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Message from Commanding General Rueger

Greetings from the Soldiers of the 35th Infantry Division! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the membership of the Association. I hail from a rural community in Northeastern Kansas, attended Kansas State University and received a commission through the ROTC program branching Field Artillery. I have commanded at all echelons, mostly in the Field Artillery Community. I have a wonderful family, wife Carrie and 4 children, Alexander, Caroline, Colton and Grayson. I am very honored and grateful to be able to continue my service in the historic Santa Fe Division as the Commanding General.

We had an awesome change of command and change of responsibility at the new Division HQ building in early March. Our new Command Sergeant Major of the 35th is CSM Rob Istas. I am really glad he is on board as our CSM and hope you get to meet him soon.

I want to thank MG Will Blaylock for his leadership and vision as the Commanding General of the Division over the last 3 ½ years. As he nears retirement in June, I want to commend him for his accomplishments in his amazing career, but also for what he did during his tenure of command to set the Santa Fe division up for success. General Blaylock was pivotal in increasing readiness indicators in the headquarters as well as operationalizing the Division Alignment. He left me a phenomenal organization, high-performing, high-spirited and disciplined team with determined, caring leaders and dedicated, hardworking Soldiers that work together to accomplish any mission our states or nation asks of us. Thank you and good luck to Team Blaylock!

I could not be prouder of the men and women of this division on what they have accomplished at home and abroad. Over the last two months, the division headquarters has been resetting the team. We have many new faces and excited and eager leaders ready for the challenge of individual and collective training leading up to the next Division Warfighter Exercise in 2026.



There are many changes underway and on the horizon. The way we fight as a division is changing as we focus on large scale combat operations (LSCO) leveraging multiple domains (land, sea, air, space, cyber). Under new doctrine, the division is now the primary tactical warfighting formation during LSCO. We also have brigade combat teams and other functional brigades aligned to the Division HQ from the states of Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, Missouri. In addition, Kansas is standing up a new Divarty HQ this year. We are excited to have relationships with the aligned states as it is important to have the capabilities these brigades bring to the fight.

The strengths of the 35th Division Association bring the current members of the Division and retirees, friends, community, and global partners together to continue the legacy of the 35th Division. The Association, in my mind, is a combat multiplier for the Division, preserving the heritage, linking the past to the present and looking toward the future. I hope to see you all in September at the Association events. Please stop by the new Division HQ building when you get a chance. Our door is always open, and I would be happy to talk to any of you about Division Alignment, doctrinal changes, what are all the force design updates we can expect and all the great things we are doing in your Division today.

Win the Day — Santa Fe!
MG John Rueger

President's Message

Association President COL (Ret) Calvin Warrem

Dear 35th ID
Association Members,

The 35th ID has undergone some changes since the last Divisionnaire. They said good bye to MG Blaylock, The Division Commander, and CSM Steven A. Stuenkel at a Change of Command and Change of Responsibility Ceremony on 4 March 2023 at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. They welcomed their new Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major, MG John Rueger and CSM Rob Istas, respectively.



We thank General Blaylock for his support of the Association during his tenure and hope he will not be a stranger to The 35th ID Association. We also appreciate the vision and guidance of General Rueger towards the Association.

We have had several meetings regarding the upcoming Annual Conference, and Memorial Dinner on 8-10 September 2023. All activities on Saturday, the 9th, will take place at 35th Division Headquarters, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

It has come to my attention that I hadn't taken the opportunity to introduce myself formally. I grew up in Overland Park, KS and attended Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS where I received a commission through the ROTC program and entered active duty in Armor. I attended Kansas State University at a later date. I have been married to my best friend, Terri, for 51 years. We have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

I attended Armor Officer Basic, Airbourne, and SFOC School before entering the Armor Calvary/Armor Units, commanding a tank company in Korea, Armored Calvary Troop at Ft. Riley, KS, and later commanded an Armor Battalion and the 69th Bde KSARNG. Of course staff positions at all levels sprinkled in, as we all have.

I continue to serve in multiple veteran organizations. For those whom haven't seen this yet, "For the first time in 35 years, the remains of an unknown US soldier from WWI will be buried in an American cemetery in France. A French undertaker excavating a new grave in the village cemetery of Villers-Sur Fere in February 2022 discovered the remains, along with American field equipment and ammunition, in what appeared to have been a hasty burial of a WWI era soldier." This will be two years after Arlington National Cemetery marked its centennial of the funding of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This soldier will be buried 105 years after his death, with a monument inscribed with "Here Rests In Memorial Glory An American Soldier Known But to God"

As we finalize the registration and schedule for the 105th Annual Reunion and Memorial Dinner Registration, I urge you all to make your reservation and plans to attend as soon as possible. Santa Fe!

COL(Ret) Calvin Warrem
President
35th Division Association

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SFOR 13/35th ID deployment to Bosnia

By Tom Arnhold

On January 20, 2003, we left our wives, husbands, sons, daughters, mothers and fathers and boarded airplanes for the 35th Infantry Division's first deployment as a division unit since World War II. We were a diverse group of women and men from different ethnic groups and backgrounds. We came from small towns, farms and large cities in several different states. Many of us left our civilian jobs and some even closed their businesses to serve.

In Germany, we trained two months before deploying to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Many of us spent days, weeks, even months, away from home during the previous year, at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and other locations training for our mission.

Commanded by BG Janes R. Mason, the main body of the 35th ID arrived at Eagle Base near Tuzla on March 13, 2003, and the Transfer of Authority took place on March 24. The 35th was now the Multinational Brigade (North) of Stabilization Force 13 (SFOR13). Multinational Brigade (North) had a little over 1,600 soldiers (Note: this figure does not include soldiers from Russia, Finland, Turkey, Portugal. Poland and Slovenia) from 26 states and eight nations at ten different locations in Bosnia. The bulk of MBN 35th ID soldiers were at Eagle Base in Tuzla, Forward Operating Base Morgan near Orasje, Forward Operating Base McGovern near Brcko, and Forward Operating base Conner near Srebrenica.

The primary mission of the 35th and SFOR13 in Bosnia was to keep the peace between the previously warring factions of Serbians, Croats and Bosniacs. The 35th was highly successful as there were no incidents

between the three factions during the deployment. The 35th also had many other significant accomplishments. While in Bosnia, the 35th took possession of numerous fire-arms and ammunition that belonged to local citizens, including 3,174 rifles, 151 machine guns, 36 mortars, 244 anti-tank weapons, 498 rocket launchers, 844,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 20,848 hand grenades, and other ordinance, even a rocket engine.

Another highlight of the deployment was the capture of Naser Oric on 10 April 2003. In 2006, he was sentenced to two years imprisonment by the Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in the Netherlands for failing to prevent the deaths of five Bosnian Serb detainees and the mistreatment of eleven other detainees from late 1992 to early 1993.

Although the Bosnian War had ended several years earlier, the 35th was not immune from danger. The saddest day of the deployment came on 29 July 2003, when SPC Blake C. Kelly, of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry was killed in a motor vehicle accident, while on patrol near Bejiljina.

Some of the other accomplishments of SFOR13 included: More than 20,500 Day/Night patrols in MNB(N), more than 3,800 aviation hours flown, more than 1,500 MANPADS destroyed, more than 4,000 patients treated, more than 1,000,000 miles driven by U.S. soldiers, 8 minefields closed by MNB(N) JMA, 9 MEDCAPS, 2 VETCAPS, 15 Medevacs and 58 reportable accidents, the lowest of any rotation.

