



2011 Annual Meeting Recap

BY CECELIA SMITH

"The 80th Only Moves Forward." That has been the motto of this organization since MG Adelbert Cronkhite first declared it during WW I, but the 92nd Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association began by moving forward, backward, and up and down! The epicenter of the August 23rd earthquake on the East Coast was roughly thirty miles from the site of the reunion in Midlothian, Virginia. Those who had arrived at the hotel a day prior to the reunion really had a frightening experience when the building began rumbling and shaking.

Angelo and Kay Barone had just gone to their room on the seventh floor when the tremors began, and thankfully, a housekeeper shouted for them to "get down and run fast." After descending the stairwell, they found themselves in the laundry area and had to then climb back up to the entry level of the hotel to be able to exit the building. Others of us had been evacuated from areas throughout the hotel and waited in the parking lot for some time while engineers assured that the building was safe to re-enter. The Reunion was off to a really shaky start!

On Wednesday, August 24th, many of the attendees began arriving for the Executive meetings of the Veterans and National Ladies Auxiliary, during both of which the agendas and slates of officers for the later business meetings and reunion activities

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Editor's Notes

By Andy Adkins

OVER THE PAST few years, it has been my honor to be your Association Secretary and Editor of the Blue Ridge Service Magazine. Unfortunately, this will be my last issue as editor of the Blue Ridge. Many of you know I "semi-retired" last July. I've kept very busy with my consulting practice, writing, and photography over this past year—I have not been bored. However, I am coming out of retirement and heading back into the workforce.

I have accepted an offer to become the Chief Information Officer of the Steptoe & Johnson PLLC law firm in West Virginia; I'll be in charge of their technologies. This is a wonderful and challenging opportunity for both me and my wife, Becky. By the time you receive this issue, we will be living in Fairmont, WV and I'll be working in Bridgeport WV. Actually, the law firm has 10 offices in four states, so I'll be spending quite a bit of time on the road between offices in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ohio.

The work I've been doing with the 80th Division has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my life—it has drawn me closer to my father who passed away in 1989; it is also one of the hardest things for me to relinquish. I have a passion for the 80th Division and its veterans, including WWII, Post WWII, and active 80th soldiers. But, I know my new position will require a lot of time and I didn't want my efforts of the 80th Division Veterans Association to take second place, so I decided it was time for me to step aside and hand over the reins.

As you'll read later in this issue, CSM (R) Doris Wollett, recently retired from the 80th Training Command, will be taking over all duties as the National Secretary, including editing and publishing the Blue Ridge. I've known Doris for many years—she's an ideal replacement and I know you'll enjoy and appreciate what she will do for the 80th Division Veterans Association.

Thank you for all that you have done for me over these years. As we all continue into the future, know that I will continue to "Always Move Forward."

REUNION PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE BY:
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From the National Commander

AS WE LOOK BACK at our recent Annual Reunion, we are overwhelmed with the friendship of the participants and the quality of the program, for which you all are responsible. In addition to

the scheduled activities, there were both an earthquake and a hurricane. I believe this is a "first" for our group.

I cannot emphasize enough the value of the personal relations which exist in this group. There are friendships which began in the 1940s and during World War II which have endured over the years. There are now friendships which have developed with those veterans and their families of the Cold War era, and also with those from the present Global War on Terror era.

As we all gather under the banners of the United States of America and the 80th Division, we give thanks to God, to our Country, and to our Comrades who have sacrificed and preceded us, that we live in a free nation, which was founded on Judeo-Christian principles by our forefathers. It is now our privilege and our responsibility to enjoy and preserve these values for ourselves and especially for those who follow us.

We seek to unite all those who have served under the 80th banner, including attached and subordinate commands, in both enjoying our heritage and defending our values against those who would destroy them.

We need to understand and to pass on to the next generation the importance and the value to be found in these principles, and the magnitude of the sacrifices which have been made to enable us to live in a free, Godly nation.

I would suggest that we establish a "speakers' bureau" in our home areas and visit schools in order to present the real history of this great nation.

I have for many years advocated a military museum whose emphasis is on the 80th Division. The "buzz word" is that such a museum should be an "interpretive" center, which not only shows artifacts, but explains how they fit into the history which has shaped this nation.

As the present 80th is doing, we need to join with them in supporting the families of present-day warriors, while the warriors are away.

I look forward to the next year as a bright opportunity for us all to share camaraderie, enjoy memories, and work to unite our efforts to pass on our heritage and values to those who follow us.

May God be with you and with this great nation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lee S. Anthony, National Commander

Report on 2011 Overseas 80th Division Activities

BY LEE S. ANTHONY, NATIONAL COMMANDER

ONCE AGAIN, I have been fortunate to represent the 80th Division overseas, as has been the case for many years. Typically, the trip begins with Memorial Day commemorative services at one of the American Military Cemeteries (A.M.C.); some in the Meuse-Argonne A.M.C. at Romagne, France; later in the Somme A.M.C. at Bony, France, both of which have graves of 80th Division soldiers from World War One.

This year's services attended were at the Brookwood Military Cemetery in the London, England area. We were hosted by the Superintendent and his wife, Craig and Lorna Rahanian, who were previously at Bony. Brookwood is more than 500 acres in size; however, the A.M.C. located within Brookwood is one of the smaller ones.

Gravesites were adorned with both U.S. and British flags. A Color Guard of American troops from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force performed admirably. There were many distinguished attendees, including British and American service personnel and veterans. The speaker for the occasion was U.S. Navy Admiral Melton. Other Navy participants included the Bugler, who rendered "TAPS."

I had the privilege of presenting an 80th Division wreath during the ceremony, as had been the case at Romagne and Bony in years past.

Other activities included several "tourist attractions" such as Stone Henge, the Portsmouth Historical Navy Dockyard (H.M.S. Victory) and aviation museum, the Royal Marines' Museum, and the Salisbury Cathedral, which contains one of the four copies of the Magna Carta.

In France, I was hosted in the Somme by the Stephane Bonnouvrier family. About a week was spent in the Somme, collecting battlefield artifacts and viewing battlefield sites, such as the Hindenberg Line, which passes through the A.M.C. at Bony.

