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Editor's Message . . .



Spring has sprung in this area of the Northern Neck of Virginia and by the time you are reading this it will be

summer. This time of year always reminds me of renewal and rebirth. With every blade of grass popping up from the ground, every bud on the trees, and every flower opening to the sun, I give thanks to the earth for her continuity and beauty. I too move forward with anticipation of making things new again. So, much to my husband's dismay, I've embarked again on refurbishing an old room: tearing down wallpaper, patching, painting and updating plumbing. It's a welcome change, brightening our environment and bringing light into what once was a dreary place. My husband aerates the lawns, lays down grass seed and hay to protect it, and waters it daily to ensure its success. Of course, we always bite off more than we can chew. And now, we're rushing to get things done before company comes and before I have ankle surgery that will keep me immobile for at least a month. But in the end, our surroundings will be a restful place for healing, reflection and enjoying life.

We all need that place where we can feel renewed and refreshed. I reflect on how our Veterans probably felt when they came back

to the United States from the war — back home to where they felt safe, surrounded by the places and people who made them feel most at peace. Though we know the return of these brave men was not without its challenges, we are so very glad for those who were able to make it back, and so very appreciative of the ultimate sacrifice given by those who did not. Though 80 years has passed, those who served, and the Veterans who are still with us, should be acknowledged. The 106th Infantry Division Association does that formally every year with a reunion. It provides us a chance to gather as a group to recognize these men who fought for our liberties. They are your fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, and men you may never have met or heard of before, and they all deserve this recognition. You will find more information in this copy of *The CUB* on how you can join us for the reunion in Savannah, Georgia, this year from September 16–20. There may very well be some Veterans you can meet and talk to in person to learn more about their experiences, or just to whom you can say “thank you for your service.”

One Veteran who has just been recognized by this nation for his service and for saving the lives of so many American troops during WWII by receiving the Medal of Honor posthumously is MSgt. Roddy Edmonds. His son, Chris Edmonds,

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this Association's chaplain, was at the White House with his family to receive this award. What a proud and well-deserved recognition! Read all about this special event in the Chaplain's Message in this edition of *The CUB*. Come to the reunion to speak with Chris about his experience while receiving the award in honor of his dad. In addition, you can read more about the history of the Medal of Honor in the Historian's section.

Front and center in this edition of *The CUB* you will find all the

information you need to join us for the reunion in September, including a registration form. Please see the Adjutant's message for details.

As always, if you know a Veteran, please reach out and let him know you care: a card, a call, a text just to say "hi" can make the difference in someone's life. And if you are a Veteran, feel free to reach out to us, we are here for you!

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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:

October 1, 2026 — mail date: late November, 2026 (to include reunion photos and remembrances)

January 31, 2027 — mail date: late March, 2027 (issue to include 2027 reunion information and may include reunion paperwork)

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Additional information about the reunion is in this CUB and online at:

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President's View . . .

This edition of *The CUB* is packed with everything you need to know for the upcoming reunion in Savannah, Georgia. Planning for the annual reunions actually begins before we leave from the preceding reunion and is done entirely by your Board of Directors. This amazing group works behind the scenes all year to bring this special event to fruition for you, the members.

As your current President, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to your hard-working board. While we still have one Veteran serving on the board in an advisory capacity, everyone else is a family member of a Veteran or a volunteer with a special heart for our Golden Lions. We truly are blessed with dedicated and caring members who not only work on the reunions, but publish *The CUB* magazine, and manage the membership, finances, and website for all of us. Some have been serving in their roles for several years and we are fortunate to have their expertise and dedication.

During some recent research, we have discovered that we are one of the few WWII organizations still active, publishing a magazine and holding reunions. The Veterans organized this Association in Karlsruhe, Germany and held their first business meeting under canvas at Camp Lucky Strike in France September 16, 1945. They did all this before they ever left the European Theatre and returned home.



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Their first reunion was held in 1947 at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. They have held a reunion every year since that time with the exception of the two Covid years. It took a worldwide pandemic (2020/2021) to keep them from meeting.

Our Veterans have gifted us an amazing legacy and history of meeting and sharing with one another. It was important to them to commit to meet, share their experiences, and preserve their history. Please come join us at this reunion and help us in

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carrying that legacy and commitment forward for them. Reunion attendance is a great place to start getting connected and involved, in addition to learning the history of the division and of your own Veteran.

I've only been attending reunions for 10 years, but I continue to learn something at each reunion ... new nuggets of information I did not have previously. If you have ever wondered about what your father, grandfather, or uncle did while serving with the 106th Infantry Division in WWII, I urge you to make the effort to come to Savannah.

In addition to planning the reunions and the necessary business duties of maintaining this special association, your board is also currently working on projects both here at home and in the 106th sector in Belgium. It is a priority to preserve

the treasure trove of history that the Veterans have entrusted to us for future generations. On the home front, updating and maintaining the website is top of that list. Across the pond in the Ardennes, Doug Mitchell and Carl Wouters, are currently working on new historical markers in the area so that visitors will be able to find out about the 106th and their time in the Ardennes. These will be permanent markers and hopefully allow for future visitors and generations to learn about our amazing Golden Lions.

As you can see, the 106th Infantry Division Association is very active and I urge you to come join us in Savannah to see first-hand everything that is happening and hopefully to meet some of our Veterans in person.

Kathy Spinella

Visit the 106th Association's Website!

Did you know that we have our own website? You can find information about special events, videos, links to obituaries, old editions of *The CUB*, membership applications and more by visiting 106thInfDivAssn.org.

