



Lucky Forward



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A Word from the Commander

Third Army,

I want to welcome you to a new chapter in Living History and ask you to ponder what you are about to do and the duties you are about to undertake.

We are unique in that we represent real people who fought in WWII. We are equally unique in that we portray them and honor them. We also go a step further. We assume the job they did and apply it to our Third Army Living Historians. You will be responsible for what the original heroes did historically but in real time today. You have a dual role. Your expertise is really needed. We are also unique in that we are friends and family. We watch over each other. We stick up for each other and we pray for each other. You will come to understand that we are all about honor and what it used to mean and what it should mean today. I am surrounded by my friends, and you, as you get to know what we do, will soon be able to say the same. We are growing and we are nationwide. We even have one member in Germany, not on leave but as a German citizen.

We mix history with the present and use them to tell a story. We tell the story to young and old alike and strive to do it as accurately as we can. We try to set the example in our hobby, in our friendship and in our relations with each other. We also believe in fun. If it was not fun, we would not do it. When we do get together it is always fun. You are authorized to wear the ribbons and awards your hero that you portray to the end of 1945 and no further.

You should familiarize yourself with the character as an actor would do if you were playing him or her in a movie. Who knows, you might get that chance. We believe in excellence.

So, welcome aboard. You are about to have the time of your life.

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Welcome to the second issue of *Lucky Forward*, the newsletter for Third US Army Living Historians. This issue continues our effort to communicate to our members and inform you of the work being done by the various sections within our group. Thank you for your help in providing your stories, we want to hear more from you!! Send your stories to patton@pattonthirdarmy.com



“Live for something rather than die for nothing.” – CSP



Public Relation Officer Living History position filled

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Morgan Montalvo is going to fill the position of Major James T. Quirk, 3rd Army Public Relations Officer. He comes well qualified to fill the real position in Third Army and the Portrayal of a real Member of Patton's Headquarters Staff. He is a long time collage teacher of economics, part-time news anchor-reporter for Clear Channel/Fox News and a volunteer CPR and advanced emergency field medicine instructor with the American Red Cross. He is also flies for the Civil Air Patrol and serve as the state-level director of public affairs for CAP's Texas Wing.

Morgan is a veteran of the US Navy and after graduating from college he became involved with the hobby we all love so much. He entered the living history hobby in the mid-1990s, initially as a recreated member of the French Resistance. Since 2000 I've spent the majority of my living history time and resources on US WW2 and Vietnam portrayals. On occasion, I also depict a generic WW2- or VN-era civilian war correspondent and, last year, began intermittently docenting at the US Army Medical Museum at Fort Sam Houston, conducting tours primarily for graduating medics and their visiting families. Morgan's father-in-law served in Third Army during WW2 as a T-5 with the combat engineers, so I'm honored to represent on his behalf a member of one of the Second World War's best-known, most successful combat formations.

Major James T. Quirk was Patton's Public Service Officer and served with honor and distinction. It was very difficult to keep Patton from saying things and even harder to clean it all up after he did. Major Quirk was able to do just that. Major (Quirk) Montalvo will assume the real duties of our PRO officer. He will be giving our press real eases and helping write them. I intend to team him up with our National TUSA Staff to help write proposals for our Third Army National Education and Living History program. His years of expertise and writing abilities, which are excellent, will be a great addition to the Patton Third Army Living Historians.

Personal note from the General:

I am looking forward to using Morgan as a real PRO as his writing abilities are excellent. More importantly he has a real heart for young people, schools and living History.
Denny



Living History as an Education Tool

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At least once each living history "season" I hear from fellow hobbyists who express frustration over difficulty convincing educators to host on-campus presentations. Often the enthusiasts recount conversations with classroom teachers who, it is said, declare: "We want the program: it's the administrators" who reject history displays and shows -- or some variation of that story line.

Resistance, perceived or real, to school living history presentations centers on the importance of "high-stakes" standardized examinations and the consequences for a campus that reports poor student performance on "The Test." Fear of unsatisfactory test scores undoubtedly is the ogre behind monotonous student seat-time and incessant "drill and kill" mock testing on many campuses, but the opposite is also true: when a faculty or administration is convinced that a break from routine in favor of an engaging presentation will help students, support for visits by living historians is forthcoming and wholehearted.