Later, the Meuse-Argonne battlefields were visited. This included the A.M.C. at Romagne and the Nantillois area, where the 80th "went over the top" on the morning of 4 October, 1918 in the attack on the Bois des Ogons, which began the continuous push which led to the defeat of the Boche. There were many casualties caused in this attack; artillery, machine gun fire and poison gas took their toll. My father was wounded by an artillery shell, and went to the 80th's aid station on the Ferme de L'Etanges, on the Southern side of the Nantillois-Brieulles road.

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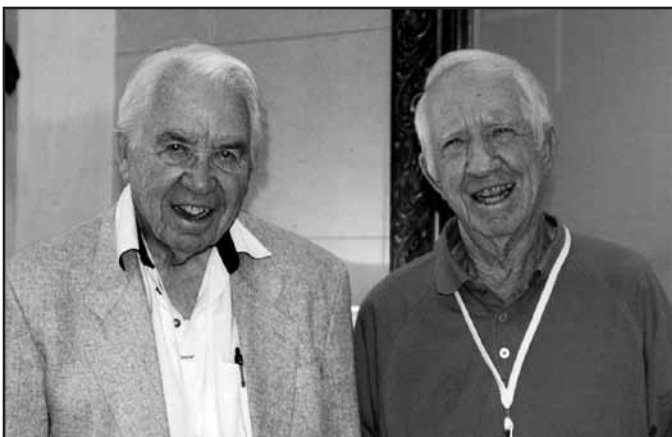
REUNION ATTENDEES ON A BUS TRIP TO VISIT FT. LEE



PNC RUSSELL SICK



BURT MARSH AND BOB MURRELL



ARCHER FUTCH AND BILL FUTCH



LTC GRANT AND AVILA PORTER



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were discussed. The Commander's Reception followed on Wednesday evening. At that time, introductions of the officers and committees were made and the new banner for the Association was unveiled. Attendees were served a reception menu of assorted cheeses, fruits and antipasto.

Thursday morning brought additional weather woes. The track of Hurricane Irene was projected with several possible scenarios, one of which included a direct target in the Richmond area. Some who had registered for the events, but had not yet arrived on site, decided to forego any attempt to travel, and several who were in attendance rapidly made arrangements to depart. Numbers for the evening events were recalculated several times during the next two days!

The men's Thursday morning business meeting included discussions regarding the replacement of Andy Adkins as Secretary/Editor. CSM (R) Doris Wollett will assume his duties as National Secretary of the 80th Division Veterans Association. Secretary Adkins reported that the current membership stands at 935, down from 1,067 members last year. He reported about 130 members were dropped; some were deceased and others failed to pay their membership fees. The association received 73 new members this past year, 60 of which were from the 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association.

Sr. Vice Commander and 2012 Reunion Chair LTC Grant Porter announced that he was looking to hold the next reunion in Baltimore, MD with possible activities to include a harbor dinner cruise and a trip to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. More information will be published in the next Blue Ridge.

Secretary Adkins reported that this year's McBride Scholarship (\$500) was awarded to Erin Oswald, a senior at Lincoln High School; she sent a thank you note which Adkins read to the attendees. PNC Russell Sick, Commander of Post 40, 305th Engineer Battalion reported that Post 40 would discontinue activities and presented a check for \$300.35 to the 80th Division Veterans Association General Fund. He said that there were fewer members and there was no need to hold funds in the account any longer.

The members exited the meeting just in time to grab a quick lunch before buses departed for the visit to the museums at Fort Lee and a projected tour of the city of Petersburg, home to the 80th as they trained for WW I. Due to time constraints, however, the group was only able to view the memorabilia housed in the Quartermaster Museum at the base, followed by a short bus tour of Fort Lee. Buses returned to the hotel about five pm, in time for preparations to attend the annual Dug Out Party and just shortly before outer bands of hurricane rain began falling in the Richmond suburbs.

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REUNION COLOR GUARD



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& LOUISE FAULCONER**



KATHRYN MILLER, (GRANDDAUGHTER OF BOB BURROWS) SITS IN A WWII JEEP

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The theme for this year's Dug Out Party was "Back to the 40's," with period attire suggested as the evening's dress code. Many attendees outdid themselves with their attire, but undeniably the most appropriate were Gene Hopkins' and Dr. Anthony's outfits. Always a favorite, Gene did not disappoint us when he appeared in his own Army uniform, and Dr. Anthony had raided his homestead trunks to locate a suit and straw hat that had been worn by his father. The menu for the event was typical of the Army chow line: fried chicken, meatloaf and corn on the cob.

Table decorations featured prints of 1940's war posters and ration stamps good for sodas at the side bar. A live band had been scheduled to provide music of the era, but a contingency plan was put into place with use of a stereo and CDs. Not necessarily authentic equipment, but the music was a good reminder of the time!

Dr. Anthony presented replicas of the new banner to PNC Max Schmidt and MG John P. McLaren, who in turn selected the winning tickets for the raffle. Winners were Hilda Latusek and Bob Moorhead, each of whom will receive checks for \$250. Earlier in the day, PNC

Bob Murrell donated a clock, made in the shape of the 80th patch by the late Leroy Rubino, which was also raffled. When the ticket was drawn, Bob McDonald was the winner, and the raffle netted \$225 for reunion expenses. Special thanks go to PNC Murrell and to all who supported the raffles.

Friday morning dawned with additional concerns about the approaching storm and more attendees decided not to ride it out in Virginia. By noon, as many as thirty had departed the hotel.

The men's second business meeting took place on Friday morning, during which time the slate of officers for 2011-2012 was presented. The Commanders were elected and ascended the line of succession with Dr. Lee Anthony moving into the National Commander's post; LTC Grant Porter is the Senior Vice Commander and Reunion Chairman for 2012; MG John P. McLaren is Second Vice Commander; and elected as Third Vice Commander is Jeff Wignall, son of WW II Veteran, William Wignall, who was killed in action while serving with the 80th in 1944. Reelected are the following: PNC Angelo Barone, Chaplain; Dempsey Prappas, Esq., Judge Advocate; Bruce Smith, Historian; Burt Marsh, Sergeant-at-Arms; Roger Nelson, Flag Sergeant and Service Officer. SGT Travis Edwards was appointed as Public Affairs Officer and Photographer.

