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President's Message

Association President LTC (Ret) Ron Boyer



Dear 35th ID Association Members – I hope this message finds you and your families doing well. Summer is upon us, and it looks like the warm weather is finally here to stay for a bit.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day. For many Americans Memorial Day is a fun filled three day weekend and the start to their summers. Fun in the sun, family vacations, time at the beach, etc. For Veterans, their families and their loved ones, Memorial Day has a much more significant meaning. It is a time when our Nation remembers those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we have.

It is important that we remember why this day exists and we take the time to humbly honor all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Many generations have sacrificed in defense of our Nation, our liberty and our desire to improve our country. Memorial Day speaks of their personal sacrifices for a greater good. It is the stories of everyday Americans who fought for a better world and were willing to lay down their lives. Our way of life is shaped by those who have served and those we have lost. We have benefited from their positive influence on our world. It is our solemn duty and honor to pay tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters in arms and their families.

This day reflects on heroes from historically distant wars past and current operations. We honor their legacy and work toward a peaceful future in which wars are a faded memory. I encourage you all to keep the legacy of our fallen brothers and sisters in arms alive within your communities. Please continue to take time to reflect together with your friends, neighbors, groups, and communities so those stories and sacrifices are never forgotten

The planning for the Association conference in September is ongoing. It is scheduled for 09-11 September 2022 at the Kansas National Guard Museum in Topeka, KS. We hope to see as many of you as possible attend this year's conference.

Please keep all members of our military in your thoughts and prayers, especially the Soldiers of the 35th Division who are currently serving overseas. Thank you for your continued support.

LTC (Ret) Ron Boyer

Message from Commanding General Blaylock

The 35th Infantry Division is on the ground in our assigned area of operations! Since I last wrote an article for this newspaper, we successfully completed our post mobilization training at North Ft. Hood, Texas. We experienced an ice storm that shut down training for a few days. We also experienced temperatures in the mid-80's. To say the least, weather was bizarre.

We currently have personnel spread across the Middle East conducting a variety of missions as the lead entity for Task Force Spartan Shield. The task force is comprised of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. As the lead unit, we have personnel working to build relationships with our partner nations, developing training exercises with these nations, supporting refugee movement from Afghanistan and providing vital support to our subordinate brigades and battalions.

I am proud of the outstanding professionalism our Soldiers demonstrate on a daily basis. As I circulate around our area of operations I am consistently reminded of the great expertise and skill of our Soldiers. We have Soldiers who interact daily with the militaries of our partner nations helping build those rela-



MG Blaylock and CSM uncasing flag



tionships and execute training to strengthen our own military and the militaries of other nations. We also have Soldiers who are building trust with our guests from Afghanistan helping those who have given much to support the United States over the past 20 years. Additionally, we are ensuring our subordinate units are getting paid, fed and supplied to complete their missions.

The team began cycling out of North Fort Hood late February following our culminating training event (CTE). Most individuals are now at their final location where they will perform their responsibilities during the deployment. Command Sergeant Major Stuenkel, the rest of the command group and I are regularly moving around the area to see the great work being conducted and to check on the welfare of our Soldiers. I repeatedly see Soldiers taking care of each other. It is great to see such great teamwork and respect on display. I am proud to serve with such a great group of Soldiers who work so well as a team to get the job accomplished!

Just as in past deployments, the Santa Fe Division is stepping up and getting the job done!

Win the Day! Santa Fe! MG Will Blaylock

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In memory of Laurence J. Gettings. 320 IR- Company E - 35th Infantry Division



On the 17th of April 1945, Laurence J. Gettings from the 320th Regiment (Company E) was killed in action. Lawrence's company set outpost positions in the vicinity of Trabitz, Germany. The enemy attacked the positions which Lawrence's squad was occupying and he was hit and instantly killed as a result of devastating small arms and mortar fire. He was buried in the United States Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland after a Mass had been read by a Catholic Chaplain. His chaplain also mentioned that

Lawrence along with other Catholic men of his company attended Mass and received Holy Communion shortly before his death. Lawrence was an excellent soldier as is evidenced by the award of the Bronze Star Medal which he recieved on 27 February 1945, for meritorious service. On the 1st of November 1944, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge; an award made to deserving front line fighting men which distinguished them from their fellows. The Order of the Purple Heart was conferred upon him on the 22nd of august 1944, for a wound received in action against the enemy. The 10th of Febuary 1945, Lawrence was further awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart for an additional wound received at that time.

