

# 77<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION Reserve Officers Association

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### THE LAMPETTE

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#### 1. THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

On behalf of the Directors of the Association, I welcome you, our Members, friends, and other readers, to the winter edition of *The Lampette*. The second half of 2014 was both interesting and challenging. The following are highlights of the various events and activities which took place since the last edition. They are being covered in greater detail in the body of *The Lampette*.

LTC Thomas P. Sullivan, a Director of the Association, assumed command of the 389<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Sustainment Battalion on Sunday, 10 August at Fort Totten. A delegation of other Directors, including BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr., attended the Change of Command Ceremony. We subsequently learned that the unit was to be activated in December and deployed to Afghanistan in January 2015.

We take this opportunity to thank LTC Sullivan, CSM Brian Ladlee and the Soldiers of the 389<sup>th</sup> for their support of our memorial services in Central Park and at Fort Totten. We also want to wish them a very successful deployment and a safe return home. The 389<sup>th</sup> is a down trace unit of the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade.

On Monday, 18 August a number of Members and friends participated in the Armed Forces Reserve Family Assistance Fund (AFRFAF) 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Major General Francis T. Donohue Golf Tournament at West Point. This event is dedicated to the memory of the late General Donohue, a former Commander of the 77<sup>th</sup> ARCOM and a charter member of the Association. MG Evo Riguzzi, LTC Jack Buttine and their organization do a great job in sponsoring the event and raising a substantial amount of money for the families of our Soldiers who are in desperate need of assistance.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade held its annual Dining Out on Saturday, 6 September, hosted by its Commander, COL Kenneth E. King, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major, CSM Sammy C. Sablan, who is a Director of the Association. The other Directors joining with me in attending this

very fine reception and dinner were COL Ivan Cornielle, COL Edwin G. Logan and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. Also attending, with members of his unit, was LTC Tomas Sullivan.

On Saturday, 13 September a number of Directors and Members, including MG George E. Barker and BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr., attended the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove at Fort Totten. The service was organized by the 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command. LTG Jeffrey W. Talley, Commanding General, US Army Reserve Command, was the keynote speaker. He was introduced by MG Margaret W. Boor, Commanding General, 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command. MSG Jeffery Mott, a Director of the Association, was the Master of Ceremony.

The Association's Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, 8 October at the Swan Club. During the business portion of the meeting, the Treasurer's Report was presented, indicating that the Association is maintaining a satisfactory balance. We thank the generosity of our Members for their contributions, and those who participate in "fun" raffles being held during the three Members' meetings during the year. These funds are used primarily to support our memorial services.

The Association's activities and programs during the year were reviewed with those present. The Directors were recognized for their contributions throughout the year. We also recognized the Active Reserve Units which support the two memorial services in Central Park and Fort Totten, without whose assistance it would be virtually impossible for us to conduct these services. CWO Stephen Josephs, a former commander of the 319<sup>th</sup> USA Band, briefed the Members and guests about the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Song, "They Didn't Think We'd Do It But We Did". This song was composed to march tempo in 1918 by two members of the Division and dedicated to MG Robert B. Alexander. Since we did not have a quorum of Members present at the meeting to vote for the slate of Directors of the Association, the current Directors' terms will extend until another election can be held.

The Association's Thirty-Eighth Annual Memorial Service was held at Fort Totten on 7 November and honored nineteen Soldiers whose passing we learned about since last year's service. We welcomed many relatives and friends of our departed comrades, who not only attended the service but participated during the remembrance of their loved ones. BG Loree K. Sutton, USA (Ret), Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs, was a guest speaker. General Sutton was recently appointed to this position.

Special thanks are due to all those Directors and others who participated in the service, including MG George E. Barker; MG William Terpeluk; COL Edwin G. Logan; CH (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer; LTC Thomas Sullivan; LTC John W. Peterkin; (CH) CPT William H. Allen, IV; CW4 Bernard M. Kaplan; MSG Jeffrey J. Mott and Dr. Pam Phillips. Also, special thanks to COL Seymour Kaplan and his Memorial Committee: COL Ivan Cornielle, LTC Joseph Schroder, CW4 Edward C. Grant and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade, and to the Soldiers from the 389<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Sustainment Battalion and the 319th US Army Band.

