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The annual Memorial Service to fallen soldiers

99th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association

Brian Faulconer, Reunion Chair

THE 99TH ANNUAL REUNION of the 80th Division Veterans Association was held August 15-19 this year in Roanoke, Virginia. It was a huge success thanks to many of the executive council who helped throughout the process. There were 52 registered attendees and an impressive amount of leadership from the past and current 80th Training Command. This year's theme was designated "Defending

America" and each of our invited guest speakers focused on wars in which the 80th played a crucial role. There are plenty of program books leftover for sale if you would like one. The outing this year was to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA (photos below). Feedback was tremendously positive and we hope the reunions keep recurring for years to come but we need your help.



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WELL I THINK WE jumped over Fall and went directly to Winter, however it might be near 70 on Sunday!! How is a person supposed to adjust to those temperature changes? As soon as Christmas is over I am ready for warm weather. The Wollett home is not too happy with the cold.

A big thank you goes to Brian Faulconer for coordinating an outstanding Reunion. If you were not there you really missed a grand event. With that being said mark your calendars for our 100th Celebration to be held in Richmond, VA Aug 1-4 2019. Reunion Chair Bill Black has already started making arrangements and planning day activities. Let's try and make our 100th Year attendance over the top.

As we are in the Christmas Season we need to remember the real reason for the season – The birth of Jesus Christ. Our faith and love of Jesus will get us through the most difficult times in our lives. I know he is with me every day and especially so since my sweet Ard went to his heavenly home. When I get weepy and feeling lonely I look around and see the beauty that He has given to all of us and realize how much I have to be thankful for.

There is a video going around on Facebook that makes you realize just how much we have to be thankful for. It states that if you have food, clothing, money of any amount, a place to sleep, etc. you are richer than the majority of those in the entire world. Think about it..... You think you are poor but do you have those things? Being rich is way more than having a lot of money.

We continue to have our military stationed all over the world. Many will not be able to be home with their families and loved ones at Christmas. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers that they will be safe and come home soon. So many of our hero's don't make it back to continue their earthly life and see their dreams come to reality.

Please send me your stories and stories of your service member. It is wonderful to hear how they endured their military time and what they went through. Times have changed but being away from family is still hard regardless of where you serve.

As always send me any updates to your information so you don't miss out on any editions of the magazine.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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



A modern illustration of the Blue Ridge badge.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE ONE: It's not new to anyone who has followed this magazine that our numbers are continuing to shrink. We mail over 400 "Call to Reunion" letters each year at substantial expense. The same information is reiterated in this magazine. In order to cut redundancy and costs, the only "Call to Reunion" you will receive this year will be in the Spring and Summer printing of the Blue Ridge.

NOTICE TWO: Efforts continue to acquire membership and officers from post WWII ranks. As part of the effort, this year the Executive Council made two proposals that were accepted in the Business meeting.

- Near term reunions will be held in Virginia, specifically Richmond in 2019. The 80th Training Command plans to attend a combined dinner as was done in 2017.
- Reunions will be shortened by one day with registration opening on Thursday. Executive Council meeting will be on Thursday afternoon and General Business meeting on Friday morning.

Action Item: PNC Paul Stutts

Commander's Message



I HOPE EVERYONE has enjoyed their summer this year. As we transition now into winter, I am personally thankful to be out of the hurricane season here in the Carolinas! It is a great honor to serve as your national commander. One of the objectives of the association is to encourage participation and grow membership. It is our hope that the association will remain viable through the

WWI & WWII families, GWOT veterans and the 80th training command. Please help keep the association legacy going by encouraging others to join. Several enhancements are being made to increase our efficiency and reach. As we move more into a digital presence we plan to communicate key events through email, Facebook and the association website versus traditional postal mail which has become very costly to maintain. Please help us update your contact information. You can message us through Facebook or the website. We are also exploring the possibility of changing our tax status to allow us to fundraise through Facebook and other outlets.

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice of WWI. As such, there have been several key events in which the 80th

was recognized. I encourage everyone to visit the 80th Training Command (TASS) Facebook page for details. Dr. Lee Anthony, Historian and PNC, also participated on behalf of the association. Please see his historians report for details.

