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A small but mighty group of associate members, family and friends of the 106th Association join veteran and out-going president Bob Pope (590/FABN) at the 75th Annual Association Reunion in Alexandria, Va.

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Editor's Message . . .



With this issue, we welcome Janet Wood to the position of President for the 106th Infantry

Division Association and say a very heartfelt ***Thank You*** to outgoing President, Bob Pope. Bob, a Veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, brought his first-hand perspectives to every article he shared. And if you have had the pleasure to meet Bob at any of the reunions, you know what a gift he is: both as a human being and as someone who has survived the horrors of war and is still here to share his insights, memories, and experiences with us. And yet, it doesn't take being there to have been affected by WWII. What happens to our fathers, or our fathers's fathers, has an effect on a family from generation to generation. Janet Wood, our newly appointed President, shares her poignant thoughts in this issue's President's Message. I think many can relate to or at least understand the aftermath a family experiences when they lose someone to war or welcome home someone who has gone through that traumatic experience. Janet provides a unique and heartfelt perspective in her article.

Having a change of the guard reminds us that life goes on, but those who have served us in the past should

not be forgotten. As a society, it behooves us to remember the past not only to pay respect to those who have helped to preserve our lifestyles today but to ensure we have a safe future. We want to make sure our children and our children's children can live in a world free from conflict. And so, we have reunions to help perpetuate those goals. This year's reunion was held on August 24–28 in Arlington, VA. Our Adjutant, Randy Wood, shares with us some of the events that took place during the reunion, and you'll have the opportunity to read the Memorial Service message that was delivered so eloquently by Pastor Edmonds and to see some wonderful photographs Janet took to commemorate the occasion. In this issue, we also share a story of a young soldier as told by his cousin, an update on foreign affairs by our overseas liaison, Carl Wouters, and an article from a man from Belgium who has several different personal reasons why he keeps the memory of our heroes alive.

As we move into colder months and the holiday season, please remember those who served. Our country is going through turbulent times now: the stability of world governments seems in question, and families are struggling with the aftermath of COVID. But we still have so much for which to be thankful. Thanksgiving is a perfect time not only to give thanks for the

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tangibles but the intangibles too like the indomitable heart and spirit exhibited to us by our Vets. This is the perfect time to reach out and give thanks to those who helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

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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:

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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!

Please send any requests to the Editor at: CUBEditor@106thInfDivAssn.org

***Watch (again!) the 74th Annual Reunion's
2020 Virtual Memorial Service***

Remember the men of the 106th at <https://youtu.be/6S4Ke-Tfitg>

I Can't Imagine

My dad, Robert Wood, served in the 106th, company 423/I. He was 20 years old when he left to fight in WWII.

I can't imagine what his thoughts were, leaving home for unknown destinations.

I can't imagine what it was like to be so far from family.

I can't imagine what it was like to be surrounded by the enemy and to be told to surrender.

I can't imagine what it was like to be locked in a boxcar for days, in the middle of winter, with no food or water.

I can't imagine what it was like trying to keep warm, then trying to cool off.

I can't imagine what it was like to get off the boxcar, and see all of those brave men who sacrificed their lives, stacked up, frozen stiff, with no shoes because the Germans had stolen them.

I can't imagine what it was like to walk miles and miles, day after day.

I can't imagine being so hungry that all they could think about was food.

I just can't imagine ...

I can't imagine what it was like for my grandma, with five kids serving overseas, to get a telegram that one of them was missing in action, then to get another one, that he was a POW.



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I can't imagine what it was like to come home, excited to see your family, only to be told that your Pop had died and was buried just a few days before.

I can't even imagine ...

There are so many things that my dad went through, as did many soldiers. Reading his diary gives me a small glimpse into his days as a POW. Page after page about food — what he had to eat then and what he wanted to eat when he got home. He told my sister that if he had known anyone was going to read his diary, he would have written about something besides food — but — that was his reality. Dad wrote lists of what he would do when he got home.

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At the top of the list was ALWAYS TAKE CAMERA. Maybe that is where I get my love of photography. Dad had so many recipes he wanted to try — but he never tried any.

Most of his diary was about his hopes and dreams. He loved family and a lot of his diary reflected that. I know most POWs kept diaries as a way of surviving. I'm thankful for that, as it gives us a glimpse into their lives as POWs. We will never know what it was truly like.

As a teacher, I often talked about my dad in my classes. (Actually, I talked about all of my family, much to their displeasure.) When I had students that wouldn't stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, I would tell them about my dad and his sacrifices. I remember one kid stopped as he left

class and told me he would stand from now on, in honor of my dad. If anyone looked closely, they could see the tears escape my eyes.

I am thankful my dad returned, thankful he met my mom and lived a good, full life, accomplishing most of his 'wanna do' list. I am thankful for his sacrifices, those of the 106th, and of all the soldiers who fought for our freedoms. Because of them, I am free to pursue any dream I have.

Thank you, Veterans, from the bottom of my heart.

With those thoughts in mind, I am honored and look forward to serving as the President of the 106th Infantry Division Association for the coming year.

Janet Wood
(Robert M. Wood 423 Co I)

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2022 Memorial Service Message

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13

Our memorial service is sacred — a time of remembrance, honor, and blessing. That's why visiting the U.S. Army National Museum the day before our memorial service in Arlington, VA was so inspiring. Our minds were flooded with memories and our hearts were filled with gratitude.

On our way through the hall of heroes, I was awed by the courageous stories of common soldiers past and present. Soldiers of every rank, race, and religion who loved country more than self. Citizen soldiers proud to be Americans. Along that hallowed corridor, raised high and gleaming white in bold letters, were the core values of our warrior heroes — deeply held values that inspired each one to take breathtaking actions of bravery to win the day.

Loyalty — Duty — Respect

— **Selfless Service — Honor — Integrity — Personal Courage.**

Every person who wears the olive drab commits to live these values every day.

Loyalty: I will bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S.

Constitution, the Army, my unit and other Soldiers.

Duty: I will fulfill my obligations.

Respect: I will treat people as they should be treated.



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Selfless Service: I will put the welfare of the Nation, the Army and my subordinates before my own.

Honor: I will live up to Army values.

Integrity: I will do what's right, legally and morally.

Personal Courage: I will face fear, danger or adversity.

As I exited the hall, I paused in silent prayer to thank God for our soldiers, our freedoms, and for the unspeakable blessings we've received from our heroes of the 106th. I also rejoiced because our Association President and very own hero Private First-Class Bob Pope, of the 590th Artillery Battalion was with us.

Bob, having you lead our Association and share your

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courageous stories is priceless. Like all our beloved Golden Lions, you are a treasure! We are blessed to call you friend. Even yesterday you shared something new — something we had not heard before. While touring the WWII exhibit, you told us that General Alan Jones said the 106th was being “trained to go win the war.” And that’s exactly what you and the 106th did — mission accomplished — even in the face of a ferocious, overwhelming enemy.

According to Major General Jones, “During the first 48 hours, the 106th Infantry Division, alone and unaided, solely by its refusal to give ground and open the way to the West, decided the fate of Hitler’s last bid for Europe.”

German General Manteuffel confirmed the 106th’s heroic stand by saying “A whole Army Corps was delayed by your defense around St. Vith. These troops in this area held up the German Corps five days longer than our timetable allowed and so they forced to detour the attacking forces so much the more as my right neighbor — the 6th SS Panzer Army . . . had no success.”

Thank you and your 106th buddies for helping gain the victory. Thank you for living Army’s values on and off the battlefield — values that triumphed over evil. **Loyalty — Duty — Respect — Selfless Service — Honor — Integrity — Personal Courage.**

And I would add one more value. A value learned in the sweat-stained soil of Atterbury and lived out in the blood-soaked snow of the Ardennes — the value of **Greater Love** — an eternal love that’s above this world described in the gospel of John 15:13.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. It was greater love that led the brave boys of the 106th to go take it to Hitler. And its greater love that calls us here today to remember them, honor their sacrifices, and renew our commitment to follow their footsteps of freedom.

In recognition of the greater love of the 106th heroes who lost their lives in service to our country, we remember **PFC Samuel F. Baxter** of the 422nd Regiment.

Samuel was born on February 21, 1915, in Montgomery Florida near Tampa. PFC Baxter, age 29, died on December 21, 1944. Some records indicate that he was being held as a prisoner by Germany at a location known as Stalag 12a Limburg. He was wounded by a shell fragment on his machine gun position and taken prisoner on 16 December 1944. He died as a Prisoner of War.

His commendations are World War II Victory Medal, Prisoner of War Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, Marksmanship Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal,

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Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre, Silver Star, and Army Presidential Unit Citation.

PFC Baxter is among the 7,679 American Gold Star casualties recorded in with close ties to Florida. This is a substantial number of individuals who gave their lives in service to their country. Mr. Baxter is memorialized at Plot F Row 14 Grave 64, Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

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With greater love we remember the men who died this year through the life of **Dr. Col. Lawrence "Larry" Myers, Jr.** 590/591 Field Artillery Battalions.

