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THE LAMPETTE

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The first half of the year brought with it a number of changes on the board. COL Bob Braverman and COL Bob Brenner, both of whom served on the board with distinction over many years, relocated out of the area and resigned since they were no longer able to travel and attend meetings. Subsequent to their resignations, both officers were designated Directors Emeriti. SGM Anthony A. Filosa was subsequently elected as a director to fill one of the vacancies. Our Secretary, COL Allen Nadler, and our Treasurer, COL Ed Logan, experienced serious health issues early in the year. COL Logan has returned to duty safeguarding our funds and COL Nadler is making steady progress in his recovery. Although short-handed at times, the board with the help of members was able to complete scheduled activities and engage in planning for several significant events for the fall calendar.

Our Mid-Winter members dinner meeting at the Swan Club was well attended. We were very pleased to welcome COL Joyce B. Junior, Commander, 77th Sustainment Brigade, CSM & Mrs. Sammy C. Sablan and SFC Charles R. Gaglio to the meeting. COL Junior gave a briefing on the Brigade's activities since its return from deployment in Iraq. It was my pleasure to welcome COL Junior into membership in the Association and present her with the Association's lapel pin and an engraved wine glass. The evening was capped-off with a very generous "re-gifting" raffle which was conducted by COL Seymour Kaplan. All proceeds from our raffles are deposited in the memorial fund.

One of the subjects discussed with COL Junior and CSM Sablan was the possibility of establishing a Fort Dix Detachment similar to our Florida Detachment. The Fort Dix Detachment would serve the needs of officer and non-commissioned officer members and former members of the brigade who reside in the Fort Dix, N.J. area. COL Ivan Cornielle has been appointed liaison officer with the brigade for the purpose of exploring this opportunity and its potential implementation.

Our Spring Luncheon also was well attended in spite of some early showers. COL Frank Koegl ensured that the day would turn out well weather-wise since COL Marty Dawson was "in the

house” and everyone knows Marty’s record when it comes to providing a sunny spring day at the Swan Club.

As most members will recall, a number of years ago, BG Harry and Mary Mott initiated the tradition of presenting colorful candles to all the ladies who were present at the luncheon. Before leaving for their new home in Texas more than a year ago, General Mott passed on the tradition and a supply of candles. It was my pleasure to distribute them to the ladies. We also welcomed new members CSM Sammy Sablan and SFC Charles Gaglio, from the 77th Sustainment Brigade. They were presented with the Association’s lapel pins and engraved wine glasses. BG Bob Winzinger conducted another very successful raffle which contained a number of surprises. The memorial fund was once again the beneficiary of the donations.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, we had to make a decision to cancel the planned Commemoration Ceremony at the 307th Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove in Central park which was scheduled for Saturday, 8 June. The park received five inches of rain leading up to the event. Our scheduled speakers were COL Andrew A. R. Burns, Inspector General, 99th Regional Support Command, and COL Terrance C. Holliday (Ret.), Commissioner, Mayors’ Office of Veterans’ Affairs.

We are once again moving forward with our plans for completing the display in Kaine Hall and hope to have the chair rail cabinets containing the small memorabilia and plaques installed by year-end.

The Armed Forces Reserve Family Assistance Fund (AFRFAF) is hosting their 13th Annual MG Francis T. Donohue Golf Tournament at West Point on Monday, 19 August. For those of you who may be interested in participating in a fun day and in raising money for a great cause, please check the AFRFAF website (<http://www.afrfaf.org/golf-tournament/>) for the details. MG Donohue was a charter member of our Association and a former commander of the 77th ARCOM.

We have several very important events planned for this fall. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 October at the Swan Club. This will be an evening dinner meeting and our guest speaker will be MG Glenn Lesniak, US Army Reserve Command Deputy Commanding General, Support. A flyer announcing all of the details is attached to this issue of *The Lampette*. Please mark your calendars and get your reservations in early.

