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Partial View From Concept Drawing of  
Battle of The Bulge Gallery Interior

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OUR GALLERY  
A REALITY**

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**VBOB's 8th GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Join us for  
**REST**  
*and*  
**RELAXATION**  
*in*

**RENO**

**THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD**

**Flamingo Hilton**

**RENO, NEVADA  
SEPTEMBER 25-28, 1989**

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## *From The President*

We have reached an organizational size that a management review of the VBOB is in order. This will affect the following elements of the organization:

**1. Management of National Organization.** Monitor ongoing computer work to (a) continually update our membership list, (b) run mailing labels for various mailings and the BULGE BUGLE, and (c) record any other miscellaneous data that become necessary. Process correspondence and purchase orders. Maintain records of the organization.

**2. Membership.** Maintain current records. Recruit new members. Collect dues. Promote life memberships.

**3. Chapter Organization.** Establish standard by laws and operating procedures. Coordinate chapter involvement in the promotion, management, and operation of the national organization.

**4. The BULGE BUGLE.** Establish an entity within the organization to manage the publication of the BULGE BUGLE to include, but not be limited to, writing, editing, and publishing. Create and regulate an advertising policy. Sell advertising.

**5. Financial Management.** Establish standard operating procedures for handling all organizational funds. Establish insurance requirements (surety, liability, etc.). Establish auditing requirements and procedures.

**6. Corporate Structure.** Establish the VBOB corporation.

I will appoint a committee chairman and subcommittee chairmen to begin an analysis of these elements and bring their recommendations before the Executive Committee for action so that the VBOB can continue to operate smoothly for the benefit of the membership well into the future.

Yours in comradeship,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Greenville'.

William T. Greenville

#### **P.S. - SIERRA IN SEPTEMBER**

GMM89 will arrive quicker than you think. Late September is just around the corner. There's nothing better than renewing old friendships except making new ones. That's what we're all about.

#### **FUND OUR FUTURE**

Many things are going for us now so let's make a great effort to kick off our Foundation Fund Raising campaign that we will have much to celebrate at GMM89.

#### **IN THE NEXT ISSUE**

Page three will be reserved to report to you the ongoing results of our membership drive and the fund raising results. I hope that we see 10,000 members and \$600,000 asap.



## HILTON IS HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The **Flamingo Hilton**, with 603 rooms and four restaurants, will serve as the headquarters hotel. Located in downtown Reno, it is easily reached from Cannon International Airport. There is direct access to Interstate 80 with three levels of complimentary parking.

The address is 255 North Sierra Street and telephone is 1-800-648-4882 (Nevada 702-785-7100).

## DELTA OFFERS DISCOUNT FARES

Delta Air Lines has offered toll-free reservation service and fare discounts to VBOB members and those in their party attending the meeting.

The offer applies to round trip travel to Reno via Delta between September 22 and October 1. Tickets must be purchased at least seven days before departure.

Subject to restrictions, the discount amounts to five percent off SuperSaver and Maxsaver fares. If a discount fare is not obtainable, Delta will reduce coach fare by 40 percent.

You or your travel agent may telephone Delta between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Eastern time toll free 1-800-221-1212. Ask for the Special Meeting Network. Cite this special VBOB reference number: D23050. DO NOT TELEPHONE VBOB1

## SIGHTSEEING TOURS AVAILABLE

The guided, motorcoach tour on Tuesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. will move via the historical Donner Pass to the rustic Truckee village near Donner Lake with picturesque stores and the Donner Museum which tells the story of the old west.

The Wednesday guided tour will travel by motorcoach via Truckee Meadows, Washoe Valley and Carson City with lunch in Virginia City in a century-old saloon. "Mark Twain" will talk about the early days of Virginia City.

This was the Motherlode of gold and silver which attracted people, resulted in the settlement of the west and brought Nevada into Statehood.

## CASINOS OPEN 24 HOURS

Most casinos are open 24 hours a day and many have round-the-clock entertainment.

You can wager your money on roulette, slot machines, computer poker and keno, blackjack, regular poker and a dozen more ways to make (or lose) your fortune.

## NEVADA OFFERS SIGHTSEEING

First came the explorers, men of courage who ventured into the unknown west. They were followed by fur trappers seeking wealth and the wagon trains of those wanting new homes. Next came the railroads and the ranchers with cattle and sheep.

Those planning to extend their visit should obtain maps and brochures from the local tourist offices. Also, request them from the Nevada Commission on Tourism-Capital Complex-Carson City, NV 89710; 800-237-0774 (702-885-3636 in Nevada)

Reno is a gaming center but also has the University of Nevada-Reno, State Historical Society Museum, Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium and the Mackay School of Mines Museum.

Riverside has famous western paintings; Harolds is known for its gun collection; Harrah's in nearby Sparks has one of the largest and most complete automobile collections in the world.

Northeast is Pyramid Lake with boating and fishing; Carson City has the State capital and the State museum. Lake Tahoe in the high Sierra offers beaches, golf, skiing in winter and summer while Virginia City once claimed to be the world's richest town.

There is much to see outside the Reno-Tahoe area. Las Vegas and southern Nevada offer the Old Mormon Fort and Museum of Natural History which has artifacts of ancient Indian cultures. This is on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus.

Other scenic areas are Spring Mountain Ranch, Red Rock Canyon and Mt. Charleston. Nellis Air Force Base is in North Las Vegas. The Southern Nevada Museum had recreated Indian villages and pioneer homes.

Boulder City at Hoover Dam is the only city in Nevada which prohibits gambling. The dam plunges 700 feet into Black Canyon and forms Lake Mead which stretches 115 miles upstream and has 550 miles of shoreline.

There are these and more sights to be seen and enjoyed in Nevada.

## DINNER-SHOW ON HOLD

A highlight of the week was to be a dinner-show at the famous Bally's Grand Hotel-Reno. But, unfortunately, Ballys discontinued this activity and, at press time, has not yet announced a new show.

Although there is entertainment in some casinos and hotels, they cannot accommodate an audience of our size. Also, most offer only a cocktail-show program.

Our program has an open time in the schedule in case we can offer you this entertainment when you arrive.

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**

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1:00-7:00 p.m.             | Arrival, registration, renew friendships        |
| 2:00 3:00 and<br>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**

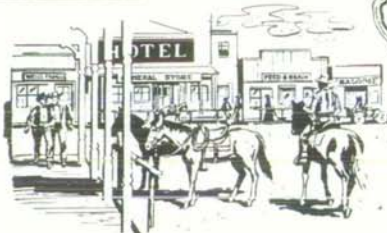
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| 8:30-5:00 p.m.  | Registration   |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Business meeting and memorial ceremony   |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m.  | Motorcoach tour via Donner Pass to Truckee   |
| evening         | A dinner show at Bally's has been cancelled. If a new show is 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<br>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			

AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

If flying  
please indicate: Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut Off Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 1989** PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION (TYPE OR PRINT)

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Bedding request will be based on  
space availability.

Single **\$48** plus tax

Double **\$53** plus tax

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Number of One Bedded Rooms \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Two Bedded Rooms \_\_\_\_\_

All reservations will be held until 6:00 PM on the date of arrival unless a one night deposit is received or a major credit card is used to hold the reservation.

Card Type Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All rooms subject to local and state tax.  
Your reservations **MUST** be received  
30 days prior to the starting date of the  
meeting. Reservations received after  
that date are confirmed subject to  
availability.

## VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

P.O. BOX 11129  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22210-2129  
(703) 528-7913

TO: All VBOB Members  
FROM: William T. Greenville, President

MacArthur said, "I shall return."

McAuliffe said, "Nuts."

Churchill said, "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

These great leaders were absolutely correct in the confidence they had in their fellow countrymen. Churchill also said of the Battle of The Bulge, "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever famous American victory."

We veterans of this great battle agree with him. Our challenge is to prove our dedication to the purposes of the VBOB, mainly the establishment of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation. We have, after years of work, reached that point where we call on each and every one of you to join us in our dedication to succeed.

Our Foundation needs \$1.5 million to build our gallery in the museum at Fort Meade, Maryland. This may sound like a lot of money, and it is. But, let's put it in perspective. If we average \$100 from each of our 6,000 members we will have \$600,000 which immediately attracts corporate donations. While we are being successful with this fund drive we are also succeeding with our membership drive for 10,000 members in VBOB. See how easy it will be!

The name of every individual or organization that makes a donation will be recorded in the Foundation's Book of Legacy. We will record in our Morning Report all donors who give \$25 or more. Donors of \$500 will become members of the Patrons Fund and have their names, or that of a loved one, inscribed on the Patrons Fund Plaque. The Book of Legacy, the Morning Report, and the Patrons Fund Plaque will be permanently displayed in the Battle of the Bulge Gallery.

And, through the generosity of two very dedicated members, Charles B. MacDonald and David E. Pergrin, who have donated their books to the VBOB at publisher's cost, we are able to offer these books as gifts to donors who give \$125 or more.

There are those of you who can make larger donations than the ones enumerated above. Larger donations are needed so that we may succeed in our overall average. We especially appeal for your support.