Lawrence is also known for the famous picture that was taken during the Battle of the Bulge were he heats up a can of rations and takes time out for a rest during the fighting southeast of Bastogne. That picture was taken in Belgium on January 7, 1945.

Pfc. William B. Coleman 35th Infantry Division MIA Returned Home after 77 Years

By Roberta Russo

Some of you may remember reading a Santa Fe Express article several years ago about the possible recovery of another 35th Infantry Division soldier missing in action since WWII. Pfc. William B. Coleman served in Company F, 134th Infantry Regiment. On November 1, 1944 he was clearing a booby trapped mine in the Forest of Gremecey near Nancy France when the mine exploded killing him and seriously wounding 2 other soldiers. A search of the area was made at the time, but he was not found. At the end of December 1944, personnel from a different unit then occupying the area located remains very near where Pfc. Coleman died. There was not enough evidence available at the time to make a positive identification. Unknown Soldier X-4 was buried at the Lorraine American Cemetery in Saint Avold, France.

There was significant circumstantial evidence indicating than Unknown Soldier X-4 was in fact Pfc. William B. Coleman. Map coordinates for Coleman's death and X-4's recovery matched as did his manner of death. Most telling of all, personal effects found on Unknown Soldier X-4 were inscribed with the initials "WBC". However, the use of DNA technology as a means of positive identification was not developed until the late 1980s. Therefore, DNA Family Reference Samples are not available for most WWII MIA's and William B. Coleman was no exception. Fortunately, I was able to locate his niece who agreed to submit a DNA sample.

Unknown Soldier X-4 was disinterred in June 2019 and brought to the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory for testing. The Defense POW MIA Accounting Agency issued a press release January 25, 2022, confirming the identity of Unknown Soldier X-4 as Pfc. William B. Coleman. The Army's Mortuary Affairs Division is currently working with the family. I will let you know the details once funeral arrangements have been finalized.



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Please send your favorite reunion stories and photos to share.





In memory of Tsgt. Irvin F. Conley Action Date: 13 - Jul - 1944

On July 13, 1944, Tsgt Irvin F. Conley and his platoon were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire while engaging the enemy. With "courage and coolness under fire," and in spite of being wounded in the leg, Conley led his men to capture strong enemy positions. For his heroism, Tech. Sgt. Conley was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross

Technical Sergeant Irvin F. Conley was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company K, 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 13 July 1944. Technical Sergeant Conley's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 35th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

TSgt Conley was KIA (Killed In Action) on August 10th, 1944, at Mortain, France (General Orders: Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, General Orders No. 99 - 1944)

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International Liaison Committee Spring Arrives in Lorraine

April 7, 2022

A Ukrainian flag is replacing the Russian flag in the Allies' flags at the World War II museum south of Nancy, France.

The official opening of the museum was scheduled for April 30,2022. During the week before, four classes of high school students from Vezelise were scheduled to tour. Vezelise is the town where the museum is located.

Admission to the free museum is normally available on Saturdays and one Sunday a month. Special visits may be arranged by contacting the museum through the website at espacedememoire.fr. "Veterans and their families are especially welcome" said Jerome Leclerc, president of the association of l'Espace de Memoire Lorraine 1939-1945,

Members of the association were busy throughout the winter receiving and documenting additions to the museum.

One especially interesting addition is four stretchers found in the attic of the city hall of Ceintrey. They are a model of 1892. Apparently they were left behind in troop movements of 1940 said the mayor of Ceintrey, Jean-Paul Robert. The vice president of the Espace association, François Cesar, assisted in the documentation.

Pat Shannon, nephew of Lt. Clem McGuire (134th, 1st Battalion, HQ) our American correspondent living near Brussels, Belgium informs us that he has been spending his time listening to the 35th Division stories on the Library of Congress, Veterans History webpage. There are over 100 World War II veteran stories of the 35th Division in the collection, mostly recorded from 1998-2011. You can hear these veteran stories in their own voice. For example, John Robert Sirk (C-134-35) recalls crossing the Bleis River into Germany, and being wounded on December 30, 1944. Company C received a Unit Citation for its actions at Habkirchen. Pat indicates that you need to search 35th, WW2, digitalized and sent this chart to assist those who would like to do further research.

For information on the Battle of the Bulge remembrance ceremony of December 16th see the article by Bram Temmerman elsewhere in this newsletter. We are sorry that this article did not make the last issue, but know that you will enjoy in this issue of the SFE.