Due to his recent career change, Secretary Andy Adkins had submitted his notice of resignation prior to the annual meeting to be effective at the end of the calendar year. Elected to succeed Andy is CSM (Ret) Doris Wollett, the first female Life Member of the Association. Doris assumed the duties of Secretary/Editor effective immediately. Elected to serve on the Board of Trustees are the following: Laverne Schock, PNC Walt Spangler and Jim Christen.

Elected as Members at Large on the Executive Council for one year are: Gerald Myers, Laverne Schock, and Jeff Wignall. For two years are: Robert McDonald, Robert Moorhead and Wilcie Skaggs. For three years are: PNC Elmer Dorsten, Paul Stutts and Edmond (Pete) Herbert.

During the Ladies' Memorial Service, tribute was paid to all deceased members of the Auxiliary, with particular mention of PNP Rita Kutsch, who passed away this last year. Election of officers followed with Judy Luthman retaining the position of President. Phyllis Hanna, Vice President, will also temporarily handle the duties of Treasurer, that office having been vacated by PNP Naomi Brockman, and there were no nominees for the office. The office of Secretary was filled by Dr. Tonyia Gibbons and Cecelia Smith will be Chaplain, the position held by PNP Margaret Schock, who resigned. Kay Barone was re-elected as Sergeant at Arms.

During the afternoon, it had been anticipated that displays would be established for the Veterans and families to enjoy, but due to the anticipated hurricane, a group of re-enactors from Southern Virginia was forced to cancel their plans. However, outside of the

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hotel, Jim Callear and his son Ethan, from Powhatan, VA, and an associate, Lt. Dick Baldwin from Virginia Beach, were entertaining any and all. Jim has a traveling exhibit which he provides for such events and many of the reunion attendees took advantage of handling the weapons on display. Women signed up to join the “WAVES” and some of the Veterans were given rides in the WW II vintage Jeep they had on display. There was also an opportunity to have photos taken with the equipment. At various times in the afternoon, Ethan was found in uniforms of the Army and Navy Shore Patrol. The Callears’ attendance and exhibits were a pleasant addition and diversion to an otherwise gloomy day.

On Friday evening, the traditional time for PNCs and PNP’s to hold their annual private dinner meetings, the other reunion attendees were invited to participate in Family Friday Night. About eighty of the folks still remaining in the hotel had opted to “dine in,” and joined in the event where a seafood buffet was served. Following the dinner, CSM (Ret) Doris Wollett presented a program of slides and narration of her “story,” the very personal memories of her deployment with the 80th Training Command as they spent a year in Iraq, training the Iraqi soldiers and police. At times amusing and also very poignant, CSM Wollett related her experiences, both in preparing for the mission and her interaction with Iraqi people. Near the conclusion of her presentation, the PNCs returned from their private dinner and joined the other attendees for the remainder of the program. Dr. Anthony then presented CSM Wollett with her own personal replica of the new Association banner.

We were awakened by strong hurricane winds and driving rains on Saturday morning. In spite of the inclement weather, all of the people who had agreed to participate in the Memorial Service were in place. Bugler, Ron Bell, from Hopewell; Soloist, Melody Allbee, from Colonial Heights; Pianist, Bruce Marianelli from Pottsville, PA; and the contingent of Color Guard personnel from various locations, had arrived. The Color Guard included: 1st SGT John Eskandary, SSG George Newnam, SFC Joe Matthews, SSG Mallory Nebrich and SGT Shawn Blankumsee. Chaplain (COL) Todd Combee of the 80th Training Command was on hand to deliver the Invocation, Benediction, and Memorial Enlightenment.

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**LEFT: TOP TO BOTTOM:
DORIS WOLLETT AND VIRGIL MYERS
IRVIN AND GERTRUDE WOJCIECHOWSKI
MARGARET AND LAVERNE SCHOCK
NAOMI AND CLARENCE BROCKMAN**



The Officers of both the Association and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as PNCs and PNPs were escorted to their seats in procession by Virgil Myers and Laverne Schock.

The Color Guard was called upon to post the Colors, followed by prayer, music, an appropriate poem most recently used for the funeral of 80th Veteran, MOH Paul Wiedorfer, and the very special delivery of the Memorial Enlightenment by Chaplain Combee.

A portion of his message was highlighted by the lighting of five candles:

1. Memory: We light this first candle in memory of those who have died this past year. The times we laughed, the times we cried, and the times we served together.

2. Courage: This candle represents the courage of those who served, and the courage to confront our sorrow, to comfort one another as we deal with loss.

3. Faith: We light the third candle, the candle of faith. It is faith that carries us and allows us to go on in spite of the loss of a friend or loved one.

4. Love: The candle of love, we cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for you! We thank God for the gift your life brought to each of us.

5. Remembrance: The center candle is lit for each the veterans we are honoring today, each name read out loud and remembered individually.

During the service, names of those Veterans who had passed away during the past year were read and a solemn, respectful period of remembrance was observed. Mr. Bell rendered "TAPS" and Ms. Allbee led the attendees in "The National Anthem" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." She also performed "America the Beautiful" and "Amazing Grace" as solos. Mr. Marianelli provided pre-ceremony piano selections and also the processional and recessional accompaniment.

The Memorial Wreath was borne to the front by Sergeant-at-Arms, Burt Marsh and then placed in front of the podium by Commander PNC Max Schmidt and Ladies President Judy Luthman.

At the conclusion of the Service, many took advantage of having photos taken with the Memorial Wreath. Present and exercising her photographic talents throughout the reunion functions was SSG Deborah Runkles-Jenkins, 80th Training Command, who despite suffering severe flu symptoms, continued to snap pictures for all. Her photos are available on the website www.flickr.com/photos/80thtrainingcommand.

The National Ladies Auxiliary held their luncheon and special guest was Chaplain Todd Combee. A lunch of Italian fare, lasagna, cannoli and tiramisu, was served. The table centerpieces served as door prizes and the items raffled for the benefit of VA hospitals were distributed. Officers for the coming year were installed by PNC Angelo Barone.

As the storm continued to intensify throughout Saturday afternoon, both the hotel and reunion committee attempted to reassure attendees that the safer alternative was to remain in place, rather than trying to navigate the highways. Surrounding communities, and some from as far away as Virginia Beach, had issued evacuation orders, so as 80th people checked out, the hotel was busy registering new occupants and the halls and lobbies were filled with rain-soaked clients and their four-legged friends. Two weddings, scheduled for outdoor ceremonies, were suddenly moved indoors, so hotel personnel were kept extremely busy trying to accommodate everyone's requests.

