

## 77<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL GROVE MEMORIAL BENCHES

COL Eileen M. Bonner. A member of our Association since 2008, COL Bonner died on 12 July 2012, 13 days before her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was remembered at our Annual Memorial Service at Fort Totten held on 4 November 2012, and her memorial bench in the 77<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grove was dedicated at our Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony held on 3 November 2013.



COL Ed Wutzer (Ret), Former Chief of Staff, 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Bde.; BG Robert J. Winzinger, Sr. (Ret), at podium; COL Louis H. Sudholz, Jr. (Ret); during Dedication

A native of Brooklyn, New York, COL Bonner graduated from high school at the age of 15, and then earned a Bachelor of Nursing degree from American University, Washington, D.C. and Master of Education degrees from the University of Maryland and Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, where she also was a doctoral candidate. In addition, she was a graduate of the Command and General Staff Course.

COL Bonner's last Army reserve duty was as Chief Nurse of the 8th Medical Brigade, which at the time was the largest reserve medical command in the world, with 17 hospitals and 23 other units. Previously, she had served as a teacher, mentor, recruiter, retention officer, nurse

administrator, and as a member of the Veterans Administration Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards (Dioxin and Radiation). Among her decorations were the Meritorious Service Award and the Legion of Merit. In her civilian life, she worked as a health care administrator and management consultant.

COL Bonner was a long-time member of the Reserve Officers Association (US), headquartered in Washington, D.C., where she held numerous offices at the Chapter, Department, National and International levels. She was that Association's first officer from the medical sciences, and the first woman to be elected as its President. She also was the first woman to serve as the Vice President for the U.S. to the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) in Brussels, which is comprised of the Reserve Officers Associations of all NATO countries.

In addition, COL Bonner was a member, and held various elected and appointed offices, in the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. (AMSUS), the Red Cross, the District, State and National American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the 77th Officers Association, the NYC Mayor's Committee on Women, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and the Retiree Council at Fort Hamilton. She also belonged to numerous military and civilian historical societies, and political, charitable, alumni and fraternal organizations.

CW4 Morris Goldman. On March 31, 2000, CW4 Morris (Mickey) Goldman retired as the Command Executive Officer for the 77th Regional Support Command headquartered at Fort Totten, New York, after 58 years of federal service and 53 years with the 77th. His memorial bench in the 77th Memorial Grove was installed shortly before the WTC Monument Dedication Ceremony held on 3 November 2002.

Mr. Goldman's distinguished career began at the age of 20 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He was assigned to the communications section of the 3rd Battalion, 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. During an attack on the German city of Rimling, while bringing wounded Soldiers to an aid station, Mr. Goldman was himself wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart.

By the time the war ended, he had advanced to the rank of Sergeant Major of the 3rd Battalion. After returning to the states he contacted his former commander about joining the Reserve and in 1947 he became a member of the 306<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 77th Infantry Division. In 1951, he was promoted to Warrant Officer. He stayed with the 77<sup>th</sup> Division until its deactivation in 1965, at which time he joined the 301<sup>st</sup> Logistical Support Brigade. Upon the activation of the 77th Army Reserve Command in 1967, he became its staff administrative assistant. He remained in that position when, in 1995, the 77th ARCOM was reorganized to become the 77th Regional Support Command.

In addition to his numerous civilian awards, CW4 Goldman received the following military awards and decorations: the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Hour Glass Devices, the American Theater of Operations Ribbon, the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with 2 Battle Stars and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Besides his other achievements, Mr. Goldman amassed over 4,200 hours of unused sick leave during his years of service to the Army.

CW4 Goldman died on 14 January 2003. He was remembered at our Annual Memorial Service at Fort Totten held on 2 November 2003. [Click here to view some additional articles, tributes and photos about CW4 Goldman, originally published by the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command in \*Liberty Torch\*.](#)

SSG James Dennis McNaughton. His memorial bench in the 77th Memorial Grove was dedicated at our Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony held on 6 November 2005. While serving in Iraq (during Operation Iraqi Freedom) with the 306<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade, 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command, which is headquartered in Uniondale, New York, he was killed by enemy sniper fire at Camp Victory, outside Baghdad, on 2 August 2005, at the age of 27. In his civilian life, SSG McNaughton had been a New York City Police Officer since 2001, assigned to its transit bureau, and he was the first member of the NYPD to be killed in action in Iraq. His father was a retired NYPD officer, and his stepmother was an officer in the transit bureau. SSG McNaughton was remembered at our Annual Memorial Service at Fort Totten held on 6 November 2005.

Reserve Officers Association -- Department of New York. This memorial bench in the 77th Memorial Grove was dedicated at our Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony held on 6 November 2005. With six Chapters totaling approximately 2,400 members throughout the State of New York as of 2015, the ROA -- DONY is a sub-entity of the Reserve Officers Association (US), which is a membership association headquartered in Washington, D.C. With approximately 60,000 members throughout the country as of 2015, the ROA -- US is dedicated to providing a voice for Reserve Component Service Members and Non-Commissioned Officers of all of the uniformed services, and to advising and educating Congress, the President, and the American people regarding national security and issues which affect the men and women now serving in America's Reserve Components. The ROA -- US was chartered by Congress in 1922, and the DONY was organized in approximately 1940.

The Retired Officers' Association, Fort Totten. This memorial bench in the 77th Memorial Grove was installed shortly before the WTC Monument Dedication Ceremony held on 3 November 2002.