In addition, you can find other 106th-related information on the websites created by Jim West, IndianaMilitary.org, and by Carl Wouters (*the website is being worked on and a new address will be published on our website and future CUBs as soon as we have that information.*)

Also, look for our Facebook page at Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn. This is where you can find current information, 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.

Chaplain's Message . . .

All that's been accomplished the Lord has done. Isaiah 26:12

Thirteen years ago, I met attorney Lester J. Tanner at the Harvard Club in New York City for the first time. It was early 2013 and I was thrilled: one man from the Greatest Generation and one from a grateful generation were finally meeting in person, mysteriously bonded by experiences that had happened nearly seventy years previously in the brutality of war.

Mr. Tanner had been captured by the Germans as a Staff Sergeant in the deadly forests of the Ardennes alongside my father, Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, who both served in the 422 HQ Company. To Mr. Tanner, the war was as vivid as yesterday. To me, it was a day I will never forget.

I eagerly waited in the lobby of the club. Every time an older man passed through the glass doors — stooped eighty-year-olds with horn-rimmed glasses and canes who must have attended Harvard when Franklin Roosevelt was president — I thought it was Lester. Suddenly, with a gust of brisk March wind, in walked a powerfully built older man of six feet, with a head of thick, swept-back warm-brown hair, wearing an elegant blue business suit, a starched white shirt, and a yellow



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silk tie with crimson ovals in a perfect Windsor knot.

I was speechless. This was not what I had expected. Glancing at the floor, I adjusted my jacket and straightened the knot in my own tie. I felt my face



Chris, Regina and grandson Austin Edmonds with Lester Tanner, 3/20/2013. Photo courtesy of the Edmonds family.

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Staff Sergeant Lester Tanner (left) and Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds during 1940s military service. Photos courtesy of Edmonds family.



flush, and despite the cold breeze, my forehead beaded with sweat.

“You must be Chris,” Mr. Tanner said. “Yes, you do resemble your father Roddie.” I remember thinking, how does he remember how my father looked? It had been nearly seventy years since they’d seen each other. We shook hands warmly. I tried to imagine how Lester must have looked in 1944, a young soldier serving alongside my father. Lester alone knew things about my father that I could not possibly imagine. Meeting Lester, I realized, would be like meeting Dad as a young man for the first time.

Lester seemed so well-adjusted. It struck me that he and my father, somehow, overcame the horrors of war and came back home to live ordinary lives of extraordinary influence. For a moment I paused and held Lester’s hand, in awe of him and Dad. “Before lunch, we’ll go up to the library,” Lester said. “We can speak in private and it will be much easier for me to

hear than in the noisy dining room.”

Even in the quiet of the library, seated under the unblinking gaze of a giant stuffed elephant, Lester said he was having difficulty hearing. He scooted his chair right next to me, leaning in so close I could feel his warm breath against my cheek.

“Your father was cut from a different cloth than the rest of us.” Lester’s words were measured, precise, eloquent — as you’d expect from an experienced Harvard-educated litigator. But they were also warm, like he had known me for years and was talking to a long-lost friend.

“Roddie was regular army, from the peacetime Old Guard, who found himself training young men to defend their country. His leadership style embraced the Infantry School motto: ‘Follow me.’ That’s the shoulder patch of the Fort Benning command. He showed no arrogance or disrespect for his subordinates — whether they were junior noncoms or the recruits

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he was assigned to train. His style was simply to make us proud of what we were being called upon to do in defense of the republic. We knew he respected us. We knew that he was devoted to our survival in combat. But he never left any doubt that he was in command. He expected every one of his orders to be followed.”

I shook my head in amazement. “Growing up, my dad was such a soft-spoken, fun-loving guy,” I said. “It’s hard for me to imagine Dad ordering other men around . . .”

Lester continued, “Your father led by example. He taught us well: ‘Love your rifle; keep it clean at all times. Develop your skills on the firing range. Fix bayonets to defend yourself at close quarters.’ So many of our regiment were green youngsters — barely out of high school. Boys who’d never seen a rifle in their lives, let alone fired one in anger. Roddie’s experience and knowledge gave us all confidence.”

There was a long silence. “Lester, I know it must be hard for you to talk about,” I said, “but what exactly happened in that German POW camp? What did my dad do at Ziegenhain?”

“What your father did at Ziegenhain,” Lester said, “is one of the most remarkable things I’ve ever witnessed — it is the defining moment of my life. There were about 1,200 American prisoners. We were all non-coms. Of the 1,200, I would estimate maybe 200 were Jewish. It was January 26, 1945, when the

Germans announced that all Jewish-American prisoners would fall out the following morning, just the Jews, no one else. Anyone who disobeyed orders would be shot. It was the same thing that the Germans had said at Bad Orb. Only this time, we were organized. Roddie, for the first time in this experience was in complete command. There was no one there to give him orders. It was his decision.

“Without hesitation, your father said, ‘We’re not doing that, tomorrow morning, we all fall out.’ And he sent orders to the other barracks to do the same.

“The following morning, Roddie is standing at the head of formation and I was standing by his side. As Major Siegmann approached, he couldn’t believe his eyes, all the Americans were standing in sharp formation. The Major comes up to Roddie and says, ‘They can’t all be Jews.’ And Roddie said, ‘We are all Jews here!’ The Major was stunned.

“Then your father said, ‘Under the Geneva Convention, we’re only going to give you our name, rank, and serial number.’ And the German major, you know, couldn’t believe this prisoner was refusing to obey his orders. Siegmann got very red in the face, he was furious. He pulls out his Luger and puts it next to Roddie’s forehead, and screamed, ‘You will order the Jews to step forward, or I will shoot you right now’.

