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A VETERAN'S VIEW

For the people of the Old Testament, the ancient Israelites, a person's name was the extension of the person himself. To disparage the name was to disparage the person. It is for this reason that the second of the Ten Commandments, God's divine law, requires us to respect God's name. We obey the Second Commandment by not only showing reverence to God but by showing reverence for His Holy Name. The two cannot be separated.

For all Americans and particularly veterans, our national flag not only represents the nation but in a true sense is an extension of the nation itself. To desecrate the flag is to desecrate the nation. In a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, the court ruled by a narrow majority (5 to 4) that the deliberate burning of our nation's flag as a form of protest is protected by the freedom of speech clause of the First Amendment. For us such a view is incomprehensible. We see the deliberate destruction of the flag in this manner as directed toward the destruction of the nation. The two cannot be separated.

There are those who would disagree with our view as to what our flag represents. But for those of us who were privileged to serve our nation in the military services, and who with the passage of time have come to realize, more and more, that it was a privilege and not just a duty to serve, the flag is the nation. We recall saluting the flag each time we passed it and it passed us. We recall the solemn moment when the flag was raised, and more particularly when it was lowered at formal retreat parades. We recall seeing it snapping in the wind at sea or on a flagstaff at a newly liberated town or city. When we saw the flag we saw America.

As Americans we respect the right of each person to have and to express freely his own views, even those views that might be in complete variance with ours. But we believe that the deliberate desecration of the flag is something more than the simple expression of free speech. We believe that it is intended to be, and is an act of violence against the nation. We hope and pray that lawmakers and the courts will soon restore the flag of our nation to the pinnacle from which it has been lowered.

Monsignor William F. O'Donnell
VBOB Chaplain

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From The President

GMM89 is our eight annual membership meeting. We hope with the increase in membership and our first trip west that we will attract an increase in attendance. In the Sierras in September, with Lake Tahoe and Reno as our stamping grounds and a few hundred VBOBers, we should have a memorable meeting.

Study the last issue of The Bulge Bugle and this issue very carefully because there is much being said that affects the progress of VBOB.

You are being asked for your support by the Historical Foundation so that we can move as quickly as possible through the fund-raising phase, on to the construction phase, and look ultimately to the opening of the Gallery.

With our continuing increase in membership of more than 100 a month, the management and organizational structure become that much more important. A chairman and subcommittee chairmen, as I outlined in the last Bulge Bugle, will be in place for for the next Executive Council meeting. I will keep you informed of the progress of this committee.

Purchase of the books and tape through VBOB by you and your friends gives you tax deductions and creates an income for the VBOB. This has been made possible by the donation of the profits from the sale of the books and tape by the authors who are members of VBOB.

Yours in comradeship,

William T. Greenville

Official notice of a sense of proposal to amend the Constitution and Bylaws Article XIII - Amendment of Constitution and Bylaws

Until December 16, 1990 the Executive Council is specially authorized to amend the constitution at any regular monthly meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose; to effectuate a constitutional amendment, the vote shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present of the Executive Council at the time of vote. Any amendment so approved shall be in effect until the next General Membership Meeting and shall be voted on by the attending members. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present shall be required for approval.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Foundation, with the guidance of Grace Marshall, campaign manager, has been working actively on the fund-raising campaign. Our efforts over the past several months have involved conversations with potential donors, including veterans groups, corporations, and VBOB members who can assist who can assist us with various organizations throughout the country.

Serious conversations were held with five corporations regarding major support. Formal proposals to them are now being prepared and will be submitted to them in the near future.

A meeting was held with Robert Lenham, Director of Administration, Disabled American Veterans, to report on progress since their initial grant of \$5,000 and to explore the possibility of a major challenge grant. This grant from the DAV would match, on a one-to-one basis, those gifts from VBOB members, other veterans, and individuals. A proposal for this agreement is being developed.

William Greenville, President of the VBOB, Carl Yadouga, a member of the VBOB and the Pennsylvania American Legion, and Dorothy Davis, Chairman of the Historical Foundation, met with Edward T. Hoak, State Adjutant of the Pennsylvania American Legion. A resolution has been prepared endorsing the VBOB and the Gallery project. Mr. Hoak will offer this resolution at the Legion's State Convention in July.

A meeting was held with Dr. Gregory Stiverson, Director of the Maryland State Archives; Col. Howard Friedlander, Maryland National Guard and Military Attache to Governor Schaefer; Clarence Bacon, Veterans Commission; Len Kelly, Secretary of State; and other Maryland officials. Together with these officials, the Foundation plans to develop an active and highly productive campaign in Maryland.

We are pleased with the progress thus far and are encouraged by the response from individuals and organizations. In the meantime, however, **WE DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** The better the participation from our VBOB family, the better the likelihood of support from others.

THE DONORS

Our special thanks to the more than 850 contributors to the Foundation. Your continued giving makes it possible to proceed with the Gallery plans, and your enthusiastic notes of encouragement are much appreciated.

We would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, the leadership gifts that have been made to the Foundation as of June 15, 1989. There have been 126 donations of \$500 each, including the following Unit gifts:

CO B 289 INF 75 INF DIV
510 FTR SQDN 405 FTR GP 9AF
511 ENGINEER LIGHT PONTON CO
557 AAA BN ASSOCIATION SUPPORT UNIT
WITH 84 INF DIV (\$557)
773 TANK DESTROYER BN

If there are 100 members in your Unit association, and each member contributes only \$5, you can make a \$500 donation (by November 15) and have your Unit's name engraved on the "Patron's Fund" plaque to be unveiled at the "Dinner Gala" on December 14, 1989.

DINNER GALA DECEMBER 14, 1989

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, December 14, for the Dinner Gala at the Fort Meade Officers' Club!

We will commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge and celebrate the progress of the Foundation's fund-raising efforts.

It will be an exciting evening, with the First Army Color Guard to post the colors and the U.S. Army Chorus to entertain us. There will be photos of Battle of the Bulge events. The "Founder's 500" plaque with its 117 inscriptions will be on display. Guests will include Ambassador Philippe of Luxembourg and Ambassador Dehennin of Belgium, as well as other dignitaries. A highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of the 1989 "Patron's Fund" plaque.

Complete information and reservation forms will be available in the next issue of the Bulge Bugle.

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On December 15, the annual meeting of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation will be held at the Fort Meade Museum.