Born October 21, 1921, and raised in Hartford City, Indiana. Larry excelled in his studies and extracurricular activities, which included track and playing for his high school tennis team. After graduating from high school, he attended Purdue University and majored in Chemical Engineering. He soon discovered his true calling was announcing at the school's sporting events. He carried this passion into his later life when he announced for



Pastor Edmonds delivering the Memorial Service message at the 75th Reunion.

the Syracuse Nationals basketball team, later to be known as the Philadelphia 76ers. Radio broadcasting was his first love professionally. While still at Purdue, he auditioned and won the lead in a summer stock production of "Jim Dandy." A vivacious coed from rival Indiana University, Betty Jane Mowry, won the role of leading lady.

She later turned out to be his real-life leading lady. They were engaged Christmas Day in 1942 and were married on October 19, 1943.

Commissioned in 1942 as a field artillery officer after graduating from Purdue's ROTC program, he joined the Army and served for the duration of World War II. He was assigned to the 590th and 591st Field Artillery Battalions for the 106th Infantry Division. Lawrence fought during the Battle of the Bulge, The Rhineland Offensive, and the Northern Apennines, Italy. Myers returned to military service in 1950, when he joined the 403rd Civil Affairs Company as a member of the reserve corps. In 1957, he was promoted to major in the division. From 1968 to 1975, Larry was commanding officer with the 425th Military Intelligence Detachment. At the time of his retirement in 1975, he was a

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colonel and awarded the Legion of Merit medal. He and others of “The Greatest Generation” were recognized on the Honor Flight 10 that took them to Washington, D.C. in 2017.

After the war, Larry came to Syracuse where he focused the rest of his academic life on communications — with a strong interest in the science of broadcasting, the power of words and the television medium to influence audiences. Larry received his master’s degree in speech and his PhD in applied statistics from Syracuse University in 1949 and 1956 respectively.

Dr. Myers took special pride in having taught such luminaries as Dick Clark, Ted Koppel, Bob Costas, Dick Stockton, Len Berman, Marv Albert, Mike Tirico, Sean McDonough, and many others renowned in their fields. He retired from Syracuse University in 1992 and was granted the title of professor emeritus. In 1993, he returned as an adjunct professor for the Division of International Programs Abroad (DIPA). He retired again in 2000 after teaching another ten semesters abroad.

In 2019, Lawrence was the first professor to be inducted into the WAER Hall of Fame. That same year, he was celebrated at the S.U. Homecoming Football game as the military “Hometown Hero.”

Dr. Myers celebrated 100 years of life on October 21, 2021, with family and friends in Syracuse.

Celebrations included numerous recognitions, awards from local and national organizations, and a parade. He always wished for “peace on earth” and added value to anyone who crossed his path. His smile, smarts and stories will be remembered and cherished.

Larry passed peacefully in his sleep on January 27, 2022, and is survived by his three children, Carol (Tom) Nigolian, Craig Myers, Claire (Tim) Myers-Usiatynski, four grandchildren, Jeffrey Kelleher, Nicholas (Adele) Kelleher, Nathaniel Kelleher, and Pamela (Adam) Pollack, and two great-grandchildren, Harry Kelleher, and Lucy Kelleher.

Colonel Myers was laid to rest with military honors at Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, NY this past spring.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. John 15:13

It is **Greater Love** that is the foundation of every Army value.
Loyalty — Duty — Respect
— Selfless Service — Honor — Integrity — Personal Courage.

Eternal values given in sacrifice for us by the Lord Almighty — values worth living. Heaven sent values that ensures life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Greater values passed on by the greatest generation that all of us should aspire to live.

The Adjutant's Message . . .

This August, the 106th Infantry Division Association held their 75th Reunion at the Sheraton, Pentagon City, in Arlington, Virginia. We had 27 attendees plus one walk-in (Barry VanCleave, Oxford, PA, whose father was PFC Morris VanCleave 424th Regiment) who was able to visit part of the day. Our group included one 106th Veteran, Bob Pope, our outgoing President, who at the time was 98 years old. We had a great time and wish more of you could have joined us. Our core purpose was to remember our Veteran's history and celebrate them.

We tagged along with the Americal Division who had veterans from WWII, the Cold War era, and Vietnam. They were great to work with. They had in excess of 200 attendees. We were complimented by some of their veterans in reference to our Memorial Service and our presence to honor our veterans.

Several of our group took advantage of the tours with a special visit to the U.S. Army Museum at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. It was a great presentation. As with most museums, you need more time to see all that was there.

Our Memorial Service was extra special this year. Pastor Chris Edmonds gave us a truly moving memorial message (replicated for you to read in this issue of *The CUB*) that honored all 106th Veterans both present or not, living and passed on.



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To add to the ceremony, we had the Young Marines join us. They range in age from 8 years old to high school seniors. They served as our Color Guard posting the colors and they placed our Memorial Wreath. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Young Marines gathered around Bob Pope and had a picture taken with him (see it on page [31](#)). They introduced themselves and fielded questions as to their accomplishments and their goals for the future. They became part of our family that day.

Our immediate task is to figure out how best to communicate with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations of our veterans and invite them to participate in future events which

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commemorate the history of and the honor of our veterans. When the opportunity presents itself, we could speak to the civic clubs and our young citizens at schools in our communities. Not only would we be sharing the stories that surround this significant time in our world's history, but we would hopefully be able to find more relatives of 106th veterans. I have experienced first-hand how people that you may have known for years turn out to have a father or grandfather that fought in the Battle of the Bulge and maybe even was a member of the 106th. I had this happen to me when two such acquaintances came to the reunion the same year. Please help us with any ideas you might have in how we can expand our outreach programs.

We were blessed by the fact that Brian Mast, a Congressman from Florida made a special trip

to our reunion to speak to us the night of our banquet. Prior to being a Congressman, Brian was a demolitions expert in Afghanistan searching for and disabling Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). His last mission resulted in the loss of his legs. He decided that his loss was not going to control his future, and returned to the military for a time before deciding to run for congress and serving in a different way. He was an inspirational speaker. We were thankful that he chose to join us.

Based on all of those present, this was a great reunion. We hope more people will plan to attend our next reunion. Take care, and be safe.

Randall M. Wood
Adjutant

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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 who 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, especially with Covid-19 restrictions, it is even more important we attempt to connect with our vets. Any way you can, while practicing social distancing guidelines, and even doing so virtually, would be a great way 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.

Editor's Note: We have been fortunate to have received some very interesting historical articles submitted by various readers and board members as we continue to look for someone to fill the *Historian* position. In this edition, Karl R. Bossi, Lt. Colonel USAF (RET), shares a touching story about his cousin, Gene Bossi, based on information given to Karl by Gene's sister, Barbara.

My Cousin, Gene Bossi — A Soldier's Experience in the Battle of the Bulge

On a foggy day not long before Christmas in 1944, Glenn Miller, the famous American band leader, disappeared without a trace along with the pilot and copilot flying to Paris over the English Channel. Miller was forty years old and a Major in the Army Air Corps. His band had preceded him to France. The nation mourned his loss and when the news broke, I was six years old. New information indicates that bad weather may have not been the cause. It is likely that bombs jettisoned from Royal Air Force bombers returning from an aborted raid over Germany destroyed the single engine plane. His idyllic tunes *In the Mood*, *Chattanooga Choo-Choo*, *String of Pearls*, and *Tuxedo Junction* live on to this day. Of all the big bands playing during World War II, many considered Miller's to be the best.

Others in the military about to go into battle had no idea what fate would bring. But they all had a common goal: to help end a terrible war that had ravaged the world.

When I was a child, my cousin, Gene Bossi, my Zio (uncle) Gene and

Zia (aunt) Flora's son, was a tall, slim, muscular, yet quiet and introspective boy with an infectious grin. Family members called him Genie. My love of WWII history and research about the war along with anecdotes shared with me from his younger sister, Barbara, who had been born deaf, resulted in this piece. Stories like Genie's of the Greatest Generation need to be preserved and shared with all new patriotic Americans.

Like his father, Genie graduated from Boston English High School in 1942, a good student and a track star on the field. The next year he enrolled at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, but not long after the Army called. Like most of the Bossi boys of his generation, he wore glasses. Too proud to be classified 4-F for bad eyes, he memorized the eye chart before the test and passed.

After basic training, Genie became a radio operator and was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, a unit known as the Golden Lions stationed at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. Before the end of 1944, the world would recoil in distress from the story of his division.

Before shipping out to Europe, 20-year-old Genie brought several Army buddies home for supper. It was during the time that my Grandma Rosa Bossi was living with her son and his family in West Roxbury. When it was time to leave, the young troops bid farewell after eating a special send-off meal accompanied by plenty of wine. Each of the tipsy guests shook hands vigorously with their hosts and Grandma Rosa. Soon after, grandma complained of a sore, tender wrist. At the hospital, the doctor confirmed that it was broken. These brawny, determined GIs, on their way to a fate no one could know at the time, would never know they had accidentally fractured the wrist of their buddy Genie's grandma.

