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Going to War

by A.Z. Adkins, Jr. and Andy Adkins III

Lt. A.Z. Adkins, Jr. was an 81mm mortar section leader with Company H, 317th Infantry Regiment. This is his story, an excerpt from our book, You Can't Get Much Closer Than This – Combat with the 80th 'Blue Ridge' Division WWII Europe, published by Casemate Publishers (2005).

California – Arizona Maneuver Area Camp Laguna

IN THE EARLY DAYS of World War II, it became apparent the United States would need to meet the challenges of engaging the enemy in the deserts of North Africa. On March 1, 1942, Major General George S. Patton, Jr., Commanding General of the I Armored Corps, himself a native of southern California, opened the Desert Training Center (DTC) in the Mojave Desert. Patton chose the town of Desert Center, population 19, as his headquarters. On October 20, 1943, the DTC was expanded to include maneuver areas and became the California–Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA).

From 1942 to 1944, the facility served as the largest military training facility and a place to toughen the infantry for the rigors of combat in the forthcoming invasion of North Africa. In addition, it was a fertile testing ground to develop suitable equipment for harsh desert conditions. General Patton commanded the facility in its early years, followed by General Walton Walker.

The DTC/CAMA encompassed about 18,000 square miles (more than 12 million acres) in California, Arizona, and Nevada, stretching from Indio, California, eastward to Prescott, Arizona, and from Yuma, Arizona, northward to Searchlight, Nevada, roughly 350 miles wide and 250 miles deep. Patton and his team of advisors designated various locations within the area where temporary tent camps would be built to house individual units. The camps were situated so each unit could train individually without interfering with others. As each individual unit reached the end of its training period, it would join one or more units to train as a corps.

Because of its hasty construction, expected short duration, and the U.S. Army's desire to train men in sparse conditions, the DTC/CAMA contained few permanent structures and was quite basic compared to other military bases. The Laguna Maneuver Area, one of eleven divisional camps in

the CAMA, comprised large valleys between many mountain ranges.

I traveled by train to Yuma, Arizona, stopping in New Orleans to pick up the majority of my buddies from Fort Benning, Georgia. We got into Yuma midafternoon on Sunday, December 5, 1943. After several days on the train, I was hungry for some good chow. A few of us decided to go into town for some supper. I'd never been to Arizona before, so I didn't really know what to expect. I loved fried seafood though, so I ordered a big platter of fried oysters. Imagine my surprise when they came, and I found out the restaurant didn't have any catsup. Here I was a fresh lieutenant, straight from officer training, lean and mean to the bone, facing a plate of big juicy fried oysters without any catsup! I just about gagged myself to death trying to choke down those awful slimy things and still keep a straight face in front of my buddies.

I was assigned to Company H, a heavy weapons company in the 2d Battalion, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division. Eventually, I would be assigned as a mortar section leader. I would soon learn everything there was to know about the 81mm medium mortar, including range firing and tactics. I soon wished I'd paid more attention in my math classes at The Citadel, because firing the mortar involved a lot of angles, calculations, and math.

The heavy weapons company was one of four companies in a battalion. My company's mission was to provide support to the three rifle companies (Companies E, F, and G) in the 2d Battalion. The heavy weapons company was equipped with 81mm mortars and water-cooled 30-caliber machine guns. The mortar platoon was composed of three mortar sections with two squads each, which gave the company a total of six mortars. Each mortar squad consisted of six men: a squad leader (usually a staff sergeant), the #1 gunner (usually a corporal), the assistant gunner, and three ammunition bearers. At least, that's how it was described in the U.S. Army Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E).

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Editor's Notes

by CSM(R) Doris Wollett, Editor

I BELIEVE SUMMER is almost here at least in VA. We are having weather in the 90's and of course some May showers. Flowers are blooming and trees are getting their new leaves. As I sit here with the windows open my daughter has come over to help me in the yard. I can hear the zero turn loud and clear. Remember to be safe and stay hydrated when you are outside. Keep a bottle of water nearby

Most likely when you receive this edition of the 80th Division Service Magazine Memorial Day will have passed. I hope you were able to get to a ceremony to remember all of our military that are no longer with us. Memorial Day is a day of Remembrance. I know for those of us that deployed to Iraq we will never forget the days we got notified of the deaths of LTC Tom Wren (5 Nov 2005) and SSG Robert Hernandez (28 Mar 2006). They were both outstanding Soldiers and are missed by so many. RIP my Brothers.

