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## From The President

As I write my first message as president it brings back more than seven years of memories. Six of us sat down in the courthouse in Arlington, Virginia, in 1981 and said to Clyde Boden, "Let's do it." What have we accomplished? Three great achievements, namely, our memorial monument in Arlington Cemetery, our Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation, and an increase in our membership approaching six thousand. I want to thank our three past presidents for their great leadership and accomplishments.

I have two major goals: An increase in membership to ten thousand and total membership support of our Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation.

Our membership goal can easily be obtained if each member brings in a new member. This sounds simple. It isn't however, as our Vice-President for Membership knows. I need the effort of every member to reach this goal. Let's start now.

My second goal is even more ambitious. Our Foundation needs \$1.5 million. Where do we stand? The Foundation is in place and currently soliciting funds from corporations and foundations. The status of our gallery in the museum at Fort Meade, Maryland, has not been affected by the recent programmed closing of military bases. At our General Membership Meetings many members have asked "what can I do." We can all donate an average of one hundred dollars. Some members will not be able to give this much. Those of us who can will pick up the difference. Details will be published in the next issue of THE BULGE BUGLE.

Aside from these two major goals we shall continue to promote the purposes for which we were founded and the personal friendships we have developed. See you in Reno in September.

Yours in comradeship,

William T. Greenville



Hey VBOBer...

Please check the back page. The date shown is the date **YOUR DUES ARE DUE!**

Pay your dues and get a full year of membership (from the date printed) in the greatest organization in the world. Cross my heart!!!

Kilroy



## 44th ANNIVERSARY Commemorated

On 14, 15 and 16 December, 1988, over 140 Veterans of The Battle of the Bulge, their relatives and friends, gathered in the Washington, D.C. area to commemorate, with solemn ceremonies the joyful celebrations, this important anniversary.

There were veterans from 14 states representing the 1st, 2nd, 9th, 26th, 28th, 30th, 35th, 75th, 80th, 83rd, 84th, 87th, 94th and 106 Infantry Division; the 3d, 4th, 9th and 10th Armored Divisions and Engineer Combat Battalions, Field Artillery, Tank Destroyer, Field and Evacuations Hospitals, OSS and Mortar Battalion support units.

The three-day commemorations began with a "Dinner Gala" at the Ft. George G. Meade Officers' Club, hosted by the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation. Members of the Ft. Meade Reenactment Group (James Speraw, Commander) were on hand and dressed in WWII uniforms to meet and talk with the veterans.

The guests were greeted by members of the receiving line: LTC Alfred Shehab, Ret. (1st Vice President, Dorothy Davis, R.N., President, Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation; BG David Allen, Chief of Staff, First U.S. Army, and Mrs. Allen; His Excellency Herman and Mrs. Dehennin (Belgium); His Excellency Andre Philippe (Luxembourg); Lt. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinard, 101st Airborne Division and Mrs. Kinard; and the Honorable Thomas McMillen, Maryland House of Representatives.

In a colorful ceremony, the 519th MP Bn. posted the flags of the United States, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. Col. Eugene Drouillard, Ret, 75th Division, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Msgr. Wm. O'Donnell, 87th Division. LTC Alfred Shehab, Ret, 38th Cavalry Rec. Sq(M), served as the Master of Ceremonies.

A highlight of the evening was the receipt of a telegram from George C. Scott (the actor who played the role of Gen. George S. Patton in the movie "Patton," and a member of the Advisory Council of the Historical Foundation. The greetings read as follows: "On this, the eve of the 44th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, I extend to the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation

and the veterans of that great battle my respect and good wishes. Further, my wishes for very warm Holiday Greetings to all of those involved in this most worthwhile endeavor."

After-dinner comments included special greetings by George Chekan, 9th Infantry Division, President of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and BG David Allen. Emotional statements were made by the Ambassador of Belgium, Herman Deheninn and Ambassador Andre Philippe of Luxembourg both of whom were teenagers during The Bulge and offered their deep gratitude to the veterans and pledged their support to the Battle of the Bulge Gallery. Gen. Kinard shared in the group several of his experiences of service if with Gen. McAuliffe's staff during those dark days in Bastogne.

The main event of the "Gala" was the unveiling of the impressive "Founder's 500" plaque that listed the 114 donors who had each contributed \$500 or more to the Gallery during the past 14 months. The plaque was designed by Col. Druoillard and William Tayman. Unveiling the plaque were Sal Scarpello who served as a Sergeant with the 28th Infantry Division in Clervaux and later in the Skyline Area where he was seriously wounded near the end of the battle.

Robert Hagel, 35th Inf. Div. near Harlange, Luxembourg. He and several of his buddies had been wounded and were pinned down by sniper fire; a Medic came to their aid and while tending to Bob's wounds, the Medic was shot through the Red Cross on his helmet. Bob dedicated his inscription on the plaque to "A Medic (name unknown) who died helping me."

Charles B. MacDonald, commander of a rifle company, 2nd Infantry Division on the north shoulder of the Bulge and who was also wounded during the last days of the battle. Charles is an historian with the Foundation and the author of a number of books including "A Time for Trumpets."

Ruth Puryear, R.N, served as an Army Nurse with the 107th Evacuation Hospital stationed from October to December 17, 1944 just four miles outside Bastogne. The 107th was the only Army Hospital located at the tip of the Bulge. As it became necessary, due to enemy action, to retreat from the (Continued on Page 4)



#### 44TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED (continued from Page 3 )

area it was through the dedicated efforts of the nurses and other personnel that they were able to bring out all of the wounded as they made the long, cold, treacherous trek back to Sedan, France. For these heroic actions the 107th Evacuation Hospital was awarded the Presidential Citation.