This author has many memories from the rotation Including:

- Calling my wife one last time from Fort Riley in a gym full of soldiers and equipment before leaving on the deployment
- Two DANCON Marches consisting of a 20-mile hike with weapon, TA-50 and rucksack with 20 lbs., the 100K DANCON

- Trying not to get homesick when the Hungarian National band performed "Somewhere Under the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz.
- Standing in the rain while saluting SPC Kelly as he was sent home. The rain was mixed with the tears of the soldiers at the send-off.
- The MNB(N) run in formation on July 4, 2003.
- Flying over Bosnia in a helicopter, which I tried to do every chance I got.
- Going to Sarajevo to unwind.
- Attending Sunday mass with soldiers carrying weapons.
- The sobering sight of the graves being dug at Srebrenica, the buildings destroyed or damaged during the war and marked minefields.
- Playing with students at a local school.
- Visits from Governor Sebelius and President Bill Clinton.
- Seeing and hugging my wife back in Kansas at the end of the deployment.

My fondest memories were created by the people I served with and got to know. With only a few exceptions, the men and women of the 35th ID and attached soldiers served with distinction. Twenty years later, I still keep in touch with my former interpreter.

Sadly, some of the soldiers that deployed with the 35th to Bosnia have passed away. SPC Kelly, COL Tom Johnson, COL Cal Johnson, LTC Henry Plawer and SFC Bernie Deghand come to mind. This article is a very short celebration of what 35th ID soldiers experienced and accomplished while deployed some twenty years ago. Each soldier has memories, both good and bad. If you read this article and know of anyone who deployed with SFOR13 to Bosnia, please reach out to them, and ask them to attend the 35th Infantry Association Annual meeting on 8-9 September of this year and to join the Association. There will be a reunion commemoration at 1530 hours at the 35th ID Headquarters on Fort Leavenworth, followed by a social at Luigi's Restaurant at 1730 hours. Spouses are welcome at both events.

New Annual Members

David E. Bear;
Ken Van Etten (Sponsored by Roberta Russo);
Neal Jurss;
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VE Day 2023 Orleans, France

To commemorate VE DAY and Joan of Arc’s military homage, we welcomed the Color Guard of the 52nd Strategic Signal Battalion stationned in Suttgart , Germany. People cheered while they walked in the military Parade down the main streets of Orleans , side by side with the French troops .

PICTURED ABOVE: French veterans para-troopers and the 52nd Signal Bn Color Guard , and LTC Sylvan SMITH , CDR , and CSM Jared MITCHELL and Claude ROZET , Franco-American Association in Orleans .

PICTURED AT RIGHT: from left to right : CSM Jared MITCHELL , Claude ROZET , President of the Franco-American Association in Orleans , and LTC Sylvan SMITH , CDR 52nd SIG BN, Stuttgart .

--photos shared by Claude ROZET



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Spring is in the Air

International Liaison Committee Column

May 7, 2023

There were many ceremonies this week throughout Europe remembering the 78th anniversary of the end of World War II on May 8, 1945. Our friends feel a duty to “never forget.”

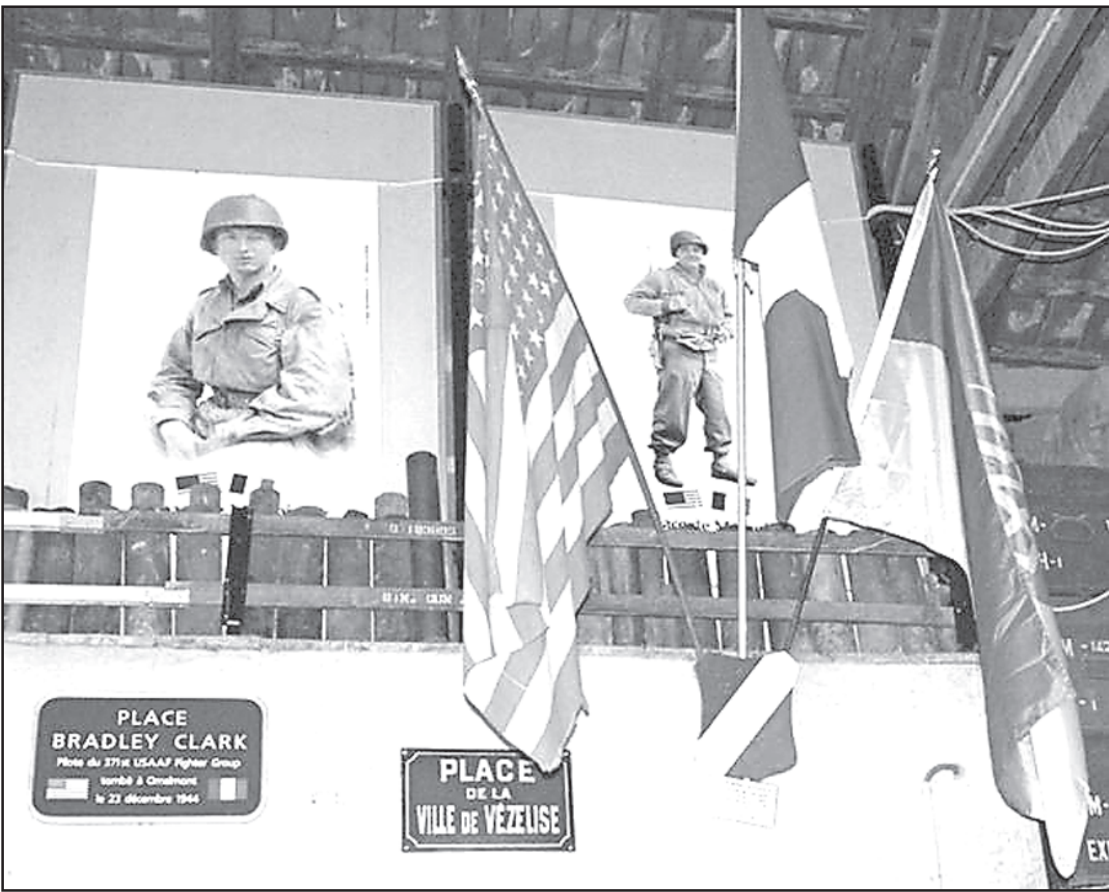
At the l’Espace de Memoire Lorraine 1939-1945 near Nancy, volunteers of the Association are busy getting things ready for the 2023 season. Equipment is being uncovered and cleaned awaiting the arrival of visitors from home and abroad. Volunteers unveiled the Ukrainian flag and it is displayed with those of the Allies in the only WWII Museum in northern France. More information about the museum is at espacedememoire.fr.

Zechariah Copeland, great grandson of 2nd Lt. James Copeland (C-134-35) paid a visit to his grandfather’s grave at the Hamm Cemetery on March 26th. He was met at the Hamm Cemetery by U.S. Veterans Friends-Luxembourg members and a member of the ABMC staff< Patrick Beck, local historian and a member of the 35th Division Association in Luxembourg, took Zechariah on a tour of the battlefield where his great grandfather lost his life. Read Patrick Beck’s article in this issue of the SFE.

Memorial Day services will be held at overseas ceremonies the last weekend of May. Pat Shannon, our American friend and correspondent who lives in Belgium, will be hosting the Corporal Homer D. Ricker, Jr family who will be honored guests at the ceremony at Henri Chappell Cemetery where Sgt Ricker is buried. Corporal Ricker (H-134-35) was killed in action on December 31, 1944, near Lutrebois, Belgium. More about this event and their trip to Han where Corporal Ricker aided in the rescue of children from a school, will be in the next issue of the Santa Fe Express.