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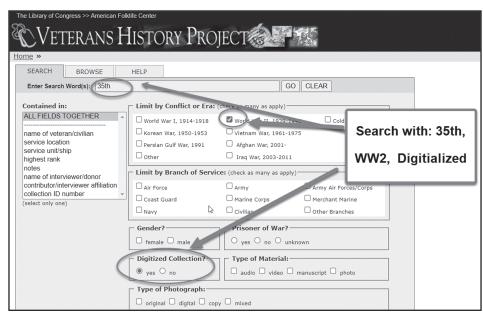
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Four stretchers found in the attic of the city hall of Ceintrey



Ukraine flag flying over the Nancy France Museum



Veterans History Project

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Sep 9-11, 2022

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		FRIDAY, SEP 9 th 2022					
	10:00AM-12:30PM Registration in Museum (125 SE Airport E. Drive, Topeka)						
	12:30-12:35 PM	Load Van for Tour	, 1				
	1:00 to 2:00PM	No Host Lunch at Prairie Band Casino					
	2:00 to 3:00 PM	Tour of Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation	n				
	5:30PM-8:00 PM	President's Reception (Iron Rail Brewing, 7	05 S. Kansas Av	e, Topeka)			
		(Hors d'oeuvres Provided, Cash Bar)					
		SATURDAY, SEP 10th 2022					
	8:30 AM-11:30 AM	General Membership and Hall of Fame Committee Me (Museum Conference Room)	eetings				
	12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch – Catered (Museum Conference Room)	\$15				
	1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Hall of Fame Ceremony & Reception (Museum C	Conference Room	n)			
	3:00-4:30 PM	Tour of Combat Air Museum (7016 SE Forbes A (Admission - \$7.00 – Pay at Entry)	ve, Topeka-Forb	es Field)			
	5:30PM to 6:30PM Cash Bar and Social (Townsite Plaza, 534 S. Kansas Ave – 16 th Floor)						
	6:30PM to 8:00PM	Memorial Banquet (Townsite Plaza, 534 S. Kans	sas Ave – 16 th Flo	or)			
	Kansas City Strip		\$45				
	Tuscan Chicken		\$40	0			
	Vegetarian		\$35	5			

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Remembering the 35th Division on this Anniversary



35th Infantry Division, Belgium, with the Timberwolves Remembrance Group Belgium

By Bram Timmerman

On Saturday January 8, 2022, the 35th Inf. Div. Belgium group joined forces with the Timberwolves Remembrance Group Belgium to participate in a small ceremony at the 35th Infantry Division Monument in Lutremange, Belgium.

We were invited by Pat Shannon and Erin Juergens, relatives of 1st Lt. Clement C. McGuire, HQ Co. 1st Bn. 134th Inf. Reg (Pat Shannon) and Pvt. Joe Fox, L Co. 320th Inf. Reg. (Erin Juergens).

Arriving In the Village of Lutrebois at around 10:00 we first visited Marc Reyter, Local historian, History teacher and owner of the Santa Fe Bed & Breakfast. Marc gave us a small explanation about the fighting in the Village itself and we also discussed future plans for the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge in 2024-2025. Nothing is yet certain, but it would be our dream to have several Living History displays in the Village of Lutrebois and the woods surrounding it, with an exhibition about the fighting in the area in the community hall of Lutremange, a ceremony at the Monument and a Memorial Service in the small Church of Villers-La-Bonne-Eau.

After making our plans for the future we said goodbye to Mr. Reyter and started on a cross country walk through the Valley South of Lutrebois that the 2nd Battalion, 134th Inf. Reg. had to defend and cross on several occasions when attacking towards the Lutremange - Lutrebois road.

Walking from one side of the valley to the other in almost 10 inches of snow, it was not really hard to imagine for us how difficult it must have been for those GI's. Having to cross that kind of terrain during one of Europe's coldest winters, with all their weapons and equipment even having to jump a small creek at the bottom. All of this under German fire from the other side, we realized that we were walking in the footsteps of giants.

After about 3 hours and also passing



Standing at the 35th Infantry Division Monument after the flag changing ceremony from left to right Pat Shannon and Buddy the Liberty Dog, Vincent De Saedeleer, Alexander Swaelens, Bram Temmerman and Erin Juergens and her husband.



Bram Temmerman, Vincent De Saedeleer and Alexander Swaelens in front of the bunker that bears the names of several members of the Division who fought in the area. The Flag that flies over the bunker is the flag that Thomas Vancraeynest once received as a token of recognition for all his work when we attended the 35th Division Association Reunion in 2011 in Kansas City.