On December 16, special ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery will mark the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. These plans will be coordinated by Col. Eugene Drouillard.

The three days of activities will be concluded with a buffet luncheon at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. There will be time for remembering with your "buddies" what you were doing 45 years ago on that date.

Be sure to check the next issue of the Bugle for details. If you have questions, call Dorothy Davis, (301) 881-0356.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MARCY KAPTUR MEETS WITH BATTLE OF THE BULGE FOUNDATION

On May 17, 1989, Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) met with representatives of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation to discuss planning for the Bulge Gallery at Fort Meade.

Ms. Kaptur, co-sponsor of a bill to establish a national memorial and museum about U.S. participation in World War II, said that she became involved in planning for a U.S. museum after visiting the Museum of Peace at Normandy several years ago.

She applauded the BOBHF effort, saying, "We must do something here in the United States to memorialize the valiant efforts made for freedom during World War II and to educate our young people about it. This combination of commemorating and teaching is important, and I am impressed that your Gallery will do both."

Ms. Kaptur noted as well that there is a ground swell around the country for efforts of this type. "People are feeling a real need to leave a mark--something which will tell about the war which shaped the modern political world as we know it," she said.

H.R. 537, now in committee, would provide funding for the establishment of a memorial and museum on Federal land within the District of Columbia to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and to commemorate the participation of the United States in that conflict.

"We had a productive meeting with Representative Kaptur," said Foundation Comptroller, William Tayman. "She has done much for the veterans and it's obvious that she really cares. Our Battle of the Bulge Gallery will be an effective adjunct to a national museum, provide the details and human touch that a museum covering the whole war could not, and will be a meaningful memorial to the 600,000 Americans who served in the Battle of the Bulge."

The Foundation is continuing its funding campaign for corporate and foundation grants, is working with several Maryland officials on state and private sector support, and above all else **NEEDS YOUR TOTAL SUPPORT.**

**PRESERVE THE HISTORY
OF THE BATTLE
OF THE BULGE...**

**SUPPORT OUR
GALLERY**

The Book Of Legacy

Every person that makes a donation to The Historical Foundation for the Battle of the Bulge Gallery at the Fort George G. Meade Museum will be registered in The Book of Legacy. All people of our great Nation are the legatees of the soldier that gave his life or part of himself in the Battle of the Bulge. Through his sacrifice the soldier bequeathed freedom to the people of his Nation.

Our time has come to honor him by establishing the historical truth with our Gallery.

Success is going to be in the number of members and friends that we can record in The Book of Legacy, not the amount of money each donates. Every donation is a reflection of the individual and represents what the donor is personally able to contribute. While all of this is taken into consideration, we must be practical and ask all to extend themselves in order to be successful and to construct a gallery worthy of A Soldier.

We Need Your Help!!

The Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation (BoBHF) plans to have an abundance of archival materials in the Gallery library. Among the information desired is personal history data on BoB veterans. This will be separate from the information that will be computerized for those who contributed \$25 or more, and will be a most interesting section of the Gallery.

Would you complete the information sheet below and return it to us? [Please note that data such as addresses and phone numbers will NOT be available to the general public, but that information will help us contact you if we have any questions].

Battle of the Bulge Veterans

PERSONAL HISTORY DATA

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: _____

Current Business:

Title: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Service During the Bulge:

Company _____ Regiment _____

Division _____ Rank (during BoB) _____

Military Service After the War: _____

What have you been involved in since the War? Please note family information, other business and hobby activities, charity and community involvement, etc.:

Please return to: Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 2516
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MEMORIAL DAY 1989



When Maj. Gen. John A. Logan issued General Order No. 11, dated 5 May 1868 he designated the 30th day in May as the day for flowers to be strewn on the graves of all comrades who had fallen and died in defense of their country during the late rebellion. This was the day to cherish tenderly the memory of our heroic dead and to guard their graves with sacred vigilance. This year Memorial Day was held on a Government Monday, the 29th of May. National services were held in Arlington

National Cemetery in the Amphitheater and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Services began with the Honorable J. Danford Quayle, Vice President of the United States, laying a wreath at the Tomb at 1050 hours. The ceremony then shifted to the Amphitheater. As usual the presentation of colors was a beautiful sight to behold as representatives from 39 veterans' organizations marched in carrying the American flag and their unit standards. The columns moved forward halfway down the center aisle and then split, one to the right, the other to the left, and stopping as they formed a half circle on either side of the center stage. Vice Pres. Quayle then gave a fitting Memorial Day Address. A stirring rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic was sung by MGYSGT Michael S. Ryan and GYSGT Raymond H. Dryburgh played TAPS. Both of these NCO's were from the United States Marine Band. At the conclusion of this ceremony all personnel moved to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the continuation of the wreath-laying ceremonies. Our beautiful National Wreath was presented by our President, William Greenville and Vice Pres. Eugene Drouillard. The wreath from the MD-DC Chapter was presented by the chapter President, Harold Bohn and Wright Robinson. Our own VBOB Memorial was viewed by thousands before and after the Memorial Day Ceremony.



National President William Greenville, Executive Vice President Demetri Paris and Eugene Drouillard, Vice President for Military Affairs with the VBOB wreath that was presented at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery on 29 May 1989

Photo by Sam Silverman

Members Speak Out

Henry A. Green, Co. A, 34th Sig. Bn, wishes to hear from anyone who remembers freezing his feet during the Battle of the Bulge. Henry was a Staff Sgt. at the time. If you can help, please write to him at R#1, Box 78B, Rayville, MO 64084.

Dick Murphy, one of VBOB's 400+ Associate Members, whose father served in the Battle of the Bulge, writes to state his intentions to preserve "the memory of the famous Battle of the Bulge." Dick states that he is in constant awareness of the significant effects the war had on its warriors and on the home-front. He finds his awareness very rewarding and beneficial since he would not be enjoying what most take for granted were it not for the sacrifices which our members, including his father, endured.

Marshall W. Baird, 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, has kept busy since WWII in logging, sawmilling, truck driving, construction (roads and dams) and cattle-ranching. He retired 2½ years ago.

Lawrence I. Falstein, Co. K, 110th Inf, 28th Inf. Div, writes to describe a recent unit reunion held on 21 April. Thirty-one men were present; all are ex-POWs from Stalag IV-B near the Elbe River in central Germany. Most of the POWs were captured during the Battle of the Bulge. Stalag IV-B was liberated on 23 April 45 by a lone Russian cavalryman.

