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Valley Forge Military Academy to Honor Golden Lion Lt. Eric F. Wood

106th Infantry Division Association Historian John Schaffner reports that the Valley Forge Military Academy (VFMA) has a duplicate of the monument to Lt. Eric F. Wood, Jr. (589/A) that stands in the woods at Meyerode, Belgium (pictured). The monument will be dedicated on the grounds of VFMA, along with a bronze plaque, on April 30, 2016 at



10:30 a.m. ***Any and all with a connection to the 106th Infantry Division are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.***

Schaffner states, “this will be a significant honor at VFMA to provide a 106th veteran with the honors he earned with the maximum price.” Honored U.S. military guests and distinguished alumni will attend, a cadet parade in review and a marching band will all celebrate a fellow Golden Lion. The 106th Inf. Div. Association contributed to this monument and the VFMA is anxious to have as many of us that can attend.

See additional photos and story, beginning on page 21.

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President's View . . .

Since the last *CUB*, the Board has been busy working out the details for the 2016 Reunion and it is shaping up. I look forward to seeing those who attend.

The week of December 16th was a busy time. On December 13th, Clarence “Bucky” Buckman (106th Division Artillery) and I drove down to West Palm Beach to attend the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Chapter 62 meeting which also served as a 106th Infantry Division mini-reunion. Mr. Buckman and I hooked up with fellow 106th members Murray Stein and Bernard “Barney” Mayrsohn. Also with Murray was his good friend Dr. Morton Brooks (99th ID) who was at Berga with many of the 106th Infantry Division men.

Two days later on December 15th, my wife Teresa and I traveled to Sarasota for a 106th Infantry Division mini-reunion that I chaired at Der Dutchman restaurant (see page 32). We had a great turnout with seven 106th ID members; Everett Howland (422), Boris Stern (424), Clarence “Bucky” Buckman (106th Div. Art.), Jay Carmichael (423), Raymond Twardzik (106th Signal), William Busier (423), and Lester Helmich (424). Mr. Busier traveled the farthest, flying in from Vermont and in total there were 24 people in attendance and everyone had a great family style meal as usual at Der Dutchman.



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Finally, on December 17th, the local Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge chapter had a carry-in meal. In attendance were 106th Infantry Division members John Glenn Beville (424) and Clarence “Bucky” Buckman (106th Div. Art.). So, in traveling the state over five days, eating great meals, I visited with 11 members of the 106th Infantry Division Association and had to fight my own battle of the bulge in the end.

At the mini-reunion in Sarasota a reporter, Billy Cox, from the Herald-Tribune showed up and interviewed the members in attendance. He just didn’t pop in, ask a few questions and leave — he was there 30 minutes before it started and was one of the last ones to leave after the meal. Before the day ended his article about the mini-reunion was online and it was a great read. (<http://veterans.heraldtribune.com/2015/12/15/battle-of-the-bulge-remembered/>). A few days after the article was in the

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newspaper I received an email from Billy Cox telling me that a veteran of the 106th Infantry Division contacted him.

In a roundabout way the 106th veteran, Bob Pope (A/590th FAB), from East Amherst, New York, read the article and was excited that there was a 106th Infantry Division Association. I called Mr. Pope and we talked for about 45 minutes. Usually, I am the one asking questions but he wanted to know everything about the association and when the next reunion is going to be. Mr. Pope was captured on December 20th, the day after most men of the 106th were captured, and marched to Limburg, Germany and on New Year's

Eve he arrived by train at Stalag 4B. On January 10th, he got on a train with 100 other POWs and ended up in Leipzig; he was there when it was fire bombed on February 23, 1945. Eventually, he and some of the other POWs walked away from their capturers and after walking for 36 hours, located two Americans driving a jeep in their direction.

Mr. Pope assured me that he will be at the reunion in Washington D.C. It is always exciting to hear from a member of the 106th Infantry Division who was not aware of the 106th Infantry Division Association; I can't wait to see him and everyone else.

Make your plans now to attend!!

**Join us for the
70th Annual Reunion
of the**

**106th Infantry Division Association
at the**

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from**

September 7 to 11, 2016

**For additional information about the reunion and to *Register Online* visit:
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Life as a Long Run

I love to run! A typical long distance runner is comprised of 98% mental readiness, 1% physical readiness and let's face it, there has to be at least 1% craziness thrown in there! If you are not a runner then you probably would not know that on race day, a runner has a lot on their mind; nutrition, hydration, motivation, time, mile markers, weather, other runners, personal records, water points, location of port-o-potties and most of all finishing. Each runner has a specific goal time in mind and has trained to meet that goal for no less than 12 weeks prior to race day. I love to pull life lessons from running, especially from the long 26.2 marathon distances because the elements of such a long run reflect in our lives and it is important that these elements are identified so that just like in our race, our lives will also finish well.

The first important element that should be discussed is the element of goal setting. Before you run a race you have to have a goal in mind. You already know the distance; now a plan has to be made to determine how you will run the race. It doesn't matter whether that goal is to either run a five-hour race or break the course record. Whatever you have set out to do it needs to be written down and you have to train for it. The goal in and of itself should be realistic, measurable and attainable.

I want to challenge you this year to set a few goals. Set a goal that is going to assist you in becoming a better person and that will be an inspiration to those around you. Here are a few life areas you can set goals in:



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Physical — Set a goal to walk, run, swim, compete, row or play and have fun with it. It doesn't matter your age, physical limitations or current abilities; there is always something you can do to be physically active. Just set a goal and get out there and accomplish it.

Mental — Set a goal to learn something new. Get out of the old shell and learn a language, instrument, business technique, craft or hobby. It does not have to be a life-long goal, but doing something as simple as setting a goal to read a certain number of books or to take a class helps to keep your mind sharp and it enhances the creative juices in your life.

Spiritual — No matter what your spiritual beliefs are, I encourage you to go deeper in them by setting a goal within them. In my church, I challenge

the congregation to read through the Bible in a year and maybe even try to memorize some passages. It helps them to have a goal and to achieve a deeper understanding of who God is.

The prior three areas — physical, mental and spiritual — are the three basic needs of a person. Each person has these three things within them and that is what makes up the basic needs of a human. The last area I propose to set a goal in is in an area where more people fail than either of the other three. It is not a basic need but yet is very important.

Financial — set a financial goal for 2016. No matter how small or irrelevant you think it is, setting a financial goal is extremely important. Your financial goal can be as simple as setting an amount to save or to cut spending in another area. This would also be a good place to start on a budget if you do not have one in place.

Each marathon has four elements to it, the first of which I previously discussed in greater detail and the other three I will mention in closing. After goal setting, there is purpose, direction and motivation. Just like in goal setting it is suggested that you write down your purpose for the goal, the direction the goal is going to take you and lastly, add a motivational reward for yourself. Treat yourself to a nice dinner or that one item you have always wanted. It will be your finisher's medal for a job well done!

How is your race going? Do you have goals set for 2016? If you do, please know I will be praying you reach them. If you have not yet set your goals, get busy because your beginning will determine your end!

Forcefully Advancing
~ Vincent J. Charron
Matthew 11:12

The Sitting Duck Division: Attacked from the Rear

By John W. Morse (422/C)

This is the story of one boy soldier and his fellow GIs from draft to disaster and back. John W. Morse's (422/C) self-published book describes being taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge. This book can be ordered through your local Barnes & Noble book store. The book is priced \$9.95, plus shipping.



The Adjutant's Message . . .

As I sit here taking care of our two youngest grand-kids (Miles and Ella — many of you met them at last year's reunion) I'm thinking of the fact that at this time, 71 years ago, my dad (Robert M. Wood, 423/I) and many of you were in a prisoner-of-war camp many miles deep inside Germany. You were trying to survive one of the worst winters in years and trying to survive German hospitality. It would be more than two more months in these camps before liberators would get close enough to set you free. I have been told that members of the 104th Division were some of those liberators. They instantly became your best friend, some for life. Some of those people will be sharing our reunion space for Reunion 2016. There is a chance that this event will create many more friends, some for life.

Our 2016 reunion will take place September 7–11 at the Sheraton Pentagon City – Washington DC. We have a lot planned. We were able to reduce the registration to \$195 from \$250 per person. We have three wonderful tours selected — one of which (Memorial Tour) everyone will be able to attend, because we made it part of the program. The tour descriptions and the registration form are being included with this edition of *The CUB* as well as being available online. So, let's get a jumpstart and get registered early!

All of the tours will be fun, however, I wanted to highlight the Fort Meade



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and Holocaust Museum tours. When we arrive at the Fort, we are to be greeted by a Commanding Officer. We will take a narrated bus tour of the fort. There is a WW II Cemetery within the fort, dedicated to POWs who were held in France and Germany. Our dining area for lunch is planned to be with active soldiers and an Army Chaplain has been invited to bless our meal. We also have invited the curator from the Fort Meade Museum to speak to us during our meal about the history of the fort. This should be an inspiring and informative visit and we still get to go to the Holocaust Museum.

Let's get registered and we will see you soon.