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several old foxholes along the way we ended up at the other side of the Valley, just short of the Lutremange - Lutrebois road at the former positions of Company's I & K on December 30, 1944, during the big German Counterattack.

This is also the area where the body of Pvt. Troy R. Bader (Co. G, 134th Inf. Reg.) was found on January 13, 1945. He was one of the six members of the 134th Inf. Reg. who were executed while they were in the hands of the enemy.

The other five were all members of Company C, 134th Inf. Reg. all reported Missing in Action after an attack of the 1st Bn. 134th Inf. Reg. and were all found close by the body of Pvt. Bader, these are their names:

- S/Sgt. David I. Bowen
- S/Sgt. Wilbur C. Pyle
- S/Sgt. Carl R. Sahli
- Pvt. Russel J. Johnson
- Pfc Robert L. Stone

This was a terrible period for Company C of the 134th Regiment. Morning Reports indicate that approximately 64 men were taken as Prisoners of War, and 15 were listed as Killed in Action. This included these six men the Grave Registration Unit lead by 1st Lt. Eldephons C. Reischel, 3rd Battalion, 134th discovered on January 13, 1945.

Back at our car it was time to drive



The bunker from another angle, staring at the names of men who walked and fought here 77 years ago, so our country could be free again.

towards the monument in Lutremange for the ceremony. There we met with Pat Shannon and Erin Juergens for the first time.

In the week before the ceremony, I was able to borrow the 35th Infantry Division Flag that former member Thomas Vancraeynest once received as a to-

ken of recognition for all his work and research when we attended the 35th Inf. Div. Association Reunion of 2011 in Kansas City.

It was a real honour for all of us to place it in its cradle on the monument before the start of the ceremony, so it could fly over the area that the Division fought so hard over at the end of 1944 and the start of 1945 in similar weather conditions that the men of the Greatest Generation had to endure.

The Ceremony was small and consisted of replacing the old worn-out national flags of the United States of America and Belgium that flank the monument on both sides with brand new ones (provided by Pat Shannon) while "Taps" was played.

Although small we found it a very moving experience to be a part of on that windswept hill while the snow was coming in, raising the flag of our own nation and the nation that helped to liberate it from German oppression 77 years

After the ceremony we got to know each other a bit better and said our goodbyes, ending our day at the small church of Villers-la-Bonne-Eau where the church benches still bear the marks of the fighting in the area.

The end of a very moving but also amazing day for all of us.

I would like to thank Pat Shannon and Erin Juergens for the invitation and their American hospitality in Belgium and of course also a special thanks to Rebecca Vanysacker, fiancée of Vincent De Saedeleer for taking so many photographs of this day and even making a small movie of it that will soon be online.



Standing near place where the body of Pvt. Troy R. Bader was found on January 13, 1945, one of our members gives a small explanation about the actions of Company C, 134th Inf. Reg. on January 4, 1945, and the fate of Pvt. Bader (Company G, 134th Inf. Reg.)



Crossing a part of the valley that the 2nd Battalion, 134th Inf. Reg. had to cross on several occasions during their attacks in the direction of the Lutremange - Lutrebois road, just short of the positions the Company's I & K occupied on December 30, 1944.



CWO (R) Joe Kennedy, Co D, 169th Spt Bn had 32 years in the KSARNG

CWO (R) Joseph LeRoy Kennedy, 74, of rural Soldier passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 10, 1947, the son of Joseph Leo Kennedy and Catherine Beightel Kennedy. He attended Sunny Slope School until eighth grade. He graduated from Holton High School in 1965 and received an associate's degree from Highland Community College.

After high school, he worked for the Co-op, scooping corn and coal into a bin. He purchased his first white faced cattle from Shorty Bostwick. He drove the cattle from west of Circleville to the Kennedy Farm. Joe and his dad started Kennedy Fertilizer in 1964. He continued to operate the fertilizer business until 1992. He also worked construction with cousins. Pat and Mike Kennedy.

He was the noxious weed and zoning director for Jackson County. He was the first director of Banner Creek Reservoir.

Joe enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard in 1966, first in Topeka, then Manhattan. He worked as a mechanic for Company D, 169th Battalion. He retired after 32½ years in 1998 as a Chief Warrant Officer. While in the Army, Joe was able to travel to Germany and Panama. He attended many summer camps in Fort Carson and Guernsey, Wyo.

