers, commander of the 1st CAB, and LTC Raymond Santiago, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st CAB in preparation to fly and conduct gunnery from an AH-64 Apache helicopter.

Keeping up with the 1st Division

Headquarters (REDEPLOYED)

The DHHB remains split as a portion of its staff is serving in Poland as '1ID Forward' until summer 2020.

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

In early 2019, 1st ABCT soldiers deployed to Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve. In Fall of 2019 the brigade redeployed back to Fort Riley.

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (DEPLOYED)

On March 4, the 2ABCT transferred authority from the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Camp Humphreys in the Republic of Korea.

1st Combat Aviation Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

In January 2019, soldiers of the Combat Aviation Brigade deployed in support of Atlantic Resolve in Europe. Early this year, the troops of the CAB began their return to Fort Riley.

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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Corporate Membership Application or Renewal

DATE: _____

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

Please check if you **do not** want your contact information listed in the "Members Only" online directory in our website.

COMPLETE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OR TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS:

MAILING ADDRESS (ADDRESS WHERE YOU WANT YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATERIAL MAILED TO.)

Corporate Name: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____ Cell: _____

EMAIL: _____

(Will not be released for any purpose, including the website.)

Platinum Level:

With a donation of \$2,500.00 or more, each Platinum Level membership will receive a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative numbered print, a replica of our First Infantry Division Monument in our Nations Capital at 17th and State Street NW Washington D.C., a certificate of membership and window peel decals for each business building, three copies of our Veterans magazine "The Bridgehead Sentinel" (BHS), and free advertisement space in the BHS. Additionally, we give you (4) Banquet Dinner tickets served our annual veteran reunion.

Gold Level:

With a donation greater than \$1,500.00 and less than \$2,500.00 each Gold level membership will receive a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative number print, three copies of our magazine The Bridgehead Sentinel (BHS), a certificate of membership to the Society, and two (2) Banquet Dinner ticket at our annual veterans reunion.

Silver Level:

With a donation between \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 a Silver Level each Silver level membership will receive a 100th Anniversary First infantry Division commemorative numbered print, three copies of our magazine, The Bridgehead Sentinel (BHS), free 2"x5"advertisement space in the BHS, a certificate of membership to the Society, window peels to show membership for each organizational building, and a banquet dinner ticket at our annual veterans reunion.

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- or -

PLEASE CHARGE MY (CIRCLE ONE): VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

CARD #: _____ EXP DATE: ____ / ____ CVC: _____
(month) (year) (code on back of card)

SIGNATURE: _____ (CVC CODE & SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Return this form and your check, if applicable, in the pre-addressed envelope provided. If paying by credit card, you may fax this form to (785) 209-3022.

*** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT ***

Letters Home: A Tribute to the 1st Infantry Division

by Dale Ray Andrews
Medic, 1st-ID/Vietnam 1967-68

*They call us ground pounders, grunts,
bullet-catchers, epithet the bloody first
but we're warriors, deployed into battle zones
on unforgivable terrain, to keep you free*