Vincent Meinhart, 61st Chem. Depot Co, a retired glazier after 35 years and doing volunteer work at his local hospital won't forget the "terrible cold and snow of 1944/1945." He'd like to hear from unit members who may write him at 1449 Cornell St, Scranton, PA 18504.

Paul F. Stanley, 372d Engr. Combat Bn, would like to hear from Capt. Ferguson, Capt Campbell, Capt. Lippman and Col Damewood. His new address is 3000 Augusta St, No. 249, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Felix J. Leger, Co. K, 26th Regt, 1st Div, writes to say he's 75, in fine health and works as a school crossing guard. He wishes to hear from anyone in Co. K. who was in the 1st Div. from Nov 44 to Mar 46.

Duane C. Sobotka, B Btry, 14th Armd. Fld. Arty, 2d Armd Div, writes to say he has not seen anything in THE BULGE BUGLE concerning anyone from the 2d AD. If there are any more members around, you may write Duane at 1204 Cottonwood Drive, Richland, WA 99352.

Clifford F. Duffy, Co. A, 358 Inf, 90th Inf. Div, is trying to locate a roster of his Co. A buddies and a battle map of the 90th Inf. trek across Europe, as well as a picture of the Bastogne monument. If anyone can help Clifford, please contact him at 518 - 4th Ave, N.E., Independence, Iowa 50644.

Clyde M. Grubb, A Co, 36th A.I.R, 3d Armd Div, wishes to hear from anyone who remembers his being taken as a POW. On 27 Mar 45, he fell off a tank and also was wounded near Hachenburg, Germany. Anyone who can help Clyde may contact him at 73 Race St, Highspire, PA 17034.

Harold (Bob) Tallent, 80th Div, 317th Inf, writes that every time he looks at snow-covered hills and pines in Northern Michigan it brings back memories of the Bulge.

Lonnie Gray, 460th Ord. Evac. Co, wishes to hear from former members. Write him at PO Box 233, Pangburn, AR 72121.

Earl W. Patriquin, 212th Arty, 6th Armd. Div, of Brockton, MA retired after 39 years with the Fire Dept. He keeps active in affairs of his Division.

Eduardo Peniche, native of Yucatan, Mexico moved to Paducah, KY and enlisted at 18. He was with the 101st Airborne Div. After discharge he eventually became Associate Professor of Spanish at Central Virginia College. On retirement he hopes to educate, out of the main stream, children either with the Mayan population in Yucatan or tutor minority 7th and 8th graders in Houston, TX.

Albert Benik wishes to hear from men of Co. G, 417th Inf. Write him at 726th Reynolds, McKeesport, PA 15132. Name and Company incorrect in 2/89 edition...Ed.

Edward A. Miller, Co. B, 60th Inf, 9th Armd Div, would like to hear from comrades with whom he served. Write Eddie at Route 2, Box 182, Wallace, MI 49893.

Members Speak Out

Leonard Schafenberg, 174th FA Bn, wishes to hear from former unit members especially those from OH and NY. Write Leonard at 1911 E. 29th St, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

Charles D. Ward, 3101 S. Manchester St, Apt. #317, Falls Church, VA 22044, is anxious to hear from anyone who knew his father, T/5 Marvin C. Ward, 149th Armd. Sig. Co, 9th Armd. Div.

Maynard H. Sexton, 106th Inf. Div, 422d Inf, sends us a news clipping concerning his receipt of the Prisoner of War Medal. Two hundred relatives and friends attended the presentation in Lone Tree, Iowa. After his capture, the POWs were crammed 100 to a train boxcar designed for 40 men. During his five-day train ride, the men received water twice and given only a little bread to eat. Daily food ration in prison camp was one slice of bread and some thin soup. When captured by German troops during the Battle of the Bulge he weighed 140 pounds; when liberated 102 days later he weighed 90 pounds.

Felipe Rodriguez thanks his buddy, Floyd R. Ross, for enrolling him as a member of VBOB. In the April 1988 issue of THE BULGE BUGLE Felipe corrects the name of the regiment from 35th Inf. Regt. to H&H Co, 358th Inf. Regt, 90th Inf. Div. Felix would like to hear from Frame, Hoffmeister, Levin I. Magee, Emilio Esparza and Pete. Write him at 794 N. Brea Blvd, Brea, CA 92621, c/o Phil's Barber Shop.

Matthew Femino, President of VBOB's E.G. Paul Newharden Chapter of Massachusetts, received a certificate of appreciation from the Veterans Administration for 3,448 hours of voluntary service to veterans over a nine-year period.



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Widows of veterans who desire government markers for their husbands' unmarked graves should obtain an Application for Headstone or Marker from any VA regional office, veterans service organization or your local cemetery or funeral director. Send the completed application to Monument Service (42), Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420.

**FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE
THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE...**

WE ARE THE SURVIVORS!

Consider the changes we have witnessed

We were born before television, Penicillin and Polio shots, before frozen food. Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, lazer beams and ballpoint pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. how quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits weren't Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was in the back of the balcony of the Riviera Theater.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, duel careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us time sharing meant togetherness — not computers or condominiums or condoms: a "chip" meant a piece of wood or what Ben Hogan was good at; hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word, and a vibrator was what the barber worked the kinks out of your neck with!

In 1940, "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your final exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents. Creamland sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail a letter or two Post Cards. You could buy a Chevy Coup for \$600.00 (But who could afford one?) A pity, too, because gas was 11¢ a gallon!

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was the thing your mother cooked in. ROCK Music was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's Office.

We were certainly not before the difference between sexes was discovered, but we were before the sex change: We made do with what we had. And, we were the last generation that was so innocent as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today! BUT WE SURVIVED; WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE!!

**Join us in Reno!
Bill Hemphill**

Military service records (other than a part of your VA claims file) are kept at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Any VA regional office or veterans' service organization can assist you in requesting copies of your military records.

CHAPTER NEWS

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The first meeting of this chapter was held on 18 March at the King's Table in Seattle. There were 15 people present. The group decided to have quarterly meetings, including one state-wide, with the next one scheduled for September. After the business meeting, four members told their personal experiences in the Battle of the Bulge. Kipp DeAngelis, Secy, presented Pres. Chuck Pomianek with a plaque for his excellent success in recruiting new members. Chuck says he is working to obtain 100 new members for VBOB. Everyone present bought VBOB caps.