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Golden Lion Honored as a “Home Town Hero”

by Mike Sheaner

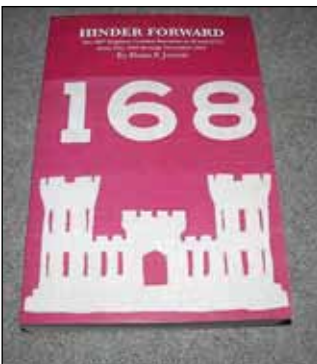
Golden Lion and association past president, Herb Sheaner, 422/G, was honored at the Dallas Stars vs. St. Louis Blues hockey game, Saturday night, March 12, 2016, as a “Home Town Hero.” The Stars honor a veteran or serviceman every game during the singing of the National Anthem.



Herb Sheaner, 422/G

Hinder forward: The 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in ZI and ETO from May 1943 through November 1945

By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)



Note: the cover may not look like the pictured image.

Dean F. Jewett has written a book about the 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. The book is 456 pages and sells for \$75, which includes postage, sales tax, etc.

New copies are only available through Mr. Jewett at P.O. Box 148, Saco, ME 04072 or by phone at 207-284-6778.

Used copies are available online through outfits, such as *Amazon.com* or *Ebay.com*.

Historian's Message . . .

Since I have been Association Historian, I have developed a deep respect for authentic historians. This came about as the many diaries and memoirs flowed in to me and I read them. Then, by means of the webmaster, our member, Jim West, those stories became the basis for the publication of a series of CDs and now have a permanent residence on the website *indianamilitary.org*. Other websites now have included links to your stories so that access is even more widespread worldwide on the web.

This material has become the basis of many of the books currently available and most likely many more in the future. Yes, people are interested in you and what your life was like as a soldier. As of now, my personal library is stacked with books about WW II and especially the Battle of the Bulge. Many of these books directly relate to our own 106th Infantry Division and the role that our veterans played in and after the famous battle. Contact me and I will provide you with a list of those that I learned a lot from. If you were like me, when the war ended I knew only what I had personally seen and experienced. I had no concept of the "big picture," and was not terribly interested until many years later. I found out that we individuals who contributed to victory, no matter how little or how great, counted on the plus side. Take notice that if one has had an experience to tell about and doesn't, nobody will ever know. We did our part and we can stand tall.

It's a mystery to me, but in the last generation, last five to 10 years in particular, there has been an upsurge



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in interest of World War II. That event ended almost 71 years ago and people, mostly older people and history buffs I suppose, are avid about reading the books and watching TV and movies based on that period of world history. Among my dozens of books of WW II, there is a set of seven titles based solely on the 29th Infantry Division. There are now 16 titles on my shelf that deal strictly with the 106th Division, most written by our veterans. Two happen to be in French by Eddy Monfort of Malempre, Belgium. I believe that this trend is good for everyone simply because so many folks are staying aware of our history. It brings to mind the old adage, "if one doesn't learn from history they are destined to repeat it," (or something like that.) You get the idea. Let's not have a World War III if we can at all help it!!

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In December 2014 a webcast that was five hours and 15 minutes long was released on Facebook and YouTube, depicting the Battle of the Bulge in general and the 106th Infantry Division in particular by the production "The First Seven Days." It is still out on the web if you want to browse to look for it. If you had been to the 106th Reunion in Charleston, you could have viewed it in the Hospitality Room as it played continuously. This year, December 2015, the producer, Ken Johnson, released a new version of "The First Seven Days" along with a live webcast utilizing Skype. This is also available through Facebook and YouTube. When it aired for the first time in December, one could participate by Skype with a one-on-one, face-to-face discussion with eminent historians, veterans of the Battle, museum conservators and several prominent authors who have published books on the subject. Sad to say that this phase of the project will be over by the time you are reading this, but it does give you an idea about what people are doing to perpetuate your history. But, if you are computer savvy and can use Skype, you may be able to contact Ken Johnson, Julia Dye, Dale Dye, Martin King, Jason Nulton and a lot of others who worked many hours to put this project "on the air."

Below is a list of only some of the books with stories of the 106th Infantry Division in World War II:

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St. Vith — Lion in the Way
by Col. R. Ernest Dupuy

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by Earl S. Parker

On The Job Training
by The 589th Group

A Time For Trumpets
by Charles B. MacDonald

The Ardennes — Battle of the Bulge
by Hugh M. Cole (U.S. Army in WW II, ETO)

A Blood Dimmed Tide
by Gerald Astor

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Adjutant Randall Wood is the contact person for the purchase of the coins and you may order them at any time. They will be sent directly to you when the payment is received.

Any questions or orders may be emailed to Randy: ***woodchuck01@sbcglobal.net*** or call 765-346-0690.

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*In memory of our friend William S. Blaher, 422/I, deceased May 20, 2015.
Bequeathed by the William S. Blaher estate through planned giving.*

In memory of my father, Curtis P. Brown (Lt. Col Ret.) 422/A, died on February 2, 2011. Captured during Battle of the Bulge outside St. Vith and spent four months in captivity. In May of 2011, he was buried next to my mother (also a WW II veteran) at Arlington National Cemetery. He enjoyed the reunions and the CUB. Toward the end of his life, I had to read these to him because he suffered from loss of vision due to macular degeneration. I am grateful to Brian Welke, President 2015–16 and to all who served.

Mary Jane Brown

In memory of Dean F. Childs, Signal Co. My husband, Dean F. Childs, was a member of the 106th Signal Company and a Life Plus member of the organization. We started attending [reunions] in 1987 and attended each one until 2009 — when he passed away. We were fortunate to have gone with John Kline in 1995 to Germany to meet with the Germans that fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Eleanor M. Childs

In memory of Irving Grossman, 422/I. He was one of the prisoners at Bastogne who survived. Later, married one of the volunteer nurses. We continued our friendship for many years after he was hospitalized at Staten Island in New York.
Stanley K. Guttman

In memory of David T. Hines, 517 PIR, uncle of Denise Mauldin who died in retaking St. Vith area. KIA in village of Hochkreuz near Born. His unit, 517 PIR, fought alongside the 106th and 30th divisions.

Conrad E. Malavazos

In memory of my husband, M/Sgt John L. Mikalauskis, 424/H, who served in WW II Battle of the Bulge and Korea War.

Dolores Mikalauskis

In memory of my Dad, Thomas I. Purcell, 422/CN.

Lynn Purcell

In memory of Thomas D Reda, 422/Medics.
Robert J. Faro

HONORARY DONATIONS:

In honor of my mother's 90th birthday, March 16, Abigail Malavazos, wife of Constantine J. Malavazos, 589 FA/C.

Conrad E. Malavazos

Returned Issues of the Latest *CUB of the Golden Lion*

Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy asks that the following names (and partial addresses) be listed in this issue of *The CUB* in hopes that anyone reading this issue might know the people listed and can get word to them that their address listed with the Association is incorrect or out-dated. If you know anyone on this list (or if you know they are deceased) and can get word to them, please ask them to **contact Jacquelyn directly at the address listed on the inside cover of this issue** with an updated mailing address. Thank you.

Adele Johansen, Carmel, NY

L. Dale Patrick, McHenry, IL

Frederic P. Smoler, New York, NY

Keith Friesinger, Cincinnati, OH

I am grateful to Don Prell, 422/AT, who, in the process of trying to organize a mini-reunion in Southern California, was able to find many lost people — some living and some dead.

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy is working to update the Association's roster with veterans and their units. If you use email, please email her directly at ***membership@106thinfindivassn.org***. In your message, please let Jacquelyn know your name and 106th Infantry Division unit. Thank you.

Ms. Coy would like to acknowledge Rick Barrow (Associate member), who has been researching names for her, as well as Herb Eidelman (424/SV) for his continued assistance. Ms. Coy asks, "If anyone else wants to join in, it would be most helpful."

To the widows of Golden Lions, if you would wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your husband please let Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy know. Her contact information is located above, in this box.

CUB Staff occasionally receive ***requests to stop the mailing*** of their issue of *The CUB*. If you no longer want an issue to be mailed to you, ***please contact Jackie Coy, Membership Chairman.***

Thank you to all who have responded so enthusiastically to our call for financial support of the association. We are off to a great start in the "*Last Man Standing*" campaign with contributions this quarter exceeding expenses for the first time in more than two years. If you have not already made a Life+, Memorial or Honorary contribution this year, look for the self-addressed envelope inside the next issue of *The CUB*. Let's keep it going.

**Mike Sheaner, Treasurer and Jacquelyn S. Coy, Membership Chair
for the 106th Association members**

Please Let us Know Your Preferences!

To reduce the cost of communicating with members, we would like to take advantage of using email delivery whenever possible. General correspondence (i.e. annual reunion paperwork) and sending *The CUB* as a PDF, or link to the website, are two examples where an impact can be made. In addition, we would like to gather your email address. Please respond to the following:

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From the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion

Hello, my name is William A. McWhorter and I am the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion (The CUB)*. I am an admirer of your outfit and hope that I can assist in keeping open the lines of communication for our Association. Please send news items that you would like reviewed for

potential inclusion in upcoming issues of *The CUB* to me. Whenever possible please send them to my email address (williammcwhorter17@gmail.com). If you do decide to send them via postal mail, if possible, please **TYPE OR PRINT** your messages (it helps me get names spelled correctly). Thank you.

Just a reminder . . .

If you have pictures, an article, or some other form of information you would like included in a future issue of *The CUB*, the due dates are as follows:

May 1, 2016 — mail date July 1, 2016

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Visit the 106th Association's Website!