His biggest passion was farming, with his dad until he passed, and now with his son, Kelly. Joe loved Farmall tractors and anything Red. He received the Farm Bureau Century Farm Award in 2007. He enjoyed traveling, especially to see his cousins in Colorado. Summers were spent processing truckloads of sweet corn with his sister, Cathleen, children and grandchildren.

Joe enjoyed chuckwagon cooking at the Kennedy Campout. He was a member of the Chuckwagon Organization. Joe's grandchildren enjoyed his words of wisdom and many jokes he would tell.

He was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton, a life member of Holton Knights of Columbus Council 4219, and had served on the Parish Council at the church. Joe had been a member of the Jackson County Fair Board and a 4-H club leader of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers. He was a member of the Farm Bureau Board. He collected rain samples for the National Weather Service for more than 40 years. He was a member of the American Legion.

Joe married Kathy Kaul in November of 1995. She survives, of the home. Joe said some of the best years of his life were spent with Kathy. Joe and Kathy loved the farm,

riding across the pastures on their ranger and searching for various wildflowers or weeds. They really enjoyed searching for and collecting various things at antique stores and auctions.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Cathleen Reed.

Other survivors include a son, Kelly Kennedy (Kim), Soldier; four daughters, Carmen Cattrell (Dan) and Kalena Tannahill, all of Circleville, Kaycee Simon (Alan), Fort Collins, Colo., and Jeanie Wege (Kent), Whiting; a sister, Betty Jo Howells (Bart), Dillon, Mont.; 16 grandchildren, Joseph (Taylor), John (Kristen) and Joel Kennedy, Corey Jones (Jordan), Brianna Bell (Erik), Kaden and Savannah Cattrell, Kyler, Konor, Karoline, Koy and Kennedy Tannahill, Cole and Luke Simon and Lisa and Andrew Wege; three great-grandchildren, Paislee, Peyton and Bronx; and a host of Kennedy and Beightel cousins.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 17 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery west of Holton. Memorials are suggested to St. Dominic Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church or Holton Community Hospital Hospice, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

Carol Hester

Carol B. Hester,74, Kansas City, Kansas, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022.

She was born August 3, 1947 to LeRoy and Mary Ann (Cook) Ezzell and spent her early life in St. Joseph, Missouri, graduating from Benton High School as a National Honors Society member her Sophomore through Senior years.

Carol married Duke Hester on June 9, 1985 and again on June 9, 1991.

For most of her professional career, she worked in sales and marketing in the life insurance industry.

While she loved her Lord and Savior above all, the highlights of her retirement years were being a grandma and traveling with Duke.

Carol embraced the adversity of her own trials, seeking opportunities to serve others

She served as a Stephen Minister providing one-to-one support for people going through difficult times. Confronting a serious illness, she became involved with Turning Point, a cancer patient support and advocacy group. She subsequently became involved with Family Reach, an organization focused on alleviating the financial burdens of treatment.

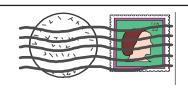
She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Duke; children, Michele Gough (Andy), Jay Fontanini (Marissa), Teri Majors (Matt), and Amy Minor (Phil); grandchildren, Mason and Sawyer Gough; Adriana, John and Victoria Fontanini, Emma and Isabella Majors, brothers, Rick Ezzell (Mya) and Glenn Ezzell (Melody); sister, Jennie Ezzell Janeway (Jeff); Jeremy, Jason, Brandon, and Melissa and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were held Saturday, March 19, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com. Gifts in Carol's memory may be made to Turning Point (www.turningpointkc.org/) or Family Reach (www.familyreach.org/).



Mail Call



I am very sorry to inform you that my father and 35th Division Association member, Hyman I. Cashook of Randolph, MA, passed away suddenly during the early evening of July 4, 2021. He was 96. He was a member of the 35th ID, 320th Reg., 2nd Battalion, Co F and then after the Battle of the Bulge, Division HQ post office. A decorated WW II veteran holding a Combat Infantryman Badge, theater medals and Bronze Star, he was also awarded a Purple Heart medal for wounds received in combat near Nancy, France in November 1944. My father was also honored by the Republic of France when he was awarded their Legion of Honor medal in 2014.