THE GEORGE S. PATTON, JR. CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

On 9 March Beverley and I met with a group of 25 VBOBers and guests at the Mountain Brook Inn in Birmingham, AL. Arrangements for a great evening were made by Charles M. Hunter. Everyone had such an enjoyable time that they voted to request status as a chapter; it was presented and accepted by the Executive Council on 15 April. This new eleventh chapter met again on 21 May to elect Charles M. Hunder, president; Herschel J. Simons, Vice President and Sec. Treas. assisted by Victor R. Neiland and Public Relations Committee by Elbert Jemison, Jr. They decided to carry the name The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter. Their next meeting will be in late October and a dinner meeting on 16 December.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

The new chapter president is Alexander Noce, Sr. He called his first meeting 23 May to be followed by a social dinner on 7 June. Congratulations to President Noce. Members will be present at the 299th Combat Engineers on 2 and 3 June to encourage membership in VBOB. Many thanks to Past President Bill Mitchell.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

We are sad to report that William (Bill) Schneider, the first president of the Wausau, WI Chapter passed away 5 May 1989. Our condolences and sympathy go to his daughter, the only living family member. Bill was recently awarded one of the four plaques for his work in recruiting members. (Continues in Column 2 above).

(Wisconsin Chapter, continued)

Bill traveled all over the State to contact veterans and sign them up for VBOB. The award was presented by the current president, Wes Cooper. Bill said that award meant more to him than all the money in the world. During 1988 the chapter participated in the Veterans Day parade, laid a wreath and had a business-dinner meeting on 17 Dec. This year they will have a summer picnic on 30 July and in November will again lay a wreath on Veterans Day and 16 December. Sounds like a busy and exciting year.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

On 1 May Beverley and I and Bill and Mudge Greenville had the privilege of attending a meeting called by Pres. Stan Wojtusik of the Delaware Valley Chapter. The meeting was held aboard the USS Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship during the Philippine campaign. It has been refurbished and maintained as a museum. Their charter was presented during their business meeting. Approximately 60 members and wives were present.

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

The North Carolina Chapter was invited to attend a memorial service held at the Gen. William C. Lee Museum in Dunn on 3 June in memory of Gen. Lee and Veterans in WWII. The speakers pointed out that Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge certainly knew of the hardships endured and the valor of those who did not return. Dunn, NC, was presented with the All American City award the week prior to the meeting. After the ceremony 25 VBOBers and wives attended a luncheon at the Western Family Steer House. Following the lunch, I presented Interim President Robert Strickland with the North Carolina Chapter Charter. An election followed with Robert Strickland being voted in as president; Charles C. Ray, Vice President; Ed Kahner, Secy-Treas; Tom Sewell, Chaplain. The members voted to have \$5 dues and discussed future meeting places and increasing membership. They will also consider possible involvement in social military parades and other community activities.

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CHAPTER NEWS

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

On 28 May we attended an organizational meeting at the AMVETS Post 30 in Nutley, NJ called by Anthony Andriola, Commander and VBOB member. A memorial service was held commemorating Memorial Day. Afterwards a delicious brunch was served to about 130 members and wives. I gave a short explanation of VBOB activities and what it takes to become a chapter and some of the projects a chapter can do, not only to help themselves, but their community as well. A vote was taken to form a chapter with Anthony Andriola appointed president until their first formal meeting. Twenty-five members signed the request for chapter status.

E. G. PAUL NEWGARDEN CHAPTER

An 11 June meeting of the E. G. Paul Newgarden Chapter in Beverly, MA was called to order by Matt Memino (10th Armored). Twenty-five men and women attended at the American Legion Hall. After Matt opened with a prayer and salute to the Flag, Mrs. Newgarden, widow of General Newgarden, read a short statement thanking the group for naming their chapter after her late husband, Gen. E. G. Paul Newgarden, who trained the 10th Armored Division while serving under General George S. Patton, Jr. Following Mrs. Newgarden, Mayor F. John Monahan welcomed the veterans and expressed the city's support both in effort and funds to the new chapter. I presented the new chapter their charter and brought the group up to date on VBOB activities and what other chapters were doing for projects. The meeting ended with the usual GI stories and fun following cake and coffee.

NOTE, PLEASE -----

Your Vice-President and wife have had a busy and exciting spring and enjoyed the many VBOB friends we have met. We now have twelve chapters and should any VBOBer like to join a chapter, contact the president of the chapter nearest you. If you live near a chapter just over your state's line, you can join that chapter. If you are interested in starting a chapter near you, contact me and I will help you get one started. Chapter flags will be delivered to each chapter as soon as I

receive them. I encourage you to send a representative of your chapter to the Annual General Membership Meeting in Reno and bring your flag to march in the presentation of the colors. I want to meet with all chapters in Reno, so let's make it a joyous occasion.

ROBERT J. VanHOUTEN, Vice
President for Regional Coordination

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- XI. THE GEORGE S. PATTON Chapter of Alabama, Charles M. Hunter, 3645 Kingshill Rd, Birmingham, AL 36223 (205) 967-0389
- XII. NEW JERSEY
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OFFICERS OF GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

Front: Bill Cordova, Ex. VP; Tom Gillis, Sec;
L-R Fred T. Dong, Pres; John Deasy, Treas.
Back: Bill Fries, Carl LeMier, Armando Mercado
L-R William T. Greenville, National Pres; Kenneth Mar; all serving on Board of Directors



NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Pres. Anthony Andriola (R) watching VBOB members sign the Chapter Charter request for the New Jersey Chapter



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Wisconsin Chapter Pres. Wes Cooper presenting Past Pres. Bill Schneider with plaque commending his excellency in recruiting new members



DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

V.P. for Regional Coordination Bob Van Houten (R) presenting their charter to Delaware Valley Chapter Pres. Stan Wojtusik at meeting aboard the USS Olympia in Philadelphia



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

N.C. Pres. Robert Strickland (holding sign) and Robert Van Houten Regional Coordinator talking to VBOB members present at Memorial Service at Gen. Wm. C. Lee (Airborne) Museum before chapter meeting where they received their charter.

