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THE RED BULL NEWSLETTER

NOTICE: Look at the label on the envelope and if, after your name, there is not a "L", "6", or "W", your dues are not current. Our year starts on 1 September and ends on 31 August of each year. Dues schedule as follows:

Annual	\$ 10.00 (1 Sep/31 Aug)		
Associate	10.00 (1 Sep/31 Aug)	(See Resolution 95-4, below)	
LIFE: To Age 60	100.00	Age 61	\$ 90.00
Age 62	80.00	Age 63	70.00
Age 64	60.00	Age 65	50.00

Send in your delinquent dues now in order to keep your membership current. If you don't have the "L", "6", "5", or "W" after your name, this will be your last NEWSLETTER. The cost of printing and postage have risen where we can't afford to continue the luxuries of free NEWSLETTERS to those who are not Members of the Association!

1995 REUNION. The 48th Annual Reunion at Omaha, NE, was a total success! The Council Bluffs Chapter had done their homework and provided good entertainment for all. There were 269 RED BULLS in attendance. The facilities were superb, the food was exceptional, and the hospitality of the Marriott personnel was super!

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS:

Major General Gerald Miller, Current Division Commander, Brigadier General Harold Bowman, Assistant Division Commander, and Major Gary Olson, Division Public Affairs Officer were present, and they made a presentation on the status of the Division to include the Structure (Units of the Division), Roles, Missions, Training, Readiness, and how the Division stacks up against the other seven Divisions of the National Guard. Other Divisions may be ahead of the RED BULL in some of these measured areas, but when the scores are added, THE RED BULL IS STILL TOPS IN THE NATION! General Miller is proud of the RED BULL and vows to do his best to keep the Division ON-LINE during the draw-down of forces in the Army (See Resolution 95-3, below). He also asked for some financial assistance in the procurement of awards and certificates for the recognition of the young men and women of the Division who are performing in an outstanding manner. Many members present chipped into the "pot" for this assistance and several have made donations since the Reunion. If you want to help in this "Recognition Program", send in your donation to the Association and we will periodically consolidate and forward to the Division.

There were reports presented on the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of World War II by Elwood Leapley and Ben Butler, both having participated in many events during this Commemoration. Congratulations to these dedicated RED BULLS and the many others who participated in the various events across our Nation!

Craig Johnson reported on his progress of preparing the "List of Casualties of the 34th Infantry Division. He still is in need of assistance in identifying those Killed, Wounded, or Died while in the Division. If you can assist, even with one or two names, send them to Craig, along with their unit and approximate date to: Craig Johnson
6519 Pleasant Ave
Cocoa, FL 32927

Remember, this will be a "ONE OF A KIND DOCUMENT" to preserve the history of the RED BULLS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM!

John Taylor, who with George Catalano and Ray Rudolph, of the Tri-State Chapter, made a presentation on the Tri-State Chapter proposal to place in City Halls in cities in Italy, to be determined, an appropriate plaque, or certificate, HONORING THE 34th INFANTRY DIVISION for the Divisions part in liberating those towns/cities from the enemy. This gesture would preserve the history of the RED BULL for their generations to come. LEST THEY NEVER FORGET THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE RED BULL in the preservation of THEIR HISTORY. The Officers and Trustees gave these three, and the Tri-State Chapter the support to proceed with the basic planning, legends, cost, where, etc..

Summary of RESOLUTIONS that were presented and passed without any dissention:

95-1 A RESOLUTION HONORING BERYL R. NEWMAN, FIRST LIEUTENANT, CO G,as 133d INFANTRY, 34th INFANTRY DIVISION, FOR HIS MEDAL OF HONOR. Beryl was present and was afforded the proper honors and met many of the men of his Company and Platoon who were present.

95-2 A RESOLUTION TO SALUTE JAPANESE-AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II. This is to Co-Sponsor with US Department of Veterans Affairs, the dedication of the Japanese-American Museum at Los Angeles, CA, on 8 November 1995.

95-3 A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF THE 34TH INFANTRY (RED BULL) DIVISION IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FORCE STRUCTURE. There have been proposals to DO AWAY WITH all Reserve Component Divisions. This Resolution was spread very heavily among the leadership of the Congress and the Department of Defense and the Army. Let us all voice our strong support of this Resolution through your Congressional delegation.

95-4 A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE FIELD OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION. This Resolution amended the By-Laws to accept, as "Associate Members", Wives, Sons, Daughters, other related kin, and Friends of the RED BULL. There had been many inquiries from this group wanting membership in the Association. We need these relatives in order to keep the Association strong and to perpetuate the history of the RED BULL after we are all gone. Face facts, our numbers are decreasing.