“Without wavering your father

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said, 'Major, you can shoot me, but you'll have to kill all of us because we know who you are, and you'll be a war criminal when we win this war, and you will pay.' The Major blanched and his arm began to quiver. The gun still pressed to your father's head. It seemed like an eternity. Then suddenly, without warning, the Major pulled his trigger finger away, lowered his Luger, and fled the scene."

He continued, "After Siemann fled, we really cheered your father. I don't know how Roddie managed to say that at that moment, but it saved his life and ours. Everyone came to admire Roddie and respect him, so that when Roddie said something while we were prisoners, that was what we did.

"Our trust in Roddie," Lester added, "helped save all our lives in late March. The Germans announced they were evacuating the entire camp and moving all prisoners further east into Germany. Once again, your father said, 'We're not doing that. We're just too weak to go on a long march. Nobody marches out of camp. You break ranks and you run back into the barracks, and you keep doing that all day.' So, the next morning, we're out front, and we see the other prisoners, the French and the British and the Russians all march out of camp. When we're ordered to leave, pursuant to your father's plan, we broke ranks and went back to the barracks, refusing to march out. This went on all day. We

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Chris Edmonds receives the Medal of Honor from President Donald Trump on behalf of his father Master Sergeant Roderick Edmonds on 3/2/2026 at the White House. Photo courtesy of the Edmonds family.

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came out front. They ordered us to leave. We broke ranks and went back to the barracks. The German guards threatened to shoot us but we knew they wouldn't because of what had happened earlier.

"Finally, the Camp Commandant came to Roddie and said, 'OK the camp is yours; we're leaving.' The Germans marched out and we were left alone in the camp. Roddie's defiant courage saved us all. The next day, the Allied armies led by General Patton liberated us."

When Lester finished, he looked at me and said, "Your father deserves the Medal of Honor. Do you know your congressman?" I said, "Yes, sir." Then Lester said, "You should tell him your father's story and pursue a Medal of Honor."

When I returned to Tennessee, that's what I did — and the rest is history. Thirteen years later almost to the day, I stood in the White House where I accepted the Medal of Honor on my father's behalf. President Donald Trump presented the award and shook my hand as the audience, including my family, other medal recipients, Cabinet officials and lawmakers, stood and applauded.

"Today, your father gets the honor he so courageously merited. Really amazing. It's an amazing story," President Trump said, outlining Dad's wartime actions. As President Trump read the citation, a watching world learned that my father, Army Master Sgt. Roderick ("Roddie") Edmonds of the 106th Infantry, 422 Regiment, saved more than 200 Jewish



Chris and Regina Edmonds stand proudly with members of their family as President Donald Trump displays the Medal of Honor citation on 3/2/2026. Photo courtesy of the Edmonds family.

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American soldiers from certain death during World War II as well as all American POWS in Stalag IXA.

Dad is the only U.S. soldier recognized by Yad Vashem as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations," and the only person to be named "Righteous" who has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

It's been an amazing, God-blessed journey. My father and his brave "boys" as he called them, would have perished in the inferno of the Holocaust had it not been for the Lord strong and mighty.

But I would be remiss if I didn't give credit to Lester and all the heroic soldiers who risked their lives alongside Dad. Dad could not have looked evil in the eye and dared a Nazi to shoot if an army of selfless heroes weren't standing in harm's way with him. Many of them from the 106th. They include heroes like:

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Sgt. Henry Hank Freedman,
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Cpl. Russell L. Gunvalson,
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Sgt. George Mangiracina, 422D
Sgt. Richard Peterson, 423I
Staff Sgt. Jack D. Smith, 423B

Along with others not in the 106th:
Sgt. Paul Stern, Medic, 28th Div.
Sgt. Sonny Fox, 28th Div.
Sgt. Staff Sergeant Samuel E.
Harris, 333rd FAB

And others listed on my heroes' page at roddieedmonds.com and many not yet identified.

Because of dad and his band of brothers, more than 20,000 descendants of Stalag IXA POWS are alive and well today, including me and my family. To God be the glory.

All that's been accomplished the Lord has done. Isaiah 26:12

Watch (again!) the 74th Annual Reunion Virtual Memorial Service

**which replaced the live event for the 74th Annual Reunion
that was to have taken place in Kansas City, MO, September 2020.**

Remember the Men of the 106th

**"Attend" this virtual Memorial service at
<https://youtu.be/6S4Ke-Tftg>**

Share this link with family and friends, schools and organizations.

The Adjutant's Message . . .

This September 16 through 20, we will reflect on the Battle of the Bulge and the participation of the soldiers of the 106th Infantry Division. The Association represents the thousands of soldiers who fought, survived, and sacrificed their lives during that infamous world war, and a reunion is held yearly in their honor. The reunion attendees are predominately made up of 2nd, 3rd, or younger generations of those who were there. Most people are familiar with Tom Brokaw, the news journalist and author of "The Greatest Generation," a book he wrote in 1998 and from which the term was coined. When asked for his thoughts on WWII and specifically on the Battle of the Bulge, he stated that he viewed the Battle of the Bulge as a climactic moment of supreme sacrifice and endurance of the American soldiers fighting in WWII. He stated that it was a period of immense physical and emotional suffering, fighting in freezing conditions against a desperate German objective. Many gave their all, but many came home, went to work, and raised a family and proved they were members of the Greatest Generation.

Few of our 106th Veterans are able to travel alone so it becomes our task to bring them with us if they are willing to come. It is our responsibility to learn about and share



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the history of our Veterans and that is exactly what we do at our reunions. So please consider attending this year's reunion. If you cannot attend, or even if you can, there is a way you can be included and get our younger generations involved, too: sign up for the digital versions of the Association's *The CUB* magazines, share the link, 106thInfDivAssn.org with your kids and grand-kids, and friends and neighbors who might be WWII enthusiasts or historians,

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and anyone else who may have an interest. Anyone can have access to our website to explore history through links to Veterans, other resources, and all the editions of *The CUB* from its inception back in the mid-forties until today. Our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn/](https://www.facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn/), also includes stories of historical significance and up-to-date information about what's happening with our Association. Both of these resources are available at no cost to you or any of your family members.

