

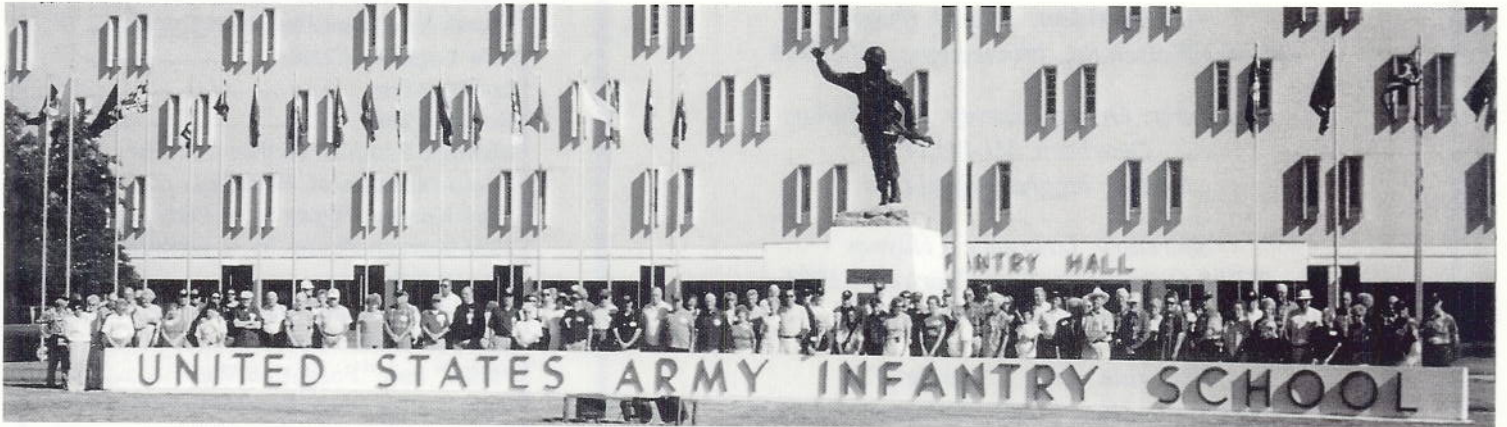


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## COLUMBUS & FT. BENNING HOST GREAT REUNION



Members of the reunion group pose in front of the main building at Fort Benning, during a tour of the post.

Cocktail Parties, Meetings, Dinners, Breakfasts, Photo Sessions, we had it all. We visited the Infantry Museum, saw displays from World War-II, Korea, and other wars our country has been involved in. We had lectures and illustrative talks at the "School Of The Americas"

We had it all! This was a complete Infantry Reunion. We toured the mechanized tank and vehicle area, and some took familiarization rides in them. Steve Justice and George Harvey with their top half sticking up out of an armored personnel carrier, directed one around the

facility. It was really a sight to see.

One of the most unique things about this reunion was the fact that we had six different commanders of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment present. I don't believe that has ever happened before.

We had a raffle, with the first prize being a set of video tapes depicting the history of The Korean War. Second prize was a 1945 issue of the Stars and Stripes. Photos of the winners may be found on page 21.

But the greatest part of this or any reunion was the camaraderie, the bull sessions; the getting together with old friends, discussing those days that bonded us together. Days of pain, days of fun, of adventures and of mis-adventures. Times spent in those far-a-way lands 45 to 55 years ago that seem now almost to be unreal.

Every reunion we have brings friends and memories closer. We had about 160 in attendance in Columbus. I sincerely hope that next year in Wisconsin we double that number. Try and be there, you won't forget it or regret it.



John Carrig had arranged with the manager of The Sheraton Hotel to have this vintage World War II jeep displayed in the lobby. Here a group of our members pose in it. Note the sign painted just below Steve Justice, warning you to take Caution and not to overfill, but to allow for expansion. One wonders if the sign refers to Steve or the jeep.

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## Up Front with Willie & Joe

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"Don't mention it Lieutenant. They mighta replaced you wit' one of those salutin' demons!"

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# BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS

(By LTG W.W. Quinn)

TO JOHN A. SULLIVAN

Dear Jack: Congratulations on your election as our new President. I was gratified at our meeting, to note your sense of purpose and the enthusiasm you radiated.

Your inheritance is a result of seven years of building the Association to its current status, by a number of dedicated and determined members.

In this connection, I would hope that you and John would lean heavily on the Board of Directors, particularly in connection with reunions. Six of them have participated in the planning, and/or conduct of them. In sum, you have a fine Board, and a top flight Secretary and Treasurer.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, I'll be 92-years old. How many more reunions I make is problematical. But if I have a charge for you, it is posterity and continuity of this Association.

I was instrumental in the establishment of The Lineal Descendant Program. I enlisted the

services of CSM Tim Green to recruit new members as Life Members, among the active troops. The results of his efforts have been phenomenal.



Another Goal, which I hope you attain, is an increase in the number of WW-II members that join us at reunions.

Your most business will be with Stu Rothman, a workhorse beyond description. In addition to editing *The Bugle*, he maintains constant contact

with Jeff Holt and Tim Green, as he has with previous commanders of the active unit at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

Those two, Stu and Tim, put on the greatest Mini-reunion for our Association in June of this year. Col. Holt told me that if the battalion were not otherwise committed, they'd be happy to host another Mini-reunion in June, 2000.

The other night I called Jack Carrig to thank him for his organization and conduct of the Columbus reunion, and his incalculable contributions to the Association for the past three years.

As I was talking to Carrig, he said, "You may pass the Baton, but you can't pass history with it. Please repeat to Sullivan that I am available from now on, to attempt to provide him with any background material we may have."

So Jack Sullivan, you have the baton, so run with it, with 'Truth and Courage'.

*Sincerely,*

*Bill Quinn*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Stu Rothman

I'm using my column this issue to tell a story of our reunion that started about a month before the reunion itself actually began.

I was making my travel plans and discovered that the airline I had selected did not fly into Columbus, and I would have to change to a smaller local carrier to get from Atlanta to Columbus.

I called one of our members, James Smith, who lives right near Atlanta in Stone Mountain, to ask his advice on what alternate modes of transportation there were.

He instantly said that he'd give me a ride. I assumed that he meant a ride with him as he was going to the reunion as well.

He met me at the Atlanta Airport and we drove from Atlanta to Columbus, with pleasant conversation all the way.



When we arrived at Columbus, He bid me goodbye and said he'd see me tomorrow. I asked him where he was going and when he replied that he was going home and would drive

down the following day when the reunion started, I almost passed out.

I told him that I thought he was giving me a ride on his way to the reunion. I couldn't believe that he'd made a special trip, ninety miles, just to bring me to Columbus. He smiled and said, "It's nothing, just Southern Hospitality!"

Well, I can tell you all that in my opinion, it was more than just something. It set the tone for the whole reunion. Everybody down there was friendly to us and a really great time was had by all. I am now a strong believer in Southern Hospitality.

This has been a good year for our Association. Two great reunions in both ends of the country. I will long remember the good times up here in Alaska when those who came visited the current home of The Buffaloes, and we'll all remember the good times in Columbus.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By John A. Sullivan

*Before starting to write a book I select a title. I do the same with chapters and acceptance speeches. It helps me focus on the message. The purpose of this "message" is to let the membership know why I am here and what can be expected during my term of office. I have selected HIDDEN AGENDAS as its title in order to highlight the elusive nature of the truth, for, as William S. Gilbert once rote, "Things are seldom what they seem."*

*Neil Young told me Gil Isham recommended me. Coming as it did from an old foxhole buddy, Gil's recommendation had instant credibility. Only later did it dawn on me that Neil was probably having trouble finding anyone willing to accept the job. So that, in a nutshell, is how I came to be here.*

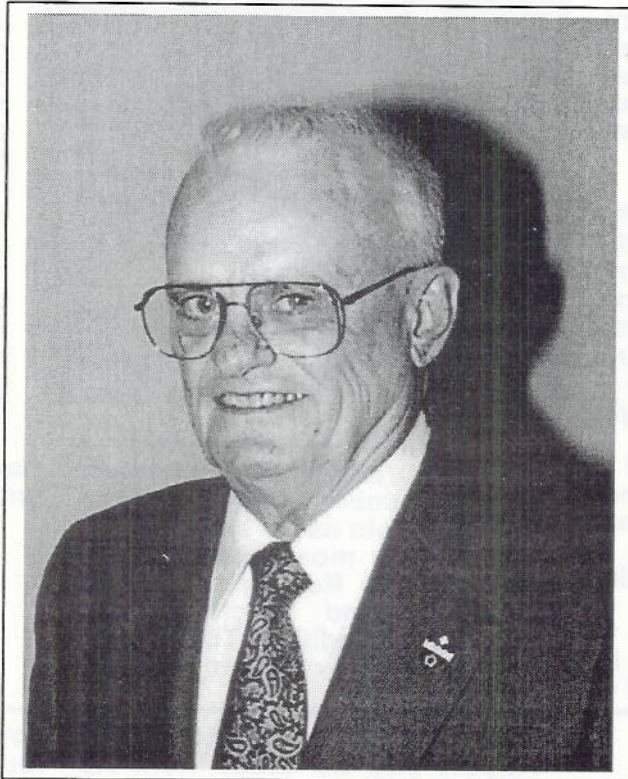
*Why I am here is a different story. It has to do with what I experienced during the few weeks I lasted as a platoon leader. It has to do with the devotion to duty displayed by the men of Easy Company. It has to do with truth and courage.*