95-5 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COUNCIL BLUFFS CHAPTER FOR HOSTING THE 48th ANNUAL REUNION.

95-6 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITIZENS FLAG ALLIANCE. The American Legion is sponsoring the Citizens Flag Alliance, through the Congress, to prohibit the desecration of OUR FLAG and to provide penalties for those that desecrate OLD GLORY.

95-7 A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE A POSTAGE STAMP HONORING THE 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Postage stamps have been recently issued honoring individuals of the entertainment world and a few honoring groups who have fought gallantly during the various wars. WE NEED FURTHER RECOGNITION for our service to our Nation.

95-8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING RICHARD A. MOSS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

Committee Reports:

TIME AND PLACE: 1996 at Minneapolis, MN, 6-8 September 1996. Place to be announced: 1997 at Des Moines, IA, 5-7 September 1997, Place to be announced: 1998 by the Chicago Chapter, 11-13 September 1998, Place to be announced. The 1998 Reunion may be outside of the Chicago area because of high costs.

AUDIT COMMITTEE. The Committee reviewed the records of the Treasurer and found them to be correct. and recommended approval of the Treasurer's Reports.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE'

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Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families and friends of these GALLANT SOLDIERS OF THE RED BULL who have answered the Final Roll Call.

If you know of the death of any RED BULL not previously announced, please advise the Association in order that they can be properly memorialized at the Reunion Memorial Service.

LOCATOR FILE; Joseph Baker, 911 Via Campbello, Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1227, started his career in Co F 109th Engineer Battalion, transferred to Co C 168th Infantry as a Platoon Leader in North Africa and onto Italy, then transferred to Co A 109th Engineer Battalion as Company Commander, and then to the 100th Infantry Battalion (part of the 133d Infantry) and then to the 64th General Hospital back in North Africa. He remained in the Army and commanded three (3) Engineer Battalions in Korea, and later served in HQ USArmy, Europe. He completed 20 years and would like to hear from anybody who remembers him. Colonel Baker is 85 years and is one of our older members.

Jerry Stehlin, Box 143, Blue Mountain, NY 12812 would like to contact personnel of Hq Co 109th Medical Battalion. He would also like to find Major Sheppard, his former Company Commander.

Eugene L. Ford, Rte 1, Box 62A, New Albin, IA, 52160, is trying to locate Chaplain Leland Larson of the 135th Infantry at Ft Dix in 1942. Eugene says that Chaplain Larson married him 53 1/2 years ago and did a "good job" and wants to renew his acquaintance.

Mrs Dorothy Stroh, 2199 Kelly Court, Akron, OH 44312, widow of John Stroh of Co F 133d Infantry from Rome to the end, is wanting to contact anyone who knew "Big John" who stayed in and retired as a W-4, and later became a police officer in Akron. Big John died in 1979.

ONCE AN ARTILLERYMAN, ALWAYS AN ARTILLERYMAN. A RED BULL Artilleryman (105mm), dozed by the fire in his living room, his cat in his lap, a cigarette burning down to an ash beside him. His wife, working in the kitchen smelled smoke and screamed "FIRE". The old gunner sprang to his feet, opened the oven door, rammed in the cat, slammed the door with authority and reported "Number two gun - on the way".

NATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS is trying to locate all men who on the field of battle against an armed enemy received a commission from Enlisted or Warrant status to Commissioned status. Contact John Angier, 67 Ocean Drive, St Augustine, FL 32064, (904) 471-7695.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Staff Sergeant Sylvester Don Singlestad, of 2677 Caribbean Drive, Grand Junction, CO, 61506, dropped a note and advises that he was with the Division from before the start of World War II until deactivation and received the (1) Distinguished Service Cross, (2) Silver Star, (3) Bronze Star, and (4) Purple Heart, and from the Italian Government, (1) The Gold Medal of the Military Cross, and (2) The Bronze Medal of the Military Cross. He also had the honor of carrying the American Flag in the Victory Parade in North Africa Victory Parade in Tunis on 20 May 1943. Can anyone beat Don's achievements? Let's hear from you!

There were 68 Gold Medals of the Military Cross awarded to United States Soldiers for their action in Italy. Your Secretary can identify three recipients still members of the Association. Lt Beryl R. Newman (Congressional Medal Of Honor), SSgt Sylvester D. Singlestad (Distinguished Service Cross) and SSgt Everett C. Knight. Please advise the Association if you know of others that are still living. The Secretary will contact the Italian Ministry of Defense and request a copy of Order with these individuals name and forward the order to the recipients.

Warren Salmons of 401 3d Street, Apt 107, Des Moines, IA 50309, advises that Victor Butz of Co M 168th Infantry, and from Northern IA, was the first soldier killed in the Algiers Landing on 8 November 1942, and that he and several others buried him on the scene.