This is a very ambitious program, and is intended to be because it represents our dedication to the purposes of the VBOB. Please send your gifts as soon as you can.

# **BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

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## **Status Report**

### **BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

As most VBOB members know, the Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation was established in early 1988 to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the Americans who were part of this decisive battle, through the creation of a Battle of The Bulge Gallery at the Fort George G. Meade Museum, Fort Meade, Maryland.

The Gallery will preserve the memory of the sacrifices we made to secure World Freedom. It will remind and teach that today's freedom was purchased with the blood of earlier generations, and that tomorrow's freedom is dependent on what we do today. And it will educate our young people about the cost of war and the price of liberty.

These are most worthy objectives, and ones to which we should all dedicate ourselves.

A total of \$1.5 million is needed to complete the development and construction of this project.

In 1988, contributions totalled \$70,000, with 115 individuals making gifts of \$500 each. This year, we hope that even more of our names will be inscribed on the "Patron's Fund" plaque honoring 1989 contributors of \$500 or more. Therefore, we ask that in addition to making your own gift, you encourage your unit organization to support the Foundation as generously as possible. All contributors will be honored in a "Book of Legacy," to be displayed in the Gallery Library.

Your assistance is especially important right now because we are about to launch a campaign for major gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations, and healthy support from Battle of The Bulge veterans will prove our commitment to this important undertaking.

To honor all donors and to celebrate our progress toward the Gallery's completion, a special event is being planned for December 14, 1989 -- the 45th anniversary of the Bulge -- in Washington, D.C.

But it isn't just the big gifts that matter to us. Just as each one of us did our part back then, each of us will do what we can now, and together we will win another victory -- this time for remembrance.

Then as now, time is of the essence. Please complete and return the enclosed contribution form and envelope. Do what you can -- but do it today.

***Only You Can Make This Legacy A Reality!!***



# BATTLE OF THE BULGE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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...To preserve the history of The Battle of The Bulge, World War II, December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945; to honor those who served in this decisive battle and to pay homage to the 19,000 Americans who made the supreme sacrifice...

## MY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LEGACY IS ENCLOSED

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*If a veteran of  
The Battle of the Bulge,  
please also give  
the following information:*

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Rank (during BoB) \_\_\_\_\_

Place & Dates of Engagement during BoB \_\_\_\_\_

Name and unit of donors of \$25 or more will be entered into the computerized "Morning Report"

☐ \$500

*Donors of \$500 who send in their gifts by  
November 15, 1989 will become members of the  
"Patron's Fund" and have their names, or that of a*

*loved one, inscribed on the plaque that will be  
permanently displayed in the Battle of the Bulge  
Gallery at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland.*

Name of donor (or donor and spouse if desired) \_\_\_\_\_

**\$500 Donors...**  
*Please select  
the appropriate  
recognition  
for the plaque:*



Unit served with during the Bulge \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Unit served with during the Bulge \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$125 or more

*in appreciation for gifts of \$125 or more, a copy of the book, "A Time For  
Trumpets" (paper back) by Charles MacDonald and "First Across the Rhine"  
by David Pergrin will be sent to you. All Except \$20 of this contribution is tax  
deductible. Please allow 10 weeks for delivery of books.*

☐ \$50    ☐ \$25    ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Your contributions are tax deductible • Please use enclosed remittance envelope for your contribution

*Make checks payable to : Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation (BoBHF)*

*(Do not send cash. Your cancelled check is your receipt.)*

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OTHERS WHO MIGHT LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS LEGACY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Served in Battle of The Bulge ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

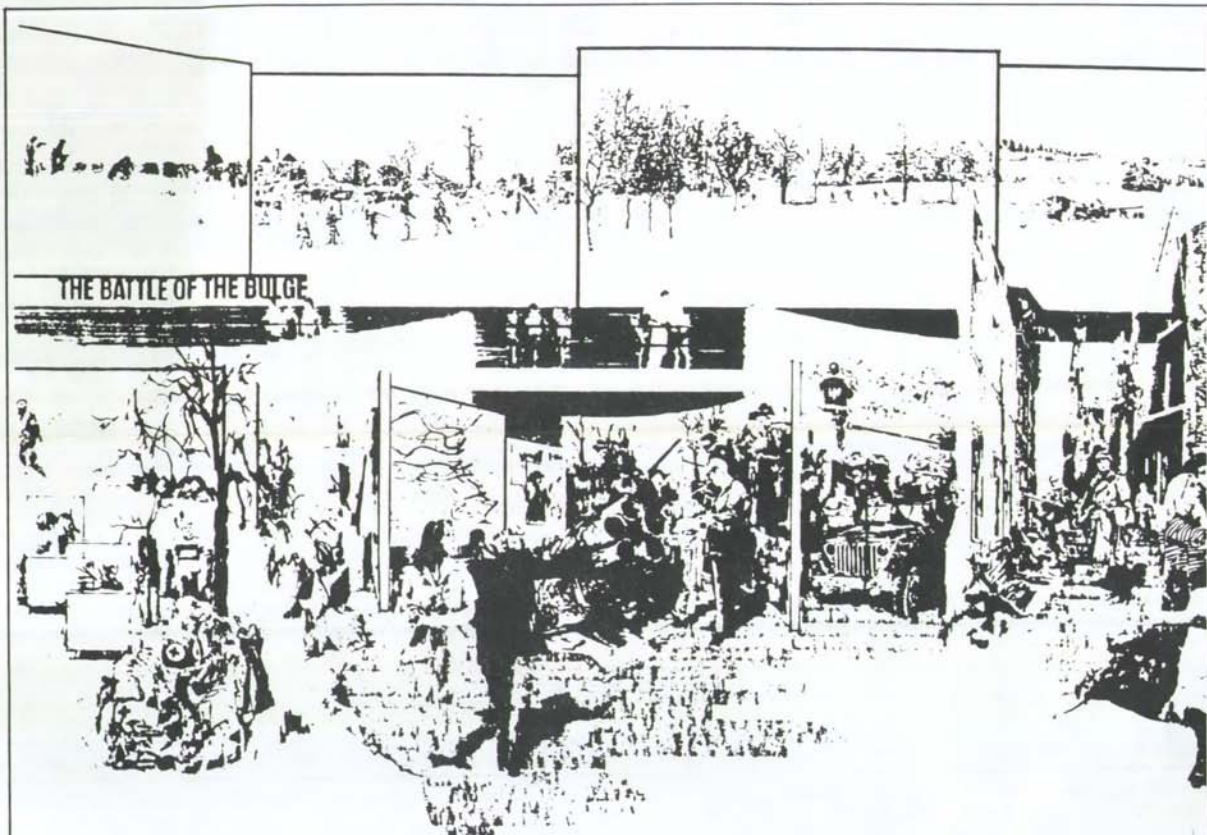
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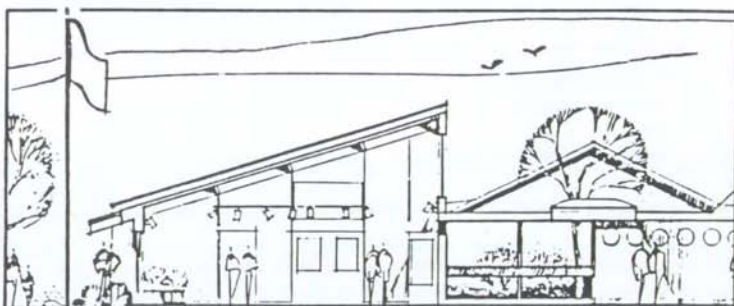
Served in Battle of The Bulge ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of unit \_\_\_\_\_





## Concept Drawing (Interior and Exterior) Battle of The Bulge Gallery



BOB EXHIBIT GALLERY

ENCLOSED CONNECTING PASSAGE

LTC. Alfred Shehab, Ret. 1st Vice President and Dorothy Davis, President both executive members of Battle of The Bulge Historical Foundation admire "Founders 500" Plaque on permanent display in the Lobby of Ft. George G. Meade Museum, Maryland.

# Members Speak Out

Robert C. Haynes, 84th Inf. Div, Co. I, wishes to hear from unit members. Write him at 6434 N. Moore Ave, Portland, OR 97217. **HOWEVER**, spell his name correctly and not as your Editor misspelled it in the November 88 edition.

Dr. Morris Ackerman, VBOB Surgeon, 91st Med. Gas Trmt. Bn, Co A, and one of the first 14 members of VBOB, applies for an associate membership for Mrs. Ackerman. Dr. Ackerman says "Hello" to the men in the Command Section of his unit.

Marion D. Williams, 1st Bn, 41st Armd Inf. Regt, sends a copy of Battle Honors to his unit during the Bulge era for extra-ordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty.

Robert W. Linhart, Sr, 80th Div, writes that his unit moved up on 17 Dec 44 for 28 days in the relief of Bastogne. His unit was hit three times -- not bad, he says, since they killed over 200 Germans and captured many. He states he is still cold and asks "where have all the medals gone?"

Joseph Panettieri, 11th Armd, 63d AIB, would like to hear from unit members. Write him at 22 Chris Ter, Ringwood, NY 07456.