As both a living historian and a teacher, I've organized many hands-on history events at schools, museums or airfields since 2000. Being a public school "insider" has allowed me to converse with a range of fellow educators who support, oppose, or rank anywhere along the continuum concerning the use of living history presentations as a teaching tool.

Many teachers see the prospect of interactive student activities as important and memorable, to say nothing of "a chance to get everybody outside and away from the classroom." Others are resistant because out-of-class activities upset lesson plans and routine, offer troublesome students new opportunities to cause disruptions, pose a student safety issue because of proximity to firearms and vintage vehicles, or "history shows," while entertaining, almost never align with student "learning objectives."

The reality is: standardized testing is here to stay. Correctly or incorrectly, it's the most visible qualifier of student success and almost every student activity these days is correlated to performance on standardized exams. A living history presentation likewise should include information on those people and events considered important enough to number among potential "testable items."

Given all of the material that's been published to help students prepare for "The Test," living historians or living history groups should have little difficulty using these same resources to create presentations that are both entertaining AND reinforce specific, critical – and testable -- history concepts.

What I propose is a hobby-wide networking initiative between living historians and social studies educators to identify as many testable items as possible around which can be designed engaging, relevant activities and presentations. Living historians are natural teachers, and their subject expertise is comprehensive. With a bit of familiarization, hobbyists can work testable material into already-detailed

programs to support classroom lectures and assignments.

The 2012-2013 school year is the last for the current Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS, examination. It's being replaced by the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, also called the STAAR. Although the STAAR's writers claim increased emphasis on geography, economics, government and beyond-mere-memorization "critical thinking skills," the new exam remains predominantly a gauge of students' understanding of events through time.

Reaching out now to social studies teachers while the new test enters adoption can convince educators and administrators of living historians' commitment to student success while offering the hobby new insights on how to develop and deliver informative, entertaining and relevant presentations, both for schools and for the community at-large.



2012 – A Year in review

By Brig. Gen Mike Malone
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Well, what a year 2012 has been! Third Army has been very active in a way that not seen before and from the looks of things, it will only continue to grow and put us foremost in the lineup of activities in front of the public to teach and educate history to young and old alike.

As a recap, this past year from the time of this writing, Third Army has attended the Wounded Warriors project in Houston, the 13th AD Association reunion in Dallas, the Veterans Day celebration and the Annual Open House at Brent Mullins and the Museum of the American GI, along with the month-long event at the museum in conjunction with the Olde Tyme Wonderland, the 12th AD Museum and parade in Abilene, Texas, the MVPA convention that was held in Huntsville, Ala., and of course, the 6th Cav. Association's annual event in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, of which we have been invited back to for the 3rd time, and of which we are preparing for at this time.

Along with all of these activities, 3rd Army has tested the waters for our gift shop by offering to the public at the MVPA convention the official 3rd Army collectable coffee mug which was a success and will be sold at Ft. "O" along with other items of interest, which by design, should ease some of the expenses that we occur when traveling to and fro these fine events.

None of these events would nor could have been made possible with-out you, the members of 3rd army, where each of you have been able to bring to the table a little something that continues to propel us forward and as 2013 is just right around the corner, bigger and better things are in the works and with you, we will become the most premier living history show in the United States, and in closing, with this year being critical for ALL OF AMERICANS, I urge all of you to exercise your constitutional right to get out and vote, for this is a cross road for us and WE must choose the RIGHT path to follow.



The Future of Our Hobby

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A young man left a number for me to call on my answering machine. I returned the call and was speaking to a fourteen year old young man. He said that he had purchased some surplus from me at a gun show and wondered if he could ask a question. The question was about WW2 suspenders. As I answered, it dawned on me, exactly who I was really talking to. The future of the hobby that has meant so much, to my bride and me.

I belong to a couple of veteran's organizations and to be truthful they are slowly dwindling. I am no spring chicken and I seem to be one of the youngest. This means the outfit will disappear in the near future. This will also happen to our hobby in Texas and around the country, if we do not encourage young people to join our happy throng.

As I spoke to the young man, he seemed enthusiastic about his collection of militaria. He also related to me that his ambition was to attend the Academy. He said that if it was ever possible, would I look at his collection of helmets and his gear, when I visited Houston.