In October 1944, Genie sailed with his unit to England on the British liner, HMS Aquitania. After a short stint in camp, in early December, Genie landed at Le Havre in France on the way to the frontline in Belgium. The following day as dawn broke, a cold, drizzling rain fell, as the GIs piled into open trucks bound for the frontline. Along the way, people appeared and smiled, waved, and made the "V" sign with their fingers. The GIs did the same. Genie arrived at the Belgium town of St. Vith after three days of bouncing through the bomb- and shell-cratered roads, strewn with the burned-out remnants of Allied and German vehicles and tanks. St. Vith

contained division headquarters and their assembly point. Late on the tenth of December, the untested unit reached the frontline in the muddy, snow-draped Ardennes to relieve a veteran outfit, man for man, foxhole for foxhole. The generals considered this part of the front to be a quiet sector and a good place for untried troops, but the truth would soon be revealed. The sector had been named the 'Ghost Front'; a place where the commanders sent fresh troops to be steeled for 'real combat' later. The brass had grossly misinterpreted what lay ahead in just a few days for these fledgling soldiers.

By now, Genie was a Technician Fifth Grade or T/5, Corporal, and a radioman in Headquarters Company of the 422nd Infantry Regiment, one of three infantry regiments in the Golden Lions division. His division was deployed sparsely along a twenty-five-mile front that included a snow- and tree-covered ridge, northeast of Luxembourg, called the Schnee Eiffel. A winter wonderland not unlike places Genie had seen in New England. More seasoned soldiers knew it as a vulnerable area, jutting out into Germany, adjacent to the infamous Siegfried line. Yet, unbeknownst to Genie and his buddies, the regiments had been arranged in a configuration ripe to be surrounded by the enemy.

Tired men, soaked to the skin

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from the continuous sleet, were not aware that a massive German force would soon overrun them. Less than a week later, before sunrise on December 16, the calm of the pending Christmas season exploded in an unexpected, massive onslaught of German artillery, tanks, and infantry from the East. Along the 85-mile Ardennes front, more than 250,000 Germans advanced quickly against 83,000 American Army regulars from several divisions. The operation was code named “Wacht am Rhein” or “Watch on the Rhine.” Hitler’s objective was to take the port of Antwerp to stem the flow of Allied supplies to the front and to bide time to prepare a better defense of the homeland. Hitler had personally picked the December time-frame to attack to ensure that inclement weather would inhibit the probability of critical allied air-power support.

Before dawn, the opening attack of what would later be called the “Battle of the Bulge” — the largest land battle of World War II — erupted without warning. The young, combat-green Americans lacking adequate winter equipment — including proper boots — faced a German force consisting of predominantly seasoned warriors — many of them had fought the Russians and lived. Unlike the Germans who were highly motivated to fight for their homeland and trusted their leadership, the Golden Lions lacked confidence in their leaders.

They never had an opportunity to develop close bonds with their fellow comrades. In the months leading up to the battle and in the fog of war, the U.S. Army had failed to forge the Golden Lions into a fighting force.

In a few days, the Fifth Panzer Army under Lieutenant General Hasso Von Maneuffel would destroy the Golden Lion Division and shatter another Army division. By then, two of the three Lion regiments were virtually surrounded. Genie was ordered to get a message out to Division Headquarters. After he and his Jeep driver reached the designated telephone pole, Genie climbed to the top and prepared to tap into the line. Through the fog and gloom, Panzer tanks emerged and soon German Volksgrenadiers, dressed in white, signaled Genie to come down or be shot. For Genie, on December 18, two days after the German’s attacked on a foggy, rainy day, the coldest winter in forty years, the humiliation and personal hell of being a prisoner of war had begun.

On December 19, the commanders of the two encircled units surrendered to prevent a slaughter of their troops. Ordered to fight west of Schoenberg, but vastly outnumbered, with little ammunition or food left, their ranks were decimated by three days of incessant shelling. With no sight of the promised airdrops, the war was over for them. The third regiment, driven back took many casualties.

However, in the final analysis, the Lion Division disrupted Hitler's inflexible offensive timetable and helped turn the tide of battle.

In the opening days of the Bulge, the German onslaught swept up some 20,000 Americans. Between 8,000 and 9,000 Golden Lions became Prisoners of War (POWs) and they were stripped of valuables, money and their dignity while their captors spit in their faces. It would be the largest mass surrender of Americans on the Western Front. The POWs were called "Kriegies," slang for the German word *Kriegsgefangener* — Prisoner of War. Genie and countless others were marched fifty miles or more through the snow into Germany to be loaded, sixty men at a time, into crowded railway cars, for the Stalag camps. Unknowing Allied fighters repeatedly strafed the train; POWs and their enemy guards were killed.

Once in camp, the Germans segregated Genie and the other prisoners by rank. When the gravity of their surrender began to sink in, many of the weary and demoralized Golden Lions took the time to slowly pull apart their division patch. Officers, sergeants, and privates were moved to different Stalags. Only thin, watery soup made with grass or potatoes, if they were lucky, and crude, stale, black bread were handed out twice a day. Most POWs lost nearly forty pounds before being liberated four months later. Frozen feet, diarrhea,

lice and general malnutrition caused severe hardships amongst the beleaguered captives. Genie had the worse Christmas of his life as a guest of the German war machine. And back home, his fearful family and many relatives were unaware of the cruel fate that had befallen him.

After Christmas, Zio Gene and Zia Flora received a cable from the War Department that read as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Corporal Eugene E. Bossi has been reported missing in action since eighteen December in the European area period. If further details or other information are received, you will be promptly notified period." It took several weeks before another telegram confirmed a report from the International Red Cross that Genie was a prisoner of the German government. During that time, Zia Flora accidentally broke a mirror and fretted for months over the bad luck that may befall her son in captivity, a superstition her Italian mother must have passed on to her.

At the front, slowly but surely, the Germans retreated against the determined Allied onslaught and by mid-January, the Allied generals considered the Battle of the Bulge to be over, but it was not to be for the GIs on the line. More bloody fighting lay ahead to regain the ground lost one month earlier. German resistance remained stiff for the next few months

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as the Americans pushed east. Genie later told his sister Barbara that the POWs had built a clandestine radio from smuggled parts. It gave them hope to hear that the allies were coming and freedom was near.

By mid-March, German soldiers surrendered in droves or were captured by the thousands. My cousin was liberated from Stalag 9B Bad Orb Hessen-Nassau, Prussia 50-09 on Good Friday, March 30. The POWs, once boys now men, wept openly and hugged their American liberators. It was a day that would live with Gene always. I imagine a cascade of emotions must have flooded over Genie and made him cry, leaving him with a memory he could only share with a few others over the years to come. Since I was only six, I have no recollection of that period and can imagine that my over-protective mother didn't let me visit Genie after he came home. Years later I learned he was very weak and gaunt from malnutrition with swollen, red raw gums and loose teeth.

One day, four or five boxes of food that Zia Flora had sent to her son returned unopened and in good condition. Finally, Genie could enjoy these goodies and slowly recover from the physical and mental anguish of months in horrific captivity. When he was able, Genie spoke to his family about being liberated and how he and another POW ate two-dozen doughnuts handed out by the Red

Cross. Genie was able to vomit, but a buddy couldn't, and died when his stomach swelled and ruptured.

With time, Genie told his family more about his liberation. He and some of the stronger fellows were given rifles and ordered to control German soldiers now captive. Many years later, Barbara told me that one of Genie's friends, a Jewish-American man, spotted a sadistic guard, a tormenter in the crowd. He exploded and quickly broke through the throng of liberated POWs to strangle the former guard with his bare hands.

In his War Diary, POW Sergeant John P. Kline, Squad Leader, First Platoon, Second Squad Heavy Machine Gun Company M, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment 106th Infantry Division Army of the United States Army wrote the following: "The 106th Infantry Division, when they caught the brunt of the German offensive on 16 Dec. 1944:

- Had been on the Continent only 15 days.
- Had been placed in a "quiet" sector for orientation.
- Had the youngest troops (average age 22) of any American Division.
- Had been in their front line positions only 5 days.
- Had no prior warning the Germans were preparing to attack.
- Occupied a front line that covered at least four times the normal distance."

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After being discharged from the Army, Genie completed studies at Dartmouth College then went on to graduate as a Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School. It was time to turn his thoughts to marriage and a family. Genie married Elizabeth Grant, a girl he knew from West Roxbury, and soon after, he secured a position as the school physician at San Francisco State College. Two boys, Benjamin and Andrew, completed the family.

In the few times I ever had the opportunity to meet my cousin Genie he never brought up his war years, his time as a POW or how close he came to not coming home. Compared to others, his Army days were brief, but to Genie it must have felt like a lifetime. He had seen enough killing and death so as a new physician he wanted only to immerse himself in

healing and celebrating life. That's how I remember him. At the age of 69, Genie died from the complications of Alzheimer's disease in a California Veterans Hospital.

Along with others in my extended family, Dr. Gene Bossi served his country very well during the war years. Luckily, all who served, on both sides of the family came home unscathed. As a child surrounded by men and women from the neighborhood wearing the military uniforms of all the services, I sensed their pride and dedication to a higher calling. These men and women sacrificed much to secure our freedom and I never forgot what they accomplished. Today, I can be assured that their exemplary examples of service to country helped shape my life as a career member of the armed forces.