Members of the 80th Training Command who live in the Richmond area and had registered for the Saturday evening dinner, however, were unable to traverse the neighboring streets, so there were a number of empty seats when we began the final event. A couple of those who did make it were first required to clear driveways of fallen trees before they could leave home. LTC Porter and his wife exited their front door to find a tree across the drive, blocking their garage door. Already dressed in his uniform, LTC Porter then called on his sons for assistance in splitting the tree—a real Paul Bunyon story! Others told us they dressed by flashlight, in order to get to the hotel in time for dinner.

Bruce Marianelli provided piano selections for the attendees as they began finding their places in the ballroom for dinner. Mr. Marianelli is the son-in-law of the Barones and had accompanied them to the Reunion, graciously offering his services at the last minute when scheduled performers could not be present. Due to the early departure of so many, the seating arrangements had been altered several times, so dinner guests had to first consult charts in the hallway to determine where to sit. Updated counts for meals were submitted to the hotel staff, almost on an hourly basis.

As usual, and in his own special way, PNC Angelo Barone performed his duties as Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday dinner. It is no longer called a dinner/dance, since so very few have been staying beyond the meal to waltz or jitter-bug anymore. The Soldiers of the Training Command once again were called on to perform the posting and retiring of the Colors. Chaplain Combee also honored the Veterans and families with his Invocation and Benediction. A plated meal choice of salmon, pork or chicken was enjoyed by approximately 130 of the brave souls who had remained for the duration. PNC Max Schmidt performed one last duty of his Office by placing the Commander's Cap on Dr. Anthony and MC Barone presented the plaque of recognition and thanks to PNC Schmidt for his having served a second term as National Commander this past year.

MG John P. McLaren had been slated to be the guest speaker for the evening, and introduction of the new Commander of the 80th Training Command, MG Bill Gerety, had been anticipated. However, due to the

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Meet CSM (R) Doris M. Wollett: Our New Secretary/Editor

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR Doris M. Wollett is the youngest of nine children and a native of Richmond, Virginia. She graduated from Varinia High School in 1969 and enlisted in the US Army Reserves in 1977. She was a WAC, but never served in an all female battalion. The Women's Army Corps was eliminated in 1978.

During her distinguished military career, CSM Wollett held numerous supervisory and key leadership positions in several Reserve units. Notably, she was the first female CSM of a Drill Sergeant Battalion. She served a year's deployment with the 80th in Iraq with the Multi-National Security Transition Command (MNSTC-I). She last served as CSM of 8-80th, 1st Brigade 80th Training Command (TASS), demonstrating dedication and commitment to leading Soldiers under her watch.

Her civilian and military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System; the ARMY Instructor Trainer Course; Total Quality Leadership Program; US Army Sergeant Major Course; and various other professional development and leadership courses.

CSM Wollett's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with 2d Oak-Leaf Cluster (OLC); Army Commendation Medal with 3d OLC; Army Achievement Medal with 2d OLC; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 1 Silver and 3 Bronze OLC; National Defense Service Medal with 2d OLC; Iraq Campaign Medal 2d Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ Gold Hourglass Device; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Medal with Numeral 4; Army Service Medal; Army Overseas Service Medal; and the Reserve Overseas Training Medal.



DORIS WOLLETT AND ANDY ADKINS

She also holds the distinction of being the first female member of the 80th Division Veterans Association; she is a Life Member of the Blue Ridge Post #50, as well, and is Vice-President of that organization. She retired from Military Service in May and from her civilian position with the 80th Training Command at the end of June 2011.

CSM Wollett's foundation for success has been her faith in God and her family, which includes her husband, Ard, daughters Margie Harrison and Samantha Snyder; grandson, Dwayne Snyder, and the most recent addition of identical twin great-grandsons, Jason and Dylan Snyder. Her parents and siblings also supported her career.

CSM Doris Wollett will take over all duties of the National Secretary and the Editor of the Blue Ridge Magazine.

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The owner of the farm, Daniel Houard, our battlefield archeologist friend from Luxembourg, Jean Muller, and I explored the aid station. Jean remarked that "your father was a lucky man," because there was a tremendous crater in the middle of the aid station.

Jean is the archeologist who established the final history of three of our 80th soldiers who were killed simultaneously by a mortar shell. He prepared and donated a shadow box of personal belongings to the family which he located at the scene. He is also the planner, architect, and will be the builder of the 80th Monument at Mertzig.

He and his family graciously hosted me in their home for a week, while we performed battlefield archeology. This included detecting and digging at two sites where Sherman tanks were exploded. We found pieces of a watch, a lieutenant's bar, a trigger from the Browning .30 cal. Machine gun, and most importantly, bone frag-

ments from the one unrecovered body. Jean is sending these to JAPAK in Hawaii for DNA confirmation.

We had the privilege of participating in the "Friends of Luxembourg" tour, which Virgil Myers so ably conducts as he has done for many years. This tour is a combination of viewing battlefield sites such as Bastogne and Chaumont, and places of historical interest such as those in Luxembourg City. In addition, there is much fine food, and most importantly, there is the bond between the people of Luxembourg and those soldiers of the 80th Division who liberated them from the Nazi terror.

Looking to the future, it may be possible to arrange a week of battlefield archeology with Jean before the next Luxembourg visit in June of 2012 if there is interest in doing so among our members. If you are seriously interested, please let me know.

313th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Well I guess things happen when you least expect it. But I am sure many of you with computers know that they do act funny at times and sometimes, it is not funny. I had my script to send into the Blue Ridge and had talked to quite a number of our members and my computer went dead and my write-up with it.

Of course, at my age—90—in October I cannot recall any of what I had written and once I had it typed up, I got rid of my notes. Anyway, I will make it up to you in my next write-up. I will try to get in touch with as many of you as I can, but you can also call me and let me know how you are doing and what you are doing. I am still in my home, but will be putting it back on the market soon and we shall see what will happen.