By Wayne Dunn

To complement the wonderful websites that are already out on the Internet, including our own members Jim West (www.IndianaMilitary.org) and Carl Wouters (www.106thinfantry.webs.com), the association has launched our own website at www.106thInfDivAssn.org.

This is where you can find: info on upcoming events; copies of the membership application for your family to join; the complete latest issue plus additional photos and articles from *The CUB*.

Also look for our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn](https://www.facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn).

This is where you can find up-to-the-minute information and where you can connect with friends and make plans for the next reunion.

If you have any additional reunion photos or information that you would like to see on the website or Facebook page, please contact the Webmaster, Wayne Dunn at Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org or 410-409-1141.

Jim West and the *www.IndianaMilitary.org* Website

Associate member, Jim West (OGL-Officers, 2004) has created an excellent website at <http://www.indianamilitary.org>. It is hoped that this website will increase awareness of the 106th Infantry Division Association and perhaps our membership. The site has had 1,674,874 visitors to date. It is rated as the largest private site in Indiana at more than 50 gigabytes of unaltered history and is the largest depository of local historical photos. Check it out at your earliest convenience.

In addition to a very large section devoted to the 106th Division, it also contains information on Camp Atterbury (Indiana) and all the divisions that trained here in World War II and Korea.

They include the 28th, 30th, 31st, 83rd and 92nd Infantry Divisions, plus Fort Benjamin Harrison, Freeman AAF, Atterbury/Bakalar AFB, the German and Italian POWs held at Camp Atterbury and Wakeman General Hospital. There is also a section for the several German Prisoner of War camps where some 106th members were held. There are dozens of 106th diaries and personal remembrances.

The 106th Roster at <http://tinyurl.com/106th-INFDIV-Roster> now contains information on 17,481 Veterans with 363 individual photos. If you visit the website, listed above, and a photo is not shown for an individual and the family has one available, all they need do is email a scan of him to Jim West.

All 106th General Orders have been reviewed and all the information has been added to the Roster. These General Orders allowed for the addition of 513 previously unknown names to be added and a huge amount of service numbers and other data were added. All the original General Orders are available for viewing on the website. These were made possible by a friend, John Bowen, of the 31st Division Association (Camp Atterbury, Korean War).

Every available issue of the 106th *CUBs* are available on the site, in addition to the Camp Atterbury *Camp Crier*, published when the 106th was there. Find the *Camp Crier* under the section for Camp Atterbury. You can email Jim at imo@indianamilitary.org.

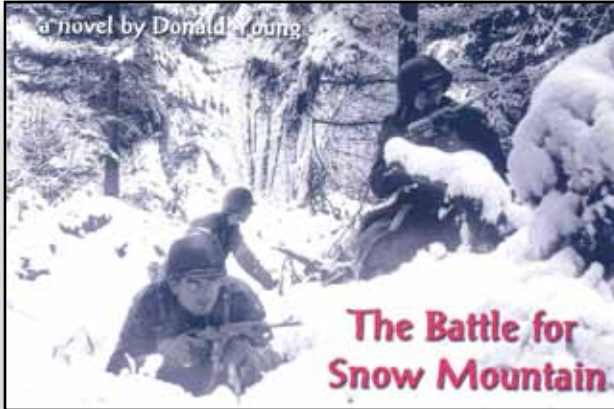
Jim would like to thank the "AmVets of Indiana." Through their generosity of support and hosting of the entire website, they are making it possible for the 106th to have a presence on the Web.



THE BATTLE FOR SNOW MOUNTAIN

by Donald Young

The Battle for Snow Mountain is a comic novel — based on Young's experience — which gives a surreal picture of the German attack on the 106th Division in the winter of 1944.



The story deals with two soldiers, their odd love affairs at home, their war experience in the Battle of the Bulge, their accidental capture, escape from POW camp and return to freedom.

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WALLACE WOOD, BOOK REVIEWER

The Battle for Snow Mountain by Donald Young
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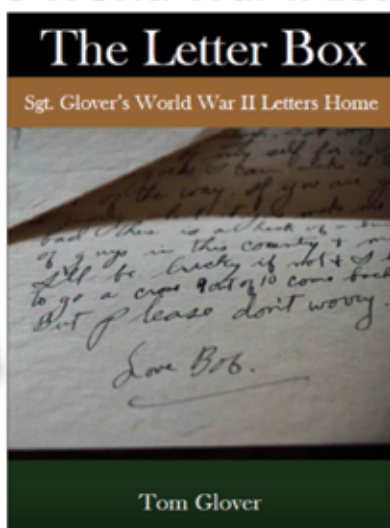
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Golden Lion Lt. Eric F. Wood's Memorial in Belgium Gets Refurbished

By Carl Wouters, 106th ID Association's Belgium Liaison

Below are pictures of the current state of the Eric F. Wood monument in the woods outside Meyerode, Belgium. I took this photo (*see photo A*) last November when the monument site had been recently remodeled by the town administration. The stone itself has been polished down and the engraving highlighted with paint.

Also, you may notice that the stone appears to be shorter than it used to be. Apparently the old stone (which has been out there in the woods since the early 1950s) broke during the renovation work, but it was salvaged. Opposite the

trail is now a small seating arrangement for visitors.

In October 2015 I took down accurate measurements and a stone rubbing of the monument in its original state, which were used for the replica at Valley Forge. The monument that will eventually be unveiled there, on April 30, 2016, will represent the Meyerode Monument in its original pre-2016 state.

The Eric F. Wood monument in 2007 before any restoration was performed.



Photo above of the original state of the Eric F. Wood monument used to make the Valley Forge replica.



(A). Photos left and above of the totally remodeled Eric F. Wood monument in the woods outside Meyerode, Belgium, Nov. 2016

Valley Forge Military Academy's Alumni Homecoming Weekend Schedule

By Susan Weiss

The members of the 106th Association have graciously been invited to a special event at the VFMA's Alumni Weekend to help honor a Golden Lion: Lt. Eric Fisher Wood Jr. If you plan to attend the ceremony for the dedication of the Wood memorial on Sat., April 30, 2016, below are the events that we are invited to attend:

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| 10:30 a.m. | Dedication of the Lt. Eric Fisher Wood Jr. memorial |
| 11 – 11:30 a.m. | Manual of Arms Competition — Alumni vs. Cadets;
Parade Field |
| 11:30 a.m. | Drill Team Demonstration; Parade Field |
| 12:00 p.m. | Regimental Review: 88th Corps of Cadets
Alumni "March-On" and Salute to the Corps of Cadets
Parade Field |

We hope that as many of you that can make it will show your support for the 106th Association and attend this wonderful ceremony.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to John Schaffner who will include you on the guest list and supply you with additional information as it is received. Thanks.

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410-584-2754 or pumexim2@verizon.net

Memorial Tour Included in Registration Package for 70th Reunion Attendees

On Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9:30 am to 3 p.m. a Memorial Tour is planned for all of Reunion attendees. This tour is automatically included with your registration.

You will visit our nation's War Memorials during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Stop at the Lincoln Memorial and visit the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials. Enjoy a maritime movie at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center, built to honor the sailors of the U.S. Navy.

Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade

Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, D.C. and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy *lunch on your own* at the Reagan Building food court — named one of the "best family food courts" in D.C.

After lunch, free time will be allowed at the World War II Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

Note: A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.

American WW II Vet Becomes First Soldier Honored for Saving Jews

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JERUSALEM — The Nazi soldiers made their orders very clear: Jewish American prisoners of war were to be separated from their fellow brothers in arms and sent to an uncertain fate. But Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds would have none of that. As the highest-ranking noncommissioned officer held in the German POW camp, he ordered more than 1,000 Americans captives to step forward with him and brazenly pronounced: “We are all Jews here.” He would not waver, even with a pistol to his head, and his captors eventually backed down.

Seventy years later, the Knoxville, Tennessee, native is being posthumously recognized with Israel’s highest honor for non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during World War II. He’s the first American serviceman to earn the honor.

“Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds seemed like an ordinary American soldier, but he had an extraordinary sense of responsibility and dedication to his fellow human beings,” said Avner Shalev, chairman of the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum and memorial. “The choices and actions of Master Sgt. Edmonds set an example for his fellow American soldiers as they stood united against the barbaric evil of the Nazis.” It’s a story that remained untold for decades and one that his son, the Rev. Chris Edmonds, only discovered long after his father’s death in 1985.



This undated photograph released by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial shows World War II, United States Army Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds.

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Edmonds was captured with thousands of others in the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944 and spent 100 days in captivity. His son vaguely knew about his father’s past from a pair of diaries Edmonds kept in captivity that included the names and addresses of his men and some of his daily thoughts.

But it was only while scouring the Internet a few years ago that he began to unravel the true drama that had unfolded — oddly enough, when he read a newspaper article about Richard Nixon’s post-presidency search for a New York home. As it happened, Nixon purchased his exclusive upper East Side town house from Lester Tanner, a prominent New York lawyer who mentioned in

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passing how Edmonds had saved him and dozens of other Jews during the war.

That sparked a search for Tanner, who along with another Jewish POW, Paul Stern, told the younger Edmonds what they witnessed on Jan. 27, 1945, at the Stalag IXA POW camp near Ziegenhain, Germany.