We have great plans for this reunion. We will tour the *National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force* located in Pooler, Georgia, and eat a meal there with our tour guide — who happens to be our very own Association Historian. We will spend a day traveling throughout the city of Savannah on a trolley. First we'll have a private, narrated tour, then you will be allowed to get off at sites where you wish to spend more time and then get back on to go to the next stop. We will spend time in our hospitality room at the hotel visiting with our 106th family. Thursday evening, we will get everyone involved in the single and/or doubles corn hole tournaments which will include taco bar, soft drinks and prizes. Saturday evening will be our banquet which includes a delicious meal, a guest speaker,

special presentations and the swearing in of our new president. In addition, there will be a silent auction that will run throughout the reunion and conclude at the banquet. Please bring your handmade artwork or crafts, treasures stored in your attic, plus anything you think would be good for an auction. Every year, we have new items that entice buyers into spirited bidding competitions. All the proceeds from the silent auction go to the Association treasury to help maintain the printing costs of *The CUB* magazine.

On Saturday, we conclude with a Memorial service, honoring all of our Veterans who have left us this past year and those that have gone before them. We will honor those who are still with us as well and we pray that some of them will come visit us.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REUNION, the information and registration form are in this edition of *The CUB* and you can also find information on our website, [106thInfDivAssn.org](https://www.106thInfDivAssn.org). If you have questions, call me or anyone on the board, all contact information is listed on page 1, for answers. We are here to help!

Just so you know, our Association has never had a reunion that did not have a new person attending. We wish you would come and become a new family member.

Reunion Information . . .

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The members of the Association board have made the following plans for our 79th Annual Association Reunion.

On the following pages of this *CUB*, we have supplied the reunion information and there is a copy of the registration form inserted for you to complete and send to the association with your check. If you would like a PDF or a printed copy of the registration material mailed to you, please contact Mike Sheaner, Treasurer at sheaner1@airmail.net. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Dunn at 410-409-1141 or Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org.

**For the most updated information about the reunion please visit
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[All reunion information correct at time of publication but may be subject to change]

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who like to shop as Randy's mother
did — there is an outlet mall across
the street from the hotel.)*

Rate:

\$129 (plus tax) — breakfast on your own. *(There is a restaurant in the hotel and several across the street.)*

Cut-off Date:

Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **Aug. 18, 2026**.

Reservation Information:

To make reservations and receive the group rate, **call the hotel reservation line directly at 912-450-9800**. You must identify yourself as a member of the *106th Infantry Division Association* to receive the group rate. The room may be reserved for up to 3 days before and/or 3 days after the reunion at the \$129 rate.

Parking Information:

Free parking and EV charging
(see front desk)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All times subject to change)

WEDNESDAY, September 16

- 4:30 - 5:30 pm *Registration Open*
6 - 6:45 pm *Current Board of Directors' Meeting*
6:45 - 9 pm Hospitality Room Open/display of Silent Auction items

THURSDAY, September 17

- 6 - 8:30 am Breakfast on your own
8:30 - 9 am *Registration Open*
9 am - 4 pm Gather to carpool to visit HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH on a private, narrated, hop-on/hop-off trolley tour; Lunch on your own
4:30 - 5:30 pm Education Session — presented by Brian Welke
6 - 9 pm 4th ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT with taco bar and soft drinks
4:30 - 9 pm Hospitality Room Open/display of Silent Auction items

FRIDAY, September 18

- 6 - 9 am Breakfast on your own
9 am - 4 pm Gather to carpool to visit the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE with a tour led by our very own Association Historian, Sean O'Dwyer, Education Programs Manager at the museum, (lunch included)
4:30 - 5:30 pm Education Session — “*Recap of the Medal of Honor Presentation to Roddie Edmonds*” presented by Chris Edmonds
Dinner On Your Own
4:30 - 9 pm Hospitality Room Open/display of Silent Auction items

SATURDAY, September 19

- 6 - 9 am Breakfast on your own
10 - 11 am MEMORIAL SERVICE
11 am - 6 pm Hospitality Room Open/display of Silent Auction items
Lunch On Your Own
1 - 2 pm Education Session — presented by Sean O'Dwyer
4 - 5 pm *New Board of Directors' Meeting*
6 - 7 pm Cash Bar Reception/Social Hour
7 - 10 pm BANQUET DINNER BUFFET with speakers, presentations, officer inductions, and completion of Silent Auction

SUNDAY, September 20

- 6 am - ? Breakfast on your own / Give your hugs, say your farewells, and have a safe trip home!

[All reunion information correct at time of publication but may be subject to change]

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Hotel Information *continued:*

Reservations Online:

Click here:

ihg.com/redirect?path=rates

or type this into your browser:

<https://106thinfdivassn.org/reunion2026.html>

Cancellation Policy:

Room can be cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival.

Shuttle Information:

Complimentary Shuttle Service to/from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (available daily from 6 a.m.–12 a.m. Call 912-450-9800).

Hotel Amenities include:

Outdoor pool, health/fitness center, complimentary wireless internet access, free parking, in-room refrigerators and microwave, fire pit on outdoor terrace

Tour Descriptions

Tour Historic Downtown Savannah on the “Old Town Trolley”

Thursday, September 17

9:30 am–4 pm

Gather at 9 am to carpool to the meeting point at:

Savannah Visitors Center

234 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401

Lunch will be on your own.