The English version of the book “The Faces of Margraten—They Will Remain Forever Young” is now out. It profiles the 10,000 Americans who are either buried in or memorialized at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten. They will never be forgotten.

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Ukrainian flag on display with those of the allies



A volunteers at the Museum prepare for the 2023 Season making signs.



Ukrainian flag



Volunteers at the Museum prepare for the 2023 Season repairing equipment.

Timberwolves of Belgium remember the 78th Anniversary of the end of World War II



**Submitted by Bram Temmerman,
Belgium Correspondent**

During the weekend of May 6-7, the end of World War II in Europe, on May 8, 1945 was remembered in various towns and cities here in Belgium. One of these towns was Berlaar, near Antwerp where the local community organized a VE-Day liberation ball in full 1940's style. A lot of people attended the ball in 1940's civilian clothing or in the uniforms of one the Allied nations that helped to liberate Belgium.

Highlight of the evening was the entrance of Belgian veteran Jos Kets who's also the oldest resident of Berlaar with his 106 years. Mr. Kets fought in the 18 Day Campaign of the Belgian Army during the German Invasion of Belgium in May 1940. He received thunderous applause from the crowd as he entered the room, a very moving moment.

Our group attend the ball dressed as members of the 415th Inf. Reg. on leave near Antwerp, Belgium in May 1945 or as Belgian civilians. One of our members has been very busy with researching the history of Berlaar during WWII and is hoping to construct a monument in the future in memory of a B17 Flying Fortress that crash landed in the town in 1944. His personal connection with Berlaar is also the reason we attended this event.

It was a nice experience to attend the liberation ball and to remember one of the more joyous chapters of WWII in Europe.



PFC Arthur R. Hiatt:

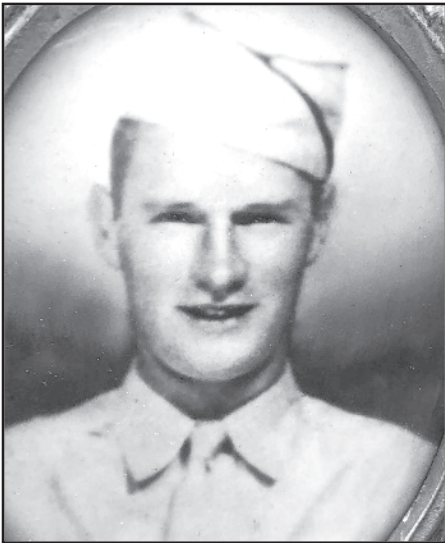
The Last WWII 35th Infantry Division

Soldier Killed in Action

By Roberta Russo

V-E Day marks the end of the war in Europe. According to the official 35th Infantry Division history, “One minute after midnight on 9 May 1945, 335 days after the Allied forces stormed ashore in Normandy, the peace which Europe had dreamed of for nearly six years, was a reality. This was the hour that all the world had yearned for, and the battle weary doughboys of the veteran “Santa Fe” Division were among the millions who drew a grateful breath at the end of bloodshed and destruction. Emblazoned on their minds was an indelible road map, showing 1600 combat miles which had led them through endless battle across France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, and Germany.” The price of victory had been high. The 35th Infantry Division suffered 2,972 battle deaths since landing on Omaha Beach in July 1944.

The night of July 10, 1944, while moving into position in the vicinity of La Meauffe just north of St Lo, France, eight rounds of enemy artillery fire struck the area. One was a direct hit on the foxhole occupied by an ammunition bearer in Company H, 137th Infantry



Regiment killing him instantly. Private Owen J. McBride was the first 35th Infantry Division soldier to be killed in action during WWII. Reading about Private McBride made me curious about the last Santa Fe Division soldier killed in action.

According to an Adjutant General's Report, the last 35th Infantry Division WWII battle death was Private First Class Arthur R. Hiatt. Arthur Robert Hiatt was born April 23, 1920 in the Piedmont region of Virginia bordering North Carolina. He was the oldest of 5 children born to Lawrence Noel Hiatt and

his wife Pearl Mae. His father was a farmer living in Dan River, Virginia. Sometime during the 1930's the family moved about 20 miles east to Fancy Gap, another small Virginia town along the North Carolina border.

Arthur Hiatt registered for the draft on July 1, 1941 when he was 21 years old, unemployed, and living with his family in Ararat, Virginia. His draft record lists him as being 5'8" tall, weighing 140 pounds, with blue eyes, brown hair, and a ruddy complexion. He was inducted into the Army December 17, 1942 at Roanoke, Virginia. At the time he was a Cabinet Maker, single, no dependents, with a grammar school education.

Private Hiatt was sent overseas in October 1944 and joined the 320th Infantry Regiment from the 38th Replacement Battalion on November 13, 1944 as an Anti-Tank Crewman. He was promoted to Private First Class January 1, 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge near Baschleiden, Luxembourg and was with the Division throughout the remainder of the war. V-E Day found the 35th Infantry Division on occupation duty in the vicinity of Hannover, Germany, where they stayed until May 17 – 18 when they were relieved and sent to Recklinghausen, Germany before mov-

ing by motor and rail for occupation duties in the Koblenz area of Germany on June 1 – 4, 1945. PFC Hiatt's unit, Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 320th Infantry Regiment, was stationed at Altenkirchen, Germany, about 35 miles north of Koblenz.

Private First Class Arthur R. Hiatt was killed in action June 25, 1945. Four other soldiers in PFC Hiatt's unit were wounded that day: PFC William W. Best, PFC James E. King, PFC Joseph M. Osborn, and PFC Kenneth J. VanEtten. According to PFC VanEtten's son Kenneth, his father's squad was loading unexploded German artillery shells onto the back of a dump truck to be disposed of when one fell and there was an explosion. His father was thrown 30 feet away by the blast, knocked unconscious, and both his ear drums were blown out. He suffered serious back problems after the war as a result of his injuries.

PFC Arthur R. Hiatt was killed by the blast. He was originally buried June 28, 1945 at the temporary American Military Cemetery, now the Luxembourg American Military Cemetery and Memorial, at Hamm, Luxembourg. After the war, families of fallen service members were sent a questionnaire along with the 1946 Quartermaster pamphlet, “Tell Me About My Boy,” explaining burial options. They could leave their loved ones abroad in a permanent overseas cemetery maintained in perpetuity by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) or have them returned home at the government's expense for burial in a national or private cemetery.

Arthur Hiatt's mother, Pearl May, requested that her son be returned home for burial. His personal effects were also returned to her, including a billfold, photographs, a Zippo lighter, wristwatch, fountain pen, a pair of wooden shoes, and bundle of letters. His body arrived at Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy, North Carolina on Saturday, April 9, 1949. From there it was taken to his parents' home in Ararat, Virginia. Funeral rites with full military honors were held Sunday, April 10, 1949 at the Willow Hill Moravian Church in Ararat. PFC Arthur R. Hiatt, the last 35th Infantry Division soldier to be killed in WWII, was laid to rest Sunday, April 10, 1949 at Willow Hill Moravian Church Cemetery. Let the sacrifices of all who serve our country never be forgotten.

Surviving WWII Veterans who fought in France

eligible for French Legion of Honor

Did you serve in France during the war? All living WWII veterans who served in France are now eligible to receive the Legion of Honor

The French government is on a mission to ensure that every surviving WWII Veteran who fought on French soil during the war has received the Legion of Honor. This medal is the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and retained by all the divergent governments and regimes later holding power in France, up to the present.

