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THE LAMPETTE

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Welcome to the Winter Issue of *The Lampette* and thanks in advance to those of you who have sent in articles. Our esteemed and long-time editor, BG Harry J. Mott, III, recently announced his relocation to the Dallas, Texas area and will no longer be able to be our editor or serve as a director of the Association. We thank General Mott for all of his generous contributions of time and talent to the Association during his many years of service. General Mott and his lovely wife, Mary, were honored during our annual meeting in October. MSG Mary Lou Bornmann, a director of the Association, has volunteered to serve as our new Editor of *The Lampette*. Mary Lou has a strong background in public affairs and administration. She also has extensive knowledge of the 77th family of units. Let's all try to make Mary Lou's job a little easier and more fun by sending in articles of interest for the next issue of *The Lampette*.

Looking back, 2011 was another active year for the Association in sponsoring events and ceremonies. The annual meeting was held on 12 October at the Swan Club with a record number of attendees. As previously mentioned, General Mott was honored during the meeting and a number of his relatives, friends and colleagues were in attendance. A slate of directors was presented by the Nominating Committee for a new term of office and was duly elected. MG George E. Barker made a very generous donation of eight gifts for the raffle and MSG Bornmann donated a gift basket of assorted coffees. Our newly elected director, BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr., did a great job in managing the raffle and the drawing of the gifts. The raffle raised over \$350 for the Memorial Fund, a new record.

During the November Board meeting General Winzinger was appointed to the new position of Association Historian. As you may know, the general has a deep interest in collecting 77th memorabilia. In his new capacity, the general will devote efforts to preserving the history of the 77th and will serve on the Kaine Hall Committee, which now is being chaired by CPT Douglas A. Wilke. Construction in the Ernie Pyle USAR Center has now been completed and we will resume our mission of refurbishing Kaine Hall and re-installing the MG John W. Kaine memorabilia.

The thirty-fifth annual memorial service at Fort Totten was held on 6 November. We honored all 77th soldiers who passed-on since the last service, as well as a large number who had passed away previously and inadvertently were not recognized. In addition, at our 9th annual wreath laying ceremony in the 77th Memorial Grove, we honored the six 77th Regional Readiness Command soldiers who were lost on 9/11/2001. This year marked the tenth anniversary of their passing. Several days prior to the service we were notified of the passing of BG Russell C. Wright, a long time director and director emeritus of the Association. The general was fondly referred to as the Commander of our Florida Detachment (retired members living in Florida). A detailed description of the service appears later in this issue.

I was asked to be a guest speaker on WOR, an affiliate of CBS, with Ms. Rita Cosby on 3 November to present a brief history of the 77th and the memorial ceremonies that we conduct in the 307th Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove, Central Park, and the annual memorial services at Fort Totten. Ms. Cosby is an enthusiastic supporter of the military and was a guest speaker at one of our memorial services in Central Park.

We are pleased to report that the 77th Sustainment Brigade has returned home safely from Iraq after completing its mission. A welcome home ceremony was held at Fort Dix on 19 November. The following Board members attended the ceremony: COL Edwin G. Logan, COL and Mrs. Seymour Kaplan, LTC and Mrs. John W. Peterkin and Malcolm R. Schade, Esq. It was good to see MSG Chester L. Marcus, Jr. receive his Certificate of Appreciation along with all of the other members of the Brigade.

As most of you know, nine years ago the Association assisted the 77th Regional Readiness Command in developing and dedicating the 77th Memorial Grove at Fort Totten in memory of the six soldiers of the command who were lost on 9/11/2001. Since then the Grove has suffered some deterioration due to storm damage and reduced maintenance funds. Recently, an Eagle Scout project was approved for Patrick J. Mott, son of MSG Jeffrey J. Mott and grandson of BG Harry J. Mott, III, to refurbish the Grove and restore it to its original beauty. The project is scheduled to commence in April 2012. The 77th Memorial Grove Committee is chaired by COL Richard Cochrane, with CPT Wilke and MSG Mott assisting.

In the last issue of the Lampette, we mentioned that our website was being expanded in order to display more content. COL Lawrence M. Bellman has done an excellent job with the website and has now been able to include more extensive coverage of our events with photos and commentary. Mr. Schade, our “roving photographer,” has been busy providing pictures for the website. You are invited to check the website for coverage of the annual meeting, the 35th memorial service and the 77th Sustainment Brigade welcome home ceremony. The address is: www.77thinfdivroa.org.

Our efforts to reduce snail mail costs continue to progress. If you or someone that you know has not submitted an e-mail address, please do so ASAP.

Looking forward, the mid-winter meeting at the Swan Club is scheduled for 21 March 2012. It has been decided by popular request to expand this meeting to a member, spouse and guest format. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

As was reported during the annual meeting, the Association is in a healthy financial position thanks to the continuing generous support of the membership. We ask that this level of support be continued in the years to come, despite these difficult economic times. We invite participation with the various committees. The work involved with the various projects and events is not too arduous, and is interesting and rewarding.