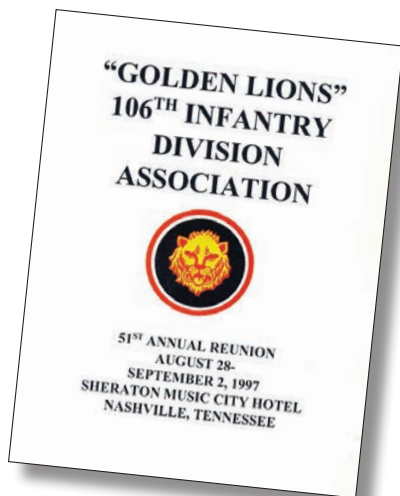
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Did you attend the 106th's 51st Annual Reunion?

Visit the 106th Association's website at:

106thinfdivassn.org/docs/106th_51st_reunion_1997.pdf

to see a PDF of the event booklet including portraits of those who attended. See how many people you recognize!



Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

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Treasurer's Report:
May 1 – September 30, 2022

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| Beginning Balance: | \$18,818.68 |
| Money In: | 5,039.33 |
| Money Out: | 4,072.16 |
| Difference: | 968.17 |
| Ending Balance: | \$19,786.85 |

Association Membership
As of September 30, 2022

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| Total Membership | 694 |
| Veteran Membership | 219 |
| Associate Membership | 475 |

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LIFE PLUS and REGULAR DONATIONS:

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| Louise Awalt | Associate Member |
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| Brian and Teresa Welke | Associate Member |
| Wilma E. Wood | Associate Member |

MEMORIAL and HONORARY DONATIONS:

In memory of my dear friend, Sam Feinberg, 589 FABN/HQ.

Given by Robert A. Clark

In memory of our father, Sgt. E. Russell Lang, 106th Div., 423rd, I Co. who passed away on June 24, 2022.

Given by Russell and Lillian Lang and Family

In memory of our father, James Anthony Reiss, 106th Div., 423rd, L Co. Dad kept every issue of The CUB. He loved reading the stories, keep up the great work of the greatest generation.

Given by James and Jeanne Reiss and Donna Reiss Carter

In memory of my brother Alexander M. Lauro. Alex trained at Camp Atterbury and was a Corporal in the 592FA. Arrived at LeHarve and served with the Golden Lion heros through the Battle of the Bulge. It is my hope we can keep the story of the 106th forever in our military history.

Given by Leonard F. Lauro

In memory of my mother, Ruth Weiss, who passed on Aug. 16, 2022. She was a long-time Associate Member and wife of the late Newton W. Weiss, 423/HQ 3BN. She loved attending the reunions with my father and me.

Given by Susan Weiss and Joseph Tramutola

NEW MEMBERS:

Daniel L. Graber
John J. Graber

Associate Member
Associate Member

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Memorial, Honorary and Life+ Contributions are Essential for Keeping this Organization Going

A suggested annual donation of \$25 to help underwrite the cost to publish and mail *The CUB* through the “Last Man Standing” and beyond is appreciated. The Association exists on donations from its members and interested individuals. Your gifts are essential to maintaining *The CUB* magazine in its current format with high-quality content and tri-annual delivery. The cost of printing and mailing each edition of *The CUB* exceeds our current level of giving. Therefore, we encourage all readers to make an annual contribution, as you are able, to help defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Those Members who contribute will have their names (only, no amounts will be shown) published in the next *CUB*. You can donate as much or as little as you can and as often as you like. By donating, you are helping perpetuate the 106th ID Association.

Planned Giving

Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or benefit the 106th Infantry Division Association beyond your lifetime, you can find a charitable plan that works for you. Popular means of life planning gifts include Wills and Living Trusts and Beneficiary Designations. Consult your professional advisor on how to extend support for the 106th Infantry Division Association to make a lasting impact.

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

We have gotten many returned *CUB* issues in the past due to incorrect addresses or members who have passed away and therefore no longer reside at the address we have on file. If you happen to know of anyone who is not getting *The CUB* who should be, it may be because we have an incorrect address. Or if you know of a member who has passed away and whose family no longer wishes to receive *The CUB*, we want to know.

Please notify Membership Chair ***Jacquelyn Coy directly at the address listed on the inside cover of this issue*** if you know of anyone who falls into these categories so that our records may be updated with accurate information.

Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

106th Challenge Coin and Wooden Ornaments — *Have You Gotten Yours Yet?*

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Please call or email Randy with questions.

Phone — 765-346-0690

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For purchase of items above,
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Randall Wood, 810 Cramertown Loop, Martinsville, IN 46151

All proceeds benefit the association.

106th 75th Annual Reunion



Bus trip *to the National Army Museum.*



Banquet



Guest speaker at the banquet (above), Florida Congressman Brian Mast (right), here speaking with Floridian association board-member Brian Welke.



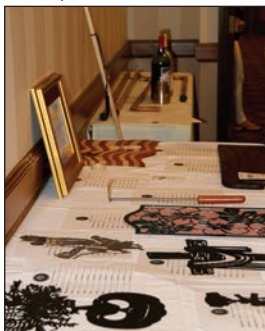
The newest recipient of the Order of the Golden Lion award, Bob Pope (above) with the attendees who had previously received theirs (right).



Wayne Dunn (left) finally receiving his past-president's award for 2018 from Adjutant Randy Wood — only three years late.

Front & Center . . .

Banquet



Donated auction items that helped raise funds for the association.

Past-presidents who attended the banquet (standing left to right) Brian Welke, Randy Wood, Wayne Dunn, and Bob Pope (seated).



Memorial Service —



Past-president Bob Pope (above) and below with the color guard the Young Marines.



106th Infantry Division's Online "Message Board"

Looking for information about a 106th veteran?

Do you have information about one you'd like to share?

The 106th Infantry Division has their own 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. Sign up is free and easy!

Association member Connie Pratt Baseman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery) has been one of three people helping to manage the message board. Sadly, some inquiries sit unanswered when the answers may be out there with a reader of *The CUB* who doesn't use a computer. Maybe you can take the time to read the board and reach out to a veteran that you know to try and get the requested information.

You can find messages and other search requests on the 106th Message Board

at: 106thdivision.proboards.com

Important Association information

As with many other expenses during this period of COVID, the cost to produce and mail *The CUB* magazine has risen at a rapid pace. Since we no longer ask members to pay dues, we rely on the donations from our readers to cover the costs for *The CUB*. The Post Office is supposed to return our mailing if the person is deceased, or the magazine is undeliverable for any reason. We noticed that those notifications were not always accurate, so we researched the names on our mailing list to find if people may be deceased. For the people where we found obituaries, we sent a letter (see sample letter on [page 25](#)) to the address, asking the recipient if they wanted to continue receiving *The CUB* and, if so, could we send it via email attachment (no cost to the Association).

So far we have been notified that 49 *CUB*s can either be discontinued, or switched to email delivery. Another 13 letters have been returned as “undeliverable — unable to forward.”

Please, if you received our letter, you **MUST** respond or we will assume you no longer wish to get *The CUB*. If you did **NOT** receive our letter, but would like to cancel *The CUB* or receive via email, please let us know. Send an email to Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org, or call 410-343-2625 and leave a message.

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@106thinfdvassn.org. In your message, please let Jacquelyn know your name and 106th Infantry Division unit. Thank you.

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.

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PLEASE NOTE: *We are currently updating our roster. If you are receiving The CUB as a family member of a deceased Veteran or deceased Non-veteran, we will be working to ensure the publication mailings are only sent to those who want to keep receiving the publication.*

Important Association information

Letter sent to households of deceased Veterans:

Dear Friend of the 106th,

Our records indicate that the veteran to whom this letter refers is deceased. On behalf of the 106th Infantry Division Association, we offer you our sincere condolences.

The CUB, a publication the Association puts out three times a year, was being sent to this veteran, and continues to be sent to this address. This letter is to ask for your help in ensuring the publication only gets sent to those who want to continue receiving it. Our Association has incurred increases for the costs for ink, paper, printing and mailing — almost double from what it was just two years ago. Compounding our problem, our veteran members, who usually provide most of our donations, are passing on, thus resulting in our expenses exceeding our income making cost savings on every level an immediate need.

We are happy to continue to provide you with this publication if you want to keep receiving it, but if not, we can remove your name from our mailing list. Please let us know by doing one of the following:

- Fill out and return the enclosed card.
- Send an email to *Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org*
- Call 410-343-2625 and leave a message.

If no response is received by November 30th, we will assume that you want to cancel.

If you desire to continue receiving *The CUB*, please consider making a donation to help offset the cost of publishing our magazine.

Also, anyone can receive a copy of *The CUB* via email, and there is no cost to the Association. You may indicate the format you prefer when you notify us of your choice.

We thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
Janet Wood, *President*
Jacquelyn Coy, *Membership Chair*

Return of the Houffalize Panther

By Carl Wouters, Association Belgium Liaison

Many road junctions and squares in the Ardennes are decorated with monuments and memorials to the fierce fighting that took place in the cold winter of 1944–45. Some of these memorials are true relics of the fighting, such as the iconic German Panzerkampfwagen V “Panther,” Ausfuhrung G of the 116th Panzer Division that adorned the Place Roi Albert in the village of Houffalize, some 20 miles south of St. Vith.

German Panther “111” being lifted back onto its concrete plinth on 20 October 2022 at Houffalize, Belgium after a long five-year restoration process.