This historical plaque will be on exhibit in the lobby of the Ft. George G. Meade Museum until the Battle of the Bulge Gallery is completed where it will then be on permanent display.

The evening concluded with a stirring concert by the First U.S. Army Band under the direction of CWO Edward A. Greene.

Some 65 veterans attended the First Annual Open Meeting of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation held in the Ft. Meade Museum. The meeting was chaired by the President, Dorothy Davis, R.N, 57th Field Hospital

After opening ceremonies, Clyde D. Boden, 557th AAA Bn, 84th Inf. Div. and founder of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge seven years ago, spoke of the many accomplishments that have been achieved by this organization in that short time. VBOB now has an international membership of 6,000; has dedicated a tree and a monument in Arlington National Cemetery; visited the battlefields in Belgium and Luxembourg; chartered six chapters; publishes a newsletter - THE BULGE BUGLE; convenes General Membership Meetings and provides support for the construction of the Battle of the Bulge Gallery. Clyde concluded his presentation with the statement "The Gallery will serve as a legacy to memorialize and honor those who served in this great battle."

Sandie Fauriol, Campaign Manager, gave a report on the progress of the Fund Raising efforts. Many contacts have been developed and over \$70,000 has been contributed over the past 14 months. She concluded "Now that we have the essential tools - sketches of the exterior and interior of the museum gallery, Dave Pergrin's video, fact sheet and International Advisory Council list, we can begin meeting with corporations, foundations, and special individuals for major gifts.

Harry Wilbur, D&P Exhibit Design firm, discussed at length a most attractive sketch of a concept exhibit design for the Gallery.

A question-and-answer period was held. After the coffee break, Dave Pergrin, 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, presented a most impressive and newly completed video tape "291st Engineers in the Ardennes." Dave has graciously given permission for this tape to be used in fund-raising efforts for the Gallery.

The veterans and guests gathered at 1100 hours on December 16th at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, to witness the changing of the guard and the impressive special ceremonies performed by the Third Infantry (Old Guard) troops. With the Colors waving in the breeze, the U.S. Army Band playing and the precision marching of the troops, this is truly an unforgettable experience.

Col. Eugene Drouillard, Ret. (Vice President for Military Affairs and George Chekan, President, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After the conclusion of this ceremony, the group moved to VBOB's plaque/monument near the amphitheater for the organization's remembrance events; George Chekan presided. William Greenville introduced the speaker, LtGen Harry W.O. Kinnard. Gen. Kinnard gave a short inspiring address, paying homage to the many who had given their lives in this battle. A wreath was placed at the VBOB monument by Mr. Greenville, 86th Chem. Mrtr. Bn and John Tuskan, 3d Armd Div, 36th Air. Elturino Loiacono, 10th Armd Div, placed flowers at the monument in the name of the 10th Division.

Taps was played by the U.S. Army Band Bugler. It was an emotional moment for all present.

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## VBOB Life Member Gets Presidential Appointment

Malcolm Wilkey was appointed by President George Bush to serve as Co-Chairman on The President's Ethics Committee

During the Battle of The Bulge he served with the 8th Corp Headquarters. Good Luck, Malcolm.

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# BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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## MEMORANDUM

December 30, 1988

TO: International Advisory Council Members

FROM: Dorothy S. Davis, R.N., President *Dorothy S. Davis*

SUBJECT: 1988 Campaign Summary

Happy holidays!

Our fund raising campaign is less than a year old, but we are well on our way to raising the \$1.5 million needed to establish the Battle of the Bulge Gallery. Below is a brief summary of our 1988 accomplishments.

\* Our solicitation to Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge members brought in more than \$40,000 in contributions; many of them were for \$500, adding the donor's name (or that of a loved one) to our Founder's 500 plaque.

\* We recruited a prestigious group of individuals to serve on our International Advisory Council. The list is enclosed; the names will be added to our revised letterhead soon. Many thanks to each one of you for supporting our museum effort in this way.

\* Total 1988 gifts to the Foundation were \$70,000.

\* Our Summer and Fall mailings of a specially designed brochure to 19 unit associations for their annual meetings resulted in contributions and increased visibility about our project.

\* We met with a number of special people who pledged help in various ways during our September trip to Belgium and Luxembourg.

\* The cover story article about the Battle of the Bulge, featuring VBOB members Chuck Switzer, Eugene Drouillard, Elturino Loiacono, Robert Phillips, Clyde Boden (and me) that appeared in the December, 1988 issue of Soldiers will be helpful in our fund raising efforts.

\* We have asked for a major contribution from the Disabled American Veterans; our request for support is pending.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE. The greatest battle ever fought by the U.S. Army  
December 16, 1944 - January 25, 1945 • Belgium and Luxembourg (Cont'd. on Page 6)

\* More than 100 veterans, spouses and other guests joined our distinguished guests at the head table--His Excellency Herman Dehennin and Mrs. Dehennin (Belgium), His Excellency Andre Philippe (Luxembourg), BGen. David Allen, LtGen. Harry W.O. Kinnard, Colonel Anthony Holtry, Mrs. George Chekan, Mrs. David Allen, Mrs. Harry Kinnard and George Chekan--at the gala dinner commemorating the 44th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge at Ft. Meade on December 14.

