

Notes:

- After my pass to Phoenix, I fell in love with it and moved there in 1968.
- Our 125th AAA Gun Bn. came from many walks of life. Many were from the Ohio Valley, and we have become one big family. We have reunions to date 66 years later.
- There was Smitty, Warren Hinein, HQ, Russ Elliot, Paul McCoy from Kentucky and a member of the famous Hatfield & McCoy families. He was very strong. I saw him lift up the end of a jeep. Life Magazine did an article on the Hatfields & McCoys and he could name every uncle in the picture.
- In HQ's I was to do map reading & compass reading, which prepared me for night patrol. I was sent to classes for intelligence-gathering groups.
- Our field artillery guns were 105mm and 90mm. The 90mm was used more to shoot down the V1 rockets and German planes. It was also used for anti-tank.
- 1,500,000 men were held as Prisoners of War in Germany.
- The largest surrender of WWII - 250,000 Germans with 25 generals.
- After the war ended in 1945, I was given leave and went for R&R in Paris. There I met Audie Murphy and we enjoyed Paris.
- As a commissioned officer, I was required to sign for 10 years of service.
- At the end of WWII, I was on assignment in the Occupational Army. I worked as a Military Permit Officer for the American Zone of Germany. After the war ended, all of Europe was on the move. Everywhere the people were moving to go home.
- My Division headquarters was located at the junction of the Inn River and the Danube River, Passau, Germany. (83rd Div. 329 Inf. in 1945.)
- In June 1946, I was given leave to go home for several weeks. On the way home I crossed the ocean on the American Fanner Liberty Ship.
- In the 125th Gun Bn, enlisted men were always close friends and each year they had a reunion. In 1993, the 50th Anniversary was one of the largest gatherings of old friends since the end of the war. More than fifty members showed for this reunion.
- Seventy-three veterans from 5 American Battalions and their families made the trip to Antwerp, Belgium, September 4, 1994 to celebrate the 50th year of Antwerp X and the unveiling ceremony for the Monument in Antwerp.
- At the time when General Patton died, my understanding was that one man from each Unit in General Patton's 3rd Army received an invitation to attend his funeral. I felt it was a great honor to be the Flag Bearer of the 83rd Regiment Colors.