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NEWSLETTER – October 25, 2003

NATIONAL REUNION REPORT

The 34th Division Association made a successful Frontal Assault 4-7 Sep 03 on Council Bluffs Ameristar River Boat on the beautiful Missouri River. (Iowa's West Coast)

Activities included memorabilia and history display, sales of 34th Div items. Tours included the Dodge House (MG Grenville Dodge of Iowa Civil War Militia and Union Pacific fame); Squirrel Cage Jail; Union Pacific Museum and the Veteran's Memorial.

A Very Special Guest – Lieutenant Ricardo Barni of the Italian Army Reserve was escorted by Pat Skelly. Earlier this year LT Barni through his research in Tuscany found artifacts of the great fight for Hill 810 North of his hometown of Prato. The fight by the 133 Rgt of the 34th Division was an effort to break German Gothic Line in September of 1944. A monument in honor of the 34th Div was dedicated in June 03. Pat Skelly was able to be present and represent the Division. A video was produced and ran continuously in the memorabilia room.

A great buffet was served to the attendees on Friday evening followed by terrific entertainment with the GLENWOOD SINGERS. Anthony J. Vella provided an impromptu dance as an added feature.

Saturday began with the President's Breakfast. The RED BULL BATTALION Hoover High School Junior ROTC presented a formal request for support (\$850) for a parade banner and an Honor Cadet trophy. The Cadet Battalion Commander made the convincing request in the form of a Formal Briefing.

President Ivan Delp called the Business Meeting to order. The colors were posted by the 1st Battalion 168th Infantry color guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then Invocation by Asst Chaplain Howard Ashcraft. The Honorable Mayor Thomas B. Hannefen of Council Bluffs welcomed our Reunion to his city.

During his opening remarks President Delp recognized Bob Olson's 88th birthday Sat 6 Sep, 03. The Secretary read the Minutes of the 55th Annual Reunion, which were approved. The Treasurer presented his report pending audit. The Secretary presented the Membership Report. (834)

Old Business:

The New Commemorative Signs are in place along US Highway 34 across southern Iowa.

The Postage Stamp honoring the 34th Division was placed in suspense by the US Post Office.

The 34th Infantry Division Assn Website is up and running very successfully thanks to Pat Skelly. www.334infdiv.org

New Business:

Committee Appointments were announced: Time and Place, Nominations, & Audit.

Larry Lewer presented a motion to support the Honor Cadet Trophy annually and \$ 500 toward the Parade Banner for the JROTC and add this unit to our newsletter list. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned to reconvene after the Breakfast Buffet on Sunday.

Tours and frequent visits to the memorabilia room and hallway chatter ensued. Could it be that some visited the River Boat Casino???

The evening affair started with cocktails followed by the annual banquet. Martin Winkle and William Wege pushed a 50/50 raffle. The big winner was the Operations fund plus Gene Lewis, the first prize winner, donated his winnings to the association.

Ivan Delp presented a special certificate of Appreciation and an Honorary Life-time Membership to LT Barni for his work in preserving the history of the 34th Division in Italy. LT Barni then presented the Association with a sculpture of a "hand" made of shrapnel from the battle area. This sculpture will be on display at the Division Headquarters in Minnesota for one year then returned to the Association and the Gold Star Museum.

MAJ Jay Morsching Secretary to the Commanding General of the 34th Division gave a briefing showing where the many Red Bulls are mobilized and those scheduled for active duty in the current war fight and security throughout the world.

Sunday morning began with the moving Memorial Service by Asst Chaplain Howard Ashcraft. Ben Krall led us in the music. The List of those that have left us

reported to the National Office between the Reunions at Des Moines and Council Bluffs was read.

After an excellent Breakfast Brunch the Business meeting was reconvened by. Committee Reports were received:

Time & Place: 2004 – Louisville, KY – Host Tri-States Chapter. 2005 – Des Moines – Host Des Moines Chapter.