\* The Founder's 500 fund plaque, containing the names of 114 donors, was unveiled by Robert Hagel, Charles MacDonald, Ruth Puryear, R.W., and Sal Scarpello at the December 14 dinner.

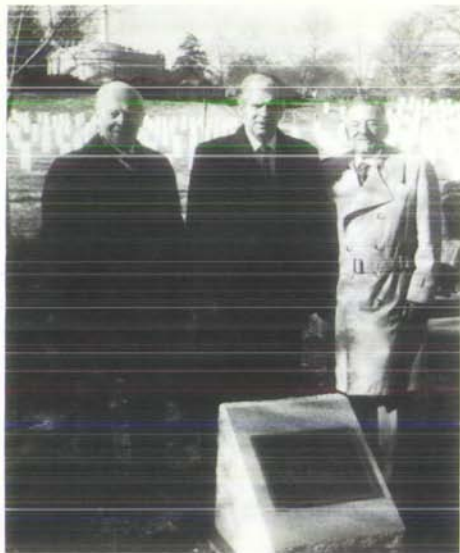
\* Another highlight of the evening was a telegram of good wishes for the museum project received by International Advisory Council member George C. Scott.

\* The Foundation's first annual meeting was held on December 15 at the Fort Meade museum. Harry Wilbur unveiled a beautifully rendered sketch of an exhibit design for the Battle of the Bulge Gallery that can be used for fund raising purposes.

\* We formed a Development (fund raising) Committee consisting of Dave Pergrin (Chair), Bill Tayman and Bob Phillips in addition to Sandie Fauriol and myself.

December 16, 1989 is the 45th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. We expect to make significant progress during the coming year, and look forward to counting on your continuing support and interest in our Battle of the Bulge museum project.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to you and yours.



#### 16, DEC. 1988, ARLINGTON, VA

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) participated in an Army Honor Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

This ceremony commemorated the 44th Anniversary of this historic battle and paid tribute to all personnel who fought so gallantly during the bitterly-cold Ardennes campaign. Our group, with representatives from 14 states, then moved to our own Battle of The Bulge Memorial monument (pictured here).

Another wreath ceremony and memorial service was conducted at this location for all our departed comrades. This was the 3rd Anniversary at our own VBOB Memorial.

Pictured here (l to r) Lt. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard (Ret) who was on the staff of Brig. Gen. Mc Auliffe at Bastogne, George Chekan, National President, VBOB, and Col. Eugene Drouillard (Ret) VP for Military Affairs.

For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an'

'Chuck 'im out, the brute!

But it's 'Savior of 'Is country' when the guns begin to shoot.

Rudyard Kipling 1865-1936 English Writer, Poet





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# Members Speak Out

## The Casualty



Vincent Meinhart, 61st Chemical Company which received the Presidential Unit Citation for the Battle of the Bulge, sent in this picture of the Victory Club which they had shaved onto their heads near Ste. Mère-Eglise, France. At the time of "the bulge" they were servicing the 12th Corps. Vince is the letter "I."



Kingsley Roberts, Jr., 417th Inf. Regt, 76th Div, would like to hear from other "Rudniki's Rangers" who are still around. Write Kingsley at 5775 East Butler Ave, Fresno, CA 93727.

Robert H. Franke, Svc. Btry, 776th FA Bn, was among those who toured the Ardennes in September. He found that 20% of the male participants were fellow members of ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program). With few exceptions, ASTP'ers are the youngest members of VBOB. A recently published book, "Scholars in Fox-holes," by Louis E. Keefer who also made the Ardennes tour in September, is available. Bob asks other ASTP'ers to contact him at Rt. 1, Box 81, Winterville, NC 28590.

## About Old Age...

"Whoever said these so called 'Golden Years' were great should be made a first scout in enemy territory"—an excerpt from Sroufe's letter to the Bulge Historical Foundation.

William W. Sroufe  
Hamilton, Ohio  
(9th Inf. Div.)

Harold J. Siensen, 144th Sig. Co, 4th AD, served as a radio operator (Third US Army), is retired with a few head of beef cattle. One of Harold's four sons, at work at Ft. Meade, is a German language interpreter, and brought VBOB to Harold's attention.

*From a land far away  
Where battles have raged  
He comes back home  
Once young but now aged.*

*Just a boy when he left  
Still innocent with youth  
In twelve long months  
Found that shattered by truth.*

*Reality so grim  
And hard to understand  
He looked for answers  
But no one offered a hand.*

*An outcast in a society  
Where the pain never ends  
He went back to his land  
Back to his only friends.*

*He wonders at night  
With feeling so sad  
He is here for his country  
Why should that be so bad?*

*He thinks of the people  
That will never be here  
And laughs to himself  
They will never know fear.*

*Afraid to go home  
Afraid to stay  
He just doesn't know  
But it's decided one day.*

*The rockets are heavy  
But he doesn't care anymore  
Through tired and numb senses  
He stares at the door.*

*He's gone in a flash  
A thunder and roar  
To a place of peace  
Where he will hurt no more.*

Written by Dennis LeMier,  
son of VBOB Life Member  
Carl F. LeMier, Sr., 82d  
Abn. Div, Glider Inf,  
Co. B.

## DID YOU KNOW ...

There are nearly 28 million veterans living today? These veterans, their dependents and survivors of deceased veterans make up nearly one-third of the nation's population.

