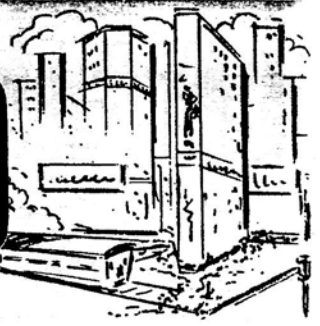




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## KAINE ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT



### ARMY VS. UTAH

Saturday, November 11 will be the day of the Game. Once again your Association has purchased a block of tickets for an Army football game.

**ARMY VS UTAH** - The Date: Saturday, November 11. Game Time: 2:00 P.M. (1400 hours). Place: Michie Stadium, West Point, N.Y. Cost: \$4.00 per ticket - a 20% saving off gate price. (Paid up member price).

Last year 200 members and relatives enjoyed a top notch game along with a beautiful Fall day. Army beat Pittsburgh and topped off a fine Association get together.

This year the Program Committee has purchased 250 tickets. In past years the demand has always been greater than the supply. The Committee, therefore, requests you limit your ticket requests to cover yourself and relatives.

Anyone who has visited the Point will readily agree the visit, especially in the Fall, is a travel must. Go early. See the Corps of Cadets march at 11:45 A.M. Join your fellow officers for a picnic lunch (bring your own). A designated area will be posted for 77th Division personnel.

For tickets send money and number required to:

**SECRETARY**  
77th Infantry Division ROA  
30 West 41th Street  
New York, New York

When 250 are gone, that's all.

### 1967-8 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The new officers for the 77th Infantry Division ROA 1967-8 as elected by the Board of Governors are as follows:

- Major General John W. Kaine.....President
- Major Ellis Levine.....1st Vice President
- Lt. Colonel Eugene J. McConnell.2nd Vice President
- CW 4 Morris Goldman.....Secretary
- Major Franklin F. Webster.....Treasurer
- Monsignor John T. Byrne.....Chaplain

### NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS

At the meeting of 15 September 1967, the members elected the following officers to serve a one year term as the Board of Governors of the Association.

- Major David D. Corbett
- Brig. General William Esbitt
- CW 4 Morris Goldman
- Colonel William H. Good
- Captain Arnold Gordon
- CW 3 Thomas Herlihy
- Colonel John Howard
- Lt. Colonel Ernest Kammerer
- Major General John W. Kaine
- Captain Seymour Kaplan
- Major Arthur Laufer
- Major Ellis Levine
- Lt. Colonel Eugene McConnell
- Colonel George McGrath Jr.
- Colonel John Neff
- Major John Pollard
- Lt. Colonel George C. Ritter
- Colonel Manuel M. Schechet
- Lt. Colonel John H. Weaver Jr.
- Major Franklin W. Webster

This was the slate of officers presented to the members by the Nominating Committee. The Committee appointed by President Weaver consisted of Colonel Howard, Colonel Neff, Lt Colonel Ritter and Major Webster.

### MEETING ATTENDED BY 145 MEMBERS

Major General Kaine was elected President for a one year term by the new Board of Governors at a special meeting held September 15, 1967.

The meeting took place at the 71st Regiment Armory, 33rd Street and Park Avenue.

In response to an announcement mailed to all current members, 145 officers representing all elements of the 77th Infantry Division attended. The meeting took place in a fine large room suitable for such a stag affair. Bar and kitchen facilities were available and were used with gusto.

The first order of business as provided for in the By-Laws was the presentation to the membership a slate of 20 officers recommended by the Selection Committee to serve for one year. Colonel John Howard, Chairman of the Committee, presented the slate. The members were given an opportunity to approve the slate or nominate additional officers to be considered by the membership. Five additional names were duly nominated and seconded.

Outgoing President John Weaver then provided a printed ballot listing all nominees to the membership. As it turned out, the 20 officers nominated by the Selection Committee were elected. The By-Laws require a 20 man board, no more no less.

The Board retired immediately to a closed room and elected a slate of officers, headed by Major General John W. Kaine, to serve one year. The Board also decided to elect two Vice Presidents rather than four as in the past year.

Major General Kaine expressed his appreciation for the honor and introduced his new team of officers to the members. As at all affairs in the past, the conversation was lively and the fellowship among old and new friends was enthusiastic.



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Colonel William H. Good, Editor

The following news item was submitted to the Editor early this summer by Monsignor Byrne. Those of you who know both of these men will appreciate why the Editor chose to print the story without editorial embellishment.

"Baseball has its Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y and football has its similar house of immortals at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. But in various Veterans Hospitals throughout the land can be found the living members of the Military Hall of Fame. A casual visitor to any one of these institutions on any given day is apt to find himself shaking hands with some celebrity whose name was prominent in press releases from the E.T.O. or the P.O.A. in W.W. II.