The Old Town Savannah hop-on/hop-off trolley tour makes exploring Savannah super easy. As you are driven through the town’s stately mansions and hanging Spanish moss, the trolley company provides an itinerary that showcases all the great aspects of the city with commentary about Savannah. The most popular of the 16 trolley stops on the Savannah tour include City Market, the American Prohibition Museum, the Davenport House Museum, Forsyth Park, The Basilica St. John the Baptist Cathedral, River Street and more.

This is a private trolley tour for 75 minutes to be followed with the option for you to hop-on/hop-off for the rest of the day until 4 p.m.

You can find more information about the tour at:

<https://www.trolleytours.com/savannah/hop-on-hop-off>

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National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

Friday, September 18

9:30 am–4 pm

Gather at 9 am to carpool
to the museum. Lunch at
the museum is included.

175 Bourne Avenue

Pooler, GA 31322

912-748-8888

Located a short distance

from Downtown Savannah, where the Eighth Air Force was activated in January 1942, the museum features over 90,000 square feet of exhibits, interactive experiences, artifacts and a collection of aviation art to engage you in the history of our nation's most storied Air Force, the Mighty Eighth. Fly a mission, stroll the beautiful memorial garden, and walk beneath the wings of the museum's restored B-17 Flying Fortress, City of Savannah.

Their mission: To preserve for all Americans the stories of courage,

character and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present.

You can find more information
about the museum at:

<https://www.mightyeighth.org>

**NATIONAL
MUSEUM** OF THE
MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE



Photos from <https://www.mightyeighth.org>

Plan to Participate in our Silent Auction!

You are invited and encouraged to participate in our silent auction to be held during our 79th annual reunion, September 16–20, in Savannah, GA. The silent auction is held throughout the reunion in the hospitality room and concludes at the end of the banquet.

If you have a hobby or a craft that you love to do, then consider sharing. Last year's silent auction consisted of objects made by hand, found items,

and items someone thought you would cherish. We made more than \$1,200 — all going to our association to fund *The CUB* magazine.

Bring your donated items to the hospitality room upon arrival and join the fun bidding on your next treasure! Items will be given to the highest bidder, and all payments (*cash or checks only*) are due at the end of the banquet Saturday night.

Courage in Captivity: POW Recipients of the Medal of Honor

In March 2026, Master Sergeant Roderick “Roddie” Edmonds HQ/422 was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest decoration for valor in the face of the enemy. Our Association’s Chaplain, Pastor Chris Edmonds, accepted the Medal on his father’s behalf. For those who are not familiar with his story, Edmonds’ official citation is reprinted below in full:

Master Sergeant Roderick W. Edmonds distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty from January 27, 1945, to March 30, 1945, as a prisoner of war in Germany, while assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 422nd Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division. Upon arrival at Stalag IXA in Ziegenhain, Germany, he was soon put to the test as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer. On the evening of January 26, 1945, the Germans announced that only Jewish-American prisoners would fall out for roll call the following morning, at the threat of execution. Master Sergeant Edmonds quickly understood that segregating more than 200 Jewish-American prisoners of war would likely result in their persecution and possible death, so he directed his senior leaders to have



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all 1,200 American prisoners present themselves for roll call. The following morning, the Nazi Commandant became incredulous after realizing that so many Americans were standing in formation. Master Sergeant Edmonds bravely resisted his fury, while also recounting the rights afforded to all prisoners under the Geneva Convention. Still enraged, the Commandant removed his pistol, pressed it hard against Master Sergeant Edmonds' forehead between his eyes and demanded that he order all Jewish-American prisoners to step forward, or he would be shot. With unwavering courage at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, Master Sergeant Edmonds fearlessly held his ground, refusing

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to concede and verbally warned the Commandant that if he executed him, he would be prosecuted for war crimes once the war was over. Finally, the Commandant, who was visibly reddened with anger, lowered his weapon and returned to his office without further attempts to segregate the Jewish-American prisoners. Master Sergeant Edmonds' actions inspired his fellow prisoners of war. Several weeks later, in March 1945, as Allied forces were rapidly advancing toward the area, the Germans ordered all prisoners to assemble outside the barracks for evacuation farther east to another camp. Fully intending to undermine his enemy captors, Master Sergeant Edmonds ordered all American prisoners to form in front of the barracks, and when the enemy transports arrived, they would break ranks and rush back to their barracks. Without regard for his own life Master Sergeant Edmonds gallantly led these prisoners in a relentless pursuit of opposition and resistance, forcing the Germans to abandon the camp

leaving the 1,200 American prisoners behind. The full extent of his bravery, unbending will, and courageous leadership would be realized when soldiers from 3d U.S. Army liberated the camp on March 30, 1945. Master Sergeant Edmonds' conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

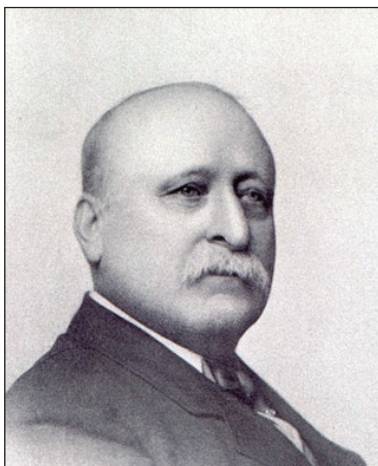


Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, circa 1945. Courtesy of Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

What some may not realize, however, is that Edmonds' selfless actions are part of a tradition of exceptional courage in captivity among Americans, earning recognition all the way back to the Civil War when the Medal of Honor was first established. According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, 13 recipients in addition to Edmonds have been awarded the country's highest military accolade for their actions while imprisoned by the enemy. These are just a few of their stories of common valor.