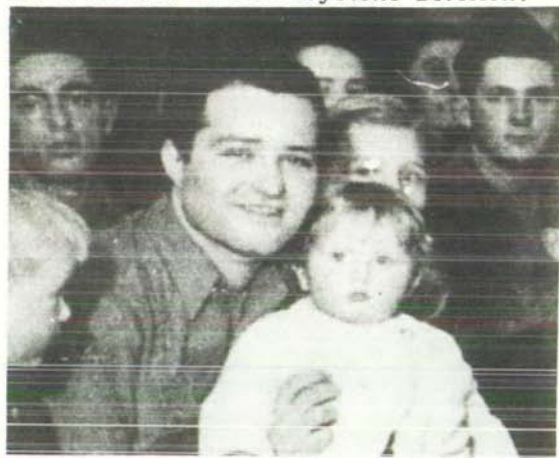
Joseph Dalcourt, (unit unknown) asks if anyone remembers the name of a Sergeant who drove for General G. S. Patton, Jr. at Trier and wishes to contact him. Write to Joseph at 361 2 Greenwich St, Swanton, VT 05488.

Ruben Goehring, 26th Inf. Div, and member of Fresno VBOB Chapter, along with his wife, continues to do volunteer work at the Martinez, California VA Hospital, weekly. Ruben was 75 years old in April.

Richard T. Wright is interested in locating anyone who served with him in the 3d Squad, Co. L, 320th Inf, 35th Div. Contact Richard at 6258 Muskrat Bay Rd, Brewerton, NY 13029.

Edward F. Greh, 27th AIB, 9th Armd. Dis, is planning to visit Camp Ibis in the Mohave Desert near Neadler. Anyong interested may contact Ed at 807 Shore Club Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Mr. Jacques Rummens in Belgium writes concerning Harry Stutz (see photo below) who was in Wiltz, Luxembourg, in December 1944. The little girl on his lap is from Wiltz and was about 18 months old then at this St. Nicolas Ceremony in 1944. She is now working with Jacques in a research lab in Brussels. It is believed that Harry was a member of the Keystone Division.



LeRoy D. (Whitey) Schaller in Feb. 1947 sent a personal letter to Bill Simpson in Minneapolis. The letter was stamped "Deceased" and returned by the US Postal Service. The two buddies had endured a lot together...a touch of Hurtgen Forest, patrols in bitter cold, the Bulge at Marnach and starvation as POW's in Stalag IX-B at Bad Orb. Was this the end? In February 1987, VBOB member Morris Pettit, received the latest issue of the Ex-POW Bulletin and established contact with Whitey. Seven months later, from info in VBOB's **THE BULGE BUGLE**, Simpson contacted Pettit who wasted no time in putting the two old pals in touch. Three old buddies from B Co of the 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, were in contact again after 40 years. But not for long - Wm "Pop" Simpson died in Vista, California, just twenty days later. It is strange how random forces acted to bring wartime buddies together, even briefly, for one last contact.





# Chapter News

## Beverly, Mass. To Host VBOB Chapter

Reprinted from the Beverly Times, Beverly, Mass. February 17, 1989

By RICHARD MANUGIAN  
Times staff

BEVERLY - The city will soon be the site of one of fewer than a dozen chapters nationwide for veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

The new chapter, scheduled to be approved later this month by the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge national headquarters in Arlington, Va., will be named the C.G. Paul Newgarden after the local major general who commanded many of the troops who served in the 10th Armored Fighter Division.

"They meet all of the council conditions, so there's no reason they won't be chartered," said Robert van Houten, the group's vice-president for regionalization and a past president from 1984-86. "It's just a matter of approving them."

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge has established 10 chapters, not including Beverly, across the country since its founding in 1981 and is growing fast, van Houten said. "We have half a dozen that are in the process. We should have, by the end of the year, close to 18."

Leading the membership drive for the Beverly chapter is Matthew "Pat" Femino, a Battle of the Bulge recipient of the Purple Heart.

"Everybody will want to join. Anybody that fought in that battle, they're proud to join," Femino said. "I figure we'll have as much as two or three thousand names within a year or so. I've only been at it three weeks, and I've got over 30 now and I've got a lot of applications that are coming in."

Femino said the chapter would meet initially in American Legion

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**-Matthew "Pat" Femino,  
on a Beverly chapter  
of Veterans of the  
Battle of the Bulge**

Post 331 on Judson Street and would seek to get its own building in time.

"I've got enough (members) to start my chapter, and now I'm going to just build it up as big as I can," he said. "I think we'll have the biggest chapter in the country."

Membership is based on being awarded the Ardennes Campaign battle star as defined by War Department General Orders 114, dated Dec. 7, 1945, according to Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge literature.

Families of those who could qualify, as well as others interested in the battle, may become associate members with full privileges of membership. Dues cost \$10 per year, and membership does not conflict with any other unit or division association.

Applications for membership are available in Pisani's Market on Rantoul Street, Femino said.

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge is a non-profit, educational organization that does not engage in politics, lobbying efforts or propaganda activities, and was organized to honor Americans who served in the Battle of the Bulge, according to group officials.

The Battle of the Bulge took place from Dec. 16, 1844, to Jan. 25, 1945, when German troops entered the mountains and forests of the Ardennes in an attempt to break the American line of defense and trap the Allied Forces in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Fighting ensued for more than four weeks in bitter cold and snow, as the Germans made modest inroads but were ultimately unable to break the Allied ranks.

More than one million men fought in the battle, including 600,000 Americans, 500,000 Germans and 55,000 British. Troops consisted of three American armies and six corps, or the equivalent of 31 divisions; three German armies and 10 corps, or 29 divisions; three British divisions; and contingents of Belgian, Canadian and French troops.

Americans suffered 81,000 casualties, including 19,000 fatalities; England 1,400 casualties, including 200 fatalities; and Germany 100,000 casualties.

Approximately 800 tanks were lost by each side, and Germany lost about 1,000 aircraft.



# CHAPTER NEWS

VBOB Chapters and their presidents are as follows:

WISCONSIN CHAPTER - Wes Cooper, 115 S. 7th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.

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DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER - Stanley Wojtusik, 9639 Wissinoming St, Philadelphia, PA 19114.

FRESNO CHAPTER, Kenneth Hohmann, 4111 N. Sherman St, Fresno, CA 93726.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER, Casimer Pomianek, 6232 - 53rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98115.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER - Bruce Tate, 4646 Crystal Drive, Columbia, SC 29206.

C. G. PAUL NEWGARDEN CHAPTER, Matthew Femino, PO Box 734, Beverly, MA 01915.

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER, Wm. Robert Strickland, R.D. 3, Box 514, Dunn, NC 28334.

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER, Fred T. Dong, 1748 Leavenworth St, San Francisco, CA 94109.

ALABAMA CHAPTER, Chas. M. Hunter, 3645 Kingshill Rd, Birmingham, AL 35223.

My wife, Beverley, and I met on 17 Dec. for a luncheon meeting with a group of VBOBers in Dunn, North Carolina (near Ft. Bragg) hosted by Robert Strickland (4th Armored Div) and Edwin Kahner (16th FAObn from Raleigh. Since 1984 this group has been meeting each December around the 16th to commemorate the start of the Battle.

At the meeting I explained how to form a chapter and the group was enthusiastic about becoming one. They forwarded their chapter charter request and it was accepted as the ninth chapter by the Executive Council on 18 February. The group also voted to donate their excess funds to the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation.

Following the meeting we toured the beautiful museum in Dunn dedicated to Maj. Gen. William C. Lee. Gen. Lee was the Father of the Airborne in WWII. He was placed in command of the 101st Airborne Division and planned their participation in the invasion of France. Unfortunately, he was denied the opportunity to lead them when he suffered a heart attack on 5 Feb. 1944 and was medically retired. He died in 1948 at the age of 53 after suffering more attacks.

The Fresno Chapter had a meeting on 29 October which consisted of a trip to Tulare (about 45 miles south of Fresno) in order to visit the Tulare Military Museum located in the basement of the Toledo Building in Tulare. It started as a dream by Manuel Toledo who was in the Seventh Division in 1943. The chapter was making plans to participate in the Veterans' Day Parade in Clovis. They also had a dinner meeting on 16 December attended by 54 members including John Kunkle, 90th Inf. Div, whom we regret to say died two weeks later. We thank Pres. Ken Hohmann for this report.

We also want to congratulate our eighth chapter formed by Matthew Femino, Beverly, MA. They were also officially accepted at the Executive Council meeting on 18 Feb. Pat was in the 10th Armored Division, so the chapter is named C.G. Paul Newgarden. Those interested in joining this chapter can call Matt Femino at (508) 922-5469.

I am also pleased to announce that San Francisco has officially requested a charter to become our tenth chapter. They will be called The Golden Gate Chapter. Our president, William T. Greenville, was a guest speaker at their 2 February meeting when 18 members voted to become a chapter. Their president, Fred T. Dong, is a newcomer to SVBOB, and we welcome him and his enthusiasm in called the members together to formally become a chapter. Those interested in joining this group can contact Fred Dong at the address and telephone number listed in this edition.