Next year's reunion will be in Richmond Virginia August 1-4, 2018 and is being planned by PNC Bill Black. Bill is not only managing the reunion details but also a major relocation to Nebraska. Thank you for your dedication to the association! We hope to keep the reunions in the Richmond area close to the 80th training command for their continued engagements.

This past reunion was a huge success thanks to many of the executive council who helped me throughout the process. We had 52 registered attendees and an impressive amount of leadership from the past and current training command. This year's theme was designated "Defending America" and each of our invited guest speakers focused on wars in which the 80th played a crucial role. There are plenty of program books leftover for sale if you would like one. The outing this year was to the D-day memorial in Bedford, VA. The feedback was tremendously positive and we hope the reunions keep recurring for years to come but we need your help. See you soon next year in Richmond and remember the 80th "only moves forward"

Brian Faulconer, National Commander

80th Division WWII Veterans – Video Interviews and Archival Footage (WWI & WWII)

Andy Adkins

DURING THE 2001 80TH Division Veterans Association Annual Meeting in Hampton, VA (August 24-25, 2001), COL(ret) Grant Porter sat down with several 80th Division WWII Veterans and recorded their stories. This project was carried through by MG(ret) John P. McLaren and COL(ret) Brydon Jackson. These extraordinary interviews of the men who fought with the 80th Division during WWII will never be forgotten.

Hear first-hand from 80th Veterans: Angelo Barone, Lloyd Bowes, Ed Bredbenner, Bob Burrows, Don Davis, Lou Engelke, Frank Gerone, Bill Lainge, Renaldo Martin, Bob Murrell, Gerald Virgil Meyers, Dempsey Pappas, Eric Reiling, Robert Smith, Jerry Spellman, and Paul Wiedorfer. All of these video interviews are on the 80th Division website: www.80thdivision.com.

In addition, COL(ret) Porter captured several different 80th Division archived tapes onto video, which include both WWI and WWII archival footage. These are both online as well.

Last, but not least, MG Douglas Dollar provides an overview of the 80th Division Training Command.

Thanks to all who were a part of capturing this amazing video Oral History Project.

For the first time, a woman is leading the largest command in the US Army

Andrea Diaz, CNN

LT. GEN. LAURA J. Richardson has succeeded in breaking through a few glass ceilings in the US Army. Now she's set to break a new one.

For the first time in US Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM, history, a woman will be leading the largest command in the Army, representing 776,000 soldiers and 96,000 civilians.

This may be a first for the Army, but Richardson has had other firsts.

She has been with the US Army since 1986, and in 2012 she became the first female deputy commanding general for the 1st Cavalry Division, known as "America's First Team."

In 2017, she became second in command to Gen. Robert B. Abrams, when she was named the first female deputy commanding general of FORSCOM in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the US Army reported.

Now, Richardson will become the first female commanding general of the US Army FORSCOM as Abrams steps down from his post, reported CNN affiliate WTVD.

Entire article may be read at:

<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2018/10/16/us/first-female-commander-us-army-trnd/index.html>

ANDY ADKINS AND I are still busy, handling inquiries relating to WW II and WW I activities, history, and personnel. We learn a lot, researching for the families of our veteran antecedents.

The most memorable event is the recent unique trip to France in which the 80th Division Commanding Officer, MG Hackett, his staff, and I attended and participated in many Centennial observances. They made a great contribution to these activities by their presence and participation in events which will never recur. Please refer to their reports for details of the Division's experiences in the Meuse-Argonne.

I met up with the Division on 24 September for the commemoration at the Meuse-Argonne American Military Cemetery in Romagne on 23 Sept. There were a great number of participants, U. S. and French military, veterans' organizations, and citizens of both the U. S. and France. Although it poured down rain, the activities were moved indoors, into the Chapel, and appropriately carried out. The Cemetery staff did a great job of "carrying on" in spite of the weather.