*Fresh from the relative peace and quiet of POW guard duty on Koje Do, the 2nd Platoon, E Company, returned to the MLR on 25 January 1953, to occupy Yoke Outpost. There followed a curious trial by fire for our wireman, Bob Kranson.*

*Each morning the Chinese sent us a wake-up call in the form of half a dozen shells that usually cut our phone lines and put Kranson to work splicing them on an exposed section of a rocky ridge. Frequently, after a brief lull, more rounds would follow, sending him back to the CP with hands and face bleeding from the flying rock fragments. The first time, our medic, Malcolm Scott, told him he could get a Purple Heart if he went back to Battalion Aid, but derisive laughter throughout the bunker put an end to that idea. I*

*wanted to do something for him, but I didn't know what it should be.*

*As for Scott, his story is nothing less than awe inspiring. He enlisted in 1943 and was wounded three times in France while treating wounded under fire. The third time he refused an order to pull back, staying with the wounded until he himself was wounded and captured. He spent six months in a German POW camp. He was wounded a*



*fourth time during his first tour in Korea, again in front of the lines treating wounded.*

*He volunteered for a second tour and was with me until mid-February, when he was named senior medic for E Company. On 20 Feb 1953 one of our 24-man ambush patrols set up in the path of two Chinese companies attacking Arsenal Outpost. Scott went out with Dick Whitson's relief patrol, which soon found itself outnumbered. Refusing an order to pull back, he stayed with the wounded. When Dick and I arrived with reinforcements, it was Scott who called out under fire to direct us to his position.*

*His hip had been shattered by grenade fire, his hands virtually useless. But there he was, crawling from man to man to loosen and retie tourniquets and administer morphine with the one thumb and forefinger*

*capable of movement. With no litters left, he began the mile and a half to the MLR by hopping on one foot, supported between two GIs. I commandeered one of our tanks to meet him half way and take him to a waiting chopper.*

*Later that morning the A&D officer from division arrived to announce, "I got three Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars. I need names to go with them."*

*Our CO, Warren Webster, had been killed early in the engagement, and I put him and Whitson in for Silver Stars. I recommended Scott for the Medal of Honor. The A&D officer said I couldn't do that. Jim Bremmer, our executive officer, insisted, so he agreed to submit it. When we ran out of candidates, I added Kranson to the Bronze Star list, even though he wasn't involved. Dick did likewise for one of his men who earned it in the Kumwha Valley the previous October.*

*Scott never got the MOH. He did, however, receive a Silver Star at Fort Dix in 1960 after a congressional reconsideration. The last entry in his 201 file reads, "Wounded in Vietnam, 1963." Since American advisors were not in combat in 1963, according to John Kennedy, he*

*was not awarded a sixth Purple Heart. Kranson got his Bronze Star, but probably doesn't know why. He's still alive and maybe one day we will see him here.*

*Three days later it was my turn. Dick Whitson described it in a letter home that read, "A patrol from the 2nd Platoon led by Lt. Sullivan was ambushed and overrun on the way back to the lines. Six men were killed. Two were our better ROKs. Herbie Golden, who had been a machine gunner with the platoon all through October, was one of those killed. We almost got him out before he died. Nine men, including Sgt. Cavaluso and Sullivan, were wounded. Two men, Boden and Rowe, were captured by the Chinks. Boden joined us in October and was a good medic."*

*Like Scott, Chester Bowden remained with the wounded. Like Scott, he was wounded and captured. He and Rowe were re-*

leased in August. He lives in Illinois and someday may decide to join us. I have not been able to trace Rowe. He was a green replacement on his first patrol, but he stood his ground and fought like a veteran.

Thanks to research by Joe Gonsalves, I now know that Howard Andrews, Herbert Jones, and Francis Romano died in action that night. David Pettis died later of wounds received. Bruno Bernat, Albert Epps, Willie Hudson, Charles Kachele, Edward Kleiber, and Frank Sbnrioli were wounded.

When men like these sacrifice so much for their country, what choice do we have but to accept this job. That is why I'm here.

To the members of this Association who have served in combat, you have my respect for all the obvious reasons. To those who have served in peacetime, and those now on active duty, you have my respect for the more difficult job you've done. Without your commitment to the high standards of training essential for success in combat, without your dedication to the "readiness" mission, this nation could not preserve its freedom.

To the wives and family members who sacrifice so much in so many ways, you have my respect for your unselfish devotion to the men you love. It has been said that, "They also serve who only stand and wait." We know there is more involved than just standing and waiting. And for that, you have our thanks.

We all know the importance of preserving the memory of those who have served with the regiment from its inception. Fortunately, we have the means to do so. I refer to our lineal descendant members. The willingness you have shown to keep the regimental history alive has earned the respect of us all. God bless you for that.

I have covered the hidden agendas involved in my selection as president. I have not covered the hidden agenda involved in my acceptance. To understand that requires some background.

The 2nd Platoon, E Company, 17th landed in Korea at Incheon in September 1950. With it came an 18-year-old rifleman named Gil Isham. There he would be initiated into the select fraternity of combat infantrymen,

and there he would be wounded -- four times in the body, daily in the mind. It took the brutality of trench warfare in World War I for this wounding of the mind to be given a name, and "shell shock" entered the vocabulary of civilized people the world over. Not comfortable with so graphic a term, these same people softened it -- to "battle fatigue" in World War II, "combat exhaustion" in Korea, and "post traumatic stress" in Vietnam. Today it is simply PTS.

In January 1952 a 19-year-old Sergeant First Class Gil Isham rotated out of Korea, along with his Silver Star and Bronze Star with "V" for valor. Unable to adjust to a series of questionable assignments, he was court-martialed, reduced to the rank of private, and given a less than honorable discharge by a grateful nation. In 1985, VA psychologist Murray M. Bernstein reported, in part, the following.

"Although one could not predict Mr. Isham's behavior since combat or his reaction to stateside assignment, there appears substantial proof that full consideration was not applied to the decision of his discharge and that a reevaluation, even at this late a date, should still be considered to upgrade from general to honorable -- a decision which could be of great benefit to this veteran and instill a long deserved pride for him and his family.

"Based on this veteran's consistently presented history, it is recommended that this man be primarily reevaluated for his combat time and achievements as opposed to being judged by his inability to readapt into a new situation without being fully re-indoctrinated."

I would add to Dr. Bernstein's request the restoration of his rank -- Sergeant First Class. I know Gil would waive financial compensation.

That is my hidden agenda. Somehow, somewhere I will find the military authority capable of righting the wrong that was done to this soldier who gave so much in the service of his country. If nothing else, I will speak out about this matter at every opportunity. If truth and courage have any meaning at all, I will succeed.

My last item deals with what the membership can expect from me and our new Vice

President, John Quinn. Jack Carrig and Neil Young have done a superb job during their term of office. I know they will watch over the new administration to ensure continuity. We will not disappoint them. Nor will we make any sudden or dramatic changes.

This association, and what it represents, will survive if the membership is satisfied. I'm sure you all have agendas, hidden or otherwise. Please don't hesitate to write, phone, or e-mail to let us know what's on your mind. I can't promise you'll always get what you ask for, but you'll certainly get full consideration.

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Thank you for giving me your trust. I intend to earn it in the coming year.

Biographical Data: John A. Sullivan

Married to Marie for 45-years, five children: Kathleen, John, Joan, William, and Ellen. Joan is married to Gregory Lyman, with three children: Heather, Phillip, and Gregory. Kathy is married to Michael Dow, with Emily, Kevin, and James. John is married to Jenny and William is married to Yvonne, who celebrated our reunion by having a granddaughter, Carrie.

Joan, Kathy & Ellen are all Lineal members of the Association.

# Greetings all Buffalos:

By CSM Tim Green

I trust this finds all this year's attendees at the Fort Benning, Georgia reunion home safely and well. It was nice to return to the "Home of the Infantry", a post I was stationed at several times and the birthplace of my daughter, Rachel, a future lineal descendant, in June 1987.