A reminder to all chapters: Please send me any chapter news.

.... Robert J. VanHouten, Vice President for Regional Coordination

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**DEAR ANN LANDERS:**  
As a Red Cross volunteer, I was delighted to have someone bring to my attention a column you wrote in 1976.

If you could print the column again, it might shed some light on an issue that is still on the minds of many World War II veterans who resented paying for coffee and doughnuts at Red Cross Service Clubs.—E.K., Homosassa, Fla.

**Dear E.K.:**

I'm happy to rerun the 1976 column for those who have come aboard since it first appeared, and for readers who have asked to see it again.

The lesson to be learned is this: Before you condemn, consider the possibility that you don't know the whole story. Here it is:

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:**

I was irritated by your kind words for the American Red Cross.

As a veteran of World War II who served overseas for three years, I'd like you to know that the organization you praised was no favorite of the men and women in uniform.

We had to pay the Red Cross for coffee, doughnuts, meals and overnight lodging, while the Salvation Army supplied coffee, doughnuts and meals free.

So please, Ann, don't be so generous with your bouquets. Toss them only to the worthy and preserve your credibility.—G.I. Joe of Long Ago

**Dear Joe:**

A blizzard of letters similar to yours hit my desk after that column appeared.

I wrote to the top officials of the American Red Cross for an explanation and received an eye-popping response.

It was documented by a copy of a letter dated March 28, 1942, from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross.

Here's the inside story. Pretty it is not.

All English and Australian men in uniform had to pay for all off-base food and lodging because voluntary giving (which is characteristic of the United States) is not the pattern in other countries.

The Red Cross, which has never accepted a dime from the U.S. government (and to this day relies totally on voluntary contributions), was asked to establish club facilities for U.S. servicemen overseas where troops from all Allied forces would be welcome.

The Salvation Army did *not* have this responsibility.

The British High Command then made an official request that U.S. servicemen be required to pay for whatever they received, just as their men had to pay in English service clubs.

The Red Cross was adamantly opposed to this and protested vehemently. It lost the fight, however, when a request came from Secretary Stimson.

His letter was tantamount to a command.

Allegations have persisted since World War II that the Red Cross made a profit overseas. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The clubs operated at a loss and represented a heavy financial burden to the Red Cross.

Moreover, the public image of the Red Cross was badly tarnished when it was forced by Stimson to go along with the British High Command.

How unfair that this splendid organization has had to take the rap for a decision made by the U.S. Army.

Today, 35 years later, the truth is known by only a few.

*War is a game  
everybody loses.  
I don't know why  
they keep playing it.*

**Will Rogers**

## THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

■ **HISTORY:** Successor to the Veterans Administration, formed in 1930 to consolidate veterans programs administered by three separate agencies.

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■ **SIZE:** 245,000 employees, the second largest work force in the federal government after the Defense Department.

■ **BUDGET:** \$30 billion in fiscal 1990.

■ **BENEFICIARIES:** 27.2 million veterans.

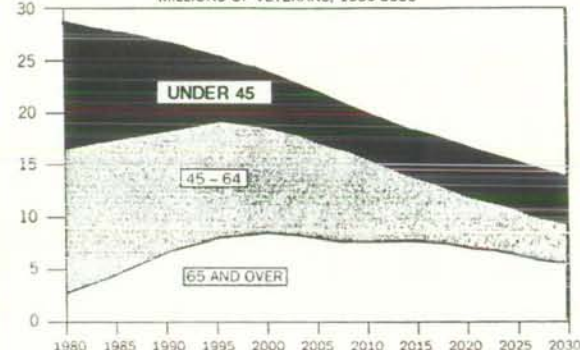
■ **FACILITIES:** 172 hospitals, 231 outpatient clinics, 117 nursing home care units, 27 domiciliaries, 188 counseling centers for Vietnam veterans, 112 cemeteries, 58 regional benefit offices.

■ **NONMEDICAL PROGRAMS:** GI Bill for education (used by 20 million veterans), Home Loan Guaranty Program (used by 12 million), compensation and pension programs (\$14 billion annually to poor, disabled and elderly veterans).

SOURCE: Veterans Administration

## THE AGING VETERAN POPULATION

MILLIONS OF VETERANS, 1980-2030



SOURCE: Veterans Administration

## Members Speak Out

David C. Reich, 106th Inf. Div., is trying to locate old friends (or obtain their present status) who served in the 1st Plt, Co. G, 424th Inf. Regt. They are Bob Wood, Lord, Terry, Katz, Charles Bragg and any others. Dave may be reached at 3721 Bancroft St., San Diego, CA 92104.

Wm. B. Leesemann, Jr. was prompted by the Feb. 89 edition of *THE BULGE BUGLE* to report that he had made several personal visits to the WWII area of his 26th Infantry Division. He mentioned a visit to the Lorraine Cemetery at St. Avold and said that this year he will make his first visit since 1944 to the Normandy area. This trip will include The Bulge Museum at Diekirch and his 26th Division areas of Groshous, Eschdorf and Esch. Bill is the ideal VBOB member since he obtained application forms to get new members from his home area of Safety Harbor, Florida.



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## BOOKS AND TAPE OFFER

The Damned Engineers by David E. Pergrin (60-minute videotape)

The Damned Engineers is predominantly Signal Corps film taken during the Battle of the Bulge. Hundreds of feet of Signal Corps, newsreel, and German film taken during the battle was reviewed, edited, and put in chronological order, including scenes that take you from the American lines to the German lines and back. This gives you a unique perspective of the intense activities of the defenders and the aggressors at the height of the battle. You see the 291st Combat Engineer Battalion in action. The Damned Engineers is probably the most accurate depiction of actual combat at its most intense you will ever see.

First Across the Rhine by Col. David E. Pergrin (hardback book)

First Across the Rhine is the first-person narrative of the 291st Combat Engineer Battalion, one of the tough, hard-working engineer units that literally paved the way from Normandy to the Rhine. Landing in France only days after the first assaults, the 291st quickly acquired a reputation as the Army's premier engineer unit. In December 1944, the lightly armed 291st found itself astride the route of the Panzer spearhead in the Battle of the Bulge and in that epic battle, managed to hold the bridges that denied the Germans victory. Early in 1945, the 291st, under tremendous pressure, threw the first bridge across the Rhine and opened the German heartland to the Allies.

A Time for Trumpets by Charles B. MacDonald (premium paperback)

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# First Epistle to the Selectees

by Pfc. Harold Fleming YANK, The Army Weekly

Lo, all ye miserable sinners, entering through the Gate of Induction into the Land of Khaki, hearken unto my words; for I have dwelt in this land for many months and mine eyes have witnessed all manner of folly and woe.

2 Verily have I tasted the bitter Fruit of TS and drained the dregs of the Cup of Snafu:

3 Gird up thy loins, my son, and take up the olive drab; but act slowly and with exceeding care and hearken first to the counsel of a wiser and sadder man than thou:

4 Beware thou the Sergeant who is called First; he hath a pleased and foolish look but he concealeth a serpent in his heart.

5 Avoid him when he speaketh low and his lips smileth; he smileth not for thee; his heart rejoiceth at the sight of thy youth and thine ignorance.

6 He will smile and smile and work all manner of evil against thee. A wise man shuns the orderly room, but the fool shall

dwelt in the kitchen forever.

7 Unto all things there is a time: there is a time to speak and a time to be silent: be thou like unto stone in the presence of thy superiors, and keep thy tongue still when they shall call for volunteers.

8 The wise man searcheth out the easy details, but only a fool sticketh out his neck.

9 Look thou with disfavor upon the newly made corporal; he prizeth much his stripes and is proud and foolish; he laugheth and joketh much with the older noncoms and looketh upon the private with a frown.

10 He would fain go to OCS, but he is not qualified.

11 Know thou that the Sergeant of the Mess is a man of many moods: when he looketh pleased and his words are like honey, the wise KP seeketh him out and praiseth his chow and laugheth much at his jests:

12 But when he moveth with great hast and the sweat standeth on his brow and he curseth under his breath, make

thyself scarce; for he will fall like a whirlwind upon the idle and the goldbrick shall know his wrath.

13 The Supply Sergeant is a lazy man and worketh not; but he is the keeper of many good things: if thou wouldst wear well-fitting raiment and avoid the statement of charges, make him thy friend.

14 He prizeth drunkenness above all things.

15 He careth not for praise or flattery, but lend him thy lucre and thy liquor and he will love thee.

16 Hell hath no fury like a Shavetail scorned: he walketh with a swagger and regardeth the enlisted man with a raised eyebrow; he looketh upon his bars with exceeding pleasure and loveth a salute mightily.

17 Act thou lowly unto him and call him sir and he will love thee.

18 Damned be he who standeth first in the line of chow and shortstopeth the dessert and cincheth the coffee.

19 He taketh from the meat dish with a heavy hand and leaveth thee the bony part.

20 He is thrice cursed, and all people, even unto the pfcs, will revile him and spit upon him: for his name is called Chow Hound, and he is an abomination.