I think those of you who know me can guess what I did. Yep! On my next trip to Houston, I visited and spent some time with that kid and his parents. He had a nice collection of WW2 helmets and had his equipment laid out for my inspection. I was impressed with his attention to place his equipment military style and told him so.

Yes, I spent some time I did not have and was late for two other appointments.

Was it worth it? Your damn right it was. The young fellow was delighted and happy that someone from the hobby took some interest in him and his collection. Will we see him on the future battlefields? I would like to think so. For that is the future of our hobby.

The next time a young one, male or female, steps up to your display, or comes up to you after a show battle, take the time and patience to answer questions and tell them about our wonderful hobby.



"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity"

GSP



Spiritual Leadership for the Army

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My job is much like the Chaplains of World War Two in that we seek and save the lost. The chaplain corps of World War Two turned out



Chaplain school students in formation during WWII

many distinguished graduates of West Point Military Academy and Harvard University leading the Corps to glory. Although sometimes unwanted, unappreciated or misunderstood, and viewed by most with either suspicion, a smile, in some quarters and as unnecessary in others, the Chaplaincy was a branch like no other in the United States Army, and still is today. It had few measurable yardsticks that determined its effectiveness, but just ask the men whose lives it touched and you will get your answer. Its members viewed themselves as clergymen, soldiers of the Lord in uniform rather than as professional soldiers, but took soldiering as serious business and were professional about doing so. The branch insignia on their uniforms were not weapons, but symbols of love and peace. A chaplain's weapons were the word of God, aka the (sword) Bible. Many Chaplains risked their lives to just simply hold the hand of a fellow dying soldier, to comfort and gently lead them to Christ Jesus, as they crossed over to the other side.



Chaplain conducting field service

There is an old story that goes like this, as a Chaplain passed a group of trainees who were being harangued by their



Chaplain field site during winter

sergeant, the sergeant paused and said, "Men, there goes a Chaplain. He is your friend, your only friend." Perhaps only friends of the "friend" can truly appreciate the uniqueness of this history. The story of the branch is one of loyalty

to God and Country, desperately trying to save every soul by leading them to Christ, to make sure that none perish.

It is best said in John 3:16

English Standard Version (ESV)

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that

whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Rev. Kenneth Stewart is a former U.S. Marine and an ordained gospel minister and his impression is of Rt. Rev. Msgr. (BG) James Hugh O'Neill best known for the prayer at Bastogne.



Third Army Medical Section

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The Medical Section has been busy obtaining new equipment and projects. New equipment includes: Supplying the aid stations with the additions of NOS cots; folding metal litter racks (to take the place of the heavy wooden ones), used for supporting the litter for triage. We are also outfitting a medical officer's surgical kit with refurbished stethoscopes, and completed the purchase of medical and surgical instruments. Finally purchase of an original class A uniform and original Eisenhower jacket. Additionally projects underway include, exploring purchase of a WC27 or WC54 ambulance. Refurbished GPM steering box and original water jerry can.

The Medical section will attending the following events, in September the Ovilla Heritage Days parade, October at Fort Oglethorpe and finally in November the Battle of Nancy in Waxahachie.

Research pertaining to the Third Army Medical section can be found in the following books:

Patton, A Genius For War by Carlo D' Este

The Other Side Of Time by Dr. Brendan Phibbs. Detailed diaries of his experiences as medical officer of the 12th Armored Division

Research on WWII Army Nurse experiences:

And If I Perish by Evelyn M. Monahan. This book chronicles the lives of US Army nurses throughout WWII with detail on medical unit landings, operations during the most fierce battles, and liberation of death camps.

All This Hell by Evelyn M. Monahan. Tragic stories of the men and women, US Army and civilian, captured by the Japanese on the Philippines Islands. The tragedy continues describing how the nurses were forbidden to discuss their POW experiences.