Several issues ago I mentioned the great infantry museum and how I would like to accomplish a similar concept at regimental level. During the Alaska mini-reunion George Harvey donated a very nice 7th Infantry Division (Korea) reunion yearbook, and shortly thereafter Pete Gallo sent some Japanese Army artifacts he acquired during World War II. Now that you got an opportunity to see the National Infantry Museum, I hope you will join me in enlarging our regimental room with artifacts you collected during the war years. These items will be placed on permanent display for the enjoyment and educational awareness of present Buffaloes and visitors to our unit.

Since our last issue of the Bugle, several more significant activities and achievements brought distinction upon individual Buffaloes and the battalion. In August, Sergeant Kristen Duenzl was the first Buffalo in researchable 17th Infantry Regiment in US Army Alaska history inducted into the exclusive Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC). This club formed in the 1980's to recognize truly exceptional noncommissioned officers whose leadership skills and general military subject mastery reflect the heroism of Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy. SGT Duenzl was promoted to staff sergeant on October 1st, and will represent the battalion at the brigade NCO of

the 4th Quarter board. Wish him well!

Four other men distinguished themselves in non-commissioned officer schools. SFC Patrick Corcoran of Alpha Company graduated the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course as a Commandant's List graduate. SFC Corcoran's platoon was also recognized by the association as attaining 100% membership in the association. Three sergeants from Charlie Company graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course with distinction: SGT Daniel Krug graduated as the Distinguished Honor Graduate; SGT Andrew Wallace graduated on the Com-



mandant's List; and SGT Bruno Guglielmi was selected by his 54 other classmates as the Leadership Award recipient. Additionally, SPC Flack from HHC graduated from two of Fort Benning's toughest courses: the Ranger Course and the Airborne Course. Congratulations, men.

Speaking of HHC, the current edition of the post newspaper, *The Alaska Post*, ran a full-page article on HHC's post football title. Thanks to you veteran's victory on the battlefield in your youth, today's youth are privileged to "fight" on the athletic field. HHC has a record of winning every battalion, post and interservice athletic competition. Also, our mechanics won the US Army Pacific Maintenance Award and the cooks won the US Army Pacific

Field Mess category. To appreciate the magnitude of these two victories, the mechanics and cooks competed against every other unit in Alaska and throughout the Pacific Rim. Tremendous accomplishments indeed. Wish them well as they compete at Department of the Army level competitions.

The battalion hits the road again on October 13th when we depart for a brigade level exercise designed to prepare us for upcoming rotations at the Army's two stateside combat training centers, JRTC, and NTC (National Training Center). 1-17 departs for the NTC in early February for a one-month rotation with a 4th Infantry Division brigade from Fort Carson, Colorado. We will deploy to Fort Carson for a three-week exercise commencing at the end of November.

Sadly, the battalion continues to lose more fellow Buffaloes to transfers and expiration of time in service. To you men and families who served our battalion and regiment, I thank you and wish you well in your new endeavors.

Please join me in wishing our patriarch, LTG William W. "Buffalo Bill" Quinn a most happy 92nd birthday on November 2nd.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SIR!!!**

Lastly, the Army has jockeyed my departure date from our beloved regiment to May 20th. Stu promises one more Bugle before then so I will save my farewells for the next issue. Until then, may God continue to bless us, His Buffaloes.

*"Thundering Herd"*



# FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

*Lt. Col. Jeff Holt*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member that attended the recent regimental reunion at Columbus, Georgia for the generosity and hospitality extended to Command Sergeant Major Green and myself. The reunion was an exceptional event; filled with the pride, spirit, and comradeship that marks the very best units. I have always been proud to be a member of this great regiment, but I cannot help but walk a little taller after spending time with the soldiers who have given the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry it's heart and soul.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Jack Carrig, our outgoing president of the regimental association. It has been a great pleasure to work with Jack during this past year. His energy, commitment to excellence, and personal sacrifice has been evident in everything he has done for the Buffaloes. Jack leaves behind some enormous shoes to fill, but thankfully, our new president, John Sullivan, brings the skills, experience, and drive to carry on the great traditions of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Both CSM Green and myself look forward to working with Jack during this next year.

As we near the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War, I have focused a lot of

my professional reading on the "Forgotten War." There are many articles that highlight the striking comparisons between today's military and the military that existed on the eve of the Korean War. In 1950, America believed the atomic bomb would



prevent all wars or bring them to a swift close. Today, many in America would place the same reliance on "smart bombs" to achieve the same results. In 1950, no one believed the infantry of our great nation would be required to fight a major ground war on the Asian mainland. Today, as so much of our Army performs peacekeeping duties very similar to those performed by the occupation forces in post-WWII Japan, many believe there is no credible threat that will require our infantrymen to once again fight a major conflict.

Such beliefs place us on a very dangerous course. A course that could lead to a return of the poorly equipped and undermanned units that had to bear the brunt of the early fighting in Korea in 1950. At the reunion, many of you related your experiences during the years prior to the start of the Korean War. Experiences that included little focus on training and preparing for future conflicts. In the coming months I want to make a focused effort to educate young leaders on the striking comparisons between the U.S. Army in 1950 and the Army of 2000. I believe this education is key for leaders to really understand the importance of tough, demanding training even when the enemy is hard to envision. I plan to encourage these leaders to contact as many veterans as possible to learn firsthand the challenges of combat. I would ask as many veterans as possible to take on this challenge.

I would like to close with a heads-up notice to all those who may want to visit Alaska in the summer of 2000. We are working right now to pin down the dates of our annual Buffalo Week. Last year's mini-reunion was a tremendous morale booster for the battalion and we want to try and recreate that success to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War. More details will follow, but I encourage all of you to think about a May-June trip to the balmy North.

**Truth and Courage.**

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**Our Web Site Address is: <http://members.tripod.com/~seventeenth>**

**EDITORS NOTE:** We started that Web Site a couple years ago. It currently consists of nine pages, with page-9 filled with HyperLinks that will take you to Military and Government Sites all over the world.

It was our intention to update it every other month or so. Regretably we have not had time to do so. However, as we now must update it to change officer's names and addresses, we will be doing a complete re-vamping of the entire site within the next 30-days.

If you have InterNet access, log into our site by the end of November and you will see a myriad of changes, including the posting of the current Buffalo Bugle

## SOME FINAL WORDS FROM PRESIDENT CARRIG

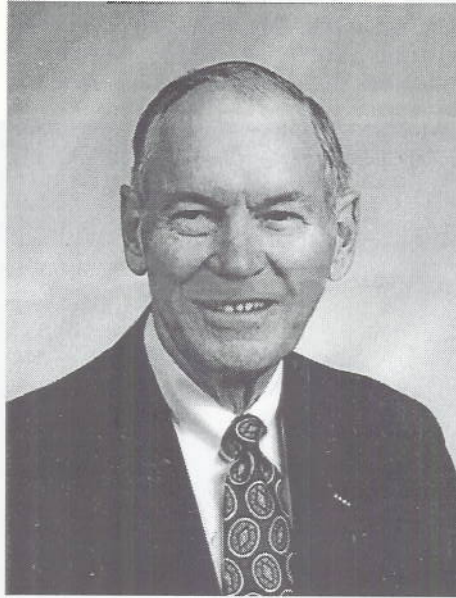
When veterans of the Seventeenth meet at a Division level reunion or at any military function, which includes veterans of other regiments or branches of the service, we stick together like glue. We are proud to let others know who we are and exactly which regiment we represent.

At such times it matters not at all what position we had held, which job we did nor in which war or peace period we served. We are truly a "band of brothers"; we are the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment and we make sure that the world knows it.

Yet, within the Association at times, some friction develops between those who served in the Pacific in World War II and those who served during the Korean War. I have heard too often words from a World War II veteran expressing annoyance at the "young Korean vets who try to run the show". Also, a Korean War veteran was heard to claim that the World War II veterans felt superior because they had fought in the earlier war.

We can not change history -- World War II did precede the Korean War. Most of our members served in one or the other and some of us served in both. I was on active duty during World War II, the Korean

War and Viet Nam. I certainly do not rank my wars or look with disdain on others because they entered the fray after I did.



Let us consider the Regiment first and be proud of the part we played in it during whatever months or years Fate decreed for us. At reunions we can communicate in person and learn from others and share our experiences. Consider also the many opportunities to share by visiting, telephoning or writing to our buddies.

Speaking of your buddies brings this thought to mind: we have held seven reunions since this Association was formed in September 1992. Of all the living veterans who served in the Seventeenth, only about 650 are members of this Association. Attendance at our

reunions has averaged about 15 percent of our membership. It should be much higher. Also, the vast pool of those eligible to join the Association is just waiting to be tapped.

I encourage one and all to talk up the Association, solicit new members, and sponsor your children in the Lineal Descendant program. Consider the results if we each were to sign up one new member!