On any given day there are approximately 60,000 veterans hospitalized in the Veterans Administration's 172 medical centers nationwide. These men and women served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the war in Vietnam.



# Pastor's Corner

War and Remembrance. . .

Reprinted from  
TODAY'S PARISH Newsletter,  
December, 1988



by Monsignor O'Donnell

This past September I made a 10-day pilgrimage back to Belgium and Luxembourg to revisit the scenes for the last German offensive of World War II. Popularly known as the Battle of the Bulge, it was Hitler's last great desperate grasp at seizing victory from the jaws of defeat. There were about 140 of us on the journey representing many of the units that fought in the battle. As is often the case in such pilgrimages, it was a time of reflection and reevaluation.

One cannot help but wonder about the attraction to return to the battlefields of years gone by. Yet it was a fascinating experience. For many of us it was the opportunity to grasp the "big picture" for the first time—to realize the magnitude of the battle and yet view it on a personal basis.

The battle itself lasted from December 16, 1944 until late in January 1945. Approximately 600,000 Americans were involved in the fighting. Of that number 81,000 were casualties, over 15,000 were taken prisoners and 19,000 were killed. The Germans had at least 100,000 casualties. Two American regiments were forced to surrender almost in their entirety. It was a bleak experience for those involved and a depressing Christmas holiday for those at home.

The tide turned and victory was ours. Heroes emerged. General McAuliffe's response to a German demand that he surrender his force at Bastogne was, "Nuts." The 4th Armored Division's dash into Bastogne to break the siege caught the headlines. General Patton's bombastic proclamations of sure victory stirred the imagination. These leaders and many oth-

ers were the architects of victory. But it was average G.I.s fighting on the ground under deplorable conditions who won the battles. This is what we learned forty years afterward.

As we toured the battle sites, and there were many, we began to appreciate that the attack was doomed to failure almost as soon as it began. This was due to the tenacity and ingenuity of thousands of young Americans operating oftentimes in small groups who kept delaying the German master-plan by blowing up bridges in their face, holding key points when they should have been overwhelmed, and demonstrating their ability to think and act on their own. Even the two unfortunate regiments who were cut off and forced to surrender managed to hold out long enough to upset the Germans' timetable to a substantial

## It was the opportunity to grasp the "big picture"

degree. Nothing will bring back the thousands of young men who sacrificed their lives and the many others who were severely and permanently wounded. But it had to be done and they did it. Not every American was a hero or even measured up to the demands made upon him. Fortunately, most did, and there were more than enough to make the difference.

The Ardennes section of Belgium where most of the fighting took place 40 years ago still maintains the dark and melancholy atmosphere with which we are familiar. It is also a warm and beautiful area. The simple farms and small towns have in many cases become weekend and summer homes for the affluent city dwellers of Belgium. Many of the landmarks are no longer there, but the events of the battle are etched in the memory of the local residents. Above all the naturally warm and generous spirit of the people expresses their friendship and appreciation for the sacrifice made by many young Americans in defense of their freedom. Their love and affection for the United States is most refreshing.

Was the pilgrimage worth it? You bet. It is good to recall again those special qualities that represent the American spirit. That we, indeed, have the strength, courage and resourcefulness to meet the challenges that beset us as a nation.

Monsignor William O'Donnell

## Monsignor ...

We thank you again for all the religious services you have provided during VBOB's battlefield tour of the Ardennes last September. I will always remember the Mass at Liege, Belgium as one of the most unique I have ever attended — of all places, in a closed drinking establishment.

Also, how can I forget your amiable 81 year altar "boy" and sometimes lector, Ed Cogan. Spencer Tracy could not have done better Eddie.

George Chekan  
Past President, VBOB

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# Members Speak Out

Robert H. Franke, Svc. Btry, 776th FA Bn, was a participant in VBOB's return tour to the Ardennes last year. He feels that it was one of the most memorable experiences in his life. A highlight of the tour was seeing eye-to-eye the depth and sincerity of appreciation shown by the Belgians and Luxembourgers for the sacrifice made by US forces in their behalf. Robert's chauffeur to Bullingen and Malmedy during the tour would like to hear from anyone who was billeted in the castle of Lexhy near Horion-Hozemont between November 1944 and February 1945. This location was about 7½ miles west of Liege. He can be contacted at Rue Resistance 209, B4351, Remicourt, Belgium; his name is Stan C. Bellens.

Albert Benick wishes to hear from men of Co. B, 417th Inf. Write him at 726 Reynolds, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Howard K. Thomsen, 707th Tank Bn, Co. B, writes of having returned from his unit's reunion. He toured Ft. Knox where he underwent training. He feels lucky to have gotten back through the German lines at Wiltz. Next year his unit will purchase and dedicate a memorial monument at Ft. Knox in memory of his fallen comrades.

Russell Maffei, 537th AAA, 90 Inf. Div, writes to say he has just recovered from a stroke. Old buddies are asked to contact Russ at 6508 Marshall Foch St., New Orleans, LA 70124.

Roy R. Lowe, 511th Engr. Lt. Ponton Co, wounded in 1945 in Germany, has been a millwright for 31 years. He is a staunch supporter of Engineer ponton companies and says "what a wonderful company of men they were."

John H. O'Neal, Co. I, 317th Inf, 80th Div, says he's retired from the Railway Mail Service and is doing volunteer work. He says he'll never forget the "cold days and nights of 1944-1945."