The Wehrmacht had a strict anti-Jew policy and segregated Jewish POWs from non-Jews. On the eastern front, captured Jewish soldiers in the Russian army had been sent to extermination camps. At the time of Edmonds' capture, the most infamous Nazi death camps were no longer fully operational, so Jewish American POWs were instead sent to slave labor camps where their chances of survival were low. U.S. soldiers had been warned that Jewish fighters among them would be in danger if captured and were told to destroy dog tags or any other evidence identifying them as Jewish.

So when the German camp commander, speaking in English, ordered the Jews to identify themselves, Edmonds knew what was at stake. Turning to the rest of the POWs, he said: "We are not doing that, we are all falling out," recalled Chris Edmonds, who is currently in Israel participating in a seminar for Christian leaders at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies. With all the camp's inmates defiantly standing in front of their barracks, the German commander turned to Edmonds and said: "They cannot all be Jews." To which Edmonds replied: "We are all Jews here." Then the Nazi officer pressed his pistol to Edmonds head and offered him one

last chance. Edmonds merely gave him his name, rank and serial number as required by the Geneva Conventions.

"And then my dad said: 'If you are going to shoot, you are going to have to shoot all of us because we know who you are and you'll be tried for war crimes when we win this war,'" recalled Chris Edmonds, who estimates his father's actions saved the lives of more than 200 Jewish-American soldiers. Witnesses to the exchange said the German officer then withdrew. Stern, who currently lives in Reston, Virginia, told Yad Vashem that even 70 years later he can "still hear the words."

About six million European Jews were killed by German Nazis and their collaborators during World War II. The names of those honored for risking their lives to protect Jews are engraved along an avenue of trees at the Jerusalem memorial. More than 26,000 have been designated "Righteous Among the Nations," the most famous being Oskar Schindler, whose efforts to save more than 1,000 Jews were documented in Steven Spielberg's 1993 film "Schindler's List," and Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who is credited for having saved at least 20,000 Jews before mysteriously disappearing.

But prior to Edmonds, only four were Americans, who belonged to the clergy or volunteered for rescue groups. He's the first serviceman and the first whose actions saved the lives of fellow Americans. A ceremony for Edmonds is planned next year. And, thanks to his son's efforts, Edmonds is now also being considered for a Congressional Medal of Honor.

Irena Steinfeldt, the director of the Holocaust memorial's Righteous Among the Nations department, said all rescue stories were unique. She said Edmonds actions were reflective of those of a military man, who was prepared to take a quick, clear, moral decision. "It's a matter of five minutes and that is it. When he tells the German, 'No,' that is something that can kill him," she explained. "It is something very dangerous that is happening in one moment. ... But it is very heroic." Chris Edmonds, who leads a Baptist congregation in Maryville, Tennessee, said he believed his father had a "deep moral conviction" instilled in his faith that inspired his actions.

"All he had to fight with was his will power and his wits," he said. "I'm just glad he did the right thing."

Story suggestion submitted by:

Richard Slotkin, Olin Professor Emeritus,
Wesleyan University

and

My father-in-law, PFC John H. Atsatt, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion, U.S. Army 106th Division, was a Lionman who fought in the Battle of St. Vith, so I try to keep up with any news about the 106th.

I thought you would find the following news item of interest for *The CUB* and certainly worth sharing as widely as possible with the 106th Association. If you look closely at the picture of Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds at the top of the CBS News story printed today, you'll see the Golden Lion emblem on his left shoulder. He is the first soldier to be honored by Yad Vashem as Righteous Gentile for saving Jews during WW II, which he did as a POW with a German officer's gun at his head.

Yours truly, Jeff Jones, Lawrenceville, NJ

and

This from the Baltimore Sunday, Dec. 3, 2015. I have attached clipping from the paper and also copied below from the newspaper website. It looks like a candidate for *The Cub*.

Best, John Schaffner

Make your plans now to attend!!

**106th Infantry Division Association
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Golden Lions and the Battle of St. Vith Remember

By Carl Wouters, 106th ID Association's Belgium Liaison

The Golden Lions were commemorated in St. Vith on December 13, 2015.

Despite the rain and cold weather, some fifty to sixty people (Belgians, Germans, Luxemburgers, Americans and British) came to pay their respects and gratitude to the men who gave their lives for our freedom and to honor those like yourselves who were fortunate enough to survive. Shawn Stringham, who's grandfather was Clifford Bobo (424/A) killed in action at Winterspelt on 17 December 1944, attended the ceremony. He is a retired senior Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force.

The Flag of Friendship was awarded to Klaus-Dieter Klauser of St. Vith. He is the president of the local historical association "Zwischen Venn und Schneifel" which celebrated its 50th anniversary. Among the various contributions to the historical heritage

of the Ardennes Offensive was a six-month exhibition on the "Bulge" which the association held last year inside the St. Vith church. One of the displays held a full field uniform of a 106th Division GI, on loan from the Belgian Chapter of the 106th Association.

A special memorial was held for John Gatens (589/A) who passed away in 2015. John was a frequent visitor to Belgium, making more than one return trip with Association Historian and fellow 589th FA veteran John Schaffner. Gatens' last trip in 2014 with his family, retraced his steps in Belgium and included a visit to the former Stalag XIIA in Limburg an der Lahn.

We'll never forget.



**Photos by
Robert
Frauenkron**

Volunteer Veterans Help Other Vets In Need

By Michelle Bearden, Tampa Tribune Staff, published April 11, 2014 at www.tbo.com

TAMPA — He served his country in World War II, enlisting in the Army at age 17 and fighting battles in France, Germany and Belgium. But that wasn't enough for Boris Stern. These days, he walks the halls of James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, still serving. The former infantry squad leader has a new role; he's affectionately called "The Cookie Man" or the "Ice Cream Guy" as he maneuvers a cart filled with treats into the rooms of disabled and hospitalized veterans. "Keeps me active physically and mentally. At my age, that's important," says Stern, 88. "And I just like helping out. These folks have done so much for us."

Stern is with the Jewish War Veterans Post 373, a Hillsborough County-based group whose members served in conflicts in Europe, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. With each passing year, the once-robust group — which is part of a national organization founded in 1896 — shrinks a little more. Now they have just 43 members. The youngest two are 72. "We need some new blood, that's for sure," says Jim Marenus, who served in the Army and National Guard in the Vietnam era. "New blood means new ideas. And we've got to have people carry on the work we do."

They meet monthly to strategize and socialize. April's meeting was moved up a week due to Passover.

With their dwindling numbers, they've put a priority on recruiting new members. "The best part, you don't even have to be Jewish to join," Marenus



Boris Stern, a former infantry squad leader, is known nowadays as "The Cookie Man" or the "Ice Cream Guy."

Photo credit Cliff McBride/Staff

says. "You just can't vote." For a small organization, they accomplish a lot, volunteering for programs and paying for outreach services the VA doesn't have the budget to provide. Among them: the snack cart for the veterans, Sudoku and word search books and free snacks for families in the VA café. With a specially equipped van and driver from the hospital, members accompany patients on field trips to local destinations, such as MOSI, the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo, the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, the Tampa Bay History Center, hockey and baseball games and vintage car events. Twice a year — on Veterans Day and Memorial Day — they raise money for their projects by selling paper poppies and small flags. The rest of the time they dig into their own pockets to buy the tickets and provide boxed lunches for field trips.

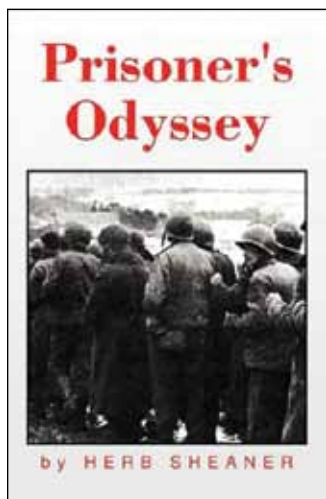
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Though this band of brothers is Jewish, they reach out to all veterans, regardless of religious affiliation. Members say they are very aware of the escalating rate of suicide among veterans, particularly those from wars in the Middle East, and of the number of homeless veterans living on the streets.

Every time they hear of cutbacks in spending for veterans by the federal government, or tragedies like the two Fort Hood shootings, they question if Americans value those who signed up or were drafted to serve and protect the country. They believe it starts with veterans looking out for each other. "I think it's the right thing to do to support our fellow comrades, especially those who come back with emotional and physical scars," says Harv Berman,

who was a military policeman with the Army at Fort Campbell, Ky., during the Vietnam years. "I'm disturbed by what's happening with veterans, but not surprised. We are just not doing enough for them." For Stern, the best part of volunteering for the post is the hands-on approach to their outreach efforts.

"We're not just handing over a check to paint a building. This is something a lot more personal," he says. As Stern distributes fresh-baked cookies and ice cream to patients, he takes the time to hear their stories and make them feel special. And if they ask, he'll share a few war remembrances of his own. "They don't want pity," he says. "They just want a little attention and someone to care. Isn't that the least we should be doing?"



Prisoner's Odyssey

by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

Prisoner's Odyssey is a story of survival, hunger and reflection from a teenaged prisoner of war inside Germany near the end of WWII. From capture at the Battle of The Bulge to the final escape from his German guards, Herb Sheaner allows us a glimpse into the despair and agony of being a prisoner in a foreign land. During World War II, Herb Sheaner served as a private first class in Company G, 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division.