Further, we should each volunteer to contribute in some way to the betterment of the Association: we need a Membership Director; an opening may develop within the year for Treasurer and perhaps some other offices. Also, we need someone to volunteer to work on preparing a Constitution and Bylaws. Much work to be done.

Although I have served as President since May 1996, I do not plan to drop out and will continue to assist wherever needed. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President for over three years. I especially enjoyed the many opportunities to speak and to write to many hundreds of my fellow veterans of service in our proud Seventeenth Infantry Regiment.

I wish the best of luck to my successor, President John A. Sullivan, who arrived in the job running and I am sure that he will serve us all well in the time ahead.

*John T. Carrig,  
Outgoing President*



At the reunion, General Quinn presents a Purple Heart to Harold Magnuson for action at Hugunt'o-ryong, Korea, and a Silver Star to Jim Sheldon, also for action in Korea

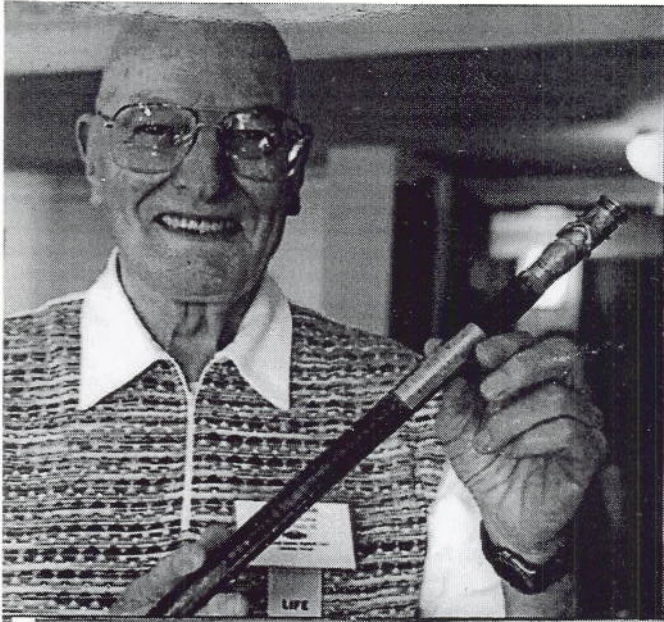




In the top photo, Association members gather around a vehicle that bears Korean War Veteran's and 17th Regiment Buffalo Signs. This photo was made out in front of the Sheraton hotel in Columbus just before the reunion started.

In the bottom photo, Association members view various armored vehicles at Ft. Benning's armored assembly yard. In the bottom inset photo, Steve Justice and George Harvey can be seen standing up out of the twin turrets of the vehicle. To the right, Association members are entering one of the armored personnel carriers.





## The More It Changes The More It's the Same

By Ted Mataxis,  
BGen, Ret. Former Buffalo Six

For me, attending our 17th. Infantry Regimental Association reunion at Ft. Benning, Georgia was really a case of *deja vu*. It reminded me of our WW-II 70th. Infantry Division Association's reaction in 1991 when the 50th. Anniversary of WW-II was announced.

After years of Association meetings we were shocked that half a century had passed since our involvement in WW-II. We realized that if we didn't take action to commemorate our combat service that nothing would be done.

However this was nothing new, the old French phrase of "the more it changes, the more it is the same" is really true. Fifty years after "our war" in Korea we have reached the benchmark on a route previously traveled by the veterans of the Civil War's Grand Army of the Republic and more recently our own WW-II veterans. When first returning home from a war, veterans are too busy re-entering civilian life, completing schooling, getting married and starting a family to think about "their war".

During the next 30-40 years they are immersed in developing a career, raising children and paying their mortgages.

Then when they become grandparents and retire, they start looking back on life, realizing that their days in combat were a defining period in their lives, and many of them start joining veteran's organizations. Where instead of boring family and friends they'll have an audience with whom they can share their experiences and war stories. They realize that St. Peter is waiting and if their generation intends to leave its mark on history they had better take action.

In the case of my WW-II Trailblazer Division Association, the publicity about plans to hold 50th WW-II Anniversary commemorations for key events of the war, made us realize how little we had done to commemorate our unit for posterity! We had for years talked about funding of a monument. Well we finally funded our monument, which we commemorated two years ago at the National Infantry Museum. Many of our Buffalo reunion attendees saw this Axe Head Trailblazer Monument when we visited Sacrifice Field in front of the National Infantry Museum.

The recent publicity about allegations of military massacres of civilian refugees in Korea should add emphasis to our efforts to communicate the sacrifices of our comrades in Korea. In today's society with so few of the public having military experience, incidents such as this are blown out of perspective as the media "milks" this affair to the maximum.

If we don't take action the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War will turn into a circus as the media and politicians fall over themselves weeping politically correct crocodile tears about the brutal military abusing Korean citizens. The fall out from this incident continued in the Sunday newspapers with the North Korean government claiming that "the US imperialist aggressors committed genocide at the No Gun RI bridge massacre". What will come next, a call to a UN War Crimes Commission to charge our forces with genocide?

Instead of wringing our hands and hanging our heads lets bring this incident into perspective as was done by a Korean, Yon Alto, who now lives in Fayetteville, N. C. She explained war is a sad thing, and "when you have a war bad things happen". She further said "we must consider that so many soldiers died defending Korea and we owe a lot to them".

It is up to us "who have seen the elephant", a civil war expression for those who have experienced combat, to take action to publicize the facts of how during the Korean War, our soldiers suffered to carry out their duty. Not only to our local media, but also to our friends at church, local luncheons and service meetings in our community. With public interest about the Korean War raised over this incident lets turn it to our advantage and publicize what our troops went through during this "unknown war".

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In the top left photo, left page, BGen (Ret) Ted Mataxis displays his Buffalo Goad. LtGen (Ret) Buffalo Bill Quinn examines the Goad in the photo to the right. The story Mataxis tells is that when he came to the 17th in Korea from India, he had a cane which he previously used in the Indian mountains. In Korea, He was pounding it on a bunker to warn the occupants of an impending mortar attack, when it broke in half. An enterprising Sgt. took the pieces and made what he called a Buffalo Goad out of one of the pieces.

The center left photo is of Buffalo Bill with our new President, Jack Sullivan. Center right photo is of outgoing President John Carrig with Treasurer George Harvey. Bottom left photo pictures Harvey with Mataxis, and the bottom right photo is Jack Carrig chatting with Incoming Vice-President John Quinn and his wife. These photos were taken at a pre-reunion cocktail party for the Board of Directors, hosted by Buffalo Bill Quinn.

## WAS THIS THE MOST INTENSIVE SHOOT OF ITS TIME?

The Last Defense of Pork Chop Hill, July 6-11, 1953

By John W. Phillips

General S.L.A. Marshall was one of the most respected military historians of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In his book, *Pork Chop Hill*, which described the Pork Chop Hill defense action that took place on April 16-18, 1953, General Marshall said,

"A minor affair as to infantry numbers, it was impressive in weight of metal. Nine artillery battalions were kept operating under the hand of Brig. General Andrew P. O'Meara...in defense of Arsenal, Dale, and Pork Chop...the supporting fire built up to 77,349 rounds total. Never at Verdun were guns worked at any rate such as this. The battle of Kwajalein, our most intensive shoot during World War II, was still a lesser thing when measured in terms of artillery expenditure per hour, weight of metal against yards of earth and the grand output of the guns. For this at least the operation deserves a place in history. It set the all-time mark for artillery effort (pages 196f.)."

Very little has been written about the events on the front during the last three months of the Korean War (May-July, 1953). Reporters must have focused on larger events concerning political problems with the Korean President, Syngman Rhee, the release of prisoners, and the progress of the truce talks. Apparently, after the April action, neither General Marshall nor any other army historian was in the central front area to record or critique the events there. Yet, in May-July, the entire front was extremely active as indicated by the data on casualties and artillery rounds expended. In particular, in July, the ROK divisions were heavily attacked in the Kum-song area, and a number of smaller actions took place such as the Pork Chop Hill defense on July 6-11.

On July 27, 1953, at 10:00 PM, the Cease-Fire ended the fighting in Korea. With the elation and relief of the end of the fighting, historical interest in the final events on the entire front quickly faded. The reporters and the historians packed up and went home. With their departure, no one was left to research, record, and publish what had happened in those last weeks and days.

One of those events was the final defense of Pork Chop Hill. Less than three months after the April action recorded in detail by General Marshall and later made into a motion picture starring Gregory Peck, another battle for Pork Chop Hill took place. In an intense action from July 6-11, 1953, Pork Chop Hill (Hill 255) was defended by the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division of the United Nations Command. This was the final defense of the hill before it was permanently abandoned on July 11, sixteen days before the Cease-Fire. The final defense of Pork Chop Hill required an extensive commitment of U.S. Army resources over six days, probably exceeding the April action.