Your Veterans Organizations are working hard with the Congress to retain the benefits that you are entitled. It is evident that with the budget reductions, the Veteran is taking a BIG HIT. It may not be too far down-the-road, that most Veteran Benefits will be eliminated. CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS and let them know your feelings!

The American Art and Antiques, Inc, of Staunton, VA, has prepared 15" X 30" colored pictures of the 28th Division in the Battle of the Bulge, the 29th Division in Normandy, and the 37th Division in Luzon. They propose to do a picture of the RED BULL in North Africa, as the 34th was the ONLY National Guard Division in North Africa. We have given this great thought and have determine that "HILL 609" would be the most appropriate, as the action of all three Regiments and Division Artillery were involved in this action on 30 April 1943. The taking of HILL 609 was the main battle that broke the back of the German army causing their capitulation about 13 May 1943. We will announce the completion of this colored picture in this NEWSLETTER with a photo and source of procurement and cost. This will be a "limited edition picture and will certainly be a collectors item.

Marvin O. "Syke" Horcher, of 600 McHenry Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, (708) 537-2323 has provided the Association with an article from the Pioneer Press Countryside Newspaper of Bannockham, IL, telling how the history of World War II is being taught in the most communities west and northwest of Chicago, IL. Marv provided the paper and the schools with photos and his accounts and official accounts of the Division in World War II. Through interviews with recent high school grads and current high school students, we find that very little history is in the curricula of today's high schools and very little about World War II. It is our duty as responsible citizens and school district taxpayers to make certain that World War II is brought to the attention of our younger people, that our actions and the supreme sacrifice made by thousands of brave men to preserve the peace and tranquility of the world. Teachers of today are not knowledgeable of the fact that without the actions of the forces of the Allies, our great nation could have been under the government of Axis nations! Let's keep World War II in the minds of teachers!



This Photo provided by Dr Jim Ruff, Co C 133d Infantry taken 1 October 1944 and shows the remaining combat enlisted men after 14 days on the Gothic Line, awaiting replacements. There were 130 men in the Company when they hit the Gothic Line. ONE HELL OF A LOSS! Jim is the Medic on the right side with the White Tape Cross on his helmet. Note the partial case of C-Rations in the front! With 12 meals to the case, they either had two cases, or someone was tired of Meat and Beans or Hash. Who would eat that stuff now?

Leon Arey, Keene, NH, made an inquiry on the awards given to the 135th. The record of the 135th indicate the following:

4 Medals of Honor

2nd Lt ERNEST H. DERVISIAN	Co B
Lt THOMAS E. WIGLE	Co K (Posthumus)
SSgt GEORGE G. HALL	Co B
Pvt FURMAN L. SMITH	Co L (Posthumus)

28 Distinguished Service Crosses

17 Legion of Merit

348 Silver Stars

13 Soldiers Medals

469 Bronze Stars

79 Division Citations

4,000 Purple Hearts (Approximate)

1 Meritorious Service Plaque (Sv Co)

7 Combat Streamers (Tunisia, Algeria-French Morocco, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Po Valley, Rome-Arno and North Appennines)

The Association has the following items of the RED BULL for sale.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
Jackets, Red, W/Red Bull on back, King Louis Large, X-Large and XX-Large, only	\$ 52.50	\$ 3.00
Towels, Golf/Bowling, White, W/Insignia 16X3	7.75	1.30
Insignia, Shoulder, Sleeve	1.00	.35
Distinctive Insignia (Unit Crest) All but 109 Med & 151 FA	5.00	1.30
Window/Bumper Stickers	1.50	.35
Memorial Highway Signs	19.00	2.50
Combat Infantry Badges (Minature for Tie/Cap)	3.25	.50
RED BULL Memo Pads, 4 1/4 X 5 1/2, 50 sheets per Pad, 3 Pads	2.00	.75
RED BULL Caps	9.00	1.50
RED BULL Neckties, Red W/insig, Clip on	9.00	1.50
US Flags, Lapel/Cap	1.00	.50
RED BULL T-Shirts, Grey, Sm, Med, Lg, only	8.00	1.40

On multiple item orders, reduce postage by 25% of total postage. All items are quality merchandise made in the USA!

The Council Bluffs Chapter has designed Playing Cards with the RED BULL in color on the back and a bit of history of the Division on the face of every card which includes facts from the Indian Wars through World War I and will provide you with instant history facts. What a gift to Friends and Relatives, or use them yourself. Single Decks are \$6.00 and Double Decks at \$11.00 are each Deck is individually packaged in boxes with each color (red on black and black on red). Send Check or Money Order To: Leslie L. Jerome, Secretary

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