After receiving ASTP training at University of Alabama, he joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in Indiana where he earned Expert Rifleman honors and was designated Co. G Sniper and Regimental Scout. Fifty years later he recalls his experiences.

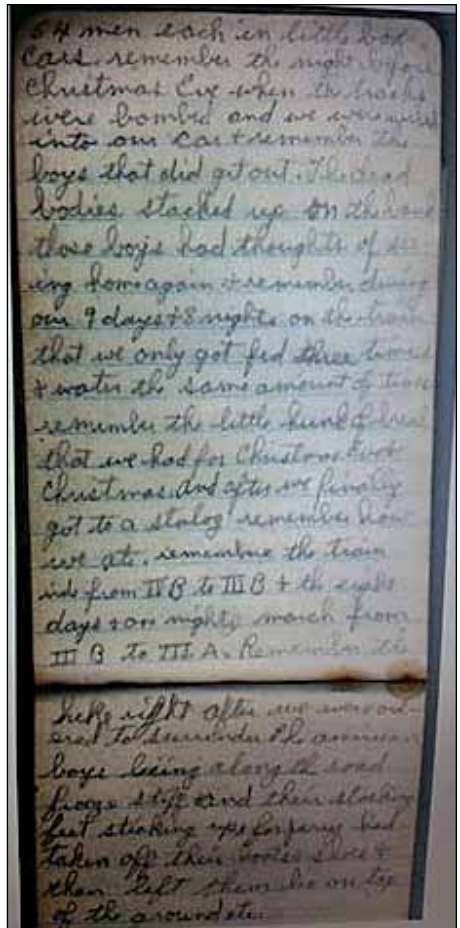
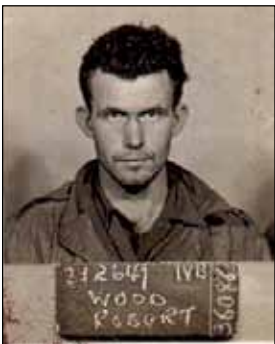
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Robert M. Wood's POW Diary

By Carol J. Wood Faulkner

It hit me this morning that today [the anniversary of] Dec. 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge started. My dad, Robert M. Wood, was a young, barely 22-year-old man and was in that battle. His 106th Infantry Division was captured three short days later. I have read dad's POW diary many times and he talks of that first Christmas as a POW. He made a list of things that he wanted to remember if life got too stressful when (if) he made it back home. This page always stands out for me:

"64 men each in little boxcars. Remember the night before Christmas Eve when the tracks were bombed and we were wired into our (box) car & remember the boys that did get out. Their dead bodies stacked up on the bank. Those boys had thoughts of seeing home again & remember during our 9 days and 8 nights on the train that we only got fed three times & water the same amount of times. Remember the little hunk of bread that we had for Christmas Eve & Christmas and after we finally got to a Stalag remember how we ate. Remember the train ride from (Stalag) IVB to (Stalag) IIIB and the eight days & one night march from (Stalag) IIIB to IIIA. Remember the hike right after we were ordered to surrender. The American boys being along the road froze stiff and their stocking feet sticking up for Jerry (German's) had taken off their boots and shoes & then left them lie on top of the ground, etc."



I can't even image how scared dad and the other men must have been, not knowing one minute from the next what would happen to them. Thank you dad, the 106th and all the other units that fought in the Battle of the Bulge so that we might be with families this Christmas, celebrating with each other, the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Plano (TX) Veteran Receives Congressional Commendation

By Rebecca Silvestri

Source: <https://planoprofile.com/2015/11/19/plano-veteran-receives-congressional-commendation-award/>

In a special moment for an incredible individual, Harold “Hal” Power, resident of The Legacy Willow Bend in Plano, was recently recognized by Congressman Sam Johnson at the 2015 Congressional Veteran Commendation Ceremony for the 3rd District of Texas.

Power received the award for his unique achievements while serving in the Army’s 106th Division during World War II. Power was a prisoner of war and he had several notable accomplishments. For his bravery in the line of duty, Power received the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and “V” (Valor) device for saving the lives of U.S. troops behind German lines during the Battle of the Bulge, four Purple Hearts, the Prisoner of War Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three service stars and the Good Conduct Medal, among others. Power was nominated by fellow veterans Robbie Robinson, a past Congressional Veteran Commendation recipient and fellow resident at The Legacy Willow Bend and Colonel Ben Greenfield, who deemed Power to be an extraordinary individual and a true hero of World War II.

“When I met and then got to know Hal and learned about the number of Purple Hearts he has, I thought that he should be nominated for the commendation,” said Robinson.



“I thought that anybody with the number of medals and the story that he has is an extraordinary individual. He is the real deal, and I thought that it would be great for Congressman Johnson to recognize him, because what he achieved was extraordinary.”

During World War II, Power participated in the Battle of the Bulge, after which he was captured and held prisoner of war. It was here that Power’s tale begins, a truly remarkable story of courage and survival. Power and other U.S. soldiers were held prisoners of war behind enemy lines. For the next four months after his capture, Power endured brutal beatings and manual labor in German prison camps that brought him to the brink of death. Despite his condition, Power remained determined to return to his fiancée and his family. It was that hope and determination that enabled Power to eventually escape the

prison camp and save the lives of four of his fellow soldiers.

“It is my distinct honor to recognize Private First Class Power for his service to our great nation,” said Congressman Johnson. “It is stories like Power’s that played a role in inspiring my fellow ROTC brothers and me to take our military careers further. We wanted to do our part in defending freedom and democracy. So it’s my hope that our future generations will also be inspired by his love of country. From one veteran to another, I thank Power for his service, which was above and beyond the call of duty. He is a true patriot, and I salute him.”

“After all of my experiences, I say the most important award has been the ability to enjoy my life; I am truly honored to receive this recognition,”

said Power. “Knowing that I will receive it all because of my fellow soldiers and friends makes it all the more meaningful.”

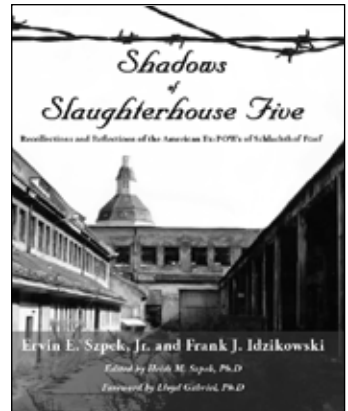
After his service, Power would go on to have a successful career with Shell Oil Company and a family of three children with the love of his life. Power has given an account of his service, which has been published by the Texas Historical Commission and has been recorded on a video that is now in the Library of Congress.

“Hal Power is a true American hero, and he deserves this recognition,” said Marilyn Israel, executive director of The Legacy Willow Bend. “Power has been recognized in a way that will ensure that his legacy will be remembered for years to come. He is a true inspiration and a role model to all.”

Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

From Ervin Szpek Jr., Non-Veteran Member

Ervin Szpek Jr. (Associate Member) is pleased to announce after many years of research that his and his colleagues’ book on the infamous *Arbeitskommando Slaughterhouse Five* has been released. Nearly every man of this POW work camp (near Dresden, Germany) originated from the 106th Infantry Division including former 106th Association President, Gifford Doxsee. The book is their story, in their words and accounts for nearly every POW at the camp. It also chronicles the recollections and reflections of the 150 American Ex-POWs, many of whom are members of the Association. Newly released by iUniverse press at www.iUniverse.com, the book is also available at www.amazon.com and www.BarnesandNoble.com. With best wishes for 2016 and with appreciation for your efforts — thank you.



Veterans and Family of the 106th Infantry Division TATTOO* Requests

With space in *The CUB* at a premium, yet Reunited Buddies and Their Families an important commodity, the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion* created the following list [*In Their Own Words, most often*] of inquiries submitted to him in hopes of helping people get in touch with the 106th I.D. Association Family. The following are requests for information. Feel free to contact them if you believe you can be of assistance. *The CUB* staff has received permission from all listed below to print their inquiry and their contact email (phone and address when available).

In addition, Non-Veteran member Connie Pratt Baesman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery), has been one of three people helping to manage the 106th's online "message board" (set up by Jim West) for people to write an inquiry, looking for comrades, or for people who might have known a relative who is now gone. Sadly, some inquiries sit unanswered when the answers may be out there with a reader of *The CUB* who doesn't use a computer. The list has gotten quite long and Connie has asked that whenever there is room in *The CUB* we add a few of the requests. You can find messages like these below, along with other searches on the 106th Message Board at the following Web address: <http://106thdivision.proboards.com/index.cgi>

*The original meaning of **military tattoo** was a military drum performance, but subsequently it came to mean army displays, or a form of gathering more generally. For our Association, letting members know that someone would like to speak with them is "why we do this! So keep sending in your stories, as an old friend may find you!" — Susan Weiss (Publisher of *The CUB*) and William McWhorter (Editor of *The CUB*)

No request this time

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CAPTURED AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

BY RUSS LANG

**Captured at the
Battle of the Bulge**



Memoir of a P.O.W.
by Sgt. E. Russell Lang

In December 1944 a young American soldier's division, newly-arrived in Europe, was sent to the front line to a quiet position on the Belgian- German border. Days after their arrival the Germans launched the great counterattack that came to be called the Battle of the Bulge. Russ Lang and his regiment were soon encircled. They attacked until their supplies and ammunition were exhausted, then held out until circumstances forced them to surrender.