The 2022 Reunion is fast approaching and I look forward to seeing everyone that is able to attend. A lot of planning and

hard work has gone in to ensuring that all will have a wonderful time and make memories that will last a life time.

We will also celebrate the birthday of this great Nation on the 4th of July. Get out to a parade or some sort of event and show that you are proud to be an American and live in this wonderful Country free to worship, love, and live as you want.

I need articles for the magazine. Send me your story. Be proud of your military service. Write about a family member. Just share stories.

Check the back of the magazine to see if your dues are outstanding. The label will either show Life or the year you are paid through. If it doesn't show Life or 2022 or beyond you are overdue. This may cause you to be dropped from the roster. Don't let that happen. Contact me if you aren't sure.

GOD bless each of you and remember the 80th
"Only Moves Forward"!!

Historians Report

by Lee S. Anthony, PNC & Historian

1. Tours of "The Barn": Last week, we gave three tours of the museum. These tours usually run for around two and a half hours. Last week, visitors included persons from Charlottesville Va., Gate City Va., Jacksonville Fl. As well as from Wisconsin. Within the last year, a visiting museum director stated that the collection needs at least five times the number of square feet presently occupied.

2. Activities outside the Barn include an on-going display in the Bedford Va. Museum, and a loan of the extensive collection of WW I Victory Medals has been made to the museum of the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division, which is in Verona, Va. The 29th has a foundation which supports the museum, staffs the displays, and has plans to appreciably enlarge their facilities. I have recently joined the 29th Division Veterans' Association and look forward to further cooperation with them in the future.

3. The hot topic of the moment is the request by the Evergreen Burial Park to provide a short program on 28 May 2022, memorializing WW I veterans whose graves are within their grounds. We have four such graves, including my dad's. The other three were all KIA (Killed In Action) in the Meuse-Argonne. Researching their histories and abbreviated lives has been a challenging and rewarding task. My assistant, Mrs. Cov-

ington, and Mr. Andy Adkins have contributed to this project. Mrs. Covington is a whiz with the computer and has been the backbone of the research. A copy of the proposed brief presentation is attached to this report. It has been stated that PFC Compton received a Silver Star, probably near Fle'ville, where he was KIA. I hope that we can find a copy of the presentation document for this award. I have contacted the 16th Infantry Association for any further information from their files.

4. We are hopefully closer to enhancing the display at the Argonne Circle in Roanoke. The present information board (Boy Scout Eagle Project) was vandalized and will need to be replaced. The bronze memorial plaque is still in place where it was installed last year. It looks great!

5. We are helping to prepare the Battle Cross and the Missing Man Table at our Church, for Memorial Day Services.

6. I attended the Memorial Service for Roger Nelson in Akron Ohio, representing the 80th Veterans' Association. Mrs. Covington and I have developed a list of overseas ABMC cemeteries in which 80th graves are located. Arrangements have been made to have the flowers delivered on Saturday, 28 May, the day before Memorial Day. We will request pictures from the cemeteries, showing the displayed flowers. These pictures should be available at the reunion.

COMMANDER'S REPORT



AS I GLANCED at the calendar this morning, it was May 8th, a date I'll always remember because it was the end of WWII in Europe. 77 years ago, and what a great feeling it was for all soldiers that the war was over. I was in rural Austria at the foothills of the Alps, as spring brought good weather, and the scenery was beautiful.

At 96 years young, I've slowed down to a crawl. I don't do much, playing duplicated bridge at the Columbus Bridge Center three days a week and reading mostly WWII and Battle of the Bulge books. I just finished "You Can't Get Much Closer Than This" Combat with the 80th "Blue Ridge" Division in WWII Europe By A.Z. Adkins, Jr and Andrew Z Adkins, III (Andy Adkins). For those who want to know what their fathers and grandfathers went through during the war, I suggest you read it.

Back to the facts of this message. Our 103rd Reunion of the 80th Division is August 4-6, 2022 to be held at Double Tree Hilton Richmond Midlothian location at 1021 Koger Center Blvd. Richmond VA 23235. Hopefully, everybody has sent or will be sending in their reservations since all information is on the computer. I am not terribly tech savvy but reach out to my cohorts and they can help you with whatever you need. My Daughter Tammi, Granddaughter Lindsay and her husband Chris have been working hard organizing this reunion together.