In the official U.S. Army history, the *United States Army in the Korean War: Truce Tent and Fighting Front*, the last defense of Pork Chop Hill (July 6-11, 1953) is covered by only three terse paragraphs on page 473. Neither a more detailed historical account nor a personal account of the last defense of Pork Chop Hill has been published in any book or in any military or historical journal that I have been able to locate. The fact that most writers quote *Truce Tent and Fighting Front* leads to the speculation that little or nothing else has been published.

To illustrate the intensity of the May-July activity on the Korean front, consider the following data. This table taken from *Truce Tent and Fighting Front* (page 477) illustrates the human and artillery expenditure in the last four months of the Korean War.

To illustrate the intensity of the Pork Chop defense in April, General Marshall said that in three days, 77,349 rounds of

artillery (105mm and larger) were fired in defense of the outposts of Arsenal, Dale, and Pork Chop.

To illustrate the intensity of the Pork Chop defense in July, one 81 mm mortar platoon (Company H, 17th Infantry), in approximately 72 hours (afternoon of July 7 through afternoon of July 10), fired more than 7,000 rounds of the standard mortar round called HE (High Explosive) Light as well as uncounted quantities of the larger Illumination, HE Heavy, and WP (White Phosphorous) rounds in defense of Pork Chop alone.

This was almost 10% of the April artillery output that General Marshall called historic. And 81mm mortar rounds are not even counted in the artillery data.

There are four reasons for researching the untold story surrounding the July 6-11 action.

**First** One reason to research the action is to establish its historical place. The final defense even may have required an equal or relatively greater expenditure of manpower and firepower than the April action immortalized by General Marshall's account. If that is true, the last defense of Pork Chop Hill may have been one of the most massive shoots of all time "when measured in terms of artillery expenditure per hour, weight of metal against yards of earth and the grand output of the guns."

The final defense of Pork Chop Hill may also be an untold story in terms of American manpower committed in a single action during the last months of the war. Many companies of the 7th Infantry Division participated in the action, and available information suggests that the entire 17th Infantry Regiment was decimated.

**Second** the reasons for this huge expenditure of troops and ammunition, and reasons behind the final abandonment are both parts of an untold story.

Perhaps officers of battalion grade or higher had a broad view of the war and the politics of the peace negotiations. The ordinary troops on

the line knew almost nothing about and understood less about the politics of the attack or defense of particular military objectives. The troops had little awareness of the big picture or the meaning of events in relation to the chess game of the peace talks at Panmunjom.

On the other hand, everyone, from Major General Arthur G. Trudeau, 7th Division commander, to the privates, who lived on and in the terrain, knew the personal stakes for defending the Pork Chop Hill complex. It was a personal fight for survival. The Main Line of Resistance (MLR) was heavily fortified and defended but very thin in depth. After a couple of days in which company after company was committed to the hill's defense, apparently few reserve troops remained in the area.

The troops also knew that Pork Chop Hill was more than a limited objective for the Chinese. If Pork Chop Hill had been overrun and momentum achieved, the Chinese could have come right across Hill 200, up the flank of Hill 347, down

the little valley, and over the hills toward Seoul. If the Chinese had obtained momentum, the limited character of the fighting would have changed, the peace talks would have failed, and the war would have been prolonged.

**Third** Even if research shows that the last defense of Pork Chop Hill had no historically unique characteristics, it is still a story worth telling because it was an intense fight that produced a Medal of Honor recipient and required personal involvement by the highest commanders in the Far East. What really happened at Pork Chop Hill? What companies participated? When were they committed, and what were the outcomes? What were the casualty figures? Why hasn't the story attracted military historians?

**Fourth** the fourth reason for researching the July defense is that it was the last major action for the 7th Infantry Division in the Korean War.

## THE FINAL DEFENSE

On July 6-11, 1953, the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division defended Pork Chop Hill for the final time in the Korean War, before the hill was abandoned. The entire 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, other infantry regiments, and other elements of the division took part in the action.

Although the April defense of Pork Chop has been well recorded, little has been written about the final defense that was probably a more extensive and costly action.

John Phillips of H Company, is compiling a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary account of that action for publication. To help him tell the story accurately, if you participated in the final defense, know someone who did, or have other information, please contact:

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## GUEST SPEAKER

At the Reunion Banquet, our guest speaker, shown in the photo below with General Quinn, was LGen (Ret) Carmen Cavezza.



LTG (Retired) Carmen Cavezza completed thirty-three years of service in the United States Army with extensive assignments in Asia. He served two years in Vietnam and commanded the U. S. Army Infantry Center and School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of the Reserve Officers Training Corps curriculum and educa-

tional course of study at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of infantry and awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1961.

He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Government from the University of Miami, a Master of Science in International Affairs, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science from George Washington University. In June 1994, General Cavezza received an honorary Doctor of Military Science Degree from The Citadel. His military education includes the Infantry Basic and Advanced Officer Courses, the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the National War College.

Assistant Division Commander at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Executive to the Secretary of the Army in Washington, DC.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with two Oak

Leaf Clusters), Silver Star (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Bronze Star Medal with the "V" Device, and the Purple Heart. Lieutenant General Cavezza is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, The Master Parachutist Badge, The Ranger Tab, and Army General Staff Identification Badge.

After his retirement from the military in October 1994, LTG (Retired) Cavezza served as the Executive Director of Columbus '96, a non-profit corporation established to support the 1996 Olympic Softball Venue in Columbus, Georgia, which subsequently to the Olympics converted to the Greater Columbus Sports and Events Council. In May 1997, he accepted the position of City Manager, Columbus Consolidated Government. He is married to the former Joyce Mathews of Charleston, South Carolina, and has one daughter, Peggy J. Anders, of Columbus, Georgia.

## U.S. ARMY SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS

The United States Army School of the Americas (USARSA) is a bilingual military educational institution which, since its inception, has trained almost 60,000 officers, cadets, noncommissioned officers and civilians from throughout Latin America and the United States.

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On September 21, 1984, the school suspended operations to comply with the terms of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty. Three months later, the School reopened its doors at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a full-fledged member of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

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The broad regional focus of the course is enhanced by a guest lecturer program featuring U.S. Ambassadors to Latin America, members of the U.S. Congress, U.S. and Latin American flag-rank officers, and Assistant Secretaries of State and Defense.

Panels of distinguished scholars scheduled throughout the year provide additional forums for the exchange of ideas and perceptions regarding con-

temporary political, social and economic issues.

Under the direction of The School Battalion (TSB), new courses focusing on counter-mine efforts, medical assistant skills and counternarcotics operations have been added to the curriculum.

Military and civilian personnel familiarize themselves with operations other than war during the four-week Peace Operations Course, taught by The School Battalion. Graduates emerge with U.S. doctrine for peace operations. Training focuses on the tactics, techniques and procedures of peace operations to include logistics support, chain of command structures, rules of engagement development, psychological operations, and intelligence capabilities and assets. Further instruction will be conducted in preventive medicine and sanitation for peacekeepers as well as national citizens.



Guest Instructor LCol Cordero with Gen Quinn and John Carrig

The Department of Joint and Combined Operations' six-week Democratic Sustainment Course introduces the military and civilian students to the theory and practice of military and civilian leadership in a constitutional nation-state, drawing on the shared traditions of both North and Latin America. This course explores the role of the military within a democratic and constitutionally derived civilian-controlled government.

The School plays an important role in capturing lessons learned from ongoing activities throughout Latin America and other regions of the world. Noteworthy student and faculty contributions appear regularly in *ADELANTE*, the School's Spanish-language professional military journal which features a variety of viewpoints

addressing the challenges to collective security.

Inherent in all of its training and education programs, USARSA systematically advocates human rights awareness and strives to graduate students whose respect for such values is both enlightened and solidified.

The instructional mission could not be accomplished without support from TSB and the directing staff. The School Battalion billeted and in-processed the 922 students that attended the School in 1996.

In fiscal 1996, the School's budget was \$3.8 million, \$2.6 million of which was funded by the Army's Operation and Maintenance Account (OMA), and about \$1.2 million coming through Security Assistance funds.

In addition to the designated faculty positions, the office of Assistant Commandant is held by a Latin American colonel serving a two-year tour. This prestigious post is rotated alphabetically among the participating countries, to afford each an opportunity to appoint an Assistant Commandant.

While training is the School's primary mission, students also engage in varied informational program activities, a security assistance-funded undertaking intended to help foreign military students acquire a balanced understanding of U.S. society, institutions and ideals. This program encompasses tours of large industries, trips to selected cities, visits to museums and theme parks, and attendance at professional sporting events.