Harold W. Rae, Co. G, 345th Inf, 87th inf. Div, returned home to the Santa Fe Railroad and, for health problems, left there in 1976. He has travelled extensively while watching his only son emerge through the maze and has two lovely grand-daughters.

John W. McGolerick, Jr, 80th Inf. Div, Co. G, writes that his unit was one of the first units to meet the German breakthrough in The Bulge. He was wounded on 3/17/45 just before crossing the Rhine and his unit ended up in Austria.

Thomas R. Heffernan, 1st Sqd, A Co, 1st Plt, 137th Inf. Regt, 35th Div, served during The Bulge and ended up with the 15th Corps. HQ. He's now in the bank & trust business in Mattituck, NY.

Ralph R. Balestrieri, 58th AFA Bn, wishes to hear from anyone who took basic training in Btry. C, 592d FA Bn in Apr-Jun43. He also wishes to hear from members of Btry B, 590th FA Bn gun sections in Jul-Aug 1943 or any officers, both units of which were part of the 106th Inf. Div.

Alvin A. Saretske, 9th Field Hosp, writes that a high point in his life these past 40 years was a visit to the International Festival of Youth Orchestras in St. Mauritz, Switzerland, in 1970. He hopes someday to visit Henri Chapelle American Cemetery and the graves of his unit's casualties. His "secret desire" is to return to Omaha Beach.

Vernie Horath, 482d AAA, Btry. B, wishes to hear from other former unit members. Write him at 707 S. Pearl St, Box 169, Atlanta, IL 61723.

Floyd A. Stellmacher, Svc. Co, 2d Tank Bn, 9th Armd. Div, writes concerning a battalion reunion in Dayton, Ohio, in July. He wishes to see more of his unit buddies. Write to him at 1061 Metomen St, Ripon, WI.





# RETURN TO THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Sept. 7 - 17, 1989

*An unofficial repeat  
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Total cost: \$1550.*

Includes round-trip air fare New York-Luxembourg City, memorial ceremony at Bastogne, farewell banquet with orchestra, and one day individual tours in private cars. Conducted personally by VBOB member Charles B. MacDonald, author of *Company Commander* and *A Time for Trumpets*. Limited to 2 buses and 90 travellers.

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Charles B. MacDonald  
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*or telephone:*

(703) 578-4251



## Rules Reviewed For Donating Artifacts to The Bulge Gallery

All systems are "GO" as the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation continues to get closer step-by-step to an acceptable design for the Battle of the Bulge Gallery, U.S. Army Museum, Fort George G. Meade, MD.

Many veterans have artifacts, memorabilia and documents or personal articles that could help tell the story of this great battle and should be ear-marked for future donation to the Battle of the Bulge Gallery.

In this issue of **THE BULGE BUGLE** (page 7) is a form entitled "Artifact Information Request" which you may complete and mail to the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 2516, Kensington, MD 20895-0818.

Examples of artifacts that could enhance the Gallery are items of uniforms and equipment that have some Bulge-related historical significance; weapons; documents to include letters, official papers, and unit histories; unit and action photographs containing, to the extent possible, names and other specifics; maps, stories and books about the Battle of the Bulge.

It must be emphasized that no materials should be sent to the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation or the Fort Meade Museum at this time.

There are several important points. One is that the procedure for logging in items and documents is a lengthy and time-consuming process — an item as small as a button must go through the same procedures as a machine gun. The other is that once the donated material is accepted it becomes the property of the U.S. Army and cannot be returned.

It is important that veterans store, in protective containers, the materials each would be willing to donate to the Gallery. At the proper time, a request will be made for certain items and postage-free containers will be provided.

The "Artifact Information Form" serves two purposes: (1) Provides a record of artifacts, documents and materials that each veteran would be willing to donate, and (2) Informs the Exhibit Design Firm of available materials that could be incorporated into the display design and greatly enhance the effectiveness of the Gallery.

The Battle of the Bulge Gallery will be the only one of its kind in the United States and will be an eternal legacy which the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge leave to future generations as a personal record of the greatest battle every fought by the U.S. Army.

This legacy will be as impressive as the living and honored veterans make it. Give this matter your serious consideration NOW and mail in the form at your earliest convenience ...and perhaps enclose a financial contribution along with the form...it would be greatly appreciated.

— Clyde Boden  
Second Vice President  
Historical Foundation

## *Are Your Dues DUE?*



## CRIBA

The following was contained in a speech made by Noel J. Mormont in Mondorf at the banquet on the last night of VBOB's tour in Luxembourg on 29 September 1988. Noel is a member of CRIBA, Center of Research and Information on the Battle of the Ardennes, and shows admiration, respect and gratitude which the people of Belgium and Luxembourg have for the veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

"CRIBA is a non-profit association founded eight years ago by a few Belgians who were interested in the Battle of the Bulge. The objectives of the CRIBA are practically the same as those of the VBOB: To perpetuate the memory, to preserve historical data and sites, to foster international peace, and to promote the friendship among the survivors of the Battle and the Belgian population.

"The first time you came over, our country was occupied by uninvited visitors. They did not willingly agree to leave the place. You had to kick them back to where they belonged.

"It was a success until your advance came to a standstill because of over-extended communications lines. You had to settle on defensive positions. Then, on the most unexpected part of the front, at the most unexpected time of the year, with the most unexpected military power, the enemy hit hard. You took the blow. By your courage, gallantry and stamina, you defeated the evil plans of Mr. Hitler.