In cooperation with The Normandy Institute, the National Museum, the United States Army has asked BOBA to inquire with our veteran members. If you have not received your Medal, please contact the BOBA office: Audra Yerian, audra.boba@gmail.com, (703) 528-4058; Battle of the Bulge Association, Inc.; P.O. Box 330, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-0330. You must include a copy of your Veterans Discharge paperwork and either a copy of your Drivers License or Passport with Photo.

We will share the information with the US Army who will in turn share the information with the Chairman of The Normandy Institute and French Consulate closest to the Veteran's address. Once confirmed, the consulate will arrange an in-person presentation to award the Veteran with the Legion of Honor. This medal is not presented posthumously, so time is of the essence. Thank you!

This article originally appeared in the Battle of the Bulge Association's newsletter and is reprinted with their permission.

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In Search of his Great Grandfather's Footsteps

Submitted by Patrick Beck
Friends of the 35th Division
Luxembourg Correspondent

Zechariah Copeland, Grandson of Jim Copeland, was doing an internship at Birmingham (England) during the 1st semester of this year. As it was his first stay in Europe, he took the opportunity to make a trip to the Continent in order to pay a visit to his great grandfather's grave.

2nd Lt James Copeland (134th Inf. C Co.) is buried at Hamm Luxembourg ABMC US Cemetery. He was killed in action on Jan.5th 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge (BoB) at Lutremange-Bastogne (Belgium). The grave registration unit recovered the body of 2nd Lt. James Copeland on Jan.13th 1945, close to Lutremange. On Jan.4th, his Company had been attacking a German stronghold in the woods from Lutrebois. The Company overran its objective and got somehow lost and ambushed in the woods.

There is a very pertinent and moving account, about that Attack, on the website managed by Roberta Russo:http://www.coulthart.com/134/chapter_9.htm

March, 26th - Zechariah traveled from Birmingham to Paris and arrived after a long train ride at Luxembourg City railway station 11pm. However, he had to endure yet another one-hour's drive up to the Ardennes in northern Luxembourg by car. After breakfast, it took us 20 minutes over the narrow winding roads from the community of Boulaide to Bastogne. Although it was a sunny day, it was cold and a frosty wind was blowing as we got out of the car in Marvie (Bastogne). From here, we walked up a dirt road right up toward the woods. While we strolled around the foxholes and trenches, on Hill 540 it began to snow and it was a ghostly calm now as we were heading deep into the woods.

Next stop we took was at the 35th Division memorial of Lutremange on which there is also a plaque, among others, in memory of James Copeland.

Also on our schedule were: the famous Mardasson Memorial, the Gen. McAuliffe Square and the town of Bastogne.

At Hamm – Luxembourg, we were to meet at 4pm with representatives from the US VETERANS FRIENDS LUXEMBOURG (USVF-L). There was a very touching wreath laying ceremony with taps played by Edmond Faber at the grave of 2nd Lt James Copeland (C. Co. 134th Inf. 35th Div.).

Zechariah Copeland was then given by Mrs Laure Mathis (ABMC staff) a full guided tour of the cemetery, with the grave of Gen. G.S.Patton and the cemetery's beautiful chapel. Finally, Mrs. Mathis handed a complete set of documents of Zechariah's great grandfather.

Before finishing a long day, we headed for a final visit of Luxembourg-city and told of its more than 1000 year old history and some of its highlights like the fortress, the old-town, the Grand Duke's Palace, the cathedral, many old chapels and churches, ...

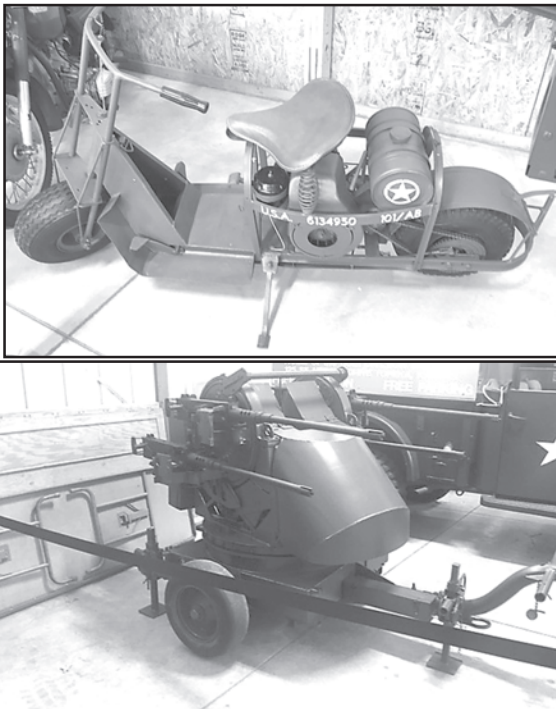
My special thanks to Constant Goergen and his friends from the USVF-L and to Laure Mathis of the ABMC Staff.

Luxembourg, May 8th, 2023, Patrick Beck



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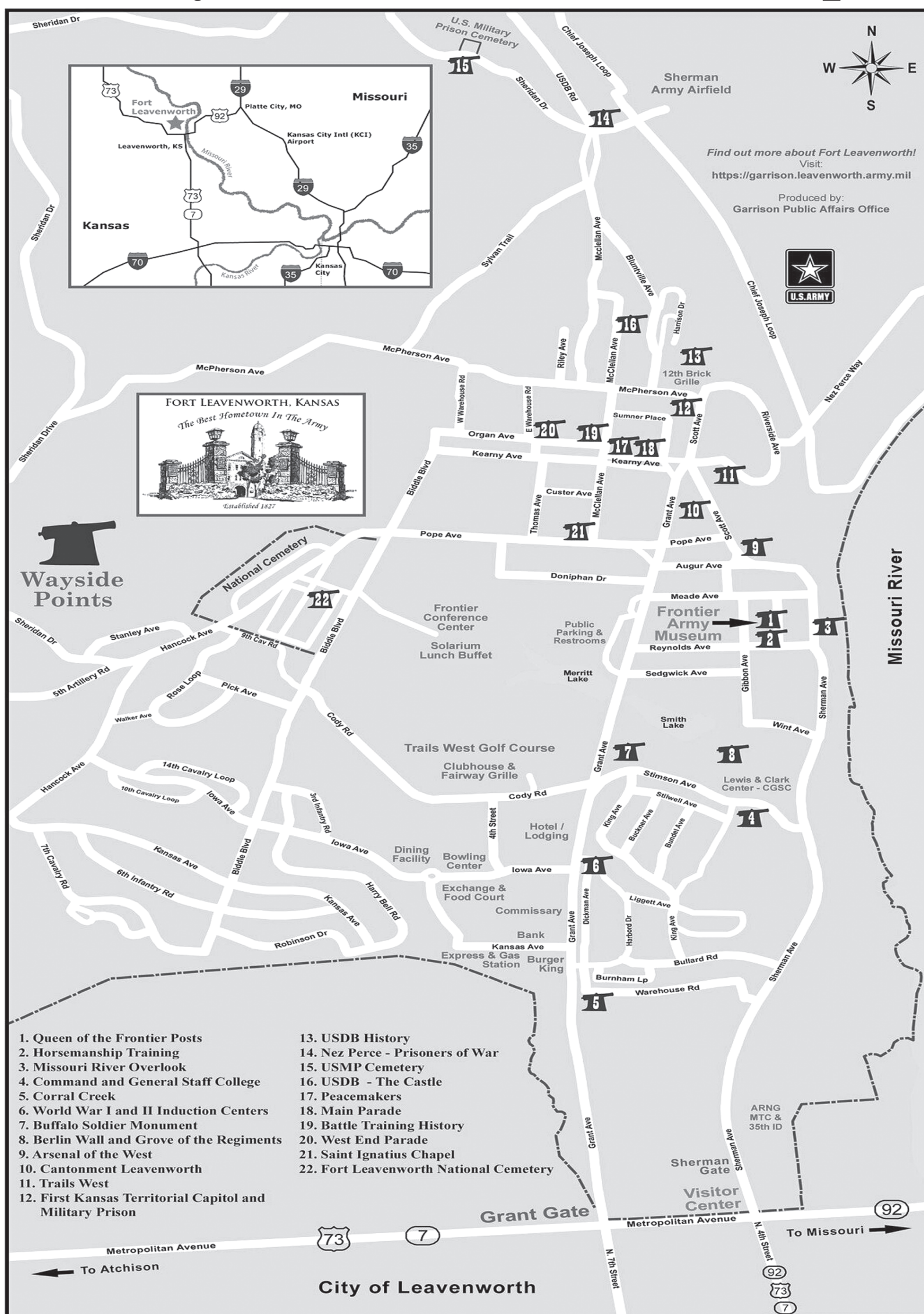
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_____	5:30PM-8:00 PM	President’s Reception (Luigi’s 418 Cherokee St. Leavenworth) (\$17.95 per person, will pay at venue, Italian Buffet, not part of conference cost)		
<u>SATURDAY, SEP 9th 2023</u>				
_____	8:00AM- 8:30 AM	Registration in Division HQ Entryway		
_____	8:30 AM-10:30 AM	General Membership Meeting (Conference Room, Division Headquarters)		
_____	10:30- 11:30 PM	Hall of Fame Selection Meeting (Conference Room, Division Headquarters)		
_____	12:00PM – 1:00PM	Lunch (Division Headquarters) (\$5 at door)		
_____	1:30 -3:00 PM	Hall of Fame Ceremony & Reception (Division Headquarters)		
_____	3:30-4:30 PM	20 th Year Reunion of Bosnian Deployment		
_____	5:30PM to 6:30PM	Reception (Division Headquarters) (Cash Bar)		
_____	6:30PM to 8:30PM	Memorial Banquet (Division Headquarters) (Buffet: Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian)		
_____	PVT-SGT , 2LT-1LT		\$40	_____
_____	SSG-SFC, CPT-MAJ, WO1-WO3, Civilian Guests		\$50	_____
_____	MSG-SGM, LTC-MG, WO4-WO5		\$60	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED - _____