All USARSA students are afforded the opportunity to visit such major attractions as Atlanta, local newspaper offices and the Columbus Consolidated Government Building. The CGSC and Combat Arms Officer Advanced Course classes visit Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Virginia. Additionally, students go on staff rides to Chickamauga Battlefield and Andersonville National Historic Site, where they review in detail the major events of this pivotal Civil War battle and the ramifications of human rights and war.

## LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

We have received a request from Phillip E. Doty for any information anyone may have on the following two buddies he would like to find.

One he remembers as A. Phillips and another only as Dimenter. Both were members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Hq. Wire Section in 1950. He last saw them at AAA Gun Site in Boston, MA in 1952.

Doty would also like to find a man named Johnson. He was cadre in 1948 in "C" Company at Ft. Jackson, SC.

Doty ran into him again at Camp Fuji in July, 1950, but hasn't seen him since. If you have information on any of these three, you may contact Doty at P.O. Box 310309, Enterprise, AL 36331, or E-Mail at [diamdbck@aol.com](mailto:diamdbck@aol.com)

Photos from Korea submitted by Doty may be seen on page 18.

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To request information on a friend or relative from the past, send all requests to Bugle Editor Stewart Rothman, 921 Woodway, Fairbanks, AK 99709, or E-Mail to:

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Douglas J. Halbert, Executive Secretary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Association was present at our Columbus Reunion and traded us a listing of members of the 7<sup>th</sup> I.D. Association for a listing of our members. It is understood that he will write our members asking if they are interested in joining the 7<sup>th</sup> I.D. Association, while we will write to such members of the 7<sup>th</sup> I.D. Association that were in the 17<sup>th</sup> Rgt, and provide them with information on our Association.

If you wish to contact Halbert, you may reach him at:

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REUNION 2000 will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 5, 6, & 7, hosted by Association Vice-President John Quinn

If you have any ideas or suggestions, you may contact him at:

West 122 Welch Rd.  
Winneconne, WI 54986

### Secret Hint !!!

It looks as if Association member Gil Isham will be getting together with John Quinn to help arrange for some special Indian Dances and/or Ceremonies for our reunion next year. This should be a special show. Start making plans now to attend.

### DECISION

It was decided at the business meeting to remove the 18-year old restriction on Lineal members. Any age may join, but they must be 18 to vote

## PRESIDENT CARRIG THANKS VOLUNTEERS

It's always difficult to print a list of volunteers that you wish to thank for helping to put together a major function. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone, but if I have, please remember that it was just an oversight and I really appreciate everything everybody did to make our Columbus reunion the great success that it was. A listing of those few I remember follows:

Pete & Charlotte Gallo  
Guy & Robbie Hamrick  
Bob & Loretta Warden  
Larry & Evelyn Haynes  
John A. Sullivan  
Shirley Stoddard  
Stu Rothman  
Neil Young  
Rocky Rayos  
Jim Sheldon  
John Quinn  
Carter Stout  
Paul Duke  
Jack Legg

Association member George Adam wrote that he could not attend the reunion, but he asked that President Carrig bring forth a motion that our Crest be re-designed to include an icon to represent those who fought in World War-II. The motion was brought forth and after much discussion, it failed. A major consideration was that the Association does not have the authority to do this, but Mr. Adam should probably proceed through the Department of the Army.

President John Sullivan proposed that we replace the two Buffaloes on the top right and left corners of the Buffalo Bugle in the year 2000 with the two 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Crests. On one side would be the Crest from WW-II; on the other side would be the current Crest.

## FOR INFORMATION, HERE'S A LIST OF PREVIOUS REUNIONS

15-17 Oct, 1993--Ft Smith, AR

21-24 Oct, 1994--Ft. Lauderdale, FL

23-25 Apr, 1995--Las Vegas, NV

2-4 May, 1996--Ft Smith, AR

4-7 Sep, 1997--Peoria, IL

27-29 Sep, 1998--San Diego, CA

16-20 Sep, 1999--Columbus, GA









Phillip Doty sent us these three photos of the 17th RCT passing through Angyang Nee (Left) in 1960. This is where the 17th set up camp after the Inchon landing. Above, the gate at Sewon, South of Seoul where the regiment passed through on the way to l'chon.

Top Left pictures Doty at old K-16, an island near Yong Dong Po, which is located outside Seoul



Bob Grindle sent us these photos of Debbie Reynolds, visiting the 17th RCT in May, 1955 Pictured above by herself, and to the right with guards, Cellie and Langsdell

*Debbie Reynolds Show*

To the far right is Miss Jean Peters with 17th Commander, whose name was unknown to Grindle now. Does anybody know him? To the right is pictured the regimental Snack Bar, and far right, The Debbie Reynolds Show at Wee Jam Bu, packed with troops of the regiment.



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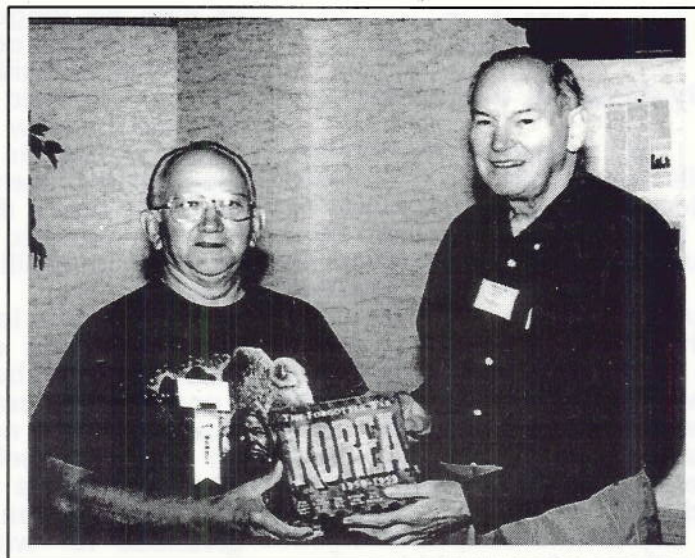
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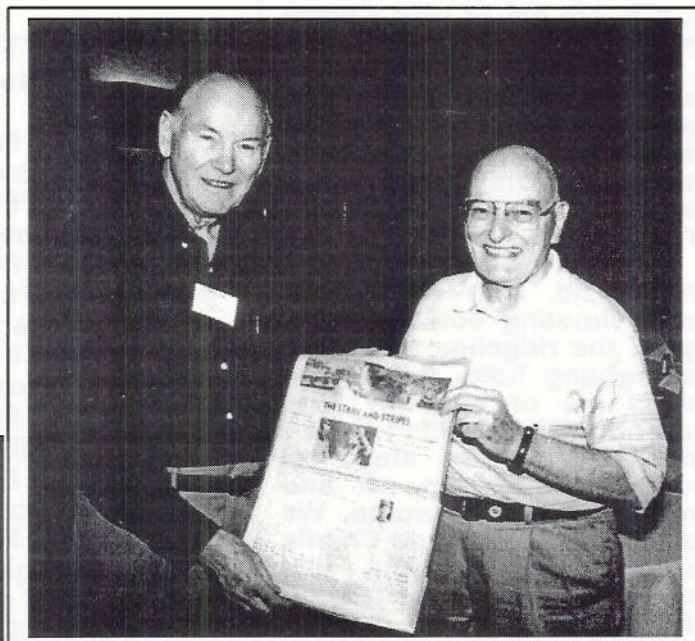
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Above, George Harvey, winner of the video tapes in the reunion raffle.

Below, Ted Mataxis, receives the 1945 issue of The Stars and Stripes.



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# HILLS

By Gil Isham, a Sgt in E-Co.

As a young boy I climbed a hill only to ski down. I would build a jump half way up and fly off the jump to see how far I would sail. It was a great feeling of freedom. When summer would come I would climb the highest hill I could find. I could see for miles. I would sit or lay down at the top. The summer smells would fill me with dreams. I would watch a hawk take a mouse or see rabbits feed and play. I would look into the sky to find shapes of about everything a boy could imagine.

Those hills were nice places when I was that young boy. After entering the Army and having Korea under my belt, hills are not as nice a place to remember as they were as a lad. Hills now remind me of names. Names of friends that didn't make it home. Names like Pork Chop, Baldy, San Won, Bunker, Camels Hump and some I don't remember or just don't want to.

A hill means taking the high ground. You don't want Charlie shooting down on you. Stay off the ridgeline and dig a good fighting hole. A hill now reminds me of how my legs would hurt. That I didn't think I could take another step forwards. In winter the ice and snow made it even worse. We would wonder how good Charlie was dug in. After taking a hill would Charlie try to take it back? Would we be overrun when he did hit? Would we have to use that knife on the end of our rifles? God, that's one thing I think we try to forget. I know I do.