This particular tank’s history is interesting to say the least. It first

rolled off the assembly line at the Berlin Daimler-Benz plant in early 1944, to be delivered to 1st Battalion (I. Abteilung) of the independent Panzer Regiment 24. The unit joined the 116th Panzer Division “Der Windhund” in order to fight the invading Allies in Normandy after D-Day, where the Panther took part in active combat. In the subsequent withdrawal towards the Belgian border the tank managed to escape destruction in the Falaise pocket, where the better part of the German Army Group B met its end. Shortly before the start of the Ardennes Offensive, the 116th received additional armor in order to bring the unit back to strength. In November





Panther 111 upside down in the Ourthe River in 1947. The dead crew remained locked in the tank until it was lifted from the river by Belgian army engineers.

of 1944 the tank was then transferred to Panzer Regiment 16 of the 116th Panzer Division and assigned turret number “111.”

Units of the German 116th Panzer Division took on riflemen of the 424th Infantry Regiment during the opening hours of the Battle of the Bulge, as they sought to find a soft spot between the lines of the 28th “Bloody Bucket” Division and the Golden Lions around Lützkampen, Germany. Meeting heavy resistance and faced with a road and bridge network in deplorable condition, the heavy tanks finally reached Houffalize on 19 December 1944.

When the weather finally cleared on 23 December 1944, Allied air forces focussed their attention on towns like Houffalize in an attempt to halt all German movement. The winding roads and vital bridges across the River Ourthe were key in the German strategy and needed to be eliminated. From 26 December onwards, Allied bombing raids pummeled Houffalize. In early January, raids increased when RAF Lancasters flattened the town. Besides an unknown number of German soldiers, an estimated 189 Belgian civilians were killed in the air raids on the town of Houffalize.

“VETERANS’ VOICES”

This is a recurring article for The CUB in which veterans or family members can submit brief personal stories. Whenever possible, please send your submission in an email to the Editor, Lisa Dunn, so it can easily be transferred to The CUB. Each picture you submit should include the event it represents, and where and when it was taken.

This submission is from Eddy Lamberty, a native of Ardennes who made a recent trip to the Lorraine cemetery to “pay homage to the fallen buried in Saint Avold.” Read Eddy’s story about how he was touched by the war, why he pays his respects to the fallen, what actions he took to help erect a monument, and who he knew from the 106th.

I was raised in the village of Grand-Halleux that stands in the Salm Valley. I’m currently living in Vielsalm. I’m 50 years old and I’ve been interested in the Battle of the Bulge for the last 30 years or so. I’ve met with hundreds of WWII veterans and more particularly heroes like the 106ers who were members of units that were in my native area.

My personal interest in World War II, and more particularly in the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle ever fought by the American Army, comes from my paternal grandfather who fought with a local Belgian underground unit as soon as he was allowed to serve. His name was Paul Lamberty (September 12, 1925 – July 18, 1993) and he is the man who transmitted to me the will to keep the memory [alive] of all those who fought in WWII and especially the American soldiers. Indeed, my grandfather had a huge respect for

our liberators. Above all, he always mentioned that he did his “job” because Belgium was his country while the Americans came and fought for people and in countries that they didn’t even know! He added that the Resistance would have been powerless to chase the Germans and that we had to be grateful to the Americans who gave us back our freedom.

I also have to mention that my maternal grandfather served in the Belgian army during the “18 days campaign” from May 10, 1940. He was then sent to a German POW camp where he spent 16 months before he was released due to major health trouble and after an old German doctor saved his leg from the amputation. He died in 1966 while my mother was only 14 years old, and she only remembered her dad as having poor health related to his condition as a POW.

My two grandmothers also

Feature Stories . . .

suffered like the rest of the population did during the occupation. My maternal grandmother worked as a seamstress to repair uniforms as soon as Belgium was liberated in September 1944. My paternal grandmother was a refugee in May 1940 before coming back home with her parents and a second time during the Battle of the Bulge when she took shelter with about 800 people in the basement of the Castle of Farnières, a big building about five minutes from my native village of Grand-Halleux.

I was house sitting for one of my closest friends recently while he was on holiday in France. My friend lives in Athus about 10 minutes from the French border. While I was there, I knew that the Lorraine Cemetery was about a 1 hour and 20 minutes drive from Athus. I then planned a visit as I wanted to pay homage to the fallen buried in Saint Avold. I did some quick research to see if some soldiers were members of the 82nd Airborne, 75th Infantry and also the 424th Infantry Regiment/106th



Burial Cross of Corporal Edward R. Lutter.



A monument with names of soldiers who were members of the 82nd Airborne, 75th Infantry and also the 424th Infantry Regiment/106th Infantry Division.

Infantry Division. Here are some pictures I took while at the cemetery. One picture shows a group of names, while the other two show the burial crosses of *Private Johnson Lawson* and *Corporal Edward R. Lutter*. In my research, I found that Lawson was originally from West Virginia and was declared dead “missing in action or lost at sea” on February 20, 1946. Cpl. Lutter was from Philadelphia and died on July 14, 1945

Why the 424th IR? Because the 424th IR liberated the native village of my paternal grandfather

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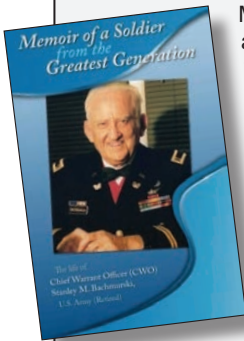
in mid-January 1945. Indeed, Ennal was recaptured by the men of the 424th IR. In 2008, I was a member of the team who worked to erect a monument honoring the 424th Inf. Rgt. at Ennal, I'm proud to say that I created the design for the text on the marker. Charles 'Chuck' Lowery and his lovely wife, Mary, attended the unveiling ceremony.

Well, before I end this mail, I also want to honor the memory of two special friends who were the first veterans of the 106th ID that I had the honor to meet in my life: John Gatens and John Schaffner. I've been

surely blessed and lucky to meet and to spend time with those men of exception and I'll always do my best to honor their memories and their comrades-in-arms as well.



Burial name of Private Johnson Lawson.



My dad's memoir — although not totally about WWII — is a snapshot in time that captures the world that made the "Greatest Generation."

A farm boy from New York, dad joined the Army in 1940. He served in WWII with the Golden Lions and with many other units. He remained in the Army and served in Korea. He retired in the midst of the war in Vietnam. "Three on a match" if you know what I mean.

Dad passed away in December 2011, but not before he finished writing his memoir, by hand, on legal paper. I was the editor of Dad's book, and I admit, I did not devote enough time to it. It always felt like, if we got the book done, Dad would "be done."

I dragged it out so long that Dad only got to see the first print proof for the book. He did not get to personally share his book with all of his friends and family. We did that for him. We made sure that everyone on his long list of friends and colleagues got a copy.

As an Associate member, I still get copies of *The CUB* and I flip through the pages and I remember the annual reunions we went to ... dad, mom, and their daughters. And later with sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Dad's story should be shared.

The book has been available on Amazon since 2011. We never advertised it. This is the right time and right place to do that.

Ann Marie Keech, daughter of Stanley M. Bachmurski

Jim West and the *IndianaMilitary.org* Website

Additional 106th Infantry Division information can be found on Jim West's (OGL 2000) website at IndianaMilitary.org. It includes the following:

- Every issue of *The CUB* from 1946 to present (searchable)
- Every issue of the *Camp Atterbury Camp Crier* with articles on the 106th
- Local Columbus, Indiana, newspaper articles featuring the 106th
- With Wayne Dunn's help, over 451 diaries of 106th men and a few from other units
- Articles include: Battle of the Bulge, Important dates, Unit publications, Photo Albums, After-Action Reports, General and Special Orders and much more
- Information on the 106th guarded PWTE (Prisoner of War Temporary Enclosures)
- The official history site for Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Visit the 106th Association's Website!

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

This is where you will find information on upcoming events, copies of the membership application for your family to join, the complete latest issue of *The CUB in color*, plus additional plus additional photos not seen in hard copy.

Also look for our Facebook page at Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn. You will find up-to-the-minute information here and its 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.

The 106th Infantry Division Association also now has an Instagram page! You can get to it at the URL: www.instagram.com/106th_infantry_division_assoc/. The Instagram account name is simply *106th_infantry_division_assoc*. Use that to search for it on your phone or other electronic device — iPad, tablet, laptop or computer. The idea is to preserve memories of the 106th veterans virtually forever.

Order of the Golden Lion Committee

This award is provided in three classifications depending on the qualifications of the recipient. The most prestigious is “**Commander Class**” issued in gold finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time and is usually a veteran of the 106th Infantry Division.

The second is “**Officer Class**” issued in silver finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time and has assisted in the operation of the Association.

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composing a formal citation to accompany the award of the medal. This must be done in ample time prior to the next Reunion in order for the manufacturer to produce the medal(s) on time.