I will mention that I received a mailing from Robert Sproul and it is great. He said that he and his wife Peg are doing very well when I called him to thank him for the mailing. Bob is a member of the Prospectors Club of El Paso and sent me a newsletter, issued by the club. They are a very active group, and Bob is the newsletter editor. He sent me copies of WWII starting with “Normandy and Beyond” that he wrote and it is so interesting.

His writing is great and traces the 80th from the beginning of the war to the end, when all of them left to return home. A great many of the places he mentions are very familiar to me since my husband had also been in that group, and many of the letters I have mention some of the same places. If any of you would like to read them, I can send them to you to read and then return to me.

I talked with Audrey Blocker today; she is a very busy lady. She is active chairman of the group where she lives. They play cards and dominoes and the group visits area restaurants. She mentioned to me the problems she has had with her car, which ended up costing her a lot of money. I am sure if any of you have a car as old as I have, 1991, that you hold your breath like I do every time I get into it. “Will it start? Will I get back from where I am going?” etc. Audrey will be attending the reunion this year with her daughter and will send me any news from there that she can so that I may add it on to this.

I had a very nice visit over the phone with Mary Brinker. She and Jim are doing well and she misses attending the reunions, but thinks of all of you she knows from the reunions. And, for those who are attending this year, let us hear from you about it. Funny, Mary also mentioned having to repair her car, just like Audrey did. At least it wasn't as much as Audrey had to pay.

If anyone has a change of address or hears about anyone at all in our group, news that would interest everyone, please call me or write to me so that I may include it in our next newsletter.

I do try to keep in touch with everyone, but every now and then I hit a wall, where a phone number has been changed, or someone might have moved to a new address, and I like to keep our address listing updated. So it would be a great deal of help if you called and informed me of any changes. I hope to get another address listing out before the end of the year, so if you know anyone who has changed their address or phone number please let me know.

I just received word from Betsy Christensen on behalf of the Ingles family that Mrs. Audrey Primrose Ingles (87) passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus NC after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband John S. Ingles, two sons John S. Ingles, Jr. and Paul A. Ingles, and one daughter Elizabeth. She is also survived by five grandchildren Jay, Sally, and Andy of Greenville SC, and Grace and Carl of Bothell, WA.

Hilda Latusek and her daughter Patty and husband Jack attended the reunion and called to tell me they and Lou Shirey were the only attendants from our group. I guess with the weather and all there really was not much chance for some people to get there. Next year's reunion will be held in Baltimore, MD, August 22-26; the year after, Virginia Beach. So I hope that more of us will be able to attend and let's hope we can see each other in 2012. God Bless and Keep you.

Please keep in touch.

Love Fran,

28 Arnold Lane • Rowayton, CT 06853 • 203-855-1928

Florida Post #47

BY KAY RAJNICEK, SECRETARY

Dear Members and Friends:

Florida Post #47 is planning their October 2011 get-together where all members and friends of the 80th Division Veterans Association are welcome.

DATES: October 27 - 29, 2011 (Th, Fr, Sa)

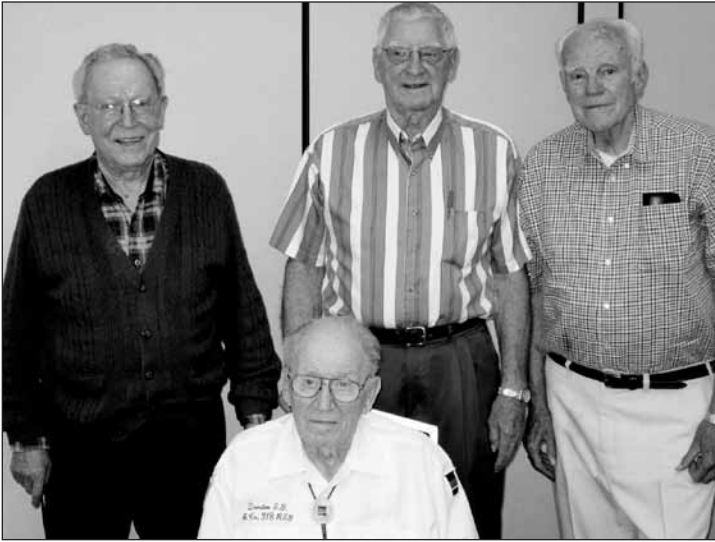
PLACE: Hampton Inn, 3434 College Road, Ocala, FL 34474 / 352-854-3200

ROOM RATES: \$79 per night plus tax, single/double. Rates available three days prior and after group block. When making your reservation, please ask for Code P47. Be sure to tell them you are with Florida Post 47.

AGENDA: Hospitality room will be open Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. SAT: Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The hotel must have your reservation not later than October 15, 2011 to insure accommodations. Registration must be made by phone: 352-854-3200.

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NY Post 43

BY BURT MARSH

At our Post 43 reunion in Geneva NY, we had 14 in attendance: Elmer Dorsten, his driver Ted Dombowski (a veteran of 82nd Airborne Division); Francis and Kay Rajnicek, Don and Rose Wilkinson, Vera Norry and son Greg, Jane McCormick, Rita Midey, my daughter Tina and son-in-law Jeffery, Burt and Barbara Marsh.

We had a very nice winery trip on Tuesday and on Wednesday, our trip to the Corning Glass Museum was impressive and all enjoyed it. Our buffet luncheon was very good and the white elephant raffle was a lot of fun. The 50-50 drawings were won by Burt Marsh, Barbara Marsh, and Don Wilkinson. A big roar was heard through the hotel: "FIXED".

We had to share the hotel with 300 Wolfhound Dogs. The National Wolfhound Association was also having their National Convention at the Ramada. Those dogs were as big as ponies but well behaved and trained.

I must report our sad news, Gerald Norry passed away in April; our condolences to the Norry family. Bob McDonald called and said he couldn't make it due to a painful knee, giving him trouble walking. Hope you are feeling better as you read this, Bob.

Also, after a 15 minute discussion at our meeting, it was in best interest of the majority that NY Post 43 close its books and disband as of 5-19-11 after 31 years of existence. Due to lack of interest, physical hardships, difficulty in travel and small attendance, it was decided the end had come. So, Post 43 is the thing of the past.

I will continue writing any news available for the "Blue Ridger," therefore I'm asking you all to call with any news pertaining to our honorable members of Post 43.

Keep in touch and looking forward to seeing you at Richmond, VA in August. So long for now.