We hope that all of our members will have an enjoyable and safe holiday and winter season.

2. FUND RAISING:

2011 was a very good year for 77th INF DIV ROA fund raising. We again offered for sale golf shirts, baseball caps and t-shirts, all embroidered with the 77th INF DIV Statute of Liberty unit patch, and for the first time we also offered wine glasses engraved with the Statue of Liberty patch. This year we sold 23 embroidered items and 12 dozen engraved wine glasses and earned well over \$700. We also continued to offer memorial bricks for the 77th Memorial Grove at Fort Totten.

For 2012 we are again offering engraved wine glasses and memorial bricks. The wine glasses are sold by the dozen for \$85.00 (shipping and handling included). The cost of each memorial brick inscribed with a maximum of 3 lines of text and set into the walkway surrounding the monument is \$125.

If you would like to order wine glasses and/or memorial bricks, please go to our website at <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/forsale/index.html> for ordering information.

In late summer 2012, we plan again to offer embroidered golf shirts and baseball caps for sale with delivery in time for Christmas 2012. Please check our website in late summer 2012 for full ordering details.

Thank you for your continued support of the 77th INF DIV ROA!!

3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

In June, owing to health reasons, MAJ Leonard A. (Bud) Nugent found it necessary to tender his resignation, and the Board of Directors designated him a director emeritus. At that meeting, MSG Mary Lou Bornmann was appointed to the Board, filling the position vacated by MSG Chet Marcus when he was mobilized and deployed to Iraq with the 77th Sustainment Brigade. BG Robert Winzinger was also appointed to the Board, to fill the vacancy created by Bud's resignation. Both were appointed unanimously.

During the 12 October annual meeting of members, the entire slate of 10 directors, whose terms were expiring, were re-elected for another two years.

At the November meeting of the Board, an election of the officers of the Association was held. The existing slate of COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., President; COL Lawrence M. Bellman, 2d Vice President; COL Edwin G. Logan, Treasurer; COL Allen J. Nadler, Secretary; COL Seymour Kaplan, Assistant Treasurer; and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade, Assistant Secretary, was unanimously re-elected for another year. In addition, COL Richard Cochrane was elected 1st Vice President, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of MAJ Nugent.

4. ANNUAL MEETING:

On 12 October 2011, at the Swan Club in Glen Head, L. I., NY, a record turnout attended the Association's Annual Fall Business Meeting. The meeting was focused upon honoring our long-standing, esteemed member and a former President, BG Harry Mott, who with his lovely wife, Mary, will be relocating to Texas in January. The General is a veteran of the Korean War, a former Chief, Army Reserves, and former Commander of major units in the 77th USARCOM. He was the Headquarter Commandant and PIO at the close of the 77th Infantry Division in 1965. In recent years, he was a director of the Association and the third Editor of this publication, *The Lampette*. He will be sorely missed.

After the business portion of the annual meeting was concluded, a number of members reminisced about their association and friendship with General Mott and his family. COL Louis Sudholz led off by describing a long personal relationship with Harry when both of them were

management trainees with the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp. in 1956. Their relationship continued in business and in the military with both serving in the headquarters of the 77th Division and, after its deactivation, the 77th USARCOM. In the recent past, they served together as directors of the Association. At the conclusion of Lou's additional comments about the general's large family, many of whom were in attendance, he turned the discussion over to the General Officers present. MG George Barker spoke about his long friendship with Harry and, in particular, about a long journey home from attending the Army War College when their car broke down. MG Evo Riguzzi, Jr. then spoke about the period of time that he served in the 800th MP Brigade when General Mott was its Commander. MG Anthony R. Kropp followed with some humorous comments about his association with Harry throughout the years. BG Robert Winzinger told the group about the time when he was the Assistant IG for the USARCOM and made several interesting staff visits to the 800th MP Brigade when General Mott was the Commander. COL Robert Braverman was the last to speak and related to the members just how much he appreciated the support that was afforded by General Mott during the difficult period when Bob lost his wife.

COL Sudholz then presented a basket arrangement of fall flowers to Mary Mott in appreciation for all of her support and affection throughout the years. This was followed by the presentation of a plaque containing a clock and an inscription to General Mott on behalf of the Association in recognition of his many years of service, his leadership and his friendship. (Pictures of the event, including the presentation, are shown on the Association's website.)

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The fiscal year ended 8/31/2011 saw us increasing our operating account. As you may note below, the primary sources for the increase were memorial and general fund donations, net function revenues and initiation fees from new members. Early in the year, we felt it necessary to add to the operating account and withdrew \$600 from a CD account. However, we were able to redeposit this amount in the CD account later in the fiscal year.

As I am sure you are aware, we are a non-dues paying association with no intention to change that policy. As we look ahead, we recognize that our major expense items will continue to be incurred. We also recognize that ongoing we will see a dramatic reduction in new member initiation fees. This means that member donations are of paramount importance for the organization. We appreciate and express thanks for all the contributions that help make it possible to continue all of our activities.