To obtain an understanding of the weapons of the war, a study of vehicles through the construction of 1/35 scale models has been started. Most of the major WWII armor and truck models has been completed including: US 1/4 ton truck -Ford GPW; British Universal Carrier Mk II; US 3/4 ton weapons carrier WC51 BEEP; US 3/4 ton WC57 General Patton Command Car; US WC54 Ambulance; US 2 1/2 ton 6x6 Cargo truck; US M8 Light Armored Greyhound Armored Car to name a few of the

allied vehicles. Just to get a feel in scale of what the US was up against. German Panzerkampfwagen IV Panzer and a Panzer - kampfwagen VI Tiger 1. In the works is a US 1 1/2 Ton WC63 Big Shot Personnel Carrier, a US M-24 Chaffee Light Tank and a US M4A3E8 Sherman Tank.

Col. Hugh Hall still works full time and travels. His latest trip he found himself in Canada and has other trips planned for Boston and Thief River Falls, Minnesota. His daughter, Jennifer, who portrays a young cute nurse, transferred with her job for Kohl's Department Stores Web Order Center and now lives with my son and his family in San Antonio. She is still attending some events, so you may still see her around.



Service Etiquette and General Patton's Officer's Mess



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This is the first article in a series related to Patton's Mess



General Patton hosting a meal on 7 July 1945 at the Third General Officers Mess in Bad Tölz, Germany

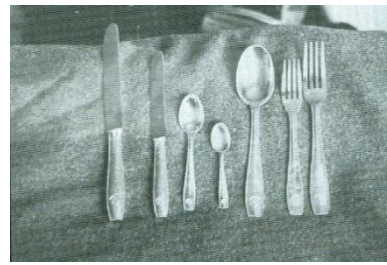
movie stars, politicians and heads of state. He had his Corps commanders, division commanders and his friends over for dinner. Many of his formal dinners were used to discuss upcoming battles, and future plans. Many were highly political in nature. He employed the finest cooks he could find in the Army. He used as much captured foods and beverages of the enemy that he could. He was gracious with captured food and drink and made sure his troops shared in the booty. At one time during the war, there was so much captured Campaign distributed to his tanks commanders for their men that they were stacked up like ammo in the tanks. Hot food was distributed to his troops whenever he could get it cooked and that was more often than most people knew.

He loved to promote the exploits of his beloved Third Army. He wanted dinner guest to know what Third Army had done. So when you entered the Third Army zone, you knew you were there. The street signs, bridges, buildings and even the prisoner's cages had Third Army painted signs on them with

Patton loved the good meal and gracious dining. He also enjoyed sharing it. He entertained hundreds of dignitaries at his various headquarters in Europe. When his headquarters was not under canvas, he used local villas, German Army Barracks and hotels. He had as dinner guests, Kings, Lords and Generals. There were



Third Army Dining Room – Munich, Germany



Patton silver service 1945

to know how to conduct yourself in a formal setting. You were expected to understand the proper use of the place setting and observe the proper way to serve yourself and others. Proper manners were understood and expected. This seems strange to us now but it used to be a standard part of officers formal training, and was taught at various levels as you were promoted up the chain of command. It was also taught in

the famous "A" Third Army Patch.

When you were invited to be the dinner guest of General Patton, it followed all the Service Etiquette of the period. You dressed for dinner. You observed protocol and you were expected



Third Army mess 1945 (left) and our growing collection of silver service and mess china

school and used in all level of society where formal attire was mandatory. You ladies were taught it in finishing school and gentlemen were expected to know and practice it. When the Army said you were both an Officer and a Gentleman, they meant it. Classes in formal dining were taught at West Point and all of the military academies. On, March 11 1945, General Patton wrote, "This was the day that I received my set of Third Army table silver, which I had ordered through General Littlejohn..." the Quartermaster for American Expeditionary Forces, "...and paid for personally." The silver service cost \$300.00 (\$3834.00 value today). The 1938 pattern by Chrisofle called "Atlas design," and designed by Luc Lane, who still worked for Chrisofle in 1938. General Patton

bought a seven piece serving set, based on the seven pieces pictured in Kevin Hymel's book, Patton's Photographs. So at \$300.00 in 1945, means he paid the equivalent of today's money (1945 dollar is worth \$12.80 in 2012.) of \$3,834.00. That was no small sum, then or now. So the next question is how much would that buy. A guess is a minimum of a service for 12 people. That is unless the war prices in Paris were highly depressed. So, based on that, he could have had an 84 pieces



Third Army Living Historians Silver Service



Knife with
embossed "A"

plus set plus a silver ware chest. I suspect it was much more than that. He ordered it on February 16, in person, while on leave. He received it on March 11, 1945. The silver service had an embossed A in a circle on the handles to represent Third Army. It was present on all of the silver set. The original silver service set has not been located.