"And thus you became our liberators for the second time. Belgium still remembers that you put an end to Nazism and that we owe you our freedom.

"Whenever any of you told a Belgian 'I was here during the battle,' smiles, shake hands, kisses, thanks, all the signs of friendship arose spontaneously. Forty-four years after the battle, this friendship shows you that your fight was right; it shows that those who gave their lives remain forever with us in the huge cemeteries of La Neuville, Henri-Chapelle and Luxembourg and have not given their most precious possession in vain.

"War is evil, as said a friend of mine, but let's thank The Lord that it gave us the occasion to find friendship in the hearts

of men."

Dee Paris, one of the first members of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, provided the information for this very fine article.

Should any of our members wish to contact Noel J. Mormont, you may write him at Place Sainte-Gertrude, 18, B-4570, Blegny, Belgium.

## Up Front

## with Willie & Joe

by Bill Mauldin. Reprinted in The Stars and Stripes Courtesy of Bill Mauldin



"Nonsense. S-2 reported that machine gun silenced hours ago. Stop Wiggling your fingers at me."

Effective 1 May, VA will add four valor awards and the Purple Heart to inscription information on future headstones and markers at no charge. These are in addition to the inscription "Medal of Honor" and a facsimile of that medal. The additional awards to be inscribed at Government expense are the Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross and Silver Star. Headstones and grave markers are provided by the VA without charge for gravesites of veterans interred in any private, state veterans or National cemetery.

**EDITOR'S  
SQUARE**



# Battle Of The Bulge Video

In September, 1988, a television crew from The Chesapeake Media Institute accompanied some 100 VBOB members on a return tour of the Ardennes region of Luxembourg and Belgium. The tour was organized by Charles MacDonald, author of *A Time For Trumpets* who, along with VBOB president Bill Greenville, had been working with CMI on the creation of **DECEMBER DAWN**: A 90-minute PBS documentary on the Battle of the Bulge.

The production effort begun on this tour will culminate next summer with the national and international release of this very special television project. Unlike earlier film projects on the Battle of the Bulge, **DECEMBER DAWN** will tell this story from the perspective of those who lived it—GIs, medics, field nurses, gun and tank crews—veterans like yourself recalling harrowing memories that you all share.

While filming on location with the VBOB members, we were inundated with requests to purchase copies of **DECEMBER DAWN** prior to its national release scheduled for September 1989. As we promised everyone, we have arranged a special pre-release offer to VBOB members and their families.

In honor of the 45th anniversary of The Battle of the Bulge, CMI is offering VBOB members and their families, personal, pre-release copies of the program for \$79.95. Veterans purchasing the program before May 1st will have their names listed at the end of the documentary in a special Honor Roll. They will also receive a Certificate of Recognition listing their name, rank and unit and announcing their inclusion in the Honor Roll. Family members can purchase copies in remembrance of their loved ones or as a gift. *(If you pre-purchased DECEMBER DAWN prior to January 1, 1989, your name will also appear on the Honor Roll.)*

Twenty percent of the purchase price will be donated back to the VBOB Foundation to go toward the construction of the Battle of the Bulge Gallery at the U.S. Army Museum at Fort George G. Meade. CMI is also a non-profit organization, so all of your pre-release purchase of **DECEMBER DAWN** is tax-deductible. Please use this order form for purchasing your copies.

We wish to extend our thanks to all those VBOB members who assisted us with our initial filming in September. We shall not forget your stories, your patience and your hospitality.

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## December Dawn Order Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ copy (copies) of the television documentary **DECEMBER DAWN**, a Certificate of Recognition, and inclusion in the Veterans Honor Roll, at the pre-release price of \$79.95 each plus \$3.00 shipping charge.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAPE FORMAT: VHS \_\_\_\_\_ BETA \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the name, rank and unit of the VBOB member to be included in the Honor Roll:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

Your copy of **DECEMBER DAWN** will be shipped by September 1, 1989. Sorry, no C.O.D. Please make your check or money order payable to the Chesapeake Media Institute, P.O. Box 16286, Baltimore, MD 21210.

# VISITS TO THE BULGE

There will be several tours to the Battle of the Bulge area in 1989 since this will be the 45th anniversary of the start of that battle. There is the possibility that other tours to Europe will visit the Bulge area.

In anticipation of this, the VBOB executive council adopted the following policy and procedures at its meeting on 19 November 1988:

In furtherance of its constitutional policy, the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) encourages tours of, and visits to the Bulge area. VBOB will not endorse any tour nor will it approve any tour publications or announcements indicating VBOB approval or endorsement nor will it permit the use of its emblem (logotype) in the advertising, announcements or promotion of these visits unless approved in advance by VBOB.

Brief notices about tours may be published in THE BULGE BUGLE provided they are received before the copy deadline for publication and provided the notices inform interested readers how and where they may obtain complete information needed to participate in the tour. VBOB will have the final authority on the decision to publish.

Travel firms and individuals who are conducting a visit to the Bulge area are invited to submit, as soon as possible, the tour dates, the area to be visited, any special events and activities, the costs and supplemental costs and the name, address and telephone number of the person or firm who will furnish complete information and registration forms to those who are interested. Send this information to Mr. Dee Paris - 13110 Holdridge Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

## VBOB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

Much of the policy-making and decision making and other business of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge is accomplished between General Membership Meetings by the Executive Council at Fort Myer, VA on the third Saturday of each month. The council is composed of elected and appointed VBOB officials.