Captured at the Battle of the Bulge is Russ Lang's memoir of his service before and during the battle, the hardships he encountered in a series of German stalags, and the joy of liberation as the Germans were overcome. The diary Lang kept as a prisoner of war is included, with additional notes that could not be written down while he remained in the power of his captors. *Captured at the Battle of the Bulge* is a fascinating personal and historical document.

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Russ Lang

The Importance of a Mini Reunion

Our veterans will always remember December 16, 1944, when they were thrust into the chaos of war. The years may have thinned the ranks, but those that remain still have the pride of knowing they played an instrumental part in slowing — and ultimately defeating — the German war machine.

As it becomes more difficult to travel, it is of critical importance that mini-reunions be held wherever our vets can join in. Any city, town — or even in someone's home — would be a fine place to gather to honor, cherish and remember all of our veterans. ***Plan one in your area today!***

Contact Mini-Reunion Chair Wayne Dunn at host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org and he can assist you with members in your area.

Sarasota Mini-Reunion

Golden Lions enjoyed a mini reunion in honor of the anniversary of their service in the Battle of the Bulge. Veterans of the 106th Infantry Division, *pictured clockwise from top left*, Everett Howland, Boris Stern, Clarence Buckman, Jay Carmichael, Lester Helmich, William Busier and Raymond Twardzik attended a luncheon at Der Dutchman in Sarasota on December 15, 2015. “[December 19, 1944], That was the worst day of my life,” remembered Busier of hearing of the surrender orders. “I had tears in my eyes when I was smashing my M-1 against a big tree.” The reunion was organized by current 106th I.D. Association president, Brian Welke and his wife Teresa.



*Photo credit: Sarasota Herald-Tribune Staff
Photographer, Dan Wagner*



Pictured left to right: Teresa Welke, Kathleen Buckman, Margey Stern, Mary Ann Scholten, and Isabel Twardzik

Mini-Reunion Chairman's Message . . .



Above, current 106th ID Association president Brian Welke joins the veterans in a photo op.



Above, left to right, back row: Brian Welke, Murray Stein. Front row: Bernard Mayrsohn, Clarence Buckman



Above: Clarence Buckman holds a program from the 71st Anniversary of "The Christmas We Never Had" Gala held on Dec. 13, 2015, by the VBOB Florida Southeast chapter 62.

Additional photos: Brian Welke

MY WAR

by Fredrick Smallwood

This is the story of my experiences as a young boy from a small town in south Georgia with the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. I was initially in the A&P Platoon of 1 Bn. Hq. Co. of the 423rd Regiment. I was one of the few who made my way through the German lines back to the Allied lines at St. Vith.

Books are \$15 plus \$4 for shipping. You can contact me at fsjs@mchsi.com or P.O. Box 1923, Bainbridge, GA 39818.



Forced March from the Bulge to Berchtesgaden

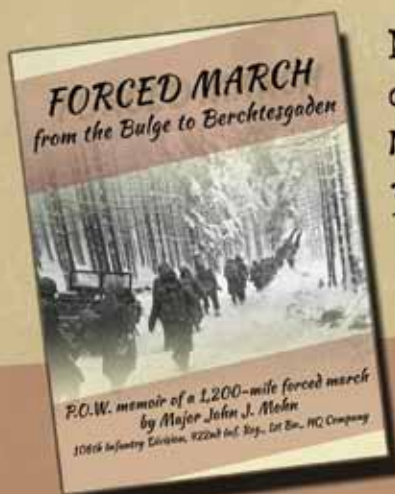
Major John J. Mohn
106th Division, 422nd Infantry,
1st Batalion, HQ Company

Major John J. Mohn (then Captain) was taken prisoner at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, along with 7,000 other men. As prisoner camps were too full and the German officers were unsure what to do with so many prisoners, Mohn's POW group was forced to march 1,200 miles.

He was liberated three times, twice recaptured. His final liberation was on May 2, 1945 at Gars-am-Inn. Of the 7,000 men he was only liberated with about 100 men.

John Mohn recorded his POW experience in a memoir. Unfortunately Mohn passed away in January 2005. His book was never published.

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AUERBACH, SIDNEY 424/H

—*Date of Death: December 5, 2015*

Reported by his wife, Jill Blausox

BROCKER, PAUL 423

—*Date of Death: June 4, 2009*

Reported by Don Prell

BROWN, C.P., LT. COL. 422/A

—*Date of Death: February 2, 2011*

My father, C.P. Brown died on Feb. 2, 2011. He was a member of the 106th Infantry, 422/A, captured during the Battle of the Bulge outside St. Vith and spent four months in captivity. In March of 2011, he was buried next to my mother (also a WW II veteran) at Arlington National Cemetery. He enjoyed the reunions and *The CUB* journals. Toward the end of his life, I had to read these to him because he suffered from loss of vision due to macular degeneration.

Reported by his daughter, Mary Jane Brown

CAVANAUGH, REID J.

424/HQ 1BN

—*Date of Death: June 26, 2015*

Golden Lion Reid James

Cavanaugh, 93, of Connellsville, PA, went to meet his savior on June 26, 2015 in Excelsa Health Frick Hospital, Mount Pleasant. He was born July 31, 1921, in Connellsville, a son of the late Ray D and Mary Eutsey Cavanaugh. Mr. Cavanaugh was a 1940 graduate of Connellsville High School. He was a WW II veteran, having served for more than four years in the Army's 106th Infantry Division and later the 424th. He also served in California, several Pacific Islands, and Japan. He was the self-employed owner of Reid J. Cavanaugh Trucking. He was a member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346 F & AM and various other Masonic bodies including the Syria Shrine. He was a devoted member of East Connellsville United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, June Catoc Cavanaugh, a brother, a sister and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Ralph and Homer, who were killed in WW II.

Reported by his wife, June

CHURCH, QUENTON E. 424/K

—*Date of Death: October 25, 2014*

*Reported by his daughter-in-law,
Sherry M. Church*

**COLLINS, JOHN W. III,
BRIG. GEN. 423/I**

—*Date of Death: November 22, 2015*

A retired Army Brigadier General, General Collins was born in Demopolis, Alabama on August 16, 1921. He graduated from Demopolis High School, attending Marion Military Institute for one year prior to his appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. At West Point, he participated in baseball and football and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation in June 1943.

His initial assignment was with the 106th Division, which he accompanied to Europe. In 1946, he was assigned to Nanking, China as Assistant Military Attaché. His 30 years of military service as an Infantry and Airborne officer included combat duty in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. His numerous decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merits, Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Stars, Parachute Badge and Air Medals. He was also inducted into the Alabama Military Hall of Honor.

After retirement in 1973, he worked for the Greater Miami Bicentennial Organization. In 1977 he joined his old friend, Dr. Meredith Mallory Jr., in San Antonio. They worked together for many years. He was married to

Virginia Mowry and Jean Jerome. He was a strong and unforgettable presence in the lives of his family and friends. A consummate storyteller, a natural leader, a loyal friend, a generous patriarch, his candor was legend, and his capacity for good times and good company prevailed to the end. He is survived by his daughters, Beverly Collins of Ashland, Oregon and Judy Jones of Birmingham, Alabama; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and is lovingly remembered by Kate Coderre, Jenny Jerome, Colby and Emily Adams. He and his family extend heartfelt gratitude to his caregiver of many years, Juana Rosas and to Isabelle and Mary.

He often remarked that he had had a most fortunate life. He will be well remembered by many far and wide and missed by all. A rich life well lived! "Take him for all in all he is a man. I shall not look upon his like again."

Reported by Jim West

DEBLASE, WILLIAM 590/HQ

—*Date of Death: 2013*

Reported by Don Prell, 422/AT

DUNBAR, ALAN J., III 422/HQ

—*Date of Death: October 7, 2015*

Reported by Murray Stein

DUNN, EDWIN W. 424/A

—*Date of Death: December 1, 2004*

Reported by Don Prell

ERICKSON, ALBERT C. 424/E

—*Date of Death: May 11, 2014*

Golden Lion Albert C. Erickson, born April 11, 1925, passed away on May 11, 2014. He had wanted to attend the 60th reunion in Belgium but was unable due to health reasons. Like many of his fellow soldiers, he never spoke about his experience. While he attended the 1st reunion in NYC in 1946, it was not until after he retired that he reconnected with VBOB. Shortly thereafter, he received his medals and badges in the mail and briefly relayed the story behind them — still difficult even after many years. It has been through *The CUB*, other publications and web information that one realizes what he and his fellow soldiers endured and why it was hard to put into words. He was fortunate to live to see his great-grandson and treasured the sight of him. Many thanks to all who fought for our freedom and for freedom in generations to come.