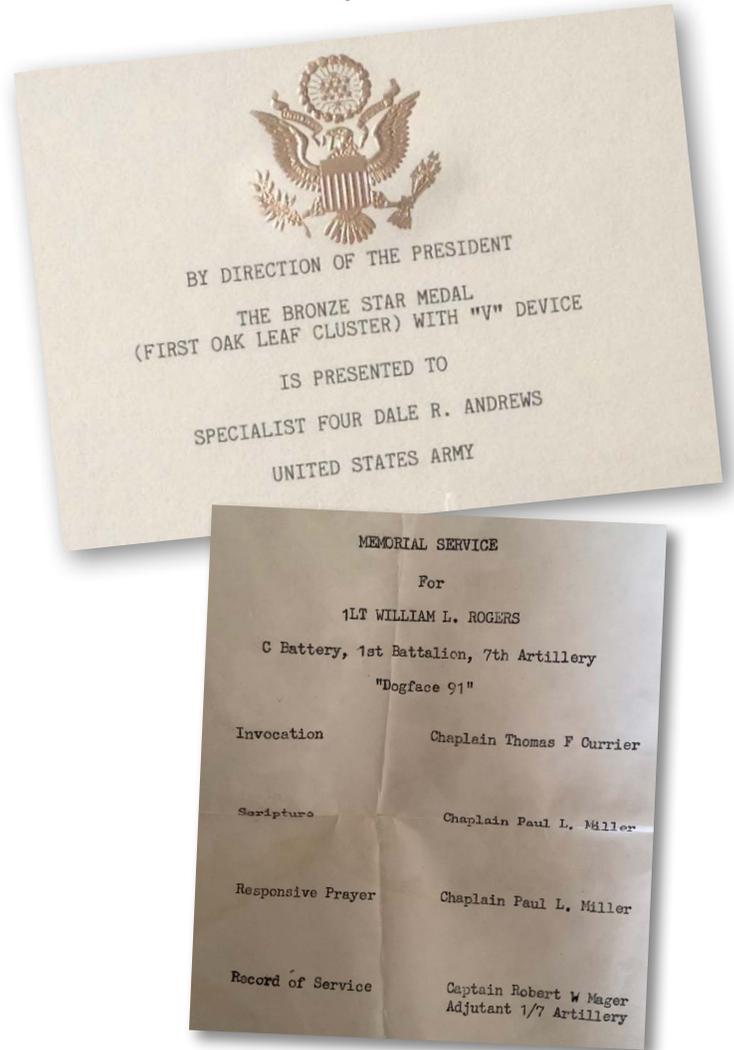
*Digging a trench or perimeter bunker on
foreign dirt, hard as rocks, slimy-mud or
scalding sand, tirelessly we dig-in filling bags
by pick and shovel or by strong aching hands*

*With mortars raining, rifles blazing, grenades blasting
we fight long and hard, the enemy keeps coming
from afar, victorious, we find rare moments of battle rest, when
we wearily write a few words in a letter home*

*Days on end we hump, carrying sweat soaked
note paper in our soiled fatigue pocket, often
stained with our brothers' blood, until a pause
in fighting brings relief time to write love and lies*

*Often untruths, that we'll stay alive and be alright
we scribble our words to loved ones back home,
hoping our letter finds its way to them, someday,
but often not, or buddy delivered posthumously*

*We will be the first to give our life to keep you free,
to save democracy, into battle we headlong run
to secure our homeland, and we never forget the fallen
we're the proud American soldiers of the Big Red One* ■



About the Author

I entered the Army in July 1967, and went to basic training at Ft. Campbell, KY (eight weeks). Next was medical aid-man AIT at Ft. Sam Houston, TX (14 weeks).

Then, I was deployed individually (as we were back then) to Vietnam. I arrived in Long Bien in December 1967 and was quickly assigned and transported to the 1st ID in Di An, Vietnam. I was assigned as a field medic to the 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery. I spent the next 12 months as a combat medic. Our operations were in the

Iron Triangle, War Zone C and D. I received a bronze star with "V" Device for one of the battles. This year also marks the 52nd Anniversary of the death of our beloved LT William L. Rogers.

I am proud of all the men and women of the Big Red One and it was an honor to serve. After my tour in Vietnam I went to Army Medical Laboratory Technologist Training and changed my MOS. In 1970, I was honorably discharged and attended college on the GI Bill. ■

Forming Local Society of the First Infantry Division Chapters

Some time ago there were local chapters that were formed in different communities and as time has progressed those chapters have folded.