(Make checks payable to 35th Division Assn. Send to 35th Div Assn P O Box 5004, Topeka, KS 66605.)

(Links to register and pay for activities will also be available on the Association and Division Webpages and Division Facebook page)

SUNDAY, SEP 10th 2023
Travel Home


Please respond for reunion activities by August 7th, 2019

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Donald Williams

Donald Lewis Williams loved football and after listening to the Kansas City Chiefs win the Super Bowl on February 12, 2023 he passed peacefully at his home.



He was born December 19, 1932 at his home on West Street in Emporia, Kansas to Edwin Lewis Williams, an Emporia

blacksmith, and Myrtle Stanton Williams, housewife.

In 1949, Donald Lewis Williams enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard, continuing on the legacy of his father, who served in the Philippines during the Filipino Insurrection, and his brother, John Morton Williams, who trained bomber pilots during World War II. He advanced from PVT to SGT in six months, during which time he met his future wife, Nancie Jane Karolik. She is the daughter of Betty Ida, housewife, and James Victor Karolik, the Plant Manager of the Globe Union Battery Plant, where Donald found his next job.

But because of Globe Union’s nepotism policy, he was let go the day they married, May 22, 1955, and had to find employment elsewhere. Kenny Thomas, owner of Thomas Transfer and Storage, was a close friend of James. James asked Kenny if there might be a position for Donald, which there was. Years went by and the couple had four children: three boys and one girl.

In 1964, he moved to Fort Belvoir, Virginia to take the Engineer Officer Career Course. Since he had been born at home, he had no birth certificate. In order to attend the course, he had to get three eyewitness signatures to acquire a birth certificate. Wanting his family with him, he moved everyone to Virginia for nine months. When the course ended, they moved back to Emporia. After several years, he advanced to Captain and became Company Commander for the Emporia National Guard unit, the 169th Engineer’s Company.

In 1968, the unit was notified that they were to be called up to serve in Vietnam. Fort Carson, Colorado was the company’s destination to train and prepare for the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam, he was wounded by a grenade, which exploded outside the window of his quarters, throwing shrapnel straight into the artery of his right arm. The profuse bleeding from the wound made turning the doorknob to get out of the building very difficult. His fellow officers had to break the door down to get to him, and rushed him to the infirmary. He spent a week recuperating in the hospital, and then was flown to Hawaii for a week of rest with Nancie. Immediately after, he was sent back to duty in Vietnam.

In 1970, he came home to Emporia and went back to work at Thomas Transfer and Storage. In 1979, he retired from the military as a Major and continued on at Thomas Transfer and Storage for many years.

He was a Commander of Post Five of the American Legion in Emporia for two consecutive terms. His military legacy lives on, as all three of his sons enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard. Ronald Lewis Williams retired as a SGT E5 in July of 2009 after serving 32 years. He was deployed to Kosovo in 2005. In 2008, he was sent to Louisiana to assist during Hurricane Gustav. Robert James Williams served his initial six years. Steven Luther Williams retired from the Kansas Air National Guard with a rank of MSGT in October of 2013, after 30 years of service. From May to September of 2007, he was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as a 1st SGT, and from January to May of 2008, he was deployed to Kuwait as a Flight Chief.

Donald is survived by his wife of 67 years of marriage, Nancie, of the home, his four children: Ronald (Teri) Williams of Hartford, Kansas; Robert (Cynthia) Williams of Richmond, Texas; Terri (Gary) Bostic of Gardner, Kansas; and Steven (Shannon) Williams of Bel Aire, Kansas. In addition, twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Sgt Richard J. O’Brien

Submitted by Mike H Ven

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that SGT Richard J. O’Brien has passed away at the age of 98. Sergeant Richard J. O’Brien served with distinction in the 137th Infantry during World War II. He landed on Omaha Beach on July 6, 1944. Participating in the Normandy Campaign, he was involved in the capture of St. Lo and fought across France capturing the city of Orleans. He was wounded at Vestry, France. He and his unit crossed the Moselle River under fire and participated in the battle for Nancy, France. On Dec. 21, he joined the attack toward Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and later was involved in crossing the Rhine and reaching the Elbe River.

SGT O’Brien was one of the last remaining veterans of the 137th Regiment, joining his brothers in arms and leaving behind his legacy of heroism and commitment to his country.

Rest in Peace Sarge!

John G. Leake

John Grey Leake of Harrisonburg, Virginia passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022, at Sunnyside Retirement Community.

A son of the late Ellis W. Leake and Keziah Lloyd Leake, John was born on April 26, 1924 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. On October 22, 1954, he married Rosalie Kite Leake, who preceded him in death on May 26, 2021.



John graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1943. In 1944, he was one of many from “The Greatest Generation” to enlist and serve in World War II. He was a proud member of the U. S. Army’s 35th Infantry Division, 137 Infantry Regiment and fought in five campaigns across Europe. He landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy France, on July 6, 1944. He saw his first combat on July 11, fighting in the Normandy hedgerows north of St. Lo. On December 8, 1944, John found himself on the German border, where he crossed into Germany for the first time. His unit found itself under heavy fire in what is known as “The Battle of the Bulge.” At that time, John and a buddy quickly found themselves behind enemy lines and missing in action. His time MIA was brief, and soon he was able to rejoin his division. When Hitler and the German Army were defeated, John and the 35th Division continued occupation beyond VE-Day. John and the rest of the 137th Infantry Regiment sailed home on the S.S. Cristobal, arriving on August 31, at Boston Harbor. After 11 months of constant combat and having traveled over 1600 miles across Western Europe, the shooting had stopped, and the war was over for John. Years after the war ended, John and his family traveled to Europe and visited many of the towns he helped liberate. When asked about his experience during the war, like so many others of this generation, John would simply say, “We just did what we were supposed to do.” John later served in the Korean War from October 1950 until August 1951.

John’s civic and professional service in the com-

munity was long and distinguished. His early jobs included working with the Harrisonburg Police Department and heading up the Division of Motor Vehicles. He was a Justice of the Peace, which later led to becoming the first Chief Magistrate for the 26th Judicial District. In 1966, he was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee, by Judge Thomas J. Wilson, III. He retired after 45 years in this role, at the age of 87. In his honor, his portrait hangs in the Federal Building on North Main Street.

John was a member of the Harrisonburg Elks Lodge #450 for 74 years, serving as secretary for 49 years. He was a member of the Harrisonburg Lions Club for 75 years, holding every office in the organization.

John has always been an avid sports fan and supporter. He had a special love for the Harrisonburg Blue Streaks, the University of Virginia Cavaliers and the James Madison Dukes. His love, support and involvement in Harrisonburg High School Athletics for over 70 years, led to his induction into the HHS Hall of Fame, in 2017. He shared his love of UVA football with his close group of lifelong friends. He attended every ACC Basketball Tournament from 1954-2020, except for two tournaments; 2020 marked his 65th tournament.

John was a devoted, life-long member of First Presbyterian Church, serving in many capacities over the years.

John is survived by his two children, Anne Leake Turner and husband Steve, of Harrisonburg and John Grey Leake, Jr. and Michele Kelly, of Orlando, Florida. He is also survived by his cherished only grandchild, Ian Draper Frazier and wife, Kelley of Durham, North Carolina. John became a great-grandfather to Greyson Paul Frazier of Durham, North Carolina, on August 7, 2022. He is also survived by many beloved nephews and nieces.

The family will be eternally grateful for the special loving care by Victor and Cheri Smith and David Smith and Debbie Lacey.

John was the last living member of his family. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister, Audrey Leake Smith and brothers, Robert Ellis Leake, William Thomas Leake and Charles Eustace Leake.

John will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather (“Ga Ga”), uncle and friend. He lived his life with passion, loyalty, determination and most of all, a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed but will live on in many great memories.

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Roberta Werth

On August 5th, 2022, Roberta F. Werth, passed away peacefully at the age of 100. Roberta was born October 7, 1921 on a farm near Perkins, Oklahoma to Franklin M. and Alma (Chase) West.

Shortly after her birth they moved to the family farm near Carney, Oklahoma. She lived there for the first 18 years of her life, surrounded by her loving parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. She attended and graduated from Carney High School.

After graduation, she worked in Chandler, OK as a clerk in the U.S. Agriculture Office. During that time, she became a volunteer for the American Red Cross as a First Aid Instructor. From there, she moved to Okmulgee, OK to work for the U.S. Farmers Home Administration.

During World War II, she served as a volunteer in the office of the USO and as a Nurse's Aide at a U.S. Army Hospital caring for wounded soldiers. It was during this work that she met her future husband, Wesley H. Werth.

On October 25th, 1946, she married Wes. Three children were born to this union. Larry, Susan (Rathgeber), and Tom. They were blessed with 61 years together.

Roberta joined the Lutheran Church in 1946 and has remained an active member.

Roberta was a full-time wife and mother, but she also found time to volunteer and help others. She served as Den Mother for both her sons and was Brownie and Girl Scout Leader for her daughter for 11 years.

In 1969, she became a Certified Braille Transcriber for the Library of Congress. She taught Braille classes for several years for the American Red Cross Braille Service. In 1972, she, with others, founded the Braille Work Center at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, for the Lutheran Braille Workers. She and Wes traveled all over the world as volunteers telling the blind about their Lord and Savior. She served on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Braille Workers for 19



years and as president for 11 years. Roberta was a Life Member of the National Braille Association. In 1978, she received the Distinguished Service Award from that organization. In May 2007, Roberta was presented with the Christus Mundo (Christ to the Nations) award by Concordia University, Irving, CA. In 2018, she became the first recipient of the Delafosse Memorial Love Through Service Award from Lutheran Braille Workers.

Roberta is preceded in death by her husband, Wesley H. Werth, her son, Larry E. Werth, her parents, Franklin and Alma West, Her brother Thomas A. West and her sisters Anna Fay Parrott (Roger), and Lois Gene Booth (Bob).

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Ron) Rathgeber, her son, Dr. Thomas E. Werth (Karen), her daughter-in-law, Kathy Bredehoeft (Dennis). She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Brad Werth (Katie), Amy Rathgeber Brox (Dennis), Audrey Rathgeber Kloke (David), Amanda Rathgeber Sterling (Scott), Michael Manley (Sharon), Shannon Manley, Rachel Werth McDowell (Jeff), Tim Werth (Annie Lindenhovius), and Rose Werth, 14 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Letter from Werth Family

To the 35th Div. Assn:
My mother, Roberta F. Werth, passed away at age 100. She and my dad so enjoyed the reunions and the connections your organization brought. My mother was able to visit with her brother's comrades from WWII. He died in France on the second wave of D-Day.
My nephew has collected of my Dad's WWII papers, recollections, etc. I would like to purchase the DVD as a memorial to my Dad and Mother, Wesley H. Werth and Robert F. Werth.
Sincerely,
Susan E. Rathgeber

BG (R) Brian Donald Winter

BG (R) Brian Donald Winter died of natural causes on April 5 at his home in Lenexa, KS at the age of 75. Brian was born Feb. 14, 1948 in Auburn, NY to Jacob and Liselotte (Wahlenmeier) Winter. After graduating high school, Brian attended Trinity College and graduated with a BS in Biology. Following his college education, Brian served in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division as a forward observer. He then continued his military career as a reservist and Army National Guardsman until being promoted to Brigadier General in October of 1997. His decorations and badges consisted of Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, six Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

A memorial service will be held at Leavenworth National Cemetery at a date to be determined.



Gary Appelman

MAJ (R) Gary Kenneth Appelman, 78, passed away peacefully on May 27, 2023. He was born on July 25, 1944 in Wichita, Kansas, to the late Kenneth Appelman and Lovina (Goodell) Appelman.



He attended school in Goddard, Kansas where he graduated high school in 1962. Gary married his high school sweetheart, Margaret "Kay" Matzen on August 08, 1964. To this union they raised two children in their home in Viola, Kansas.

Gary enlisted at the age of 21, following completion of light weapons infantryman course, officer candidate school, Infantry Officer Basic and Jungle Operations courses. He served in combat as an infantry rifle platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division in the jungles of Vietnam. Some of his subsequent assignments included Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 137th Infantry and Assistant Operations Officer, 35th Infantry Division. Gary retired as a Major. In addition to the Combat Infantry Badge, his decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and many other awards. After the U.S. Army, Gary spent the rest of his career working as a contractor until retirement. He loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren. Often times fishing, playing in the creek by their home, attending school events, and picking sand plums.