*Submitted by his daughter,
Donna C.E. Williamson*

FRUETEL, HAROLD**DIVISION HQ**

—*Date of Death: November 22, 2015*

Golden Lion Harold M. Fruetel of Bemidji, MN, passed away at the age of 97. He was born and raised in McIntosh, MN. After high school graduation, he attended business college and became a bookkeeper before beginning his postal service career. Harold served in the U.S Army from 1931–45, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge with the 106th Infantry Division. After the war, Harold married Erma Carlson, continued his

36-year career with the Postal Service in Bemidji and retired as the Postmaster and Regional Service Manager. He was active in many community organizations during his long life, including the Rotary Club, the area blood bank and his church. He was an active life-time member of the American Legion, DAV and the VFW. He served all with commitment, dedication and hard work. Harold was predeceased by his wife Erma. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Reported by his daughter, Sharon

GILLILAND, JOHN O. 592/SVC

—*Date of Death: February 18, 2016.*

Golden Lion John Gilliland was born on August 20, 1925 and passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

John was a long-time member and past president of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

He was married to Sandra and was a resident of Boaz, Alabama at the time of his passing.

Family request in lieu of flowers donations may be made to 2nd Baptist Church Boaz or charity of choice.

Reported by Randy Wood

GROSSMAN, IRVING 422/I

—*Date of Death: January 1, 2016*

Reported by Stan Guttman

KUPS, STANISLOV (STANLEY)**423/F**

—*Date of Death: November 27, 2015*

Report by his daughter, Mary Wilson

Memoriam . . .

LICHTENFELD, NORMAN, DR.

Associate member

—*Date of Death: February 22, 2016*



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Feb. 22, 2016

Norman was a lover of life! He was devoted to his patients in his orthopedic practice and to his hobby of studying World War II history.

His passion for history led him to earn a M.A. in History from the University of South Alabama and to author a book on the military service of African Americans in World War II. His other degrees include a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University, an M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Miami, and an M.D. from the University of Florida School of Medicine. Despite his hectic schedule, he always made time for everyone. His kindness, sincerity, and constant smile will be sorely missed.

He leaves behind his wife Ruth, son Alex, father Seymour, and sisters Eileen Lichtenfeld and Roberta Goldman, and many other relatives. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Ahavas Chesed Cemetery located on Owens Street, Mobile, Al.

*Published in the Mobile Register and
Baldwin County*

Reported by his father, Sy Lichtenfeld, 422/I

LEE, DARBY, R. 423 2BN/G

—*Date of Death: August 21, 2015*

Reported by Murray Stein

MANFREDI, JOHN F. 424/MED

—*Date of Death: September 14, 2015*

I would like to report the death of John F. Manfredi of Springfield, Mass, at age 92. He was a medic and received the Bronze Star.

Reported by his son John F. Manfredi Jr.

MANUEL, RAIMONDO

331/MEDIC

—*Date of Death: August 7, 2015*

Manuel was a member of the 106th Infantry Division in World War II. He was a close friend of mine and a member of our local POW chapter, the 49ers, American Ex-Prisoners of War. He was our Vice Commander. “Mal” was captured on the 1st day of the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 16, 1944, and was a POW until May 1, 1945 when his POW camp was liberated by the Russian Army. Mal died in Sacramento, his hometown. He was 91 years old.

Reported by his friend, Edward F. Cadwallader

MAYBERRY, PAUL EDWARD 422/F

—*Date of Death: November 23, 2015*

Born on March 26, 1924 and passed away on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015. Paul was a resident of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania at the time of his passing. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving with F Company 422nd Infantry Regiment 106th Division. He was married to Betty. Graveside services with full military honors were held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions are requested for Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Reported by Jim West

Memoriam . . .

MILLER, GENE L. 422/H

—*Date of Death: April 3, 2011*

Reported by Don Prell

MOE, WAYNE J., COL. 423/I

—*Date of Death: November 29, 2015*

He was called for Army service in 1941, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. of Infantry in June 1942 and served as a Captain of the Infantry Rifle Company Commander in Europe.

After WW II, he married Audrey, also of Dawson, Minn. He was sent back to Europe in June of 1946, to join the U.S. Occupation Force, the U.S. Army Constabulary. He took command of a Constabulary Troop and he and his new bride lived near Darmstadt, mostly on the Rhine, for two years. When the Russians started acting up in 1948, they were transferred to the Eastern Border of Hesse, which eventually became the border between East and West Germany.

He was sent back to the States in 1949 and was on staff duty and then was sent off to the Korean War in 1952 as the Battalion Executive Officer for the 1/7 Infantry, the Manchus. He came back to the States in 1953, and was assigned as an instructor at the U.S. Army Medical School. He was sent back to Germany in 1957 during the Cold War. He was assigned as the Commander of an Infantry unit in the Fulda Gap, about three miles from the East-West German Border. In case of an attack from the East, his unit's mission was to slow it down to gain time for the main force to deploy a counteroffensive.

In 1960, he was sent back to the United States and the Pentagon for the second time. In 1965, he went to Finland and the American Embassy

in Helsinki where he was the U.S. Military Attaché. While in Helsinki, he and his family resumed their love for skiing and winter sports, and Colonel Moe successfully competed against Finnish and Scandinavian officers to win many a race and biathlon competition — winning gold in the biathlon in the 1966 and 1967 International Service Competitions. They then came back to the States in 1968 and he deployed to Vietnam in 1970, coming during the Cambodian Cross-Border Incursion. He retired in 1973 as the Army Inspector General, First Army with over 32 years of continuous service. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by four daughters and four grandchildren.

Reported by Carl Wouters

OLESEN, DONALD 423/K 3BN

—*Date of Death: December 13, 2015*

Golden Lion Donald Olesen passed away peacefully at home in Livermore, CA. He was born on January 29, 1917 to Niels and Anna Olesen in Fresno, CA, and was raised on the family raisin ranch on East Avenue with his brother and two sisters. He attended Washington Union High School, where he was a star basketball player. After graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Elsie Schmidt, and they moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where their daughter Danna was born in 1942. He served in the 106th Infantry Division of the United States Army in World War II, fought and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a prisoner of war in Germany until the end of the war.

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He returned home to his family and his son Richard was born in 1946. He also returned to his job at Kilpatrick's Bakery, where he would continue to work for 35 years, first as a salesman, then supervisor and assistant sales manager. He went on to become part owner and general manager of Athens Bakery in Oakland, CA, overseeing the creation and distribution of the most delicious hamburger buns ever baked.

He enjoyed golfing, playing banjo in the Oakland Banjo Band, and laughing and telling stories with family and friends. After the death of his wife Elsie in 1990, he was fortunate to meet and fall in love with Ellen Miller, who was his companion for 24 years and was by his side when he passed. He is survived by Ellen, his daughter Danna, his son Richard, his brother Arthur, sisters Bernice and Helen, and grand- and great-grandchildren.

Submitted by August Macaluso, 424/K

PAPPAS, JAMES 422/AT

—*Date of Death: August 19, 2015*

James Pappas was born on October 5, 1924. He was a member of the Infantry Regiment in the European Theatre operations and a member of the Golden Lions. He was taken prisoner by the Germans for six months and liberated by the Russians. He is survived by his wife Donna Pappas, a daughter, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Reported by his wife, Donna

PREWETT, EDWARD A. 423/B

—*Date of Death: January 30, 2004*

Reported by Don Prell

RAILA, FRANK A., DR. 423/E

—*Date of Death: September 6, 2014*

Reported by Don Prell

SHARROW, ROBERT L. 424/E

—*Date of Death: September 16, 2015*

Golden Lion Robert Sharrow of Millville, PA, passed away last fall. He and wife Doris celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on 7-25-2015. Bob was a Platoon Sergeant in Company E, 424th Regt., 2nd Battalion, 106th Infantry. He was Honorably Discharged on October 28, 1945 at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. He is preceded in death by his wife Doris, his daughter Dianne Kay Sharrow. Bob is survived by his sons Richard and Roland Sharrow and their families.

Reported by Jackie Coy

SIMMONS, BETTY

—*Date of Death: October 12, 2015*

Widow of Norman Simmons, 424/D.

Reported by her daughter

STRONG, GEORGE W. 423/HQ

—*Date of Death: February 2, 2015*

George was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was held at Camp IV-B and the infamous "Slaughterhouse 5." He was a long-time member of the 106th Infantry Division Association, attended many local reunions and some of the national reunions. He enjoyed staying in

touch with other members and often provided input to folks like John Kline who worked so hard to assemble and document important 106th history.

*Reported by his son, Howard Strong
[previously mentioned in
CUB Vol. 71, No. 2]*

SWONGER, JOHN WILLIAM 424

—*Date of Death: February 27, 2016*

“Bill” 91, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away at Oakwood Village on Saturday, February 27, 2016. He was born in Clark County, the son of the late Marion J. Sr. and Helen (Stone) Swonger.

During World War II, he was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army, 424th Infantry, 106th Division.

He married Alice Johnson in 1948. Bill was co-founder and owner of Swonger Furniture and a member of Grace United Methodist Church. Bill sang Barbershop Harmony for over 35 years with Springfield, Xenia and Fairborn Choruses. He will be remembered for his contributions to the Clark County Historical Society, including models of nine downtown city blocks of 1940 Springfield, the Big Four Railroad Station and the Pennsylvania House. All of the models are on permanent display in the Paul and Elizabeth K. Deer Exposition Hall at the Heritage Center of Clark County. He won the Benjamin F. Prince Award for outstanding service to the Clark County Historical Society.