We ask you to keep in touch with information about yourselves, your family and perhaps recent travel experiences. We especially welcome information updates from Members still serving. Visit our web site for the latest happenings and view the many Photo Albums of pictures of the events that are mentioned in *The Lampette*.

Please join with me once again in thanking BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr. and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade for their excellent work in the editing and producing of *The Lampette*, a continuous publication since 1957.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season and a great New Year.

#### 2. FUND RAISING:

The 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ROA is offering for sale 77th Infantry Division wine glasses etched with the 77th "Liberty" patch. The wine glasses are one for \$8, two for \$15, and four for \$25. 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division baseball-type hats are available in various colors for \$15 each. 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, and each line can contain up to a total of 20 characters and spaces. Order forms are available on our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/forsale/index.html .

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Mayor de Blasio has appointed a new Commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, BG Loree K. Sutton, USA (Ret), who is also an M.D. In that position, she succeeds our Honorary Member, **COL Terrance C. Holliday, USAF (Ret)**.

On 10 August 2014, a member of the Board of Directors of our Association, LTC Thomas **P. Sullivan**, assumed command of the 389<sup>th</sup> Command Sustainment Support Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, in a ceremony held outdoors behind the WO1 Ronald Bucca Building, 206 Totten Avenue, Fort Totten, NY. Older members of our Association will recall this building as the former Headquarters of the 77<sup>th</sup> ARCOM, prior to its relocation to the Ernie Pyle USAR Center. The ceremony, which was held in front of an assembly in formation of the Soldiers of the 389<sup>th</sup> CSSB, featured remarks by COL Kenneth E. King, Commander, 77<sup>th</sup> SUS BDE; LTC (P) Robert J. Moriarty, Outgoing Commander, 389<sup>th</sup> CSSB, and LTC Sullivan.

Attending the ceremony on behalf of our Association as guests were the following Directors: **BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr.**; **COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr.**, President; **COL Lawrence M. Bellman** and Mrs. Eileen Bellman; **COL Seymour Kaplan**; **COL Edwin G. Logan**; **LTC John W. Peterkin** and Mrs. Ngoc T. Peterkin; **Brigade CSM Sammy C. Sablan**, 77<sup>th</sup> SUS BDE; and **Mr. Malcolm R. Schade**. Also attending as guests were LTC Sullivan's wife, Mrs. Deborah Sullivan, his children, many family members, and Hon. Eric A. Ulrich, NYC Council Member, District 32. Mr. Ulrich, who is LTC Sullivan's representative on the NYC Council, is also Chairman of its Veterans Committee.

A copy of the program and photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at:  $http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/77thSustainmentBrigade.html\;.$ 

#### 4. ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN:

Each issue of *The Lampette* features a 77<sup>th</sup> Medal of Honor recipient and their citation. The fourth in the series follows:

Captain Louis Wardlaw Miles was born in 1873 in Baltimore, Maryland. He entered service in Princeton, New Jersey and served as an officer in the United States Army during World War I as a Captain in the 308th Infantry, 77th Division. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery in action near Révillon, France on September 14, 1918. He died June 26, 1944 and is buried in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland.

Captain Miles's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

"He volunteered to lead his company in a hazardous attack on a commanding trench position near the Aisne Canal, which other troops had previously attempted to take without success. His company immediately met with intense machinegun fire, against which it had no artillery assistance, but Captain Miles preceded the first wave and assisted in cutting a passage through the enemy's wire entanglements. In so doing, he was wounded five times by machinegun bullets, both legs and one arm being fractured, whereupon he ordered himself placed on a stretcher and had himself carried forward to the enemy trench in order that he might encourage and direct his company, which by this time had suffered numerous casualties. Under the inspiration of this officer's indomitable spirit, his men held the hostile position and consolidated the front line after an action lasting two hours, at the conclusion of which Captain Miles was carried to the aid station against his will."

Anyone having 77th artifacts who wishes to donate them to the Association should contact BG Bob Winzinger. 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).

#### 5. <u>REQUEST FOR TRAVEL TIPS</u>:

The following request for information for our web site is being distributed at the request of COL Larry Bellman, a Director and Member of our Information Technology Committee:

"For those who view our website, please note that we have a special section called 'Travel Tips', located under the 'About Us' tab. It lists interesting travel tips, and solicits vacationer reviews (good, bad or otherwise), as well as travel deals. There is a write-up there about the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, as well as some other places of interest.