A hill can be a death trap, not just for me but for my buddy and also for Charlie. A hill can smell of death more in summer than winter. After a firefight you can smell the death that lingers with you the rest of your life. It's like our Forgotten War that everyone forgot but a Korean vet.

We remember a hill after the big guns got done, or an air strike hit it with everything they had, burning from napalm and a banzai that scared you half to death. The hill where trees were but aren't any longer. The smell

of pine no longer, summer no more. Just the odor of death. A good part of a hill was sunrise.

You could see the peaceful valley below and dream of home. A hill is not the nice place it was when I was a young boy. For then I didn't know Korea was going to enter my life. I was hurt on a hill. My blood was shed on a hill.

Friends lost lives, legs, arms and feet on hills. I am older now, and being part Indian I use a hill to pray to the Great Spirit to let me not forget that a hill can heal itself. I pray for all of us who have a bad memory of a hill in Korea. I pray for forgiveness for what we did on those hills. So I still use hills in my life after all.

## FORGOTTEN WAR

by Gil Isham

I CAN'T FORGET

One month I lost nine friends

I CAN'T FORGET

My friend lost both legs

I CAN'T FORGET

A high school friend lost one leg

I CAN'T FORGET

My friend lost his mind

I CAN'T FORGET

I killed

I CAN'T FORGET

I did things I can't tell about

I CAN'T FORGET

I dream and fight the war over and over

I CAN'T FORGET

I still see friends sick from the war

I CAN'T FORGET

How cold I was

I CAN'T FORGET

Now I am older will my God forgive me

I CAN'T FORGET

I was a combat soldier

I CAN'T FORGET

I hurt my loved ones

I CAN'T FORGET

## OPEN LETTER:

To Veterans of the Korean War that were in the Chosen Reservoir and Yalu River Vicinity of North Korea in October - December, 1950.

If you suffered from frost bite or frozen extremities, and received only minimal treatment, because the Medical Personnel didn't know how to treat it or were to busy treating the 'bleeding wounded'.

Those 'extreme cold' injuries although not 'bleeding wounds' are now being recognized by the VA and the U.S. Government (including Senators and Congressmen) - as in fact: 'Combat Injuries' and those with residual effects now and in the past, may be eligible for compensation.

If you were in the Army, Marines - or attached to either, in the vicinity of the Chosen Reservoir or Yalu River in North Korea during October, November, December of 1950, and suffered from frost bite or worse from the severe cold and continue or are beginning to have residual effects, file your claim(s) with the VA.

Many were given APC's or Aspirin with no medical record taken or filed and told to treat themselves with warmth and massage as best they could, to return the circulation - then regardless of pain and discomfort were returned to 'Duty'.

After returning 'home' most were discharged, went on with life, living with the residual effects for all these years - now with the aging process - it is affecting the fingers, hands, toes, feet, ankles & knees and is being diagnosed as various types of 'Arthritis' - in addition to 'Old Age'.

All such claims of injury from the cold by individuals to their branch of service upon discharge or later to the VA or other Government Facilities were denied, and are only recently being recognized as viable injuries that may be due compensation - if you have such injury or claim, file it with the VA.

Only recently are the 'long term' effects coming to light - with complaint from veterans, that with the aging process are: Restricted circulation in the feet and ankles, foot and toe-nail fungus, swelling in the knee and ankle joints, accelerated arthritis and restricted or painful mobility (to name only a few)

If you are due compensation it will only be from the date you establish your claim!

If you have such a claim

**FILE - NOW!**

**A fellow Veteran who was there !**



Photos by Pete Gallo

# IN THE FIELD

By Stu Rothman, Editor

Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, I received a phone call from Major Flowers, Executive Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He informed me that the Battalion had been in the field for the past two weeks engaging in military maneuvers with the Brigade.

He said that the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Holt had invited me to come into the field and observe the action, and photograph it for the pages of the Buffalo Bugle if I was interested. I said that of course I was, and Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, I drove out to 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Battalion Headquarters on Ft. Wainwright.

From there I was driven by Battalion shuttle 26 miles South to Eielson Air Force Base. Here at the rear of the base, near the indoor small arms range, we waited until I was picked up by a Humvee, which then transported me cross-country some 30 to 40 miles back into the Arctic Bush to the Yukon Range, a military training area. Here I was outfitted with a Kevlar bulletproof, flak-proof vest and a steel helmet, to protect me from shrapnel and-or ricochets.

The 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> had been involved in several exercises at this time. The first five days they were in LONE BUFFALO 1, a Battalion exercise that operated from August 9<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. On the 14<sup>th</sup> they transitioned into ARCTIC RAIDER, a Brigade Exercise that lasted until August 19<sup>th</sup>. At that time the Battalion transitioned into LONE BUFFALO 2, a further Battalion exercise that would culminate on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day I arrived. The troops would then return to Ft. Wainwright on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The entire operation was classified as an FTX (Field Training Exercise) with LFX (Live Fire Exercise) involved. The 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> conducted Defensive operations while other units of the Brigade conducted offensive operations.

During the operations they were supported by units of the 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, firing 105mm Howitzers. At the company level, their own 60mm Mortars provided support, Battalion

support was provided by 81mm Mortars.

The entire operation was primarily operated as a Military preparedness function and secondarily as training for the upcoming JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, where the Brigade will be going in January 2000. The Battalion will be off to the NTC (National Training Center) in February 2000 at Ft. Irwin, California, supporting the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from Ft. Hood, Texas.

The 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Infantry has been involved in training exercises this year in this Yukon Range near Fairbanks, Alaska; the Black Rapids Glacier Training Area near Ft. Greely, Alaska; Singapore; Japan; Guam; Korea; and Ft. Richardson, near Anchorage, Alaska.

These exercises I observed were performed under as close as possible to actual combat conditions. In addition to the live fire exercises, each soldier wore an electronic box, similar to those in the War Games Laser Tag. O/C (Observer-Controllers), comprised of Officers and NCO's from other companies watched the operations closely and soldiers who exposed themselves to what could be enemy fire, or who did something tactically wrong were electronically "shot" or tagged by the observer.

They were then classified as wounded or killed, and other soldiers had to physically move them to safe ground, where medics performed actual field services such as would be accomplished in combat. This included not only bandaging and binding of wounds, but also administering I.V.'s in the field.

The thing that impressed me the most was the AAR (After Action Review). After the exercise terminated, Col. Holt sat on the edge of a bomb crater and the troops gathered round. He discussed what he saw and made significant observations on what should or could have been done differently. The First Sergeants also spoke as did the Company Commanders and Platoon Leaders. Then to my surprise, Col. Holt solicited comments from the individual troops themselves. One after another

stood up and spoke on one item in the action or another. This was extremely impressive to me. I understand that this AAR has been going on for fifteen years.

Fifty-one years ago, when I took Basic Training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, this sort of critique was never done. After a field problem or maneuver, we were dismissed and it was back to the barracks or off to town. I believe that with AAR, we are preparing our troops to be not only the sharpest soldiers in the field, but the most educated on tactics and military operations. It was extremely gratifying to see our unit in this action.

As a side note, I wasn't the only non-military observer at these operations. There were four professional Baseball players there, who were part of a group called Unlimited Potential Inc. which is an International Christian organization that operates primarily as an Evangelistic group to spread their ideals among Professional Baseball players.