All citations should be kept confidential between the nominator and the Committee Chairman prior to the actual awarding ceremony. **LEAD TIME — 3 WEEKS, MINIMUM**

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**BACHMURSKI, STANLEY M.
401ST FAB ATTACHED**

Date of death: December 23, 2011

Stanley M. Bachmurski, U.S. Army Retired, 91, died on Friday, December 23, at St. Mary Immaculate Hospital. He was born May 5, 1920 in Jefferson, KY and moved to Newark Valley, NY as a baby. He attended school there, graduating from Newark Valley Central High in 1939. Shortly after graduation, Stanley joined the U.S. Army, serving in WWII and the Korean War. For his service in Korea, he was awarded the Bronze Star. His military career spanned 22 years, including assignments in Wisconsin, Washington, Alaska, Utah, Kentucky, Maryland, Germany and Virginia. He retired from the Army at Ft. Eustis in 1962. He began his second career as a Civil Service employee at the Transportation School in Ft. Eustis for 21 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of nearly 30 professional associations including, the 106th Infantry Division, the 76th Infantry



Division, and the Korean War Veterans Association, among others. He is survived by his wife, Rose, four daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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**BIANCAMANO, IRMA
THERESA NON-VET**

Date of death February 17, 2022

Irma Theresa Biancamano, 99, of Dover, Ohio, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2022. Born on February 14, 1923 in Dennison, she was a daughter of the late Vincenzo and Carmella Mastellarini Competti. After graduating from her beloved Immaculate Conception High School, Irma entered nurse's training at Mount Carmel School of Nursing in Columbus. During her training she proudly served her country as a surgical assistant in the Cadet Nurse Corps. During her assignment treating wounded soldiers at Fletcher General Hospital in Cambridge, she met her



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future husband, Domenic (423/K). Following graduation as a Registered Nurse, she worked at Twin City Hospital in Dennison, and retired from Union Hospital in Dover after a long nursing career. Irma inspired many members of her extended family to serve in the medical profession. Irma was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dover where she sang for many years as a soprano in the Traditional Choir and was a member of the Regina Study Club and Secular Franciscans. She also sang for many years in the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Chorus. Irma was preceded in death by her husband Domenic. She is survived by four sons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Irma's great passions in life were her Catholic faith and encouraging her sons in all endeavors they undertook. She was a lifelong supporter of Catholic education and was involved in the efforts to start Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. Irma especially enjoyed signing and being with her St. Joe choir family. Never one to shy away from an issue, all who knew Irma are familiar with her convictions, and especially her strong Pro-Life position. We acknowledge gratefully the example of strength Irma provided for her family and her spirit for living.

From her obituary

BROWN, IRVING **423/CN**

Date of death: October 25, 2007

Reported by Jackie Coy

CONDIKE, CHARLES

ATCHD 9TH AF

Date of death: January 4, 2018

Charles (Constantine) Condikey, 96, a longtime resident of Scarsdale, NY, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family and devoted aide of 3.5 years, Diane Hooper, on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Born on August 9, 1921 in Brockton, MA, Charlie was the fourth of five sons of Charles Condikey and Mary MacDonald. He was later raised by his step parents, Ellen and Wesley Nelson. Charlie was an enterprising young man and completed his education in aviation in CA at the age of 20. He proudly served his country in WWII from 1942–1945 in the U.S. Army Air Force as a radio operator behind enemy lines in Germany and Belgium. He served in the 306th Fighter Control Squadron in the U.S. 1st Army Air Force under the 29th Tactical Air Command of the U.S. 9th Army Air Force. He received the prestigious French Fourragere for his courageous and dangerous work during the Battle of the Bulge. Charlie loved building model planes as a child. His interest in aviation and building things led to a successful career in audio-visuals and electronics at the dawn of television. He worked

for RCA, Westinghouse, the Sonotone Corporation, and was Vice President of Sales for British Industries Garrard Engineering and Fisher Electronics.

In his early retirement years, he spent more than one year building each of his granddaughters all-wood, custom doll houses that they proudly still cherish. He is survived by two loving daughters, Eileen of New York City and Barbara of Gorham, ME, two granddaughters and one great-grandson. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Eileen Schinlever, to whom he was married from 1945–1959.

Reported by Jackie Coy

FOWLER, WILLIAM K. “BILL” 331/C MEDIC

Date of death: April 30, 2012

William K. “Bill” Fowler of Pearl River, LA, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2012. He was the beloved husband of Mary Dell Southward Fowler, father of Carol F. Bussell, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was 90 years old. He was a native of Washington, D.C. and a long-time resident of Pearl River. Mr. Fowler retired from the Southern Railway after 42 years of service. He served in WWII in the 106th Infantry Division during WWII.



From his obituary

GRAY, JAMES A.

423/I

Date of death: May 16, 1994

Reported by Jackie Coy

HANSON, ROBERT J., SR.

81ST ENG

Date of death: February 11, 2019

Robert J. Hanson, Sr., of North Wilmington, DE, passed away on February 11, 2019 at Lodge Lane Assisted Living Facility. Born in Amherst, WI in 1924, he was the son of Leslie and Grace Hanson. He served in the 81st Combat Engineers Battalion the U.S. Army during WWII and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. After his liberation, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Nelson, in 1945. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BS and MS in Civil Engineering in 1949. Mr. Hanson was employed as an environmental engineer in the Indiana Department of Health and the Air Material Compound of the U.S. Air Force before moving to Wilmington to work for the Atlas Powder Company. He retired as the Manager of Environmental Quality in March 1987. In retirement, he enjoyed hosting many holidays and swim parties with his family. He volunteered with the International Executive Services Corps, performing environmental projects in Egypt, Mexico, Slovakia and Sri Lanka.

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He also completed pro bono works for the World Environmental Center in Bulgaria and Romania. He was a member of the Water Resources Association for the Delaware River Basin and served on the Board of the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Board of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. He was an Emeritus Diplomat of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. He was a life member of the Water Environment Federation, the Chi Epsilon Honor Society, a Mason, and a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. For many years he was a faithful volunteer with Read-A-Loud Delaware and Meals on Wheels. He was a devoted member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church for many years and sang in the Chancel Choir, served on the church's Finance Committee, the Administrative Board, Pastor/Parish Relations Committee and the Board of Trustees. He was predeceased by his wife, Donna and son, Brian. He is survived by two sons, Robert and Barry and two daughters, Sandy and Laurie, 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Reported by Jackie Coy

IANNUZZI, ALPHONSE, JR. 590/FABN/BATTERY C

Date of death: November 19, 2016

Alphonse

“Funzi” Iannuzzi, Jr. 93, a long-time resident of Carlstadt, NJ, passed away on November 29, 2016. He was the son of Italian immigrants, Frank and Elsie Iannuzzi. Alphonse served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 106th Division, Battery C, 590th Field Artillery Battalion. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was captured as a POW in Germany for five months. Funzi was an advocate for veterans and received numerous medals for serving in the war and as a POW. For 30 years he was a technician for PSE&G in Clifton and retired at the age of 55. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the VFW and the American Legion, Quartermaster Townsman and Royal Brigade Drum Corp. He also served as a town councilman. He coached Little League for 53 years in Carlstadt and East Rutherford. Funzi was a loyal fan of the NY Giants, the SF Giants and Notre Dame.



He married Ellie Perri on October 12, 1957. He was the loving father of three children and three grandchildren.

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LANG, E. RUSSELL 106TH DIV, 423RD, I CO.

Date of death: June 24, 2022

E. Russell

Lang was born on August 1, 1921, in Torrington Connecticut to his German immigrant parents John Lang and Olga Kiesel.



The youngest of eight children, he was considered the baby by his siblings, all of whom helped raise, care and provide for him even through the depression era. He graduated from Torrington High School in 1939, after which he met his life-long love, Lillian Yurco while working as an apprentice machinist at the Union Hardware Company. The young couple loved to drive around in an old Chevy borrowed from an older brother, picnicking at local lakes, listening to big band music on the radio and singing duets together.

Russ and Lil's carefree courtship was interrupted by the attack on Pearl Harbor and the entrance of the United States into WWII. Like every eligible young man at the time, Russ registered for military service, hoping to become a navigator with what was known at the time as the Army Air Force. He tested well, in fact so well that he was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) and sent to Auburn University in Alabama to study Mechanical

Engineering — the thought being these skills would be needed to help rebuild Europe after the war. The relative safety of ASTP ended when the Army canceled the program and the students were put into basic training to bolster infantry ranks. By December 1944, Russ found himself with the 106th Infantry Division, stationed on the Belgian/German border in the Ardennes Forest, in what they were told was an area “not likely to see action” since the enemy was bogged down far away on the Eastern front. Ten days later, the Germans launched a massive attack now known as the Battle of the Bulge. The inexperienced troops were bombarded and encircled. They attempted to make it back to Allied-held positions but when munitions, supplies and food were expended two entire regiments, 7000 men, were forced to surrender. They were marched to a rail station, packed into cattle cars and shipped to the Stalags where they spent the rest of the war starving as POWs. Years later, Russ wrote a book, “Captured at the Battle of the Bulge,” derived from a secret diary he kept while a prisoner about his experience. For those interested, here is a link to the book: [amazon.com/s?k=Captured+at+the+Battle+of+the+Bulge+by+Russ+Lang](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Captured+at+the+Battle+of+the+Bulge+by+Russ+Lang).