Nominations:

President – Eugene Lewis

1st Vice – Ben Krall

2d Vice – OJ (Bud) Langenfeld

SGT at Arms – Darlene Smith

Trustees:

3 yr: Ivan Delp – Past Pr

Chuck Sweeney

Mildred Fencil

2 yr: Charles Radford Past Pr

Ed Ruple

Martin Winkle

1 yr: Elwood Leapley Past Pr

Gilbert White

John Churchman

Audit Report by Larry Lewer.

Books and finances in order. Recommended that Sec/Treas be admonished to draw the full \$100 per month instead of \$50.

Eugene Lewis was installed as our new President. Ivan Delp received his White Past President's Hat and Bronze Plaque.

The meeting was adjourned until our Reunion at Louisville, KY.

Note: A special donation for the full amount needed by the JROTC for their banner was received from Darline Smith in memory of Charles Smith. Thanks again Darline for your generosity and support of the Association.

44th Infantry Division Association
Items - Fiscal Year - October 2003

Unit Distinctive Insignia (Crest)	22.00
Unit Distinctive Insignia (Shield)	4.25
Combat Infantry Badge (Mini)	3.25
RED BULL Insignia Pins	1.20
US First Insignia Pin	2.00
US Paratrooper Insignia Pin	1.50
RED BULL Patch	1.50
RED BULL Window Decal	1.50
RED BULL Necktie	9.00
RED BULL Polo Shirt	22.00
RED BULL T-Shirt	9.00

Metairie, Louisiana
October 6, 2003

Dear Red Bulls And Their Ladies:

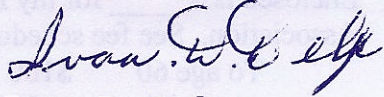
First I would like to thank the Council Bluffs Chapter for all the work they did to make the 56th Reunion a great success.

I would like to thank the membership for electing me President of the Organization, for putting your trust in me and I considered it an honor to have served as your President for the years of 2002 and 2003.

I want to thank the Officers for all the help they gave me, especially Secretary Treasurer Jerry Gorden. With his help and expertise everything ran quite smoothly for me.

If I can be of any help to anyone in the coming year, my address is 4425 Temple Street - Metairie, Louisiana 70001-4651. Phone # (504) 833-9037.

Sincerely,



Ivan D. Delp

IDD/jfd

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Items – Price List – October 2003

RED BULL Polo Shirts _____ (Size)	\$22.00	Unit Distinctive Insig(Crests) _____ (Rgt)	\$5.00
RED BULL Caps	9.00	Unit Distinctive Insig (Mini) _____ (Rgt)	4.25
RED BULL Patch	1.50	Combat Infantry Badge (Mini)	3.25
RED BULL Window/Decal	1.50	RED BULL Insignia Pins	3.50
RED BULL Neckties	9.00	US Flag Lapel Pin	2.00
RED BULL Coffee Cups	6.00	US Flag/34 th Assoc Key Tags (Metal)	3.50
RED BULL Refrigerator Magnets	1.75	*Book-“Dogfaces who Smiled Through Tears” by Homer Ankrum	20.00
RED BULL Memo Pads, 50 shts 3 pads	2.50 7.00	SUBTOTAL: \$ _____	
*RED BULL Metal Plaque 41/2x8 8x10	\$77.00 \$134.00	Shipping: \$ _____ Note: Add reasonable postage	
*34 th Div Mem Highway mini-signs 12x18	20.00	Purple Heart First Day Issue	5.00
*Add \$3.00 for shipping of Plaques and Signs.		TOTAL: \$ _____	

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- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Annual Membership (2002-2003) in the 34th Infantry Division Association. Period – 1 Sep 2002 thru 31 Aug 2003)
- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Associate Membership (2002-2003) in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (Annual Fee). (Period – 1 Sep 2002 thru 31 Aug 2003)
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association. See fee schedule below. (No annual dues.)

To age 60	\$100	At age 63	\$70
At age 61	90	At age 64	60
At age 62	80	At age 65 or older.	50
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for 34th Infantry Division Memorial
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for Association Operations Gift.

Age _____ Unit _____

Name _____ Street _____

Signature: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

The Following Red Bulls names were read at the Memorial Service – Reported since the Reunion September 2002:

FINAL ROLE CALL.

Two journalists are among those that have made their final roll call. Paul Gauthier and Homer Ankrum. They were significant in preserving the stories of the soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division!!!!