The next day, 24 Sept., MG Hackett presented plaques to the Mayor of Nantillois' representative and to Maarten and Didi Otte, the proprietors of the Nantillois 14-18 Bed & Breakfast/Museum. In the afternoon, the 80th group went into the edges of the Bois des Ogons, observing the foxholes, trenches (and even three "pineapples"). Various artifacts were found while walking the adjacent field. Next, we went to the Ferme de L'Etanche belonging to Daniel and Ann-Marie Huard. Within sight of the house, we walked to an area which held a German rail system, German trenches, and an American Aid Station, complete with a large shell crater.

I had the pleasure of meeting up with two friends, John Hamill of Roanoke, VA., and a good friend of many years, Roland Keller from Switzerland. John is a great photographer, and specializes in finding WW I era photos of various houses, Churches, and other buildings. He now locates the building, takes a current picture of it, and gives the WW I picture to the owner of the house. They really love this. Roland and I have toured the battlefields for many years; he is a walking encyclopedia of battlefields and military operations.

Roland and I toured the Sgt. York Circuit near Chatel-Chehery. We then followed the trail of the 80th in the Meuse-Argonne, covering the area of operations of the 80th from 26 Sept. 1918 to the Northern extent of Buzancy. Sommauthe. Vaux, etc.

We visited with friends of many years, Dr. Lucien and Annick Houlemare, of Chatel-Chehery. They are the owners of "The York Site" Annick is the head of the Chatel-Chehery civic historical association. We also attended a gathering on 28 Sept. in my favorite French church, located in Exermont. There are three famous pictures of the Doughboys in the village square and inside the battle-scarred Church, playing the organ. The organ is still there in the Church. The Houlemares were able to attend this night-time celebration.

I was able to spend some time in Esnes, looking at their museum and talking with the mayor, Veronique Adler and her staff of volunteers. We also, on 29 Sept., made a pre-arranged visit to Bethincourt, where we met with the Mayor, Marie-Claude

Thil and her History Specialist and teacher, Dominique Henry. They were kind enough to give John and me a tour of the 80th battlefields for many miles around the area, including a visit to the original site of Bethincourt, The old village was abandoned after the War because of the unexploded ordnance and the many bodies and body parts remaining.

We also linked up with our friend (and attendee at the 80th reunions), Simon Petitot, who lives near St. Avold. He gave us a great tour, which included a visit into the Maginot Line fort which they are rehabbing. It is amazing, how they have been able to find and install so much of the original equipment and accessories. The hospitality of Simon and his family was greatly appreciated. He also took us through Salmagne, where the 80th stood in reserve for the St. Mihiel battle.

A great time was spent with Jean-Paul DeVries, the Historian/restaurant/museum curator in Romagne, the old Roman town, adjacent to the Meuse-Argonne American Military Cemetery (AMC). We walked the fields with him, finding artifacts, and learning more history.

I also made two driving excursions, first to the Epinal AMC, where I visited the graves of General Selby and Eddy Simpson. Gen. Selby, who died on Mousson Hill in WW II, was the only 80th General to die in battle. Capt. Eddie Simpson was the P-51 pilot who had to parachute into occupied France; he was rescued by the Maquis, worked with them, and then they all fled in a convoy because the Germans were coming in a convoy to destroy the Maquis. Imagine a chase scene from the movies, in which the bad guys are chasing the good guys. Eddy and five Maquis, who were riding in the last truck of the Maquis convoy, stopped their truck, set up a machine gun, and held the Germans off until they were killed, enabling the Maquis convoy to escape. The names of Eddy and his comrades are on a monument in the Orleans forest today. The Assistant Superintendent at Epinal is Mrs. Virginie Benoit, who is always such a pleasant and helpful lady. She helped with the picture-taking of the grave sites, etc.

The second driving excursion was to Belleau Wood, to the East of Paris. This second battle of the Marne and Belleau Wood gave rise to the term "Rock of the Marne", which was given to Major Woodridge, and then to the 3rd Division. This is also the battle area in which the Germans called the Marines "Teufelhund" or Devil-Dogs, a name which is still heard. I brought back some souvenirs from the Belleau Wood, some of which are in the hands of a Marine Corps friend.