But, if you knew Russ Lang, you knew that he was neither defined nor haunted by what happened in the

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war. Far from it, he was always one to make the best of every situation, even when the situation was pretty good to begin with. Reunited with Lil, they fulfilled their plans, marrying and moving to Hartford CT, where he worked at Pratt and Whitney as a tool maker, a critical job for the accurate production of aircraft engine components. Shortly after the arrival of their first child Laura, Russ heard of a company by the name of IBM that was looking for talented engineers to help build something called a computer in their new manufacturing plant located in Poughkeepsie, NY. He jumped at the opportunity, ignoring nay-sayers and relocated his young family to the pleasant little town in the heart of the beautiful Hudson River Valley. Russ loved Poughkeepsie and thrived at IBM, advancing through the ranks of engineering management and retired in 1985 after a very successful 35-year career. During that time, two more children joined the Lang family, Cynthia and Russell. All three kids could not have asked for a better father, a gentleman who led by example with unwavering integrity, kindness, compassion and just the right amount of loving sternness.

Russ enjoyed many recreational activities including, skiing, hiking, scenic drives, traveling, family vacations at Loon Lake, Lake Winnepesaukee and Cape Cod, making wine, designing things and in general working with his sturdy hands. You

can still see the stone wall he built rock-by-rock without mortar at the family home on 47 Pleasant Ridge Drive. He was instrumental in saving from demolition and then relocating a historic chapel from the runway approach at Dutchess County Airport to Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, where he taught school children about native American life and demonstrated maple syrup production. Russ was also active with the 106th Division Alumni Association, attending annual reunions with his wife where he happily reconnected with many of his comrades, most notably his POW bunk mate. But his favorite pastime was sailing. Rivers, lakes, oceans, small boat or large, at the tiller, trimming the sails or just along for the ride there was nothing he loved more. Rest assured if you see a sailboat, Russ Lang is on it in spirit, smiling from ear to ear.

The retirement years were good to Russ and Lil and they lived happily in their Poughkeepsie home, traveling in and out of the country and spending time doting on their grandsons. As time marched on, health concerns prompted a move to assisted living in Massachusetts near their son. Lil passed away in 2012. Tragically Laura was lost to Covid in 2021. Russ's last move was to the Bedford MA Veterans facility in 2018. Right to the end he kept his positive attitude, treating his caregivers with respect and receiving loving care in return.

Russ passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 24, 2022, just five weeks short of his 101st birthday.



If you are reading this, you are likely one of the multitude of souls Russ touched during his 100 years on earth. Truly we have lost one of the greatest of the Greatest Generation. It's sad, but also brings joy, knowing that he has moved on to his very just reward and is reunited with his wife, his daughter and all the other loved ones who have gone before him. And finally, we can honor him by learning from him. Be positive, make the best of it, live up to your word, care about other people and give a little love.

Reported by Janet Wood

MCNALLY, JR., CHARLES F. 81ST ENG

Date of death: June 20, 2014

Charles McNally passed away on June 20, 2014 at age 89. He was the loving husband of Doris for 67 years, the father of eight, grandfather of 14, and great-grandpa of eight. He was a POW, earned the Purple Heart, and was an employee of Bell Telephone for 39 years.



Reported by Jackie Coy

MARTIN, MARGARET NON-VET

Date of death: July 24, 2017

Margaret McRae Martin, 91, passed away July 24, 2017. She was born February 18, 1926 in Tampa, FL to the late Thomas and Maude McRae. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Willie. Margaret was a lifelong resident of Tampa and attended Belmont Baptist Church for 70 years. She loved spending time with her family and friends and in the mountains. At 91 years old, she was still very active. She is survived by two daughters and a son, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

From her obituary

PELLISH, JOHN E. 422/C

Date of death: September 12, 2019

John Edward "Ed" Pellish, 95, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 12, 2019. John was born in August, 1924 to John and Ann Pellish. He graduated from Plum High School in 1942, where he played football and was active in the Wildlife Club and theater. John proudly served his country during WWII. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 422nd Regiment of



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the 106th Infantry Division and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944–1945. He was forced to march across Germany under brutally cold and snowy conditions and held as a POW near Dresden, Germany, Stalag IV B and Stalag VII. John was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Expert Badge with carbine Bar and Rifle and Good Conduct Medal. Upon his return, John married the love of his life, Irene.

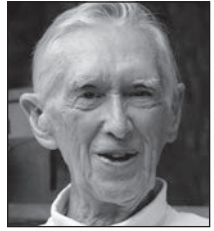
He worked for Westinghouse Industries as a maintenance supervisor until his retirement. He enjoyed the outdoors and traveling throughout the country visiting friends and family. Ed and Irene spent the summer at their cottage on the Allegheny River where they could be found gazing at the river drifting by. Ed was a big fan of the Steelers and the Pirates. He was an assistant Scout Leader and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was also a member of St. Peter's Church. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Irene and his son, Gerald Edward. He is survived by his daughter, Christine and his son, Daniel. He will be missed by all.

From his obituary.

POWERS, WILLIAM M. 422/H

Date of death: January 31, 2019

William "Bill"



Powers passed away on January 31, at the age of 94. Bill was born and raised in Newton, MA, but lived in Needham for 60 years. He served in the 106th Infantry Division in WWII, and survived the Battle of the Bulge. Bill taught in the Newton and Brookline Public Schools, and was the Needham School Superintendent for 18 years, from 1961 until he retired in 1979. He was a Newton alderman, a Needham selectman and a Needham Town Meeting member for 41 years. A lifelong tennis player, Bill was inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Longwood Cricket Club and served as a regional President of the U.S. Tennis Association. He is survived by Sally, his loving wife of 68 years, his sons Bill, Ted and Ben, and his beloved grandchildren.

Reported by Jackie Coy

REISS, JAMES ANTHONY

423/L

Date of death: July 23, 2022

Jim Reiss is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Jeanne, their four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Family was everything to him. He also leaves

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behind his much-loved Kiwanis Club of San Clemente, where he served in numerous capacities, including club president. Jim was a long-time member of the San Clemente Presbyterian Church, and sang in the choir for many years, including a trip to the International Church Music Festival in Bern, Switzerland and at Carnegie Hall in New York. He was an eternal optimist, rooting every year for the Detroit Tigers and had an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball stats — following major, minor and college teams. He loved baseball with a passion. Jim was born in Detroit, MI and was drafted out of high school into WWII, where he served in the 106th Infantry Division and was decorated as an expert marksman. He fought in the infamous Battle of the Bulge where he was grievously wounded, captured by the Germans, and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Germany. He credits a fellow POW French medic with saving his foot from amputation and most likely his life. He was liberated on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945 from the POW camp in terrible condition. Eventually repatriated to the United States, he was honorably discharged and awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honor. After the war, Jim was admitted to the University of Michigan —using two canes — where he majored in Theatre Arts and reveled being an Alpha Tau Omega. He made sure to teach

his family all the fraternity drinking songs on long car rides. After a stint with General Motors in Detroit, he made his way to California where he met Jeanne, the love of his life. They made a great life together in Southern California with their children and grandchildren. Life was filled with family, church, music and the arts, and a continuous thirst for knowledge. Jim is best remembered for his booming voice and great sense of humor. If there was a party, he was at the center of it. His sometimes gruff exterior belied the softer side of him. He was incredibly generous with his time and resources and believed in giving back to many causes he believed in. He was widely read, loved the theater and movies, and could talk endlessly on a vast array of subjects. Jim was never bored. He loved being retired and an investor. He was Jeanne's greatest fan and booster, and theirs was a love story for the ages. We will miss him: he was "The Papas" to his grandkids and great-grandkids, "Dad" to his children, "Darling" to Jeanne, and "Jim" to his friends. Honestly, we all thought he would live forever. We know heaven is welcoming him with open arms and he was eager to sit down and have some in-depth discussions with both Jesus and the Apostle Paul. We're certain he's the life of the party in Heaven as he was on earth, and we'll see him on the other side.

From his obituary

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ROSS, GLENN W. 424/HQ

Date of death: March 5, 2009

Glenn Wilson

Ross, founder of Ross Supply Co., passed away on March 5.

He was 87 years old.

Glenn was born and raised in what he always referred to as the “big city,” Upland, IN. He met his future wife, Thelma Phyllistine in 1939 at the Hartford City Fair. They married in 1940.

In 1942 Mr. Ross joined the United States Army and rose to the rank of 1st Sergeant in the 106th Infantry and saw combat in World War II during the Battle of the Bulge. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He often spoke of his service in the military with great pride and said there wasn't a day that he didn't think of the horrors of that war. In 1949, shortly after buying the South Marion Hardware Store and renaming it Ross Hardware, Mr. Ross began planning to expand the business by adding plumbing and heating supplies to his inventory, reasoning the move made sense, given the demand for housing sparked by the end of the war. But on March 2, 1956. Before he received delivery of any of these items, the hardware store burned to the ground. With little thought or planning and in desperation to keep his business afloat, he immediately rented a small warehouse space and began selling plumbing and heating supplies before



the manufacturers learned that the store had gone up in flames. Mr. Ross worked 15 hour days, seven days a week, receiving inventory, making sales calls, filling out orders and managing billing and bookkeeping. When the new business took hold, he started hiring help and founded Ross Supply Co. When Mr. Ross retired as President of the company in 1987, the business built on the ashes of the hardware store fire 37 years earlier was a 30,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office building. Ross spent much of his retirement traveling the United States with his wife Phyllis, and visiting the countries of England, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Mexico and Canada. He and his son and spouse also visited Denali National Park, where he took arguably one of the finest pictures of Mt. McKinley ever recorded. In the closing years of his life, he volunteered as a driver for the Marion County Veterans Administration and as a courier for the Marion General Hospital. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Phyllis, and is survived by his son Jack.