One of the efforts the Society is doing is attempting to get interest in forming local chapters in the areas that our members live. It is a great way for our veterans and soldiers to connect with one another and stay connected. The question though is “How do we get these soldiers and veterans to belong to local chapters? There are a couple of ways, any member can start a chapter in their community; the Society can and has sent out emails to veterans in various states via our database, to see if there is interest in the formation of a local chapter. We have had over a dozen members respond back with the interest of forming a chapter. So far, we have three (3) chapters that have or are forming in Kansas, Indiana and Ohio. Below is the Point of Contact for these chapters and you can also find more information on chapters that are forming on our webpage at:

<https://www.1stid.org/chapters>

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Junction City Kansas Chapter
POC: Phyllis Fitzgerald
Email: sfid1919@gmail.com
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INDIANA

East Central Indiana Chapter
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Phone: 765-969-7977

OHIO

Society of the 1st Infantry Division
South Eastern Ohio Chapter
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Zanesville, OH 43701
Phone: 740-252-1485

The local chapter can be formal or informal. If a formal chapter is stood up, we have some documentation that we can send to you (constitution and bylaws). The local chapter will decide the type of chapter to be formed and how often to meet and any goals or projects that as a chapter you might want to do. The formation of chapters can be open to any veteran, family, friend, business or associate. The only stipulation is the members must be a member of the Society of the First Infantry Division. We will include information about your local chapter on our web site.

In Junction City, Kansas our chapter has been meeting monthly, with attendance averaging 10 to 12. Our chapter is informal, and we are in the process of adding more members. Since the gates of Fort Riley lead into our community and many of our community members are veterans, we have an opportunity to have many members, but it takes time and effort. We should all try our best to get more members to join and help us to carry on the legacy of the Big Red One. The forming of local chapters is one way; meet, share our stories and encourage others to join and be a part of the 1st Infantry Division legacy. If you



Above: Society Executive Director Phyllis Fitzgerald poses for some group shots at the local Junction City chapter meetings.

want to learn more about forming a chapter in your area, send an email to Phyllis at: sfid1919@gmail.com. ▀

NEWS RELEASE

Famous “Big Red One” to Hold 2020 Reunion in New Orleans, Louisiana

New Orleans, LA— Veterans of the Army’s renowned 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One, will hold their 101st Annual Reunion in New Orleans, Louisiana, from August 12-16, 2020 at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel. The reunion will be conducted by the Big Red One veterans’ organization, the Society of the First Infantry Division in Fort Riley, KS.

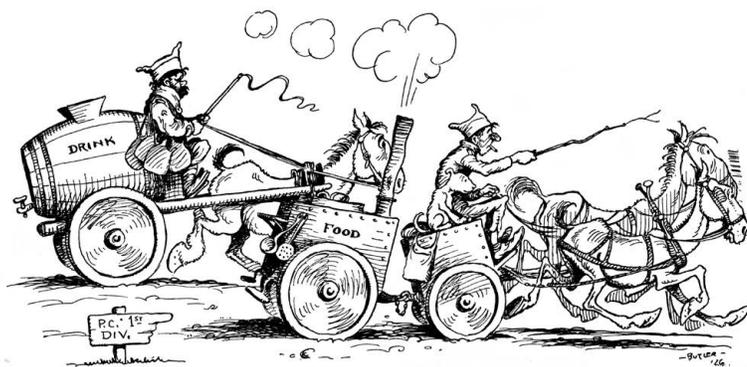
The 1st Infantry Division is the Army’s oldest and arguably most famous division. It served with great distinction in World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the first Gulf War (Desert Storm) as well as in Germany and the U.S. during the Cold War. Elements of the 1st Infantry Division have participated extensively in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and also in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The 1st Infantry Division has also trained thousands of Military Transition Team members and deployed them to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Over 500 Big Red One veterans and their guests attended the 100th Annual Reunion held in Baltimore, MD. The Commanding General of the Division and a solid contingent of leaders and young soldiers serving in the Division added a fresh and exciting dimension to the reunion.

Everyone who ever served in the First Infantry Division or any unit attached to it is cordially invited to attend the reunion.