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Andrew Traynor, date unknown.
Courtesy of Congressional Medal
of Honor Society.

for actions as a POW was Andrew Traynor, born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1843. Serving as corporal with D Company, 1st Michigan Cavalry Regiment, Traynor and another soldier were scouting the woods near Mason's Hill, Virginia, when they were ambushed and captured by Confederate guerilla fighters. Held together with several other Union prisoners, Traynor later recounted his daring escape:

Selecting an opportune moment, I sprang at the two guards, and, before they could fire their guns or otherwise give a signal, I was engaged in a sharp struggle with both. They were able bodies and well-armed men, but my attack had been so sudden and well directed that almost in an instant I had both of their guns and had handed one to the civilian,

who had kept right at my elbow.

Just then the other two guerrillas returned hastily and before they could realize the situation, the civilian and I both fired, each one dropping a man. At this moment, the two disarmed guerrillas made their escape in one direction, while my five companions and myself made our escape in an opposite direction.

Traynor was not awarded the Medal until 1897, 33 years after his heroics, a common case for many Civil War-era recipients. He died in 1920 at age 77.

At the height of World War I in May 1918, Lt. Edouard Izac of Cresco, Iowa, was assigned as second-in-command of the USS President Lincoln when the ship was sunk by German submarine U-90. While imprisoned aboard the enemy U-boat,



Edouard Izac, circa 1920.
Courtesy of Congressional Medal
of Honor Society.

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Izac learned critical information of German submarine movements and naval minefield locations. In transit to a prison camp in Germany, Izac jumped from a moving train in an attempt to escape to Allied lines, but was recaptured and beaten by guards in retaliation.

Incredibly, Izac escaped again from the camp and survived over two weeks on the run before reaching Switzerland after covering over 100 miles on foot, relaying his key military intelligence prior to the November 11, 1918, armistice. After the war, Izac settled in California and served five terms in the House of Representatives, with Veterans' advocacy becoming one of his main causes. Izac died in 1990 at age 98, and was the Great War's final Medal of Honor recipient at the time of his passing.

Born to a Jewish family in Hungary, Tibor Rubin had been imprisoned before he ever set foot on the battlefield. Sent with his family to Mauthausen concentration camp, Rubin lost his mother, father, and sister in the Holocaust, and moved to America for a better life in 1948. Then the Korean War broke



*Tibor Rubin, circa 1950.
Courtesy of United States Army.*

out. As a part of I Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Rubin single-handedly defended a hill to cover the retreat of his comrades, but his Medal nomination for these actions was repeatedly passed over by an anti-Semitic sergeant in Rubin's unit. In October of 1950, Rubin was

captured by Chinese troops, and spent the next two and a half years in a POW camp. Despite constant hunger and waning morale among all prisoners, Rubin voluntarily stole food from the guards' storehouses, nursed sick POWs back to health, and performed countless other good deeds that were credited with saving as many as 40 of his fellow prisoners. Like Edmonds, Rubin's would be a delayed honor, receiving his Medal in 2005 from President George W. Bush in recognition for his actions in combat and captivity. In retirement, Rubin volunteered at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital in California, accruing more than 20,000 hours of work. He died in 2015 at age 86.

During the Vietnam War, numerous POWs earned the Medal of Honor for their bravery in enemy

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*Humbert "Rocky" Versace,
circa 1963. Courtesy of
United States Army.*

captivity, among them James Stockdale and George "Bud" Day for their leadership among fellow prisoners. Stockdale's and Day's stories are well-known, having led accomplished careers after their release from years of North Vietnamese imprisonment. Among those lesser-known recipients is Humbert "Rocky" Versace, who tragically did not return from the jungles of South Vietnam. The son of a career Army officer, Versace graduated from West Point in 1959 and qualified as an Army Ranger later the same year. After a tour of duty in South Korea, Versace volunteered for assignment in Vietnam in 1962 during the advisory period of the conflict. After visiting an Academy classmate at a remote jungle encampment, Versace and South Vietnamese guerillas were attacked by a large force of Viet Cong

fighters. Remaining behind to cover the withdrawal and being severely wounded in the process, Versace and several other Americans were captured and imprisoned. Despite his reduced condition and lack of medical care, Versace took on a leadership position in camp, frequently singing popular songs and encouraging resistance against their captors to bolster the spirits of the other POWs. He also attempted to escape the camp on at least four separate occasions, enduring brutal torture and solitary confinement each time. Eventually, his resistance became too much for the authorities to bear, and Versace was executed by a firing squad on September 26, 1965. He was 28 years old. Tragically, Versace's remains were never recovered, and is commemorated with a cenotaph at Arlington National Cemetery. Much like recipients Edmonds and Rubin, Versace's was a delayed honor, receiving his medal posthumously in 2002.

Edmonds, like all of the men described, demonstrated immeasurable courage in uniquely trying situations. Where structure and order might have otherwise broken down, threatening the survival of both morale and life itself, they intervened with leadership and resistance that saw their fellow prisoners through the unimaginable. It gives this historian and the Association great pride to count a Golden Lion among this larger pantheon of heroes.

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

Make checks payable to “106th Infantry Division Association” and mail them to the Treasurer:



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Dallas, TX 75214
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214-823-3004

Please report all changes of address and deaths to the Association Membership Chair:



Henry LeClair, Membership
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603-401-3723

Treasurer's Report:

February 1 – March 31, 2026

Beginning Balance:	\$28,754.18
Money In:	508.11
Money Out:	2,310.86
Difference:	(1,730.75)
Ending Balance:	\$27,023.43

Association Membership

as of April 30, 2026

Total Membership	583
Veteran Membership	82
Associate Membership	501

Membership Roster Update!