It was my pleasure to serve as your National Commander for the year 2022. It is such a high honor and I sincerely thank the Executive Committee for the appointment.

Sure hope to see everyone at the reunion this year. It will be a grand time for all.

Sincerely,

Burt R. Marsh

National Commander '22

Helmets of K-320 Infantry Regiment

The three helmets (pictured below) are attributed to K Company, 320th Infantry Regiment. What's unique about these helmets is that although purchased from different individuals, the common theme is the texture of the paint. Also unique is that two of the helmets contain rank insignia. Also shown is an issue of the Service Magazine, Eightieth Division Yearbook published in November 1920. It contains numerous advertisements, stories, photographs of the battlefields and a roster of Eightieth Division Members.



From the collection of, Lew Dominick, Fayetteville, PA

The 81mm (3.2 inches) mortar consisted of a 49.5-inch-long smooth-bore tube with a fixed firing pin at the bottom. The tube fit into a base plate that rested on the ground; the plate also helped to dissipate the recoil shock. A bipod, which was used to adjust for elevation, also supported the front end of the tube. The mortar was carried in three sections: the tube, the baseplate, and the bipod. Total weight of the 81mm mortar was about 135 pounds and it was usually carried by two men.

The 81mm mortar had a range of 100 yards to 3,290 yards (almost two miles) and could be fired at a rate of 30 to 35 rounds per minute, with a normal rate of fire of 18 rounds per minute. There were two types of rounds used in the mortar: a high explosive (HE) round, weighing between seven and ten pounds, was used for destruction of enemy antitank guns, automatic weapons, mortars, and personnel; and a smoke round was often used to screen the movement of troops during an attack.

My initial training in the desert began with the field artillery. I was temporarily assigned to Battery B, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, as the liaison officer from the 2d Battalion, 317th Infantry. It was a big title, but my job was to observe and learn as much as I could about field artillery.

My “home” was now a tent I shared with two other officers. As you can imagine, there was sand everywhere and in everything. One of the nice things about being an officer in the desert was that one tent assigned an orderly who did most of the manual work, including cleaning our tent, shining our shoes, and bringing water. I stayed with the artillery for about a month. One of the most important artillery lessons I learned from a seasoned veteran during this training period was “When the enemy is in range, so are you.”

Several times during training in the desert, I was able to take a few days leave and head down to Mexico, usually a little border town called Mexicali, about twenty miles from El Centro, California. We could bring back up to \$7.50 worth of merchandise without paying duty fees; anything over \$7.50 would cost an additional 60 percent! Most of the time, I brought back some silk stockings for my mother in Starke, Florida. One of my buddies let me in on a little secret: tie the stockings around my waist so they wouldn't be noticed when crossing the border. At the time, an American dollar was worth about \$4.80 in Mexican pesos. My Spanish was nonexistent, and most of the shopkeepers could only speak broken English, so I had quite a time trying to wheel and deal with those guys.

Training in the desert varied from week to week. Some weeks, we would go on long, grueling hikes over the blistering desert sand. Temperatures would sometimes reach 125 degrees with little or no shade. Water was in short supply. I found out later that part of the training included purposefully cutting back on rations, something we would repeat time and time again during the Battle of the Bulge. As we trained in these conditions, we were not only building ourselves physically, we were starting to understand how we would fight as teams: squads, platoons, companies, battalions, regi-

ments, and divisions. We learned to fight both the enemy and the elements.

It was during these heavy training days that I learned most about soldiering from my company sergeants. Sergeant Ralph Freeman and Sgt. John Quinn, who had been with the company since the 80th Infantry Division was reactivated in Camp Forrest, Tennessee, were seasoned soldiers, hard as a rock, and held the respect of every man in the company. I learned quickly that a good sergeant is worth his weight in gold.

Lieutenant Doug Brown and Lt. Bob Strutz, rifle platoon leaders in Company G, became good friends during training. Lieutenant Doug Cox was a mortar section leader in Company H, as was I. We constantly traded information and ideas about mortar tactics, as well as leading our men into battle. Lieutenant Bill Butz, a tall, good looking Texan, was a machine gun platoon leader in Company H. Lieutenant Charlie Raymond was my mortar platoon leader. He and I became close friends, even though he was senior to me. Captain Jim Farrell, a red-headed fellow from North Carolina, was our company commander; he led by example. Wherever his men were to go, Captain Farrell was right there with them, in the lead.