Bill is survived by his daughters: Lynda (Forrest) Applegate and Patricia Lambacher, both of Springfield, and Barbara (Ray) Ferguson of

Jasper, Texas; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Also surviving is brother Ron (Sondra) Swonger, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and special friend, Debbie McCurdy. He was preceded in death by his wife, brother, Marion J. Swonger Jr., and son, John T. “Tim” Swonger. A gathering of family and friends was held with his nephew, Derf Page officiating. Burial was in the Ferncliff Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Clark County Historical Society, 117 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield, OH 45502. *Published in Springfield News-Sun on Feb. 28, 2016*

Reported by Jim West

TURLEY, LELAND J. 423/H

—*Date of Death: August 2014*

Reported by his wife

ULIN, WILLIAM 423/MED

—*Date of Death: August 13, 2010*

Reported by Don Prell

VONDERHORST, ERIC 423

—*Date of Death: February 15, 2015*

Called to Serve by Avery Nicolosi (his great-granddaughter, age 17)

“A hero is someone that puts the lives of others before themselves; who chooses to serve, rather than be served. When our country joined the fight against tyranny in World War II, one such hero was Eric John Vonderhorst. When his country called, Eric begged his parents to sign the paperwork although he was only 17. He was

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willingly part of the fight to liberate Europe from the threat of Nazism.

During the month of August 1944, in the Ardennes forest of Belgium, Eric found himself behind enemy lines as an advanced army reconnaissance scout. In addition to thread bare uniforms in the bitter cold weather, he also had the misfortune of losing his eyeglasses. This young native of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, described hearing the screams of his comrades in arms dying in the fox holes around him.

Eric was wounded by shrapnel from a German mortar shell and unable to walk. He was Missing in Action and was ultimately captured by the German Army and was held as a Prisoner of War. In Stalag 11B Fallingbomel, Prussia, he and his fellow prisoners endured many hardships. Freezing temperatures, no heat, meager food supplies and harsh treatment by their captors were just a few of their trials. Eric was fortunate enough to be a prisoner at the same time as the surgeon for the former king of Luxembourg, who operated on his wounds. Despite the surgeon's efforts, Eric would carry the shrapnel in his leg and would walk with a limp for the rest of his life.

On one occasion, in an effort to keep warm, he and another prisoner removed wooden shingles from the back of their barracks. They had built a small fire to fight off the cold. Brought before the commandant of the camp, they were headed for the firing squad. The commandant paused and stated in English with a heavy German accent, "Vonderhorst, you weren't raised like this; you wouldn't treat your home

this way." Eric's German last name had saved his life and that of his fellow prisoner.

Stalag 11B was liberated by the British Royal Air Force and Eric, along with the other prisoners, was able to return home. There was an irony to Eric's ordeal, that while he was missing and presumed dead, his older brother, Richard Vonderhorst, had suffered the same fate. Richard had been captured during heavy fighting in France. The brothers were reunited with each other, their parents and all of their younger siblings after the war had ended.

This would be more than enough heroism in one lifetime for most Americans, but Eric Vonderhorst was no ordinary American. He worked as a civil engineer for the Department of the Army at Picatinny Arsenal in Wharton, NJ for 30 years. Even that was not the end of his service to the country that he loved. This Purple Heart recipient was recognized by the community he was semi-retired in, Chula Vista, California, for flying the highest and largest American flag in the town. Working as an arborist into his late 70s, he then again responded when his country called. He joined the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. He patrolled the United States border with Mexico, working with law enforcement to stem the tide of illegal drug trafficking into the United States. Eric was a proponent of people's right to come to the United States and pursue the "American Dream." But as the son of immigrants, he believed it should be done the right way, following the rule of law.

When Eric could no longer physically patrol the border, he took on a support role for the other Minute Men and Women in the camp. A widower by this time, these fellow patriots became his family. Eric returned home to Oak Ridge in his late 80s to recuperate from an illness and be surrounded by family and friends. He remained vocal and politically active. He was known to attend and be involved in Veteran's events, particularly for wounded Veterans.

Eric J. Vonderhorst, a hero, an American Patriot, was nearly ninety years old when he reported for duty in heaven. So, you asked how I would define a hero? I would define a hero as anyone who follows the example of my great-grandfather, Eric J. Vonderhorst. He, like all true heroes, put others before himself and was dedicated to service from beginning to end."

*Reported by his great-grand daughter,
Avery Nicolosi*

WEED, MORNING STARR MOSES, SR.

423

—Date of Death: October 16, 2015

This Golden Lion passed on Friday, October, 16, 2015 at the age of 102 years old at the Sage West Health Care Center in Lander, Wyoming, a descendent of Chief Washakie, Sacajawea and great-grandson of John Enos, a Scout of the Shoshone Tribe.

Church services will be held on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at the

Shoshone Episcopal Church, a wake will follow at his residence #14124 Highway 287. Funeral and military services for Morning Starr Moses Weed, Sr. will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 12 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Hall in Fort Washakie, Wyoming with Reverend Ray Price officiating. Native American Church services will be conducted on Friday, October 23 at his residence.

Morning Starr Weed enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was a Veteran of World War II of the 423rd Infantry Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany; he was taken prisoner of war in December 1944, and was liberated on Easter Sunday in 1945. Morning Starr also served as a Military Policeman in Denver, Colorado.

Morning Starr served on the Shoshone Business Council for 30 years, was on the Fremont County School District #21 Board of Trustees at Fort Washakie, the Bishops committee for the Shoshone Episcopal Church, President of the Native American Church, a member of the Golden Lion Ensignia, worked as a Grandparent and Mentor at the Wyoming Indian Middle

School, he started racing horses at the age of 12, he participated as Chief of the Gift of the Waters Pageant in Thermopolis, Wyoming, he served on the Wyoming Indian High School Project with his wife, Lorraine, and he participated in the Treaty Days Pageant at Fort Washakie from 1968–2012.

Starr was a rancher, cattleman,

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farmer, all-around rodeoer, Indian Relay racer and owner, gourd dancer, Sundancer, Cultural Survey Consultant, and a member of the Turtle Rodeo Association-PRCA, Wyoming Rodeo Association. His hobbies were watching Para-mutual Races, Indian Relay racing, hunting and watching his grandchildren participate in sports. He was honored by Governor Matt Mead in 2012 and presented with an American Flag and a Governor's coin.

He believed strongly in his Eastern Shoshone way of life. He initiated the Indian Relay races at the Cheyenne Frontier Days and at the All Nation's Indian Relay in Sheridan, Wyoming. In 2002, he won the World Championship Indian Relay Race, he started the Fourth of July Indian Relay races at the Pioneer Days Rodeo in Lander and at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, plus, in 1992, the Fort Hall Festival Championship Indian Relay Races. He also initiated the Chief Washakie Messenger Indian Relay Races. He participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Lander with the Richard Pogue Post #81.

Morning Starr participated in various sports throughout his lifetime. He performed at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah as a traditional war dancer. Morning Starr was honored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Denver, Colorado. He was named as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference to Protect and was honored by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe in 2012 for lifetime achievements.

Starr was born on August 4, 1913 to Baptiste Enos Weed and Sarah Ann Day in Fort Washakie, Wyoming. He was the youngest of his siblings. He married Lorraine Leonard in 1949.

He is survived by sons – Starr (Janet) Weed, Jr., Norcees Carrier, Sr. and Thornton Carrier, daughters – Flora (Richard) Burnett, Darlene McGill, Wilma (Harvey) Spoonhunter, Zelma Bell, Rose (Dean) Goggles, Elaine Weed, Leola (Vince) White, Marilyn (Dennis) Tillman and Charlene Tillman. Adopted son, Iohangawai (Steven) TE Pahi, New Zealand and adopted many other children as his own. Grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Reported by Jackie Coy

WOLD, CHARLES W.

331/MEDIC/HQ

—Date of Death: December 9, 2011

Golden Lion Charlie Wold passed in Hemet, California. Charlie married three times and had children with his first two wives — seven children in total. He worked as a chemist, a sign painter, an insurance salesman, a contractor and fine woodworker. He could make and fix almost anything. He never went to the Reunions; however, he read the “Cub” from front to back and kept them all. He was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge, earning two Purple Hearts. He was my life partner for 18 years.

Reported by Roslyn Line

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Sergeant William Morris inducted into the C-47 Club “Gallery of the Giants”

By Carl Wouters, 106th ID Association's Belgium Liaison

On the afternoon of December 13, 2015 a sister ceremony to the St. Vith “Flag of Friendship” was held at the historic Rencheux bridge in Vielsalm. The Ardennes-Salm River Chapter of C-47 Club, presided by Eddy Lamberty, organized this ceremony which each year pays tribute to a specific veteran. The honor of being inducted into the “Gallery of the Giants” was bestowed on Sergeant William D. Morris III of the 423rd Infantry Regiment.

“Bill” Morris was born on August 16, 1924 in Milford, Connecticut. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 16, 1943 and was sent to the newly formed 106th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He rose to the rank of sergeant and was assigned as a squad leader of the 1st squad of the 423rd Regimental Intelligence & Reconnaissance Platoon. He was one of the men in Lieutenant Ivan Long’s Platoon who successfully infiltrated back to St. Vith, only to be killed in an unfortunate accident on December 23, 1944 in Ferrières, Belgium.



Morris was buried at Henri-Chapelle Military Cemetery on December 28, 1944 where he now still rests in Plot C, Row 15, Grave 56.

Bill Morris' grave at the Henri-Chapelle Military Cemetery. He is one of the many heroes of the 106th buried here. (Photo by C. Wouters)



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