Burt R. Marsh, Commander

614-725-2573

Post 50 News

BY LTC GRANT PORTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Blue Ridge Post 50 Members,

It may have taken the "strength of the mountains" but we all appear to have endured our share of natural disasters during the last week of August. Despite a 5.8 earthquake that shook us up along the Blue Ridge on the 23rd and an angry attack by Hurricane Irene along the coastline on the 27th that threw trees into some of our houses and driveways, the 80th Blue Ridge Association only moved forward.

Though Irene did put a damper on our 3rd Annual Blue Ridge Golf Tournament plan, she didn't stop us from having our tenth annual Blue Ridge Breakfast and Business Meeting on August 28th as that event followed smoothly without interruption on the heels of the 80th Division Veterans Associations Reunion. Hopefully, everyone is all right from the earthquake and storm damage. We will try and tee off on another date for the Golf Tournament in the near future. Meanwhile, in case you missed out, below are some highlights of our recent events, as well as a few member highlights, and an overview of events to follow in the near future.

RECENT EVENTS

80TH DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S 92ND ANNUAL REUNION:

Several Blue Ridge members were present to celebrate the 92nd Reunion held from 24-28 August 2011 at the Sheraton West Hotel on Midlothian Turnpike in Richmond. Post 50 President Grant Porter presented remarks at the dinner and received the Post 50 Charter document that listed all the members at the time the charter was adopted, effective April 1st 2010. The Charter was distinctively framed and presented by outgoing Secretary Andy Adkins. During the Business meeting, Vice President Doris Wollett was elected to become the Secretary of the Association replacing Andy who is coming out of retirement to take on a full-time job in a prominent law firm in West Virginia.

Blue Ridge Secretary Pete Herbert was elected to the Executive Council of the Division Veterans Association. LTC Porter became the Vice Commander and announced his plans to hold the 93rd Reunion in Baltimore MD in August 2012. Likewise, MG John McLaren advanced to 2nd Vice Commander and announced his intention of holding the 94th Reunion in Virginia Beach or Richmond in 2013. Dr. Lee Anthony assumed duties as Commander after doing a fine job as Vice Commander and Reunion Chairman with the steadfast assistance of Cecilia Smith.

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ANDY ADKINS AND LTC GRANT PORTER WITH THE POST 50 CHARTER

80TH BLUE RIDGE ARMY RESERVE ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Blue Ridge Association held its 10th annual Breakfast and Business Meeting at the Sheraton hotel on Sunday, 28 August 2011 at 0800. One of our newest lifetime members, AGR Chaplain (LTC) William J. Manning delivered the opening prayer and several announcements were made about future plans of the Association:

The Scholarship Fund: Pete Herbert reported that the Board of Directors had voted to authorize a \$500 college scholarship to be awarded on behalf of the Blue Ridge Association during the 26 April 2011 teleconference call. It was suggested that a committee be chosen to come up with a criteria, eligibility, etc., for awarding the Scholarship. Committee volunteers include George Croughwell as Chairman, and members, Paul Linkenhoker, James Brown, Buddy Deverell and Mike Bland. They will report back at the next quarterly teleconference meeting in October.

A 5K Fun Run: Pete Herbert reported that the Board of Directors voted to authorize \$250.00 as seed money to hold a 5K Fun Run to benefit our scholarship fund or a similar cause or charity. No definite date or time of year was determined. Anthony Taylor agreed to check the command calendar for upcoming events and to report some possible dates for the run at the next teleconference in October.

Election of Officers: The following Officers were nominated and unanimously elected for two-year terms from October 2011 to October 2013:

Treasurer: Ed Polonitza; Board of Directors (Thanks Ed!): Erik Imajo, Terry Singleton, Colleen Watson were all re-elected to the Board of Directors and James "J.R." White was voted in as a new director.

Annual Meeting 2012: For the past two years, the Blue Ridge Post 50 Annual Meeting has been held in conjunction with the 80th Veterans Reunion. Next year's 80th Veterans Reunion is tentatively scheduled to be held in Baltimore, MD, in August 2012. It was decided that we would discuss the possibility of either holding our Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Veterans next year in Baltimore, or to hold a separate meeting at a date and time to be determined. It was also suggested that we may want to poll our members by email to determine a preference for the annual meeting. Discussion will continue at the next teleconference in October.

Teleconference Schedule for 2012: Members approved the following dates for quarterly conference calls to be held on the 4th Tuesday of the first month of each quarter as follows: 25 October 2011, 24 January 2012, 24 April 2012 and 24 July 2012.

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Awards for 2012: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to award six Soldier and Civilian awards to 80th Training Command members during the January 2012 Commander's Conference. The amount of awards would be increased from \$200 to \$250 for a total of \$1,500. (Note: The 80th Division Veterans Association voted to support the awards program with an annual donation of \$500!).

Army Ten-Miler: The Board of Directors authorized \$20.00 for each Blue Ridge Member who registers and participates in the Annual Army Ten-Miler in October. Members must furnish proof of registration and completion of the event to Secretary Herbert. Members will be reimbursed by check.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to SGM Sharon Campbell, Blue Ridge Member, who was recently hired as the Senior Civilian Training Coordinator for the 80th Training Command Training Center at Camp Parks, CA.

Lifetime member George E. Croughwell, TTC Senior Civilian at Fort Pickett received his BS Degree in April from Bellevue University. MSG Croughwell is also a TPU Soldier at HQ, 94th Division at Fort Lee, VA. Congratulations George!

Congratulations also go out to LT Floyd Lewis who was recently promoted to 1LT, with a date of rank of 10 June 2011. The 80th held a ceremony at the Reserve center with his wife and baby girl attending. Mike Bland, CXO and Blue Ridge Member, welcomed everyone with opening remarks and LTC Samuel Licorish, also a Blue Ridge Member, took part in the ceremony.

Congratulations also are extended to Blue Ridge Member Melissa Martinez as a newly hired Civilian employee in the 80th G7 Section. Melissa is now the Staff Operations and Training Specialist providing oversight of the 102nd Training Division for the 80th Training Command.

By the time this letter goes to print, MG John McLaren will have changed command with MG William Gerety and celebrated his retirement with a dinner on 23 September and a change of command ceremony on the 24th at Fort Lee. The new 80th Commander, MG Gerety, comes from his last assignment as the Commanding General of the 81st RSC, Fort Jackson, SC.