Our Annual Memorial Service is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 3 November, in the Fort Totten Chapel and will be followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony in the 77th Memorial Grove. This year’s ceremony in the Grove will include the dedication of a Memorial Bench in memory of COL Eileen Bonner, a life-time Army reservist, past president of the National ROA and past president of the Department of New York ROA, as well as a member of our Association.

Finally, accompanying this issue of *The Lampette* is a letter from our Treasurer, COL Ed Logan, seeking financial support from our members for our ongoing operations. As you know, our Association cancelled its annual dues program many years ago and relies upon the generosity of the membership through periodic donations. Once again, we are asking for your help so that we can continue with the memorials and other programs honoring the history of the 77th.

Please keep us posted as to your activities and news items by submitting articles to our Editor, MSG Mary Lou Bornmann, who does a great job maintaining the tradition of publishing *The Lampette*. Also, please visit our web site periodically (www.77thinfdivroa.org) to view current happenings and the pictures associated with the events mentioned in *The Lampette*. Special thanks to COL Larry Bellman for maintaining the website and to Mr. Malcolm Schade for all of his assistance with photos and communications.

2. FUND RAISING:

77th Inf. Div. Logo Items For Sale! The 77th Infantry Division ROA is offering for sale 77th Division wine glasses etched with the 77th “Liberty” patch. The wine glasses are one for \$8, two for

\$15, and four for \$25. Also available are Memorial Bricks, at \$125 each, installed in the 77th Memorial Grove at Fort Totten. Each brick can be inscribed with up to three lines. Order forms are available at our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/forsale/index.html> .

3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

SGM Anthony A. Filsoa (Ret.) has recently joined the Board of Directors. Tony was a long-time member of the 800th MP Brigade and also served in a civilian capacity in logistics' at the 77th HQ. Welcome aboard! COL Robert Brenner and COL Robert Braverman have recently relocated and retired from the board, and each has been elevated to the status of "Director Emeritus" in recognition of his long and faithful service.

4. MID-WINTER MEETING:

The Mid-Winter Meeting was held at the Swan Club on 10 April. All of the 34 attendees enjoyed the Swan Club's open bar and before dinner light buffet, which was followed by a sumptuous dinner buffet. COL Sudholz opened the dinner program with a brief Association update which included plans and activities for the remainder of 2013. COL Sudholz then introduced COL Joyce Junior and CSM Sammy Sablan from the 77th Sustainment Brigade stationed at Fort Dix, N.J. COL Junior reported on the recent activities of the Sustainment Brigade and their current and future operations. As is the custom, the dinner was concluded with a raffle for various gifts with the proceeds benefiting the Memorial Fund. Photos of this event can be seen at our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/winter_meeting.html .

5. THE RIFLEMAN:

A quote from General Omar N. Bradley: "The Rifleman fights without promise of either relief or reward. Behind every river there's another hill, behind that hill, another river. After weeks or months in the line only a wound can offer him the safe comfort of shelter and a bed. Those who are left to fight on, evading death, but knowing that with each day of evasion they have exhausted one more chance for survival. Sooner or later unless victory comes, this chase must end on a litter or in a grave."

6. COLONEL BELL HONORED:

Colonel Theodore S. Bell, a member of the 307th Infantry Veterans Society, was honored on 7 March by the 10th Regional Support Group in Okinawa, Japan for his bravery in WWII as a member of the 77th Infantry Division on the island of Okinawa. His actions as a first lieutenant at the time were recognized when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1945. Our Association was pleased to loan its 77th Division colors and battle streamers so that they could be displayed at the ceremony.

Participating in the ceremony with COL Bell were: COL Sheila A. Bryant, Commander, 10th RSG, CSM Shelton R. Williamson, 10th RSG, and the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band. Also in attendance were the senior USAF Officer on Okinawa (Brigadier General Matthew H. Malloy), senior Navy Officer (Captain Richard W. Weathers), and the United States Consul General, Naha, Japan (CONGEN Alfred R. Magleby). A photo of the ceremony appears at our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/okinawa.html> , courtesy of Mr. John B. Beusse, Operations Officer, 10th RSG. We are also proud to present the following image of the program for the ceremony (readers of our electronic edition distributed by email will get to enjoy this in color!):

The Distinguished Service Cross



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Theodore S. Bell, First Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 77th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 17 and 18 May 1945. First Lieutenant Bell's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 77th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Headquarters, Tenth U.S. Army, General Order No. 206 (1945)

The Army Song

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along!

Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along!

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
(TWO! THREE!)
For Where e'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along!

10th Regional Support Group
Retreat Ceremony
in honor of
Colonel Ted Bell
U.S. Army Retired

7 March 2013
Torii Station
Okinawa, Japan

Sequence of Events

Opening Remarks

Invocation

Honors to the Nation

Wreath Laying

Award Presentation

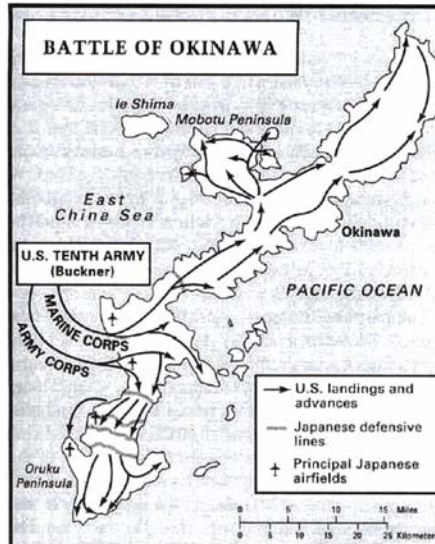
Retreat

Remarks

Army Song

Conclusion

The Battle of Okinawa, also known as Operation Iceberg, was fought on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa and was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific theater of World War II. This was the last pitched battle of the entire war. The 82 day long battle lasted from late March through June 1945.



VANTAGE ART

The main objective of the operation was to seize a large island only 340 miles away from mainland Japan. After a long campaign of island hopping, the Allies were approaching Japan, and Okinawa would serve as a springboard for the planned invasion of the islands. Although hastily converted to a base for air operations, the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused Japan to surrender just weeks after the end of the fighting at Okinawa and the invasion never took place.

Mr. Beusse, a civilian employee of the 10th RSG, also informed us that they have a Battle of Okinawa memorial at their installation's flagpoles with a plaque honoring the Soldiers of the 77th. This memorial was dedicated in June 1995 on the 50th anniversary of the battle. A photo of it appears at our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/memorials/okinawa_memorial.html . Under an engraving of our patch, the inscription reads:

“The 77th Infantry Division
The lamp of liberty burns
forever brighter because of the
devotion and sacrifice
of the brave soldiers of the
77th Division”

7. SPRING SOCIAL:

The Spring Social was held at the Swan Club on 15 May. All of the 43 attendees enjoyed the Swan Club's open bar and a sumptuous luncheon. COL Sudholz welcomed the attendees and introduced new members, each of whom received a lapel pin and a 77th Division wine glass. COL Sudholz then introduced COL Frank Koegl, who reported on the Association's current fund raising activities, including its sales of 77th golf shirts and hats, 77th wine glasses and Memorial Bricks at the 77th Memorial Grove, Fort Totten. The luncheon was concluded with a raffle of various gifts, with the proceeds benefiting the Memorial Fund. Photos of this event can be seen at our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/Luncheon.html> .

8. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We heard from **COL Bruce W. Castka** who writes: “I have retired from Long Island to upstate N.Y. to a little town, Canajoharie, which is about 40 miles west of Albany. Pat and I now are living the rural life on a former farm of 250 acres. Lots of our time is devoted to gardening and I spend most days engaged in some, in season, hunting. I would appreciate if you could pass along an invite to any 77th member who may be traveling up this way who would want to stop for a visit. We are less than 5 miles off the NY State Thruway. Hope all is well with you. I am sorry I have not attended any events downstate but I am thrilled to receive *The Lampette*. Keep up the great work.” His email address is: bwcastka@frontiernet.net . Thanks, Colonel!