**Veterans  
Administration**

Widows of veterans rated 100% for service-connected disabilities who die from other than service-connected causes, may, if in receipt of compensation for ten or more years prior to death, are entitled to receive DIC benefits regardless of the cause of death provided they were married two or more years or that a child was born of the marriage.



Former POW's not rated as service-connected disabled by VA are entitled to VA hospital and nursing home care without regard to ability to pay. They are also eligible for outpatient care on a priority basis second only to service-connected disabled veterans. While receiving treatment, these veterans are eligible for needed medicine, glasses, hearing aids and prostheses. If POW internment lasted 181 days or more, needed dental care is available.

## HELP!

We are putting together four video tape programs which will tell the VBOB story using still pictures, maps, movies and or video tapes. Two short tapes will be suitable for TV commercials. A 5 minute tape will give a short presentation to veterans groups and a 30 minute tape will provide a more detailed story of the battle and VBOB.

What do you have that you can recommend for use in this project? Color is preferred but B/W is acceptable.

Please write first. Describe the item and tell how it may 'fit into' the story of the Battle of the Bulge or the story of VBOB

Many items are available in VBOB Headquarter files but yours may be unique and tell a part of the story we have failed to address.

This project is moving into high gear so research your memorabilia NOW. Each of us may have a building block that will make the project outstanding.

These meetings are open to all VBOB members although only Council members make motions and vote. Those members living in the Washington, DC area and those visiting are encouraged to attend. Further information may be obtained by writing to the President, VBOB, P.O. Box 11129, Arlington, VA 22210 or by telephoning 703-979-5270.

In addition to observing the business end of VBOB, these sessions afford a great opportunity for good fellowship and reminiscing.



# REUNIONS

290th Combat Engineers, 6-8 Jul 89, Hilton Hotel, Knoxville, TN. Contact Douglas D. Pickering, 219 Lake St, Greenville, TN 37743.

Tank Destroyer Assn, Fall of 1989, Ft. Knox, KY. Contact the association at 3050 Harcross Rd, Redwood City, CA 94062.

86th Chem. Mortar Bn. Assn, 26-30 Apr 89, Charleston, SC. Contact George Benjamin, 130 N. Ervin St, Darlington, SC 29532.

29th Div (Florida residents), 27-28 Jan 89, Holiday Inn, Bradenton, FL. Contact George I. Smith, 2412 Griswold Ct, New Port Richey, FL 34655.

168th Engr. Combat Bn. Members interested in a reunion in 1989 are asked to contact Alfred P. Pompeo at 18 Newton Rd, Medford, MA 02155.

76th Inf. Div. weekend of 9/23/89, Williamsburg, VA. Contact Albert Benik, 726 Reynolds Ave, McKeesport, PA 15132.

A Co, 52d AIB Assn, 24-27 Apr 89, Nashville, TN. Contact Joe Tatman, Box 107, Sugar Grove, OH 43155.

83d Inf. Div. Assn. (WWII), 17-19 Aug 89, Cincinnati, OH. Contact Robert Derickson, 3749 Stahlheber Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013.

Btry B, 777th AAA, 18-21 May 89, Holiday Inn West, Bridgeton, MO. Contact Larry Bright, 9912 Mitchell Place, St. Ann, MO 63074.

617th Ord. Base Armament Maint. Bn, 4-7 May 89, Hilton Inn Gateway, Kissimmee, FL. Contact John G. Sweetman, 731 Green Ct, Kissimmee, FL 32758.

7th Armd. Div. Assn, 43d Anniversary Reunion, 9/6-9/89. Contact Glenn R. Fackler, 23218 Springbrook Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48024.

305th Combat Engr, 80th Div, 4/20-22/89. Sheraton West Port Inn, St. Louis, MO 63146. Contact Peter Mayer, 4224 Valley crest Hills, St. Louis, MO 63128. (Thanks for this info, COL Fecskovics (Ed.))

644th TD Bn, June 1989, Las Vegas NV. Contact Frank Arieta, 114 W. Catawissa St, Nesquehoning, PA 18240.

## THE MOON AND THE DEAD

The roar of the battle languished,  
The hate from the guns was still,  
While the moon rose up from a smoke cloud,  
And looked at the dead on the hill.

Pale was her face with anguish,  
Wet were her eyes with tears,  
As she gazed on the twisted corpses,  
Cut off in their earliest years.

Some were bit by the bullet,  
Some were kissed by the steel,  
Some were crushed by the cannon,  
But all were still, how still!

The smoke wreaths hung in the hollows,  
The blood stink rose in the air;  
And the moon looked down in pity,  
At the poor dead lying there.

Light of their childhood's wonder,  
Moon of their puppy love,  
Goal of their first ambition,  
She watched them from above.

Yet not with regret she mourned them,  
Fair slain on the field of strife,  
Fools only lament the hero,  
Who gives for faith his life.

She sighed for the lives extinguished,  
She wept for the loves that grieve,  
But she glowed with pride on seeing  
That manhood still doth live.

The moon sailed on contented,  
Above the heaps of slain,  
For she saw that manhood liveth,  
And honor breathes again.

George Smith Patton, Jr., 1945

**The Fourth Armored Division Association** is having its reunion on JULY 20,21,22 1989 at Marriott Hotel in Stamford, CT 06901

If more information is needed please contact the Secretary - Treasurer, Samuel A. Schenker, Sr., 1823 Shady Drive, Farrell, PA 16121

*Did ya notice how people are changing?*

They are so much younger than they used to be, when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran across an old classmate the other day, and he had aged so badly he didn't recognize me!!!