TAPS

Joseph P. Yadouga

...a Charter Member of VBOB
died at the Wilkesbarre, PA
VA Hospital
June 29, 1989

Joseph served with the
6th Armored Div., 50th Recon Bn.
in The Battle of The Bulge

*The Officers and Members of VBOB
extend their sympathy to
his family*

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE
8th General Membership Meeting - Reno, Nevada
September 25-28, 1989
PROGRAM

HEADQUARTERS: Flamingo Hilton - 255 North Sierra Street - Reno, Nevada 89504-1291
1-800-648-4882 (In Nevada call 702-785-7100)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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| 1:00-7:00 p.m. | Arrival, registration, renew friendships |
| 2:00 3:00 and
4:00 p.m. | Walking tours of downtown Reno with local guide |
| 8:30-10:30 p.m. | Cocktail mixer with entertainment |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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| 8:30-5:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Business meeting and memorial ceremony |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Motorcoach tour via Donner Pass to Truckee |
| evening | A dinner show at Bally's has been cancelled. If a new show is booked, you may obtain tickets upon arrival. |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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| 8:00-9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:30 a.m. to
5:00 p.m. | Motorcoach tour of Truckee Meadows, Washoe Valley, Carson City and Virginia City |
| 7:00 p.m. | Cocktail hour |
| 7:30-10:00 p.m. | Farewell banquet and program |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Checkout and depart



"SEPTEMBER IN THE



SIERRAS"

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE 8th General Membership Meeting RENO, NEVADA - SEPTEMBER 25-28, 1989

Headquarters - Flamingo Hilton, 225 N. Sierra Street

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print all information

As soon as possible - but no later than September 1, 1989
Mail both completed registration forms and check to:

**VBOB Meeting P.O. Box 6141
Silver Spring, MD 20906**

		Quantity	Price	Total
Monday	Walking tour of Reno	_____	no charge	
9/25	2:00 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.			
	Social mixer	_____	\$ 12	\$ _____
Tue	Donner Pass/Truckee tour	_____	\$ 12	\$ _____
9/26	1:00-5:00 p.m.			
	Dinner show - SEE SPECIAL NOTE	_____		
	6:00-10:00 p.m.			
Wed	All day tour with lunch	_____	\$ 28	\$ _____
9/27	9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.			
	Gala banquet	_____	\$ 28	\$ _____
	8:00-11:00 p.m.			
All	Registration fee	_____	\$ 25	\$ _____
	EVERY PERSON MUST PAY THIS FEE			

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Quote from a GENERAL'S LIFE

by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley

General Bradley, before the Battle of the Bulge began, was hoping the Germans would make another attack similar to the Nazi thrust at Mortain, early in the French campaign, soon after the D-Day landings. He wanted to obliterate more Germans in the same way, and thus end the war sooner.

But he had several immediate worries: There was an alarming crisis in manpower. "Not only were we short of divisions," the general wrote, "we were also critically short of manpower within the divisions. Particularly riflemen. The shortage was due to several factors: inept long range planning ...; heavy combat casualties, combined with a wholly unexpected onslaught of trench foot, caused by late-arriving ill-designed cold-weather footwear. Trench foot had cost us an additional 12,000 non-battle casualties." (Almost a division's strength.)

When General Bedel-Smith told General Bradley that the Germans were counterattacking, General Bradley replied, gloomily: "A counterattack, yes. But I'll be damned if I wanted one this big."

His plan for the Ardennes was: "Lacking the resources to continue our offensive and defend the Ardennes in depth, my defensive plan for the Ardennes was broadly based on *mobility*, at which we had proven ourselves unequalled, rather than *concentration*."

"... We had been caught flatfooted. We had to reorganize our strategy, not only to contain the attack, but also to make Hitler pay a higher cost for mounting it. If we played our cards right, we had a good chance of destroying the German Army west of the Rhine. It would mean a radical shift in our thinking and strategic planning. We must break off all offensive attacks, turn the full weight of Hodges (First Army) south and the full weight of Patton (Third Army) north, closing giant pincers, sealing the Germans off west of the Roer. It would be a 'Falaise Gap' on a far grander scale. But this time we would have to act with much greater speed and boldness ..."

By 19 December "... the German bulge in our line was large and deep. Hodges (First

Army) appeared to be hanging on by his finger tips. Ike had two choices: A general withdrawal to the Meuse River line or my plan for a quick, massive attack in the southern flank of the German salient by Patton's army ... The crucial question was: Could Patton get his attack organized in sufficient strength in time to take the pressure off Hodges?..."

"Ike said to Patton: 'When can you attack?'"

"Army historian Martin Blumenson wrote, correctly, that this was 'the sublime moment' of Patton's career. Patton replied grandly, 'On December 22, with three divisions.' That was a mere three days hence.

"Ike's initial reaction was extreme annoyance. 'Don't be fatuous,' he snapped ... We were facing a potential disaster. Ike did not want any more bravado, but rather, careful reasoned response. Patton's attack was crucial. Three divisions were clearly not adequate.

"But there was more to the plan than that. Patton's three divisions would be organized into a new corps, III ... In addition I ... temporarily transferred Middleton's VIII corps from Hodges to Patton.... We believed that Middleton still had three infantry divisions (106th, 28th, 4th - not knowing that the 106th had been overrun) plus elements of the 9th Armored and the full 10th Armored Division already dispatched. That gave Patton a total of six-plus divisions.

"...In the meantime, Hodges ... had got a firmer grip on the northern shoulder. The two airborne divisions, operating as XVIII Airborne Corps under Matt Ridgeway, had come into the line: the 101st to help at Bastogne and the 82nd near Werbomont, to help at St. Vith. In addition to the 7th Armored Division ... Hodges got Hobbs' bulldog 30th Infantry Division, which went into the line as an element of Ridgeway's corps. At the crucial corner of the northern shoulder Hodges had dug in the veteran 1st, 2nd and 9th Infantry divisions, backing up the green and wobbly 99th. Now, at every point of contact with the enemy, our soldiers were fighting with utmost courage and resourcefulness. The 'Battling Bastards of Bastogne' and, later, Patton's Third Army would garner most of the publicity for 'winning' the Battle of the Bulge, but the defenders of St. Vith and the veteran First Army on the northern shoulder contributed no less, and, in many instances, more..."

THE 168th ENGINEER BATTALION -----

After over 45 years the story of the 168th Engineer Battalion's gallant defense of St. Vith is told. In April, Mr. Joseph Pothen, Sur les Roches, B-489, Malmedy, Belgium, gave a talk to members of CRIBA (Centre de Recherches et d'Informations sur la Bataille des Ardennes). The title of his talk was "The 108th Engr. Bn. in the Defense of the Prumerberg."