Details and reservation forms are available in this issue of the Society’s magazine, the *Bridgehead Sentinel* and our website: www.1stID.org, or by mail, fax or phone from:

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E-mail: SFIDKS@gmail.com
Website: www.1stID.org



2020 Tentative Reunion Program

Wednesday, August 12

9am–12pm, 1-5pm Quartermaster Open
9am–12pm, 1-5pm First Division Museum CP Open
1:30pm..... Unit Rep Meeting w/Society Staff

Thursday, August 13

9am–12pm, 1–5pm Quartermaster Open
9am–12pm, 1–5pm First Division Museum CP Open
8:45am–12pm..... WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour
10:45am–2pm..... WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour
7–10pm Welcome Party (everyone welcome)

Friday, August 14

7:30am–8:30am..... Conflict Breakfast
8:45am..... Unit Meetings in CP
9am–12pm, 1–5pm Quartermaster Open
9am–12pm, 1–5pm First Division Museum CP Open
8:45am–12pm..... WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour
10:45am–2pm..... WWII Museum Self-Guided Tour
1-3pm City Tour
9am–12:30 pm..... Steamboat Tour - Creole Queen
1-4:30 pm Steamboat Tour - Creole Queen
2-3pm Board of Directors Meeting
4-6pm Cocktail Reception for all Executive and Life Members of the Society

Saturday August 15

9am..... Memorial Service
10am..... General Business Meeting
10am–12pm, 1–3pm Quartermaster Open
10am–12pm, 1–3pm First Division Museum CP Open
11am-12pm..... PTSD Presentation
1-3 pm City Tour
1-4:30pm Steamboat Tour - Creole Queen
6pm..... Cocktails/Reception
7pm..... 101st Annual Reunion Banquet

Sunday, August 16

Hope you had a wonderful time. Farewell ‘til next year!

2021 Reunion
Hyatt Regency
Albuquerque, NM
July 28 – Aug 1, 2021

2022 Reunion
Hilton
Fort Worth, TX
July 20 – 24, 2022

2020 BRO REGISTRATION FORM PAGE 1

2020 BRO Reunion Registration Form
Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA
12 -16 August 2020

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

MY ERA WHILE SERVING IN THE BIG RED ONE – Circle One or More

WWII Vietnam Cold War Desert Storm Balkans Peacetime Iraq Afghanistan

REUNION NAME BADGE (PLEASE Print)

Your Name Badge

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

Spouse/Guest Name Badge

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

Guest Name Badge

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

Guest Name Badge

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS 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 - Local: 504-962-0500 select 0 and ask for inhouse reservation

Or by going to: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/217703245?gtid=680bffac4ac054cf9eb9d63dcf5a0f84>

PARKING Is available at the hotel. Premium Parking P145 Garage is directly located in the rear of the Astor Hotel, at 716 Iberville Street. They are extending a group discounted rate of \$25 per night and vehicles are subject to a \$6 oversize fee at this location. *NOTE – THE PARKING DISCOUNT WILL NOT WORK UNTIL JUNE 10, 2020. The link to make reservations is <https://premiumparking.com/P145> See page 16 for more parking details and Airport Shuttle information.

REGISTRATION FEE & MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Number of people in your party: Adults _____ Children _____

Early Bird Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$45/ea = \$ _____
Register before 20 May

On-Time Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$50/ea = \$ _____
Register 21 May-July 10

Late Registration Society members & families: # _____ adults @ \$60/ea = \$ _____
Registrations received after 10 July

MEMBERSHIP DUES – If your 2020 Membership dues are not paid up please include your dues here
Annual \$35 _____ Executive \$65 _____

****Current Life Members NO dues required****



101st Annual Reunion - New Orleans, Louisiana 12-16 August 2020

The theme for this year's reunion is "The 50th anniversary of 1970," the year the 1st ID came home from Vietnam. This will be a sensational reunion with tours and events that will appeal to everyone. The premier tour this year will take us to the National World War II Museum in the heart of New Orleans where you will discover 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 three hundred 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 follow the scent of gumbo floating out the kitchen window, foster a path that leads to the sounds of drums and a Blues guitar, create the route that welcomes you to a historic mansion or a hidden courtyard... We believe that our lagniappe – a little something extra – will stay with you, calling you back to discover the mystery behind our 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. New Orleans is volleyed between the French and the Spanish from the late 17th century until the United States bought Louisiana for pennies

an acre in 1803. New Orleans is forever shaped by its European heritage. The city's 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 New Orleans most historic neighborhoods, but you'll find plenty of new mixed in with the old. There's a reimaged French Market, modern boutiques and artisan cocktails mix with beloved antique stores and old restaurants.