MG William J. Collins, Jr. and his wife Pat have moved from their home in Pennsylvania to Tennessee to be closer to his son. His email address is: WJCOLLJR@aol.com . **COL Allen Nadler** has been under the weather the last few months but is getting stronger each day. We are sure he would love to hear from his old friends. His email address is: ajnadler@verizon.net . **COL (CHAP) Joseph Orlandi** is retiring from the priesthood in July. He will be relocating to Italy to be closer to his 92 year-old mother. After 31 July, he can be reached at Contrada Risano 27, 00028 Subiaco, Rome, Italy. We will miss you, Father, and wish you God Speed!

COL Larry Bellman is just finishing performing with Township Theatre Group in a series of six short, one-act plays at nine different Long Island libraries. The production is entitled “Watch the Gap” and focuses on the communication gap between men and women. In the fall, he will be directing his first Long Island play, "Over the River and Through the Woods", and hopes everyone can come and see one of the performances. It will run the last weekend in October and the first two weekends in November, in Freeport, L.I.

BG Robert Winzinger recently retired from his civilian job in the Sheriff's Office of Rockland County, N.Y. Now he has more time to spend at his country retreat in Gettysburg, PA. We wish you a long and healthy retirement, General. **BG Harry J. Mott, III** was recently hospitalized

but thankfully is home now recovering nicely. Stay well, General, we need you! Congratulations are in order for **COL Nickolas Christopher** who recently got married. He and his bride have relocated to Fort Bragg, N.C. His email address is: COLNICKO@hotmail.com .

9. ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN:

Future issues of *The Lampette* will feature a 77th Medal of Honor recipient and their citation. Beginning this series is Medal of Honor recipient, Major Charles W. Whittlesey, Commander of the “Lost Battalion”. Rank and organization: Major, U.S. Army, 308th Infantry, 77th Division. Place and date: Northeast of Binarville, in the forest of Argonne, France, 2-7 October 1918. Entered service at: Pittsfield, Mass. Birth: Florence, Wis. G.O. No.: 118, W.D., 1918.

Citation: “Although cut off for 5 days from the remainder of his division, Maj. Whittlesey maintained his position, which he had reached under orders received for an advance, and held his command, consisting originally of 46 officers and men of the 308th Infantry and of Company K of the 307th Infantry, together in the face of superior numbers of the enemy during the 5 days. Maj. Whittlesey and his command were thus cut off, and no rations or other supplies reached him, in spite of determined efforts which were made by his division. On the 4th day Maj. Whittlesey received from the enemy a written proposition to surrender, which he treated with contempt, although he was at the time out of rations and had suffered a loss of about 50 percent in killed and wounded of his command and was surrounded by the enemy.”

10. WEST POINT AWARD:

On Thursday, 23 May, COL Lou Sudholz represented the Association in presenting the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers’ Association Award for Excellence in National Security and Public Affairs. Established in 1970, this award, an engraved pewter tray, is presented to the cadet who achieves the highest standing in courses relating to National Security and Public Affairs. The recipient of this year’s award was Cadet Stuart L. Caudill, who is from Virginia. Cadet Caudill was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant, Military Intelligence and will be reporting to Fort Huachuca, Arizona for his basic officer’s course. A photo of this event appears at our web site at: <http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/WestPointAward.html> .

The format for this year’s Convocation and Awards Ceremony was similar to last year’s ceremony. It was hosted by COL Cindy R. Jebb, US Army, Professor and Department Head, Department of Social Sciences. A brief reception was held in the Social Science Department where the awards presenters met with the faculty. This was followed by the presentation of awards in the Thayer Auditorium, where the families of the recipients gathered to view the presentations. Directly following the ceremony, there was time to meet with Cadet Caudill and his family. It should also be mentioned that Cadet Caudill was the recipient of four other awards. The visit to the Academy was concluded with a light lunch with Social Sciences Department staff, faculty and presenters. A great deal of appreciation was expressed for the participation of the sponsors of the awards.