21 Know thou the Big Operator, but trust him not: he worketh always upon a deal and he speaketh confidentially.

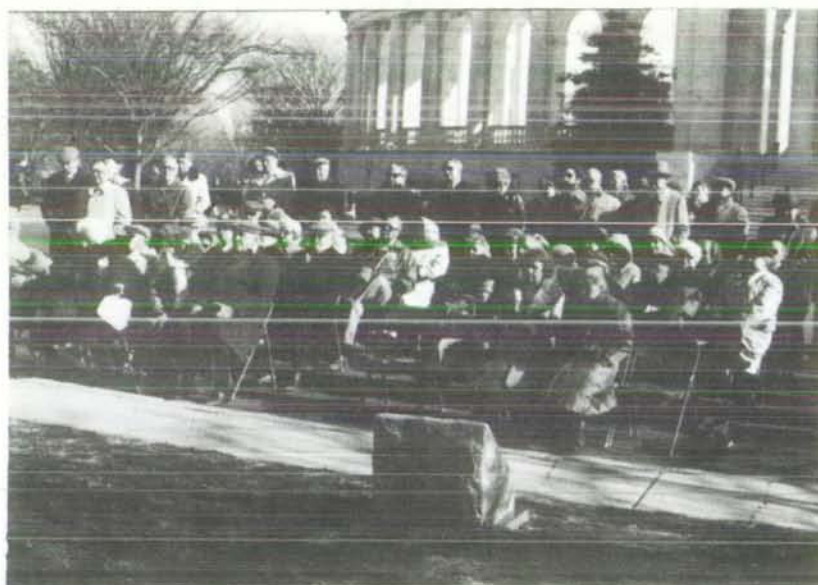
22 He knoweth many women and goeth into town every night; he borroweth all thy money; yea, even unto thy ration check.

23 He promiseth to fix thee up, but doth it not.

24 Beware thou the Old Man, for he will make thee sweat; when he approacheth, look thou on the ball; he loveth to chew upon thy posterior.

25 Keep thou out of his sight and let him not know thee by name: for he who arouseth the wrath of the Old Man shall go many times unto the chaplain.

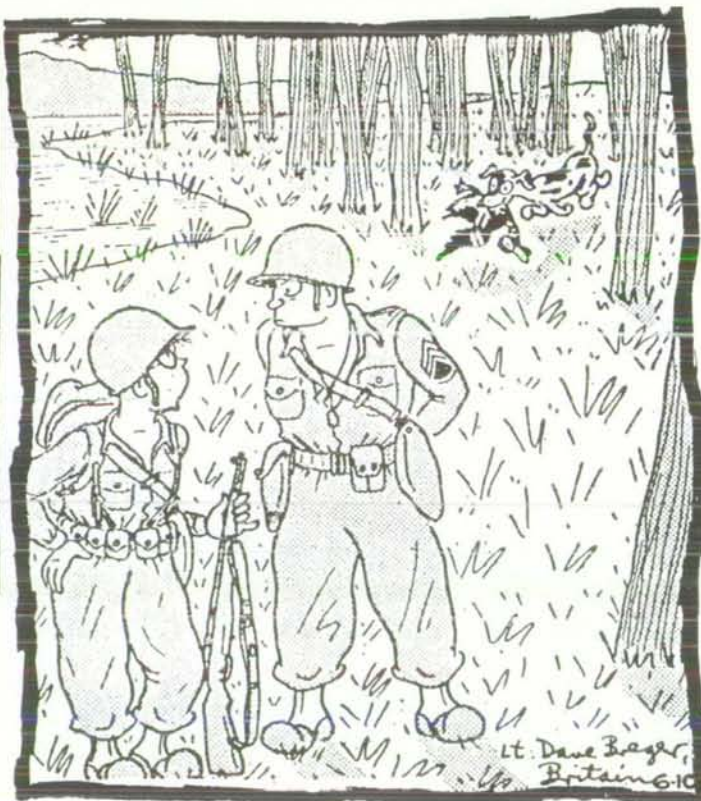
Editor's Note - Does this evoke many memories? *Deja Vu!*



Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Dec. 16, 1988  
VBOB's, family and friends gather for VBOB ceremonies. VBOB monument is in front center of pix. Notice how close it is to the Amphitheater.

## ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

*Please check back cover.*



"Why, Sarge! How can you think I'd be hunting, while on duty?"



# YOU WERE THERE!

We thought you'd like to see this listing of  
Units that served in THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

## I. Units Involved, 16 December 1944–28 January 1945

### A. Allied

(Organization, often extemporized, during the battle)

#### US First Army

##### V Corps

1st Infantry Division  
2nd Infantry Division  
9th Infantry Division  
99th Infantry Division

##### VII Corps

2nd Armored Division  
3rd Armored Division  
75th Infantry Division\*

84th Infantry Division  
(\*75th replaced by 83rd Infantry Division from 3 January 1945)

##### VIII Corps

9th Armored Division

14th Cavalry Group (from 2nd Infantry Division)

28th Infantry Division

106th Infantry Division

XVIII Airborne Corps (created as reinforcement from reserve)

7th Armored Division (from Ninth Army)

30th Infantry Division (from Ninth Army)

17th Airborne Division } (from SHAEF

82nd Airborne Division } reserve)

101st Airborne Division }

#### US Third Army

##### III Corps

4th Armored Division

26th Infantry Division

80th Infantry Division

##### XII Corps

10th Armored Division

4th Infantry Division

5th Infantry Division

The following units were committed to the Bastogne salient in the final stages of the battle:

6th Armored Division

11th Armored Division

35th Infantry Division

87th Infantry Division

90th Infantry Division

Also involved:

British XXX Corps (British Second Army, 21st Army Group): 29th Armored Brigade

### B. German

#### Sixth SS Panzer Army

##### I SS Panzer Corps

1st SS Panzer Division

12th SS Panzer Division

3rd Parachute Division

12th Volksgrenadier Division

##### II SS Panzer Corps (Reserve)

2nd SS Panzer Division

9th SS Panzer Division

##### LXVII Corps

246th Volksgrenadier Division

277th Volksgrenadier Division

326th Volksgrenadier Division

#### Fifth Panzer Army

##### XLVII Panzer Corps

2nd Panzer Division

Panzer Lehr Division

26th Volksgrenadier Division

##### LVIII Panzer Corps

116th Panzer Division

560th Volksgrenadier Division

##### LXVI Corps

18th Volksgrenadier Division

62nd Volksgrenadier Division

##### Reserve

9th Panzer Division

15th Panzer Grenadier Division

#### Seventh German Army

##### LXXX Corps

212th Volksgrenadier Division

276th Volksgrenadier Division

##### LXXXV Corps

5th Parachute Division

352nd Volksgrenadier Division

##### Reserve

79th Infantry Division

##### OKW Reserve

3rd Panzer Grenadier Division

9th Volksgrenadier Division

Führer Begleit Brigade

Führer Grenadier Brigade

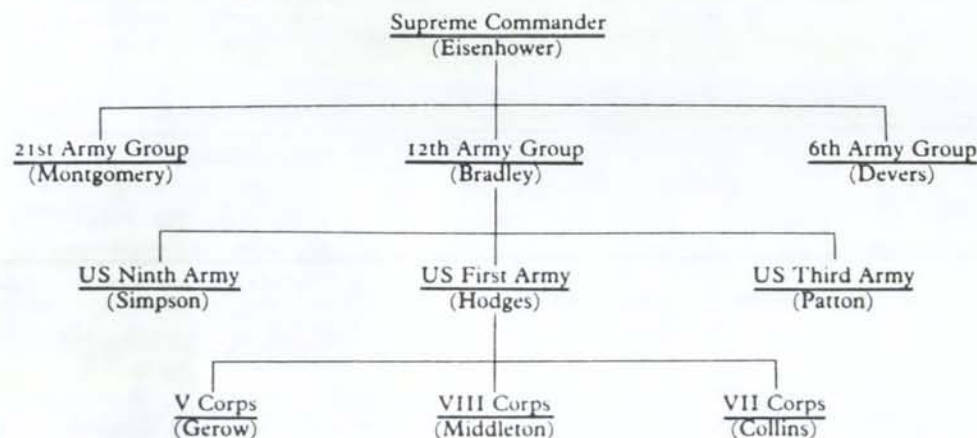
Also involved (attached to Sixth Panzer Army)

150th Panzer Brigade (Skorzeny's commandos)