Up at Veterans Hospital 81 in the Kingsbridge area of the Bronx is just such a man, - a patient who survived a head-on auto crash just six months ago. Despite the physical setbacks and the adversities of the last half-year and thanks to therapy, convalescence, the constant assistance of a devoted wife and the encouragement of hundreds of friends, he still manages a smile and a strong hand shake from a wheel chair.

The Medical Tag gives the following information:

NAME: FRANCIS H. WESTERMAN  
RANK: COLONEL  
HOME ADDRESS: 144 Broad Street,  
Hawthorne, N.Y.  
A.S.N. 9-246765

The great Doctor Samuel Johnson once said that only those who were associated with a man could write of him with gentle discrimination. As an associate both in the 27th Division and subsequently after W.W. II in the 307th Inf. Regt. of the 77th Div., I might claim some such modest qualification. Few associates in the military have demonstrated more sincere, more dedicated, more charitable qualities. He was a commander whose voice could reach the pitch of an imperious boom but yet whose heart could go out in kindness and understanding to his subordinates. It is this great virtue that has endeared him to so many of his fellow soldiers!

The members of the 77th Div. Association pray for his continued recovery and salute him for his indomitable courage!"

As of the date of this Liberty Lamp issue, Colonel Westerman is at home in Hawthorne recuperating. He remains unable to speak.

## BY-LAWS AMENDED TO DROP NONE DUES PAYING MEMBERS

At special meetings of the Board of Governors held on July 24, 1967 and September 15, 1967, the By-Laws were amended as follows:

1. An eligible officer who is not already a Member shall be admitted as such upon submission of application accompanied by payment of his annual dues for the full calendar year in which he applies. Annual dues are \$5 per member.

2. An officer assigned or attached to the 77th Infantry Division (RTU) shall also be eligible for membership.

3. After initial payment of annual dues, further annual dues shall be payable on January 1st of each ensuing year. If a Member fails to pay his annual dues within 60 days following the due date or 60 days after receipt of notice of the date, whichever happens later, his membership automatically ceases. Such a person shall be reinstated as a Member only upon submission of a new application accompanied by payment of his annual dues for the full calendar year in which he applies; provided however, that any person who was a Member on July 23, 1967 shall not be dropped from membership for failure to pay his annual dues for 1967 or any prior year, unless by October 31, 1967 he shall have failed to pay his annual dues for 1967 in which event such person shall be dropped from membership as of October 31, 1967.

4. The annual meeting of Members shall be held on such date and at such time as the Board of Governors shall determine

5. The Board of Governors may, but need not, elect a Chairman of the Board.

6. The Board of Governors may elect more than one Vice President, and may provide that officers receive compensation. Note - the Board does not expect to pay any of its officers except possibly Mr. Goldman for the extra time required to perform some of his secretarial duties.

## YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

This is the last time this newsletter and other information regarding Association activities will be mailed to the entire list of officers who have been carried over from the Division's activation days.

If you are not a current dues paying member, join up. You stand to gain a lot in the future from maintaining your contact with your fellow officers. Send \$5.00 to Secretary, 77th Infantry Division ROA, 30 West 44th Street, N.Y. now. YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS ON IDEAS TO PERPETUATE ASSOCIATION

One of the Committees set up by President Weaver during his most recent term of his office was that of Special Projects, Lt. Colonel McConnell, Chairman. President Weaver requested the Committee consider the future of the Association keeping in mind its strong financial position. His report is as follows:

The transfer of funds from the Liberty Patch Fund to the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers' Association Fund makes available to the Association a rather sizeable financial resource.

How to utilize this asset in the best interest of all association members has been the subject of much discussion. The Association fully subsidized the stag dinner at Ft. Totten, May 20, 1966 and partially subsidized tickets for the West Point football game on October 22, 1966, the dinner dance at Governors Island on Nov. 19, 1966, and the Stag Dinner June 1967. We probably will do the same this year. However, Many members felt that now is the time to be thinking of things of a more significant nature to accomplish with our funds.

Suggestions have been made that we consider utilizing our funds to:

... Create a yearly SCHOLARSHIP FUND for sons or daughters of members.

... Erect a MONUMENT in the heart of New York City to the 77th Infantry Division.

... Erect a PLAQUE either in a suitable place in the heart of New York City or at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

... Obtain GROUP MEMBERSHIP in the 77th Division Club at 28 East 39th Street, New York, New York.

... SUBSIDIZE fully several social affairs - dinners, dances, etc. - each year.

... SUBSIDIZE a large part of:

-A low-cost life or accident insurance policy

-Chartered trips to Europe, Hawaii, etc.

-Theatre parties, dances, dinners, etc.