77th INF DIV ROA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 8/31/2011 VS. 8/31/2010

	Y/E 8/31/11	Y/E 8/31/10
ASSETS		
Hudson City Savings Bank		
Checking	3,207.66	1,311.45
CD's*	<u>10,681.66</u>	<u>11,198.16</u>
TOTALS	13,889.32	12,509.61
FUND BALANCES		
General Operating Fund	10,111.28	8,295.91
Memorial Funds	<u>3,778.04</u>	<u>4,213.70</u>
TOTALS	13,889.32	12,509.61

RECEIPTS

Interest	83.50	130.05
Memorial Funds	324.00	902.00
General Fund Donations	830.00	530.00
Raffle	N/A	275.00
Net Function Revenues	696.00	446.00
Initiation Fees	1,225.00	1,025.00
Memorabilia Sales	<u>499.75</u>	<u>627.25</u>
TOTALS	3,658.25	3,935.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Rental (P.O. Box)	92.00	92.00
Mailing Expense	768.78	959.60
Website	588.22	279.99
Memorial Service	628.66	475.00
Division Flag and Streamers	N/A	950.80
77 th Memorial Grove	51.00	800.00
319 th Army Band Award	N/A	445.36
Misc. Supplies	69.88	49.47
LIAFR Medals	<u>80.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTALS	2,278.54	4,052.22

NET RECEIPTS/EXPENSES \$1,379.71 -116.92

* Transferred \$600 from CD to checking account.

6. 77th SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE RETURNS HOME:

On 19 November 2011, the 77th Sustainment Brigade, USAR, which carries on the lineage of the 77th Infantry Division, celebrated its return from deployment in Iraq with an uncasing and welcome home ceremony at Fort Dix, NJ. The ceremony featured the formal uncasing of the Brigade Colors, which had been carried to Iraq; the granting of numerous awards to returning soldiers and leaders of organizations which supported their families while they were away; and remarks by COL Stephen J. Falcone, Commander, 77th STB, and U.S. Rep. Jon Runyon (NJ 3rd Cong. Dist.).

Among those soldiers returning and being honored was MSG Chet Marcus. MSG Marcus was an active director of the Association prior to his deployment. Numerous family members of the returning soldiers were present to greet them. BG Daniel P. Ammerman, DCG, 99th Regional Support Command, also attended. Attending from our Association, at the invitation of the STB, were COL Lou Sudholz, COL and Mrs. Sy Kaplan, COL Ed Logan, LTC and Mrs. John Peterkin, and Mr. Malcolm Schade. (Pictures of this event may be seen on the Association's website.)

7. MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Our Association's 35th Annual Memorial Service was held on 6 November 2011 in the Post Chapel at Fort Totten. Family members of those honored expressed their deep appreciation for the service. The ceremony was led by COL Lou Sudholz, and CHAP (COL) Francis S. Midura and CHAP (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer provided chaplain services. The formal speakers also included

MG George Barker and BG Daniel P. Ammerman, DCG 99th RSC. In addition, BG Harry Mott gave the eulogies for the recently departed 77th and 307th members being specially remembered.

At the Chapel service, Dr. Pam Phillips' vocal renditions of "The Lord's Prayer" and Schubert's "Ave Maria" were beautiful and extremely moving. She also sang "God Bless America" and "You'll Never Walk Alone" at the 9th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony which was held in the 77th Memorial Grove immediately following the Chapel service.

In attendance, and helping to fill the Chapel to near-capacity, were members of the New York City Fire Department (specially invited for the Wreath Laying Ceremony), members of our Association, family and friends of those honored, and members of other military organizations, including JWV and FTMOG.

The full list of the 49 soldiers honored was unusually long this year, as a result of the identification of a very large number who had passed away prior to 1 January 2010 without our knowledge, because we had lost contact with them or their families. Special thanks go to Mr. Schade for researching those names on the internet in connection with updating our membership roster. We also strongly urge members of our Association to notify the Board whenever they learn that any of our comrades have passed away, so that they can be honored promptly.