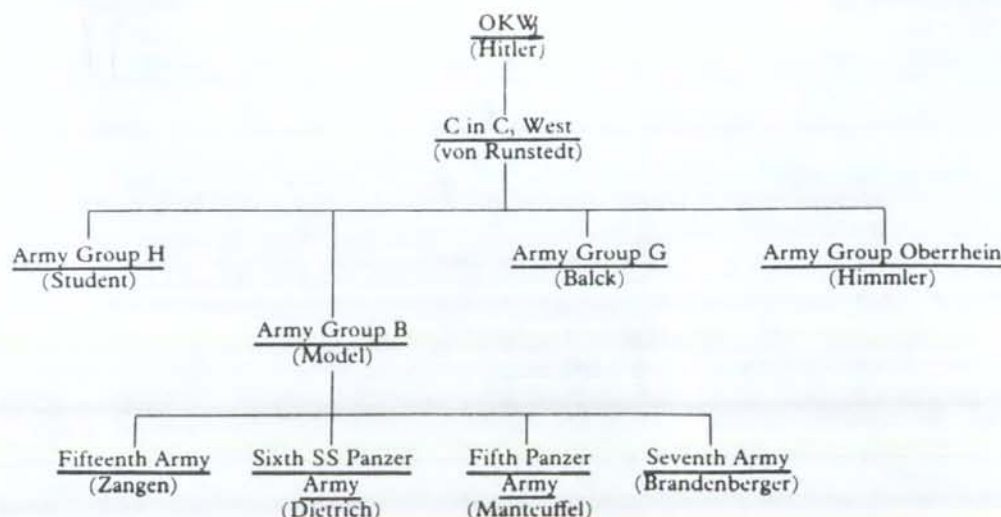
Von der Heydte's Parachutists

## 2. Chains of Command, 16th December 1944

### A. Allied



### B. German



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## CHAPLAIN'S VIEWS

At a recent meeting of the officers of VBOB, the comment was made that there are three hundred thousand surviving members of the Battle of the Bulge. If true, this means that approximately one-half of our comrades of the battle have predeceased us. A somewhat sobering thought, to say the least.

On the other hand, it is a reminder to us the survivors that there is some unfinished business that must be accomplished if we are to properly memorialize for future generations the outstanding contributions made by our comrades in that battle. Although the battle has received a good deal of publicity in the written word and in movies, the real message has been somewhat obscured. Sensationalism has been substituted for truth and accuracy.

A major effort on the part of VBOB has been the establishing of the Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation for the purpose of creating a permanent memorial of the Battle at Fort Meade, Maryland. The Battle of the Bulge Gallery, as it will be known, will be more than "a legacy to memorialize and honor those who served in the battle." It will be a permanent historical record of what was accomplished by young Americans under the most trying circumstances. It will remind future generations of what it is to be a dedicated American in the mid-20th Century and thus serve as a model to be emulated by those who follow us.

Our names and what we may have accomplished personally will continue to fade with the years. There will be fewer and fewer to recognize a name. But what will persevere is the accurate record of what was accomplished by young Americans who believed in their nation. If it makes sense to us, it will make sense to them. Our purpose is to convey to those who follow us that our nation does make sense, and that we the comrades of this and other battles are the real testimony to this fact. We owe it to those who follow us in this nation founded "under God" to present them with a firm foundation on which to build their lives and the nation.

Mssgr. William F. O'Donnell

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## Battle Museum

Sir: The article you so kindly put in DAV Magazine, "Museum Planned to Commemorate Battle of the Bulge" has really struck a chord with your members. In just the first two weeks after the article appeared, we received nearly 100 letters from veterans and family members asking for more information. We'll answer each one personally. We'll also find the answers to some of the questions they pose—like how to find the graves of fathers killed during the battle. Many thanks for helping us inform your members about the museum and for your continued interest in our project.—Sandie Fauriol, Campaign Director, Battle of the Bulge Historical Foundation, Kensington, Md.

Sir: . . . I remember how tough it was at that time, we were very much involved in the battle. I was 25 years old then, I will soon be 70. It seems like only yesterday. . . —Ervin Hedgecoth, Crossville, Tenn.

Sir: . . . I was there, and am interested in seeing that this is not forgotten. . . —Joseph J. Ciriaco, Sarasota, Fla.

Sir: . . . I am sure there are many surviving 8th and 9th Army Air Force members who flew troop support raids at that time who would be interested in helping. I remember men being pulled out of our ground crews, off fire trucks and out of kitchens, handed rifles and sent to battle. Many died within the first 24 hours. . . —William Hoadley, West Chester, PA.

Sir: . . . It was the greatest battle fought by the U.S. Army, if not the biggest battle of the war in Europe at the time. It is important that the public never forget what sacrifices were made to preserve freedom. . . —Lloyd Kahn, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Belgian Author Seeks Info About Fighting in Ardennes

A Belgian author is writing a book about the fighting in the Ardennes in December 1944 and January 1945. He would like to hear from American soldiers who fought in the area of Baraque de Fraiture, Manhay, and Malempre between Dec. 20, 1944, and Jan. 3, 1945. This included members of Task Force Kane, 32nd Tank Regt., Co. A of 509th Para. Btn., 89th Escadron of Cavalry, 27th Inf. D.B. Btn., 2nd and 3rd Btns. of 504th Para. Regt. (82nd Abn.), 40th Tank Btn., 48th Inf. Btn., and 330th Inf. Regt. of 83rd Inf. Div. Write to: Monfort Eddy, Rue du village, 60, 6681, Malempre, Belgium. He would also like to hear from the soldier, Everett R. Raschka, whose Dog Tag, 39215722 T44-440, was found in Malempre.

DAV Magazine, March 1989

*I Blew this S.O.B. with  
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*Chuck Sweitzer  
291st Combat Engineers*



Above: The blown-up viaduct at Malmedy, photographed by Colonel Pergrin (Pergrin Collection).



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# Reunion ~ ~ ~

505th MP Bn, 13-17 Sep 89, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Vincent J. Petringa, 55 Bradshaw St, Medford, MA 02155.

80th Div Vets Assn. (WWI & II), 16-20 Aug 89, Galt House, Louisville, KY. Contact Claude E. Schappell, RD #1, Box 1492, Bethel, PA 19507.

14th Tank Bn, 9th Armd. Div, 4-8 Oct 89, Orlando, FL. Contact Dee Paris, 13110 Holdridge Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

1st FAOB, 7-9 Oct 89, Fayetteville, NC. Contact Vernon E. Beavers, PO Box 36133, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

3d FAOB, 31 Aug-4 Sep 89, Springfield, MO. Contact Walter T. Caldwell, 2449 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43209.

8th FAOB, 13-15 Oct 89, Mobile, AL. Contact Jimmy Lipman, PO Box 3339, Arlington, VA 22203.

12th FAOB, 21-23 Jul 89, W. Liberty, IA. Contact Mrs. Joseph Banasiak, 6547 Nebraska Ave, Hammond, IN 46323.

13th FAOB, 26-29 May 89, Reading, PA. Contact Fred A. Ranelli, 2022 Spring St, W. Lawn, PA 19609.

14th FAOB, 31 Aug - 4 Sep 89, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact Nick Kenitz, 312 2d St, Wabash, MN 55981

16th FAOB Hq Btry, Sep 89, Seattle, WA. Contact Luther S. Winsor, 12705 95th Ave, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

235th FAOB, 4-6 Aug 89, Pioneer, OH. Contact Jack Barber, 504 Crestview Dr, Madison, WI 53716.

285th FAOB, 8-10 Sep 89, SE Pennsylvania. Contact Charles A. Hammer, 767 Pearl Ave, Manheim, PA 1754

287th FAOB, 19-21 May 89, King of Prussia, PA. Contact Elwood Yerian, 3787 Ritamarie Dr, Columbox PA 43220.

288th FAOB, 23-26 Jun 89, Detroit, MI. Contact Ben Fles, 7390 Old Mill Rd, Birmingham, MI 48010.

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, 25-28 Sep 89, Reno, NV. Contact Dee Paris, 13110 Holdridge Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

US Field Arty Assn. (OCS), June 89, Ft. Sill, OK. Contact USFAA, Ft. Sill, OK 73503.

78th Cav. Recon. Troop, 9-20 Aug 89, Seattle, WA. Contact Gordon Gogert, 16605-52d Ave, NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.

134th Inf & 35th Div, 1-3 Sep 89, Columbus, OH. Contact James G. Graff, Rt. 1, Box 54, Middletown, IL.

203d FA Bn, WWII, 27-28 Oct 89, Tulsa, OK. Contact Bill Cottingham, Rt. 1, Box 307, Big Cabin, OK 74332.

Co. B, 55 Armd. Inf. Bn, 11 AD, 8-10 Sep 89, DeQuincy, LA. Contact Mrs. Jack Inman, 313 S. Division St, DeQuincy, LA 70633.

Co. A, 17th Engr. Bn, 2nd AD, 18-21 May 89, Lexington, KY. Contact Francis Turner, Rt. 3-Bob 104, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

Co. C & D, 26th Inf, 1st Div, WWII; 10-15 Oct 89; Hampton, VA. Contact Bennie Zuskin, 141 Saunders Rd, Hampton, VA 23666.

965th FA Bn, 9/11-14/89, Northampton, MA. Contact Mike O'Connor, 17 Warren St, Florence, MA 01060.

328th Inf. CT (WWII), 20-22 Oct 1989, Ponconas, PA. Contact Bob V. Clapp, 208 Aspinwall Ave, Brookline, MA 02146.

926th Signal Bn, WWII, 24-26 Aug 89, Knoxville, TN. Contact H. A. Turner, PO Box T, BlueRidge Summit, PA 17214.