... Contribute to selected CHARITABLE or HEALTH organizations.

In setting up our budget and our financial plan for this year and perhaps for the next few years, we expect to explore the feasibility of each of the above or other suggestions. Studies will be made and recommendations submitted to the Board of Governors and, where necessary to the total membership.

Lt. Colonel McConnell in presenting this list of worthwhile projects suggested that members who have thoughts on these ideas or other ideas express themselves. Liberty Lamp invites its readers to write to the Editor on this or any other subject of interest to members of the Association. Space permitting your comment or new idea will be printed.

## 77th DIVISION RTU SEEKING PERSONNEL

Lt. Colonel James Brady, Commander of the 77th Infantry Division (RTU) requested the following be called to the attention of those officers who may be still wondering how they can still serve in the Reserve.

TO: Former Members of the 77th Infantry Division

1. A Reinforcement Training Unit is one in which Officers and Enlisted Men continue to develop their military proficiency to the point where they may serve as individual reinforcements for active troop units in the metropolitan area.

2. The 77th Infantry Division (RTU), since its inception, January 1966, has had opportunities to provide individuals in support of FUSA school programs and ANACDUTRA. Members take advantage of these opportunities with full pay, allowances and retirement credits.

3. The 77th Infantry Division (RTU) is presently the custodian of all of the 77th Division colors, trophies and awards. It is serving as the holding force to maintain the 77th Infantry Division as an active headquarters until it may, should the situation demand, be reactivated as a troop unit. Primarily, it is engaged in a continuing map exercise designed to keep personnel abreast of current Army tactical and support doctrines.

4. Organized as a Division headquarters, plans are under study to establish Brigade Headquarters Groups in Brooklyn, Bronx and in Long Island. The establishment of these units will be determined by the availability of personnel.

5. All personnel serve without pay. However, a most important factor to those who have served with the Division, is the opportunity to acquire those vital points needed to round out and complete 20 creditable retirement years. That in itself is enough motivation to become an active participant in the unit program. It should interest you.

6. Regularly scheduled drills are held every Wednesday, at 529 West 42nd Street, N.Y., N.Y. in Room 410, from 1900 to 2100 hours. You can be part of and help to develop the 77th Infantry Div (RTU) and its boot-strap mission of staying abreast of the needs of the Army Reserve Program.

7. Come in next Wednesday. The Adjutant will start your records on the way.

## 77th Avn. Bn—100%

Lt. Colonel Bentley, former C.O. of the 77th AVN. BN. reports all of his officers are active members of the Association. *Congratulations.*



## Maj. Gen. Tuckerman Honored

Major General Alfred G. Tuckerman, Commander of the 77th Infantry Division 1954-7 was honored on April 5, 1967 by the New York Society Military and Naval Officers World Wars.

General Tuckerman was the recipient of the War Governors Perpetual Membership Award. The Award has been presented 37 times in the 47 year history of this organization. The award is presented, usually annually, to an individual who during his career has given outstanding service to the State and the Nation. General Tuckerman shares this honor with people such as the following who received the award in the past. General Anthony McAuliffe, General Lucius Clay, General Maxwell Taylor, General Leslie Groves, and others.

A small number of his friends from the 77th Infantry Division shared the pleasure of the evening. The formal affair was held in the Waldorf Astoria.



## Weaver Appointed Judge

Lt. Colonel Thomas G. Weaver was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York early this year. His appointment was made by Mayor John V. Lindsay. Several of his friends from the 77th Infantry Division attended the ceremonies in the Mayor's office.

Lt. Colonel Weaver served as Staff Judge Advocate of the 77th Infantry Division.

## USAR SCHOOL SEEKS STUDENTS

The 1150th USAR School, 30 West 44th Street, New York reminds all Reserve Officers they have classroom space for those interested in improving their military knowledge and enhancing their promotion opportunities. Contact the school for information, day or night, any weekend.

## NEWS AND NOTES REGARDING MEMBERS

Recent assignments of 2nd Brigade, 77th Infantry Division personnel has enhanced the complexion of the Reserve forces Combat Service Support Program as well as strengthening the units to which they are assigned. Some of the recent assignments are as follows: Colonel John R. Howard (CO - 2nd Brigade) was recently assigned as Deputy Commander, 301st Log Spt Brigade, SGMaj William Arendt now assigned as SGTMaj 301, Log Spt Bdc, Major Edwin Logan recently assigned Sect General Staff, 301st Log Spt Bdc, LTC Ernest Kammerer (CO 307th Bn) now CO, 364th Gen Spt Group, Maj Danny Byrne now assigned as S3, 364th Gen Spt Group, Cpt John Ford (307th Bn) now assigned as Field Service Officer, 364th Gen Spt Group, Cpt Eugene Murphy (6th Tank Bn), now assigned as Supply Officer - 364th Gen Spt Group.