11. POTPOURRI:

a. “The Lime Story” (contributed by BG Harry J. Mott, III):

It was early August, 1964. The 77th Division was in Camp Drum, and I was the Div. headquarters (Hdqs.) Company Commander. The Div. Hdqs. was in area C9, about 15 miles from the main post, and it was our first day in the field. The Div. G-1, COL Bill Winston, called me over and

told me he wanted lime put around the latrines and relief tubes. I explained to him that the Army no longer used lime and did not stock it.

He said, "Captain, you didn't hear me. I said I want lime around the latrines and relief tubes tomorrow morning." "Yes sir," was my response.

The next day he came to me and said, "Thank you, Captain." "Yes sir," was my response.

In 1987 we were both at a 77th party and while Bill and I were talking, another longtime member of the 77th joined us and asked me whether or not I had ever told Bill about the 5 lb. bag of Pillsbury's Best that I had used to satisfy Bill's order. He looked at me in disbelief. I grinned and told him, as he had never asked what it was.

b. "Paraprosdakians" are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or a phrase is surprising or unexpected, frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them. Here are some examples:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify _____," I put "Doctor".
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

c. *Are You Smarter Than A 60 Year-Old?*

Some of these were harder than I thought.... The answers were on the tip of my tongue.... I remembered, but.... (Answers appear at the end):

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them where?
3. "Get your kicks, __ _____ ."
4. "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____ ."
5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."
6. After *The Twist*, *The Mashed Potato*, and *The Watusi*, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called *The _____*.
7. "Nestlé's makes the very best -- _____."

8. "Satchmo" was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill". Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His real name was?
9. What "takes a licking, and keeps on ticking"?
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____, and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and _____."
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning what?
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other two names did it go by?
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waists. What was it called?
16. What did "LS/MFT" mean?
17. "Hey, Kids! What time is it? It's _____!"
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men?
19. A song came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". What was its name?
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its logo/representative. What was the boy's name?

Answers: 1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet. 2. The Ed Sullivan Show. 3. On Route 66. 4. To protect the innocent. 5. The lion sleeps tonight. 6. The Limbo. 7. Chocolate. 8. Louis Armstrong. 9. The Timex watch. 10. "Freddy, the Freeloader" and "Good Night, and God Bless." 11. Draft cards or, occasionally, flags. (Some bras were also burned around the same time, but for other reasons.) 12. "Beetle" or "Bug". 13. Buddy Holly. 14. Sputnik. 15. The Hoola-Hoop. 16. "Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco". 17. Howdy Doody Time! 18. "The Shadow" knows! 19. "The Monster Mash". 20. "Speedy".

d. An old spinster nicknamed "Aunty Acid" sent us a few words of wisdom:

"Starting tomorrow, whatever life throws at me I'm gonna duck so it hits someone else! I cook using the four major food groups: canned, boxed, bagged and frozen. I have PMS and GPS -- I'm a bitch and I WILL FIND YOU! Sometimes I feel like throwing in the towel, but you know what that means -- more laundry! I'm not saying you are stupid. I'm just saying you've got bad luck when it comes to thinking! You can't always control who walks into your life, but you can control which window you throw them out of. A wise man once said, 'I don't know -- ask a woman.' At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is easy. Getting up off the floor is another story."

e. Some of us may have noticed members of the "younger generation" using a means of communication called "texting". In addition to their thumbs, they often use "text codes" to shorten their messages and perhaps try to keep their seniors "in the dark". Here are some "text codes" for members of the "older generation" who would like to try their thumbs at texting:

ATD: At the doctor.

GHA: Got heartburn again.

BFF: Best friend fell.

IMHO: Is my hearing aid on?

BTW: Bring the wheelchair.

LMDO: Laughing my dentures out.

BYOT: Bring your own teeth.

TTYL: Talk to you louder.

FWIW: Forgive where I was.

f. Senior citizens may be entitled to discounts at many restaurants, stores and retail service providers -- if they ask for it when ordering. Here is a list of vendors, arranged alphabetically by category, who have come to our attention as possibly offering senior discounts. (These have not been verified, and no recommendations should be inferred. They of course are also subject to change at any time by the individual vendors.)