The names of the soldiers who were honored in the Chapel service are: PFC Joseph L. Allwein,* MAJ Andrew D. Ash,** CPT Philip L. Azoy,** LTC John Floyd Beaumont,** COL Andrew K. Bentley, MAJ Harvey Bernes,** MAJ Harvey J. Berse, LTC Hugh Leo Carey, CW3 Ralph G. Cascardo, COL Zebedee C. Chaney, Jr.,** CPT John J. Daly, MAJ Ralph L. DeMacy,** CW4 Sylvester J. DeMore, LTC Laurence George Dengler, COL Ferdinand H. Flick,** COL Philip J. Frank,** PFC Robert E. Freund,* MAJ Herbert B. Goldberg,** MAJ Henry H. Graebner, MAJ Frederick A. Herbst, LTC Jerrold I. Hirschen,** MG Bruce M. Jacobs, LTC Alexander D. Jenkins, COL Michael M. Jones, LTC Frank Lasar,** CPT Gilbert Liscano,** COL Robert L. McLean, LTC Samuel McNichol,** LTC William H. Maloney, Jr.,** LTC Frank A. Moretti,** LTC John P. Mulhern,** CW4 Alfred L. Plessner,** MAJ Americo J. Porzio, Jr.,** COL George A. Rentschler,** COL Joseph A. Russo, Jr.,** SGT Warren L. Sagerhorn,* LTC Joseph J. Saouter, COL Manuel M. Schechet, CPT Michael P. Seniuk,** MSG John S. Tettinger,* CPT John R. Tobey,* MAJ John P. Troy,** COL Doris Van Baalen, CW4 Kenneth Walter Vandewater, BG John F. Varian,** LTC Harold S. Walker, Jr.,** COL William H. Wallace, III,** LTC Peter J. Walsh and BG Russell C. Wright.

(* Deceased member of the 307th Infantry Veterans Society. ** Passed away prior to 1 January 2010.)

At the 77th Memorial Grove, MG Richard S. Colt (former 77th RRC CDR) spoke about the six members of the 77th who perished at the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. A wreath donated by the Association was placed at the 9/11 Monument in the Grove by COL Allen Nadler and COL Ed Logan. The six soldiers, whose names are inscribed on the Monument, are: LTC William Pohlman, CPT Michael D. Mullan, CPT Mark P. Witford, WO1 Ronald Bucca, SGT Frederick J. Ill, Jr. and SGT Shawn E. Powell.

Since it was the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack, the Wreath Laying Ceremony was enlarged by the addition of a bagpiper and an honor guard from the 11th NY Regiment, US Volunteers. Their Rifle Squad fired a salute as part of the tribute. The ceremony was very impressive and appreciated by the attendees. Special thanks go to Board member LTC Joseph Schroder for arranging the participation of the honor guard.

Immediately following the wreath laying ceremony, our Association sponsored an informal reception, with light refreshments, for the participants and attendees at both services, in Kaine Hall, Ernie Pyle USAR Center, adjacent to the 77th Memorial Grove.

The success of this annual event always requires close coordination and many hours of preparation. All members of the Memorial Committee and other Board members involved in the planning and conduct of our successful program are also thanked for their efforts.

8. 11th NEW YORK REGIMENT (CAVALRY), US VOLUNTEERS:

The primary mission of the 11th New York is to provide Final Military Honors for deceased veterans at graveside. The 11th New York is made up of military retirees, prior service personnel and dedicated civilian personnel.

At graveside the Regiment normally assists active duty personnel from all five military services. We will also conduct the full Final Military Honors service. The ceremony consists of an introduction and sequence of events, a firing party firing three volleys, sounding of Taps by a bugler, the folding of the burial flag and presentation of the flag to the next of kin.

The Regiment also conducts civic services such as on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. On 6 November 2011, the Regiment assisted the 77 INF DIV ROA with the annual memorial ceremony at the Memorial Grove at Fort Totten by providing a firing party for the event.

We have also assisted Nassau County Supervisor Edward Mangano with several veterans' events during the summer. On 8 December 2011, we will assist the Military Officers Club of Long Island (MOCLI) by providing a color guard for their annual Christmas Dinner. We will provide both a Color Guard and/or an Honor Guard. (The difference being that the Honor Guard is armed while honors ceremonies are conducted and the Color Guard carries or escorts the National Colors.)

The 11th New York derives its lineage from the 11th Regiment (Cavalry), New York Volunteers, a Civil War regiment mustered into federal service at Staten Island in October 1861 and mustered out of service in Albany in September 1865, never to see active service again. The number 11 represents the State of New York as the eleventh state to join the union.

The United States Volunteers accepts applicants who will undergo manual of arms and flag folding training to become proficient at these skills. There is a certification process in which applicants are graded on proficiency. The regiment usually meets on the first Saturday of the month at VFW Post 2307, 235 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, NY. We actually train at these monthly drills and at special drills to maintain proficiency. Practice is very important to look sharp, as we are in view of the families of the deceased veterans and the public. There is only one chance to get it right. Our mission is real.

Many members are involved in Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), EMT's in local EMS departments and volunteers at the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The camaraderie that has developed over the past five years has made our efforts well worth it. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in enlisting at your former rank, send me an email at Ltcjoe104@yahoo.com or call at 516-398-0171.

9. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

On 8 October 2011, Board member **BG Robert Winzinger** and BG Joseph Conlon were inducted into the Niagara University Army ROTC Hall of Fame. They were nominated by fellow Niagara University graduate and Hall of Fame member **COL Kevin F. Harrington**, who was in attendance. Also attending the ceremony were BG Winzinger's wife, Marie, BG Conlon's widow, Gretchen, his grandson, Renzi Conlon, **MG Evo Riguzzi**, COL Richard Hopkins and SGM Anthony Filosa. It was a wonderful ceremony followed by a luncheon and a great time was had by all. We regret to add that BG Winzinger also recently experienced the loss of both his mother, Mrs. Bernadette Winzinger, and his father-in-law, MSG Edward Sweeney (Ret.). We extend our condolences to you and your family, General.

Board member **MAJ Thomas P. Sullivan** recently was awarded the Soldiers Medal for his heroic actions during the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers. His leadership and presence of mind resulted in saving the lives of many of his co-workers. Congratulations, Tom, we are proud of you!

Board member and resident Thespian **COL Larry Bellman** was at it again, portraying Sol P. Sussman, the Hollywood mogul, in the Ivy Lane Players' production of "Die, Mommie, Die!", a comedy/mystery which was performed at the Levittown Public Library. He is currently hospitalized with a kidney ailment and we wish him a speedy return to health. **Beverly Wilke**, wife of Board member **CPT Doug Wilke**, has passed away after a long illness. Beverly was remembered at a moving ceremony on 5 November in Coe Hall, a beautiful historic mansion at Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Oyster Bay, NY, where she had long served as a volunteer docent. More than a hundred friends and associates attended the service to celebrate her life, her upbeat personality and her beautiful smile. Doug, her husband for 27 years, eulogized Beverly and recalled their travels around the world and the wonderful experiences they shared. Obviously heartfelt remarks were added by the Commodore and the Chaplain of their yacht club, colleagues at Planting Fields, and personal friends. Members in attendance were **BG Harry and Mary Mott**, **COL Lou Sudholz**, **COL Larry and Eileen Bellman**, **COL Sy and Harriet Kaplan**, and **Mr. Malcolm Schade**.

COL Ralph A. Torino, aged 83, passed away on November 26, 2011 after a long bout with heart and other ailments. He is survived by his wife, Margot, his children, Kenneth and Bruce, their families, and three brothers. Ralph started his military career in 1946, serving in Berlin, and was reactivated for the Korean Conflict, and again in 1959 for assignment to Ft. Bragg. In 1981, after 35 years in the Army and rising to the rank of colonel, Ralph was officially retired. In civilian life, Ralph worked for the United Nations as a Purchasing Manager for many years, both in Geneva and in New York. Ralph was the former Commander of the 356th CA Area B Brigade, and an active supporter of our Association. He never missed a social or business event. Our prayers go out to his family with a humble thank you for his many years of service to the United States of America.

COL Arthur DeRuve has been making a mini-career (non-paid) of speaking to a variety of groups in New York, New Jersey and Florida since 2005. Among his topics have been "A Tribute To Our Troops & Veterans", "The War Against Terrorism -- WWIV", and "The United States Constitution". Among his various audiences have been men's clubs, classes of students, political clubs, civic groups, veterans' posts, and, city sponsored events. To date, he has given 80 such addresses. (He has also taught a course on "The War Against Terrorism -- WWIV" at Fordham University.) He says that he will make himself available to any of our members' groups for such presentations. Speaking of numbers regarding COL DeRuve, we would add that: (1) to date, he has donated 88 pints (11 gallons!) of blood to the New York Blood Program; and (2) as of the end of this year, he and his wife (the former Dorothy Foxe), who married as teenagers, will celebrate their 60th Anniversary! Congratulations, Arthur and Dorothy!

MG Michael A. Boyd just returned from a trip to Australia, Tazmania and New Zealand. Welcome home, General! As previously mentioned, **BG and Mrs. Harry Mott** are on the move. After the first of the year, they are relocating to Dallas, TX to live near their daughter. Their new address will be 991 South Rustic Circle, Dallas, TX 75218-2940. We will be sure to keep in touch!

It is not widely known that the recently deceased former New York Governor, Hugh L. Carey, served in the 77th Infantry Division after WWII. LTC Carey enlisted in the Cavalry National Guard in 1939. He transferred to the 104th Infantry Division and served in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. He was discharged from Active Duty having earned the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and the Croix de Guerre, among other awards. Another former state governor, **COL Winthrop Rockefeller** from Arkansas, also served in the 77th.

LTC Robert H. Savarese writes: “Great job on the Newsletter. Nice to hear about who’s doing what and where. Keep up the good work!” Thanks Bob, we will certainly try. **COL John D. Sullivan** writes: “Many thanks for all the news & *The Lampette*. We remember our deceased members & their families on our Prayer Wall at St. Timothy’s Church every day in Lady Lake, Florida, where I serve as a deacon and chaplain to the local hospital.” Thank you, Sir.

10. BG DANIEL P. AMMERMAN:

A number of our members had the opportunity to meet BG Daniel P. Ammerman, Deputy Commander, 99th Regional Support Command, when he participated in our Annual Memorial Service on 6 November and again when he attended the welcome home ceremony for the 77th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Dix, NJ on 19 November. BG Ammerman has had a distinguished military career spanning more than 30 years of service. His previous command assignment was with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade.