We have a full schedule planned this year. Please read through these next two pages carefully and make sure to register for all of the events that are of interest to you and your guests. There is limited seating for many of these tours, so register now so that you are not disappointed later!

When not on one of the planned tours, you will have the opportunity to go on your own walking tours of the French Quarter which occupies a six by thirteen block area of land. You are within walking distance of the Mississippi River and there are many places to eat, shop, photo opportunities and museums to tour.

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 Welcome Party to enjoy some entertainment and socialize. It is free and everyone is WELCOME!! This year we will have the Jazz Band "The Flavors of New Orleans" for your enjoyment.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone. We hope you will join us. ▀

Admin and Logistics

Our Hotel

The Astor Crowne Plaza, New Orleans is the location for our 101st Annual Reunion, August 12-16, 2020. Check-in will be at 4:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am. The hotel is located at 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Transportation from Airport

Airport Shuttle is available with a round trip discounted rate of \$40.00 per person from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to the Astor Crowne Plaza hotel.

The link for the Airport Shuttle is: <https://www.airportshuttle-neworleans.com/portals/society-of-infantry-division-reunion>.

Parking

Parking is available at the hotel with Premium parking P145 Garage that is directly located in the rear of the Astor Hotel, at 716 Iberville Street. They are extending to the group (Society of the First Infantry Division) a group discounted rate of \$25 per night and vehicles are subject to a \$6 oversize fee at this location.

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

Please note, the discount rate will not be available until June 10, 2020.

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

of all taxes).

There are alternate parking possibilities 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, 14-15 August. 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 Infantries, Artillery, Cavalry/Armor/Recon and Headquarters & Support Units will operate Command Posts (Hospitality Rooms) for their units. Veterans from units not listed are welcome in any CP. The size of your CP room will be based on the number of members from your unit attending. Judging for the CP competition will take place

on Friday 14 August at 1500, the theme for this year's CP decorating competition is: "The 50th anniversary of 1970" (the year the 1st ID came home from Vietnam.)

Handicapped Rooms

If you require special room accommodations please indicate those on your registration form. When we make your room reservation your request for a handicap accessible room will be included. Any other room accommodations should be coordinated through the hotel.

Registration Fees

Early-Bird registrations, received before 20 May, will be \$45.

On-time registrations, received between 21 May -10 July, will be \$50.

Late registrations received after 10 July will be \$65.

Please note, Reunion registration fees are non-refundable.

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 - Local: 504-962-0500 select 0 and ask for in-house reservations.

Or go to: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/217703245?gtid=680bffc4ac054cf9eb9d63dcf5a0f84>.

The cutoff date to secure your

hotel room reservations at our group rate is 11 July. We encourage you to get your registration in early to take advantage of the group rate! *After 25 July hotel rooms will be based on a space and rate availability and you will have to contact the reservation desk at the hotel directly at 504-962-0500.

If you make reservations and then need to cancel them, as long as you cancel 72 hours prior to your arrival and a confirmation number is obtained from the hotel, you will not be charged. 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 reservations.

Reunion/Tour/Hotel Cancellation/Refunds

Reunion registration fees are non-refundable.

For tours, if you cancel by 12 July, you will receive a full refund. After that date there are no refunds.

If you need to cancel your hotel reservation, cancellations

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. 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 go on. If you decide after you arrive at the reunion to go on a tour, check with Quartermaster for availability.