Gary is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, his parents, and his brother, Ray Appelman. He is survived by his children; Mike (Christie) Appelman, Karla (Bill) Voss, and sister; Joyce Sinclair. As well as 8 grandchildren; Kimberly Appelman, Spencer (Deanna) Basoco, Alex (Kayla) Basoco, Cheyenne Appelman, Shawnee Appelman, Colton (Ashley) Howell, Kaleb (Megan) Howell, Jacob Howell, and 8 great-grandchildren.

A service honoring the life of Gary Appelman was held on Thursday, June 1, 2023. A memorial is established with Wounded Warrior Project, P O Box 758514, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8514.

Sharon Nelson

Sharon Lee Nelson, 74, wife of MSG (Ret) Jim Nelson and mother of BG Jason Nelson, passed away peacefully on 03 June 2023 in Paola, Kansas.

Sharon was known for her kindness, charity, and loving heart. Sharon had a special relationship with her Catholic faith; she always carried The Sacred Heart she received from her father. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Paola, Kan. Sharon led an active life, playing golf, pickleball, and bridge. Sharon was very proud of her Hole in One which she got on hole 7 at Paola Country Club.

Sharon will be lovingly remembered by her husband Jim, daughter Heather (James Miller), sons Jason (Anita) and Ryan (Julie), sister Charlotte Quinn (Dennis) and brother Tom-Tom Quinn. Sharon and Jim have seven grandchildren, Paige Bernick (Justin), Ashley Lopez (Jay), Payton Enke (Matt), Allison Nelson (David Gates), Drew Nelson, Katie Nelson, Amanda Nelson, Henry Martell, and a wide circle of friends. She touched the lives of many with her generosity and sense of humor.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Frances Quinn. Sharon will be reunited in the Kingdom of God with her loved ones.

A funeral mass was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Paola, Kansas on Friday June 9. A celebration of life will be held at Paola Country Club at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Phoenix Home Care and Hospice, in memory of Sharon Nelson. The family is extremely appreciative of the care and compassion they showed Sharon in her final days. Donations will help continue their legacy of making a difference.

Sharon will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

LTC (R) Ray Rhodd passed away over the weekend. As soon as I can find funeral information, I will pass it along to everyone.

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LTC Raymond Rhodd

LTC Raymond “Ray” Leo Rhodd, 78, of Topeka, KS, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023. He was a proud member of the Thunder Clan of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and carried the name Nahmankwet, meaning “Lead Cloud”, which he fully embodied as the leader of his family.

He was born May 19, 1945 in Winfield, Kansas, the son of Maurice Leo and Avis Arlene (Hankins) Rhodd. Raymond graduated from Dexter High



School in 1963 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS.

He began his military career when he entered the United States Army in 1967, retired active duty 1999, and went on to serve for the Department of the Army until he retired on July 1, 2021. Throughout his military career he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) and numerous other awards.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, VFW Post No. 1650, Military Officers Association of America, National Guard Associations of both Kansas and the United States and numerous other memberships. He was an active volunteer of the Kansas National Guard Museum in Topeka.

Ray met and fell in love with his life-long companion of 33 years, Sandra “Sandy” Davern. She survives in Topeka with her children, Sean (Liz) Davern of Seattle, WA and Shelley Davern of San Diego, CA. Other survivors include the following: his son, Brian (Brie) Rhodd of Mayetta, KS, and their children, Colter, Kinleigh and Kolby Rhodd, Baylie Ginter-Anderson, Brooke and Briley Ginter; his son, Bradley (Dusty) Rhodd of Lawrence, and their children, Liam and Alaina Miller; his son Steven Rhodd of Hoyt, KS and his son, Steven Rhodd, Jr.; his sister, Alice Shelton of Wichita, KS, her son, Dan (Maria) Ehmke and their daughter, Makayla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Roy L. Rhodd; and his brother-in-law, Jack Shelton.

Ray had gone by many titles throughout his life, but his favorites were being called “Dad” from his sons and “TaTa” and “Grandpa” by his grandchildren. His favorite part of life was spending time with family. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved Sandy “Sweetie,” “His Three Sons” and their kids. After retirement, Ray was extremely active in many veterans organizations. He was the embodiment of a man that loved God and lived to serve and protect his family, his friends and his country.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 12, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial with military honors followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Topeka. Ray's services will be livestreamed at the scheduled service time.

Memorials: Kansas National Guard. Donations will go towards a bronze plate emblazoned with Ray's name to be displayed at the museum. Please donate at <https://kansasguardmuseum.com>.

Phillip Don Close

Phillip "Phil" Don Close, 79, of Salina, Kansas died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Phil was born on September 13, 1943, in Sabetha, Kansas to Donald and Grace (Schneider) Close. Phil grew up in Sabetha and attended school in Sabetha. During high school, he worked at Summer's Market and Kirk's Standard Station, both in Sabetha. Phil graduated from Sabetha High School in the class of 1961. After graduation, he attended Highland Community College before joining the Kansas Army National Guard in 1964 where he commonly became known as “Sergeant Tact.”

Phil married Linda Sue Wetzels on December 5, 1965, in Morrill, Kansas at the Morrill Baptist Church. After their marriage, Phil worked as the produce manager at a grocery store in Emporia, Kansas. Then, in May of 1968, the National Guard was called up to go on active duty at Fort Carson, Colorado. In November of 1968, Phil was sent to Vietnam and served near Saigon. Late in 1969, Phil returned to the United States and resumed his studies at Highland Community College. He also worked at the Bern Meat Locker in Bern, Kansas, worked at Aristo Meat Company in Holton, Kansas, and worked at the Haag Meat Locker in Fairview, Kansas. He eventually worked full time at the Kansas National Guard. Phil and Linda had two children, Brian Don Close born in 1973 and Lori Ann (Close) Jefferson born in 1972. The family lived in Sabetha, Kansas until 1979, when they moved to Hiawatha, Kansas. Phil proudly remained in the National Guard serving full-time in Hiawatha, Kansas until his retirement in 2003.

After retiring, Phil worked at the Hiawatha Landfill. Also, when the Hiawatha National Guard was called up to go overseas, Phil worked at the Hiawatha Armory doing administrative work. Phil and Linda moved to Concordia, Kansas and ultimately ended up residing in Salina, Kansas where they have lived since 2008. Phil spent his retirement doing honey-dos for Linda, growing his beloved tomatoes and vegetables, going to yard sales, and making his weekly runs to Menards. He also enjoyed watching Kansas sports, professional wrestling, and his favorite NFL team, the Denver Broncos. What Phil enjoyed most though was his weekly chats with old classmates, guard buddies, and the many friends he had made through the years. Phil was always willing to help friends and family with whatever they needed and no matter what time of day.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Joyce Wood.

Phil is survived by his wife, Linda; his son, Brian of Salina, Kansas; his daughter, Lori of McKinney, Texas; his nieces, Christy (Wood) Jones, Cathy (Wood) Orgeron, and Becky (Wood) Murphy; and various cousins.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 14, 2023. Memorials in honor of Phil are suggested to the VFW at heroes.vfw.org.