The absolutely most meaningful operation of this trip was my visitation to my Dad's battlefield, just North of Nantillois, where the 80th "went over the top" at 0530 on the morning of 4 October, 1918, and Dad was wounded around 0730 by an exploding German artillery shell which killed most of his squad. He was left on the field, apparently dead. He regained consciousness and dragged himself with his shrapnel wounds to an Aid Station. After touring about 4 or 5 medical facilities, he was able to rejoin his unit the latter part of Dec., 1918.

Therefore, on the morning of 4 Oct. 2018, on the precise day, hour, and minute 100 years later, I started walking from

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Charles Olan Faulconer Sr.

MARCH 22, 1926 – DECEMBER 2, 2018

CHARLES OLAN FAULCONER, SR. of Monroe, Virginia died December 2, 2018 in Florida. Charles was born March 22, 1926 in Monroe to his parents Charles Andrew Faulconer and Myrtle Inez Floyd Faulconer. Charles was preceded in death by his wife Louise McCord Faulconer, to whom he was married for sixty-five years, having married June 15, 1951.

Together they embraced their hometown of Monroe and Amherst County, raising their sons and contributing to their community, where Charles served as postmaster at the Monroe Post Office 1951-1977. A decorated veteran of WWII, Charles was a member of Patton's 3rd Army, 80th division, 319th Infantry Company A. He was wounded at age 18 on February 8, 1945, fighting from a forward position on the front lines in Germany, during the Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive on the Western Front during the war. For his actions, Charles was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and, just two years ago, the French Legion of Honour, the highest decoration awarded in France.

Maintaining his dedication to his home and family in Virginia during retirement, Charles also became determined to understand the context of his military service, and he traveled back to Europe to find the battlefield of his youth. On his first visit, he was surprised, honored, and humbled to be awarded a medal of appreciation from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Inspired by the continuing gratitude of the citizens of Luxembourg and France for the service of all Allied troops, Charles returned to Europe a few years later in 2011, with his wife, sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, where he was able to pinpoint the very foxhole he fought from in Luxembourg before being wounded the next day after crossing the Our River into Wallendorf, Germany. Charles was finally able to show and tell the fullness of his story to his family, a story emblematic of the sacrifices of The Greatest Generation, in which a young man from a small train town in Virginia traveled thousands of miles to help win a world war, a story similar to that of many of his comrades in arms.

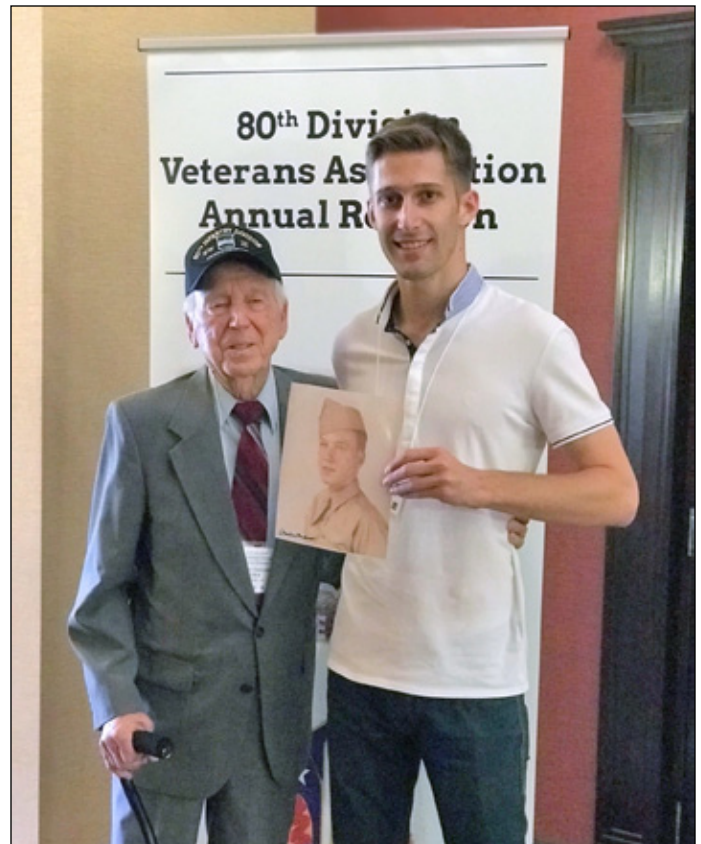
Charles was active in the Battle of the Bulge Association and the 80th Division Veterans Association, attending reunions with his wife and sons. Charles grew up at a time when