Restaurants:

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
Arby's: 10% off (55 +)
Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)
Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
Burger King: 10% off (60+)
Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
Chili's: 10% off (55+)
CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)
Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's do zen of bagels (60+)
Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
IHOP: 10% off (55+)
Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)
McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
Shoney's: 10% off Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
Subway: 10% off (60+)
Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)< /span>
Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
TCBY: 10% off (55+)
Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)
White Castle: 10% off (62+)

Retail & Apparel:

Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +)
Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)
Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +)
Big Lots: 30% off
Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55 +)
C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)

Clarks: 10% off (62+)
Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)
Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)
Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off
Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

Grocery:

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)
American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)
Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55 +)
Great Value Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)
Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55 +)
Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
Uncle Guiseppe's Marketplace: 15% off (62+)

TRAVEL

Airlines:

Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)
American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+) and up (call before booking for discount)
Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

Rail:

Amtrak: 15% off (62+)

Bus:

Greyhound: 15% off (62+)
Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

Car Rental:

Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members
Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)

Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Hertz:
up to 25% off for AARP members
National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

Overnight Accommodations:

Best Western: 40% off (55+)
Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)
Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance
Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)
Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)
Motel 6: Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)
Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55 +)
Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)
Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)

Activities & Entertainment:

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)
Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)
Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets
Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +)
SeaWorld, Orlando, FL : \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)

Cell Phone Providers:

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)
Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50 +)
Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

Miscellaneous:

Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)
Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

12. FLORIDA DETACHMENT:

CW4 Lenny Polikoff reports: The Florida Detachment (now officially called the Brig. Gen. Russell Wright Florida Detachment of the 77th Inf. Div. R.O.A.) held its annual luncheon meeting on 24 February at the Indian River Colony Club in Melbourne, Florida. We had 19 members and guests in attendance. Former 77th ARCOM Commander and former Chief of the Army Reserve, MG

William F. Ward and his charming wife Marie Louise hosted the event at his club. It was a great afternoon of good food, drink and camaraderie. A photo of this event, together with additional information about the “Florida Detachment”, can be seen at our web site at:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/floridadetachment.html> .

13. MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Our 37th annual ecumenical Memorial Service for our recently deceased comrades is scheduled for 3 November 2013 at the Fort Totten Chapel starting at 1330 hours. Please make a note on your calendars. As of the date of this publication, the following soldiers will be honored:

COL Robert L. Bunch	COL Conrad D. Stephenson
CW4 John A. Driscoll	COL Trenton E. Wright, Sr.
COL John J. Fitzmaurice	Andrew Bellay (307th IVS)
COL Herbert Charles Koehler	CPL Conrad F. Hatcher (307th IVS)
LTC John A. LaRocca	Henry A. Kokojan (307 th IVS)
COL Harold Lee	John S. Liptak (307th IVS)
COL Thomas Joseph Leonardi, Sr.	SSG Harold W. Scatterday, Jr. (307th IVS)
MSG Daniel E. Mikolow	Alvin S. Ziegler (307 th IVS)
COL Daniel P. O'Neill	

Additional information regarding some of these departed soldiers can be found at our web site at:

<http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/obituaries.html> . As of the date of this publication, photos of our

November 2012 Memorial Service can still be viewed at our web site at:

http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/Ecumenical_Memorial.html .

14. GUAM COMMEMORATION:

If you were on Guam during the final days of WWII, we would like to know as we are formulating plans to contribute to ceremonies highlighting the fighting there and the tremendous significance of retaking Guam from the Japanese. A major commemoration of this event will take place on Guam on its anniversary in 2014. Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can determine how you might be able to participate. The point of contact is COL Robert Braverman, who can be reached by telephone at 703-376-8366, or by email at: bobbbraver@gmail.com . Or you can write to him at 14401 Woodmere Court, Apt. 115, Centerville, VA 20120-4360.

In addition, COL Braverman has contributed the following article for this issue of *The Lampette*:

In World War II, just three days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese seized the island of Guam, an American Territory in the Pacific Ocean. About four years later, the 77th Division and a marine division invaded Guam and through battle regained the island. The 77th Division was the complete Army element in the battle in the southern part of the island, while the Marines fought in the north. The Air Force and the Navy were involved in bombarding, flying cover, and supply missions.