Knocking out two tanks with bazookas and killing many Germans, Co. B, together with one platoon from Co. C, initially stopped the Germans on 17 December trying to get into St. Vith from Schonberg. That night Co. A and the remainder of Co. C joined Co. B on the Prumerberg, a hill one mile East of St. Vith, that covered the Schonberg highway and extended several hundred yards toward the Steinbrück highway.

Also during the night of 17 December reinforcements from 7th Armored Div. arrived, consisting of the 87th Recon. Co. and one Infantry company. Two or three days later the last reinforcement was received, consisting of one platoon of H&S Co, 81st Engr. Combat Bn.



Wm. E. Holland

The 168th Engineers, with these reinforcements, fought off two or three attacks daily through 21 December when St. Vith was taken by enemy forces behind the fighting front on the Prumerberg. During the fighting the battalion accounted for over 400 enemy dead and at no time did the Germans penetrate the lines of the 168th Engineers. The closest Germans got to the main line of defense was eight to ten yards. There were a lot of dead Germans that close to the Engineer line.

The battalion received the Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the defense of St. Vith from 17 to 23 December 1944 and also the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

...Wm. E. Holland

Reunion ~ ~ ~

777th AAA & 6th Armored Div, 8/29 - 9/3/89, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. Contact Ed Reed, PO Box 5011, Louisville, KY 40205.

84th Inf. Div, 29 Jul-3 Aug 89, Baltimore, MD. Contact Al Boetz, Rt. 5, Box 764, Easton, MD 21601.

740th Tank Bn, 31 Aug-3 Sep, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Harry F. Miller, 2200 Thorndyke, West #408, Seattle, WA 98199.

87th Inf. Div, 16-25 Sep 89, Arlington Heights (Chicago), IL. Contact Ray Jemc, 4101 N. Menard Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

825th TD Bn (WWII), 25-28 Oct 89, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Lou Celentano, 400 Blatchley Ave, New Haven, CT 06513.

789th AAA AW Bn, 5-8 Oct 89, Cleveland, OH. Contact Anthony A. Rauscher, 139 Lakeview Dr, Haines City, FL 33844.

159th (NOT 157th) Engr. Combat Bn, 25-27 Aug 89. Reading, PA. Contact Robert C. Wolfgang, 202 Plain St, Gordon, PA 17936.

702d Tank Bn, 7-9 Sep 89. Uniontown, PA. Contact Jim Hardy, 11 4th St, Dunbar, PA 15431.

16th AFA Bn, 9th Armored Div, 12-14 Oct 89, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact David Kessler, A-10 Monroeville Mall, Monroeville, PA 15146.

825th TD Bn, 25-28 Oct 89, Sea Mist Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Louis J. Celentano, 400 Blatchley Ave, New Haven, CT 06513.

107th Evac. Hosp, 15-17 Sep 89, Woburn, MA. Contact Giles A. Laughrea, 169 Church St, Watertown, MA 02172.

709th Tank Bn, 21-24 Sep 89, location unknown. Contact Joseph I. Boutcher, 403 E. Charles St, Box 211, Ashkum, IL 60911.

524th MP Bn, 19-20 Aug 89, Holiday Inn, La Grange, IL. Contact Bob Gott, 4900 S. Tripp Ave, Chicago, IL 60632.

Tank Destroyer Assn, 11-13 Oct 89, Galt House East, Louisville, KY. Contact TDA Pres, 3050 Harcross Rd, Redwood City, CA 94062-2321.

626th Tank Destroyer Bn, 15 Sep 89, NCO Club, Hanscom AF Base, Bedford, MA. Contact Edmund Sgroi, 74 Lexington St, Weston, MA 02193.



Department of Veterans Affairs

A request for supplemental appropriations of more than \$1.1 billion for current-year needs of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been sent to Congress, according to VA Secy. Edward J. Derwinski. The added fiscal year 1989 funds include correct a VA-wise shortfall that has limited the Department's ability to meet medical service demands in many parts of the US.

Derwinski's announcement confirmed action taken by Pres. Bush to seek \$303 million in added VA funding based on projected reduced access by veterans to VA hospitals and clinics. Approval by Congress of the budget request would also forestall anticipated shifting of VA funds targeted for facility activation, and equipment purchases and maintenance.

"This request," Derwinski said, "clearly demonstrates the President's commitment to meeting the vital medical care needs of our veterans. I anticipate the Congress will give its swift approval so that we can continue to deliver service with minimal disruption."

In addition to supplemental health-care funding, the President's request includes \$701 million for recipients of VA disability compensation and needs-based pension payments. Also sought is an increase of \$22 million to meet enrollment growth and improvements in VA readjustment benefit programs. Rounding out the revisions to FY89 spending previously submitted during Pres. Reagan's administration, is a request for \$130 million for the VA loan guaranty program -- a reduction of almost \$182 million in projected needs based on improved experience in operating the program. If appropriated, the \$1.1 billion supplement would raise VA's total FY 89 budget to \$29.2 billion.

Veterans with service-connected illnesses or disabilities are provided no-cost care regardless of income.

Veterans evaluated at 30% or more for their service-connected disabilities are entitled to additional money for their dependents.

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

SEE BACK COVER

BOB Commemorative Stamp

With all the news articles about Elvis fans pressuring the Postal Service for a commemorative stamp for the "king," I thought our membership would be happy to hear about our BOB stamp.

Like so many other things in our lives we have to appreciate "policy." The Postal service has a policy on the issuance of commemorative stamps of historical events on the 50th year anniversary.

There are to be 50 stamps for the WWII period. They will be issued in groups of 10 per year starting in 1991 through 1995.

Every six months I write the Asst. Postmaster General concerning our stamp and have just received his last reply dated 29 March 1989. At this time I feel positive (plus) that the Battle of the Bulge will be one of the 10 stamps issued in 1994.

...Wm. P. Tayman, Postage Stamp Committee

Reunion ~ ~ ~

78th Sig. Co, 22-24 Sep 89, Holiday Inn, Canton, OH. Contact Paul Stokely, Rt. 1, Box 628, Center Point, TX 78010.

106th Inf. Div, 31 Aug - 3 Sep, Schaumburg, IL. Contact Russell H. Villwock, 6908 W. Higgins, Chicago, IL 60656.