157th Engr. Combat Bn, 25-27 Aug. 89, Reading, PA. Contact Robert C. Wolfgang, 202 Plain St, Gordon, PA 17936.

## From Cook to Squad Leader

Kenneth H. McGrew of Germantown, MD was trained as a cook at Ft. Meade, MD before going overseas. Upon arrival, he was assigned to the 26th Infantry Division of the Third U.S. Army and found they needed Infantry squad leaders more than they needed cooks in the battle at Metz. Later actions included Wiltz and Bastogne. On 31 Dec 44 Ken's squad was captured, but four of the men escaped the following day. He rejoined his Company E, 101 Regiment, and was wounded on 3 Jan. Ken wrote to the Bulge Foundation after reading the article in the January 1989 DAV magazine. He not only made a contribution to the Bulge Gallery at the museum, but joined VBOB at the same time.

## Are Your Dues Due?





# White Christmas

Members of the tour group of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge has just finished dinner in the Casino 2000 ballroom. The location - Luxembourg, the date- 29 September 1988. The previous days had been spent touring and revisiting areas where these people had fought in the Battle of the Ardennes, usually known as the "Battle of the Bulge." The veterans, along with their wives/husbands and some historians and authors, had looked for foxholes they had dug, buildings where they had stayed, crossroads - anything that would remind them of "tough" hours and days they had spent 44 years before as very young men in World War II.

A fine band had been playing during dinner and the "music of the forties" seemed to turn the clock and calendar back to those earlier times. How fun it was to be in the center of the Ardennes with a group that had shared experiences long ago listening to a big band play "Lili Marlene," "Sentimental Journey" and "September Song."

The bandleader was taking requests and announced, "I have received a request for this song, as I have many times from Americans, but never before in September. But, here it is -- "White Christmas."

When the music started the mood in the room changed. The sounds of light conversation, war stories, clinking glassware stopped. Only the familiar notes of the song could be heard until someone started to softly sing the words. Others joined in. It seemed that everyone was singing yet it was quiet in the large room. The band repeated the song.

Many voices cracked or stopped, and a gut feeling told me that we were welded together by our thoughts and memories of a white Christmas 44 years earlier spent in this very part of the world. The thoughts were not pleasant, but not because we had lived in holes in the snow in sub-zero weather or because of the other physical hardships we remembered. It was the mental stress that we recalled. The memories were of wondering if we would see another Christmas and of our families at home wondering if they would see us again. Perhaps there were memories of buddies, like the guy who wondered if his wife was having the baby that was expected that Christmas, or of the kid, who seemed younger than the rest of us, who had laughed when the terrific shelling was taking place. We asked him about it, but he didn't know that he had laughed.

For me, there were no fond memories of that "White Christmas" of 1944 -- only bad ones. War is not thrilling or exciting, but consists of misery and being scared to death. But, I suppose "White Christmas" is a reason why we did it all. I get the same feeling when they play the National Anthem before a football game. And, I feel guilty when I see a death date of December 25, 1944 on a marker in an American military cemetery.

"White Christmas" means something different now, since that night in September of 1988. I'm not sure I like to hear the music now.

..Rex Whitehead, Co. H, 394th Inf, 99th Inf. Div.

## NOTICE

Any division association that is touring the Ardennes on September 10 is invited to attend, at no cost, a memorial ceremony on that date with band and color guard at the big monument outside Bastogne.

For details, contact Charles B. MacDonald at address or telephone number contained in his ad elsewhere in this issue.

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## Veterans Administration

To obtain copies of military service records which are not part of your VA claims file, contact the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis or any VA Regional Office or veterans' service organization which will assist in requesting copies of military records.

To continue VA pension benefits, veterans must report all income from all sources. VA determines which sources/amounts will be counted.

A GI insurance dividend hoax that first appeared more than 25 years ago continues to plague veterans. (There ain't no such thing. Ed.)

Veterans who receive a zero percent service-connected disability evaluation should remember that they do have a record of their disability related to their service. This entitles them to priority treatment by the VA for the condition and allows for a quicker decision if their condition worsens and a claim for compensation should be made, thus establishing basic entitlement.

The 15 March 89 change making the VA now the Dept. of Veterans Affairs does not affect their assuming responsibility for all existing laws and regulations previously administered by the VA that provide benefits and services to veterans.

A change in the item of the Feb. 1989 edition of THE BULGE BUGLE on Page 14 requires that if POW interment lasted 90 (not 181) days or more, needed dental care is available.

VA compensation payments are not taxable and need not be reported for income purposes.

The toll-free telephone number for the Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Center, should you have any questions regarding your insurance policy, is 1-800-422-8079.

Come on, Guys and Gals! Send us a short item of the

most interesting event in your experiences during WWII in the Battle of the Bulge. If you desire feedback from our members, we will include your name and address.

John (Jack) Kearney, 557th - 84th Div, a Charter Member of VBOB (Member #22) retired on 3 March 1989. He was a Personnel Management Specialist, Investigator, and Evaluator with the Civil Service Commission and Office of Personnel Management. Best Wishes, Jack!

A note from Ralph R. Balestrieri on Page 10 of THE BULGE BUGLE dated February 1989 neglects to contain his address. It is 41 Rose Court, Eatontown, NY 07724. (Sorry, Ralph. Ed.)

## Up Front

## with Willie & Joe

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# Battle of The Bulge Video Retitled

With the approval of Charles B. MacDonald's publisher, the video on the Battle of the Bulge currently in production has been retitled: "A Time for Trumpets: Return to the Battle of the Bulge." Orders placed earlier under the original title, "December Dawn," will be honored.

The head of the Chesapeake Media Institute and producer of the film, Dr. Charles Sterin, his camera crew, and MacDonald as script writer and advisor left for Belgium in mid-April to do additional filming to complement that accomplished last fall during the official VBOB tour of the Ardennes.

The producer has had particular assistance from Ambassador Denhennin, the Belgian ambassador to the United States, and from Sabena Airlines.

A group of VBOB volunteers meanwhile has been contacting all Bulge units that have unit associations to ask their assistance in publicizing the video.

VBOB members can still place advance orders at a special price of \$79.95. In addition to the video, they will receive a Certificate of Recognition listing name, rank, and unit and will be included in a special Honor Roll to be affixed at the end of the film.

A portion of the purchase price will be donated to the VBOB Historical Foundation to assist in building the Bulge gallery at Fort Meade, MD.

An order form appeared in the last issue of THE BULGE BUGLE, or write:  
Chesapeake Media Institute, P.O. Box 16286, Baltimore, MD 21210.

## READERS SERVICE

Paul Gartenmann, a VBOB member and proprietor of BARCROFT BOOKS is now specializing EXCLUSIVELY in military history.

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★ 177 FA Btry (1941-45) 15 July 89, Owosso, MI. Contact Alvin Hoake, 113 N. State Rd., Owosso, MI 48867

★ 460 Ord. Evac. Co. June 89. Location to be announced. Contact Lonnie Grey, P.O. Box 233, Pangburn, AR 72121

★ 75th Div. Veterans Assn. Fort Lauderdale Fla. Marriott. Contact James E. Warmouth, 6545 W. 11th, Indianapolis, Ind. 21224, July 27-30.



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★ SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL addressing the House of Commons following the Battle of the Bulge

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# Business Traveler: F.Y.I.

## Polishing Up Detroit's London Chop House

Detroit's venerable London Chop House is now in the skilled hands of Chicago restaurateur Richard Valente and has recently undergone a million-dollar renovation.

The new menu includes a mixed seafood grill and daily specials such as soft-shell crabs and tuna with a tomato-basil sauce. There are now beef tournedos as well as the Chop House's traditional chateaubriand and filet mignon.

The wine list is just as impressive – with a new reserve cellar for maturing the restaurant's vintage bottles. And the service is as courteous and professional as always.

The London Chop House is located at 155 West Congress Street near Cobo Hall. Phone 313-962-0277 for reservations.

## A Handy Car Repair Guide for Cardmembers

If you drive a lot on business – in your own car or a rental – it pays to be resourceful when a breakdown occurs.

For advice on repairs and emergency situations, American Express is offering a compact, 176-page *Glove Compartment Guide to Emergency Car Repair* free to Cardmembers.

The guide walks you through many problems, from a stuck gearshift to puddles under your car. It lists the possible causes,

the trunk tools required, precautions to take and the procedure to follow for making repairs.

The guide also lists the thousands of auto dealers, gas stations and auto service and parts specialists where you can have repairs charged to the Card.

For your free copy of the guide, send your name, address, Card account number and expiration date – with signature – to American Express Car Repair Guide, P.O. Box 14328, Baltimore, Md. 21268. A \$1 fee for postage and handling will be charged to your account. You'll receive the guide in six to eight weeks.

## The Hilton Reno Is Now a Flamingo

After a \$13 million face-lift, Reno's Hilton Hotel has become a Flamingo property, specializing in making business pleasurable. The hotel provides ample space for meetings and conventions – even for get-togethers of as many as 500 people.