The troops did not have the same kind of landing craft as was used in Normandy. Some landed in “Duckwas” (boats with tires, which ride on land as well as in water), but most of the troops had to land by wading through water. The 77th fought in fierce battle, with many Japanese troops committing suicide afterwards rather than becoming prisoners. The Japanese earlier in the war put thousands of male Guamanians (“Chamorros”) into concentration camps on the island, where some were beheaded or violently abused.

The strategic importance of what had been accomplished by the 77th and the Marines, was that in Guam and the nearby Mariana Islands, we now had a base much closer to Japan for bombing. We improved the airfields and extended the runways so that the giant B-29 bombers could fly to Japan

with heavy bomb loads and lots of fuel and armaments, and in formations of hundreds of planes. Because some Japanese cities consisted mostly of wooden buildings, some B-29's carried incendiary bombs instead of the usual type. The cities those bombers attacked were left burning completely.

Meanwhile other B-29's were attacking ports, arms factories and other military targets. The raids were so effective that several leading Japanese generals were convinced the war was lost, and that Japan should sue for peace. Many American generals also felt we could bomb our way to victory with the giant B-29's. The job done by the 77th had been critical. The division then moved on to attack the Philippines. On Guam, they celebrate 21 July as "Liberty Day".

When two atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, they were carried aboard two B-29's, the *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar*. The B-29's continued doing yeoman service by carrying nuclear weapons aloft (in addition to our nuclear weapons-carrying submarines), as part of our deterrent against the Soviet Union.

Guam is an American Territory and its residents are American citizens. They have a representative in Congress who has a voice there, but cannot vote except in committees. Approximately 200,000 people live on Guam.

Several commemorative ceremonies are in various stages of planning for 2014, the 70th anniversary of the retaking of Guam. The largest of these is a major ceremony in Guam, which might include a B-29 and a Duckwa, as well as representatives of all of the services which participated in the liberation. A smaller ceremony is under consideration for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and a Guam commemoration might be a part of our annual ceremony at the 307th Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove in Central Park, to be held in June 2014.

15. 307th INFANTRY VETERANS SOCIETY:

Unfortunately, we found it necessary this year to cancel the annual Commemoration Ceremony which had been scheduled for Saturday, 8 June 2013 at 1100 hours in the 307th Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove in Central Park, N.Y., due to the actual and predicted inclement weather leading up to that date. Faced with predictions of extremely heavy rain and thunder storms for that day, representatives of our Association and the 307th Infantry Veterans Society conferred on the preceding Wednesday and adopted a contingency plan to monitor the weather and make a final decision on Friday, 7 June. It was felt that this was the latest time at which a prudent decision could be made and still be communicated to the many expected participants and hoped-for attendees.

Those representatives needed to consider the facts that there is no shelter at the Grove in Central Park for participants or attendees, and that many of the military support personnel would need to travel to the Grove from Fort Dix and Fort Totten very early on 8 June in order to be ready for the morning ceremony. Although the weather ultimately improved on 8 June, at the time the decision was made on the preceding day it was raining heavily in Central Park, and the total rainfall leading up to the scheduled time eventually amounted to approximately five inches.

We would like to apologize for the inconvenience to everyone who planned to participate or attend this year, and we wish to thank the many people who worked hard to prepare for the event.

Because of the logistical difficulties of re-scheduling the participation of military support personnel and obtaining another required permit from the N.Y.C. Parks Department, it was not considered feasible to hold this ceremony on another date this year. However, we are already planning to hold our ceremony in the Grove again in 2014, on a date to be announced.

16. NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

There is a new email address for the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association. It is 77thindivroa@gmail.com. Please use this for any inquiries, requests, information posting, and

general email correspondence to the Association.