We are updating our roster with the most current information to make sure you are receiving *The CUB* the way you want it. If you have not received a printed copy of *The CUB* in the mail and you've indicated you want to, or you are still getting a copy and you've indicated you no longer want it sent but still enjoy reading it online, or if a family member who was getting it has passed, please let us know.

Please notify: Henry LeClair, membership@106thInfDivAssn.org

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MEMORIAL and HONORARY DONATIONS:

In honor of Leonard Francis Czarnecki (590/FA)

In honor of my dad, Leonard Frances Czarnecki, 590/FA, Forward Observer, captured at the Battle of the Bulge, Bad Orb, Germany.

Dad was my hero... as well as an American hero.

Given by Susan M. Pellman

LIFE PLUS and REGULAR DONATIONS:

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NEW MEMBER:

Susan M. Pellman Associate Member

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 Infantry Division 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.

The CUB Delivery Options

Approximately 90% of Association expenses are directly related to printing and shipping *The CUB* each year. Your choice to receive *The CUB* by email will help defer expenses and enable us to continue to deliver *The CUB* until "The Last Man Standing." Please indicate mailing preference by responding to the following:

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Order of the Golden Lion Award Recognizing Those Who Help the Association Continue Its Mission

Do You Have a Nominee?

The Order of the Golden Lion (OGL) Award (comprised of a citation and a medal) is presented to an individual whose significant contributions to the 106th Infantry Division Association have been impactful in benefitting the Association's mission to support the Veterans, families, and friends of the 106th Infantry Division.

The Order of the Golden Lion is made up of the OGL Committee, the Association President, and the Adjutant. This group reviews nominations presented to them by the Board of Directors and/or any Association member to ascertain whether an individual or individuals meet the criteria for receiving an award, and if so, what classification should be awarded.

The Order of the Golden Lion award is presented in three classifications:

1. Commander Class

(the most prestigious award issued in gold finish)

To meet the criteria for receiving this distinction, a nominee must have made significant positive contributions that benefitted the Association. This is typically reserved for a nominee who has

not only fulfilled the duties of the role of President for the Association but has also contributed beyond that role during, before, or after their tenure. In addition, this award may also be earned by any nominee the OGL Committee deems as having gone above-and-beyond in a significant and sustained role of expertise or leadership for the Association and its members.

2. Officer Class

(issued in silver finish)

To meet the criteria for this classification, the nominee will have served the Association over an extended period of time while having made meaningful contributions in the capacity of being an Association board member, a chairperson of a committee, or a committee member.

3. The Companion Class

(issued in bronze finish)

To meet the criteria for this classification, a nominee must have made significant contributions or provided ongoing support to the Association



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board, a board member or an Association committee. Significant contributions are ones that have a major positive impact on the Association's mission even if provided in the short-term. Ongoing support is beneficial assistance given over an extended period of time.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations can be submitted by any member of the Association. The nomination should include a narrative of why the award is deserved, including the actions that have been performed which make this candidate worthy of earning the award.

Nominations should be submitted in ample time prior to the next reunion for timely production of the medal. All nominations and final recipients' names will be kept confidential between the nominator and the Committee before and during the decision-making process up to the

actual ceremony. *LEAD TIME: FIVE WEEKS, MINIMUM.*

Send nominations to an OGL Committee member, current Association President, or the Adjutant.

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Note: A nomination does not guarantee or secure an award. The OGL committee will decide which, if any, of the candidates will be awarded the Golden Lion based on criteria cited above.

“VETERANS’ VOICES”

This is a recurring article for The CUB in which Veterans, family members or friends can submit brief personal stories. Please send submissions in an email to the Editor, Lisa Dunn, CUBeditor@106thInfDivAssn.org, so it can easily be transferred to The CUB. Images should be submitted as jpeg files. For each picture file you submit, please also include the following information: which event the picture represents, and where/when it was taken. Individuals in the pictures should be identified. Articles can either be submitted in the body of the email or as a Word document. Articles submitted as hard copies in the mail may or may not be used depending on difficulty of transcription. If you have any questions, please contact the Editor.

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Send your contribution, check made payable to *106th Inf. Div. Association* to:

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106th Infantry Division, PO Box 140535, Dallas, TX 75214



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

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

Want to learn about the battlefields of the Battle of the Bulge?

**Watch the lecture-series presentation created by
Carl Wouters, Association Belgian Liaison**

presented at the 77th Annual Reunion in Dallas, TX

A Tour of the Battlefields of the Golden Lions

View this informative video at

https://youtu.be/C64SsGyf2_A?si=1TKTgp8sGYpUIUFF

Share this link with family and friends, schools and organizations.

The *IndianaMilitary.org* Website

Additional 106th Infantry Division information can be found at *IndianaMilitary.org*. It includes the following:

- Reconstructed Roster of the 106th at <https://106thinfdivassn.org/roster106/rostera.html>.
- 18,902 entries to date, including more than 300 individual photos.
- Issues of *The CUB* from 1946 to present.
- Issues of the *Camp Atterbury Camp Crier* with articles on the 106th.
- Local Columbus, Indiana newspaper articles featuring the 106th.
- 106th member diaries and accounts.
- Articles including those from the 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.

Want to help the 106th Association?

Please take a few minutes to take our new survey. We are asking just a few questions to find out how we as an organization can better serve you.

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to be connected to the brief survey on our website:**

106thInfDivAssn.org/survey2023.html

In Memoriam . . .

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Unless otherwise noted, the obituaries listed below were obtained online through board member research.