From our large membership group, you folks probably have traveled throughout the world and could share with us some of the interesting spots, deals, and tips you have personally experienced. Many of our Members are or soon will be of the age to have the available time to travel and would welcome your suggestions.

Therefore, we are once again requesting information that you can share with your brother Soldiers by allowing us to post it on our web site." The following is a link to that page of our web site: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/travel/traveldeals.html .

#### 6. POTPOURRI:

Active duty Soldiers and retires can register online and get in the 9-11 Memorial and Museum in New York City for free. Use the following link to register for free tickets: http://www.911memorial.org/visit-911-memorial-museum .

#### 7. **COMMANDING GENERAL UPDATE**:

It has been decided to add a new feature called the Commanding General Update. Who better to be the first featured, but a mentor and friend to all of us, MG William "Bill" Ward?

General Ward and his wife Marie Louise split their time between Chester, New York and Melbourne, Florida. Watch out for him and Marie Louise riding around Indian River Colony Club on their golf cart to the various activities. He recently turned eighty-six and is enjoying the good life. They have eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He still serves on a number of boards of directors, which keep him busy. Visits from relatives and friends are always a treat and they are the perfect host and hostess.

#### 8. 2014 ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY:

On Sunday, 2 November 2014, our Association held its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service in the Post Chapel at Fort Totten. This Memorial Service specifically remembers Soldiers of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and its successor units, as well as other veterans who have been long-time friends of our Association, whose passing has come to the attention of the Association during the preceding year. Since 2005, these Soldiers have specifically included members of the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Veterans Society. In addition, the Memorial Service honors all other members of the 77<sup>th</sup> family who have served and currently are serving their country.

We were pleased that the Memorial Service this year was attended by numerous family members and friends, some of whom traveled considerable distances, of the Soldiers being remembered, as well as by many members and other guests of our Association. It began with a welcome by our President, COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., who also introduced the other participants and read the Last Roll Call. His introductory remarks were immediately followed by the Posting of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by the Congregation.

An Invocation and, later, a Benediction, were offered by CH (CPT) William H. Allen, IV, USAR, Chaplain of the 389<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade. A Scripture Reading and a Prayer were offered by CH (LTC) Murray E. Stadtmauer.

Dr. Pam Phillips accompanied herself on the piano and sang *Ave Maria* and *The Lord's Prayer*, in addition to playing a Piano Prelude and Postlude.

A Guest Speaker was BG Loree K. Sutton, USA (Ret), who is the new Commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs. In addition to her own distinguished career as an M.D. specializing in the psychological traumas of war, BG Sutton is a niece of the late CPL Desmond T. Doss, who was a veteran of the Medical Detachment, 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. CPL Doss was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions at Okinawa in World War II. After his passing in 2006, he was honored at our Memorial Service that year.

The Keynote Speaker was MG George E. Barker, a Director of our Association, whose Remarks focused on the important role of families in supporting those who serve in the Armed Forces, and the special role of the Reserves in defending our country.

Eulogies of the following fifteen departed members of the 77<sup>th</sup> family were delivered by MSG Jeffrey J. Mott: MAJ Amos M. Gailliard, Jr.; MSG Theresa M. Gibbons; LTC Alfred C. Girardi; LTC Michael John Kane; LTC John A. Larkin, Jr.; MAJ Edward Frank Nemeth; PFC Henry Richard Peschel; LTC Mitchell Storm Pickman; BG Thomas E. Potter; LTC Rudolph Joseph Rudinsky; MAJ Charles C. Sheahan; 1LT William Lamont Singer; CW4 Edward Frank Torregrossa; COL David K. Trenary and COL Herbert Wagner.

In addition, eulogies of the following four departed 77<sup>th</sup> Soldiers who were members of the 307<sup>th</sup> IVS were delivered by COL Edwin G. Logan: T/5 Henry J. Opalach, PFC Saul Rosenberg, SGT Howard Patrick Smith, Sr. and SSG E. Ray Stuempfle.

Personal remarks by other participants, and by family members and friends who were among the Congregation, supplemented the eulogies of LTC Kane, MAJ Nemeth, LTC Pickman, BG Potter, PFC Rosenberg, LTC Rudinsky, 1LT Singer, SSG E. Ray Stuempfle and COL Trenary.