101st Annual Reunion Banquet Saturday, August 15

\$52 per person/child's meal \$25. Each meal includes, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

Located at the hotel Grand Ballroom beginning at 6 pm with cocktails and reception, followed by the 101st Annual Reunion Banquet beginning at 7 pm.

Entrees:

Grilled flat iron steak with peppercorn and red wine demi-glaze, Yukon gold mashed potatoes.

Blackened catfish with shrimp relish, garlic roasted potatoes.

Herb-crusted chicken with warm vinaigrette and Chef's choice of potato.

Plain chicken.

Vegetarian plate: Choice of either Portobello & vegetable short stack or mushroom ravioli or penne primavera.

Child's plate: Chicken fingers, French fries, cut up fruit.

Conflict Breakfast

\$26 per person. Charles Street Continental breakfast will consist

of orange, apple and cranberry juices, sliced seasonal fruits, berry garnish, freshly baked morning pastries and croissants, fruit preserves and butter. Brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot cocoa and a selection of teas.

There will be a speaker to talk about the 50th Anniversary of the year the 1st ID came home from Vietnam.

National World War II Museum New Orleans Self-Guided Tour \$30 per person

Departure from the hotel is at 8:45 am for Group 1 (Max 112), bus will return back to hotel at noon. Group 2 (Max 112), bus will depart from hotel at 10:45 am and will return at 2:00 pm, \$30 per person, The National World War II Museum New Orleans, 945 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Website: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/>. 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 experi-



Above: Take a self-guided tour of the National WWII Museum!

ences, and thousands of personal accounts, the Museum takes visitors on an immersive tour of World War II in every theater of war.

New Orleans City Tour \$30 per person

Bus loads at 12:45 and returns at 4 pm. \$30 per person-includes transportation and tour. 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.

Steamboat/Paddle Wheeler Cruises (Creole Queen) \$45 per person (Lunch for purchase on-board)

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 will take place at 1

Poydras Street. Once there, board and enjoy a 2.5-hour Historical Cruise on the Creole Queen with a narrated history of the River and Port of New Orleans and stopping at the Chalmette Battlefield where you will be able to get off the steamboat and tour the battle grounds.

Informative Presentation on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Free to attend

Saturday, August 15, at the hotel at 11:00 to Noon. Presented by Kathleen Edwards. Afterwards lunch on your own or as a group.

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 staying at the Reunion Hotel. We shall continue that Policy for the 2020 Reunion.

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Admin and Logistics

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made 24 hours prior to arrival will be refunded. Cancellations made less than 24 hours before the arrival date will be charged for one night's hotel stay including tax.

Weather

The 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 is 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 a written or email confirmation of your registration. 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. ▀

Tours and Special Events

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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 12 July 2020, 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 2020. ▀



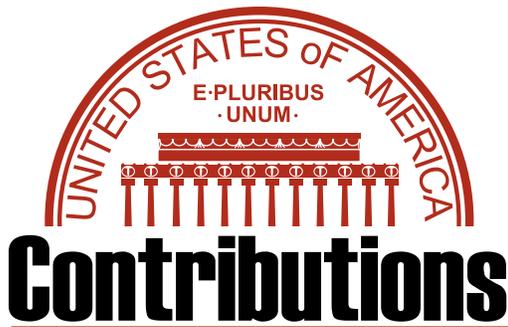
Photo Courtesy of New Orleans Visitors Bureau.

Above: Enjoy historic views of the city on foot or by trolley.



Photo Courtesy of New Orleans Visitors Bureau.

Above: Tour the Mississippi River on the Creole Queen paddle boat.



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 2019. Duplicate names indicate additional contributions.

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2020 Scholarship Deadline

Please note that all completed scholarship applications need to be received by May 1, 2020.

Application and information available at 1stID.org.