The 99th RSC provides administrative, logistics and facilities support to more than 51,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in 439 units and 33 maintenance facilities in 13 states. The Ernie Pyle USAR Center at Fort Totten is under the management control of the 99th RSC.

11. WWII EUROPEAN TOUR:

A number of our members went to Europe this summer. SGM Tony Filosa informs us that: “We did a 9 day tour from Brussels to the Netherlands down to Bastogne to the American Cemetery at Luxembourg, then to Cannes, France to visit the Normandy beaches. We were in the American Cemetery, Omaha Beach, on June 5 and were asked if we would lower the flags that fly over the cemetery and to take part in a ceremony for a WWII soldier being honored that day. We were then asked if we would return in the morning, June 6, to raise both the French and American Flags before the 6 June ceremony.”

Members on the tour were: MG Evo Riguzzi, COL Vincent J. Montera and COL Patrick J. O'Donnell. Also accompanying them were: LTC Jack Cashin, LTC Carl Nelson, LTC Bernard F. McGovern, and CPT Donald Nelson (Navy). What a fabulous adventure! Thank you all for representing the 77th.

12. POTPOURRI:

a. (From Readers Digest Off Base Column): During my time in the Navy, everyone was getting KP or guard duty except me. Not wanting to get in trouble, I asked the ensign why. “What’s your name?”, he asked. “Michael Zyvoloski,” I replied. “That’s why -- I can’t pronounce it, much less spell it!” Here’s another: Visiting a new port is always exciting and when our destroyer docked in Kiel, Germany, it was no different. In fact, one of my men was awestruck. “Look Chief,” he whispered excitedly, “they have Volkswagens over here too!”

b. Flu Prevention Update (from “The Military Wallet”, article by Ryan Guina dated 22 Nov 2011): Flu season is just around the corner, and it is better to get immunized sooner rather than later. While flu shots can be expensive, there are several ways to get your shot free or at a reduced cost. For instance, did you know that US Military veterans can get free flu shots at local VA hospitals and clinics? This is a free service provided by VA medical facilities to all US military veterans, regardless of when they served. In order to receive your free flu shot from a VA hospital or clinic, you need to be enrolled in the VA’s medical system. If you are not already enrolled, you will need to provide a copy of your DD Form 214 to prove your military service. After you have been entered in, they will require you to fill out a standard health questionnaire, and then you can

get your shot. It's that easy. For more information about getting a free flu shot from the VA, or to find the nearest VA hospital or clinic, contact any local VA medical facility.

If you have family members who do not qualify for the free flu shots, try these tips for free or inexpensive flu shots:

(1) Local hospitals and clinics -- some charge as little as \$10-\$20 per shot. Check in your local community for more information.

(2) Insurance companies -- TRICARE, plus many other insurance companies, provide free or reduced-cost immunizations. Check your policy to see if you are eligible.

(3) Grocery stores, drug stores, and retailers -- Many stores that see a lot of foot traffic offer customers a way to get inexpensive flu shots. This is a great way for them to increase their traffic, and the store managements know that when people come for a flu shot, they are also likely to spend money shopping.

(4) Employers -- Many employers provide free or discounted flu shots because the cost is much less than the lost productivity of people missing several days from the flu.

(5) Airports -- Some airports now offer flu shots as a way to immunize the travelling public.

c. Awards Replacement Update 03: The military recognizes that military medals are often a cherished part of family history and it makes replacement medals, decorations, and awards available to veterans, or to their next of kin if the veteran is no longer living or able to make the request on his or her own behalf. Requests for replacement medals, decorations, and awards should be made to the veteran's respective branch of service. (Except that Army and Air Force, including Army Air Corps, veterans' requests should be sent to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, where the records will be initially reviewed and verified; the NPRC will then forward the requests to the respective service.) The veteran's service branch will then issue the medal, decoration, or award after verification of entitlement from the veteran's records.

The military won't issue replacement medals or awards to just anyone. You typically need to be the veteran or next-of-kin to receive a replacement medal or decoration. When it comes to military "records" requests, there are three categories of people who can make a request. They include the veteran, next-of-kin (NOK), and the general public. It is important to note that NOK does not include all familial relationships. According to the NPRC, NOK includes: for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard -- the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister; for the Army -- the NOK is defined as the surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest sibling or eldest grandchild. If you do not meet the applicable definition of NOK, you will be considered a member of the general public.

Members of the general public may be able to request a copy of the service member's military records, but are not able to receive a medal issued by the service. However, they would be able to purchase these from commercial sources.