The roster of units of the 301st Logistical Support Brigade contains many names of former 77th Infantry Division personnel, some of which are:

Colonel Frank Demiano  
Colonel Frank May  
Colonel Donald Anderson  
LTC Frank Gillispie  
CWO Morris Goldman  
Maj Franklin Tramutola  
Maj Sam Rothman  
Maj Herbert Redler  
Cpt Kasmir Lucas  
SSG Arne Eastman  
Maj David Corbett  
1/Lt Ernst Stockel  
SFC Paul Ragnetti  
NSG Edward Murray  
Maj Harry Waldron  
Maj Donald Hinson  
Cpt Seymour Kaplan  
Cpt Arnold Gordon  
CWO Patrick Valcarcel  
CWO George Sullivan  
Cpt William Griggith  
Maj George Jamieson  
Maj Russell Wright

Brigadier General William Esbitt is well on the way to recovery from his heart attack last winter. Lt Colonel John Weaver is just about finished with the crutches. He broke a leg skiing early this year.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIVISION HONORED

The Salvation Army and the 77th Infantry Division were honored September 14, 1967 on the 100th Anniversary of the Salvation Army and the 25th and 50th Anniversaries of the 77th Division in each of the World Wars.

In honor of the occasion, Mayor Lindsay proclaimed Duffy Square (46th Street and Broadway) to be 77th Division Square.



## LOW COST LIFE INSURANCE AVAILABLE

A group life insurance policy is available to all Reserve Officers at a nominal yearly cost.

Insurance experts advise that it is a good idea to purchase all group life policies you can. They increase your inheritance portfolio at the lowest rates possible. Here's an example, Age 40-44, amount of insurance \$20,000.00, Annual Premium \$97.00 For information write Insurance Office, R.O.A. of U.S., 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

There was considerable interest generated at the last membership meeting over the Selection of a Board of Governors. Don't wait until the last minute to show interest in the Selection by the appointed nominating committee. Come to the meetings, make it your business to know who is being selected for the nominating committee and volunteer for committee work thereby keeping abreast of what is going on. It is fine to have last minute nominations from the floor. However, they should be screened prior to nomination to insure that they could and would serve if elected. The nominating committee was active from the Fort Totten Party in June until the general membership meeting.

## TOTTEN AFFAIR SUCCESS AGAIN

Friday, 9 June was the date of the second annual stag dinner affair. As in 1966, Fort Totten was the scene. A crowd of over 150 officers showed up, many paying their annual dues to share in the free dinner offered paid up members.

A good time and intimate fellowship was shared by all.

The Dinner-Dance held November 19, 1966 at Governor's Island Officers Club was also a resounding success. One hundred couples enjoyed an excellent buffet, several free drinks and fine music.

## DIVISION OFFICERS LEARN HOW TO RUN BIG CITY

Saturday, August 5, 1967, The New York News published a special news feature page, text with pictures entitled "New York Teaches Army How to Run a City".

The story mentioned several 77th Division officers who now call the 356th Civil Affairs Group their military home. This unit spent its two week tour of active duty working with city departments. Here's a sample, Major Stuart Jackson was assigned to the District Attorney's office, Lt. Colonel William Winston was assigned to the Municipal Men's Shelter in the Bowery.

We venture to say the tour was a lot softer than Camp Drum summer tours.



## PRESIDENT WEAVER REPORTS TO MEMBERS

As his final act in office, President John Weaver gave a report to the members attending the 15 September meeting at the 71st Armory.

Weaver pointed out that the Association was founded in 1958. While its original purpose was to create a social organization for the benefit of all officers who had and were serving with the Division, inactivation of the Division made it even more important to continue the Association for fellowship purposes.

During his term in office, he reported the Association succeeded in merging the Liberty Patch Fund with the Association. The result - a strong financial position.

He also paid credit to a number of officers who had assisted him in running the get togethers and planning for the future.

John Weaver served as President for three terms.

## ASSOCIATION HAS BANNER

Those who attended the stag affair 15 September, 1967 at the 71st Regiment Armory saw for the first time a large banner with the inscription 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association sewn on a colorful background.

The banner will be displayed at all future affairs. Major Ellis Levine deserves our thanks for providing this attractive banner display at no cost to the Association.

## ROA BUILDING IN WASHINGTON NEAR COMPLETION

Your editor recently visited for a few moments the construction site of the new headquarters of the Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D.C.

The building is well located at Independence Avenue, a short distance from U.S. Supreme Court Building. The R.O.A. Headquarters building should be ready for occupancy about February 1. All Reserve Officers should be proud of this accomplishment. Have you made a contribution to the Building Fund? *Good idea.*