Two of our AGR Members have PCS'd to new duty stations. LTC Curtis L. Muldrow and LTC Samuel E. Licorish have moved on and are now assigned to the 1st Mission Support Command at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. We wish them both the best of Luck!

Member LTC(R) Edward (Carroll) Shepherd an employee at DECA, Fort Lee will be retiring from civilian employment in September after 30+ years of service. We wish him and his family great happiness.

Congratulations once again to CSM(R) Doris Wollett. She retired from the Military in May 2011 with over 34 years of service and retired June 2011 from her civilian position as the 80th DRMO also with over 30 years of civilian service.

FUTURE EVENTS

Blue Ridge Quarterly Luncheon:

The next quarterly luncheon is tentative for 26 October at a location to be determined; more information to follow by email notification.

Blue Ridge Annual Holiday Party:

We are planning our 2nd Annual Holiday Party, tentatively scheduled for 17 December 2011. One possible location being considered is the Club at the Defense Supply Center, Richmond (DSCR). Please check our website for updates and we will notify Post 50 members with an email notification.

SECRETARY NOTES

Just as a reminder your Annual Dues are due by January 1st. Anyone paying dues from 1 October 2011 will be counted toward a 2012 membership. Members have the option of paying as a Life-Time Member for \$250. \$150 of that would go to the 80th Division Veterans Association (DVA) for joint Membership in the Association.

New Annual Members pay \$35 with \$20 going to the DVA, and a Renewing Member pays \$35 and \$10 in annual dues go to the DVA. Either way, members receive a two-for-one membership in both organizations. So far, in 2011 we have contributed over \$1,300 to the DVA in dues. As you can see, membership dues are an important source of revenue and we appreciate your support.

If any of you have any ideas for anything—future events, fund raisers, something you would like to see the Association involved in let us know. We will be making an effort to keep the website updated with information about members and highlights of the organization. Please send suggestions for website updates or newsletter articles to edmond.herbert@us.army.mil.

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“STRENGTH OF THE MOUNTAINS”

LETTERS

GREETINGS:

The article, "A Footnote to History: The 80th in Czechoslovakia" sure brought back a lot of memories to me. I was in that bunch, ending up the war in Austria and then going to Czechoslovakia as the article stated. After fighting in three campaigns in Europe, at the end of hostilities, I was given the job of Supply Sgt for Co "L". I got back to the States in early January 1946. I'm past 91 now, but some memories are still strong.

Gene C. Cook, 80th Div, 317th Reg, 3d Bn, Co L, 4th Pl
Witchita, KS

DEAR ANDY:

Here is my remembrance of the 80th's move from Bavaria to Marionbad. I was 3rd squad leader (Staff Sgt.), 3rd platoon. During the summer of 1945, the 80th Infantry Division moved to Czechoslovakia before being rotated back to the States. They had helped defeat the Nazis in WW II. Having served just over a year in the service, I did not have enough points to return to the States with Company K, 317th Infantry Regiment in Marionbad, Czechoslovakia. We would parade in front of the Russian barracks one day and they would parade in front of ours the next. During the time in Czechoslovakia, Chaplain Prince, a Southern Baptist, would drive over from Pilzen on Wednesday evening to conduct a service. He called it his midweek prayer service. When the 80th returned to the States I was transferred to an Antiaircraft unit.

Bert M. Langdon
P. O. Box 2546
Lompoc, CA 93438-2546
Have passport, will travel

DEAR ANDY:

My sister and I were thrilled to receive the copy of the wonderful article Bernd Schmidt wrote about our father. The long research for this historical documentation is greatly appreciated. We are touched deeply about Bernd's and your effort. Learning about the details of that day certainly personalizes the participation my father had in WWII. He only briefly mentioned WWII, but he did talk a little more about the Weimar surrender. You have allowed us to learn personal details of that day and to clearly understand his involvement and positive influence of the surrender. This story would make a great movie!

If he ever did talk a little about the war, he repeatedly discussed the love of his troops and the desire to lead them well. Their spiritual and physical safety was his priority.

He carried a deep sadness and regret about the Russian occupation of the Germans. He had a great respect for the strong character, honesty, values, and self discipline of the German culture.

I appreciate greatly Bernd's effort to create this historical story. It especially touches me that my children and grand children will now know this very special story about their grandfather and his contribution to history.

Bernd's research and meeting him through email communication has brought the memory of my father, the soldier, back to life.

Kind Regards,
Toni Costello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TURNER BOOK REPRINT STATUS: Because I only received about 25 requests for the reprint of the 80th Division by Turner Publishing, I had to cancel the reprint. We needed at least one hundred copies to keep the cost around \$50 and we don't want to invest that much to keep 75 copies on the shelf.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: We are currently updating our email address list in our membership database. Please send an email to the new secretary, CSM (R) Doris Wollett at csmwollett@verizon.net with the subject line, "Email Address Update."

One of the items we discussed during the General Business Meetings is to provide the Blue Ridge magazine electronically to those members who have email and would like to receive it electronically. We

already post the Blue Ridge magazines (including several years of past issues) on the 80th Division website: www.80thdivision.com/Blue%20Ridger.htm and we are looking into the possibility of creating the electronic version in full color. Note that we cannot afford to print and mail the Blue Ridge in full color, but the electronic version could be done in full color. More information about this in a later issue.

During the recent 80th Division Veterans Association reunion in Richmond, VA, WWII veteran Virgil Myers was interviewed by the local newspaper, the *Chesterfield Observer*. Here's an Internet link to the article:

www.chesterfieldobserver.com/news/2011-08-31/Front_Page/WWII_heroes_share_their_war_stories.html

Only Moving Forward, The 80th Crosses The Rhine

WALTER BARTHOLD, 80TH SIGNAL COMPANY

IT HAPPENED AT the end of March 1945; in my case, it was on March 29 when the 80th Infantry Division crossed the Rhine River from Mainz to Wiesbaden. The crossing stands out, I suggest, as an event worth remembering in the division's history.

Granted, this episode may have lacked great military significance. The Rhine had been crossed and a bridgehead established three weeks earlier, before the bridge's collapse by the 9th Armored Division via the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen. Furthermore, the war in Europe was nearing its end with the German army in broad retreat on the Eastern, Western and Italian Fronts. Yet at least two reasons made our passage across the river important.