Historian's Report: continued

the line of departure at 0530, headed toward the Bois des Ogons. It was totally dark, and it was cold. It took me only 25 minutes to reach the Wood, but no one was shooting at me. I thank God that my Dad's life was spared.

I also had the privilege of attending the Sgt. Alvin C. York Commemoration in Chatel-Chehery on 6-7 Oct. 2018. This was a great event, with military and political and family all in attendance.

This trip was a unique opportunity which I shall never forget. May God keep the United States of America and France as nations who follow God, and provide Freedom, Equality, and Brotherhood to all.



Charles Faulconer Sr. and Simon Petitot at the 2018 Reunion

Monroe was a bustling village centered around a Southern Railway train yard. His first job was delivering newspapers for 25 cents a day. He later took grocery orders from Monroe residents, delivering groceries and food from the four stores and the restaurant that were in business in Monroe at the time.

He began attending Monroe School when it was built in 1935, and he graduated from Madison Heights High School. Though he lived his entire life as a Monroe resident, Charles' curiosity about the world led him to travel to 49 states in the United States (except Hawaii), most often traveling by RV with family. He was a member of the Blue Ridge Winnies camping club for 23 years and part of the Holiday Travel community in Leesburg, Florida. He often traveled with his children and his grandchildren. With family, he visited Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Ireland, England, and Scotland.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Monroe, where he was baptized as a child. The landmarks and stories of Monroe lived in his memory. He had gifts with animals, growing vegetables, and mechanical things, and he also had a creative side, taking pictures, and preserving historic photos. He encouraged both his children and grandchildren to learn to play music, enjoy the outdoors, travel, and work hard.

Charles Faulconer was a true American Hero and a member of our Greatest Generation. He will be remembered for his energy, integrity, and indomitable spirit, embodied in the slogan of the 80th Infantry: "Only Moves Forward."

To honor his memory and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to 80th Division Veterans Association, 5101 Huroop Road, Sandston, VA 23150.

80th Division Veterans' Association Approaches 100th Anniversary

by Andy Adkins

80th Infantry Division Organized

The 80th Infantry Division was first organized August 5, 1917 in the National Army and headquartered at Camp Lee, Virginia. The units were made up primarily from the residents of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, who as brigadier general had been Military Commander of the Panama Canal Department, was assigned to command the 80th Division and Camp Lee.

The 317th Infantry Regiment included men from the Piedmont and western Virginia areas; the 318th Infantry was made up mostly of men from the Shenandoah Valley and Tidewater areas; the 319th Infantry included men from Allegheny County north to Erie and some from eastern Ohio; the 320th Infantry soldiers were mostly men from Pittsburgh.

Because men were organized from these three Blue Ridge Mountain states, the division adopted the Latin motto: "Vis Montium" or "Strength of the Mountains." Its distinctive insignia was adopted in 1918 and consists of three blue mountain peaks, representing the mountains in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

80th Division Heads to Europe – WWI

When World War I broke out, the 80th Division sailed to France, landing on June 8, 1918, trained with the British Third army and joined forces on the front lines near the Artois sector. The 80th experienced heavy action in the Somme Offensive of 1918 and in the Meuse-Argonne. The 80th Division returned to the United States in May 1919 and was inactivated at Camp Lee on June 26, 1919.

80th Division Veterans' Association Formed

The Eightieth Division Veterans Association was organized while still in France in March 1919 and the National Headquarters later established in Pittsburgh in August 1919. The organization's original By-laws were written to include "Any Honorably Discharged person, or present officer or enlisted man, welfare worker or accredited news-correspondent, who has served with the 80th Division between August 27, 1917 and June 26, 1919..." The By-laws were later amended to include "... or between July 15, 1942 and 8th day of May 1945..." Again, the By-laws were later amended to include "...or anytime following reactivation of the 80th Division in 1950..."