These men remained close during the war as well as years after the war. You learn to count on your buddies; you watch their back, they watch your back. You put your life in their hands and you trust them and their instincts. You can't get much closer than that.

We left CAMA in the early part of April 1944. The 80th Division's next stop was Camp Dix, New Jersey. The train ride carried us through El Paso, Kansas City, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. We knew by now we were headed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO) rather than the Pacific Theater. Divisions heading to the Pacific trained in the Louisiana jungle training center.

Camp Dix and the Atlantic Crossing

When we arrived at Camp Dix, New Jersey, we were issued new clothing and, in some cases, new weapons. We also received numerous inoculations. Preparations for overseas movement (POM) would last about a month. Camp Dix wasn't the greatest place in the world, but it sure beat the hell out of the tents we had been living in for the past four months. I was able to get home to visit my mom and dad during this time. It was really swell to see them, let them know what I've been up to, and to eat some of my mom's home cooking. Those eight days went by really fast.

Word came soon that we would move out. We didn't know where, but we knew it would be overseas, most likely Europe. We had heard through the grapevine that the United States was planning something big, but we didn't have a clue how we would be involved. We also began a more stringent censorship on all outgoing mail.

June 6, 1944, D-Day, as it would become known, came upon us with no warning. The Army had done a good job planning Operation Overlord. We followed the war news

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through Stars & Stripes, reading everything we could lay our hands on. Most of us thought we would head over there soon, very soon.

On July 4, 1944, the 80th Division boarded the Queen Mary after a three-day troop train ride. Very few of us had ever been on a ship, and this was a huge one, complete with camouflaged paint. There were about twenty-eight thousand troops onboard and hardly any room to move about. I remember little about the crossing, other than it seemed like we stood in lines for everything. Just as soon as we finished standing in line for breakfast, we started standing in line for supper. The food was worse than what we had had in the desert. Breakfast comprised fried kippers or kidneys served with some sort of crap. We also received boiled meat and potatoes. Fortunately, I still had a few candy bars my mom had sent me. I probably survived the trip on those.

We had heard stories of ships being sunk by German submarines when they crossed the Atlantic, but for some reason, I wasn't worried. Someone later told me that the Queen Mary could do 40 knots, while the German subs could only do about 15 knots. There was no way they could catch up to us.

I was at peace with myself, even though I knew we were headed for war and possible death. Maybe it was my training, maybe it was my strong religious upbringing. I don't know. I pondered over where I'd been the past few years. From a high school football all-county center (it so happened I was the only center in the county) to The Citadel. The Citadel built character through discipline and comradery, as well as a well-rounded education. Fort Benning taught me the ins and outs of being an officer and how to lead men as well as professional conduct. But I think Camp Laguna taught me the most. This is where I learned to lead men through example and practical battlefield strategies. We trained as a unit; these were the men I would go to war with. I had made many good friends over the past few months.

I was twenty-two years old. Many of my men weren't even twenty. Many of the noncoms were a few years older. I was prepared for anything and everything. The things I would learn on the battlefield that couldn't be taught anywhere were fear and death. Nothing could prepare you for that.

A few days after leaving the United States, we landed at Greenock, Firth of Clyde, Scotland, and were greeted by a performing group of bagpipes. It was cool and misty, a typical Scottish day. The country was beautiful at this time of the year. Fields of heather and flowers all over the hills shined brightly. All the houses were built of stone and brick and seemed like they'd been there forever. The people were so nice, they couldn't seem to do enough for us. We weren't there long. Later that evening, the 317th boarded a train and traveled south to Ashton, England.

We trained more intensely, even though there didn't seem to be room enough for what we needed to do. But we made do, because we knew we would join the war soon. Our training included learning how to waterproof equipment to prepare for crossing the English Channel.

POST 50 UPDATE

Dear members of Post 50,

Last year an email notification was sent out informing all past and current members of Post 50 of the 80th Division Veterans Association of the intent to disestablish the Post.

As a part of that notification, it was indicated the intent was to merge all available assets and records into the parent 80th Division Veterans Association.

Since the notification, no objections have been made to this proposed way ahead for the disestablishment of Post 50. As such, Post 50 of the 80th Division Veterans Association will be disestablished effective 30 June 2022.