90th Inf. Div. Assn. and all attached units, 13-15 Oct 89, St. Paul, MN. Contact Carl Manuel, 1017 N. 40th St., Ft. Smith, AR 72904.

164th Engr. Combat Bn, Co. C (WWII), 11-12 Aug 89, Staunton, VA. Contact Ross Fletcher, Rt. 2, Box 849, Nickelsville, VA 24271.

561st FA Bn. R. P. Zwislser would like to plan a reunion of this unit early next year. Members interested are urged to write to R.P. at 2810 Heidelberg Dr, Boulder, CO 80303.

159th Engr. Combat Bn, 25-27 Aug 89, Reading, PA. Contact Bob Wolfgang, 202 Plane St, Gordon, PA 17936.

87th Inf. Div (WWI & II), 20-24 Sep 89, Arlington Heights, IL. Contact Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct, Highland, 48031.

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EDITOR'S S Q U A R E

ship Application Blank when paying your dues. Application Forms are assumed to be from NEW members. If you send in an application form with your dues, there is a great possibility that you will be assigned a new member number. When this occurs, considerable time is involved correcting the error. Presently a search must be performed for each and every Application Form received to screen out those who are already members. In the future, Application Forms will be considered new members and processed as such. Your dues can be processed with less time and expense to VBOB and we can provide better service to you if you will please abide by this request.

For those who haven't noticed, there is no longer a Veterans Administration; it is now the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HEY, GALS & GUYS OF THE BULGE!!!
Let's hear more from you. What are you doing these days? What's up? What would you like to read more of in THE BULGE BUGLE? Let's hear from you!

Will someone out there please tell me how to contact 99th Bn. (The Norwegians) members? André Hubert, Centre de Recherches et d'Informations sur la Bataille des Ardennes, in Belgium is trying to locate these people.



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Failure to make payments on a VA-guaranteed home loan may lead to foreclosure and the loss of the veteran's home. Also, if the government is required to pay a claim as a result of failure to repay the loan, the veteran will become indebted to the government for the amount of the claim.

There is no time limit for applying for service-connected disability compensation from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. However, the date of application is a factor in establishing the effective date of payment.

Wives whose husbands are buried in a VA National Cemetery are entitled to burial in the same cemetery.

Reprinted From The Washington Post 5/1/89

DEAR READERS:

I was asked to rerun a column that appeared in 1976 explaining why the American Red Cross charged the GIs for coffee and doughnuts during World War II while the Salvation Army provided it free.

The explanation given me by the Red Cross officials was that they had to charge for off-base food and lodging because the British charged, and the British high command pressured the U.S. Army to insist that the Red Cross charge also.

A staggering number of readers had plenty to say about the rerun. Read on:

DEAR ANN LANDERS:

In August 1943, while returning from a furlough to Parris Island, S.C., a U.S. Marine base, I stopped at the American Red Cross serviceman's canteen in Augusta, Ga. At that time you could buy the best ham sandwich in town for 15 cents. A Coke was a nickel. I ate the sandwich and drank the Coke right at the counter. The tab was 30 cents. I couldn't believe that this so-called service organization would gouge us like that.—C.F.C. (USMC Indianapolis)

Rochester, N.Y.: Don't tell me about the American Red Cross. It happened 45 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday. My crew and I flew from Oahu (Hawaii) to the mainland in a B17. When we arrived at 5 a.m., dead tired, we cheered when we saw a Red Cross booth serving coffee and doughnuts. When we asked for a cup of coffee we were told, "We only serve officers."—Ralph E.D.

Laredo, Tex.: In 1943, I donated three pints of blood to be given to our boys overseas. In 1944, I joined the Navy. As a WAVE yeoman I discovered that the blood was administered to the wounded at \$25 a pint, which was deducted from their pay.—B.T.

Brooksville, Fla.: Can a

70-year-old veteran tell you about his experience? We were in the Belgium Bulge and having a rough time. What a tired, hungry, ragtag bunch of guys we were! Then lo and behold, we spotted a Red Cross tent serving coffee and fried cakes. Our chaplain gave us first the good news, then the bad news. We would be given time to get in line for a cup of hot coffee and a cruller. But we'd have to pay for them. The price was one guilder, equivalent to 38 cents. Many of the GIs, having been in the field, didn't carry cash or they had none. Fortunately, the officers chipped in and we scraped together enough money so that no one went without. From that day on I had nothing good to say about the Red Cross.—Larry S.W.

Houston: Why did you rerun that column about the Red Cross? Once was enough. When things go wrong it's always convenient to blame the British.—L.F.D.

Racine, Wis.: What a shock for us GIs to pay 20 cents for a pack of cigarettes and find a slip inside that said, "Donated by Chesterfield." The same for Hershey's chocolate. We really felt ripped off.—S.L.

Stamford, Conn.: A buddy of mine was in a California hospital. He hadn't been home in more than two years. The guy went to the Red Cross for a loan. They said "Okay." The day before he was to leave they said, "Loan refused. Too many missing papers." The story has a happy ending. The patients on his ward chipped in and he left for New York on schedule.—B.R.L.

If anyone at the American Red Cross Headquarters would like equal time to explain why I have received thousands of letters like the ones you have just read, I would be happy to hear from him.



**RENO—
Here We
Come!!**

Triumph in the desert

The idea of 4,000 people gathering at Chiriaco Summit, smack in the middle of Riverside County's desert, is remarkable.

Not, perhaps, since Gen. George Patton trained his mechanized warriors here 46 years ago has the area seen something like this.

And the general will have to take credit for this bunch, too. The occasion was Saturday's dedication of the General Patton Memorial Museum.

This was a dream a long time coming to reality, one nourished for a long time by a small corps of true believers. Its

opening marks a triumph against the odds of establishing such a facility in a region General Patton's men knew as "the place that God forgot," but where, after all, such a thing belongs.

So it stands as a monument to the man, and to the men of his 2nd Armored Division, in more ways than one.

The story of how he trained his unit for its eventual campaign in North Africa is there, as are a good sampling of artifacts.

The museum itself can stand as a show of perseverance and determination: Something Old Blood and Guts would have appreciated as well as anyone.



Mrs. Kitty Bradley, widow of G/A Omar Bradley, presents portrait of Bradley to Chairman of General Patton Memorial Museum, Inc.