First Infantry Division Monument Fund Drive

Redesign and Add Names

- 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
- Donations are Tax Deductible

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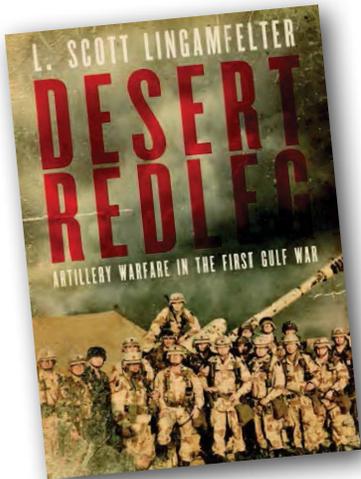
McCormick Foundation Grant 2020 - 2021

The Society expresses their thanks to McCormick Foundation for their generous donation for two years of general operating support of the Society of the First Infantry Division.

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:

First Division Museum at Cantigny
ATTN: BRO BOOKS
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Wheaton, IL 60189



Desert Redleg Artillery Warfare in the First Gulf War

By COL L. Scott Lingamfelter
Kentucky Press

Available at
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Veteran and former "Redleg" of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, COL L. Scott Lingamfelter recounts the logistical and strategic decisions that led to a coalition victory in the first Gulf War.

Drawing on original battle maps, official reports, and his and his comrades' personal journals, Lingamfelter describes the experience of the war through a soldier's eyes and attempts to answer the question of whether the United States "got the job

done" in its first sustained Middle Eastern conflict.

COL Lingamfelter, USA (Ret.), began his 28-year military career as a field artilleryman, quickly moving up the ranks to Colonel. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002 to 2018. His work has been published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and the *Washington Times*. ▼



Looking For

VIETNAM

🌐 Hi,

I am trying to locate a lieutenant named Norgren who was my Company Commander at Ft. Dix in 1962. Subsequently, I ran into him in late 1964 in Berlin. At that time, I was assigned to the 78th ASA SOU and I came across him in Grunwald, as part of Operation Long Thrust. The 1st ID

was cycling large units into West Germany, then to Berlin and then home. I don't know what the odds are of such a chance meeting are, but they are slim. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Ken Orzel
Kenorzel@att.net ▼

🌐 Hi,

I am trying to find more info about Tihomir Momirovic, who served in Vietnam with 1st Infantry Division. Any information would be appreciated.

Kind regards,
Milos Vojinovic. ▼

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In Memoriam

Jeffrey Wilcox of Harrison, MI
on Feb. 25, 2018
HHB 8/6 FA (VN)

Warren Emeigh of Duncansville, PA
on Oct. 5, 2018
26 INF (WW2)

John B. Adamczyk on October,
2016. 26 INF (WW2)

Paul Cyr SSG of Kurtistown, MI
3/16inf (CW)

Hubea Topper of Waynesville, NC
on Sept 18, 2017
1/16th INF, B Co. (WW2)

Edward Bensman of Indianapolis, IN
on Nov 16, 2019
HHC, 1ST ID (VN)

James R. Smith of Ocala, FL
on Oct 25, 2017

James McCoy of Davenport, IA
on November 13, 2019
1/4 CAV, C Co. (VN)

Edward Chrisman of Baldwinsville, NY
on November 8, 2019
1/16th INF, HHC (VN)

Robert Foot, of NY in Summer
2019. 1st Aviation, B Co. (VN)

COL Samuel Flocas of Temple, TX
on December 10, 2019. 1/2 INF,
(VN)

Charles Warner of Hunts Point, WA
on March 14, 2019
1/16 INF, A Co. (WW2)

Rocco Rotondo, Aug., 25 2019

LTG Edward Flanagan Jr. of Beaufort, SC
on Nov. 7, 2019

Jesse C. Martin of Waynesville, MO
on Dec. 24 2019

Henry Canady of Goshen, VA
1/26 INF, F Co. (WW2)

COL (Ret) William Merritt of Williamsburg, VA
1/7FA (VN)

Charles Rogers of Seneca, SC
937th ENG, HHC Co. (CW)

Norris Bailey of Tucker, GA
on June 28, 2019
1/16 INF (CW)

Allen J. Benoit of Clinton, MO
on Sept. 1, 2019 (VN)

Edward Gardner of Carlisle, PA
on Jan. 12, 2020
1/18 INF (WW2)

Richard Kennedy of Germany
on June 24, 2019
2/16 INF (VN)

Kenneth Brown of Saint Helena Island, SC
on Aug 19, 2019
16 INF, AT Co.