Anniston Army Depot Markings

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On October 14, 1941, Anniston Ordnance Depot (AN) located on 10,640 acres in northeast Alabama was officially opened as an ammunition storage site. Millions of tons of ammunition were received, processed, and shipped from this facility during World War II. In 1942 the facility was expanded to over 15,000 plus acres, and in the 1950's it began a mission of overhauling and rebuilding combat vehicles, tanks, artillery, and anti-aircraft artillery. It is now widely known as the tank rebuild center of the free world.



Vehicle data plate with AN
marking, also marked Anniston
Ordnance Depot

On October 1, 1962, Anniston Ordnance Depot was renamed Anniston Army Depot (ANAD). Additionally it houses the



M1 rifle stock with an Anniston mark

stockpile of chemical warfare munitions such as nerve, blood, and blister agents contained in rockets, artillery shells, and aerosol canisters. A facility was also built to decontaminate and destroy the unstable munitions.

Besides the above missions, the depot also stored millions of small arms returned from World War II. Many of these were disposed of as surplus and others were demilitarized. From pistols to heavy machine guns, Anniston refurbishes the serviceable weapons and turns the rest into scrap metal. The infamous "Captain Crunch," the machine that previously destroyed so many military small arms, included a Singer M1911A1 .45 automatic pistol, operated at Anniston.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program was originally located at

the Depot before acquiring a facility in the city of Anniston.

Anniston Army Depot also marked weapons; the marks 3/16 inch tall include "AN" or "A4" markings, typically on the left side of a M1 rifle stock. Note that these are two individually hand stamped letters. Other variants have turned up with 1/4 inch high letters.

Anniston also performed weapon overalls and the markings for this work are found on the right side of the M1 and M14 receivers. In many instances the markings are so lightly scribed as to be barely noticeable.

Variations of the Anniston code include BA/4, BA-4, BA 4, and sometimes just A4.



M1 receiver with BA4 marking,
highlighted to show
placement

The question might arise as to why Anniston used this BA4 code. Benicia Arsenal was originally assigned the letters BA but closed in 1963. In the early 1960's Army Depots were assigned new Routing Identifier Code (RIC). The only M1 rifle rebuild facility to use this code was Anniston. Other facilities involved in M1 rebuilding at the time continued using their previously assigned designation.

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TUSA Battle Staff

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In April we hosted a tactical event at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where we served as members of HQ VII Corps for ease of identification by participants and Post Personnel. Seven of us performed Intelligence and Operations section duties. During the event we experienced difficulties with the host Organization, and while compiling our after action review (AAR) of the event we discussed a way not be 'beholding' to host organizations while performing in our 'Battle Staff' function. We discussed the idea of forming our 'Battle Staff' as an element of 3d Army. A few days later during a conference call with Gen. Patton we presented our solution and he approved our recommendation that we become members of HQ 3d Army Living Historians.

Our 'Battle Staff' is organized as a basic command staff to support events, and we are in the process of forming G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4 sections and a Military Police section. In the past few months I have been speaking with and offering positions to prospective members who fit into staff positions and 3d Army. I am constantly talking to other prospective members of HQ 3d Army, and selective of who are considered for membership in this group, especially our Section Chiefs. Two of these Gentlemen and other Staff members will be attending the Ft Oglethorpe event where you will meet them.

The goal is to recruit quality members who will represent HQ 3d Army in a professional manner befitting the legacy of 3d Army and work to keep its history alive. If any member of HQ 3d Army has any questions on TUSA please feel free to contact me.