Replacement medals, decorations and awards should be requested on SF 180, Request Pertaining To Military Records. This form can be downloaded from <http://www.va.gov/vaforms>. Each request should be filled out neatly, and should include the veteran's branch of service, social security number and dates of service, and it should be signed by the veteran or the NOK if the veteran is incapacitated or deceased. Where to mail it is indicated by an address code on the back of the SF 180. Supporting documentation, such as discharge paperwork or the veteran's DD Form 214, can help speed the process. Additional information on where to send the form and who is eligible to make the request can be found at the NPRC website.

In general, requests made by the veteran are fulfilled at no cost. This includes requests made by family members who have the signed authorization of the veteran. There may be a fee for requests made by NOK's, especially if the request involves archival research. (Records are considered archival beginning 62 years after the veteran's date of separation from military service.)

d. The English language has special collective nouns for many groupings of the same animals. We are all familiar with a herd of cows, a flock of chickens or sheep, a gaggle of geese, and a school of fish. Less widely known are a “murder” of crows or ravens, an “exaltation” of doves, and a “parliament” of owls.

e. Candy quiz: Can you name them all? (Answers will be published in the next issue.)

- (1) A famous swashbuckling trio of old.
- (2) Someone who can't hold on to anything.
- (3) A famous former baseball player.
- (4) A famous author.
- (5) A famous New York street.
- (6) Two letters.
- (7) Superman's other identity.
- (8) A sweet sign of affection.
- (9) A favorite day for working people.
- (10) Nut happiness.
- (11) Pleasingly plump.
- (12) Single women look for him.
- (13) Round flotation device.
- (14) Two female pronouns.
- (15) A galaxy.

f. CW4 Lenny Polikoff searched his “databank” and got the second and third questions right, again. The questions and answers were:

(1) After the British captured Washington, what big mistake did they make in Bladensburg, Maryland? Bladensburg soldiers evacuated the arsenal with as much gunpowder as they could carry, hiding the rest in a well. Upon their arrival and capture of Washington, British troops threw a lit torch down the well, sparking a tremendous explosion which killed about 30 soldiers and wounded many more. As they did with many of the public buildings in Washington, British troops destroyed all of the arsenal buildings before withdrawing from the city.

(2) Who was the first woman to be executed by the federal government? Why, where, how and when? After the Civil War concluded in 1865, the conspirators accused of taking part in the assassination of President Lincoln were held in Washington Arsenal. After a trial found them guilty, four were promptly executed by hanging on 7 July 1865. Among those hanged was Mary Surratt, the first woman executed by the federal government.

(3) Who invented the ubiquitous P-38 can opener? MAJ Thomas Dennehy. Even with billions of dollars spent annually on defense technology, the most iconic piece of military equipment might be a 1.2 cent can opener. Beginning in World War II, the P-38 was standard issue in every box of rations. Veterans carried it to Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East, and with its elegant simplicity, indestructibility and versatility, it was treasured by soldiers. In 1942, the U.S. Army Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago was presented with the challenge of creating an opener small enough to carry in the pocket. Moreover, it couldn't break, rust, or need sharpening or polishing. It took the lab 30 days to invent what was originally dubbed “Opener, Can, Hand, Folding.” U.S. Army COL Renita Menyhert once called it “The Patron Saint of Army Inventions”.

g. Poem by member LTC Timothy G. Dyas in response to Japan's aid to San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake:

“A Generation Removed”

History tells of the Pacific War
in WWII when the Japanese
were those who fought there.

Many of our troops died
as we took back the Islands.

Now, as Japan struggles with
the earthquake that wrecked
much of it and spread radiation,
we feel our humanity
growing as we now aid the
old enemy.

h. Quotes:

(1) “War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.” -- John Stewart Mill.

(2) “If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, pick it up; and if you can't pick it up, paint it.” -- Anonymous (1940's saying).

(3) “People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.” -- George Orwell.

(4) “Freedom is the last Best hope on earth.” -- Abraham Lincoln.

i. One more chuckle: At a group family therapy session a psychiatrist told four young mothers they had obsessions. “You Mary, are obsessed with eating. You named your child ‘Candy’.” “You, Ann, are obsessed with money. You named your child ‘Penny’.” “You, Joyce are obsessed with alcohol. You named your child ‘Brandy’.” At this point the fourth mother turned to her son and said, “Let's go, Peter, this guy doesn't know what he's talking about.”

13. ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN:

BG Bob Winzinger has been designated Historian for the 77th Infantry Division ROA. Anyone having 77th artifacts who wishes to donate them to the Association should contact him. Any items would be welcome, including pictures, plaques, military insignia, patches, paintings, magazines, newspapers, articles, other publications, flags, guidons, military gear and anything else associated with the 77th Infantry Division, ARCOM, RSC and RRC. His contact information is BG Robert J. Winzinger; 3 Wildwood Road; Congers, NY 10920; generalwin@aol.com and 845 596-3494 (cell).

14. 307TH INFANTRY VETERANS SOCIETY:

We are continuing to work with the Central Park Conservancy to restore the 307th Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove to its natural beauty and historical completeness. We are providing new cast bronze plaques to replace those for Companies C, H and M which were removed by vandals a number of years ago, and the Conservancy has agreed to oversee the installation of those replicas.