PALMER, HAROLD RAYMOND JR. 331 MED/HQ

Date of death: August 10, 2025

Harold Raymond “Pop” Palmer, Jr., age 100, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2025, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey. Born in December 1924, Harold was raised in Millburn, New Jersey as one of four children.



A proud Veteran of the United States Army, Harold served with distinction in the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. He fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge — one of the most harrowing campaigns of the war — and was awarded the Bronze Star. His service to his country remained a defining chapter of his life and a source of deep pride for him and his family.

Immediately upon returning home from the war, he married his sweetheart Frances, and they moved to Clark and raised their two children. After retiring from his long service employment at Carter Bell

Manufacturing in Springfield, Harold and Frances moved to Vero Beach, Florida, where they enjoyed many years golfing, bowling and dining out together.

Harold was married to his beloved wife Frances for 74 years until her passing in 2020, and was also predeceased by his daughter, Virginia. Their memories remained close to his heart throughout his later years.

Harold celebrated his 100th birthday December 2024, and his entire family gathered together to celebrate and toast to a century of living.

For the last five years of his life, Harold resided at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside Assisted Living in Mountainside, New Jersey. There, he was affectionately known as “Mr. Florida,” a nickname that reflected his warm spirit and enduring charm. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Karen, Sheena, Wendy, Shaffina, and a special thanks most especially to Amy, for their exceptional compassion and care during Harold’s time at Brighton Gardens.

He is lovingly remembered by his

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son Raymond and daughter-in-law Patricia; grandson Kenneth and his wife Suzanne; brother Richard and his wife Patricia; granddaughters Alyssa and Emily; and great-grandchildren Lisa, Alexandra, and Joshua. His legacy lives on through them and through all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Reported by his son Raymond Palmer

PANAGROSSO, PAUL 424

Date of death: March 29, 2026

Paul Panagrosso, a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, and proud World War II Veteran, passed away

peacefully on March 29, 2026.

Born July 5, 1925, Paul lived a century marked by courage, resilience, and

an unwavering devotion to family and country. He was predeceased by his father, Felice Panagrosso, mother Vincenza Panagrosso, sisters Louise Bottino and Mary Mazza, and brothers Ralph, Alfred, Mario, Gerald, and William.

Paul honorably served in the United States Army during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and surviving more than five months as a prisoner of war. He was assigned

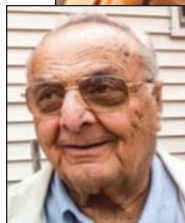
to the anti-tank company of the 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division. His strength, humility, and quiet determination remained defining qualities throughout his long life. Following his military service, Paul built a long and steady career in retail, working for well-known stores including Barkers, King Cole, and Caldor's.

He was predeceased by his cherished wife, Rusty, with whom he shared 55 years of partnership, laughter, and love.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Paul also resided in North Windham, Connecticut, and Trumbull, Connecticut before settling in South Portland, Maine, where he lived at Sable Lodge. Throughout his lifetime he formed many meaningful friendships.

Paul leaves behind a devoted family who will forever hold his memory: daughter Dawn Panagrosso of Standish, Maine, daughter Deborah Barbiero and her husband Frank of Shelton, Connecticut, son Paul Panagrosso and Steven Flesher of Windham Maine, and son Scott Panagrosso and his wife Kristen of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, each of whom brought him immense pride and joy. His legacy lives in their lives, their stories, and

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the values he instilled in them.

A man of deep gratitude and gentle humor, Paul often reflected on his long life with appreciation for the family he loved, the friends he made, and the country he served with honor. He will be remembered for his kindness, his remarkable resilience,

and the extraordinary journey that shaped him.

Paul greeted each day with a joyful proclamation shouting “It’s a beautiful morning!” with the gusto of someone profoundly grateful to be alive.

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held on a future date.

PLEASE NOTE:

To the widows/family members of Golden Lions, if you wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your Veteran, please let Membership Chair, Henry LeClair know. His contact information is located on the inside cover of this *CUB*.

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 who 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

We are all feeling the effects of the current financial upheaval, including the
106th Infantry Division Association.

The *Annual Dues* of \$10 are no longer billed or collected.

We are now accepting only donations for membership, memorials and
LIFE PLUS.

The previously-allowed payment of \$75 for Life Membership creates
a financial shortfall, as our expenses exceed our income.

Our solution?

We are asking you to join the
LIFE PLUS+ Club

Those Members who contribute to the **LIFE PLUS+ Club**
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 Infantry Division Association.

To those Members who we haven't heard from for a long
time — please take the time to join this exclusive club.

Thank you!

Send your contribution, check made payable to *106th Infantry Div. Association*, to:

Mike Sheaner
Treasurer, 106th Infantry Division
PO Box 140535, Dallas TX 75214

To see a *full-color* version of this issue of *The CUB*,
please visit our website at:
106thInfDivAssn.org

The online PDF version is now interactive and all
website URLs and email addresses that appear in blue italics
when clicked, will take you to the site or an open email window.

Pass It On

Perpetuate the legacy of the 106th Infantry Division by giving every family member of all generations access to the rich history, news and stories of Veterans found in each issue of *The CUB*. You can now “*pass it on*” to as many friends, heirs and family members as you wish at **no cost!**

Those you designate will be recognized as members of the Association on the “**CUB Level**” with the following benefits:

1. Receive an electronic copy of *The CUB* delivered by email complete with color photos, graphics and interactive links
2. Access to the Association website and Facebook pages
3. Receive timely notices and information regarding reunions and special announcements

Enroll all family members — sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, grandchildren and others — by submitting their *Name, Email, Address and relationship to a 106th Veteran* to sheaner1@airmail.net

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