We also learned about hedgerows and hedgerow fighting, something we were not quite prepared for. A hedgerow was actually a fence made of half earth and half hedge and anywhere from a few feet high to over fifteen feet. The hedgerow was several feet thick with a hedge of bramble, hawthorn, vines, and trees. Many of the Norman farmers had used these for centuries to enclose their plots of land, to protect their crops and cattle from the ocean winds, and occasionally for firewood. Hedgerows followed no patterns, other than land plots, and were irregular in shape. To get around, there were wagon trails that wound among the hedgerows, with sunken lanes that were often damp and dreary.

We invited officers from one of the nearby hospitals to visit with us and tell us about the types of fighting men we would soon come up against. There were several disheartening stories of men who had been blown to pieces by mortar shells and died instantly on the battlefield. One thing we realized, though, was that we trained as a unit and we would fight as a unit. No man would be left behind.

In late July, we began to prepare for our trip across the English Channel. The beachhead at Normandy had grown substantially since D-Day. We boarded trains at night, pulled the curtains down over the windows and eventually arrived at Southampton, England, where we boarded ships for the twenty-one-hour channel crossing. When we got close to the beach, we climbed over the ship's rail and down a cargo net onto a landing craft. We all huddled down as we headed over the last few hundred yards to the beach. When we grounded on the beach, the ramp went down and we waded in water above our knees to cover the short distance to the beach.

I stepped ashore at Utah Beach on August 5, 1944, at 4:00 in the afternoon. It was D-Day plus 60.

Memorial Weekend 2022, at Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke

by Lee S. Anthony

GOOD MORNING. On this occasion, we have the privilege of sharing and respecting the memories of those who went to war to defend this nation and its Liberty and Freedom, which will forever require dedication and sacrifice to defend those God-given rights which we must never take for granted. Specifically, we will focus on four World War One soldiers whose physical remains are buried in this hallowed ground. They are:

1) **Pvt. Lee Hill Anthony 1818175 (My Father)**

Meuse-Argonne
Co. F, 317th Inf. Reg., 80th Division
19 July 1891 – W.I.A. 4 October 1918 Age 27
2 April 1951 Roanoke VA
Nantillois
Section 6, Lot 417

Pvt. Lee Hill Anthony was born and raised in Bedford County, VA at Anthony's Ford of the Staunton (Roanoke) River (now Route 626, near the Staunton Baptist Church.) He attended school locally, then attended and graduated from the New London Academy. His hopes of attending V.P.I were thwarted by the war. He was inducted into the Army at Camp Lee, near Petersburg VA, and was assigned to Co. F, 317th Infantry Regiment of the 80th (Blue Ridge) Division. After abbreviated training during the winter of 1917-1918, they were shipped to France aboard the USS Mongolia, landing at the French Naval Base of Brest.

From Brest, they traveled to the region of the Somme, where they trained with British and Commonwealth forces, until this training was also cut short because these troops were needed in battle.

2) **Pvt. Carl Huse Broughman**

Meuse-Argonne
Co. C, 317th Inf. Reg., 80th Division
13 March 1897 – K.I.A. 2 November 1918 Age 21
Near Buzancy
Section 6, Lot 255

Pvt. Carl H. Broughman, 21 years old, was killed in the Argonne on 2 November 1918, only nine days before the Armistice. At that time, the 317th Infantry had fought its way northward toward the Army's Objective of Sedan, France, a road and rail city and citadel, through which the German supplies traveled to the Western Front.

3) **Pfc. Aubrey Leon Compton**

Meuse-Argonne
Medical Detachment, 16th Inf. Reg., 1st Division
7 January 1899 – K.I.A. 4 October 1918 Age 19
Fle'ville
Section 5, Lot 114

Pfc. Aubrey Leon Compton was killed in action at the age of 19 in the area of Fleville on the same day, 4 October 1918, on

which my dad was wounded. It is reported that Pfc. Compton received a Silver Star Medal, but we have not been able to find the official documents.

4) **Pvt. Addison Andrew (Dink) Deyerle**

Meuse-Argonne
Co. A, 357th Inf. Reg., 90th Division
5 June 1888 – 22 October 1918 Age 30
Ferme de Madeleine
Section 6, Lot 262

Pvt. Addison A. (Dink) Deyerle was a local Roanoke truck driver for several firms and was also a machinist at the West End shop of Norfolk and Western before the war, died of mustard gas exposure in the vicinity of the Ferme de Madeleine, a farm just to the north and in sight of Nantillois or 22 October 1918 at the age of 30.