Locating a foundry able to meet our specifications was a long and tedious process, as was the historical research necessary to identify and confirm all of the fallen members of those companies. COLs Logan and Sudholz, and Mr. Schade, spent many hours on this project over the summer and fall. We expect that the replacement plaques will be in the Grove prior to our next ceremony there in June 2012.

15. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Take a few minutes and “surf” through our Association's revised website. Not only is the home page redesigned, but the capacity of the site has been expanded to allow more graphics and other content. The “77th Sustainment Brigade” section contains their Journal as well as their return from deployment ceremony. The “Find Comrades” section provides an opportunity for families to search for more information on departed 77th relatives.

If you peruse the “News & Events” section, you can read past issues of *The Lampette* as well as descriptions of upcoming events, services and ceremonies, and member trips and visits that might be of interest to others contemplating such excursions. If you have a story or a picture that you wish to share with your 77th buddies, submit it to Webmaster@77thinfdivroa.org and we'll do our best to publish it on the website.

16. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT 77TH MEMORIAL GROVE:

The 77th Memorial Grove was developed in 2002 and dedicated to the six soldiers who lost their lives in the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11/2001. In addition to the monument dedicated to the six soldiers, the Grove contains over 200 memorial paver bricks donated by members and friends, four memorial trees and four memorial benches. During the past few years, the Grove has undergone some deterioration due to storm damage and the reduction of funding by the government for grounds maintenance.

MSG Jeffrey Mott, a member of the Board of the Association, suggested that the refurbishing of the Grove would be an appropriate project, upon approval and satisfactory completion, for the qualification of advancement of a Boy Scout to the rank of Eagle Scout. With the subsequent approval by the Association's Board of Directors and the Boy Scouts of America, Patrick J. Mott, the son of MSG Mott and grandson of BG Harry Mott, will commence working on the project during April 2012.

In order to have the project approved, Patrick was required to develop a comprehensive refurbishing plan which is published in the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Workbook. The project will restore the Grove to its original beautiful condition. It was created for, and to be of comfort to, the families of soldiers who have been lost during the War on Terror.

Some of the key elements of the refurbishing plan are: removal and replacement of damaged or dead shrubs and flowers, replacement of broken or missing blocks from the retaining walls around the Grove, re-laying and leveling of the walkway slates to enhance safety, removal of weeds from the flower beds and surrounding area, and power washing the monument, paver bricks, and benches that are in the Grove. An integral part of the project is for Patrick to organize and manage a work force from his Scout Troop to assist with the refurbishment.

The Association is pleased to sponsor Patrick and his Troop 87 for this important project. We will support the project with what is necessary in order to restore and help maintain the Grove. A separate fund has been earmarked for the project. The committee that has Grove oversight is chaired by COL Richard Cochrane, and he is assisted by CPT Douglas Wilke and MSG Jeffrey Mott. Please be reminded that inscribed paver bricks honoring living or deceased members, family

or comrades can be ordered and installed on an ongoing basis, and memorial trees may be ordered and dedicated to members who have passed away.

17. 11TH ANNUAL MG FRANCIS DONOHUE GOLF TOURNAMENT:

On 15 August the Armed Forces Reserve Family Assistance Fund (AFRFAF) held its 11th Annual MG Francis Donohue Golf Tournament at the West Point Golf Course. Although there was some summer shower activity, it was a great day on the golf course supporting an even greater cause, raising funds to support families of reservists on active duty who are in need of immediate help. AFRFAF was organized approximately 12 years ago by MG Evo Riguzzi and COL Jack Buttine. Since that time, they have arranged for the MG Francis Donohue golf outing to be their primary fund raiser to benefit Reserve families.

Members of the Association who participated in the tournament included: MG Dick Colt, BG Bob Winzinger, COL Vincent Montera, LTC Joe Schroder, CW5 Bob Neglia and SGM Tony Filosa. COL Lou Sudholz also was there with his usual foursome, Lou Sudholz, III, son-in-law Ray Larkin and business associate Marvin Schleyer.

This is a wonderful event starting with welcome gifts, breakfast, a full round of golf, and skills competition, followed by a reception, dinner, entertainment and prizes in the West Point Alumni building. This is usually a sold-out event. If you are interested in next year's tournament, keep on the lookout for the announcement.

18. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Evening Membership Meeting -- Swan Club	March 21, 2012
Spring Luncheon -- Swan Club	May 16, 2012
Business Luncheon -- Swan Club	October 10, 2012
Annual Memorial Service -- Fort Totten	November 4, 2012

19. TELEPHONE CONTACT:

Should you wish to contact us, you can call Master Sergeant (Ret.) Mary Lou Bornmann at (516) 732-9705. She will pass along your message.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

LOUIS H. SUDHOLZ, JR.
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President