The Memorial Service and subsequent Wreath Laying Ceremony were supported by a Color Guard of the 389<sup>th</sup> CSSB, led by SFC Ramos, USAR, and by a Trumpeter of the 319<sup>th</sup> US Army Band, SPC Stewart, USAR, who played TAPS and also rang the chimes during the Final Roll Call.

Also in attendance at the Memorial Service were, among many others, MG William Terpeluk, a Director of our Association; COL Robert S. Cooley, Jr., USAR, Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Mobilization Support Group, and Center Commander, Fort Totten; LTC Thomas P. Sullivan; Battalion CSM Timothy J. Jackson, USA, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 307<sup>th</sup> Regiment; and Mark I. Koppelman,

Commander, Bell-Oak Post 648, Queens Borough Council, Jewish War Veterans of the USA. NYC Council Member Paul A. Vallone, (District 19) also attended and thanked the departed Soldiers for their service to our country.

Immediately following the Memorial Service in the Post Chapel, our Association held its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the nearby 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove. This Grove was established by our Association in 2002 to honor all members of the 77<sup>th</sup>. In that year, we also dedicated a polished granite monument in the Grove to six members of the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command who perished at the World Trade Center on 9-11-2001.

Despite sunny weather, strong, gusting winds necessitated the abbreviation of this outdoor Ceremony this year. Nevertheless, numerous members of the Congregation from the Memorial Service attended. After Introductory Remarks by COL Sudholz and the Posting of the Colors, MG Terpeluk offered Remarks regarding the significance of the Grove and the sacrifice of those six Soldiers. He was followed by LTC Sullivan, who added personal recollections of the events of 9-11-2001. LTC John W. Peterkin and CW4 Bernard M. Kaplan, who are Directors of our Association, presented the Memorial Wreath. Chaplain Stadtmauer offered a Prayer for Soldiers, and Chaplain Allen offered a Prayer of Remembrance. Dr. Phillips led the attendees in singing *God Bless America*, and SPC Stewart played TAPS.

Immediately after the Wreath Laying Ceremony in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove, an informal Reception for all participants and other attendees, with refreshments, was held in Kaine Hall, Ernie Pyle USAR Center, Fort Totten. Photos and the Program for these events can be viewed at our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/Ecumenical\_Memorial.html .

#### 9. <u>2014 ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL LUNCHEON</u>:

On 8 October 2014, our Association held its Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon at The Swan Club in Roslyn, New York. The weather turned out to be superb, and the event was enjoyed by 20 members and an equal number of spouses and guests. As usual, the schedule began with a cocktail reception and buffet, which were followed by a served luncheon.

During the luncheon, President Lou Sudholz conducted a brief business meeting, and reported regarding recent Association activities and plans for the rest of the year. As is customary, he began by recognizing the General Officers who were present, MG George E. Barker and BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr. COL Sudholz also recognized long-time member MAJ Carnig Ajamian, Jr., who was attending with his wife and four guests after an absence of several years.

CW4 Stephen Josephs, a former Bandleader of the 319<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Band, described the history of a 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division song, "They Didn't Think We'd Do It But We Did." This was first written during or immediately after World War I, and later updated by COL Ann Freed with a second verse and second chorus recounting the participation of the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command in operations in Haiti and Iraq. Chief Josephs led the group through a recitation of both verses and choruses, for which he has written a band arrangement. He also urged the Association to preserve memory of the song by having it performed and further updated with additional lyrics reflecting more recent conflicts in which the 77<sup>th</sup> participated.

A copy of the original lyrics and score of this song, excerpted from *History of the Seventy Seventh Division*, edited by MG Julius Ochs Adler (1919), can be viewed on our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/2014AnnualMeetingandFallLuncheon.html .

The luncheon concluded with a very popular raffle of six donated prizes conducted by COL Sy Kaplan and CW4 Bernie Kaplan, the proceeds of which will primarily go toward funding our memorial services.