However, the internet address (URL) of our Association's web site is unchanged. The URL of the home page of our web site is still www.77thindivroa.org . In addition, several of the articles in this issue of *The Lampette* contain the URL's of our specific web pages where relevant photos or other information can be found. Readers of our electronic edition distributed by email may be able to use the hyperlinks embedded in those URL's by clicking on the URL to go directly to those web pages, if the internet browsers in their computers support that function. Try it, you'll like it!

17. NUMBERS GAME:

People have long complained that the ID numbers on Medicare cards pose a risk of identity theft if the Medicare card is stolen or mislaid, because the Medicare ID numbers are identical to Social Security numbers. While converting the ID numbers for 48 million beneficiaries may be a big project, that didn't stop lawmakers from scolding Medicare officials at a recent congressional hearing. "I don't understand what's taking so long," said Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas). Medicare offered a project cost estimate (at least \$800 million) and a time investment (five years) but still no start date. In the meantime, here's what consumer advocates recommend: carry a photocopy of your Medicare card with the last four digits removed and leave the real thing at home, except when seeing a provider for the first time.

18. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

Guess the Secret Service Code Name: match the numbers of the names of presidents, candidates and their family members with the letters of their Secret Service nicknames (answers appear at the end):

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| 1. Dwight D. Eisenhower | A. Javelin |
| 2. John F. Kennedy | B. Tumbler |
| 3. Jacqueline Kennedy | C. Scorecard |
| 4. John F. Kennedy, Jr. | D. Searchlight |
| 5. Richard Nixon | E. Timberwolf |
| 6. Ronald Reagan | F. Evergreen |
| 7. Nancy Reagan | G. Denali |
| 8. George H.W. Bush | H. Rosebud |
| 9. Barbara Bush | I. Angler |
| 10. Bill Clinton | J. Rawhide |
| 11. Hilary Clinton | K. Lace |
| 12. George W. Bush | L. Tempo |
| 13. Laura Bush | M. Renegade |
| 14. Barack Obama | N. Eagle |
| 15. Michelle Obama | O. Renaissance |
| 16. Sasha Obama | P. Snow bank |
| 17. Malia Obama | Q. Lancer |
| 18. Mitt Romney | R. Rainbow |
| 19. Sarah Palin | S. Lark |
| 20. Dick Cheney | T. Radiance |

Answers: 1-C, 2-Q, 3-K, 4-S, 5-D, 6-J, 7-R, 8-E, 9-P, 10-N, 11-F, 12-B, 13-L, 14-M, 15-O, 16-H, 17-T, 18-A, 19-G, 20-I.

19. WORDS WITH A NEW TWIST:

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.): the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.): appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.): to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.): to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-Nilly (adj.): impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.): describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.): to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n.): olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.): emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.): a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.): a humorous question in an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.): the formal, dignified bearing adopted by a proctologist.
13. Pokemon (n.): a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n.): a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.): the belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.): an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

20. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Annual Meeting and Dinner: 16 October 2013

Annual Fort Totten Memorial Service: 3 November 2013

21. TELEPHONE CONTACT:

Should you wish to contact us by telephone, you may call Master Sergeant Mary Lou Bornmann (Ret.) at 516-732-9075. She will pass along your message.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER SEASON!

LOUIS H. SUDHOLZ, JR.
Colonel, USA (Ret.)
President



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**Fall Meeting
Spouse/Guest Invited
Wednesday, 16 October 2013**

**The Swan Club
www.swanclub.com
90 Glenwood Rd. (at corner of Scudders Lane)
Glenwood Landing, Roslyn, NY 11547
516-621-7600**

**Reception at 6:00 PM
Followed by a Formal Dinner at 7:00 PM**

Program: Association Updates, 2014 Plans & Activities

**Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker
MG Glenn Lesniak
US Army Reserve Command
Deputy Commanding General - Support**

**\$50.00 per person
Dress: Business Casual**

Mail by 7 October 2013 to:

**77th INF DIV ROA
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Bay Terrace, NY 11360-4931**

Make checks payable to: 77th INF DIV ROA

OR

**To pay at the door, RSVP to:
COL Frank Koegl at 914-237-6457
OR e-mail to: koeglf@yahoo.com**

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