When your work is done, head for one of the hottest casinos in town – the Flamingo's very own roulette tables. Or relax and enjoy live entertainment or sample the Food Fantasy Buffet. High above, in the elegant Top of the Hilton, you can look out on the magnificent Sierra Nevadas as you dine.

The Flamingo Hilton Reno is downtown at 255 North Sierra Street. There are some 600 redone rooms with rates from \$59 for a single to \$99 for a twin. Corporate discounts and ski packages are available. For reservations, phone 800-HILTONS.



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# T&E

A Monthly Newsletter Covering Business Travel & Entertainment for Corporate Cardmembers Only

## The Corporate Call to Service *Doing Things Right for Customers*

"It's not just doing things right," says quality and customer-satisfaction consultant John Guaspari, explaining Corporate America's dedication to better service, "it's doing the right things right."

Companies from Apple Computer and General Electric to Nordstrom and Xerox are paying more attention than ever to the

liver and other personal service businesses.

**Information Source.** Another product of changing work and living styles has been a move by businesses to provide more convenient access to their services. Many businesses now offer 24-hour toll-free numbers and expanded working hours.

They are also providing more

bread and butter of its business, American Express provides several toll-free 24-hour hotlines for its Cardmembers. In addition, employees in the U.S. Travel Group – from mailroom clerks to the president of the division – participate in a customer service training seminar called "Putting People First."

In Charlotte, N.C., the First Union National Bank goes so far as to send an anonymous "shopper" to its branches each month to see how smoothly employees are handling customer relations.

**Personal Touches.** Typifying this improved service, hotels are continually adding new service features, from faster check-ins and check-outs to elaborate fitness facilities and business centers.

Combined with such high-tech improvements as data ports on room phones and electronic security systems is a new emphasis on personal touches, exemplified by concierges, butlers and even hotlines that enable guests to discuss problems directly with hotel managers.

This new concern for the customer's viewpoint is guiding American business into the Nineties.

*Keeping customers happy has  
become a key ingredient for  
competing successfully.*

service side of their businesses. In fact, keeping customers happy has become a key ingredient for competing successfully.

**New Lifestyles.** A driving force in improving customer service has been the dramatic change in work patterns in recent years. The increase in two-income couples whose busy schedules create a demand for a wide variety of services has helped launch an entire new industry of take-home food shops, dry cleaners that de-

information about their products to today's more knowledgeable customers. IBM, for example, holds computer seminars in major cities to keep customers abreast of new developments.

**Quality Transactions.** "Toll-free 800 numbers are nice," says service consultant Guaspari, "but you also have to improve the quality of the transaction with the customer."

Today almost every company with a consumer product or service not only has a consumer-complaint phone line but also a program to train employees to deal with distressed customers.

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# Ask the President

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If your favorite restaurant hasn't been contacted yet, please write to Vincent Lopez, Vice President of SE Sales Support, American Express Tower, World Financial Center, New York, N.Y. 10285-3500. He'll pass your suggestion on to a sales representative who will visit the restaurant and make the necessary arrangements.

*Roger H. Ballou*

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President, Travel and  
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# Washington, D.C.

## A Magnet for Corporate America



There's hardly a major U.S. company today that doesn't do business along the Potomac. It's a full-time job just keeping up with legislation, regulations and top-level decisions, particularly when a new administration takes over.

In response, corporate parks have sprouted all over the nearby Virginia and Maryland landscape in recent years. Many office clusters are located in Alexandria, Arlington, Crystal City and other Virginia towns near the Pentagon. Federal law requires companies with defense contracts to maintain offices or have representatives within a short radius of the Pentagon.

## Airport to City

National Airport, now undergoing renovation, is only four miles from downtown. Taxis charge by zone: \$6 to the Pentagon, \$7 to downtown, \$18 to Tyson's Corner. Washington Flyer vans will drop you at major hotels; the fare is \$5. The Metro subway, a five-minute walk away, costs only about \$1, but allow 40 minutes from the airport to your downtown address.

Dulles International Airport, 26 miles from town, is now a major airport handling domestic and international traffic – with plans for doubling the main terminal and adding a mid-field terminal. It's a mere \$11 by cab to Reston, Virginia, popular for business meetings, but \$32 to

\$35 if you're taxiing to the Pentagon, Capitol Hill or Bethesda. A better bargain is the Washington Flyer – \$12 one way.

If you have appointments in the suburbs – for instance, along the Capital Beltway (I-495) – consider renting a car. You can pick it up at one airport and return it at the other, if that suits your plans. However, you can also reach some Maryland and Virginia addresses on the Metro.

## Business Districts

Washington lacks a neatly defined business district. The closest thing to it is K Street, between 14th Street and 23rd. Note that most north-south streets have numbers; most east-west streets, letters of the alphabet.

Some key neighborhoods for business visitors:

- Near Capitol Hill – the epicenter of the city – are hotels, restaurants and pubs largely inhabited by lobbyists and legislators.
- Between the Hill and K Street is the heavily booked Convention Center – with Techworld, a glassy showcase for information technology, rising a block away.
- Along the Mall are Transportation, Commerce and other federal offices.
- Power, money and diplomacy all come together at the White House and the nearby Treasury and State buildings.
- National trade associations populate the area around DuPont



Circle, while embassies line Embassy Row on Massachusetts Avenue.

## Hotels

The capital has an extraordinary variety of excellent hotels, from the luxurious, cozy Jefferson near the White House, to the convention-style Washington Hilton on Connecticut Avenue. All major chains have one or more hotels in the area.

Corporate rates at Washington hotels run from \$90 to \$175; however, lower rates exist for government-reimbursement employees.

- Near the Capitol are the bustling Hyatt Regency and sedate Washington Court on Capitol Hill. Not far away, and close to DOT and other key offices, is Loews L'enfant Plaza.
- Across from the Convention Center is a new Grand Hyatt, with the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza at Metro Center to come later this year.
- Downtown, where Treasury, Commerce and other cabinet departments hold sway, the JW Marriott and historic Willard Inter-Continental are popular.
- Overlooking the White House is the Hay-Adams and nearby the renovated, mansion-like Sheraton-Carlton. The Capitol Hilton is across the street.
- At M and 24th Streets near Georgetown are the opulent Grand Hotel, the smallish Park Hyatt and the Westin, a favorite with fitness buffs.
- Other options include the Four Seasons, expertly staffed and known for its fine dining; the Madison, a celebrity hangout; the spruced-up Ritz-Carlton; and Embassy Row Hotel, which attracts foreign dignitaries. Many executives favor the vin-

tage Morrison House in Alexandria's Old Town.

In bustling Fairfax County, a new Hyatt Regency will join the Sheraton at Reston, a major meeting center. South of Tyson's Corner, there's a new Fairview Marriott. Closer to Dulles, in the Chantilly area, is the new and highly regarded Westfields International Conference Center.

In the Maryland suburbs, Marriott has two top lodgings in Bethesda and Greenbelt, both on the Beltway. In Silver Spring, there's the excellent Sheraton Inn Washington Northwest.

## Business Entertaining

Washington now ranks as one of the nation's best restaurant towns. But cuisine, whether French, Italian or Chinese, takes second place to the business on hand at breakfast, lunch or dinner. On average, lunch costs about \$40 for two, dinner \$70, but some restaurant standouts are very expensive (as much as \$125 to \$150 for two).

For a quick lunch, two good choices are the Old Ebbitt Grill (close to the Treasury) and Duke Zeibert's (Connecticut Avenue). Also try Primi Piatti (I Street) for Italian fare, the bistro-style Le Gaulois (Pennsylvania Avenue) and Szechuan (I Street), considered one of Washington's best Chinese restaurants.

For fancier (and more expensive) fare, reserve a table at Le Lion D'or, Jean-Pierre or Jean-Louis at Watergate. In Arlington, a popular business spot is Windows (in the *USA Today* tower on Wilson Boulevard).

Also noteworthy – at lower prices – are the Occidental's Grill (Pennsylvania Avenue),

Jacques (McPherson Square), Twenty-One Federal (a relative newcomer to L Street), La Colline (near the Hill) and Maison Blanche (close to the White House).

In the Maryland outskirts, try Tragara, a fancy Italian restaurant in Bethesda. Oscar Taylor's in Rockville features seafood, steaks and some Cajun dishes.

Two candidates for a leisurely business dinner close to Virginia offices are Evans Farm Inn (McLean) and L'Auberge Chez François (Great Falls).

## Free Time

The White House is a good first stop for sightseeing – with self-guided half-hour tours from 10 to 12 Tuesday through Saturday. Get a ticket (with assigned time) at 8 A.M. Another must is the self-guided tour of the Capitol, open daily from 9 to 3:45.

In Georgetown, visit the Tudor House museum (1644 31st St. N.W.) for a portrayal of Colonial times.

For evening, you can buy tickets to performances at the John F. Kennedy Center. Two good locations for strolling are Georgetown and Alexandria's delightful Old Town.

## Visitor Information

The area code for the District of Columbia is 202; for northern Virginia, 703; for Maryland, 301. Some useful numbers:

- Washington Convention and Visitors Association, 202-789-7000.
- District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce, 202-347-7201.
- American Express Travel Service Office, 202-457-1300.

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