First, the Rhine had tremendous mythical and historical meaning to Germans. Ancient legends about it abounded. They included the story of the Lorelei, the maidens whose enchanting melodies lured passing mariners to their deaths on the rocks. The river was thought of as the symbolic boundary of the country, the barrier to hostile invasion. The patriotic song "Die Wacht am Rhein," ("The Watch on the Rhine"), featured in the film "Casablanca" had approached the status of a national anthem.

Furthermore, the crossing was no easy project. The river at that point is some 300 yards wide. No bridges remained. German resistance, to be sure, was waning, but it had not ceased.

By the time I reached the Rhine, the engineers had built a one-lane Bailey bridge across its entire width. The bridge was manned, to our astonishment, by sailors of the U. S. Navy. On each shore, huge machines poured out clouds of artificial fog to hide the bridge from enemy planes. The Allies had long since gained control of the air, but I remember well that individual Luftwaffe pilots still ventured out on strafing missions.

A machine gunner was stationed about every ten yards or so along the bridge. He fired at everything he saw (or thought he saw) floating down the river. The steady rattle of gunfire intensified the dramatic atmosphere of the crossing.

So far as I know, the 80th made it over the river without resistance. From that point on, the war for most (not all) of us was little more than a series of truck rides. Yet crossing the Rhine remains for me a vivid recollection of the campaign in the ETO.

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storm, neither Commander was able to attend the function. In MG McLaren's place, LTC Porter then presented the slides and delivered the text of the planned speech. Since LTC Porter is chairman of the 2012 reunion, he announced plans to hold it in the Baltimore area, August 22 through 27.

MC Barone then called on PNC Elmer Dorsten and his family. The Dorstens had planned to present a gift to MG McLaren in honor of his imminent retirement from the 80th Training Command. Due to the absence of MG McLaren, PNC Dorsten made the presentation to LTC Porter, who will, in turn, present the large eagle statue to MG McLaren on the occasion of his retirement dinner in September.

Dr. Anthony then made presentations of Certificates of Appreciation to PNC Max Schmidt and to PNC Angelo Barone for their many contributions to not only the Association, but to their Churches and civic organizations in their communities. He then invited HNC Virgil Myers to the podium and asked that he escort Cecilia Smith, as well. HNC Myers was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Association, but also for serving for many years as the US representative for the US Veterans Friends of Luxem-

bourg, the organization that honors American Veterans who liberated their communities. He then presented a certificate, a copy of the new banner and a replica of the WW I Doughboy statue to Cecilia Smith in recognition for services rendered to Association members and reunion activities in the recent years.

Secretary Adkins was then called to the Podium where upon he presented the new Post #50 charter to LTC Porter and welcomed the 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association as the newest Post of the 80th Division Veterans Association.

The Color Guard was then asked to retire the Colors for the last time during this year's events.

The program was nearing a conclusion when the final raffle drawing was remembered. The final drawing resulted in a second win for Robert Moorhead and a ticket was drawn for Dr. Sproull, neither of whom was present. Their checks for \$250 each will be mailed to them.

At the end of the night, and although the entire reunion had been subdued, it was declared a successful meeting of the Veterans, their families and friends. The storm continued through the night on Saturday, but as we departed on Sunday, the sun was shining once again on Richmond. It is surely a reunion many will not soon forget. We look forward to being together again next year in Baltimore.

REUNION ATTENDEES 2011

Andy Adkins : H - 317
Gainesville, FL

George Anderson : F - 318
Peachtree City, GA

Lee Anthony : F - 317 WW I
Salem, VA

Nancy Barnes : F - 318
Midlothian, VA

PNC Angelo & Kay Barone : L - 317
Pottsville, PA

Walter Barthold : Signal Co
Ridgewood, NJ

Bryan Basden & Wayne Spears : M - 319
Rutherfordton, NC

Michael & Monica Bland : 80th Tr Cmd
Chesterfield, VA

Leonard & Jeanette Borin : E - 318
Northbrook, IL
Janet Morelli & Family

Col Jim and June Brown : 80th Tr Cmd
Fredericksburg, VA

PNC Clarence
& PNP Naomi Brockman : HQ 317
McDonald, PA

PNC Robert & Mabel Burrows : HQ 2nd BN 317
Broomfield, CO

Robert Burrows, Jr., Robert Smith,
Kathryn Miller, Sue Sparks, Nancy Lawson

COL CH Todd Combee : 80th Tr Cmd
Richmond, VA

Joseph & Joanna Coscia : A - 319
Southaven, MS

Ventura DeLa Torre : Cannon-317
Fullerton, CA

Richard & Diane DeLaTorre, Alissia Martinez

PNC Elmer Dorsten : A - 318
Coldwater, OH

John Eckrich : C/D- 318
Hebron, IN

Jan Elvin : E/F - 318
Washington, DC

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Spring Hill, FL
Gail & Robert Puccio

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Canton, OH
Bob and Betsy Spaulding

Doug Flick : G - 317
Shawsville, VA

Charles & Louise Faulconer : 319
Monroe, VA

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Livermore, CA

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COL Paul & Brenda Linkenhoker : 80th Tr Cmd
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Rptd by Bob McDonald

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DOD: 4/25/2011
Rptd by his daughter, Kathy

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Saltsburg, PA 15681
DOD: Unknown
Rptd by "returned Blue Ridge"

Greenwald, Charles F., 780th
Ord
1807 Sandalwood Drive
Avon, Ohio 44011-1573
DOD: 6/23/2011
Rptd by his wife, Mary Lou

Mascaro, John V., 314th FA Bn
7738 Ardleigh Street
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DOD: 7/6/2011
Rptd by his son, Jerome

CPT Millen, Philip H., C/B-319
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DOD: 5/14/2011

Rptd by "returned Blue Ridge"
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Training Command
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Rptd by Pete Herbert

Vesceri Sr., Charles N., 305th
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Ellwood City, PA
DOD: July 18, 2011
Rptd by Felix Cistolo

Wenzel, Ray, G-317
225 Camelford Road
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DOD: 2/25/2010
Rptd by his daughter, Judith

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Rptd by "returned Blue Ridge"

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