World War II – 80th DVA Continues to Always Move Forward

During the August 1943 annual meeting, held in Pittsburgh, Acting Commander Carl F. (Pop) Case stated while discussing the current nation at war and "the many letters that the Convention Committee has received from distant members approving this type of meeting for our Twenty-sixth Anniversary. Almost to a man they also carried a common expression of their pride in the fact that the organization has remained intact."

Acting Commander Case also reported, "The new Eightieth Infantry Division was activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee,

on July 18, 1942. Our biggest venture during the year was our trip to Camp Forrest on September 26, 1942 to present the divisional colors to the New Eightieth. For my part, it will always remain one of the most thrilling experiences of a life time."

The Service Magazine

Volume 1, Number 1 of The Service Magazine was published in October 1919 (at \$.20 per copy). In an article in that month's magazine titled, "Still Moving Forward," Reuel W. Elton, the Resident Secretary of Eightieth Division Veterans' Association wrote, "the cost of holding these widely diverted lines [i.e., areas where 80th veterans currently live] is relatively small—one dollar initiation fee and one dollar a year dues for each member of the association. So far 16,000 former members of the division have joined up with the veterans' association and indications imitate that this main body will be heavily reinforced by substantial gains in membership."

While still in France in early April 1919, a committee was appointed to draw up Articles of Organization and then the drive for membership was instituted. It was decided that the association's objective would "include the fostering of a number of desirable principles. The promotion of fellowship among its membership, the promotion of the welfare of its members, the perpetuation of the record of the Eightieth Division in the world war, the promotion of the welfare of the families of the members of the division who lost their lives in the service, and the consideration of questions of military policy concerning the United States is the goal set before the association."

The first annual 80th Division Veterans' Association meeting was held beginning September 4, 1920 in Richmond, Virginia. This first meeting set the stage for all future meetings of the 80th Division Veterans' Association, helping to establish and support individual Posts, continue to build and support the comradery of 80th Division veterans, family, and friends, and most important of all, to keep the 80th Division and the 80th Division Veterans' Association "Always Moving Forward."

As we approach the 100th year anniversary of the 80th Division Veterans' Association, we take comfort in knowing that the original charter, that is the original stated mission, of those men who fought in World War I, World War II, and in the Global War on Terror still continues today:

- Promote fellowship among its membership;
- Promotion of the welfare of its members;
- Perpetuate the record of the Eightieth Division in all wars;
- Promote the welfare of the families of the members of the division who have lost their lives in the service; and
- The consideration of questions of military policy concerning the United States.

What is important to take away from this unique history is that while the 80th Infantry Division has been around for 100 years, so has the 80th Division Veterans Association; both continue to Always Move Forward. The original mission has not changed in more than 100 years.

I have digitized and placed online not only this first issue of The Service Magazine, but almost all issues between 1919 and 1931. We are currently looking for the other issues of the

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Raymond Edward Weeks

AUGUST 22, 1925 – JULY 5, 2018

RAYMOND EDWARD WEEKS passed away in his home on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the age of 92. Born in Lake Wales, Florida on August 22, 1925, he was the oldest son of Lizzie Lee Weeks and Edward Brewster Weeks. Raymond spent the first few years of his life in Babson Park, Florida. He told many stories of what it was like to grow up in the years of the Great Depression.

Often his stories included spending time with his brother, Jim and all the mischief they could get into as young boys. Raymond moved to Boynton Beach, Florida in 1934, and remained a resident of the city ever since. He attended Boynton Beach High School and even drove the school bus at the young age of 17. As a youth Ray was found at the only park in town, Pence Park, watching the marathon baseball games.

Just three days after he turned 18 he was drafted into the United States Army. He left for boot camp at Camp Fannin, Texas. Just before he was supposed to ship out, he caught the measles and had to stay behind. This gave him the opportunity to train new recruits but most importantly allowed him to meet Margi Flatt. Raymond bought strawberry ice cream from a sweet Texas woman whom later became his beloved wife and the mother of his two children.