In attendance were: MAJ Carnig Ajamian, Jr. with Mrs. Ludmila Ajamian, Ms. Josie Acampora, Mr. Marvin Goldsmith, Mr. John Robbins and Mr. Robert Schatz; MG George E. Barker; Mr. Kenneth Barnes; COL Lawrence M. Bellman; COL Lawrence E. Connors; COL Ivan Cornielle; Ms. Wendy Dolberry; SGM Leonard Finkelstein; CW4 Edward C. Grant with Mrs. Kathleen Grant; COL Terrance C. Holliday with Mrs. Marta G. Holliday; COL David E. B. Husing; CW4 Stephen C. Josephs; CW4 Bernard M. Kaplan; COL Seymour Kaplan; MSG Jeffrey J. Mott; COL Allen J. Nadler with Mrs. Miriam Nadler; CW5 Robert Neglia; LTC John W. Peterkin with Mrs. Ngoc T. Peterkin, son CPT James Van Thach and Mr. Thomas Sullivan; SFC Ronald I. Peters with Mrs. Virginia Peters; Mrs. Ivy A. Richardson with Mrs. Eileen McKenzie; Mr. Malcolm R. Schade; CW5 Paul M. Silverman; CSM Julius C. Stein with Ms. Marie Strona; COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr.; BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr.; and COL John E. Wohrle.

Photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at:

 $http://www.77 thinfdivroa.org/Albums/2014 Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon/2014 Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon. \\ html .$ 

#### 10. <u>307th TRAINING SUPPORT BATTALION STAFF RIDE</u>:

On 12 August 2014, approximately 45 members and family of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 307<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Training Support Battalion) conducted their second annual "Staff Ride" by traveling from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ to visit the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Memorial Grove in Central Park. The current 307<sup>th</sup> Regiment has inherited the lineage and honors of the original 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. The group was led by LTC Terrance L. Johnson, Battalion Commander, and the unit's new Battalion Command Sergeant Major, Timothy J. Jackson, both of whom spoke briefly about the importance of the history of the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, to the current unit. Advance arrangements for the event had been coordinated with our Association by CPT Matthew K. Hilderbrand.

The group was met at the Memorial Grove by COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr., President of our Association, and fellow Directors COL Edwin G. Logan, LTC John W. Peterkin, and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. COL Sudholz welcomed the group and spoke about the activities of the 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association, including its ongoing assistance to the 307<sup>th</sup> Infantry Veterans Society and their jointly conducted ceremonies in the Memorial Grove each June. COL Sudholz also introduced LTC Peterkin, who during his lengthy military career served as a member of the 307<sup>th</sup> for a period in the early 1960s.

COL Logan, in addition to being a Director of the 77<sup>th</sup> IDROA and another veteran of the 307<sup>th</sup> in the early 1960s, is also President of the 307<sup>th</sup> IVS. He spoke to the group about the role of the 307<sup>th</sup> in World War I and World War II, and the history of the 307<sup>th</sup> IVS. Mr. Schade spoke about the creation of the Memorial Grove by veterans of the 307<sup>th</sup> beginning in the 1920s, and the more recent contributions of the 77<sup>th</sup> IDROA and the 307<sup>th</sup> IVS to the restoration of the Grove and the replacement of several memorial plaques which had been stolen over succeeding years.

All three emphasized that members of the 1-307<sup>th</sup> of the rank of E-5 or above are eligible to join the 77<sup>th</sup> IDROA, and that the Association is grateful for the continuing support of all soldiers who share the lineage of the 77<sup>th</sup> and its constituent units.

Photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/news/1st BN 307th Inf Rgt.html.

## 11. <u>FAREWELL CEREMONY 389<sup>TH</sup> COMMAND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT</u> BATTALION:

On 4 January 2015, a Farewell Ceremony was held for elements of the 389<sup>th</sup> Command Sustainment Support Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, who are being deployed to Afghanistan for nine months in a mission to assist in the return or dismantling, or turnover to the Afghan Armed Forces, of U.S. military equipment and installations in that country.

The ceremony, which was held in MG John W. Kaine Hall, Ernie Pyle USAR Center, Fort Totten, was hosted by COL Kenneth E. King, Commander, 77<sup>th</sup> SUS BDE. Also participating was LTC Thomas P. Sullivan, Commander, 389<sup>th</sup> CSSB, who will be leading the deployed Soldiers. LTC Sullivan is also a Director of our Association.

Besides COL King and LTC Sullivan, the speakers included U.S. Representative Steven J. Israel (N.Y. 3<sup>rd</sup> District), who also previously spoke at our Association's Wreath Laying Ceremony in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove at Fort Totten on 3 November 2013. He has visited Afghanistan numerous times in connection with his duties in Congress, and has also been a member of the U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors.