I am honored and proud to have had him as a father and extremely gratefulthat, unlike many others of the Greatest Generation, he would speak to me about his wartime experiences. As Ken Bums aptly said in his \AM/ Il documentary, "In extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives." I do not know how my father and others of his generation held their wits together in the face of a world wide emergency. They are extraordinary people. May my father and the others of his generation always be remembered for a blessing.

Thank you, Jay Cashook, Westwood, MA

Taps



Hyman Cashook

CASHOOK, Hyman I. Of Randolph, formerly of Quincy, on July 4, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Thelma (Rothenberg) Cashook; and loving father of Jay Cashook and his wife Alisa Shapiro, and the late Susan Kaplan (Cashook). Cherished grandpa of Toby and Sam. Dear brother of the late Maurice Cashook, Lee and Charles Blend, and Tammy and Sam Berger.

A decorated World War II veteran, Hy served with the 35th Infantry Division in the European Theater. In 2014, Hy was honored with France's highest recognition, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur de la France.

After discharge from the Army, he opened his own watch repair shop in Taunton and later retired as a clerk for the USPS with 25 years service.

He and his son Jay shared a passion for trains, volunteering as trolley crew at Lowell National Historical Park. Hy had lifelong friends from Quincy Point. With his mechanical engineer's mind, he focused on what could be fixed, rather than replaced.

He was independent, even so far as installing his own window AC unit at age 95, much to his family's chagrin. He will be cherished and dearly missed.





Nancy T. Skrocki

Nancy T. Skrocki, age 93 of Allen Park, MI passed away May 1, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. Wife of Thaddeus "Ted" Skrocki for 50 wonderful years. Loving mother of Cynthia (the late Peter Stahl) Arnold and Tracey Kemp. One of a kind GG of 2 grand-children Ginny and Kristy and 8 great-grand-children Alexis, Celia, Lilli, Peiton, Kayla, Adi, Jonathan and Myles. Also survived by her youngest brother Ray (June) Korejsza and many loving nieces and nephews. Nancy was a proud member of the Downriver Poets and Playwrights Society and a supporter of the United States Army 35th Infantry Division.

Nancy was the sister of S/Sgt Leopold Korejsza, 134th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action November 13, 1944. For many years, Nancy hosted annual luncheons for 35th Division veterans in her home State of Michigan. She worked tirelessly to preserve her brother's memory and the memory of all who served in the 35th Division, corresponding with our veterans and documenting their service. She made it her life's work for a very long time.

Her brother is being inducted into the 35th Hall of Fame this September. Nancy looked



forward to attending the induction ceremony. Just a few weeks ago she called me to say how much she appreciated this honor. I am sure she will be there in spirit. The 35th Infantry Division has lost one of its greatest supporters.

Join us for the annual conference and memorial dinner.

See the form on page 5



Deadline for the Next Issue of the Santa Fe Express is 15 Sept. 2022

Please send your favorite reunion stories and pictures to share.



35th Division Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

At this time, there are eleven nominations for the 35th Division Hall of Fame selection in 2022. They are PFC Lewis Barondeau, 2d Lt Burnett G. Bartley, CSM Gale D. Beck, PFC Martin H. Duehring, 1st Lt Stevie F. Fox, Staff Sgt Ralph L. Shear, Sgt John R. "Bob" Sirk, WO Thomas E. Tholen, Maj Norvin L. Vogel, Sgt James T. Winslow, and CPT Edwin S. Young.

Members of the 35th Division Assn., as well as others, are encouraged to submit additional nominations for the 35th Division Hall of Fame for induction in 2023. Nominators must sign the nomination form and provide data for future contacts.

Three things are required for the nomination:

- 1. The completed Hall of Fame Nomination Form below.
- 2. A separate page(s) biography of the nominee giving military service and emphasizing what the nominee did in service in the 35th Division and/or 35th Division Association to merit induction into the Hall of Fame.
 - 3. A photo of the nominee

Supporting documents such as copies of award citations, listings of military awards,

copies of his/her service records, letters of support, etc. are optional.

The 2023 class to be inducted will be selected at the Annual 35th Div Assn Conference in September, 2022 in Topeka, KS.

Send nominations to BG Ed Gerhardt, Chairman, 35th Hall of Fame Committee, 125 SE Airport E. Drive, Topeka, KS 66619, so as to arrive not later than 1 August 2022.

-Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Rank/Title of Nominee:
Name of Nominee:
Address of Nominee (if living):
Name & Address of Next of Kin (if deceased):
Nominee Date of Birth:
Nominee Date of Death:
Nominee List of Military Awards:
Nominator Name:
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