ST. VITH: 7th Armored Division

The library at the Armor School at Fort Knox is trying to obtain a copy of an Armor School publication of years past, *St. Vith: The 7th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge, 17 - 23 December 1944*.

If you have a copy, the librarian would be grateful for a brief loan so that he can reproduce it, then return the original. Write the Army School Library, Fort Knox, KY. 40121-5200

VBOB ELECTION BY-LAWS

Article VI of the By-Laws of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge below is for the information of all VBOB members. It is suggested that a note of this be made for future reference.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

The election of officers shall be held at the General Membership meeting. A plurality of members present and voting at such meeting at the time of vote shall be sufficient to elect any candidate to office. A slate of candidates for office shall be presented by the Nominating Committee and publicized separately, or in The Bulge Bugle, or other Organization publication at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the election. The Nominating Committee shall consider recommendations for nominations made by any Chapter or by petition received at least forty-five (45) days prior to publication of the slate of officers. Nominations from the floor shall not be accepted. In the event of a contest for office, the vote shall be by a showing of hands unless the majority then present decides to vote by secret ballot.
(Amended, March 1984)

Slate For 1989 Presented

The VBOB Nominating Committee submits the following to be our leaders in 1989:

PRESIDENT

William T. Greenville

EXECUTIVE VICE PRES.

Demetri Paris

VICE PRES. FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ollie Chaplin

VICE PRES. FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS

Eugene G. Drouillard

VICE PRES. FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION

Robert J. Van Houten

TREASURER

William R. Hemphill

RECORDING SECRETARY

Eva Popovich

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Beverley Van Houten

No nominations were received from the chapters nor any members.

In accordance with Article VI of the VBOB By-laws, nominations from the floor will not be accepted at the 8th General Membership Meeting in Reno, Nevada in September when elections will be held.

511th ENGINEERS TO PLACE PLAQUE IN REDANGE, LUXEMBOURG IN OCTOBER

In what is thought to be a first, the veterans of the 511th Engineer Light Ponton Co. will place a plaque on the Redange war memorial honoring the citizens of Redange, Luxembourg instead of themselves. The Luxembourg group, CEBA, is organizing the Luxembourg participation on 7 October 1989.

After combat support, both in the breakout from Normandy and the bloody extended fighting resulting in the capture of the port of Brest in Brittany, the 511th arrived in Redange on 6 October 1944. For 2½ months while stationed in the village the 511th was engaged in the VIII Corps winterization program as well as assault bridging the Moselle on loan to Third Army. The hospitality extended by the citizens of the village was never forgotten.

From the 16th 'til the 20th of December the 511th patrolled the southern fringes of the German drive, and stood as well as 125 men were able, to stem the advance if it turned south. For a time it was the only radio link with the trapped forces further north 'til communication died. The 511th's outposts were well within the German lines and escaped discovery at times by a few feet or darkness.

On the 20th the unit was pulled farther west for a dual purpose. The first was to hold the Arlon/Bastogne road so that the approaching 4th Armored could drive north and second, as the only viable Bailey Bridge Co. within 150 km, to protect its equipment for further use.

The unit remained at Heinstert and on the Arlon Road and repulsed a German 5th Parachute Division patrol in a brief firefight through to Martelange. At this point it was the only VIII Corps unit still in the line for 40 km. of front below Bastogne. It then participated fully as the only operational bridge unit in VIII Corps for six weeks in the reduction of the Bulge. It built the bridge at Bertogne linking First

and Third Army. The other VIII Corps bridge units had been sent to the rear for regrouping and refitting.

The plaque does not celebrate any 511th exploits; the combat decorations on the veterans' chests attest to that, but instead honors the citizens of Redange for their patriotism, sacrifices and hospitality to the 511th. The 511th's successor unit, the 814th Engineer Co. (FB), now stationed in Germany will fully carry on the history of the exploits of the 511th.

All VBOB members in the Redange area just 20 miles west-northwest of Luxembourg City are invited to attend the ceremony on the afternoon of 7 October and the Vin d'Honneur to follow. Accommodations within the city are very limited.

...Peter F. Leslie



"Just wait till my lawyer hears about this!"

"Attendez seulement que mon avocat entende parler de ceci!"



REVISED LIST OF VBOB ITEMS FOR SALE

Several members have called for illustrations of the memorabilia prior to placing the cash on the line. Here's our photographer, Sam Silverman's effort. Wish it could be in color. Please use entire ORDER FORM on reverse. Tear at perf on (left/right). THANKS

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C 2G	VBOB Gold Belt Buckle	12.50 X	_____ =	_____
D 1	Decal 4" Dia 3/	1.00 X	_____ =	_____
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Where Do We Get Such Men?'

Forty-five years ago an American tank commander stood in the freezing rain and snow in Central Europe before dawn and observed his troops completing a 70-mile overnight forced march to save from annihilation their embattled comrades from other units. Weather-beaten and half-frozen himself, he wiped an eye and simply asked, "Where do we get such men?"

Where, indeed, do we get such men? Men who successfully scale perpendicular to the ground rock ridges in the face of murderous enemy fire. Who dive bombers and torpedo planes directly into the fire of giant enemy aircraft carriers far at sea. Who spend months in stinking,

snake-infested and disease-ridden jungles seeking out the enemy. Who when lying wounded on the deck of their submarine, order the sub to submerge to save boat and crew. Who pilot helicopters directly into enemy fire to pick up wounded comrades. Who lay suffering in unspeakably brutal prison cells for six years while other despicable visiting countrymen are toasting their captors nearby. Where, indeed?

Of course, they were were our kids of a variety of generations, from the farm, the sandlots, the high schools and colleges, and just the boy next door. Why did they accomplish such momentous acts of

devotion and bravery? Most believed they were standing up for the freedom of all mankind—and to preserve their beloved America, the most cherished land on this earth, even with all its warts.

On this Memorial Day, here we are still free, the American Constitution still lives and democracy reigns. It is for us the living to uncompromisingly make certain that we remain strong and alert—and that we make our channels of responsibility constitutionally clear in high places so that no more of our kids ever have to give up their tomorrows for our today.

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As the days go by the ranks of Bulge veterans become smaller and smaller. The memories of the friendships formed and of the hardships of war shared born in the alchemy of the battle described as the greatest one ever fought by the U.S. Army become more and more meaningful. Let us all pledge to do our best to spread the good word about VBOB and sign up our fellow veterans and relatives and friends.

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