Donor Appreciation List

OCT 2022- MAY 2023

Donors \$1000

• The Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation (Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors \$500

• 1st Lt. Timothy T Ney (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors \$250-\$400

• COL (R) Roger Aeschliman (Op. Expenses)

• COL (R) Larry Hahn (Conf. Sponsor, Op. Expenses)

• COL (R) Geoff Lanning (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors \$125-\$200

• Ceo Bauer (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Howard C Berry, E-137 WWII KIA 11-29-44, Silver Star France)

• COL (R) Michael Dennis (Op. Expenses)

• Bruce A Hawkins (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Capt. Arthur Getz)

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• COL (R) Robert Lyn Smith (Op. Expenses, Conf. Sponsor)

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• COL (R) Cal Warrem (Op. Expenses, sponsorship of five new annual members, LTC (R) Craig A Beardsley, LTC (R) Francis G Hester, LTC (R) Craig W Crane, MAJ Georgia Schafer, SGT (R) Daniel Anderson)

• Mark and Peggy Weddle (Museum Op. Expenses, Conf. Sponsor in recognition of Kathryn and SSG Carl Frantz, 437E)

Donors \$100

• Wade Beadle (Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Frank Beadle, I Co 134th)

• COL (R) Thomas Barnett (Conf. Sponsor)

• Marge Bullock (Op. Expenses, Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Keith Bullock, 35/137/HQ Co, 2Bn, S-2 Section)

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• BG (R) Ed Gerhardt (Conf. Sponsor)

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• Diana D Hardison (Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of MT

Dixon, 137th I&R Platoon))

• LTC (R) David Hruska (Conf. Sponsor in recognition of Rusty Elliot)

• 1st LT Richard W Lind (Museum Op. Expenses)

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• COL (R) Ron Winchell (Conf. Sponsor)

Donors \$75-\$99

• Carol Lynne Freeman (Op. Expenses in recognition of LT COL Carol J. Freeman)

• Arthur Germano (Museum Op. Expenses, in recognition of Arthur Germano (father))

• CH/COL (R) Gary D Gilmore (Op. Expenses)

Donors \$50

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• Dr. Joseph J Jerele, Jr. (Op. Expenses in recognition of Joseph J Jerele, WWII, 35 Div. CoC, 137 Inf)

• Richard Miles (Op. Expenses, in recognition of Chester C. Miles)

• Louis Endres Moore (Op. Expenses in recognition of Alfred N. Endres)

• MAJ Walter A Nelson (Op. Expenses)

• MAJ (R) Stephen R Page (Op. Expenses)

• CSM (R) Glenn L. Peterson (Museum Op. Expenses)

Donors up to \$49

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• LTC Michael T Kennedy (Op. Expenses)

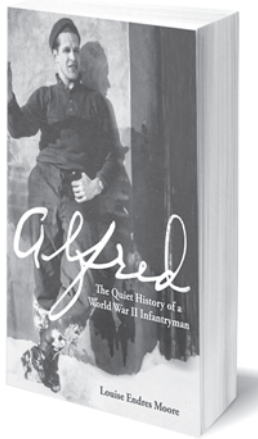
• Susan E Rathgeber (In recognition of her parents Wesley H Werth and Roberta F Werth)

• MAJ Walter A Nelson (Op. Expenses)



Daughter writes tribute to her father

After nearly 20 years of research and interviews, we finally know a more complete story of my father



Alfred: The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman

We almost didn't know. For 57 years, Alfred told his family he had been a barber, chauffeur, and German language translator during World War II within the U.S. Army. But following the death of his wife, Alfred started sharing with his daughter Louise a glimpse into his actual experiences. What began as a weekly napkin-capture of stories during nursing home visits with her dad became a nearly two decade deep dive into his true role in the war as a reluctant front-line machine gunner in Europe 1944-1945.

Intensely researched and thoroughly human, Alfred compiles a lifetime panorama of the experiences, emotions, and character of one infantryman who never wanted a part of the war but accepted it. He returned home, discernibly the gentle Wisconsin farmer he was when he left, to a family unaware of what he had done. And what he had survived.

Listen carefully. War does not feel good to those who have given the most.
— Louise Endres Moore, Author



Alfred with his daughter/author Louise Endres Moore about 60 years after the war

This clover was found 57 silent years after WWII in the army trunk of **ALFRED N. ENDRES**



**Frontlines/Machine Gun
35th Infantry Division
All 5 ETO Campaigns
264 Days in Combat
180.9% Casualty Rate**

4-leaf clover discovered in Alfred's army trunk 57 years after the war



Occupation after the war, Alfred Endres and Louis Gogal



Alfred, front row right, January 1945, shortly after the Battle of the Bulge. Other possible names are Mitchell, Horn, Nelson, and Lynch.



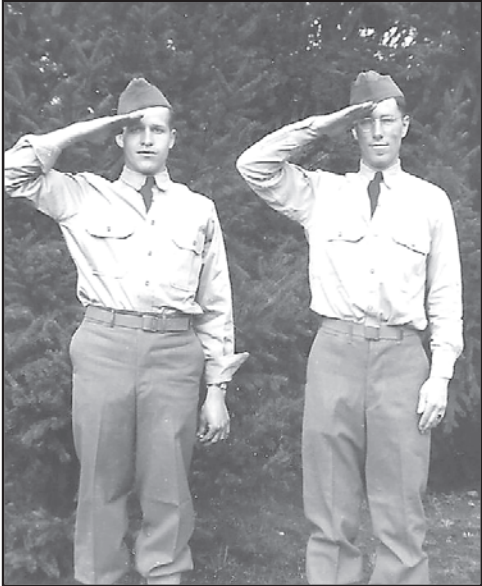
Alfred, center, January 1945, shortly after the Battle of the Bulge. Ben Lane, right, and William Notley, left.



Wedding photo: August 14, 1943



Alfred meeting his 13 month old daughter for the first time, October 13, 1945



Bonard Leatherberry Salute

35th Division Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

At this time, there are eleven nominations for the 35th Division Hall of Fame selection in 2023. 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 2024. 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 encouraged and optional.

The 2024 class to be inducted will be selected at the Annual 35th Div Assn Conference in 2023.

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 2023.

-----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:

Nominator E-Mail:

Nominator Address:

Nominator Telephone:

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Home of the 35th Division Museum
125 SE Airport E. Drive
Topeka, KS 66619
785 862-1020 or office@kngmuseum.org



Museum Donor Form

Name: Rank: Telephone:

Address: E-Mail:
(Street) (City/State/Zip)

Payment: Cash/Check/Credit Card
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Perpetual Sustaining Membership (w/Free Interior & Exterior Bricks)
\$1200 or \$120 per year for 10 years
(Inscription - 3 lines, maximum of 14 letters/spaces per line)

Three lines of dashed lines for inscription.



2021 Major Donor Club Donation - \$100 or more (Name posted in Lobby)

2021 Annual Membership - \$25 per year (Name Posted in Conference Room)

Contribution for Museum Operations - Amount:

Interior Brick - \$200 (w/Free Exterior Brick)
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For 35th Division Wall? Yes No

Exterior Patio Brick - \$50
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For Which Unit Area:

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Indicate if you wish to receive the “Santa Fe” Paper by mail_____, or e-mail_____
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	Amount Enclosed
Annual Renewal Dues or New Member Annual Dues - \$25.00	_____
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Donation for 35th Div. Assn Operating Expenses	_____
Donation specified for the 35th Museum Operating Expense	_____
Sponsor Edition of “The Santa Fe Express” - \$1500.00	_____
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 DVD – “A Living History of the 35th Inf Div. in WW II”	
By Murray Leff -----\$8.00	_____
35th Division Coin \$10.00 (\$12.00 if mailed)	_____
35th Division Lapel Pin---- (\$5.00 / \$6.00 if mailed)	
(1) Pin of DIV Patch with 35th In Div. written on edge	_____
(2) Pin with DIV Patch only	_____
 Total Amount Enclosed	

☐ Check enclosed payable to “35th Div. Association” Mailed to
35th Division Association, P O Box 5004, Topeka, KS 66605

☐ PayPay direct with my account (enter 35divassn@gmail.com to pay

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card. (Please ensure your email is entered above on the application form).