Reported by Jackie Coy

SCHOLTEN, DONALD J. 423/G

Date of death: May 2014

At age 88

Reported by Jackie Coy



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SEALS JR., NOAH J. 590FABN

Date of death: March 24, 2010

Date of birth January 30, 1924

Reported by Jackie Coy

SELLEN, DOLORIS NON-VET

Date of death: September 13, 2022

Doloris A. Sellen, longtime resident of Dayton/Riverside, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Born April 27, 1932 in St. Louis, Missouri to Warner and Gladys Jones, Doloris spent her early years both in the city and on her grandparents' farm in Farmington, MO. Her early experience on her grandparents' farm engendered a love of animals and gardening that lasted her whole life. A lifelong learner, she was an avid reader with deep interests in current events and political issues, history, and other cultures.



Doloris was a graduate of the Brown Business College in St. Louis. She met her husband, Tsgt John August Sellen (deceased) at her mother's second marriage where he was Best Man to the groom. She was only 16, but John knew she was the one for him so he courted her for two years until she was 18. At which time, John persuaded her to elope with him so that she could go with him to his assignment to Selfridge AFB near Detroit, Michigan. Their

first child was born here. This was the beginning of a long adventurous life as a military wife and proud mother who accompanied her husband around the world to Japan, England, and various U.S. assignments ending at Wright Patterson AFB. They both loved to travel and explored many places during their time together.

Doloris is survived by four children: Kathleen Hennessy (Michael); Michele Shelton (Jim); Debra Henning (Jeff), and John P. Sellen (Beatrice). She also survived by her sister Delora Meyer of St. Louis, MO and by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

The family is deeply grateful to Pro-Medica Hospice and the entire staff at The Preserve Memory Care at Beavercreek for their kind and compassionate care of Doloris during her final months.

Reported by Jackie Coy

SHIPLEY, WILLIAM FRANKLIN 423/HQ

Date of death: June 30, 2014

William "Bill" Shipley, beloved husband of 68 years to the late Lou Summer Shipley, passed away on June 30, 2014. Born in Skidmore, MO, he has been an area resident since 1943. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII. After being discharged from the Army, he

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enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and served during the Korean Conflict and was discharged from the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. Bill operated a 2-1/2-ton truck while serving with the 106th Infantry Division in England, France and Belgium. He hauled ammunition, road blocking and bridge equipment, personnel and supplies. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge at St. Vith on December 21, 1944 and remained a Prisoner of War for five months. He was liberated on May 13, 1945. Bill was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was the owner and operator of Shipley's Homes, Inc. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

From his obituary

STOKES DWIGHT T. 424/A

Date of death: January 14, 2022

Dwight Thurlow Stokes, age 99, of Stewart, Tennessee, passed away on the afternoon of January 14, 2022. He was born on November 4, 1922, in Kewanee, Missouri, son of Horace and Minnie Wynn Stokes.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater and survived the famous Battle of the Bulge in the grueling



winter of 1944, a battle referred to by Sir Winston Churchill as “undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war.” Dwight put family first in everything he did, creating a prosperous life for his bride, Ruth, from their marriage in August 1945 through their 76th wedding anniversary this past year. After the war, he served his community as teacher and school principal for over 25 years in Illinois and California which gave him the opportunity to share his love of history with countless middle school and high school students. His retirement to Stewart County, Tennessee in 1975 saw him camping, farming, raising cattle and enjoying his beautiful garden, while staying involved with his horses alongside his children and grandchildren who shared his equine passion. During recent years his trusty pup, Shadow, was always by this side. He is survived by his wife of 76 years, Ruth Jarvis Stokes, a daughter Linda and son, Greg, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

*Reported by his granddaughter,
Melissa Cavallini.*

SUGARMAN, DR. ALAN W.

423/I

Date of death: March 17, 2019

We are sad to announce that on March 17, 2019 at the age of 94, Alan Sugarman, born in Dorchester,

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MA, passed away. He was an extraordinary father, husband and distinguished educator who provided love and leadership throughout his life. He touched the lives of thousands of students, teachers, and families as he encouraged and inspired students to pursue their passions and make the most of their lives. Dr. Sugarman was born on September 26, 1924. In 1947, Alan married Ruth Wallace and they had six children together. Alan married Alice Stanlea in 1974. He leaves nine grandchildren, two stepchildren and two great-grandchildren. After military service in WWII, Dr. Sugarman enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a teacher, principal and administrator. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Bohemia, NY and Fort Lee, NJ. He also taught widely at the college level.

From his obituary

THEISSEN, ANNA LOUISE

NON-VET

Date of death: August 29, 2022

Gracious host and innkeeper at the Steineweier Lodge in St. Vith, Belgium, Anna Louise died at age 88. She was a friend to many 106th veterans and family who stayed with her over the years.

Reported by Carl Wouters



TRACZ, FRANK “TRACY”

422/M

Date of death: December 2, 2014

Frank was born on October 1, 1925, in Olean, NY, the son of Vincent and Mary Tracz. He married Ann C McGavisk on August 11, 1952. She passed away in May of 2004. Frank attended Olean High School, was a veteran of WWII and a POW from December 1944 to April 1945. After service, he and his wife owned Tracy’s Restaurant until 1972. Then he was a custodian at BOCES and at Olean Middle School until his retirement in 1991. He was a lifetime member and usher at St. Mary of the Angels Church, the Olean American Legion and the Geritol Golf League. Tracy enjoyed fishing, golfing, the casino, playing cards and his family. He is survived by three children – Susan, Karen and Terrance, five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

From his obituary

TRANCHITA, PAULA A. 422/M

Date of death: September 16, 2002

Born 01/28/1921. POW.

Reported by Jackie Coy

WEISS, RUTH (ASROFF)
ASSOC. MEMBER

Date of death: August 16, 2022

Ruth Weiss was born to Mollie and Philip Asroff on October 25, 1930, in Philadelphia, PA, where she grew up and graduated from Olney High School. After high school, she was employed in a variety of secretarial positions. She married Newton (Newt) Weiss (423/HQ 3Bn) on January 3, 1954 and moved out of the big city to the small town of Paulsboro, NJ. Their first daughter Ellen was born in April of 1955, followed by Susan [*CUB Publisher*] the very next April, and by Philip five years later. Once the children got a little older, Ruth worked with Newt in their hardware and appliance store for many years until her retirement, doing all the billing and bookkeeping for the store with meticulous detailed handwritten entries. During this time, she was also involved in Hadassah and Sisterhood and ran the gift shop at Beth Israel Synagogue in Woodbury.

Ruth enjoyed traveling with Newt on GE-sponsored trips to places all over the world. She also enjoyed the Jersey shore, and the family had a long-time membership at the Gibbstown Swim Club. After



her grandchildren Neal, Stephen, Sarah, and Michael were born, she loved hosting big family gatherings at her home, with zucchini casserole, homemade cranberry sauce, and other delicacies among her specialties. It could be difficult at times to get her out of the kitchen to sit down at the table to eat with everyone else, and then to get her out of the kitchen again from cleaning up. She was a voracious reader of fiction and kept an extensive book collection at her home. She also liked to do the cryptograms and other puzzles from the newspaper.

In later years, when Newt became active with the other survivors of the 106th Infantry Division who fought in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 and 1945, Ruth enjoyed traveling around the country with him to attend the association's annual reunions. They attended many Mini-Reunions in the Philadelphia area, and the first national reunion they attended was the 49th Annual held in Orlando in 1995. After Newt passed away in 2018, she kept busy at Brandywine Living at Voorhees with exercise classes, movies, bingo, discussions of current events, and religious services.

Ruth Weiss was never Ruth Weiss' first priority. She was devoted to her husband, her immediate and extended family, the hardware store, her synagogue, and the towns of Paulsboro and Gibbstown. She will be missed terribly by all who knew

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her. The family is grateful for all those who helped her and made her comfortable during her last few months.

Services were held at Platt's Memorial Chapels in Cherry Hill, NJ on Aug. 18, 2022, and she was laid to rest at Roosevelt Cemetery in Trevoise, PA. Donations can be made

in her memory to the 106th Infantry Division Association or Cantor Scott's Animal Rescue Center, 532 Marlton Pike, Suite 123, Marlton, NJ 08053 or <https://www.Facebook.com/Cantor-Scotts-Animal-Rescue-Center-393499314418183/>

Reported by daughter, Susan Weiss

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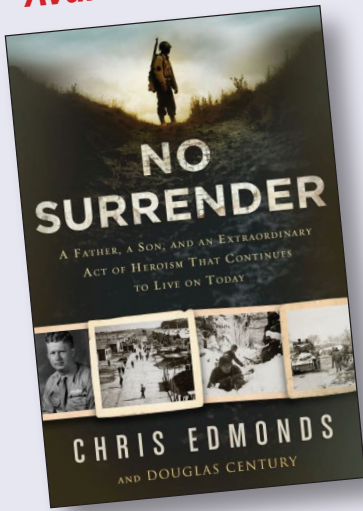
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