Tom Allen
 Homer Ankrum
 Robert Angel
 Sam Argos
 Amil Backstrom
 Ashburton"Bud" Bailey
 LeRoy Bell
 Byron O. Benjamin
 Irvin Beyl
 Chester Bills
 Alex Brimberry
 Wilfred Carroll
 Jake Castle
 Rex Castle
 Walter Courts
 George Doble
 Kenneth Edwards
 Joe Flynn
 Merle Fuller
 James Furey
 Paul Gauthier
 Michael Graziono
 Albert Guiglo
 James Halench
 Walter A. Haugen
 Lawrence E. Hartzell
 Archie Hirsch
 Stanley Humphries
 Sari Jimenz
 Don Jones
 Walter Johnson
 Les Kearney
 William Kenevich
 Alfred Kirchner
 Robert Knie
 Lawrence Larson

Selmer "Sammy" Lillehaug
 Francis Lindquist
 Lowell Lynn
 Waldo A. Maki
 Earnest Maxon
 Stanley McDonald
 Charles Merada
 Thomas Miller
 Zed Miller
 Jimmie North
 Nick Pakis
 Richard Pallamounter
 Jack Paraval
 Claude Pleas
 Stanley W. Rhone
 Herbert C. Rogers
 LeRoy Rolstad
 John Roney
 Gordon Ruhle
 James Runtich
 Jens Sahl Jr

Vernon Schliesman
 George Seim
 Robert W. Selzer
 Vince Senise
 Gordon K. Shannon
 Edgar Slagle
 Gordon K. Spillman Sr
 Arthur Spilman
 Froman Squires
 Melvin Therkildsen
 George Thomas
 Julius Tinko
 George Urgo
 Paul Vaugham
 Jim Von Epers
 Willie West
 Marv Wilhite
 Ronald Woodin

May they have no hills to climb or cold or rain or mud or enemy fire.

Our Nisei brothers report the following:

Tatsuo Abe
 Bumpei Akaji
 Norio Akutagawa

Wallace Chinen
 Mitsuru Doi
 Richard Endo
 Masao Fujimoto
 George Goto
 Jack Kojin Gushiken
 Harumi Harata
 William Hagio
 George Hagiwara
 Susumu Hata
 James Horikoshi
 Halo Hirose
 Stanley Hamamura
 George Ikinaga
 Tanao Ito
 Benjamin Ishibashi
 Tom Kashiwabara
 Asao Kase
 Masaru Kadomoto
 Edward Itsuo Kajiwara
 John Ko
 Arthur Kikukawa
 Takeji Kinoshita
 James Kurata
 Tooru Joe Kanazawa
 Tameji Matsushige
 Wataru Michioka
 George Morishima
 Isao Nadamoto
 Seichi Nagamine
 Roy K Nakamura
 Thomas T Nakamura
 Edward Nakao
 James N Noji
 Seiichi Oshiro
 Jou Okitsu
 Walter Shibata
 Francis Sugai
 Miles Shima
 Masato Suehiro
 William Saito
 James Tadashi
 William Takaezu
 Iwao Takamori
 Tetsuo Takeoka
 Mikio Mike Takahasi
 Masasuke Toma
 Kiyoshi Uyeno
 Tadashi Umamoto

Sakae Watanabe
 Yutaka Watanabe
 Jack Kuniyoshi Wakamatsu
 Ralph Yempuku
 Ralph Hitoshi Yoshioka
 Jack Yoshimoto
 Eichi Yonashiro
 Richard Yamamoto

Final Role Call after Reunion :

Richard Moss – Assn Treas 36
 yrs/Sec 12 yrs
 Kenneth Jones
 George Roufs
 Ray Puterbaugh

Cemetery Wreaths Presented

As is our custom wreaths are to be presented at the North Africa, Sicily-Rome, and Florence American Cemeteries on behalf of the 34th Infantry Division Association on Veteran's Day 2003. The embassy sends us photos of the wreaths.

DOG TAGS FOUND

Dog Tags were found in the Villa Delle Maschere near the Futa Pass. Do any of you recognize these names?