Raymond proudly served in Europe during World War II, followed by Korea. He was always so proud of the many things he experienced during his career. When he first arrived in Europe as an infantry sergeant in the 80th Division in Patton's Third Army he met up with his platoon as they were crossing the Oar River. He was one of the lucky few that got across. Shortly after crossing, the group of soldiers he was with were hit and he landed unconscious in a hole. Coming to for only short periods of time, he could hear voices of German soldiers on a megaphone telling them to surrender. They tried coaxing them with hot chow. The next time he came to was in a box car, being fed Jello. Then in a hospital during a conversation about his foot that was frozen while he was in the fox hole.

100th Anniversary: continued

Service Magazine and the next generation, Blue Ridge, The Service Magazine in order to digitize and place these historical issues on the 80th Division website.

These WWI era issues are currently online and free to download, as well as many other WWI and WWII documents, videos, and other invaluable sources of information: www.80thdivision.com.

This is the first of a two-part article regarding the Eightieth Division Veterans' Association. Next issue will focus on the continuance of the 80th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror and the transition of the 80th Division Veterans Association from World War II veterans to Post-WWII and GWOT era veterans. The 80th Always Moves Forward.



After healing he returned to active duty in Czechoslovakia. When World War II ended, the soldiers in his company had enough points to go home, but because he was not married and did not have children at the time he had to stay. Although some would see this as a misfortune, he always saw it as a blessing. He was chosen to be a guard during the Nuremberg Trials. Raymond was in command of the soldiers guarding the lawyers' hotel rooms. He always felt the reason he was chosen was not only because of the points, but that he was 6 ft. tall and looked half way decent in a uniform. During his time in Nuremberg he was able to sit in on the trial of Goering and Hess (Nazi leaders under Hitler's command). Another memory he loved to share was when he stood in the funeral of General Patton.

His military accomplishments did not stop there, he spent time stationed in Panama as well. He lived there with his son Randy and worked as a military police. He was amazing, but in so many more ways. When he did come home he called Margi (the sweet Texan) and asked her to marry him. They got married in 1946. She gave him two sons, Raymond and Randy. Unfortunately, in 1965 Margi passed away. She remained in his heart and in his stories ever since.

After a career in the military, Raymond retired from the Army in 1971. He made his way into the hearts of all who knew him and became actively involved in youth sports. Raymond was the president of the Little League program in Boynton Beach from 1982 to 1993. He helped the program grow in so many ways. He always did it for the kids and he truly believed that it was all about them. Even after he resigned in 1993 he continued watching his grandkids grow up at the field and play baseball, the game he loved dearly. He made positive relationships with all players coaches and parents. He became known as grandpa baseball. Eventually he found himself at the softball fields and made even more memories and friends. It was hard not to love him. He was the easiest person to talk to (or listen to). He was a lucky one, he would always say as he watched even his Great Grandchildren play on and off the fields.

He devoted many years to researching family history, as family was always his #1 priority, followed closely by his love for our country and the game of baseball. Known for his wit and charm, he made everyone feel like they were a million bucks. He proudly shared numerous stories of his remarkable experiences which will remain in our hearts forever. He will be remembered as our biggest fan.



I'M PLEASED TO announce that the 100th Centennial Reunion of the 80th Division Veteran's Association will take place August 1 – 4, 2019 in Richmond, Virginia. We will be gathering at the Doubletree by Hilton Airport Hotel in Sandston, Virginia. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

We are currently planning a fantastic reunion which will include a trip to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, a visit to the Virginia War Memorial and a Saturday night gala with the Commander's Dinner from the 80th Training Command. It will surely be a memorable reunion and we hope you are planning to attend.

Registration information for the Centennial Reunion will be shared with everyone in February and will include all the details for this exciting conference. This year's reunion is being shortened by one day. The Commander's Reception will take place on Thursday evening with the Dugout Family Buffet Dinner on Friday night. We will wrap up the reunion with our Saturday night Commander's dinner with the 80th Training Command.