Keeping History Alive

By Capt. Karie Hubnik
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As head of the 3rd Army, Signal Corp Photographic Services, War Correspondent, Capt. Karie Hubnik reports in with a variety of events covered over the past year. On December 7, 2011, Capt. Hubnik had the honor of photographing and escorting six busloads of WWII veterans and their spouses to the "Museum of the Pacific War" in Fredericksburg, Texas in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Among the WWII veterans who participated, two were Pearl Harbor survivors. In January she covered the annual "Homes for Our Troops" and attended a lunch invite by WWII flying ace Joe McPhail, followed in February by photographing and escorting WWII veterans to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo "Armed Forces Appreciation Day" hosted by the Rodeo Armed Forces Committee. Others in attendance included many current top brass military officers, as well as Medal of Honor recipients Bruce Crandall and Mike Thornton, and Vietnam prisoner of war, Ronald Ridgeway. In conclusion the WWII veterans were treated to a performance by the USO Liberty Bells. March topped all the excitement off with a historic B-17G & B-24J flight with 9 WWII veterans. Among the WWII veterans, this flight included a 95 year old B-17 pilot and POW, who was shot down on "Black Thursday" in



B-24J flight with WWII veterans

our attempt to bomb the ball bearing factories of Schweinfurt, two B-17 ball turret gunners, one a POW as well, along with a B-24 top turret gunner POW, and a B-24 tail gunner. A full report will be released at a later date, which the 3rd Army might find interesting and even get a laugh or two out of it. In April Capt. Hubnik was invited to speak at Blinn College,

along with Pearl Harbor survivor Dave Hughes. In May, a revised version of the Memorial Day Veteran tribute video was released under the military section on Capt. Hubnik's web-site (listed below); please take a look at it if you have not already, this is something to share with the whole family. Capt. Hubnik continues her research into the personal stories of WWII veterans. Some memorable moments have been the dual WWII paratrooper interview with two members of the 517th, and a touching story about two candlesticks from Belgium. As always, Capt. Hubnik is interested in names and contact information of any WWII veterans who are willing to be interviewed. Photographs from these events can be viewed and purchased at www.keeping-history-alive.com



Old Soldier's Association



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Denny Hair has asked me to talk with you about the "Old Soldier's association." First I want to give you some historical background. Denny Hair and I share a friendship that goes back to the mid-1980s, when we were members of the Texas Military Historical Society [TMHS]. Back then we reenacted on opposite sides during events, supported each other's endeavors to bring history alive through reenactments, displays and we also provided support to the old Confederate Air Force during the annual Houston Air Show.

In the mid-1990s, however, I drifted away from all that, due to family commitments and health problems. Well, fast forward to today and my children are adults, my health is stable and I frankly miss the people that I knew back then. I am not physically able to "run through the woods" anymore and, in reality, I do not wish to. What I do want to do is reestablish a way for those of us who are no longer quite so young to get back together, much in the way the veterans of WW-2 got together in the years after the war to reminisce about the old days, to remember those who have passed and to again work to keep the memories alive for a generation who no little of the sacrifices made by America's warriors that gives us the freedoms we have today.

I'm retired military myself, a combat veteran, and believe me, the mud and misery are not what I miss. The camaraderie is what I miss. The sharing of past memories, the pleasure of greeting someone you served with long ago, when we were young and bullet proof, that's a bond that isn't easily broken. Those of us who reenacted in the years past share many of the same feelings with regard to those we suited up with. I want an association that allows those who desire to, to recapture some of those past times and give those who wish the opportunity to once again be a part of something that gives back to those heroes of so many years ago.

I am asking you to come out of your retirement and rediscover the friendships made all those years ago. I am asking you to once again saddle up and ride. There are no dues to pay.

There are no political games to play. There is only a chance to rekindle the fire in your hearts, to once again ride to the sound of cannon, to be a part of an organization that demonstrates respect for our shared history and wishes to share that love of history with the younger generations.

The time is now. We are going forward. We are crossing that final line of departure. Join Denny, Carlos Manning, Alan Thibodeaux, Richard Gretzner, myself and others in forming the Old Soldiers Association and let's get this thing moving. As I used to tell my soldiers, "can't never could and won't never will", so let's form up, take the weapons off safe, move out and accomplish the mission.



Remembering Our Heroes



Our premier show event at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia from October 10th through the 13th is coming up soon. Be sure to have your equipment ready, and let us know of what you need to round out your impression. For our Texas based members, we will leave on Wednesday and

Thursday is set up day. Friday Morning we will entertain local school groups with a proposed banquet on Friday night. Saturday Morning we will have a Third Army breakfast, a show battle, speeches and just a lot of fun. Also, we will take down our exhibit. We are also planning a Third Army dinner that evening. Finally, on Sunday the 14th we will leave for home.