An Invocation and Benediction were offered by CHAP (CPT) William H. Allen, IV, 389<sup>th</sup> CSSB, who also previously participated in our Association's Annual Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fort Totten on 2 November 2014.

Attending the ceremony on behalf of our Association as guests were the following Directors: BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr., accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Marie A. Winzinger, and two of his grandchildren; COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr.; COL Seymour Kaplan; COL Edwin G. Logan; LTC John W. Peterkin; Brigade CSM Sammy C. Sablan, 77<sup>th</sup> SUS BDE; and Mr. Malcolm R. Schade. Also attending as guests were MG George E. Barker (Ret); CSM Johnny M. McPeek, 316<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) ESC; CSM W. Kenny Hill (Ret), formerly of the 77<sup>th</sup> RRC; as well as LTC Sullivan's wife, Mrs. Deborah Sullivan, and numerous other family members and friends of the deploying Soldiers.

A copy of the program and photos of this event can be viewed on our web site at: http://www.77thinfdivroa.org/aboutus/77thSustainmentBrigade.html .

#### 12. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Consistent with many other recent years, our expenses for the fiscal year ended 8/31/2014 exceeded our revenues by \$680.11. Our principal sources of revenue continue to be the raffles conducted at our social events and the donations of our membership. Although donations totaling \$586.00 during the 2014 fiscal year declined in comparison with the preceding year, the nearly \$2,000 in donations that we received during fiscal 2013 made a significant improvement in our operating fund account. We greatly appreciate all financial assistance regardless of the amounts provided.

As you might note, our two largest categories of expenses are our annual memorial service and printing/postage. Unfortunately, postage rates continue to rise, although we attempt to offset this by using e-mail as much as possible. We would appreciate receiving as many new e-mail addresses as possible from those who currently are on our "snail mail" roster, as well as prompt notification of all changes to both kinds of addresses whenever they occur. Other than the initiation fee for new members, we are a non-dues-paying organization and we have no intention of changing this policy. We will continue to manage expenses carefully, but still need to count upon the generosity of our membership.

#### 77<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ROA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED 8/31/2014 AND 8/31/2013

	Y/E 8/31/14	Y/E 8/31/13
ASSETS		
Hudson City Savings Bank		
Checking		4,450.79
CDs		11,391.87
JP Morgan Chase Bank*		
Checking	3,744.24	
Savings	11,418.31	
TOTALS	15,162.55	15,842.66
FUND BALANCES		
General Operating Fund	11,235.42	11,994.56
Memorial Funds	3,927.13	3,848.10
TOTALS	15,162.55	15,842.66
RECEIPTS		
Interest	26.44	40.95
Donations	586.00	1,996.00
Raffles	930.00	923.00
Socials – Excess Receipts Over Exp.	66.24	336.50
Initiation Fees from New Members	100.00	250.00
Memorial Grove – Net	- 25.50	99.00
Memorabilia Sales – Net	63.60	61.50
TOTALS	1,746.78	3,706.95
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rental of P.O. Box	124.00	120.00
Postage/Printing	732.29	502.42
Web Site	522.32	369.65
Memorial Service	825.47	958.02
Misc. Supplies	222.81	122.86
TOTALS	2,426.89	2,072.95
NET RECEIPTS / EXPENSES	- 680.11	1,634.00

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Began Banking Relationship with JP Morgan Chase Bank in June 2014.

#### 13. <u>NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION</u>:

There is a new email address for the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association. It is 77thinfdivroa@gmail.com. Please use this for any inquiries, requests, suggestions for 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 <a href="https://www.77thinfdivroa.org">www.77thinfdivroa.org</a>. In addition, several of the articles in this issue of <a href="https://rec.org.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.n

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!

#### 14. <u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>:

Mid-Winter Meeting Spring Social Luncheon Meeting 307<sup>th</sup> Regiment Central Park Ceremony Fall Annual Meeting Fort Totten Memorial Service Wednesday, 25 February 2015 Wednesday, 13 May 2015 Saturday, 6 June 2015 Wednesday, 14 October 2015 Sunday, 8 November 2015

#### 15. <u>TELEPHONE CONTACT</u>:

Should you wish to contact us by telephone, you may call COL Richard Cochrane at 631-244-0160. He will pass along your message.

#### HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

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