The Executive Council meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon and the Business Meeting on Friday morning. We are currently looking to hold our Memorial Service at the Virginia War Memorial on Friday afternoon.

If you have any ideas for this year's reunion, please send them my way at williamblack@gmail.com. I love to hear from you!

Have a wonderful holiday season and here's to a great 2019!



Here are some photos from the 2018 reunion in Roanoke, Virginia...



Dr. Lee Anthony, PNC speaking on "A Soldiers Life in WWI"



Burt Marsh, COL. Mike Rauhut and Charles Faulconer



World War I artifacts



Brian Faulconer, Lee Anthony and Paul Stutts



Friday Dinner with a talk by James Triesler from the Virginia War memorial speaking on the Battle of the Bulge



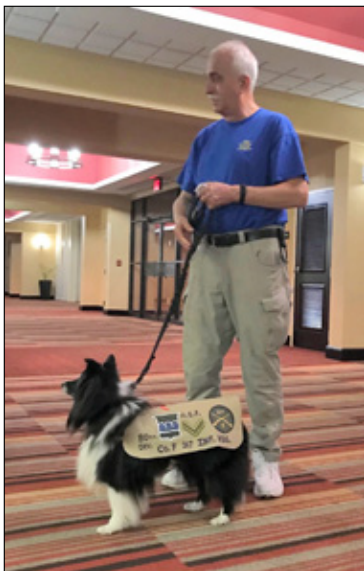
Charles Faulconer, Burt Marsh and Doris Wollett



Social time with friends.



Keynote speaker and acclaimed author Dr. Edward Lengel "80th Division – Battle of the Muesse Argonne" addressing the Saturday evening banquet.



POWMIA – the 80th DVA adopted Mascot wearing WWI replica dog blanket



Paul Stutts



Ben Rupp



Lunch at Liberty Station at the Virginia Museum of Transportation



D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA

A Visit to the Virginia Museum of Transportation

Bill & Tammy Black step back in time...



Burt Marsh visits the train yard.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The last date I have entered a name is November 30, 2018

Mary Jo Collatos – Daughter of Joseph Fatula 305 Eng Bn

Michael Glenn – Son of John Glenn 305 Eng Bn

MG Bruce Hackett – 80th Tng Cmd (TASS) Commander

COL Michael Rauhut –

Family of Magdalena Winkel Rauhut 2-319

CSM Dennis Thomas – 80th Tng Cmd (TASS) CSM

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Daniel Zmoda – Friend of M-317 Soldier

DONATIONS

Anonymous – In Memory of MAJ(R) Paula Graham

Joseph Coscia – In Memory of PNC Walt Spangler A-319

Donn DeMuro – In Memory of Jerry DeMuro L-318

Ann Hatcher – In Memory of Hilda Latusek

Otto Hechler – In Honor of L-318

Ratri Jenkins – General Fund

Eunice King – In Memory of Hilda Latusek

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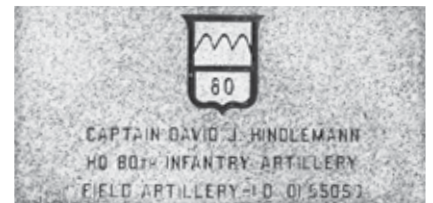
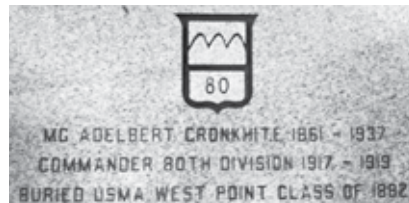
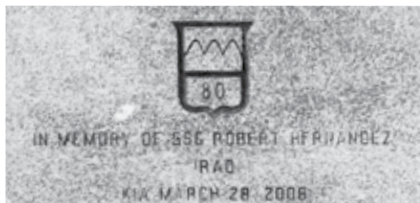
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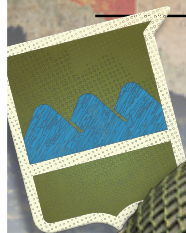
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