Wefko Walter 32018122 T44 A C	Glass Rowen Jr 35882772 T44 0 P
Shrader Gillford 34058338 T43 A P	House C House 33731427 T42-43 A P
Charles A Barton 35226858T42 0	Eva L Barton 713 UTICA ST Toledo OHIO P
Simones Christo J 31153719 T43-44 0 P	CPL G. O'Donnell 38028315 4525 J

Contact the Association if you have info.

LOUISVILLE REUNION

The Tri-States Chapter 9 – 12 September, 2004, will host the 57th 34th Infantry Division Association National Reunion. The reunion will take place at the Executive West Hotel 830 Philips Lane Louisville, KY 40209.

Mark your calendars early we want all to come! The Tri-States Chapter is planning a whale of a good time. They are dedicating this reunion to Homer Ankrum the author of the best book on the 34th Division – *Dogfaces who smiled through Tears*.

To make this a special remembrance Ray Rudolph would like as many of you as possible to contact him with comments of your experience with Homer.

Ray Rudolph
1460 Anderson Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15209

HELP WANTED

We thank those that have given us their stories of army life. We still are looking for books, notes, journals, comments and the like. These are filed in the Iowa Gold Star Museum archives for researchers and casual reading – to get the other side of the War.

34th Inf Div Assn National Office

Jerry Gorden has retired from the Director's position at the Iowa Gold Star Museum. The office for the Association remains at the museum and Jerry G. will still process the mail there. The address remains:

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Jerry's home phone is: 515-276-5677
E'mail is: gorden.jerry@mcleodusa.net

DUES

Printed on your mailing label is the last number of the year our records show you paid your dues.

Our year is 1 September through 31 August. The current year 2003-2004 will read (4) – you are paid up until August 31, 2003. If you are a Life member it will read (L) and if you are a Widow that still wants to remain in contact it will read (W) - you do not owe annual dues. If our records are incorrect please contact us.

To become current please send \$10 for the 2003-2004 year with the form provided. We want to remain in contact.

Do you know of any Red Bulls not getting our newsletter? Give us their address and we will try to make contact.

Purple Heart Stamp

John Taylor has taken the initiative to purchase First Day Issue Stamp applied at Mount Vernon – the home of George Washington. This was done to recognize General Washington for his origination of the Purple Heart Medal for those servicemen that received wounds in battle.

A set of one small envelope and one large envelope for \$5.00 per set is offered through the National Office. Get yours now. Thanks John!

ITALY TRIP

Is anyone making a trip to Italy? We have some inquiries.

**34TH INFANTRY DIVISION
WORLD WAR II STATISTICS**

- **MOBILIZED FEBRUARY 1941**
- **FIRST US DIVISION IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS**
- **LANDINGS: ALGIERS – NORTH AFRICA; NAPLES, ITALY; ANZIO, ITALY**
- **ONE OR MORE UNITS OF THE DIVISION – 611 COMBAT DAYS**
- **TOTAL: 21,362 BATTLE CASUALTIES**
 - **3,737 Killed in Action**
 - **14,165 Wounded in Action**
 - **3,460 Missing in Action**
- **HONORS AWARDED:**
 - **21 MEDALS OF HONOR**
 - **98 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSSES**
 - **1 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**
 - **1,052 SILVER STARS**
 - **116 LEGIONS OF MERIT**
 - **1 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**
 - **1,713 BRONZE STARS**
 - **51 SOLDIERS MEDALS**
 - **34 AIR MEDALS**
 - **52 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS**
 - **15,000 + PURPLE HEARTS**
 - **3 PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATIONS**
 - **15 UNIT COMMENDATIONS**
 - **525 INDIVIDUAL DIVISION CITATIONS**
 - **7 BRITISH INDIVIDUAL MEDALS**
 - **7 FRENCH INDIVIDUAL MEDALS**
 - **6 ITALIAN INDIVIDUAL MEDALS**
 - **FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE W/ PALMS – 34TH ID**
- **FIELD ARTILLERY: 1,112,364 ROUNDS**
 - **125TH BN: 302,247**
 - **151ST BN: 320,981**
 - **175TH BN: 315,676**
 - **185TH BN: 173,460**