They had a battle near the village of Hebuterne, then were sent to the battle of St. Mihiel, where the division was in reserve. As soon as this short battle was over, they were urgently rushed to the Meuse-Argonne area for the definitive battle of the war. They relieved the 79th Division at the village of Nantillois, where they immediately went "Over the Top" in the dark of the night at 0530 on 4 October 1918. Their attack required the movement on foot across bare farmlands whose entire area was covered by prepositioned German machine guns and artillery. This enemy fire of bullets, high-explosive and mustard gas artillery was devastating. Dad's squad of approximately nine men were essentially wiped out around 0730 by the explosion of a German artillery shell. He was left on the ground, apparently dead, but regained consciousness, and moved (probably crawling) for about a mile to an aid station. From there, to further field and base hospitals for the treatment of his shrapnel wounds. (He stated once that he still had shrapnel in his body, which is now in this grave). He was returned to his unit around Christmas of 1918 in time for a hard winter of training and a rampaging Spanish Flu epidemic. (He did not catch the Flu until he returned to the U.S.). After returning, to civilian life, he farmed and taught school, then moved to Roanoke where he was employed by the Roanoke Oil Co. He married a lady from Bedford County, and they lived in Roanoke until their deaths. Unfortunately, the other three on our list died in battle. However, their bodies were returned to Roanoke, and buried here in Evergreen.

In conclusion, we are reminded of the sacrifices which the above soldiers made that we might have freedom and our God-given rights as American Citizens. We must fight to retain this heritage, with God's help! Thank you for joining us today.

Call to the 103rd Annual Reunion

TO ALL 80TH DIVISION VETERANS, Families, Descendants, and Friends,

It is our distinct pleasure to cordially invite each of you to attend the 103rd Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association to be held in Richmond, VA., August 4th-6th, 2022. The Doubletree by Hilton Richmond Midlothian located at 1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235 will be our host hotel.

Hotel reservations need to be made prior to July 14th, 2022, to assure you are able to get a room. You can reserve your hotel room by calling the hotel directly at (804) 379-3800.

NOTE: Please book early and identify yourself as being with the 80th Division Veterans Association when making your reservation to get the special room rate of \$115 + tax. Specify your room type (handicap accessible if desired). Wi-Fi and parking are free.

This year marks the 77th Year Anniversary of the End of WWII as well. We always want to fill the pages of our reunion program with as many photos of our 80th Division WWII veterans as possible and that's where we need your help! Please send your photos (300 dpi minimum) with name and unit affiliation by June 30th to my email at billinz1992@gmail.com or send a copy of the photo to my home address listed below. (Let us know if you need your photo returned and we will be happy to do so.)

Our trip this year will be on Friday to the Pamplin Historical Park – home of The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier as well as a 424-acre historical campus that features, antebellum homes, a National Historic Landmark Civil War battlefield, a slave life exhibit, educational programs, and special events. It has been called “the new crown jewel of Civil War sites in America” by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian James M. McPherson of Princeton University. Following the Annual Business Meeting in the morning, we will board the chartered bus and head to Pamplin Park for a guided tour followed by lunch and free reign of the beautiful grounds. The Museum also has a gift shop.

Speakers this year include a representative from the University of Richmond's History Department to speak about WWII and its global impact up until modern day, Dr. Clay Mountcastle, the Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial will speak on Saturday and Leon Reed will have presentations about the 80th Division's advance across Europe in WWII and training at multiple camos during WWII as well and based upon letters written by Frank Lembo. Note: Saturday Night's Dining Out will be a Formal Dress Evening with the 80th Division Training Command based in Richmond VA.

If anyone has any questions, I can be reached at my mailing address below, by phone or text at 508-737-8658, or by email at billinz1992@gmail.com.

We know this is a highlight for many of us and we hope to have some new faces in attendance this year. We hope to have some special surprises this year as well! On behalf of us all, we can't wait to usher in and welcome you all for another memorable reunion!