Bill Hemphill

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### BATTLEFIELD TOUR OF THE ARDENNES, SEPT. 1988.

Mildred and Sam Silverman stand by the 10th Armored Monument in Berdorf, Luxembourg. Sam was wounded not far from where he is standing when his unit "C" Company, 11th Battalion, 10th AD took part in taking the town during the Bulge. Sam is the official photographer of VBOB.



### BATTLEFIELD TOUR OF THE ARDENNES, SEPT. 1988.

(l to r) Sam Silverman, Bill Tayman, "Lucky" Loiancono, Andre Hubert of CIBA, VBOB Pres. George Chekan and Charles MacDonald. The toasting was rendered at hotel de Ville (City Hall) of Bastogne, Belgium.

## RAY EVANS

VBOB Executive Council and the VBOB membership regret the passing of Life member Ray Evans Jr., Arlington, VA on Friday 20 January 1989.

Ray Evans was born 2 March 1921. He made the Normandy landing with the 20th Combat Engineer Battalion of the 20th Combat Regiment. He earned three Purple Hearts, in Normandy, the Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. Ray served as Virginia State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and was active in the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.



## VBOB 1988 TOUR



A number of travellers on The '88 VBOB Tour renewed acquaintances with Belgian and Luxembourg civilians whom they had met during the war, but perhaps no meeting was more poignant than that between Ruth Puryear, 107th Evacuation Hospital, and one she had helped care for as a 7-year-old who was severely wounded by a shell fragment in a shoulder, Andre Meurisse. They were reunited at a luncheon in the Hotel Dahmen in Andre's hometown of Bullingen, Belgium. Shown above are Dick Keech with camera, Ruth Puryear, Andre Meurisse and S. R. Horman who provided this foto. (In the background is VBOB's President, Bill Greenville).

## Small World For Friends of The Bulge

In 1986 when Bob VanHouten was on the Bulge France tour, he was taken to his Bulge area by Jacques Rummens. Jacques is an avid researcher of the battle and a member of CRIBA in Belgium. He requested of Bob a copy of the 4th Infantry Division history.

Bob finally obtained one and asked Helen Berry, our Historian, to deliver it to Jacques when she visited Belgium in June with a group from the 4th Inf. Div.

On June 5, 1988, when Helen attended a wine reception on Utah Beach honoring the visiting veterans of the 4th, she started talking to two men from Belgium who were attending the D-Day ceremonies. She told them she had this book that she was to deliver, but knew only the man's name and that he lived near Liege. Much to everyone's surprise and pleasure of the thrill of coincidence, she found she was speaking directly to Jacques Rummens. So she happily was able to complete the delivery.

Jacques has also requested a copy of the history of the 28th Inf. Div. for his collection. Anyone who can help him in this, please write Jacques Rummens, Galgestraat 113, B3300 Tienen, Belgium.

## VA Booklet Lists Vets' Bennies

MOST former soldiers know they have veterans' rights, but a booklet published recently by the Veterans Administration notes clearly that family members are also entitled to benefits. *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* outlines benefits, including educational assistance and VA home loans for spouses, widows and widowers of veterans whose death or disability is service-connected. Educational benefits are also offered to the spouse and children of a POW or a soldier listed as missing in action.

For a copy of the booklet, send \$2.25 to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 118T, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. Every order includes a free copy of the center's latest quarterly *Consumer Information Catalog*. — Consumer Information Center



**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.** Andre Hubert, President of CRIBA (Belgium), Tilly Kimmes, Secretary of CIBA (Luxembourg), William Greenville, VBOB President take time out to enjoy international camaraderie during the Sept., 1988 VBOB Tour.

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# VBOB MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

Records indicate 5,050 VBOB members reside (some are deceased) in the U.S. as of an unspecified date. Five thousand thirty-nine are distributed throughout the 50 states. We are trying to locate the 11 who are residing elsewhere in the states. Can you help us locate them?

The map shows the number of members who listed their address in each state. The greatest VBOB state population is 632 in Pennsylvania which furnished the 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Next door, New York lists 457 VBOB'ers. Florida claims 304. Seven states show 200/299 and five states list between 100 and 199. So 3,889 (77%) VBOB members live in 15 states. Alaska has two and Hawaii has three.

Seventy-seven percent (3,865) of VBOB members live East and 23% (1,185) live West of the Mississippi River. Approximately 24% of our members live South of the Mason-Dixon Line (extended).

All of the foregoing means little. But, you can use it as a base to launch an attack on the figures. Recruit your neighbors as members of VBOB and change your state rating! Get credit for each member recruited by listing YOUR NAME on the right side of the application.



ELIGIBILITY FOR VBOB MEMBERSHIP +++++ The current VBOB Constitution and By-laws provide information pertaining to eligibility for VBOB membership. Basically, the provisions are:

Regular membership is available to anyone who has been awarded a campaign battle star for the Ardennes Campaign, 16 December 1944 - 25 January 1945.

Associate membership is available to anyone of good moral character and reputation who supports the VBOB principles.

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Unit(s) to which assigned during period December 16, 1944—January 25, 1945 (Div, Regt, Bn, Co) \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Ribbons and Battle stars awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Wounded \_\_\_\_\_

Captured \_\_\_\_\_

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