Neal Barigar of Buhl, ID
2/18 INF, D Co. (VN)

Tim Mulheron of Chicago, IL
on Feb. 19, 2020
2/18 INF, B Co. (VN)

Pat Moran of Chicago, IL
on Feb. 26, 2016. Artillery (VN)

Phillip Halladay of Grand Junction, CO
on October 30, 2019. 2/16 INF, A Co. (VN)

John Beshears of Mexico, MO
on January 13, 2020
2/16 INF, A Co. (VN)

Allen J. Doss of Johnson City, TN
in May, 2019

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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 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!

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!

- JOHN COTTINGHAM
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BRO SUPPORT FUND

Yes . . . I want to help our Society help the soldiers of the BIG RED ONE! Here is my TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to the BRO Support Fund!

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Please make your check payable to: **Society of the First Infantry Division**. Mark it "**BRO SUPPORT FUND**" and mail it to: Society of the First Infantry Division, PO Box 2307, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

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Museum Notes

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

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Update from the Executive Director

By Krewasky A. Salter

It is my pleasure to once again communicate with the soldiers, civilians, supporters and indeed family members of the Big Red One as I enter my first full calendar year on the job as executive director of the First Division Museum.

Allow me to begin this note by reiterating our new mission and vision statements, and tagline. Our mission is: “to interpret Military History Through the Lens of the U.S. Army’s 1st Infantry

Division—also known as the Big Red One (BRO). We present and promote U.S. Military History with an added aspect of preserving BRO artifacts, archival materials and history.”

Our new vision statement is: “to be the best military history museum in the United States by dedicating ourselves to interpreting an inclusive BRO story reflecting the diversity of our nation’s military—past and present—thereby attracting and educating

larger audiences.”

Our mission and vision statements are each synopsisized in our new tagline: “Interpreting Military History Through the Lens of the U.S. Army’s 1st Infantry Division.”

In line with the above, we’ve added several interpretations to our “First In War” gallery and will add more as 2020 progresses. For example:

- We updated the D-Day mural by adding soldier images that

represent specific moments on Omaha Beach on June 6 and June 7, 1944 (see photos.)

- We added “Women in World War II” to the North Africa section. Our visitors will now see the story of nurses with the 48th Surgical Hospital who came ashore with the 11D in North Africa. Plus, many of the M3 Lee Tanks 11D soldiers used overseas were manufactured and moved to



embarkation points with the help of Women's Army Corps (WACs) personnel and Rosie the Riveters.

- Women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion have been added to the Battle of the Bulge to VE-Day section. Letters IID soldiers received in the spring, summer and fall of 1945—after long periods of “No Mail, Low Morale”—

were delivered because of the remarkable 24/7 work effort of the 6888th.

The “Women in World War II” and “6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion” interpretations are solid examples of interpreting a more “inclusive story... through the lens” of the BRO. Neither the nurses of the 48th Surgical Hospital nor the women of the

6888th served in the Big Red One, but we can interpret these stories under our new expanded mission and vision statement because they directly contributed to the success of the Big Red One, allowing us to interpret a more inclusive military history story.

Our focus this year is on three themes: “Women in the Military and the 19th Amendment; 75th Anniversary of VE-Day; and the 50th Anniversary of IID soldiers

returning from Vietnam. Associated with the latter theme, we will host The Wall That Heals—a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington—from July 9 to 12.

Please come see us in Wheaton, and let me know what you think of our new and ongoing exhibits. We are here for you.

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