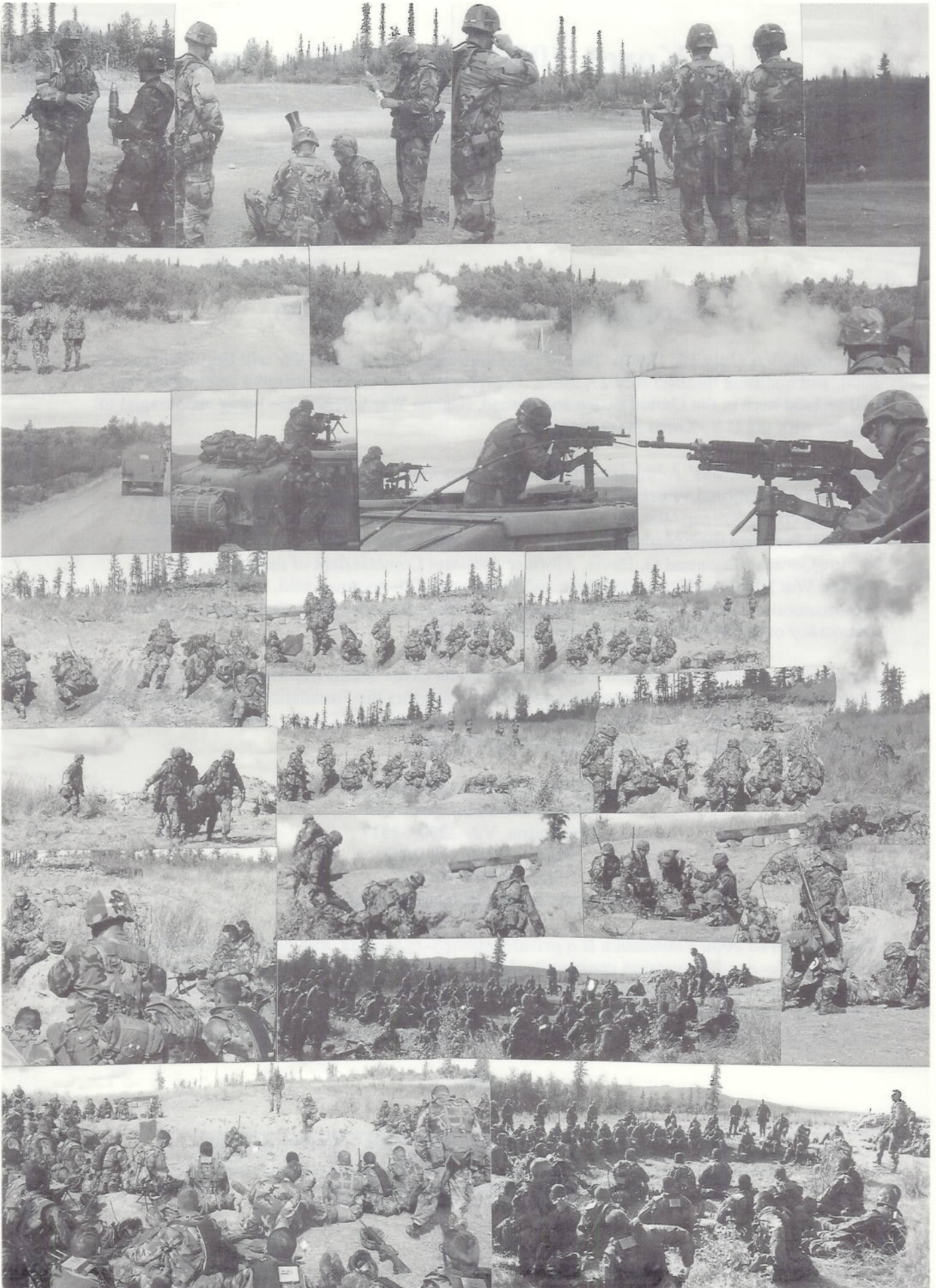
Their presence was instigated here by the Brigade Chaplains office, which had been involved previously in bringing other major sports figures to Alaska to visit the troops and provide inspirational messages.



Pictured above, Ball Players, Don Gorden, center and Lee Guetterman, left, chat with Brigade Cmnd Sgt Major David Nethken. In the background is 1-17<sup>th</sup> CSM Tim Green

On the facing page is a montage of photographs I made during the days action, including the excellent AAR, conducted by Lt. Col. Holt at the end of the exercise.





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## **KOREAN WAR VETERANS SOUGHT!**

Alexandria, VA (July 16, 1999): The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Korea War will begin on June 25, 2000, and continue through July 27, 2003. In preparation for commemorative ceremonies that will be held here in the United States and abroad, Korean War veterans are being encouraged to register with the U.S.-Korea 2000 Foundation.

According to Veterans' Administration statistics, less than 20 percent of Korean War veterans belong to any national veteran's service organization. The Foundation seeks to identify and locate surviving Korean War veterans so that they might inform them of and, to the extent possible, facilitate their participation in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative activities. Retired Marine General Raymond G. Davis, a former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, and Foundation Co-chairman said, "We do not seek to commemorate the war, but rather the veterans thereof and the sacrifices they made to preserve democracy on the Korean peninsula almost 50 years ago."

Anyone who served in the armed forces, including the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, may request an information and registration packet by contacting the Foundation at the address given below. Please include your name and complete mailing address. Family members of deceased Korean War veterans are also encouraged to participate.

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Deceased  (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(9) \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Fax E-mail

*Service Branch:*

- (15) Army \_\_\_\_\_  
(16) Navy \_\_\_\_\_  
(17) Air Force \_\_\_\_\_  
(18) Marines \_\_\_\_\_  
(19) Coast Guard \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Unit(s) Assigned to during the war:*

- (23) Division \_\_\_\_\_  
(24) Regiment \_\_\_\_\_  
(25) Battalion \_\_\_\_\_  
(26) Company \_\_\_\_\_  
(27) Wing \_\_\_\_\_  
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(30) Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Dates of Total Military Service:*

- (32) From \_\_\_\_\_  
(33) To \_\_\_\_\_

*Dates of Wartime Service  
In Korea (if any):*

- (34) From \_\_\_\_\_  
(35) To \_\_\_\_\_

*Rank:*

- (36) Highest Held \_\_\_\_\_  
(37) Highest in Korea \_\_\_\_\_

*Retired Military:*

- (38) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (39) No \_\_\_\_\_  
(40) Rank \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal Decorations/  
Awards for Valor:*

(21) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*Major Korean War Campaigns  
participated in:*

(31) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(22) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** Before World War II the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was headquartered at Fort Ord, California, where it trained and prepared for its valiant efforts in the Pacific Theater; and

**WHEREAS:** During World War II the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment courageously fought in the Aleutian Islands, Eastern Mandates, Leyte and Ryukyus in the struggle to defend this great country; and

**WHEREAS:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment joined the campaign in Korea where it helped to free Seoul, then landed at Iwon, North Korea and reached the Ualu River on the Manchurian border on 21 November 1950; and

**WHEREAS:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment became known as the "Buffalos," after its remarkable leader Colonel William "Buffalo Bill" Quinn, who assumed command of the regiment in 1951; and

**WHEREAS:** September 16-20, 1999, the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment will gather, together with family members, in Columbus in its annual reunion to honor fallen fellow Buffalos, to renew friendships and to remember the past;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOBBY G. PETERS, Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 1999, as**

### "BUFFALO DAYS"

in Columbus, Georgia in recognition of the years of service member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment have given to our Country and to honor the sacrifices they have made to protect and defend the freedoms and liberties that we all enjoy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of Columbus, Georgia to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1999.**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby G. Peters".

**BOBBY G. PETERS  
MAYOR  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**



Roy E. Barnes  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF GEORGIA  
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September 15, 1999

**GREETINGS:**

It is my great pleasure to extend warmest regards and best wishes on the occasion of the annual reunion of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry hosted by the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association.

We are pleased to welcome the attendees to Columbus. We hope you enjoy what is planned for you while you are here.

It is always a special privilege to have an opportunity to recognize all those who have served in the defense of America and freedom. Our country continues to be the greatest in the world because of the profound sacrifices made by our nation's veterans, and I want you to know how proud we are of your contributions.

As you renew old friendships through the common bond of service, you have my best wishes for an exciting reunion.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Barnes

REB/pam

**Editor's Note:**

After more than two months of Letters, E-Mails, and Phone Calls to the Georgia Governor's Office, requesting a Proclamation for our reunion, this "Greetings" Letter is all we received. And at that it seems that his office mis-read our request and as you can see they thought this was a reunion of the First Battalion, instead of The Seventeenth Infantry Association, as I had explained it was. Oh well, you can't win them all.

*17th Infantry Regiment Association*  
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# SEVENTEENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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NOTE: This information is needed to update and correct the records of the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment Association. It will be kept confidential and will not be shared without the written permission of the member. From this information we will prepare a "Profile Of Membership" listing State of Residence, Units in which served, Wars where members served and other such data of importance.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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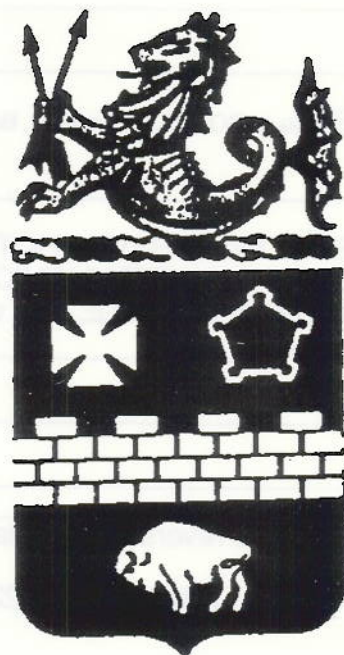
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#### Motto

### "Truth and Courage"

The Shield is Blue For The Infantry.  
Service in the Civil War is Shown by  
The White Cross Patee.

The Badge of the V Corps in the Army  
of the Potomac, and by the Wall at  
Fredericksburg.

The Five Bastioned Fort  
was the Badge of the V Corps in Cuba.

The Buffalo represents the Regiment's  
Glorious History in Korea.

The Crest is a Sea Lion

Taken From The Spanish Arms of Manilla,  
and the Arrows represent Indian Campaigns.