Headquarters Notes

G-1 Administration

The G-1 Section is similar to the Human Resources Office of any business, and is responsible for tracking promotions and decorations, personnel assignments, leaves and furloughs, religious and recreational activities, postal service, strength reports/graphs and other personnel statistics, collection and disposition of stragglers and POWs, graves registration service, as well as relations with civil government and civilians in the theater of operations.

G-1 coordinating at tactical event (such as Camp Atterbury in December) will include participant registrations, issuance of "base passes", and coordination with the base military personnel. The G-1 section will eventually have three permanent members, and an additional two "as needed" members.

Keith F Bonney (portraying Colonel Frederick S. Matthews), is an active living historian for 8 years, serving as unit commander for I & R Platoon, 180th Rgmt, 45th ID (an HRS Chartered unit) based in central Michigan. Keith is 56 years old, married for 30 years and have two grown daughters. Keith is retired, after 34 years working in the banking and retirement plan industries.

G-2 Intelligence

Keep your eyes peeled and ears open for future events, we plan on more activities as we enhance our capabilities.

G-3 Operations

The G-3 section is currently planning on two events to be held

at Camp Atterbury in which TUSA will be coordinating and running both events. Recent additions to the G-3 staff are Brian Hart as the Operations Sergeant and Brian Quillin as one of assistant G-3 Operations Officer assistants.

Dave Weakly, Major, Operations Officer served 25 years in the Indiana Army National Guard, retiring in 2003. Dave is currently employed by the Decatur County Sheriff's Department as a Jail Officer. He is also active with the Local Boy's and Girl's Club in addition to his work as a 4-H leader.

G-4 Supply

Third Army Mugs. If you want one with your name on it, contact Mike Malone at moonshadow5739@sbcglobal.net. It is \$10 with your name and \$8 without. Plus shipping.

Third Army Factoids

During WWII, Third Army Signal Corps troops laid 3,747 miles of cable, which is a greater distance than laying a cable from New York to Dallas and back.

Colonel Odom, Third Army Surgeon, was the most decorated medical officer in WWII

XIX Tactical Air Command in 281 days of combat took 3,205,670 aerial photographs, that is over 11,000 photographs per day



Museum of the American G.I. Adopt-a-Tank Program

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For those of you who are not aware what this is, this is a program that was set up by Denny Hair and Brent Mullins to allow historians a chance to crew some of the finest restored-running WW2 tanks in North America for the Museum of the American GI.

After the first class that was taught by Brent Mullins himself, I was honored to have been named the Senior Training Instructor for the program and the museum. Last year was the first class for me to teach, and with the assistant instructors made up of the core students from the first class, we trained a new group of volunteers, cross trained the returning volunteers and gave them a sense of what it meant to be a tanker during WW2.

This year, the 3rd training class promises to be a better training class with training films, a stronger agenda, and additional training for the students that will propel and advance the volunteers to be the finest group of WW2 tankers in a program that is the only one like it in the world!



Replica '43 MB Jeep \$8500

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Replica '43 MB from a '52 Willys CJ3A, with lock out hubs, steering linkage, and the starter for the '52 Willys. In its previous life it was used it for a hunting vehicle until it was restored to the replica '43 MB. The restoration was completed by an ACD (Auburn/Cord/Deisenberg) restorer and he worked to restore it in his off time, starting in 1985 and was completed in 1990. The restoration was an off frame restoration including rebuilding the engine, transmission, transfer, a differentials. The body was replaced with a new 1943 model body and slightly modified to fit. The restoration was as cosmetically perfect including blackout lights, M1 Garand holster, and ax & shovel.

After the restoration the jeep was stored in a garage or used driving it around the neighborhood until January of 1993 when it was loaned to the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center at Texas A&M University. In 2009 A&M was remodeling the Museum, bringing it to more modern time period, and returned the jeep back to me. The canvas top was misplaced while on loan, but the frame is still with the vehicle.

As the vehicle had been sitting for some time while on loan, a fuel system restoration was completed where the tank, sending unit, fuel cap were replaced, and the carburetor was rebuilt.

Today, the jeep runs like new, with only 350 miles on it since the rebuild. This is not an original WWII jeep, but will find it is cosmetically close if not perfect as one can get on this type of replica vehicle.



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