See you all this August in Richmond!
The Marsh / Barton / Trombetta Family
Acting on behalf of National Commander Burt Marsh

Lindsay Trombetta
1792 White Pond Road
Athol, MA 01331

The last date I have entered a name is May 31, 2022

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Bowles, MG Tripp – Commander, HQ 80th TC
Harris, 2LT Charles – HHD 1st Bde
Predmore, Kevin – Grandson of Richard Myers C-317

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Jannace, William – Associate
Labbe, Shirlene – I-319
Law, Christine – I-319
Marsh, Tammi – Daughter of Burt Marsh M-319
Trombetta, Lindsay – Granddaughter of Burt Marsh M-319

DONATIONS

Anthony, Lee – In Memory of my Father, Lee Hill Anthony
Barrett, Marian – In Memory of my Husband, Jack Barrett L-319
Bezjak, Judy – In Memory of PVT Tony Ruzich L-317, KIA 12/25/44
Campbell, COL(R) Bart – To The General Fund
White, Randy – In Memory of my Grandfather, PFC Carl Poil C-318

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Eightieth Division Veterans Association 103rd Annual Reunion

AUGUST 4 – 6, 2022

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY AND RETURN BY JULY 2, 2022

FIRST REUNION: Yes No

Name of Veteran or Attendee: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Name of Spouse or Guests: _____

Unit Affiliation: _____ Period: _____ Handicap: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: ALL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE TAXES & GRATUITIES.

Registration Fee: _____ x **\$45 per person** \$ _____

Prize Tickets (\$2 each or all 12 for \$20): _____ x \$2 per ticket \$ _____

Thursday Night Commander's Reception: _____ x \$32 per person \$ _____

Friday Trip - Pamplin Historical Park _____ x \$50 per person \$ _____

Lunch included (Indicate choice for each person):

_____ x Roast Beef _____ x Grilled Chicken _____ x Veggie

Friday Night Southern Barbeque Buffet: _____ x \$45 per person \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner: (indicate choice for each person) _____ x \$50 per person \$ _____

_____ x Herb Crusted Chicken Breast _____ x Sliced Tri-Tip of Beef

Program Listing: (PRINT NAMES) _____ x \$5 per name \$ _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

PROGRAM BOOK ADS:

Check Desired Size **Note Ads Reduced 25%!** \$ _____

1"H x 3.5"W: \$10 2"H x 3.5"W: \$20 4"H x 3.5"W: \$30

2"H x 7.5"W: \$30 4"H x 7.5"W: \$60 10"H x 7.5"W: \$95 (full page)

Additional Program Books (mailed to address above): _____ x \$7.50 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Registered attendees receive Program Book in reunion packet.

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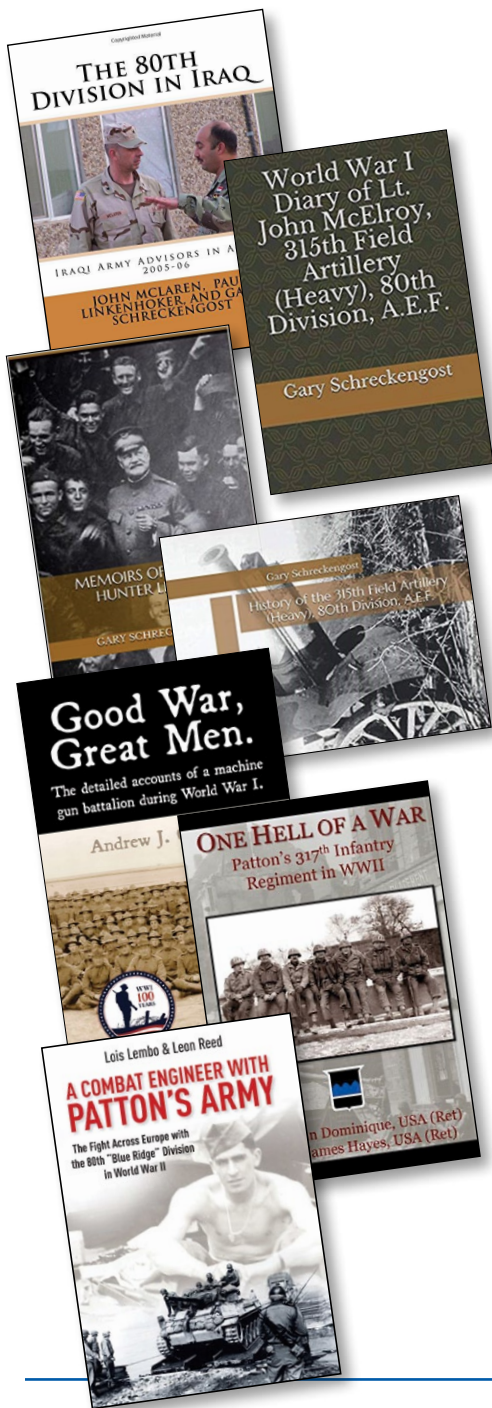
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